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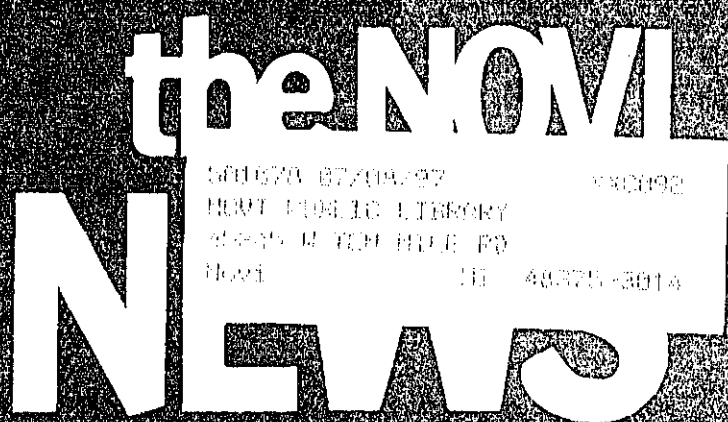
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Schools to set vote on \$5.5M bond tonight

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL

Staff Writer

The Novi Board of Education will vote tonight on a \$5.5 million bond resolution that would be put to a vote June 9 and used for athletic field, playground and parking improvements.

Residents with a \$200,000 home could be asked to pay approximately \$168 more a year in school taxes, should the proposal be approved.

The special meeting was called earlier this week and will begin at 7:30 p.m. tonight at the Educational Services Building on Taft Road.

The Infrastructure Committee consisting of parents and headed by school trustee John Balagna held three public meetings last month to discuss the issue with residents. According to the committee, about a dozen residents appeared at the first two meetings, half a dozen at the last public hearing.

Laurie Fannon, committee member, suggested that the lack of attendance may be a positive

indication of support. If residents are against a proposal, they usually appear to protest, she said.

The board supports a bond millage instead of a sinking fund because parents requested all the projects be completed as soon as possible and at the same time. With a sinking fund, money would be collected over a period of time, instead of all at once with a bond millage.

"We will get the money all at once, up front and do all the projects at once," said Trustee George Kortlandt.

"Everybody wants the work done now," he added. "Nobody wants to wait."

The committee putting the question on the annual school election ballot June 9 will avoid a special election and begin improvements this year. In addition, putting it to a vote now will give residents an opportunity to express their desire to see or not see the improvements made.

"This need is not going to go away," said Kathy Hagentan, a

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Rock 'n' roll all night ...

Above, Jason Wallis and Kristeen Barber take a moment to slow dance at Novi High School's Annual Junior/Senior Prom Friday evening at Burton Manor in Livonia. At left, one of the best attended Novi High proms ever begins to warm up about 9 p.m. An estimated 500 students showed up Friday evening to "Rock and Roll All Night," the theme of the prom this year.

Photos by AL WARD



City gets budget sessions rolling

By JAN JEFFRES

Staff Writer

Cops on wheels?

One of the most interesting features of the City of Novi's 1997-98 budget is a proposal for the Novi Police Bike Patrol. While a final report is due in due in the next few weeks, the city has a federal grant to pay for the bikes and \$26,000 in overtime.

Monday, the Novi City Council held a public hearing on the budget for fiscal year 1997-98. The

\$17.25 million budget is nine percent higher than last year's budget of \$16.205 million. Two years ago, the budget was at \$13.527 million.

"Putting together a city budget is an enormous undertaking. It gives us an idea of how much the city has accomplished," Mayor Kathleen McLallen said.

"The goal is the best level of service with the least impact on everybody's pocket book."

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Leave food for mail carriers Saturday

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL

Staff Writer

Don't forget to leave a can of pork 'n' beans in the mailbox for the postal carrier Saturday.

No, the mail carrier isn't hungry, but many less fortunate residents could be.

May 10 is the National Association of Letter Carriers National Food Drive where postal carriers collect canned and non-perishable foods during their mail routes and then distribute the food to the less fortunate.

"We usually try to squeeze the

stuff in (the carrier trucks) but sometimes the supervisors will come out there and pick up some of the stuff from us," said Randy Bylski of the Novi Post Office.

Residents can leave canned and non-perishable goods in or near their mailboxes for the postal carriers to retrieve during their normal route times.

The food goes to food banks in the local area. In the Novi area, food will be taken to Northville Civic Center in Northville.

"The carriers like doing it

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Council debates RUD philosophy

By JAN JEFFRES

Staff Writer

Call it a case of dueling development philosophies.

Monday, the Novi City Council first officially chewed on a proposed rewrite of the 1984-vintage Residential Unit Development (RUD) ordinance, as recommended in April by the planning commission.

Then, they postponed any action until the issue could be mulled at a Wednesday night special meeting (past dead-line), followed by a decision-making session on Thursday, May 15.

"There are underlying philosophy issues that need to be defined by council before we go any further," Mayor Kathleen



McLallen said.

"I have a strong objection to postponing this. There are a lot of matters involved here. This council needs to have this settled."

Revisions in the RUD regulation have been requested by the Harvest Land Company, which seeks

to develop Novi's largest development on the 901-acre Edward C. Levy Company gravel mine site at Wixom Road. These would enable the company to build anywhere from 82 to 148 extra homes, in return for keeping a large share of the land - including the lake - undeveloped.

But one Council Member, Bob Schmid, has already dug in his heels against the idea of veering from one-acre or more "estate lot" development in western Novi.

"People love and desire large lots. What we're doing with this ordinance is for all practical purposes eliminating large lot subdivisions in Novi ... I'm wondering if our planning department and our

planners are working for the developer or for the citizens of this community," Schmid said.

"It's a dramatic change from the master plan we presently have on the books ... You keep wanting to have public land for people to look at. I want private land for people to use."

His move to have the issue sent back to the planning commission, with instructions that the ordinance follow the master plan, flopped with the council.

In addition, an attempt by Council Member Rob Mitzel to have the density of the RUD conform with the density of the zoning of any site, was left in lurch

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Challenge made on Pope Playscape

By JAN JEFFRES

Staff Writer

You can't exactly say that Blair Bowman and the folks at the Novi Expo Center have thrown down the gauntlet - but they have issued a challenge.

They just threw down a check. Instead, a check for \$2,500 for the Tim Pope Memorial Playscape. The Expo Center is vowing to match donations from other businesses, \$100 by \$100, until the second \$2,500 is reached.

"We get approached by a number of different things all the time. Two to three years ago, we set a budget for charities," Expo Center president Bowman said.

"What better thing to do? It just kind of struck us. Everybody is very gung-ho about it."

The Expo Center Corporate Challenge runs through May 23. Expo employees are chipping in

money, too. They'll also be at the Novi Community Sports Park on June 13, along with other members of the Novi Chamber of Commerce, helping to erect the playscape.

Playscape build week is June 11-15.

So far, letters have been sent to 480 major corporations in town, notifying them of the Center's fund raising initiative, said Warren Jocz, a leader of the playscape committee. A total of \$100,000 needs to be raised.

"I really believe this is going to be the big raiser," Jocz added.

A different letter recruiting money will be sent to smaller, mom-and-pop type businesses, he added.

Local businesses are also encouraged to support these

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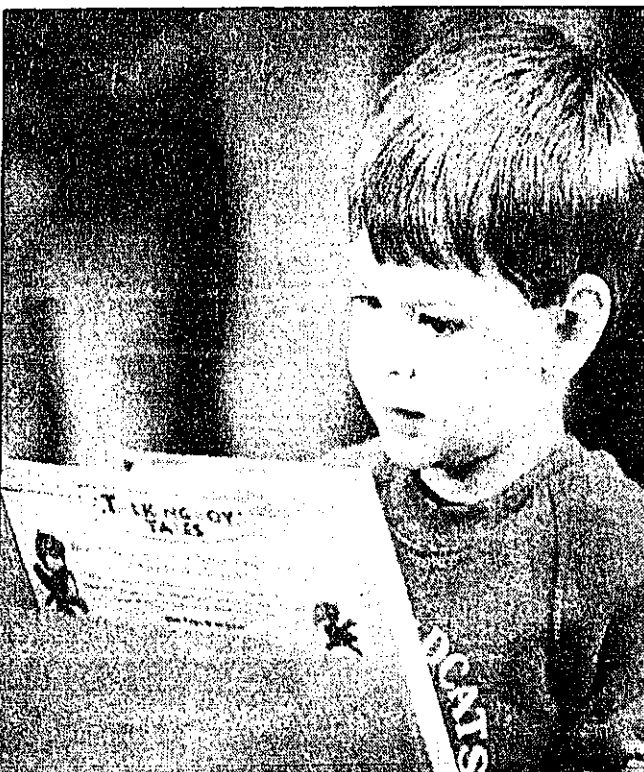


Photo by HAL GOULD

Youngsters got a chance to buy books and donate to a good cause Saturday - the Tim Pope Playscape.

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, 164 W. Main Street, Northville, MI 48167.

Thursday, May 8

Parks Meeting

The Novi Parks and Recreation Commission will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center.

Friday, May 9

Blood Drive

The Orchard Hills PTO is hosting its fourth annual American Red Cross Blood Drive in the community room of the school. Hours are from 2:30-8:30 p.m. Walk-ins are welcome.

Monday, May 12

City Council

The Novi City Council will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the council chambers of the Novi Civic Center.

Health tests

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

Library Board

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

American Business Women's Assoc.

The American Business Women's Association meets on the second Monday of the month in Novi. Social hour starts at 6:30 p.m. Dinner is at 7 and the business meeting follows immediately thereafter. For meeting locations and reservations, call Rita Engleton at (810) 960-8300 daytime or (810) 624-0282 evenings; for membership information, call Bettie Johnson (810) 960-9559.

Senior All Night Party

The Novi High School Senior All Night Party Committee meets from 7-8 p.m. in room 149 of the high school. Parents are encouraged to help plan and prepare for the party scheduled for June 8. For more information,

call Debbie Beebe at 349-3318 or Patty Kearney at 348-6411.

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, May 13

Business Network International

The Novi Chapter of Business Network International meets from 7-8:30 a.m. at Brady's Restaurant in the Holiday Inn at Grand River and Ten Mile Road. For more information, call the BNI regional office at (313) 844-3432.

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.

CAC Meeting

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

Beautification Commission

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

Band rehearsal

The Novi Concert Band rehearses at 7:30 p.m. in the band room at Novi High School. For additional information, contact Jack Kopnick at 932-9244.

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.

CHADD

Children and Adults with Attention Deficit Disorders of South Western Oakland County, serving the Novi school district, will hold a support group meeting at the Meadowbrook Congregational Church, 21355 Meadowbrook Rd., between Eight and Nine Mile roads. Registration begins at 6:45 p.m. and the meeting at 7 p.m. Parents, educators and health care professionals are welcome. There is a \$5 donation for non-members. For information, call the hotline at 305-7259.

Wednesday, May 14

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.

Seniors potluck

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

AARP Meets

The Walled Lake Area Chapter of the American Association of Retired People holds its monthly meeting at 1 p.m. at the Walled Lake Community Education Center, formerly Walled Lake Middle School, 615 N. Pontiac Trail. Any community member 50 or over is welcome to attend. Call 960-8444 or 669-6299 for more information.

Lions Club

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

Community ed gets a facelift

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

The Novi Community Education program is getting a new look and a new attitude.

School district residents may have already noticed the shiny, snappy new cover intended to catch the reader's eye and make them keep it handy instead of tossed in the garbage.

But residents won't be affected until the fall by rate changes for Novi residents in the Northville School District.

Beginning next year, residents in "Noville" will no longer be required to pay \$3 above what Novi School District residents pay for Community Education classes. But they will have to wait three days after initial registration.

"It gives our residents the opportunity to get into the classes first. After all they are our tax base," said Community Education Director Clara Porter.

Non-residents will pay an additional \$5 and must wait several days after initial registration to register for classes.

The \$3 fee-reduction is an attempt to help out the Northville School District residents who live in Novi. Northville Schools do not offer a community education program.

"We're making them feel a little bit more a part of us," said Nadine Fritz, with Novi's program. She

and Clara Porter, Novi Community Education director, presented plans to the Novi School Board, May 1.

Novi Community Education organizes child and adult courses in recreation and learning year-round and promotes continuing education for school district residents.

Another change for this year is placing the CARE daycare program and grades 1-8 summer school programs in the same location, Orchard Hills Elementary. Now CARE kids will be able to take summer school classes without having to worry about transportation problems, Porter explained.

She said they are also looking at the cost structure of the two programs which begin in June.

George Kortlandt, Novi School Board trustee, encouraged Porter to price the daycare program at comparable levels to private businesses so as not to undercut them.

Porter explained the department is looking at ways to cut costs for the brochure in light of improving the look of the product. Selling advertising may be the solution, she said.

Bob Pfeiffer, Novi Parks and Recreation board member, suggested the two entities explore ways to combine services and avoid duplication as a cost cutter for the program.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Hittin' the books, then the dance floor

It's only part of what they do during an in-service day: Novi Middle School district educators (front row, from left) Eric Hansor, Claudia Wiseman and Kim Clarke join their peers in a country western line dancing demonstration last Friday at the Novi High School cafeteria. After a morning of educational, sedentary

meetings, employees had the opportunity to join in on the line dancing as those enjoying a barbecue watched. In their mild-mannered middle school lives Hansor is a science teacher, Wiseman a general studies teacher, and Clark is the school's librarian.

Mountain bike trail to open tomorrow in Novi park

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

There are no mountains in Novi but some diligent volunteers have taken advantage of the rolling hills and woody terrain of the 500-acre North Novi Park to create a mountain bike trail for bike enthusiasts to enjoy.

The trail is set to open with a ceremony tomorrow, May 9, at 7 p.m. The trail begins at the end of the dirt road in Lakeshore Park. Anyone interested in giving it a run is welcome to come out for the celebration and give the trail a test drive.

The single-track trail was designed, cleared and built by a group of Novi volunteers, non-city residents and City of Novi workers. Work began in November and

members were still putting on the final touches earlier this week.

Designed mostly for experienced mountain bike riders with sections available for not-so-experienced riders, it differs from regular bike trails in that it sports hills, turns, twists and "natural obstacles."

"We used existing trails like deer trails and other areas like that," said Bob Mitzel, trail volunteer and

Novi City Council member.

Group members consisted of Novi residents Mitzel, Linda Racey, Scott Silvers and volunteers Mark Clirbus, Aaron Erickson and Benji Erickson.

Parks and Recreation staffers Tim Zyka and Steve Tillman provided labor, heavy equipment and some materials, according to Dan Davis, Parks and Recreation Direc-

tor.

Both the parks supervisor and city forester approved of the plan.

Mountain Bike trails aren't the only feature at the North Novi Park. A network of hiking, cross country skiing and family biking

provides many different opportunities for Novi residents.

"The trails were part of the master plan for the entire park up there," said Davis.

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Building blocks

On January 18, 1996, the Novi Board of Education unanimously approved a new format for Novi High School referred to as a "block schedule." The new schedule changed the day from six periods of 55-minute classes to a four-period day of 85-minute classes. The new system essentially condensed a one-credit class into a single semester instead of a full year, allowing students to take more classes over the course of a year and giving students more electives. Although the block meant a 22 percent loss of class time, teachers said with more planning time and longer periods for in-class instruction students should do better. It's been more than a year since approval was given, seven months since the high school implemented the four-year pilot program and it's about time to take a closer look at the restructuring of the school day.



Utilizing Novi High School's new 85-minute class structure helps student Anne Marie Mitchell as she works on a robotics project with teacher Craig Caudril during a recent afternoon technology skills class.

High school considers new schedule successful

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

Teachers are working harder and students learning more during the first year under the new block schedule at Novi High School, according to Principal Arthur Miller.

"The teachers have worked harder," Miller claimed. "The first year in transition is overwhelming. You're relearning to teach in 85-minute periods."

Teachers are spending more time concentrating on things like math and reading instead of just getting through "stuff," Miller believes.

"I think it works better than the old way. I love it," said Brian O'Leary, a geometry and general math teacher at the school.

O'Leary said the longer class times allow him to do more than just lecture and conduct tests. Students can work in groups and complete computer projects with the greater time availability.

Students in his general math class are currently completing an assignment where they are supposed to measure for a hypothetical project of re-carpeting and wallpapering the room.

O'Leary said he's seen improvement in his students.

"As I see it now, my grades are up. The big difference is the kids you see at the bottom. You typically have three or four or five kids failing each semester. Now I don't have any," he explained.

Miller said another benefit is that teachers are in the classroom more than ever before, even with one 85-minute period of planning time a day. In-services and other professional development and staff meetings are held during those times so teachers don't get pulled out of class. He said students used to see more substitute teachers, but with the time set aside for workshops during the day that doesn't happen as often.

"We made a pledge to the community to make every conceivable effort to keep teachers in the classroom as much as possible," Miller said.

Some students say that by seeing fewer teachers, having fewer classes per day and having more time in class to do assignments, the block schedule leads to improved student performance.

"I like it a lot," senior Brandon Pender said. "My grades have improved drastically."

Senior Lindsey Hahn agrees.

"I like the 85-minute period because it gives you more time to work on the assignments you get in class," she explained.

"That's not to say students are doing less work. Pender maintains.

He said the new format requires students to absorb more information in a shorter period of time because many courses run for less than half a school year. It's more work, Pender said, but it gets completed in the classroom where students can get help if they need it.

"It keeps home at home and school at school, so you don't mix them as much," Pender remarked.

The students said the seminar period, held twice a week for 68 minutes (regular classes are shortened those days), helps by giving them a chance to complete work at school that they couldn't finish the night before.

The seminar period is described as "student driven," providing opportunities for students to work on homework, get extra help or focus on additional projects.

"Seminar helps me out a ton, being a math teacher," O'Leary said. He believes the ability to hold in-school test reviews and help sessions is one reason his students are doing better. He sometimes has 40 students get extra help to prepare for a test.

"During school a lot of those kids wouldn't have taken the time," he said. Some students just can't stay after school or come early due to extracurricular activities and personal commitments, he added.

Students did say sometimes it's a struggle to get through the longer class period. Senior Krysta Lusky said it can be difficult to sit still for 85 minutes but some teachers give students a short

break. However, other teachers just lecture.

"It depends on the class you take and the teacher," Lusky explained.

Unlike other students, she said she's not sure she's learning any more "because they're showing everything down us so fast."

The year has been full of successes, according to Miller, but students and staff also face challenges.

There was less tardiness in the first part of the day, "but 85 minutes back-to-back is a long haul and six minutes was not enough for passing time," Miller said.

The result was frequent tardiness in the second and fourth blocks. The solution was to extend passing times to eight minutes.

Another problem the staff encountered was the tendency for students to fall asleep during the 85-minute period. Miller said. The solution was to get students to move around during class, to teach more interactively and allow students to take a stretch break.

Both students and staff feel one goal has been successfully accomplished. The restructuring was intended, in part, to promote better relationships between teachers and students. Teachers now see three classes of students per day instead of five and have an 85-minute preparation period.

"We hope in time this will have the effect of personalizing the school," Miller explained. "Research tells us as the school district gets bigger and bigger, the kids get lost in the shuffle."

The high school population is expected to grow to 1,400 students next year, he said.

"So many things are different in the environment (as a school grows). In the larger school districts, the kids go through the motions and the shuffle of classes and go home," Miller said.

School becomes less personal, leading to short cuts and less quality time and attention to students, Miller added.

O'Leary said he is able to track his students' progress better now and can jump in when students need extra attention.

Taking it out made for a better block

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

Communication was the biggest key to success for Novi High School's block restructuring proposal, according to Principal Arthur Miller.

Before the proposal swung into full gear, the staff held meetings with high school parents.

"Boy, they came and reacted," Miller said.

"I didn't feel resistance anywhere. What I did feel was great concern," he said.

He said the staff had to convince the public that what Novi High had was great, but that the staff needed to push itself to become a little better.

"A lot of issues were about trust in the

school district and questions like 'are we going to get the same quality product we've always been accustomed to?'" Miller added.

"Through public forums, 15 home 'coffee' gatherings and student meetings the word was spread. Miller said he wouldn't have done it any other way.

"We wanted to get every possible scenario out on the table so we would be prepared to deal with the public," he said.

"I'm overwhelmed at how much we did," Miller said. "I'm also overwhelmed at people who think they can take short-cuts."

Miller said some of the best questions came from the parent discussions.

"I'd go back to the staff and say, 'OK,

smarties, answer that,'" he said. "We got so many (responses of) 'I never thought of that.'"

Sometimes the parents posed questions and help define solutions, he said.

For instance, one parent approached Miller about a complication that involves about 50 students who took the required half-credit of physical education under the old system but won't have the necessary one credit of gym for graduation this year. The students will be able to waive that credit if they can't squeeze the additional half-credit into their schedules.

"We're trying desperately to make this a good academic school and make this an exciting place to go to school so the students can be the happiest kids they can be," Miller explained.

Data review of schedule will be available next year

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

In an effort to gauge the success of the change to block scheduling, a committee of parents and staff at Novi High School are collecting data and conducting surveys for analysis.

However, the new format's been in place less than a year, so the data are hardly conclusive, the committee cautions.

"The data we're collecting, we don't even know what it means yet," teacher Brett Meyer said, adding that the results of the survey should be available next year.

The one figure that is available now is that student attendance stood at 98.2 percent the first semester of 1996-97, up slightly from last year. The higher rate is attributed, in part, to the block schedule.

The committee is comparing the old six-hour day to the current four-period day, based on a set of benchmarks agreed to in the fall, he said.

Novi Board of Education Trustee Ann Newton said she is glad to see the school is following up with a committee of parents and teachers who will listen to concerns about the restructuring.

"We need to keep communication on the block schedule open and ongoing," Newton said. "If there is a flaw or a problem it's being addressed."

Teacher likes block scheduling

By ROBERT JACKSON
Staff Writer

Roger Schoenstien spends as much time talking and writing about the merits of block scheduling as he does teaching in the block.

A English and Latin teacher at Wasson High School in Colorado Springs, Colo., Schoenstien is finishing his seventh year teaching in the block and because his high school is the national block scheduling model, he spends countless hours answering questions of teachers, administrators, and parents studying the alternative schedule.

For Schoenstien, who has taught for close to 20 years, the change to block scheduling reinvigorated his career.

"I can't ever imagine going back to a traditional school schedule," he said in an interview over the Internet last month.

"Some folks are bitter in their opposition to it, while others think it's the best thing to come along since sliced bread," he said. "It's hard for someone to get straight information without lots of bias - and selective editing of data - thrown into the mix."

Schoenstien provided two important tips for school district administrators, teachers, and parents:

• Studies and test scores - He said there's plenty of block talk about empirical studies, or the lack of them, and about standardized test scores. "All that would be fine if we were just dealing with net profit in sales, or increases in production, but of course we're not," he explained. "My plea then is to consider the soft data, along with those stats and graphs of test scores."

He added that changes in tone, atmosphere, involvement and excitement level are just about impossible to measure, yet are some of the strongest benefits from the change to a block schedule.

"Opponents call all this 'meaningless anecdotal information,'" he said. "I call it critical, and I make the case for balance between hard and soft data."

• Differences in block scheduling - Schoenstien explained that most school districts end up spending hours of discussion on the merits of the 4-by-4 semester block, as opposed to the A/B rotating block and a host of hybrid combinations, along with traditional 50-minute periods.

"The arguments are mostly pointless. It's like arguing that a station wagon is better than a sports car is better than a pickup truck," Schoenstien said. "It's all a matter of why a school is considering a schedule change in the first place."

"Over and over we see schools picking a block model either without getting clear on their reasons for the change, or without communicating those reasons to their community," he added. "In the former situation they can implement the wrong model, and in the latter parents and teachers can be up in arms because they've been left out in the cold. Either situation makes for a grim implementation."

He said that the school and community need to be clear on why a change is being proposed in the first place.

"Two school administrators visited Wasson last year, and their response to the question of why consider change to a block was, 'Well, gee, it's in all the journals,'" he related. "My answer to them was, 'Sorry, that's not good enough.'"

Finally, Schoenstien explained that even schools working within successful block schedules still have their problems.

"It's very easy to look at the move to the block schedule as a panacea that is going to fix all the ills of the school. It doesn't. We still have too many students who haven't bought into what we offer. Pregnant girls, parents who don't care about their own kids, teachers with larger classes than they should have - those issues have not gone away," Schoenstien concluded.

"What we do have is a school better in so many small ways that the end result is a much better place for the kids and for us as well."

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Building blocks

Course schedule changes next year

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

"Going to the block was not an event," Novi High School Assistant Principal Dr. Jennifer Cheal told the Novi Board of Education earlier this month. "It is a journey."

That's why the school administration is not afraid to say it's making a few changes for next year's course schedule and school day as a result of reviewing the new 85-minute block schedule put in place this year.

There were some "lumpy" factors to deal with heading into the school year last fall, Novi High School Principal Arthur Miller said, but knowing the students would have to adjust to several changes, the staff decided to move the curriculum intact to the longer periods and make changes during the second year of block scheduling.

"It caused, predictably, some confusion because we tried to fit all the different configurations into one composite," said Miller.

"Phase two" means switching from an alternating block schedule to a straight schedule. This year, most students attended a different set of classes every other day on a two-week rotating block. However, Miller said students have been frustrated trying to keep track of where they need to be and when.

Beginning next September, students will attend the same set of four classes Monday through Friday for half the year and switch to a different set of four classes the next semester.

In addition, the alternating block along with the various lengths of courses from one half a semester to all year long resulted in difficulties filling student course requests.

"The kids couldn't get at the curriculum as much as we wanted them to," Miller said.

Cheal said 93 percent of all course requests were filled this year with 54 percent of students requiring no shuffling.

The school's goal is to achieve a 96 percent match for the nearly 1,400 students enrolled next year, "a goal I think is pretty admirable, so we help make the school year run a lot more smoothly," Cheal explained.

To do all that for next year the staff changed all the courses that were worth a half a credit to a full credit. That meant combining some courses such as government and economics and combining math courses.

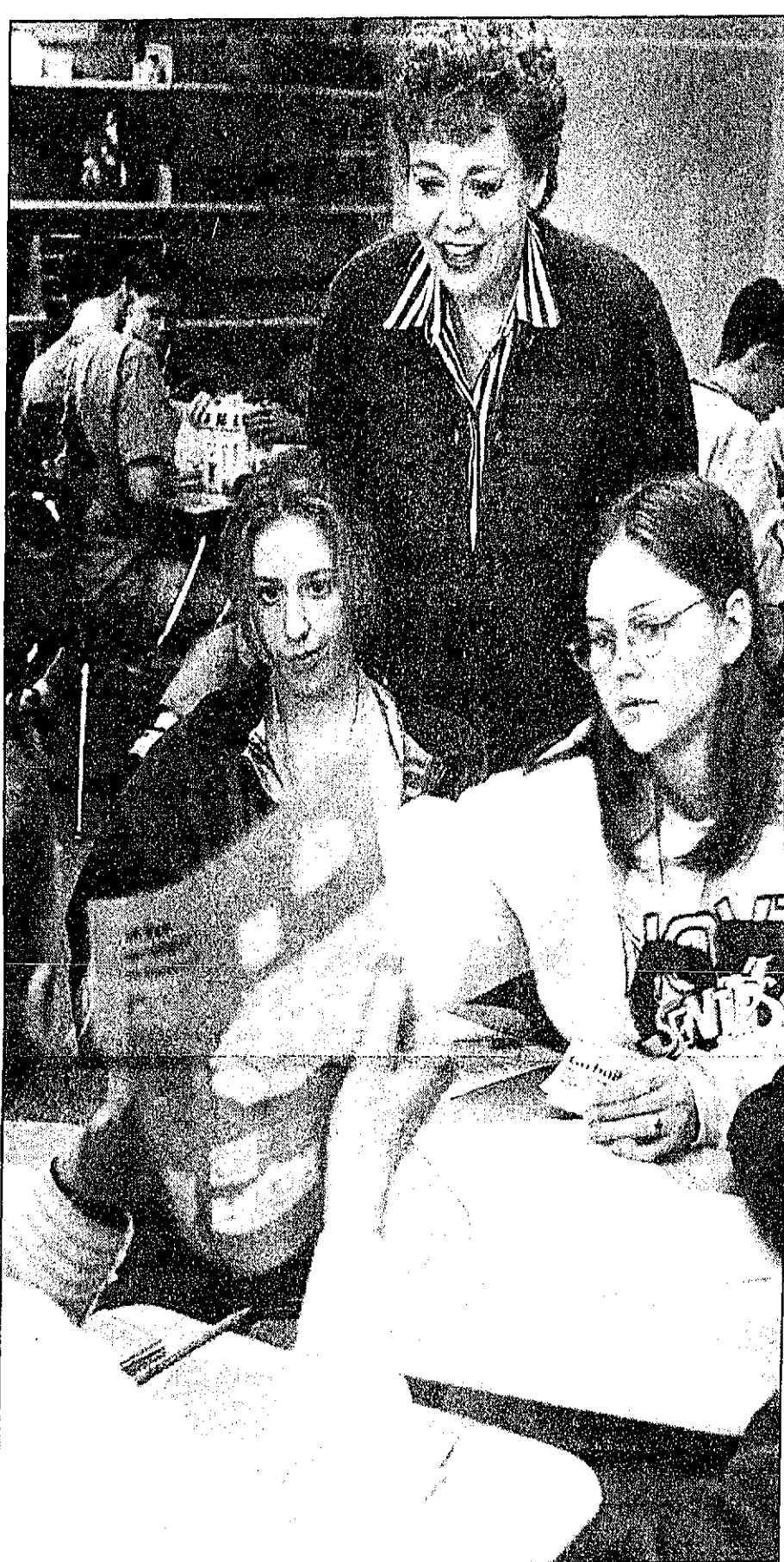
The health course is now worth one credit. Instead of one half. And next year the high school will pilot a one-credit combined course for ninth grade literature and United States history.

In addition, students felt nine week semesters were too short for courses, Cheal said. As a result, there will be no nine week classes next year, only 18 week courses that meet every day. Students will take four classes each semester or eight the entire year.

Another curriculum change is the elimination of the required computer course. Miller said because computers are used so pervasively throughout the school, the course itself is redundant.

School board members seem pleased with the block schedule so far.

Trustee George Karlandt complimented the staff for "fixing problems right away." And Carol Ellring said she was more excited for next year just because of all the additional changes.



Novi High School humanities teacher Susan O'Donnell works with a group of juniors and seniors on a unit on architecture as an introduction to the arts. O'Donnell and other Novi High teachers have more time to go over material in the newly-formatted 85 minute long classes.

Some cyber chat about block scheduling

Here's what some educators and students across the country are saying about block scheduling.

The comments were taken from a Block Scheduling listserve on the World Wide Web. If you are interested in joining the discussion the listserve web address is blocklist@tc.umn.edu.

One frequently cited argument against block scheduling is that students can't "take" 90 minute classes.

Our summer school program consists of one to three 90 minute classes, back to back. These are not our best and brightest students either. It is very successful. Go figure!

I've worked with a modified block, a traditional straight seven period day, and currently work with an eight mod, six period per day rotating schedule. All three models have advantages and disadvantages. Kids learned under all three systems.

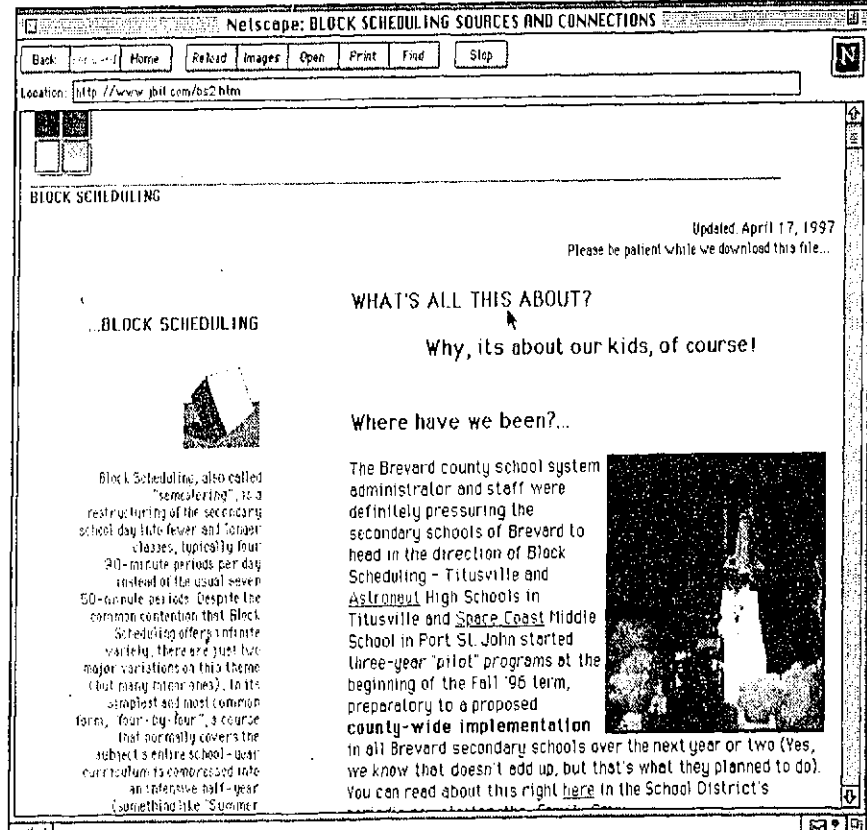
— Gary Putnam, teacher

There is a large faction of parents and teachers in Brevard County, Fla., who are openly against the block schedule. You see, our county has jumped on every "new wave" in educational fads in the past, and many students suffered for it. Even a member of our school board has a child who struggles today after he was taught using "Whole Word" instead of phonics at a young age.

I have heard of no studies that indicate that students graduating from "blocking schools" are better prepared for college and require less remediation.

Reports from California actually show an increase in remedial need, and schools have been blocking there in a big way.

The "less is more" mentality may prove quite disastrous as we continue to experiment on our children. The more relaxed atmosphere that seems to be



"enjoyed" by students, educators and administrators using a 4-by-4 block, or variation of it, may result in what I've heard called the "dumbing down" of education.

The Brevard County parents have a web page at <http://www.jbit.com/bis.htm>

— Shelley Nelson, parent

I was told that the block scheduling was used to get the student ready for college. Being that I am in college now I realized that this is not necessarily true. All college classes are 50 minutes long except for the labs that are two hours long. I can under-

stand a lab being that long because of the material being covered, but a regular class being two hours long is ridiculous.

In my opinion, I think that schools should stick with the regular scheduling because that would be the best preparation for college classes.

— Keshia Marie Bandy, college student

Block is being discussed in many schools systems, mine included. We have two large high schools with about 2,300 students each and more coming up.

A third high school in our district is alternative. It went block last year. There is much heated discussion between foreign language, math, music and the rest of the school but the bottom line is they will most likely remain block.

Block is a way for a district to save money on teachers by adding an extra class to their load per year. In this district,

the discussion of block is coming from the administration. If they want block, IT WILL COME.

As a student, I attended a high school 20 years ago which was on a rotation block. I found it a great way to graduate early in order to begin attending college. We had no ensembles, art classes, drama classes, or any "extras."

I encourage all high school students who are college bound to get out as early as possible. High school is a step in the process, not the end result.

— Barbara Pierce, teacher

Clean Sweep plan to spiff up the city

During the week of May 17, Novi residents are asked to make a clean sweep of it.

In cooperation with the statewide "Keep Michigan Beautiful" clean-up month, the Novi Beautification Commission is backing the efforts of the Novi High School National Honor Society and Marty Feldman Chevrolet to make this a local commitment.

That week, as part of "Operation Clean Sweep," Novi residents and businesses are encouraged to spiff up the area around their properties by picking up the trash and litter that has settled in and around their yards.

Residents are encouraged to band together to groom their subdivision entrances and the streets surrounding their subdivisions.

New store plans on hiring 100 workers from the area

Best Buy Co. Inc., large volume retailer of consumer electronics, personal computers and appliances, is hosting a job fair to recruit individuals for its newest store in Novi. The interactive store is expected to open this summer.

The job fair hopes to recruit more than 100 full- and part-time employees for the Novi store. Positions are available for cashier, customer service, non-commission sales, inventory, and merchandising. Same-day interviews will be conducted with job offers going to qualified applicants.

The event takes place daily through May 9. Applications will be accepted from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Travel Lodge, 21100 Haggerty.

The Minneapolis-based Best Buy is a \$7.8 billion company with more than 35,000 employees. It operates 274 stores in 32 states.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Winning partnerships

Outstanding Novi High co-op students were honored last Wednesday in the Civic Center during the Third Annual Employer-Employee Appreciation Breakfast. The student were honored

with awards for their efforts. The list included, from left, students Patty Chinn, Barb Lambert, Brianne Rains, Jennifer Ruddy, Dana Weston, Melissa Wilson and Jennifer Lahr.

CITY OF NOVI NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that there are upcoming vacancies on the Community Clubs Board of Trustees, Historical Commission, Library Board, Parks and Recreation Commission, and Planning Commission. Applications are available in the office of the City Clerk or by calling 347-0456. Council will be interviewing applicants Monday evening, June 9th. Please submit your application by June 4th to allow time for scheduling appointments.

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TO THE ELECTORS OF NOVI COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT:
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BOARD OF EDUCATION

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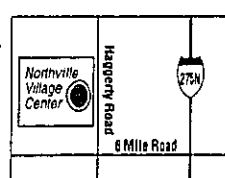
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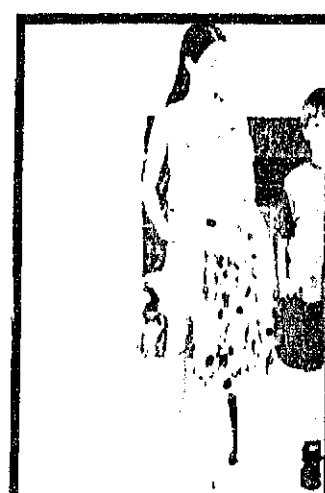
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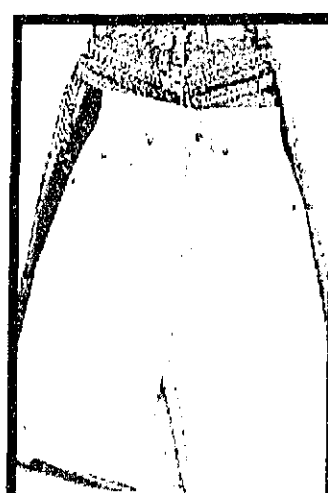
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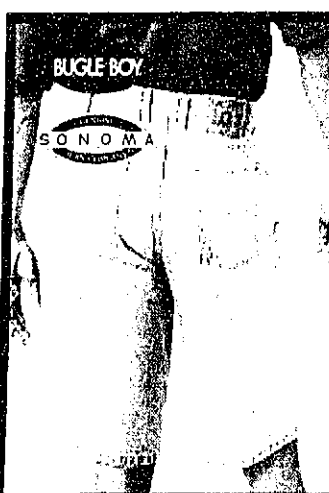
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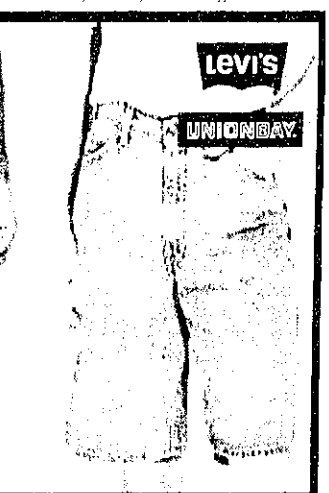
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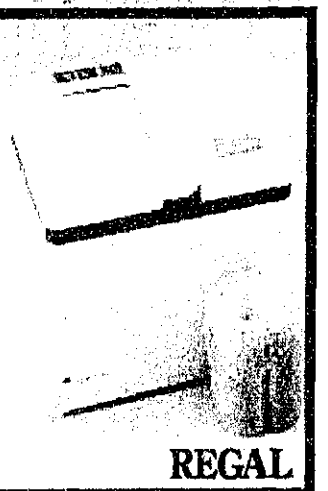
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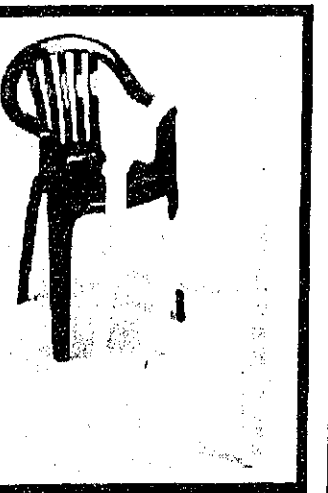
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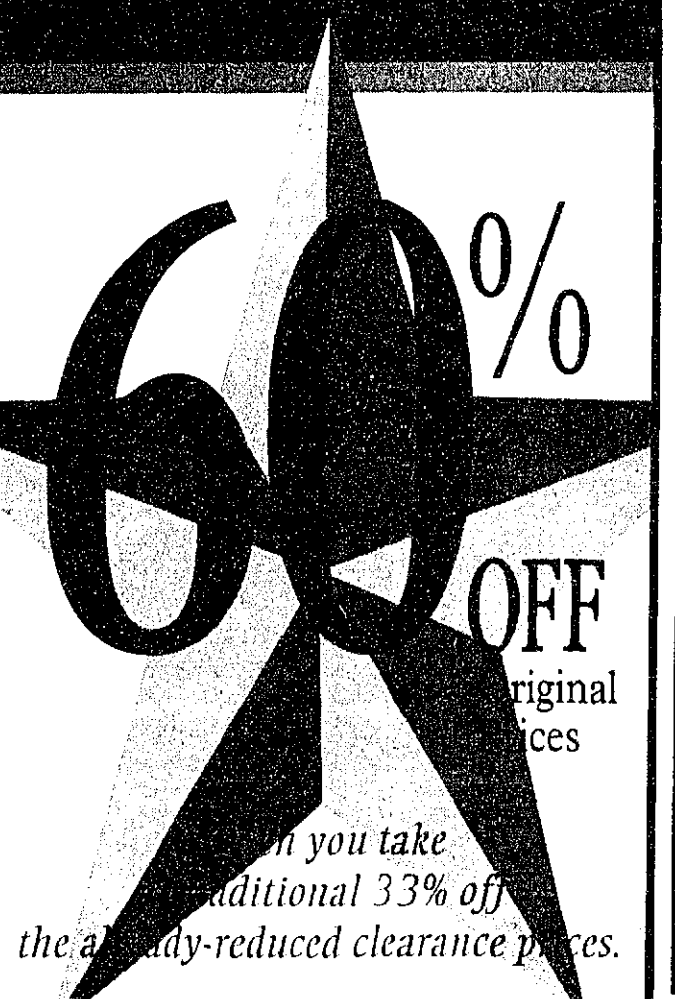


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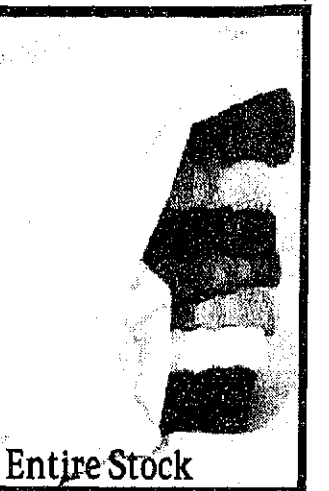
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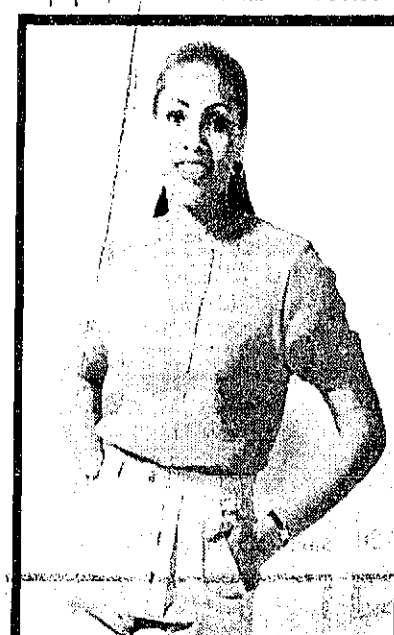
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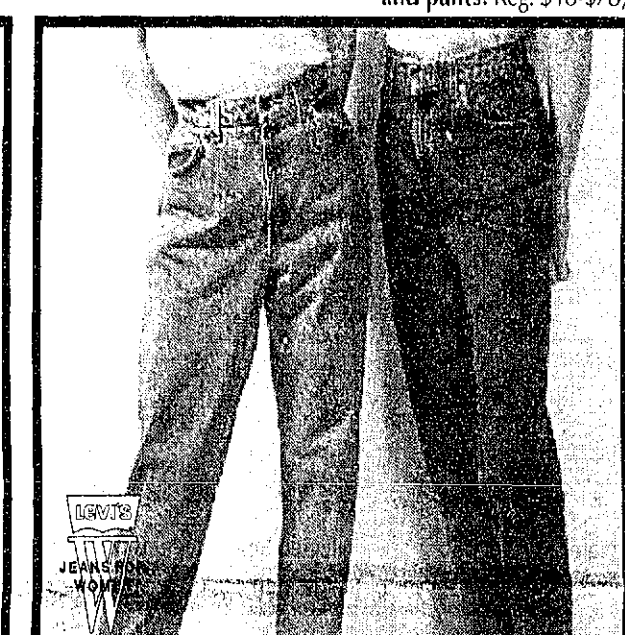
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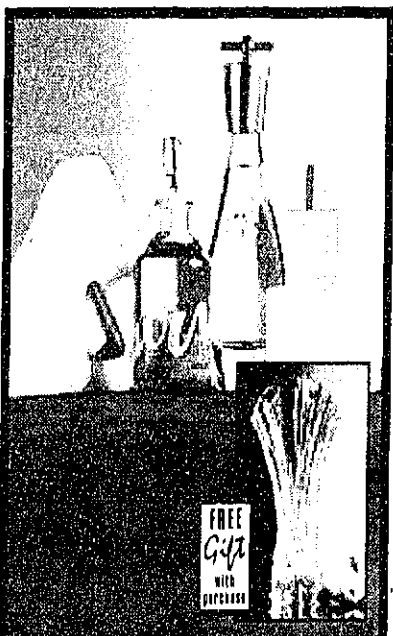
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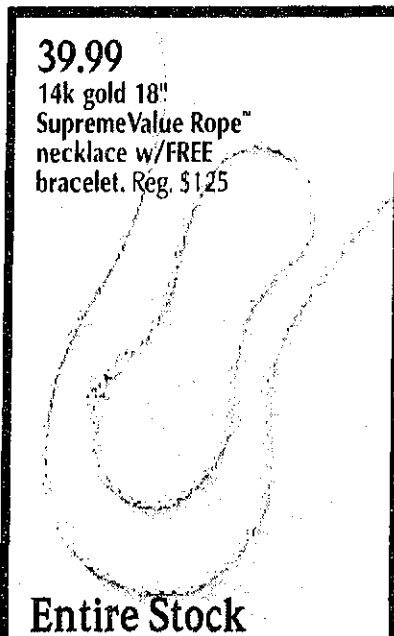
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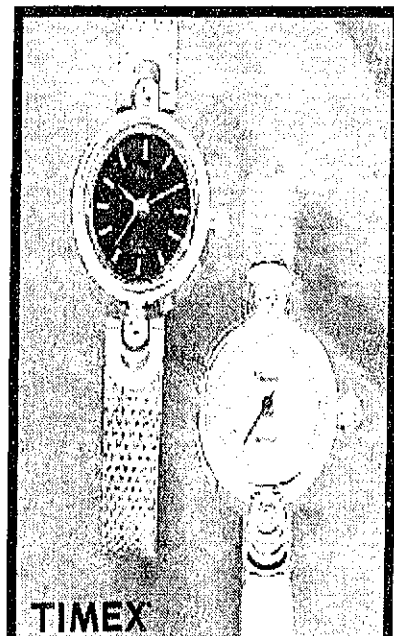
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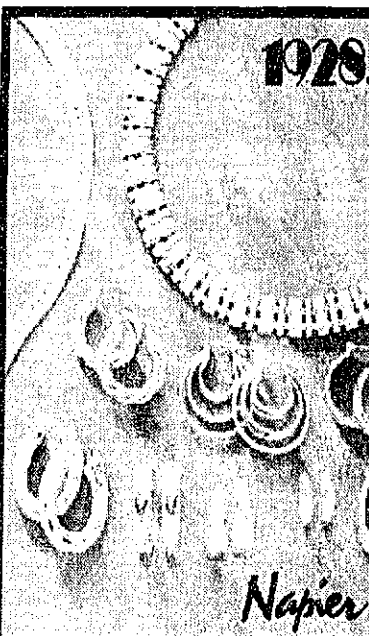
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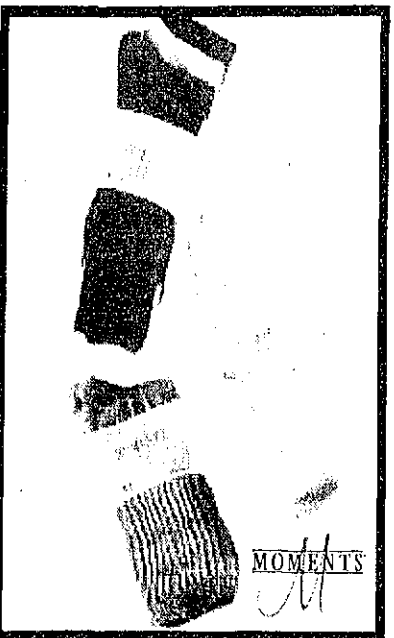
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By JAN JEFFREES
Staff Writer

Area residents who wish to rally to the aid of the North Dakota flood victims will have a local site to contribute needed goods.

The Per Marquette Employees' Credit Union, located at 22245 Haggerty Road in Novi, has been selected as a drop-off center for collecting

goods for residents in the devastated area. They are working in conjunction with the American Red Cross, Robert Hlubert, the business development manager for the credit union said.

The first batch of donations will leave the Detroit area today but additional loads are expected to be trucked west over the next week.

Volunteers are asked to join in to help pack boxes and load trucks.

Flood victims are in need of men's clothing and boots, women's clothing and shoes, children's clothing and shoes, canned goods, bedding, tools and building supplies, and cleaning supplies.

For information, call 348-8500.

Motorsports museum warms up for Indy race

The Indianapolis 500 film, *Winning*, starring Paul Newman, Joanne Woodward, and Robert Wagner will be featured at the Motorsports Hall of Fame on Tuesday, May 13, at 7 p.m.

This movie tells the story of the lives and loves of professional drivers showcased against the greatest spectacle in all of sports. Footage

of the Brickyard and canoes by some of the sport's biggest names make this film a good preview for the Memorial Day holiday.

The movie will be introduced by automobile historian and author, Dr. Mark Howell, of Michigan State University.

Movie night is held every other month at the

Motorsports Hall of Fame located inside the Novi Expo Center.

Admission is \$5 and includes access to the museum along with complimentary popcorn. The museum is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call 1-800-250-RACE for further details.

Seminar offered for first-time home buyers

Real estate experts from Remax 100, Concord Financial, and home inspectors, will hold a first time home buyers seminar at the

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scenes look at the finance and real estate buying process. This information can save thousands of dollars and give a frame work to make

an informed decision.

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Library Briefs

Library closings

The library will be closed on Sunday, May 11 (Mother's Day). Normal hours will resume May 12. The library will also be closed Monday, May 26, in observance of the Memorial Day Holiday.

The last Sunday the library will be open for the school year will be Sunday, May 18. Sunday hours will resume on Sunday, Sept. 7.

Michigan Week presentation

The Novi Historical Commission will sponsor a storytelling session by Larry Massie entitled "Adventures in Michigan's Past." Massie utilizes costume and dialect for his presentations. The program is scheduled for Thursday, May 22 at 7 p.m. in the meeting room of the Novi Public Library.

National Library Week

Contest winners during National Library Week included Chelsea Attyeh, Shanti Agrawal, Sunil Agrawal, Mike Kolich, Lindsey Phillips, Angela Rimbold, Anshu Wadehra and Monika Wadehra.

Gov. Engler to speak at OCC commencement

Gov. John M. Engler will be the commencement speaker at Oakland Community College's 31st graduation, Friday, June 6, at the Palace of Auburn Hills. The event marks the first time that a state chief executive has addressed a graduating class in the college's 33-year history.

About 7,000 people, including guests, faculty, staff, and the graduates themselves, are expected to attend the ceremonies which begin at 7 p.m. Other highlights of the evening will include the escort of dignitaries to the dais by a ten-person color guard composed of Oakland Police Academy graduates serving in law enforcement agencies throughout the tri-county area.

The Oakland Community College Board of Trustees appointed Carol A. Brown interim vice chancellor, academic and student affairs at its monthly business meeting of April 28.

Brown, who has been dean of academic and student services at OCC's Orchard Ridge campus in Farmington Hills since September 1993, assumed her new position on May 1.

Brown began as a history instructor in the Houston Community College system in 1976, and served as chair of the history and

geography department from 1984 to 1991. She has also been a project director for several grants involving the development of curricula, transfers of community college students to senior institutions, and currently serves as a member of the facilitation team for the Galileo Project, a nine-school teacher leadership grant program funded by the Kellogg Foundation.

Prior to coming to Oakland Community College, Brown was coordinator of social sciences and public services at the Houston Community College system's Southwest College.

She holds an MA in American

history from the Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C., and a BA in history from the State University of New York-New Paltz. She has completed course work in education administration and history at the University of Houston, and is currently enrolled in the doctoral program in higher adult and lifelong learning at Michigan State University.

Among Brown's writings are "Women in Texas Politics: The Good Ol' Girl Syndrome and Beyond," published in *Public Policy* in Texas and "Postwar America: Women, Mexican-Americans and Indians," published in *Conflict and*

Crisis: America, 1939 to the Present. She also edited Volumes I and II of *An American History Reader*.

Dr. David P. Adams was appointed interim executive director of marketing by OCC's Board of Trustees at its monthly business meeting recently held in April.

Dr. Adams, who assumed his position on May 1, has been a member of the Orchard Ridge faculty since 1968, and chair of the

campus' business administration department since 1969. He also serves as director of the Orchard Ridge campus-based Business Technology Center, an office that provides specialized training services to local businesses.

Dr. Adams has been an adjunct faculty member at the University of Michigan-Dearborn and Oakland University. From 1977 to 1994, he served part-time as vice president of marketing for MIPS Software Inc. of Farmington.

CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF ADOPTION ORDINANCE NO. 97-99.09

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Novi City Council has adopted Ordinance No. 97-99.09, an ordinance to amend Article II of Chapter 15 of the Novi Code of Ordinances, to delete Division 2 of Article III of Chapter 15 of said code, to delete Section 15-71, to amend Subsection 15-79(a), and to delete Article V of Chapter 15 of said code, to update Chapter 15 of said code pursuant to the BOCA National Fire Prevention Code 1993 Edition.

The provisions of the ordinance shall become effective immediately after adoption. The Ordinance was adopted by the City Council on Monday, May 5, 1997. A complete copy of the Ordinance is available for public use and inspection at the office of the City Clerk during the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., prevailing eastern time.

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by Dennis E. Engerer, P.T. and Patricia Westerbur, P.T.

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OCC workers wary of hiring freeze

By TIM RICHARD
Staff Writer

Two union leaders told the Oakland Community College board to be wary of Chancellor Richard Thompson's hiring freeze.

"We challenge the assumption" that extra millage approved by voters in 1995 shouldn't be used "to improve instruction," said Charles Neumann, math instructor who heads the Faculty Association.

Neumann and Rose Coutour, president of the classified employees union, referred to Thompson's chancellor's council decision not to fill 54 of 61 vacant positions.

"Of the 54 not-filled positions, 15 are classified — clerical and technical," added Coutour. "Eleven are directly related to student services. I'd like the board and chancellor's council to review that decision. It might have an effect on enrollment."

They were the only speakers during an April 28 public hearing on Thompson's proposed \$101.7 million budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1. A board vote is scheduled for May 19.

The public argument was over what voters were told in June of 1995 when they approved 0.6 mills for seven years on top of the 0.85 "charter" mills approved when OCC was founded in 1964.

Thompson contends the 1995 promotion promised "renovation, upgrades and improvements in

facilities, scholarships, technology, new programs and stabilization of tuition costs."

OCCFA chief Neumann quoted promises of improving instruction, adding that the lid on tuition should be funded by the 1995 tax hike.

The union leaders had at least one sympathetic ear in trustee Pamela Davis of Sterling Heights. Thompson, who completed a year in the chief executive post in March, promised "a major restructuring of the college" by September. "We will do things quite differently in the future. In this restructuring, we will think in terms of systems rather than jobs." In remarks last month, he promised great emphasis on teamwork and technology.

Thompson's budget reasoning goes like this: Of the "charter" 1964 millage, 80 percent should go for personnel and 20 percent for other costs. Instead, personnel costs are eating up 87 percent. "With no increase in the number of employees (currently 823), personnel costs will consume 100 percent of the charter millage by the year 2003," he said.

That is when the 1995 voted millage is due to expire. Thompson's budget freezes tuition again at \$46 per credit hour for OCC district residents, \$78 for other Michiganders and \$109 for out-of-state students.



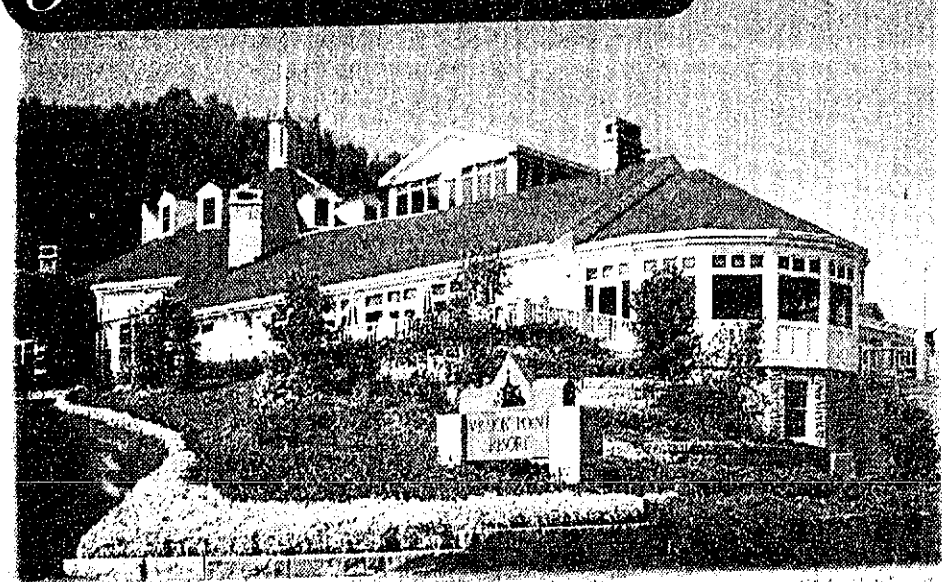
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Board set to put bond to June election

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committee member. "It's only going to get worse and get more expensive."

Bob Pfeiffer, a committee member, pointed out the safety problems with some of the playground equipment are being and will be taken care of regardless of the bond.

Just last year, the board voted to spend \$30,000 to aerate, top dress and reseed three of the athletic fields and devised a system that would result in less wear and tear.

At that point, the administration said it would only be a temporary fix.

The bond proposal will follow a string of ballot proposals totaling \$77 million the past ten years.

A \$33.4 million proposal approved in 1995. Nearly \$25 million was allocated for a new middle school to be finished by 1999 and the rest will be spent to renovate the existing middle school and Novi Meadows buildings.

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A \$6.25 construction bond issue was approved in 1987. The bond money, along with money from a sale of property that year, built Parkview Elementary, the Educational Services Building, improved Orchard Hills and Village Oaks Elementary and added six classrooms to Novi Meadows.

A \$5.2 million proposal approved in 1990. The money built the Instructional Technology Center and an addition to Novi Woods Elementary.

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Any member of a community may propose changes to an existing ordinance. The city has the opportunity to craft an ordinance that meets with today's needs and to deal with innovations that have happened in the planning industry," McLallen said.

This is one complex local issue. Harvest Land and Leroy own the 100 acres the city hopes to purchase for a park, as well as for the Novi Middle School and a possible elementary school.

Novi officials plan to trade this school site, to be purchased with city tax dollars, for the Fuerst Farm property, which is owned by the Novi School District. As a local landmark, the city would preserve the farm buildings and is moving ahead with the process to get the site on the National Register of Historic Places.

For well over a year, the city council has been in closed executive sessions, negotiating with the landowners.

Monday, Novi School Board President Ray Byers asked that the city council take action quickly on the RUD issue.

"Please expedite that as soon as possible. We have a middle school. We'd like to get kids in the building before we burst at the seams," Byers said.

Former planning commissioner Glen Bonaventura took the council to task.

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Novi parents want grounds fixed now

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL

Staff Writer

Do it all. Do it right. Do it now.

That was the message from more than two dozen community members present at two public hearings on a bond proposal for school improvements, according to Kathy Hagenan, an infrastructure committee member and mother of two young children in Novi schools.

According to the committee, community members expressed various concerns but

echoed the same sentiments regarding timing — do it all, now, for everyone.

Hagenan said parents at the meetings were supportive of the plans and a need for an increase in the school millage.

"As much as we're all leery of increasing taxes, we can't find raise what is needed," she explained.

Hagenan offered a few words of advice for the board as it determines the bond proposal: Word the information carefully and clearly.

continue public meetings and discussions and communicate with residents who do not have children in school.

The committee said the people in attendance at the two meetings raised concerns about having equal facilities at each of the schools and an equal apportioning of money.

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Council sees RUD proposal

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by the postponing of the meeting. This version would cut back on the number of units in an RUD.

Proponents of open space planning contend that by keeping much of the natural land open and clustering the homes into a smaller area, wildlife and trees are preserved.

Any member of a community may propose changes to an existing ordinance. The city has the opportunity to craft an ordinance that meets with today's needs and to deal with innovations that have happened in the planning industry," McLallen said.

This is one complex local issue. Harvest Land and Leroy own the 100 acres the city hopes to purchase for a park, as well as for the Novi Middle School and a possible elementary school.

Novi officials plan to trade this school site, to be purchased with city tax dollars, for the Fuerst Farm property, which is owned by the Novi School District. As a local landmark, the city would preserve the farm buildings and is moving ahead with the process to get the site on the National Register of Historic Places.

For well over a year, the city council has been in closed executive sessions, negotiating with the landowners.

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As We See It

Let's keep RUD talk in front of the public

In real estate, the key phrase is location, location, location.

In government, it may well be perception, perception, perception.

Monday night, the hour was already late when the Novi City Council began deliberating about changes to the Residential Unit Development Ordinance (RUD), as proposed by the Harvest Land Development Company.

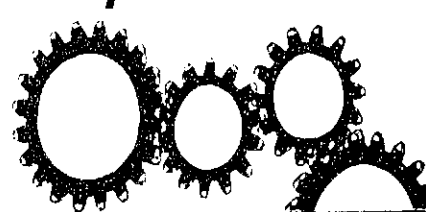
After much inconclusive talk and some grandstanding, midnight was upon them and they decided to hold the issue over to a special meeting.

On the face of it, that makes sense, except the fact of those special meetings was slated for Wednesday night, too late for any public notification besides a sign on the kiosk in the Novi Civic Center atrium. Moreover, because the planning commission was meeting at the same time, the session was scheduled for the city manager's conference room, which means discussion of what Council Member Dick Clark called "critical and vital importance" would not be televised.

While Wednesday's summit was for information only, a second meeting for council action is slated for May 15, also likely to be untelevised.

This is not good, folks.

It appears the council feels under the gun to pass this thing, in part because the Novi school district needs to get ownership of 50 acres of the Harvest Lake property, so a new middle school can be built. At least one member of



Development

the public has said that it looks like the land transaction won't sell the 100 acres to the city for the schools and a park, until the ordinance has been reworked.

Of course, all the ins and outs of this land transaction have been discussed for well over a year in closed, executive sessions. Once the city gets the acres, the plan is to swap the school site for the Fuerst Farm.

As Council Member Bob Schmid pointed out, the revamped ordinance could change the future of west Novi. All discussion of something this crucial should be as upfront as possible.

Yes, meetings in the activities room are open to the public, but these days most of the city's public usually expects to watch the action on Channel 13.

Whatever the intention, keeping them tuned out just doesn't look good. In fact, it seems like this council, when it comes to open government, follows the letter of the law, but not the spirit of the concept.

Job well done by students

Last week, *The Novi News* published what was the final result of numerous Friday morning sessions with 70 students at Novi Middle School. The *Midle School Scoop* contained articles and editorials written by students, photographs taken by students and advertisements designed by students.

It was a worthy experience for both sides, we think. The students learned there is more than one way to write and learned skills in both finding the truth and reporting the truth. The reporters in the project learned how to coax work out of some not-so-interested students and received the benefits of working with students who really put forth a great effort.

As it is Partnership Recognition Month in the Novi school district, we would like to applaud the district for setting up the program and the businesses in Novi which send employees into the schools to break new ground.

According to middle school teacher and partnership coordinator John Lawrence, the program is gaining in popularity. There are now 20 partner-

ships in the seven schools and the community education program.

"We've asked the school, the staff and the students to become more aware of what these partners are doing for them," said Lawrence to the Novi Board of Education last week. He was present to tell the board of the designation of the month.

Business partners take on a large responsibility when they agree to find the people willing to volunteer and schedule these programs and trips around a typical work day.

They present programming such as reading banks, science projects and welcome students into their places of work for field trips and tours.

But it's a way to connect with the younger generation and a way for the students to learn about life outside the school walls.

The students, staff, district administration and Novi Chamber of Commerce have worked hard at this long-range planning goal for the district to make it successful. We just want to say "Nice Job."

Final playscape push

Thirty-four days and counting. In just over four weeks, construction begins on the Tim Pope Memorial Playscape in the Novi Sports Park at Eight Mile and Napier roads.

So, for anyone who is interested in helping out - donating time, money, materials or tools - now is the time. Even if you've only been thinking that you might like to get involved, because it sounds like it might be fun, now is the time to act.

Events like this only come around once in a community. The project will not only build a playstructure for the children of this city, it will also build

"community." That is, folks who work on the playscape will find they'll make new friends and reach a new level of camaraderie with old acquaintances.

One who worked on such a project in another community described it this way - those who worked on the playscape became like a fraternity, and whenever they'd meet someone who worked with them on the project, their involvement gave them a special bond.

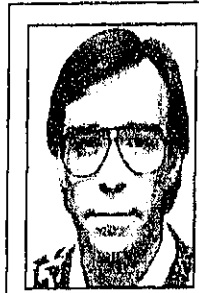
The members of the committee have done a lot of work so far and deserve much credit. But those who have not yet gotten involved should not miss this opportunity.

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Unexpected guests come to call



Michael Malott

Where I live, unwanted guests occasionally drop by. Unfortunately, they are not always human.

Saturday morning, my house was mistaken for a duplex and the chimney was misjudged for the second entrance.

My wife was the first to mention that she could hear the commotion in the space behind our chimney. Maybe they were having a party; maybe it was a sibling argument. Whatever, I'd actually heard the sounds a couple of hours earlier and, since it

sounded like birds chirping to me, I was hoping that if I left them alone they would leave of their own accord.

No such luck. Dana wanted to open the trap door to the chimney and get whatever was in there out. She is after all my wife, so we cordoned off the laundry room and left the back door open so that whatever it was would make a quick escape to freedom. Then we flung open the trap door and ... nothing. They remained as noisy as ever, but they weren't leaving.

"Must be nesting up on the flue," I said. "We should just leave them alone. When they are old enough to fly, they'll leave and we can rap the chimney."

"Bird don't have fur," Dana argued, bending down to get a better look from a distance. I stooped down to get a look from the same angle.

"They don't have rings on their tails either," I said. Then it dawned on me. ... "Raccoons!" I jumped up and slammed the trap door shut.

They were probably abandoned there by their mother, we concluded. We should pull them out, we guessed. If we had to, we could feed them, raise them, and when they were old enough, we could release them to the wild.

It turns out there were a lot of bad ideas in that line of thinking. For one, had Ma Raccoon returned while I was pulling her young 'uns from her new den, she might have concluded there was some hostile intent. The scene could have turned ugly ... for me, that is. I should have left the job to Critter Control.

Nonetheless, I did the job myself without incident, although the three of them plainly were not at all happy with me and told me about it. Fortunately, I do not know Raccoonese, so I did not have hear exactly what they

wanted me to put there.

Secondly, according to the naturalists we talked to at Friend Lake State Park and Kensington Metropark, it is illegal to keep wild animals unless you are licensed as a "wildlife rehabilitator." Most raccoons raised in captivity don't fare particularly well when returned to the wild, they said. And we'd probably have a hard time finding a "wildlife rehabilitator" willing to take them because, in the words of one of the naturalists, "there are already more raccoons in the world than there really need to be."

It was about this time that I noticed Ma Raccoon had in fact returned and was headed down the chimney. First the bad news - the trap door to the back of chimney was still open, and that meant the raccoons, already unhappy with the fact her kids weren't where she'd left them, would have access to the entire rest of the house. I knew it would be foot race to the trap door to shut it before she could get through. Fortunately, I won.

The good news though was that it meant the babies had not been abandoned.

When Dana returned home from the hardware store with chimney caps in hand, she barged on trap door until I spotted Mrs. Raccoon leave the premises. Then I quickly crawled up on the roof to install the caps.

The next job was to wrap the kids up in a blanket, put them in a box and leave it on the roof next to the chimney where Mom couldn't help but find them. We checked about an hour later and found that three baby raccoons had been reduced to two.

Eventually, my son Charlie and I spotted Ma Raccoon in the act of picking up one of her youngsters by the scruff and carrying it across the roof, down a tree, through the yard and off into the woods. Before sunset, the entire family was gone.

"I hope she appreciates what we did for her," Dana said later.

"Probably not," I suggested. "She's probably just mad about being evicted."

I grant you, there was a certain satisfaction in being able to avert a potential wildlife tragedy. But I have to wonder what kind of havoc three adolescent raccoons living in the woods nearby will be able to cause later this summer. After all, there are more raccoons in the world than there really need to be.

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

In Focus

By John Heider



Christopher Jones, 7, tries to catch up to the flying disc that was tossed to him by his mother, Cathy. The two were playing in front of their Cedar Mill Street home in Novi last week.

Playing catch

The homesick named towns



Barbara Louise

Homesickness was responsible for the names of nearly a third of the towns in Oakland County.

Oakland County, named for the forests of huge oak trees that covered the land, was organized in 1820, and originally included nearly the entire thumb area of Michigan.

The trek through the dense forests that made up Wayne and Oakland counties in the early 19th century caused many a visitor to dwell fondly on the homes they left behind. Many of the towns they settled in Michigan reflect that longing.

One of the earliest communities to be formed in Oakland County was Rochester, named for the city in New York from which the county's first settlers arrived in 1817.

More New York clones included Troy and Auburn Hills (originally Auburn Heights), both settled in 1821, and Farmington, settled in 1824.

Independence Township was named not for a New York city, but for Independence, N.J., in 1833. Birmingham, England, was the inspiration for the Michigan city that was founded in 1819. Incorporated as a village in 1864, Birmingham became a city in 1933.

Other communities took their names from prominent members of society.

In 1818, a group of men headed north out of Detroit, and called their settlement Pontiac, in honor of the Ottawa Indian chief. In 1822, a post office was established there. The town grew quickly, thanks to a company organized by the enterprising settlers. Pontiac became a 19th century center for milling, including flour, woolen and saw mills, that were used by farmers throughout Oakland County. By the 20th century, Pontiac had become a major industrial center. It remains the county seat.

Orionville was named for Amos Orion who built a sawmill there in 1848. He also served as the village's first postmaster.

Lathrup Village takes its name from real estate developer Louis Lathrup, who helped found that community in 1926. It became the city of Lathrup Village in 1953.

Clarkston, though located in northern Oakland County, has a connection with Northville. When Nelson Clark and his brother created a town in 1840, they named it for themselves. It soon became a recreational resort because of the numerous lakes in the area. Clark, a prominent fish breeder, later moved to Northville and was instrumental in establishing what became one of the finest fish hatcheries in the United States.

Clawson was named in error. When early settler John Lawson applied for a post office in his name, an extra "C" appeared out of nowhere, and the name stuck. Clawson became a city in 1940.

Madison Heights was named for president James Madison, and Benjamin Franklin was honored in the tiny village known today for its cider mill.

Still other Oakland County cities describe their surroundings.

Ferdale depicts the many ferns that grew in the area, while Hazel Park evokes the many hawthorn bushes found there. Royal Oak was named for a large ancient oak tree, supposedly dating 100 years before its first settlement in 1819. Southfield takes its name from its location in the county.

Waterford was clearly a place where settlers as early as 1819, forded the river. Oxford, on the other hand, was named for the many teams of oxen owned by the early farmers.

Then, of course, there is Novi. Not named for a person, probably not for a place, and definitely not for a thing, Novi remains the most mysterious of all the Oakland County towns. But that's a whole different story ...

Barbara Louise is the author of *No. 1 On the Trail* and is a contributing columnist to *The Northville Record* and *Novi News*.

Going pro before graduation



Phil Power

I've been reflecting on the extraordinary media attention recently given to the University of Michigan basketball program in general and to the decisions made respectively by junior Maurice Taylor to turn pro and by sophomore Robert Traylor not

to turn pro. I come to these reflections both as a U-M Regent and as a sports fan who has been watching the Maize and Blue play football since Bob Chappius and the "Mad Magicians" went undefeated in 1947 and basketball since Cazzie Russell was shooting the lights out at the old Yost Field House.

Certainly we have come to a strange place where games played by college students regularly command 72-point headlines and where a new journalistic sub-specialty - rating recruiting classes in football and basketball - merits regular coverage.

The reason: College sports have become a staple of TV programming. Especially now that professional sports appear to be over-populated by over-paid athletes often in competition for arrogance with wealthy owners, the sincerity of young men and women competing for their universities has a terrific emotional appeal that translates into great TV ratings.

Let me be blunt. Sporting events at NCAA Division 1 schools today constitute

in too large part entertainment programming fodder, just as many college sports programs amount to an unpaid farm system for the owners of professional sports teams.

These twin facts lie behind much of evils of big time sports today.

People in university athletic programs have always had a competitive incentive to win. But the incentives have been magnified by the effect of national TV. Winning teams - especially title winners - get watched more than losing teams. And winning on TV has all kinds of useful consequences: happy alumni; increased giving; continued success in recruiting the next generation of talented athletes.

This magnified pressure to win lurks behind the absurdity of today's college athletic environment. The NCAA rule book governing recruitment of student athletes now contains 538 pages!

Any rule book with 538 pages has no pages. Moreover, any human activity (excepting, possibly, the U.S. Tax Code) that requires 538 pages of rules is in serious institutional trouble.

Therefore a modest proposal: Scrap the NCAA rule book. Forbid any recruiting contact with high school athletes. Eliminate up-front, full-ride scholarships. Once students are admitted and in good academic standing on campus, allow them to walk on and try out for teams. If they make a team, give them a scholarship.

My second thought has to do with the relationship between college athletes, big

money and the pro sports pipeline for talent through the campus.

The hope of big money motivates 18- and 19-year old kids to quit college. The fact of big money encourages agents and boosters to fustion campuses in ways unrelated to their interest in Shakespeare and differential equations. The unseemly presence of big money potentiates charges of hypocrisy launched at universities, which like to talk about "student athletes" and then use the gate and TV receipts to balance the budget.

Big money has opened the yawning gulf between the purposes of universities - to educate kids - and the ambient reality of their athletic programs. Universities have tried for years to bridge the widening gap - most recently with 538 pages of rules - but it's getting tougher.

Frankly, I doubt anybody will ever legislate that kids can't leave college before they get their degrees in order to sign a rich pro contract. But at least some kind of connection between college athletics and university degrees would be established if the teams that sign players before they finish their degrees were to contribute the cost of their scholarships to a revolving fund.

Given the greed of both professional athletes and the owners, I'm not holding my breath.

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Nice plan, wrong zoning, place

To the Editor:

Re: Harvest Land Development/RUD Ordinance

HLD has recently made recommendations to the city for changes to our RUD ordinance. While not specific to their plans, it is assumed that they would like to see these changes made in preparation of development of their 900 acres at Wixom and Beck. While there is nothing wrong with a developer making suggestions on how to plan and develop our community, it seems that it is the community which should take any action, if any is needed at all. To me, making any changes to the RUD is a moot point.

Why? Because the property is and has long been zoned R-1, R-2, A. This zoning supports individual single family homes - no mention of cluster housing or condominiums. Our Master Plan speaks very clearly of this part of Novi being developed with large lot settings.

It is also unsettling that Harvest would attempt to suggest changing the RUD ordinance to allow:

- Counting their 100 acre lake as part of the density calculation.
- Counting the acreage currently offered to the school system as part of their density calculation (when the property is targeted for the new Middle School).
- Reducing parcel participation from 40 acres to 29?

Harvest talks of all the environmental savings their plan provides. I believe that protection is already provided with our wetland and woodland ordinances.

Andris is not going to build a "chic" restaurant at the disaster site that surrounds Frigate's Inn, Fourteen Mile and East Lake. Overhauling it must be for Mr. Andris to make those statements and finally prove me unequivocally correct. If you remember, seven years ago in one of my soliloquies, at a raised-voice level, I profusely declared to city council that "... he will never build that restaurant on that site ...". One year later, after having talked with several people who have the knowledge and expertise in this area, I expounded in the same, shall I say, disgusted vein that Mr. Andris would never be able to acquire funding for such a project on that site. I repeat: how embarrassing.

Possibly, if the owners of that property had listened to reason, not only mine, but several others, the property could have already been beautifully developed and be a money-maker for all concerned instead of the financial drain that he claims it to be and the tragic expense he, himself, has made it. Andris' recent disclosure that he'll be building a "retail plaza" is just as much a joke as a "chic Greek restaurant." Who does he think is going to back him/them in this endeavor to put a "strip mall" on that valuable corner? We have heard the rumor of a barber shop ... a laundromat. Now ... what else can he put at that site: a hot dog stand? A bait shop? A trash recycling center, perhaps? My ... what else do we need in the area? Nothing, thank you.

Mr. Andris should be strongly urged to look at his entire "estate" and make some decisions based on reality. I also urge the council and Planning Commission and Department to strongly suggest a rezoning to residential of the business-zoned portion of this property. The residential real estate market is booming. If one looks to Pine Lake, as an example, one will find exclusive condos with lake-front privileges, spas, saunas, docks, etc., all the amenities. When one allows themselves to think, "How can I improve the area? How can I best alleviate the animosity of my neighbors?" One would immediately reach the conclusion: residential. Please, Mr. Andris, don't consider Frigate's Inn to be the enemy. That has never been a problem in the area. It is your property that has been the problem. Put your land to the best use for all, and finally - make this a win/win situation for the area ... and a very profitable venture for you and your partners.

I would like to remind you and the rest of the city as they look at a strip-mall presentation that we have an ordinance that addresses this type of business within 200 feet of residential - and don't forget: you are fronted on three sides, in Novi, by residential. I will fight you - tooth and nail - at all levels to force your plans for this business development to meet that 200-foot parameter.

James E. Korte

Thanks again.

Karen Grabowski

Will fight plans for development

To the Editor:

I guess it's time I address my good buddy, Mr. (Ted) Andris, again. According to the articles and Mr. (Mike) Malott's commentary, May 1 issue, it appears Andris is not going to build a

Christianity is a great religion. My great-grandfather, becoming the first state in the Union to guarantee free public education as a constitutional right.

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They should have quoted John D. Pierce, Michigan's first superintendent of public instruction: "But the wealth of the state

has ever opposed free schools, and yet no class is more deeply interested in the education of all."

They should have quoted Franklin K. Sawyer, our second superintendent, who eloquently defended the need for semi-annual state inspection of schools: "The inspectors must be satisfied, not only that the candidate has a good moral character, and sufficient learning, but that he is versed in the art of teaching." Sawyer in 1841 was a half-century ahead of those who regard a firm state policy and certification as "bureaucratic."

Sawyer deplored the kind of parents who "regard the teacher as a mere servant, hired to do a job that nobody else can do, and fit for nothing else." He would have had no use for parents like Dennis and Lorie Nixon, the Altoona, Pa. couple who let two of their children die for lack of medical treatment because it violated their religious principles.

They should have quoted Michigan Supreme Court Justices Conrad Mallett Jr. and James Brickley:

"(T)he state possess a compelling interest in the universal education of its children and that the certification requirement is an effective means of achieving this interest."

Durant and Wolfram researched their filibusters poorly. Their starting point should have been students, not scholasticism: 1837, not 1777.

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



Tim Richard

So it was when State Board of Education minority members Clark Durant of Grosse Pointe and Gary Wolfram of Hillsdale filled bustered last month against a proposed new "mission statement."

The new one would make students the focus of education. The old one, crafted in secrecy two years ago by Durant, is larded with references to the deity, to control-freak parents and classical allusions to liberty.

The board will have the votes May 15 to approve the new, common sense mission statement 5-3, unless Durant and Wolfram, supported by their cheerleader Sharon Wise of Owosso, again decide to filibuster.

In his 30-minute monologue, Durant quoted Presidents Washington, Jefferson, Madison, Lincoln, Kennedy and even Clinton; U.S. Chief Justice Roger Taney; Martin Luther King Jr., and the hobgoblin Friedrich Nietzsche - all of whom have one thing in common: They had nothing to do with Michigan's public schools and never

public school officials. Indeed, the three most quoted lived prior to Michigan's becoming the first state in the Union to guarantee free public education as a constitutional right.

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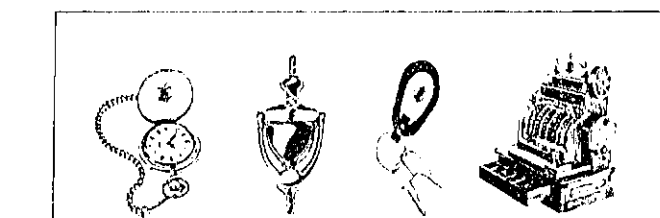
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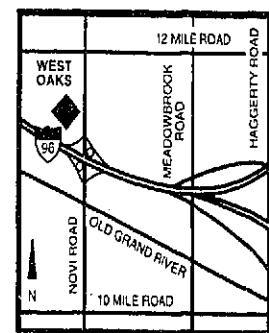
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Top and above: Terri can be confused with daughter Cat Waller, a Novi High freshman - quite easily. From their hair styles to smiles, the two look eerily alike.



Mother-daughter look alikes Ruth Ann, right, and Arlie Jirasek pose in their Willowbrook home recently. Ruth Ann Jirasek has four daughters and Arlie looks most like her.

Like Mother Like Daughter

The votes are in
for the Mother/Daughter
Look Alike contest

The judging wasn't easy. Selected by the staff at *The Northville Record* and *Novi News*, the top three pairs were Terri and Cat Waller, Ann Marie and Angela Ramsey, and Ruth Ann and Arlie Jirasek, all Novi residents. Nine residents responded to our plea for photos of mothers and daughters. Our mothers and daughters say they turn a lot of heads, both within the community and within their own families.

Terri and Cat Waller

It was at a family reunion and Cat Waller was about 8-years-old when the resemblance was first noticed by an aunt who thought that Cat, which is short for Catherine, looked like her maternal grandmother, Donna.

But that's not the only generation experiencing a close family resemblance.

"In the last two or three years, there is no one place we go together that someone doesn't make a comment," Cat's mother, Terri Waller, said. "It's kind of fun. I think she gets a kick out of it."

The likeness goes beyond a purely physical resemblance.

"We were walking up an escalator together and at the exact same time in unison we put the same foot on the same step and looked at each other," Waller said.

A former cross country runner herself, Waller still likes to try to keep up with Cat, who runs cross country. Riding bikes and rollerblading are also common interests.

"Our personalities are incredibly similar," Waller said. "Everything I like I can be pretty sure that she will like and vice versa."

The similarities don't end with Waller and Cat. Cat, a freshman at Novi High School, and her older sister, Emily, a junior, sometimes are also hard to tell apart.

When Waller and Emily were roller blading recently, some boys hollered out of a passing car, "Hi Cat," at Emily.

"I'll see the two of them and get them mixed up at a quick glance," Waller said.

During family discussions, Cat and Waller see it the same way while Emily and her dad are on the same wave length.

Waller couldn't help but notice recently when Cat was getting help from Emily in math.

"I watched her sitting listening to her big sister and, knowing she wasn't catching on a bit, I told both the girls that is exactly what I would do with my dad. It was like a *deja vu*," Waller said.

Even Waller's husband Mike has to do a double-take occasionally because their voices sound alike.

"It won't be too much longer before the similarities begin to disappear," said Waller, who just turned 40. "I remember looking at pictures of my mother and seeing some similarities. As I got older I wasn't quite as close as

Cat and I."

The Wallers also have a 3-year-old son Billy who is just like his dad, according to Waller.

Mike and Waller were classmates since fifth grade but did not date until after high school.

"Mike has fun," Waller said. "It's scary for him, watching her grow up knowing that she is so much like I was and am."

Mike frequently tells his wife of 18 and a half years, "It's like looking in the past except it's in the present."

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Ann Marie Ramsey holds onto her daughter, Angela, who shares quite a resemblance to her mother, as she swings in their Novi backyard.

Novi Newcomers to install new officers at dinner

By JEANNE CLARKE
Special Writer

The annual installation dinner of the Novi Newcomers and Neighbors will be held Thursday, May 15, at the Wyndham Garden Hotel-Nowi starting at 6:15 p.m. Dinner begins at 7.

Following dinner, entertainment will be provided by comedian Andrea Sewczyk. One of her subjects will be "changes" in our lives that only women can appreciate. May 9 is the deadline for reservations to be turned into Karen Aquilina or Robbi LeRoy.

The evening will also include recognition of the 1996-97 board and committee members, and the installation of the new 1997-98 officers.

The outgoing and incoming boards met last week at the Civic Center for an exchange-of-information meeting. The club now has a membership of 203 with the addition of several who attended a new member tea at the home of Robbi LeRoy, vice president, membership.

Some interest groups will be taking a summer break with many resuming in the fall. Taking a summer break will be the Tuesday morning league of bowling at the Novi Bowl, led by chairperson Yvonne Marks; Bridge for couples led by Betty Housh, chairperson; and daytime Bunko, led by chairperson Lynne Shelton, will have their last meeting on May 28, at noon. The Saturday evening couples league will hold its last game Saturday, May 10. Under the direction of Yvonne Marks and Kitty Vigna, a league banquet will be held on Saturday, May 17.

Anita Dellcolli and Rene Perelli have scheduled Tuesday, May 13, for evening Bunko. Craft corner, led by Michelle Dayre, will be making an Uncle Sam fence post chair.

acter for outdoor use. The group will meet at Michael's Town Center on Thursday, May 22.

Other groups meeting include Evening Cafe, Euchre, Men's Night Out, Mom's and Tots, Morning Coffee with Kids, Out-to-Lunch, and Couple Pinochle and Play group. For more information call President Diane Burck, 344-1147.

ANOTHER WAY CENTER

Another Way Pregnancy Center is located at 39575 W. Ten Mile Road, Suite 208, and offers comprehensive, practical alternatives to abortion. Some of the free services offered are pregnancy tests and confidential counseling, practical assistance from the "store room," clothing and baby formula; a mentoring program; post-abortion counseling and support groups. They also have a speaker's bureau for schools, churches, civic groups and make referrals for medical assistance, financial assistance and adoption services.

The staff is assisted by volunteers who have been trained. A training seminar was recently hosted by First Baptist Church of Novi. The two evenings and one day-long program were presented by Julie Nordberg, public relations director, and Linda Foreback, client services director. They can be reached at 471-8585 for information about the next training seminar.

A special event will take place at St. Patrick's Church, 9089 Hutchins Road in Whiteland, on Saturday, May 10. The church will host a Starlight Cafe with many performers from 7-10 p.m. including refreshments. Admission is \$6 in advance, \$8 at the door. A special offering will be taken for Another Way pregnancy center. Performers will include: Dick

Novi Highlights

Cabill, pianist; Jeff Fletcher, vocalist with a 12-string guitar; Mike and Jackie Duncely and Company; Sheila Crahan, vocalist; Renee Abuhil, Paul Czarnick, Jim Lintel, and Mary Niemelck with contemporary Christian music; and Janet Radcliff, vocalist. For more information, call 698-3100.

Walk Another Way III will be held on Saturday, June 7, starting at 11 a.m. at Maybury State Park in Northville. Pledge sheets are available by calling the office. There will be kids games, petting farm, volleyball and Derby the Clown. He will entertain the kids with juggling, balloon sculptures and face painting. In addition, a picnic lunch will be served with hot dogs, salads, beverages and desserts.

CHARTER HOUSE OF NOVI

The annual fund raiser of the Community Council is scheduled for Saturday, May 10. They will hold their bake sale at the city wide spring clean-up at the Novi Civic Center parking lot (weather permitting). Should it rain, all sales will be held inside.

The Community Council is made up of residents, their families, and members of the community. They meet monthly with the activities department, volunteering or donating items to various events. For example, donated items include paper goods, corsages and balloons for the monthly birthday party. Plans are also discussed regarding the monthly Crunchy Toast and coffee hour on the third Saturday of the month for residents and purchasing needed

items for the hospitality cart. In addition, they sponsor an ice cream social every summer, free-of-charge, for residents and their families. On occasion, they have helped finance bus trips.

There is a need for additional baked goods such as cakes, pies, rolls, cookies, breads, cupcakes and candy for the bake sale. Donations can be left in the activities room at Charter House by Friday, May 9, at 4 p.m. or brought to the bake sale site on Saturday, May 10. Time of the sale will be from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

A Mother's Day Dessert Night will be held this week for residents and their families. And on Mother's Day, cake and coffee will be served for those visiting their mothers.

Nursing Week starts with a Health-O-Rama scheduled for Monday, May 12, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Free blood pressure tests will be given along with blood sugar testing.

An ice cream social will be on Tuesday, May 13, complete with entertainment by Joe Sharpy. The observed Memorial Day, May 26, will be focused on planting flowers in the patio barrels with entertainment included. Galea Feldman, an ethnic singer in Russian, Yiddish and German, will provide the entertainment.

AMERICAN LEGION POST NO. 19

May 15, 16 and 17 are "Poppy Days" when members of American Legion Post No. 19 will be selling poppies with funds earmarked to helping veterans in need. Commemoration of Poppy Days

started after World War I. The poppy became the symbol of the tragedy of war and the renewal of life because of the poppies which bloomed in the many battlefields in France. Artificial poppies were sold in the United States for the benefit of children in France and Belgium who were victims of the war. The story of the poppy brings memories of World War I, which was known then as the Great War. It is a way everyone can help honor the memory of our dead and to assist the living victims of the wars.

The funds derived from contributions received are used for the rehabilitation of veterans and the welfare of the families of veterans. The funds accumulated in Novi from the sale remain with the post for distribution.

Post members will be selling poppies in front of one of the newest places, Vic's Market, located at Grand River and Market Street.

The post has been working with the committee in the development of plans for the Memorial Day parade on May 26. There will be a

new assembly area and slightly different route this year. The formation will be in Novi Town Center next to the Town Center Office, and will start at 10 a.m. The route will be down Town Center Drive, across Grand River, down Market Street, pass Vic's to Main Street and on to Novi Road to the Novi Road Cemetery where service will be held at 10:30 a.m. After, continue down Novi Road to Ten Mile and on to the Civic Center. Guest speaker at the 11:30 service will be Henry Sacha, past department commander of Michigan. Prior to the formation, there will be a memorial service at Oakland Hills at 9 a.m. at the north end Veterans Monument. At 12:15 p.m., all veteran groups will be going to the Novi Expo Center for lunch and beverages.

Saturday, May 31, will be VAN social night and potluck dinner at the VFW in Livonia.

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

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Telephone: (313) 474-0884

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349-1700

Church Notes

Dr. Fred B. Craddock, who was listed in *Newsweek* magazine as one of the 12 most effective preachers in the English speaking world, will grace the pulpit at FAITH COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 44400 West Ten Mile Road in Novi, on Sunday, May 11, at both the 9 and the 10:30 a.m. services with a sermon on "An Alternative to Cynicism."

All are invited back to the church at 7 p.m. that evening for a discussion with Dr. Craddock on "What Listeners Have a Right to Expect from the Pulpit." Coffee, tea and dessert will be served.

On Monday, May 12, Dr. Craddock will lead a workshop, geared more for clergy, which will address "Serving Interested in One's Own Preaching." The program will begin at 8:45 a.m. with a continental breakfast and will continue through 3:30 p.m. Lunch will be provided. The cost for the workshop is \$48.

To register, or for more information, call (810) 349-5666.

On Sunday, May 11, NEW LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH, which worships temporarily in the former Plymouth Wesleyan Church at 42290 Five Mile Road at Braham, will welcome the Rev. Rodney Hill to its pulpit. Pastor Hill has been the quality assurance auditor for the many programs of Lutheran Social Services of Michigan for nine years. Prior to this work, he was director of Calvary Center in Detroit serving older adults. He has served as the chair of the LSSM board and now serves on the board of the AIDS Consortium of Southeast Michigan.

Sunday morning services at New Life, which was organized April 27 as a new congregation, are from 10 until 11 a.m.

For further information, call Stephen Boak at (313) 455-4560 or (313) 455-1435.

For more information call Pastor Ken Roberts at (313) 459-8181.

A new group at FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE, 277 West Elm, will hold its first service on Sunday, May 11, at 10 a.m. The church grounds this spring and summer. They will join the Trustees and others on Saturday, May 10, for a Spring Work Day from 8:30 a.m. until noon. Any members of the congregation who are dividing perennials are invited to bring them to the church on that day and join the group in creating some new flower beds.

For more information, call (810) 349-1144.

The Women's Service Club of MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, 21355 Meadowbrook Road in Novi, will hold its annual Plant Sale on Saturday, May 17, from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. A wide variety of geraniums, high quality flats, pots and hanging baskets will be available. A Bake Sale is planned in conjunction with the Plant Sale.

For more information, call (810) 348-7757.

The theme for May at OAK POINTE CHURCH, a new, contemporary, non-denominational church which meets for a one-hour service at 10 a.m. in the Northville High School Auditorium at 775 N. Center, will be "Heaven Help the Home."

Weekly themes in May include "Domestic Engineering in 1997" on May 11, Mother's Day. There will be a live band, coffee and baked goods, as well as children's programs for ages newborn through 11.

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

CHURCH OF TODAY WEST/UNITY, which meets at Village Oaks Elementary School at 23333 Willowbrook in Novi, offers Sunday services and Youth Education at 9 and 11 a.m.

For more information, call the church at (810) 449-8900.

HOLY CROSS EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 46200 West Ten Mile Road in Novi will be holding a rummage and bake sale on Friday, May 9, and Saturday, May 10, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information, call 349-1175.

On Campus

Dean's Honor List for fall term '96 at the University of Michigan College of Engineering included Novi students: DAVID WILLIAM HULLMAN, CHARLES SCOTT INNES, SWETA JAGDISH SHAH, KATHRYN CHARLOTTE SHAW, ALA HAMADE and TIMOTHY B. KUSHMAN.

ALEXIS A. JOHNSON of Novi recently graduated from Northern Michigan University. He earned a bachelor's of science degree in biochemistry.

Jamie shines at area florist's

By CAROL WORKENS
Staff Writer

There is no official take your pet to work day. Jamie doesn't need one anyway.

Greeting customers is all in a day's work for the 7-year-old golden retriever at Donna and Larry's Flowers on Novi Road.

Owners of the florist shop for 14 years, Donna and Larry Podpora of Dearborn Heights first brought Jamie to work when he was 6 months old.

"He's like a little social butterfly," Donna Podpora said. "He just has that warmth."

"We decided to bring him to the store in the first place because we didn't want to leave him at home," Larry said. "He's the first one ready to go in the morning and leave at night."

"We tried to make the store a little homier," Donna added. "Jamie's personality is low-key and he never runs wild through the store."

"People think he's trained, but he came that way," Larry said.

Florists sometimes work through the night, especially around holidays such as the upcoming Mother's Day. Jamie naps right next to Larry's work bench on one of two cushions in the back room, and is oblivious to the petals and leaves that cover him like a blanket as Larry creates



Leslie Reichard stoops to greet Jamie — a Golden Retriever — at Donna and Larry's Flowers on Novi Road. Jamie has been a favorite of visitors to Donna and Larry Podpora's flower shop for many years now, and will entice a little affection or play out of old friends and strangers alike.

arrangements to fill customers' orders.

"He is a tremendous trooper," Larry said.

When Jamie hears a customer come into the store he picks up a flower that has fallen to the floor in the back room or his Doopy rubber toy and, stepping sprightly, greets the customer in the show-room.

Regular customers have come to know Jamie. "He never gives these things up, he just brings them in to show the customer."

Jamie has a way of sharing information about new customers with Larry. Jamie heads for the back room and in a low, conversational tone tells Larry all about a new customer he has just met. He never "yells," and only barks a few times a year.

"When he knows somebody likes him he shares it with Larry," Donna said.

"This is Jamie's time to shine," Larry said. "We take it for granted because he's here all the time."

Jamie is quite a salesman, too.

"He brings in his own customers here," Larry said. One day a customer called and checked to make sure that he had called the right shop, the one with the golden retriever, before placing his order for a dozen roses.

Some customers come in just to see Jamie, who can recognize certain people by the sound of their voices.

When not at work, Jamie enjoys nature shows on television, according to the Podoras. His favorite program is *Lassie*.

Vic's marks anniversary with fundraisers

Vic's World Class Market will be celebrating its second anniversary during the week of May 13-18 with a variety of activities.

First there's "Stages for Charity" on Tuesday, May 13, from 6-9 p.m.

Proceeds from the \$15 per person ticket price will be donated to the Community Living Centers, a residential program for adults with developmental disabilities.

Founded in 1968, the centers serve 150 people with a waiting list of over 100 to provide housing, personal care, transportation, skill training, supervision and job placement.

Bidding is over at 5 p.m. Sunday, May 18, and the winners will be announced at 5:30 p.m.

One hundred percent of the proceeds from this auction will go to the construction funding of the playstructure.

Finally, the Detroit Tiger mascot "Paws" will be making a personal appearance to greet all little leaguers in the area on Saturday, May 17 from 2:30 until 4:30 p.m.

Throughout the week there will also be peanuts, hot dogs, grilled sausage, samples and tastings.

Vic's World Class Market is located at 42875 Grand River Ave.

For details, call (810) 305-7333.

Engagements



Peggy Balagna/Dan Brandenburg

John and Pam Balagna of Novi announce the engagement of their daughter, Peggy, to Dan Brandenburg, son of Frank and Lisa Brandenburg of Morgan Hill, Calif., formerly of Bloomfield Hills.

The bride-elect is a 1989 graduate of Novi High School. She received her bachelor's degree in Physical Education and Exercise Science in 1994 from Michigan State University.

She is currently a graduate student at Oakland University pursuing her master's degree in exercise physiology.

The groom-elect is a 1988 graduate of Birmingham Groves High School. He received his bachelor's degree in political science and psychology from the University of Rochester, New York, in 1992, in 1995, she received her master's in journalism from the Newhouse School of Communications at Syracuse University, and is currently editor of the Valley Courier in Adams, Colo.

The groom-elect is a 1987 graduate of Turpin High School in Anderson Township, Cincinnati, Ohio. He earned his bachelor's degree in journalism in 1993 from Ohio State University, and is working on his master's of business administration at the University of Michigan.

An August wedding will take place at Holy Family Church in Novi.

Submit a picture either with father and son or a separate picture of each to Carol Workens, *Northville Record/Novi News*, 104 W. Main Street, Northville, MI 48167, by Friday, May 9.

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

The photograph will be theirs to use.

It's up to the mothers now. Grab that picture of your husband and son and bring it to *The Northville Record* office right away.

We're looking for pictures of dads and the sons who get told more often than they'd probably like that they're "a chip off the old block" or "the spittin' image of your dad." Submit your pictures to us for an upcoming feature story about fathers and sons who look alike.

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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.

On Wednesday, May 14, Single Place presents "Sharing Our Lives with Others" with speaker David Blake or an open forum on "Talk About What's on Your Mind" with facilitator Tony Valenti at 7:30 p.m.

Upcoming workshops include Living Beyond Divorce - Phase II, with Pam Jacobs on six Thursday evenings from May 15 through June 19 at 7:30 p.m. The cost is \$40.

A Divorce Recovery Workshop with various speakers begins May 15 for seven Thursday evenings through June 26 at 7:30 p.m. The cost is \$30. For more information about any of the Single Place programs or to register, call 349-0911.

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

Biking activities during May begin at the Haggerty Field parking lot, one-quarter mile west of Haggerty Road on Hines Drive at 11:15 a.m. on Saturdays. The schedule for the month includes a tour of Plymouth on May 10; a visit to Maybury Park to see the Eagle Run on May 17; and a ride through Northville on May 24 and 31.

The schedule for the Talk Talk H Over group, which meets at 7:30 p.m. in Knox Hall, includes John Hawks who will discuss ministering to the homeless on May 9.

Summer volleyball begins on Thursday, May 1 (weather permitting), at 6 p.m. at Rotary Park on Six Mile between Meridian and Farmington roads. The cost is a \$1 donation to help maintain the equipment.

The 13th Eagle Run Classic (a benefit for the Detroit Rescue Mission) at Maybury State Park in Northville Township will be held on Saturday, May 17. Registration forms and volunteer sign-up sheets will be available after Sunday morning and at many other Single Point events.

The Unique 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 the Single Point office at 422-1854.



Kevin Long/Christine Donlon

James and Sandra Donlon of Farmington Hills are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Christine Marie, to Kevin Long, the son of James and Nancy Long of Novi.

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Monkee takes last train to Northville

James Lee Stanley and Peter Tork will perform at the Raven Gallery Thursday, May 8. If the name Peter Tork sounds familiar it should. He is a former member of the Monkees who has his own solo album, *Stranger Things Have Happened*, which he co-produced with Stanley.

Stanley has 12 albums to his credit, the most recent being *Domino Harvest*.

Long-time friends, the duo has produced *Two Man Band*, a recording with just the two voices and the two guitars of Stanley and Tork. The songs come from the solo efforts of Tork and Stanley.

Each performs solo portions during the show and come together for inspired harmonies.

Stanley, an excellent musician with a dynamic, yet sensitive, voice is also a comedian, a writer and an actor. He has appeared in *Star Trek: Deep Space Nine* and *Born Secrecy Guard*.

Tork plays equally diverse songs on keyboard, banjo and guitar during his solo portion.

The Raven is located at 145 N. Center Street in Northville.

For details, call 349-9420.

Area choral members to perform in spring concert

The Madrigal Choral of Southfield, which includes Northville and Novi residents Virginia Falls, Robert and Linda Carr and Nancy McDonough, will celebrate spring with the sounds of beautiful music on Sunday, May 8, at 4 p.m. in the lovely old stone chapel at St. Hugo of the Hills Church in Bloomfield Hills on Opdyke Road north of Long Lake.

Concert highlights include the *Requiem* by Maurice Duruflé, and an eclectic array of 20th century composers.

Tickets are \$10 per person. Senior and student tickets are available for \$8. For tickets or more information, call (810) 445-6199.

The Madrigal Choral of Southfield is under the direction of Robert A. Martin.

It is a non-profit organization. Members volunteer their time and talent, work together to achieve vocal excellence and promote vocal education.

Submit items for the entertainment listings to *The Northville Record/Novi News*, 104 W. Main Street, Northville, MI 48167, or fax to 349-1050.

MARQUIS: The musical version of *The Shoemaker and the Elves* opens May 9.

The classic Brothers Grimm tale is the story of Lockhart Cobbstone, a poor, hardworking shoemaker who lives happily with his wife Matilda. They are both charitable people who often give more than they receive. One day their lives are transformed and enriched with a little help from some magical elves.

Performance dates and times are Friday, May 9, at 7 p.m.; Saturdays and Sundays May 10, 17, 18, 24, 25, 31 and June 7, at 2:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$5.50. No children under three and a half are admitted.

The Marquis Theatre is located at 135 E. Main Street in Northville. For general ticket information and group rates, special performance times and rates, call the theater at (810) 349-8110.

CHILDREN'S ANNEX: Performances of the *Novi Theatres' The Twelve Dancing Princesses*, directed by Linda Wickert, will be May 16 and 17 at 7:30 and May 18 at 3 p.m.

The fairy tale revolves around King Willy and his 12 daughters who mysteriously show up every morning with worn out shoes. Although the King continues to look them in their bedroom, the mystery falls to be unraveled by the parade of princesses who show up at the gates.

Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$7 for seniors and children under 12. Tickets purchased in advance are discounted \$1 each.

Performances are held at the Novi Civic Center Stage, 45175 West Ten Mile Road in Novi. For information, call (810) 347-0400.

BENEFIT BUFFET BREAKFAST: A benefit buffet breakfast for the Northville playscape project is being held at the Raven Gallery and Acoustic Cafe every Sunday from 10 a.m. to 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. May classes include "Spring has Sprung... Asparagus, Artichokes, Sweet Potatoes," on May 13 and "Cooking Together... Chinese Style," on May 20. All classes start at 6:30 p.m. Some classes are \$9 each per person.

For more information, call (810) 380-8600.

THE RAVEN GALLERY & ACOUSTIC CAFE: The Raven will present open mike night on Wednesdays, all acoustic music, string instruments, horns and some jazz on Thursday through Saturday evenings.

Upcoming performances include James Lee Stanley and Peter Tork on May 8; Michael Kelsey on May 9; Catfish Lodge on May 10; Jack Jull on May 15; Les Murdock on May 16; The Ron Coden Show on May 17 and Southern Soul on May 18.

The Raven is located at 145 N. Center Street in downtown Northville.

For ticket information or reservations, call 349-9420.

MR. B'S FARM: Tim Flaherty hosts an open blues jam every Tuesday from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Nancy K and The Tim Flaherty Trio will be performing every Sunday starting in May. Showtimes will be 8 p.m. to midnight.

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.

TIMBERS SEAFOOD GRILL: 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.

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

presenting a variety of entertainment acts nightly except Sundays.

Weekly 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. For details, call 305-8629.

SPORTS EDITION: Every weekend guests can enjoy live entertainment at the Sports Edition Bar, located inside the New Hilton Hotel, 21111 Haggerty Road.

The Sports Edition is home to Intrigue and other high-powered groups every weekend. A cover charge begins at 8 p.m.

STARTING GATE: The Starting Gate Saloon offers live music every Friday and Saturday night from 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.

The Starting Gate is located at 135 N. Center St. in downtown Northville.

TOO CHEZ: Too Chez, located across from Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi, offers live jazz entertainment from 6 to 10 p.m. Mondays and 7 to 11 p.m. Fridays.

ART

ART SOURCE: Art Source, located at 126 Main Centre in Northville, features prints, museum reproductions, art posters, photographs, etchings, and custom framing. Business hours are Monday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and on Friday until 8 p.m. or by appointment.

For details, call (810) 348-1213.

D&M ART STUDIO: D&M Art Studio features works of various artists in the gallery and cappuccino bar.

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For details, call 380-7059.

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Coming Back

Wildcats sweep Lions with dramatic rallies

By SCOTT DANIEL
Sports Editor

The Wildcat baseball team made the mother of all comebacks Thursday at home against South Lyon.

Trailing the Lions 9-0 in the fourth inning, Novi High battled back and eventually won 12-10. The Wildcats then made another somewhat less dramatic comeback to take the nightcap and sweep South Lyon.

Catch Brian Howard said his players were just about at their lowest point of the season when they trailed in game one. A 10-run rally in the fifth inning changed that, however.

"Their spirits all of a sudden came up from a three or four to a nine or ten," he said. "I can't say enough for these kids' character."

The sweep kept Novi in the league race. The Wildcats are 6-4 in the Kensington Valley Conference, three games behind Brighton.

Had his team not made the comeback, the league season would've been over, Howard said.

"It would've dropped us off the face of the Earth," he added.

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Matt Gabrielli lined a shot off of his pitching hand to the fourth inning and forced him out of the contest.

The Wildcats then exploded for 10 runs in the fifth.

Jerry Ayers and Adam Stricker led the comeback by smacking two-run singles each. Mark Churella and P.J. Powers added RBI hits. Novi had seven hits and two walks in the uprising.

South Lyon tied the game in the sixth with a run on a double and a sacrifice. But Powers got the game-winning run home in the bottom of the frame with a double.

Novi led 12-10 after six innings. Krause shut down the Lions in the seventh to get the victory.

Novi won the nightcap 8-3.

South Lyon took a 2-0 lead in the first. Krause cut the lead in half with a solo home run also in the first.

The Wildcats tied the game in the fourth. After falling behind in the fifth, Novi rallied for six runs in the bottom of the inning.

Krause, Doug Mink and Brian Hill picked up RBI.

Scott Krause went the distance on the mound. He allowed six hits and struck out five.

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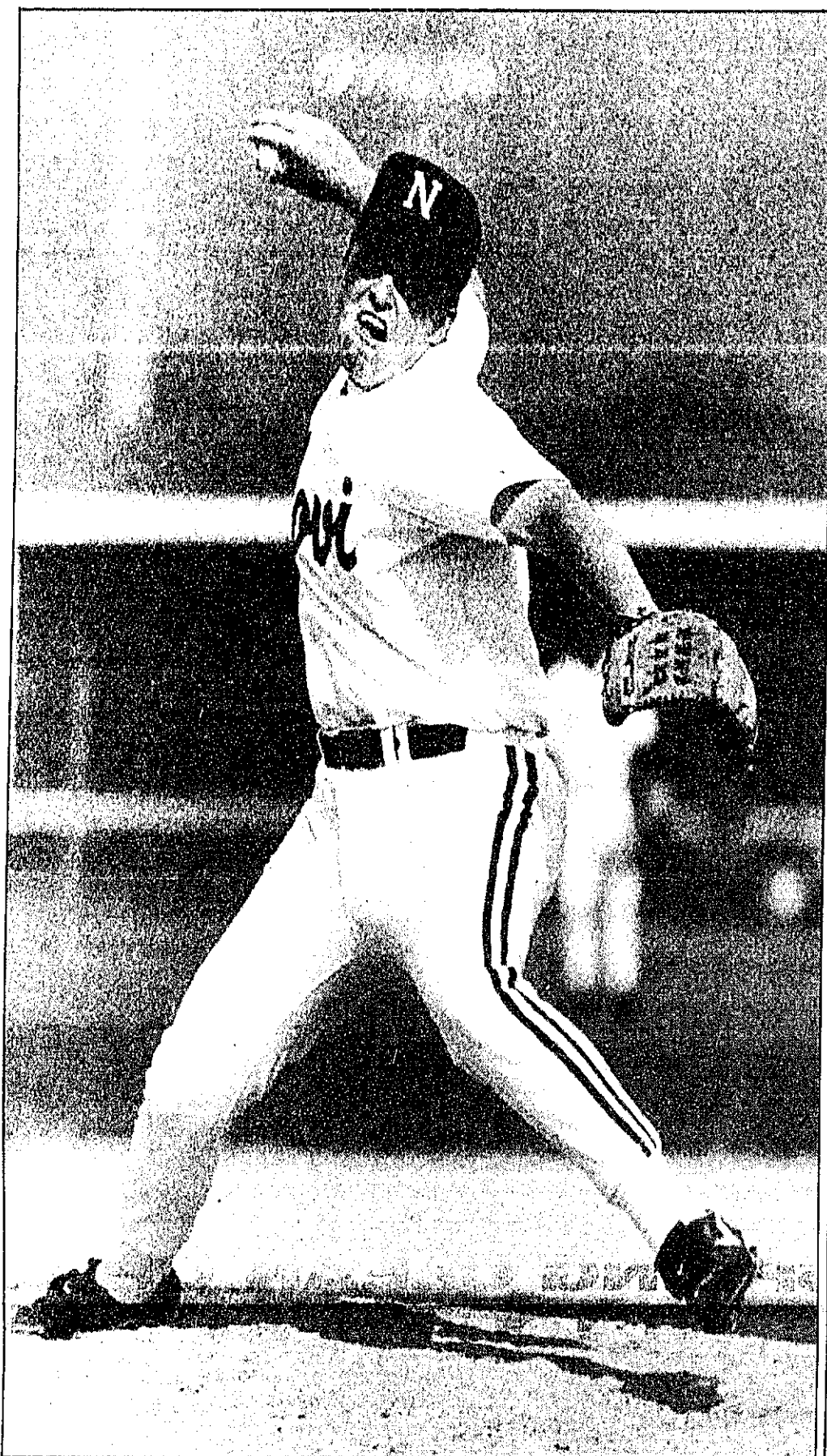
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Adam Stricker is one of Novi's top starting pitchers and also an excellent hitter for the Wildcats.

Golfers fifth at county meet

By SCOTT DANIEL
Sports Editor

When the Wildcat golf team began competing four years ago, winning a match was a struggle.

Now Novi High can legitimately say it's one of the best teams in the area. The Wildcats proved that point by placing fifth at the Oakland County meet on April 29 at the Pontiac Country Club.

"The girls didn't think they played that well," coach Deb Harris said. "I thought they did. They got off the tee very well."

Farmington Hills Mercy won the county championship with a score in the 360s. The Wildcats were fifth with a score of 399.

Katie Miller's performance highlighted Novi's day. She made All-Oakland County by finishing eighth overall.

The junior shot a 93 for 18 holes. Erin Stevens finished with a 101. Tara Stevens a 102 and Amanda Curly a 103.

Harris said the country club wasn't one of the more difficult courses her team has played this year.

"It's pretty wide open," she commented. "You can't get in a lot of trouble."

Novi's lone victories came at first and second singles.

Neil Shiposh, who is a defending KVC champion, beat Kowalczyk 6-3, 6-4. Mike Cough needed three sets to edge Chirgwin, 2-6, 6-3, 7-6.

The Wildcats dominated from that point on.

Hayes took a comeback victory over Joe Nashar, 4-6, 6-1, 6-1. Duprey played fourth singles and beat Frier Basho 6-0, 6-1.

Baetens and Gabriel whipped Brad Wilson and

Justin Mathers 6-1, 6-0. Angelecci and Adam Fischer took care of Kristian Kristorp 2-6, 6-2, 6-1.

At third doubles, Namm and Yoon defeated Steve Glaser and Kendall Shen 6-2, 7-5. Zatokln and Gupta beat Mike Burris and Mark Daklan 6-4, 6-2.

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Catholic Central downs Wildcats

By SCOTT DANIEL
Sports Editor

Lacrosse is difficult enough playing opponents straight up. But when you're playing a man down, it becomes next to impossible to win. Novi High has had problems staying out of the penalty box most of the season.

But coach Stan Zajdel doesn't blame his Wildcats for the 25 infractions heaped on them in Thursday's 21-6 road loss to Redford Catholic Central.

"It was a good game until the referees took it over," he said. "It was the worst officiated game I've ever seen."

The Wildcats have averaged about six penalties per game this season. Zajdel said officials called fouls on many contact situations that aren't normally called.

Catholic Central got its share of penalties, too. But, Zajdel said, more were called on Novi. More than half of the Shamrocks goals came on man-advantage situations, he added.

"(Officials) were calling bad fouls both ways," Zajdel said. As one of the top three or four

teams in the Michigan Scholastic Lacrosse Association, Catholic Central would've been tough to beat under the best of circumstances.

Zajdel said Novi played well despite all the penalties. The Wildcats trailed just 9-4 at halftime.

Catholic Central put the game out of reach early in the third quarter with several extra-man goals. Zajdel disagreed with many of the calls against the Wildcats.

"(Officials) took all contact out of the game," he said. Novi goal scorers in the game were: Brian Fischer, Chris Johnson, Pat O'Boyle, Anthony Valtorni, Justin Dallas and Matt Bailey. Each had one goal.

Novi is currently 2-6 overall and 1-4 in the top division of the MSLA.

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The Wildcats to Detroit Country Day High School on April 29 and played well in defeat.

Novi trailed by just a couple of goals heading into the third period, but couldn't keep up with a veteran Yellow Jackets' team.

"We had a lull in the third quarter," Zajdel said. "We had the game in our control and let it slip away."

Johnson led Novi with three goals and two assists. Bailey, O'Boyle and Jason Rafeldt added goals.



Cory Darling is Novi's second leading scorer with eight goals.

Softballers fall twice to South Lyon

By SCOTT DANIEL
Sports Editor

As hot as the Wildcat softball team was at the start of the season, it's cold now.

Novi High dropped a home doubleheader to South Lyon Friday. A combination of poor defense and silent bats led to the setbacks.

Coach Carol Diglio said her young team is going through a maturing process. Basically, she said, her players need to relax, focus and play the kind of ball they're capable of.

"We're still a good team," she added. "But with a young team we just need to start over and take the emphasis off winning and losing. We need to make it fun again."

Novi has lost seven of its last eight, but still sports an overall winning record of 10-8. The Wildcats began the year by winning nine of ten.

South Lyon took Friday's opener 15-7. The Wildcats led 6-3 after three innings but couldn't keep South Lyon from rallying. The Lions scored five runs in the fifth and seven more in the seventh to blow the game open.

Poor Novi defense had a lot to do with the visitors' outburst. The Wildcats committed eight errors in the game, four of which came

in the seventh.

"It's executing the routine plays," Diglio said. "The girls need to learn to execute for seven innings."

South Lyon took the nightcap 8-3. The Lions scored six runs in the first inning and never looked back.

"We didn't come out hitting," Diglio said. Novi managed six hits. Any Edwards had two of them.

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No shortcuts to getting in shape

Americans are spending over \$30 billion a year to lose weight. We search for the answer in books, pills, drinks, the latest diet or magic machine on the infomercial.

Most will not reach their desired goal. The few who do will probably not maintain it.

There are plenty of myths about how to get in shape. Unfortunately, without proper public education on the subject, people are constantly looking for the easy way out, and as long as talented sales people and manufacturers can write a good story, there will always be myths.

The good news is, there are also plenty of truths. Unfortunately, many people don't want to hear them. There is ample hard evidence, substantiated by well constructed studies, that truly follows the laws of human physiology. The trick is assembling the truths and separating the myths.

To begin, the overall goal should be focusing on altering your body composition (between lean muscle and body fat), not just losing weight. There are five key factors that must be

addressed to accomplish and maintain your goal, while achieving overall health. Having the perfect measurements does not necessarily make one healthy. Energy level, sleep patterns, stress levels, etc., contribute to overall wellness.

The five areas include:

- Proper food intake - Consume calories that are below an individual's maintenance level. This creates a need to use stored fat for energy (body fat). Age, gender, genetic capabilities, physical activity level, lean body mass, personal lifestyle and fitness goals are all key factors when addressing this area.

- Proper cardiovascular prescription - Cardiovascular activity is needed to mobilize the stored fat in order to help supply the missing below-maintenance calories. However, this creates the need for more nutrients to perform the added exercise. These nutrients must come without the calories because the addition of calories to acquire these nutrients will hinder or halt fat loss.

- Proper food supplementation - This will

supply the above maintenance level of nutrients now needed without the calories. This allows the body to use its own stored calories.

- Proper weight training prescription - This will create the need to preserve or increase lean muscle tissue and will be accomplished if all nutrients (food and supplements) and calories (food and body fat) are made available.

- Systematic application - As the body changes and adapts, the prescription must also change. When all variables are properly controlled for the individual, genetic predisposition will determine the rate of change and amount of work needed to make this favorable change.

So remember there is no secret. But if you have a goal and the desire and you apply these five factors, you can have the body you want, feel great and maintain it for life.

This article was written by Chris Klebba, president of the Water Wheel Health Club in Northville. For information about the club, call 449-7634.

Asthma a major public health problem

Asthma is a significant public health problem that affects one in 10 Americans and costs more than \$6.2 billion annually in emergency room visits, hospitalization and time lost from work.

Despite the availability of effective treatment, the incidence of asthma is sharply increasing. The number of children with asthma has doubled since 1980, and those experiencing the greatest increase are African Americans in polluted urban areas.

Deaths from this respiratory disorder also are on the rise: In 1976, one person in 100,000 died from asthma. Today that ratio is 3.5 in 100,000. That equals about 15,000 asthma-related deaths a year.

Asthma doesn't have to be fatal, and it doesn't have to keep people from going to work, school or otherwise leading a normal life.

The drugs and other interventions necessary to manage symptoms and prevent recurrent attacks of wheezing and breathlessness aren't new - anti-inflammatory medications and bronchodilators have been around for 20 years. What is new is the idea of patient self-management: teaching asthma sufferers the best way to use these tools and customize their treatment plans to fit their individual needs and lifestyles.

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For example, studies have shown that 80 percent of patients don't use their inhalers properly. By teaching and reinforcing the proper techniques, and by simplifying their drug regimen - both in quantity and frequency - patients are more likely to comply with their treatment and enjoy better long-term results.

At the University of Michigan Medical Center's Asthma Airways Clinic, specialists in pulmonary (respiratory) disease, allergy, public health and patient education have developed a self-management program for people with moderate to severe asthma.

During the course of four office visits spaced out over a year, patients learn how to assess their asthma symptoms and, using a customized treatment plan, administer the proper amounts of the right medications. They also learn how to identify and avoid asthma "triggers" such as dust and animal dander by keeping a detailed diary of their symptoms; control panic through the use of biofeedback techniques; recognize when it is appropriate to go to

the emergency room; and how to effectively communicate with their primary care doctors who are also considered an integral part of the treatment team.

By having patients participate as partners in their care, we've seen dramatic improvement in their quality of life. One year after completing our self-management program, our patients have been able to reduce their annual hospital stays from five days to one, decrease their emergency room visits from 12 to one, and cut their missed days at work from 80 to 15.

It's not magic, nor is it blinding insight. Self-management means learning to recognize and modify one's exposure to asthma triggers and being able to anticipate problems and head them off before they escalate into full-blown attacks. It means listening to your body talking, then knowing what to do when you hear it.

For more information, call the U-M Asthma Airways Clinic at (313) 998-7207, or U-M Tele-Care, 1-800-742-2300, ext. 5455.

This article was written by William Bria, M.D., assistant professor of Internal Medicine and the co-director of the Asthma Airways Clinic, the University of Michigan Medical Center.

Health Notes

Diabetes

Currently there are an estimated 800,000 insulin-dependent A bimonthly group just for insulin-dependent young adults, ages 20-40, dealing with the tough issues associated with diabetes. Free, 7 p.m. Botsford's Health Development Network, 39750 Grand River Ave., Novi. For more information, call (248) 477-6100.

Women, ages 40-60, are invited to attend the Prime Time Discussion and Support Group on Wednesday, May 14. This free, informal gathering will serve as an enlightening - and empowering - exchange of views on topics concerning mid-life changes. This month, Sandy Plummer MSW, the director of Botsford's Geropsych Unit will give the presentation "The Mind and Body Link." The session is held 7-8:30 p.m. at Botsford General Hospital, 28050 Grand River Ave., Conference Room 3-West, in Farmington Hills. For more information, call (810) 477-6100.

Health Development Network is a department of Botsford General Hospital offering health and wellness education programs to neighboring communities and industry.

Support Group

The Diabetes Support Group will meet on Wednesday, May 14, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the hospital auditorium. James Mieras R.Ph., a registered pharmacist at the hospital, will be guest speaker. His topic will be "The New Diabetes Drugs."

The support group meets the second Wednesday of each month in the hospital auditorium. There is no charge to attend the support group meeting and registration is not required. For more information, call the St. Mary Hospital Community Outreach Department at (313) 655-2922.

AIDS

A premarital AIDS class will be held on Saturday, May 17, from 11 a.m. to noon, in the West Addition Conference Room A.

Those who wish to marry in Michigan are required to receive information about sexually transmitted diseases such as HIV/AIDS before applying for a marriage license. Upon completion of the class, each person will receive the certificate necessary to obtain a marriage license. Certificates are valid for 60 days. Registration is required. Cost is \$15 per person or \$25 per couple.

To register, call (313) 655-3314 or toll free at 1-800-494-1615.

I Can Cope

"I Can Cope" program for cancer patients, their family and friends from May 27 through July 1. The free, six-week educational series sponsored by the American Cancer Society will meet on Tuesdays from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the first floor Conference Room near the Five Mile entrance. Dates are May 27, June 3, 10, 17, 24 and July 1.

"I Can Cope" is a free program sponsored by the American Cancer Society designed to help newly diagnosed cancer patients, their friends and family members learn how to take an active role in their treatment and recovery. The program runs for six weeks and focuses on a different aspect of cancer treatment each week. Speakers include a social worker, pharmacist, registered dietitian, registered nurse, oncologist and radiation oncologist.

Registration is requested by Friday, May 23, by calling. There is no charge for the program. For more information or to register, please call (313) 655-2922 or 1-800-494-1650.

Sports Injuries

The seminar "Preventing Sports-Related Injury" will be held on Thursday, May 15, at 7 p.m. in the second floor auditorium.

Ronald Lederman M.D., orthopedic surgeon, will discuss how to prevent sports injuries in the active person of any age. Learn about exercise safety tips.

For more information or to register, call toll-free, 1-888-362-2500, by May 14.

This program is offered at the DMC Health Care Center in Novi, located on Twelve Mile between Novi and Meadowbrook roads.

Fathers

"Fathers Who Care," an eight-week program on Tuesdays, May 6-June 24, from 6-7:30 p.m. in the second floor auditorium at the Detroit Medical Center. Topics discussed include how to be a dad, showing your child you care, talking and bonding with your child, and more.

To register, call toll-free, 1-888-362-2500. There is no charge.

This program is offered at the DMC Health Care Center in Novi, located on Twelve Mile between Novi and Meadowbrook roads.

Support Group

Huron Valley Hospital is hosting an Ostomy Support Group beginning Thursday, May 22. This group meets on the fourth Thursday in May, July, September, January and March from 7-8:30 p.m.

Professionals will provide a variety of topics to increase the patients' knowledge of ostomies and coping skills.

For more information or to be added to the mailing list, call 1-888-632-2500.

Stuffy Noses

A free seminar entitled "Stuffy Noses - Allergies, Sinusitis and Deviated Septums" will be given on Tuesday, May 13, in the Conference Center of Huron Valley Hospital.

Howard Yerman M.D., a board-certified ear, nose and throat specialist will discuss the different causes of nasal congestion and their treatment.

For more information or to register, call toll-free, 1-888-362-2500, by May 7.

Health education library

Providence Hospital and Medical Centers is now making its health education library open to the public.

The library has books, video tapes, computer databases, pamphlets and anatomical models available to the public which can be used to learn about illnesses, medications, parenting skills or other health issues.

The library is located at Providence Medical Center-Providence Park, 47601 Grand River, and is open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call (810) 380-4110 for more information.

Blood Pressure Checks

Providence Medical Center-Providence Park is offering free blood pressure checks Monday-Friday, 9-11 a.m.

Area residents are invited to visit Providence Medical Center-Providence Park, located at 47601 Grand River Ave., to obtain this free service. Screening will take place in Providence's Emergency Care Center located within the center.

For further information, contact (810) 380-4225.

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, May 14 - Nutrition and Meal Planning, presented by Debra Consiglio, RN, CDE.

E-Z Yoga

This six-week class enhances flexibility, strengthens muscles, improves breathing and promotes relaxation. Day and evening classes are available.

The fee is \$30-40. Call the Botsford Center for Health Improvement, (810) 473-5600 to register.

Prostate Cancer Educational Support Group

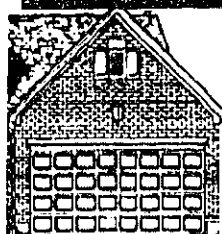
Offering knowledgeable speakers each month, this support group provides both encouragement and education about prostate cancer, its treatments and the physical and emotional issues associated with it.

It meets the third Monday of every month at 7 p.m. and it's free. Sessions take place in Botsford's 2 East A Conference Room, 28050 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills. For more information, call (810) 477-6100.

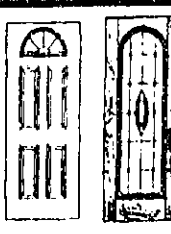


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