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Developer hits residents with lawsuit

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Thirty-four Whispering Meadows homeowners are being sued for over \$1 million by Eight-Hagerty Properties II, led by developer Joe Gerak, who hopes to sell the land for an 81-room Ramada Express hotel.

As one of three parties to a 1984 covenant undertaken by the developer when seeking a rezoning of the Hagerty Road land, the adjoining homeowners have refused to sign off on a new, amended agreement until their conditions were met.

"The problem was, each of the homeowners was asking for something else, not necessarily what the other homeowners were asking for," said Martin Weisman, the developer's lawyer.

"We were getting very frustrated. Ramada was ready to walk."

Filed on May 5, the lawsuit states that the controversy has the "economic effect of chilling development of the Ramada Express project and the closing of the purchases on that portion of the land, as well as chilling the

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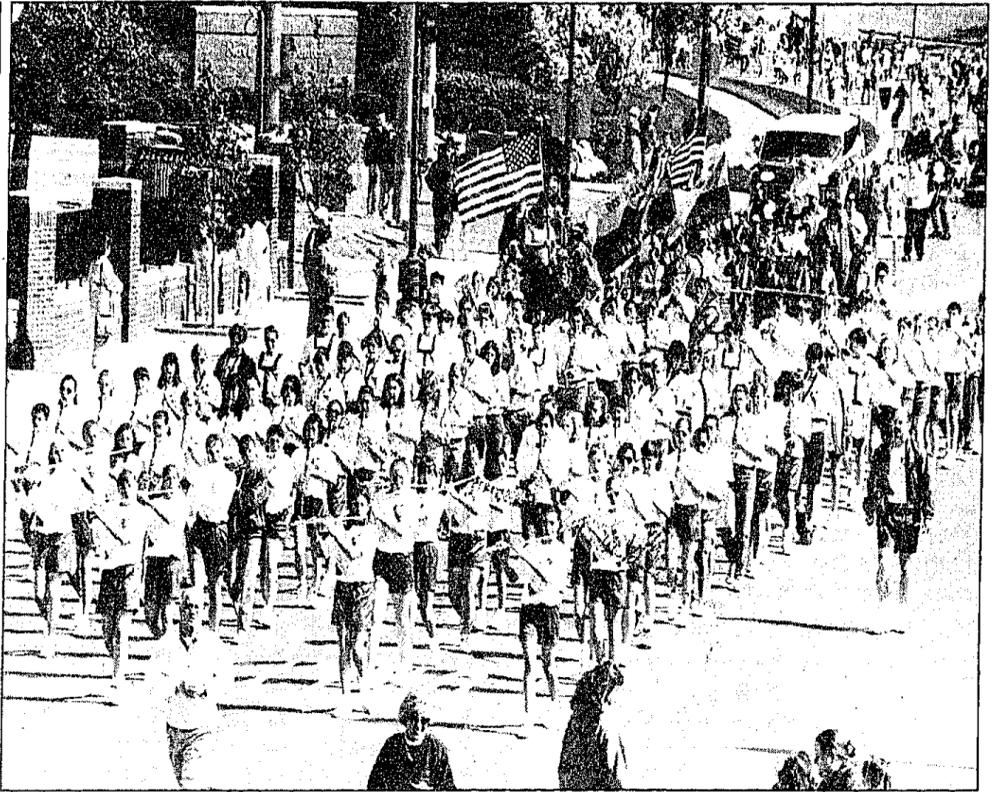
David Chardavoyne
Attorney

sale of other parcels of land and inhibiting the financing and development of the Extended Stay America and Ramada Express projects.

"What have these people done that would entitle anybody to a million dollars?" asked David Chardavoyne, a lawyer representing one of the couples.

Chardavoyne said he didn't want to meet Tuesday night with the rest of the homeowners. A response from the homeowners' has not yet been filed with the Oakland County Circuit Court.

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A day to remember

Novi's Memorial Day Parade Monday was the first to be routed down the city's new Main Street. But the majority of the crowd congregated near the doughnut stand run by Tom Marcus on Novi Road. Between 2,000 and 3,000 people lined the streets to watch members of some 32 groups march by. "There was a decent turnout in the Main Street and Novi Road area. It was a good crowd of people," Novi Parks Director Dan Davis said. Above, the Novi Middle School Band marches down Market Street toward Main. At left, Matthew, 3, Stephen and Lisa Green, of Novi, watch as the classic cars roll down Main Street. More photos appear on page 12.

Photo by THOMAS HIBBELN

Mayors trade places, knowledge

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
and JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Perhaps you saw the RevCon RV tooling around town, stopping at various local attractions and unloading city officials who managed to grab a bite to eat almost everywhere they went.

No, this wasn't a Taste of Novi on wheels. It was Mayor's Exchange Day. Midland Mayor R. Drummond Black and company were taking a spin through Novi, as part of the annual Michigan Week celebrations. This week,

Mayor Kathleen McLallen was expected to breeze through Midland.

Last year, McLallen traded places with Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer.

"It's been an amazingly good opportunity. Our communities are amazingly similar. This is the first time we've had a city that's very similar," McLallen said. "We've had a lot of fun learning."

For Black, too, this was a first. Previously he had only driven through on I-96 and had never

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DeRoche tosses hat in ring

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Count Craig DeRoche in.

DeRoche is the first to formally announce that he is a candidate for the Novi City Council.

With an unprecedented five of the seven council seats - including the mayor's job - up for grabs in November, this year is considered to be an unusually favorable time to make a try for an elected post in Novi government.

"A lot can change in a short time when a city is growing as fast as Novi and the five people

that are elected in November will be the ones who are the most 'in touch' with what the citizens really want from the city's government," DeRoche said.

While he now chairs the Novi's Futuring Committee, DeRoche first jumped into the local limelight last year when he was one of three vying in the Republican state representative primary. He lost out to then Novi city council member, now state representative, Nancy Cassis.

One of the council openings is to fill the remainder of Cassis's

term. His involvement with the futuring process is largely why DeRoche said he decided to seek a city council term. As a chair of the steering committee, he said, "I don't have the authority to implement the positive changes." But council members do.

DeRoche is also vice-chair of the city's Economic Development Corporation.

He added that he "absolutely" did not expect to find himself running for office again so soon

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HOW TO FILE

Any adult Novi resident who wants to make a try for council can pick up a petition at the Novi City Clerk's office. The first day that petitions may be turned in to the clerk's office is June 23; the last day is July 11 by 4 p.m. Each petition must have 100 signatures, or the applicant can pay \$100.

Cookie sale means money for playscape

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

A new cookie on the market has helped to raise money for the Tim Pope Memorial Playscape.

Eric Muller and his mint chocolate chip crispy rice treats with sprinkles was just one of the 100-some second grade bakers at Novi Woods who learned a lesson in both economics and charity.

"It was a culminating activity for social studies unit on needs and wants, kind of a mini-economics," said teacher Roberta Lazar.

The five second grade classes at Novi Woods chose to hold a bake sale last month in order to test the theory of supply and demand and try their hands at producing a product and marketing it to the rest of the school.

Eric Muller said he learned a lot.

"If the decoration is colorful and catches the consumer's eye,

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Equipment, safety are addressed in bond issue

Novi Community School District voters will head to the polls June 9 to decide on a \$5.5 million bond proposal that would improve the district's parking lots and access roads, athletic fields and playgrounds. The proposal was drafted by a committee of residents.

The following is part two in a three-part series that will look at what the district wants to do with taxpayers' money and why.

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

Playground sites at Novi schools run the gamut from large expansive spaces with little equipment, to tighter quarters with new colorful structures.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

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Police investigate mail tampering

Novi Police are investigating a case of mail tampering that occurred May 19.

According to police, a Sarah Flynn resident said she placed an envelope containing a payment receipt and a check for \$350 in the mail that morning. However, later that day, her neighbor found the envelope torn open and the check missing.

Police News

JUST LOOKING

The Fuerst home was broken into May 19, although the only damage was to the door, kicked in by unknown suspects.

Police were called to the scene after two Novi Community School District employees saw two men near the home at the corner of Taft and Ten Mile roads. The employees confronted the men, a 31-year-old Novi man and a 29-year-old Novi man, who denied kicking in the door and said they were looking at the home for a friend who buys property.

Police made no arrests and said there was nothing in the home to take.

COMPACTOR, KITCHEN AND BATH HARDWARE, a futon, sick strippers, four toilet seats, shower trim, a medicine cabinet, lighting fixtures and light bulbs.

DETAIL STATISTICS

Novi police issued one dozen verbal warnings for traffic infractions May 16 as part of the Safe and Sober detail. Two drunk driving citations were issued along with five tickets for possession of marijuana, minor in possession and open intoxicants in a motor vehicle.

Another Safe and Sober detail May 17 resulted in two drunk driving arrests, one possession of marijuana paraphernalia citation, 17 tickets for various infractions and 14 verbal warnings.

PHOTO PROVIDES LEAD

A prom photo is leading Novi police to the suspect of an attempted automobile break-in May 21.

According to police, an officer spotted a white male running from the parking lot of the Farmington Hills Chrysler Plymouth dealership on Haggerty Road nearly 1 a.m. The officer chased the suspect into the woods but lost sight of him. Back in the lot, police found a tire iron, jack and socket wrench near a Dodge Caravan and Jeep Wrangler, both propped on cement blocks.

APPLIANCE THEFT

Unknown suspects ran away with a long list of appliances and fixtures from a Broadmoor Park home, May 16-19.

Police said there was no forced entry to the home which was under construction but nearly finished. The suspects may have cracked the lock-box combination.

Taken from the home was a garbage disposal, oven range, microwave, dishwasher, trash

compactors, kitchen and bath hardware, a futon, sick strippers, four toilet seats, shower trim, a medicine cabinet, lighting fixtures and light bulbs.

SUSPECTS HAD KEY

Unknown suspects used a master key to enter a Springs Apartment and take a VCR, jewelry, camera and leather coat May 17. Police said the key was left behind on the floor. The tenant just recently moved in from Minnesota.

SPEEDY DRIVER

Novi police arrested a 20-year-old Wixom man for drunk driving after clocking him on the I-96 freeway driving at 103 mph at 1 a.m. May 18.

Police said they also confiscated 6.7 grams of marijuana and a 19-year-old passenger from Ferris State University was arrested for possession. The driver failed several sobriety tests and reportedly told police he had been drinking at a graduation party in St. Clair

the man.

Detroit officers investigated the suspect about 11:40 p.m. at his Detroit home. He said he was shopping at Fairlane Mall until 9:35 and went to his sister's home in Detroit immediately after.

Police noted he was wearing blue jeans, a burgundy shirt and lockports. He was not arrested. Police did say the man has a twin.

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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.

TONNI BARTHOLOMEW, CITY CLERK

ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION

NOTICE OF ANNUAL ELECTION OF THE ELECTORS OF NORTHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS WAYNE, OAKLAND AND WASHTENAW COUNTIES, MICHIGAN TO BE HELD JUNE 9, 1997

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT:

Please Take Notice that the annual election of the school district will be held on Monday, June 9, 1997.

THE POLLS OF ELECTION WILL OPEN AT 7 O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING AND CLOSE AT 8 O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING.

At the annual school election there will be elected one (1) member to the board of education of the district for a full term of four (4) years ending in 2001.

THE FOLLOWING PERSON HAS BEEN NOMINATED TO FILL SUCH VACANCY:

Judith A. Handley

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the following proposition will be submitted to the vote of the electors at the annual school election:

BONDING PROPOSAL

Shall Northville Public Schools, Wayne, Oakland and Washtenaw Counties, Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed Sixty-One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$61,500,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds therefor, for the purpose of:

- erecting, furnishing and equipping a new high school building;
- erecting, furnishing and equipping additions to and partially remodeling, refurbishing and re-equipping school buildings;
- acquiring and installing educational technology system improvements and purchasing school buses; and
- developing and improving playgrounds, outdoor physical education and athletic facilities and sites?

(Pursuant to State law, expenditure of bond proceeds must be audited, and the proceeds cannot be used for repair or maintenance costs, teacher, administrator or employee salaries, or other operating expenses.)

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT THE BONDS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT, IF APPROVED BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE ELECTORS AT THIS ELECTION, WILL BE GENERAL OBLIGATION UNLIMITED TAX BONDS PAYABLE FROM GENERAL AD VALOREM TAXES.

SCHOOLCRAFT COMMUNITY COLLEGE REGULAR BIENNIAL ELECTION

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Regular Biennial Election of Schoolcraft Community College, Michigan, will be held at the same time and at the same voting places as the annual school election on Monday, June 9, 1997, and will be conducted by the same school officials for those electors of the community college district residing in the school district.

At the Regular Biennial Election there will be elected two (2) members for the office of Community College District Trustee for full terms of six (6) years ending June 30, 2003.

THE FOLLOWING PERSONS HAVE BEEN NOMINATED TO FILL SUCH VACANCIES:

SIX YEAR TERMS (VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN 2)

Richard J. De Vries Carol M. Stiom

THE VOTING PLACES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

PRECINCT NO. 1

Voting Place: Northville Recreation Department, 303 West Main Street, Northville, Michigan

PRECINCT NO. 2

Voting Place: Silver Springs School, 19801 Silver Springs Drive, Northville, Michigan

PRECINCT NO. 3

Voting Place: Winchester School, 16141 Winchester Drive, Northville, Michigan

PRECINCT NO. 4

Voting Place: Amerman Elementary School, 847 North Center Street, Northville, Michigan

PRECINCT NO. 5

Voting Place: Northville Recreation Department, 303 West Main Street, Northville, Michigan

PRECINCT NO. 6

Voting Place: Moreau School, 45811 West Eight Mile Road, Northville, Michigan

PRECINCT NO. 7

Voting Place: Thornton Creek Elementary School, 46180 Nine Mile Road, Novi, Michigan

PRECINCT NO. 8

Voting Place: Meads Mill Middle School, 16700 Franklin Road, Northville, Michigan

All school electors who are registered with the city or township clerk of the city or township in which they reside are eligible to vote at this election.

This Notice is given by order of the board of education.

JEAN HANSEN, SECRETARY, BOARD OF EDUCATION (5-29-97 NR, NN 23580)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 1997-1998 BUDGET

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on June 9, 1997, at 7:30 o'clock p.m. at Old Village Schools, Northville, Michigan, the Board of Education of Northville Public Schools will hold a public hearing to consider the districts proposed 1997-1998 budget.

The Board may not adopt its proposed 1997-1998 budget until after the public hearing. A copy of the proposed 1997-1998 budget including the proposed property tax millage rate is available for public inspection during normal business hours after June 2, 1997, at the Business Office, 201 West Main Street, Northville, Michigan.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

This notice is given by order of the Board of Education.

JEAN HANSEN, SECRETARY (5-29-97 NR, NN 23591)

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and related items.

Plans, Specifications and other Contract Documents may be examined at the office of the City Clerk or at the office of the Engineer, JCK & ASSOCIATES, INC., 45650 Grand River Ave., Novi, Michigan 48374, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on and after **May 20, 1997**. They may be obtained from the Engineer upon payment of \$25.00 per set, non-refundable. Documents will be mailed to prospective bidders upon request accompanied by an additional payment of \$5.00 per set, non-refundable.

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The City of Novi reserves the right to reject any or all Proposals and to waive any informality or irregularity in any Proposal, in the interest of the City of Novi.

(5-29-97 NR, NN 23146) TONNI BARTHOLOMEW, CITY CLERK

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NOVI PLANNING COMMISSION
KIM THOMAS CAPELLO, SECRETARY
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(5-29-97 NR, NN 23823)

REQUEST FOR BIDS SALE OF USED VEHICLES

The City of Novi will sell the following vehicles by sealed bid. Bids will be received until 3:00 P.M., prevailing eastern time, June 11, 1997 at the Office of the Purchasing Director, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48375.

1991 Chevy Caprice Classic 4 Door	Black & White	1G1BL570N117479
Mileage: 80,122.6		
1992 Chevy Caprice Classic 4 Door	Black & White	1G1BL537XN116100
Mileage: 53,331.8		
1989 Chevy Cavalier 4 Door	Cranberry	1G1JL511J7181114
Mileage: 75,965.3		
1996 Chevy Cavalier 4 Door	Light Blue	1G1J038P292746492
Mileage: 41,656.7		
1991 Chevy Caprice Classic 4 Door	Light Grey	1G1BL575M11282635
Mileage: 91,899.2		
1984 Chevy Pickup 2 Door	Green	2GDCD14D4E1142844
Mileage: 86,054.5		
1979 GMC Van 5 Door	Blue	CGM35A0101695
Mileage: 95,719.2		
1978 Ford F-700 Sewer Jet Truck 2 Door	Yellow	F70FCE8333
Mileage: 11,593.2		
1986 Plymouth 4 Door	White	1P3B2624X40391
Mileage: 53,710		
1992 Chevy Caprice 4 Door	Black & White	1G1BL537XN118155
Mileage: 80,528		
1987 Chevy Cavalier 4 Door	Gold	1G1JL511J7181294
Mileage: 41,262		

These vehicles are sold as is. Vehicles may be inspected at the DPW facility, 26300 Delwal, Novi, Michigan. CASH OR CASHIER'S CHECK are the only acceptable method of payment.

CAROL J. KALINOVIK, PURCHASING DIRECTOR (5-29-97 NR, NN 23944)

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42200 Grand River, (5 blocks E. of Novi Rd.) 4 minutes from 12 Oaks Mall 810-344-2551 Mon, Thurs Fri 10-9 Tues, Wed Sat 10-5 Sun 12-4

Novi Briefs

Where to vote

Voters will go to the polls June 9, for a Novi Community Schools \$5.5 million bond proposal and School Board election.

Here's where to go to vote:

If you have precinct numbers 7, 10, 12, 13, 14, 16 or 17 in city, state, or national elections you vote at Precinct 1 the Instructional Technology Center at 25425 Taft Road.

If you have precinct numbers 2, 5, 6, 7 or 11 in city, state, or national elections you vote at Precinct 2 Orchard Hills Elementary at 14900 Quince.

If you have precinct numbers 1, 3, 4, 6 or 7 in city, state, or national elections you vote at Precinct 3 Village Oaks Elementary at 23333 Willowbrook.

Some districts overlap so call the Novi Community School District at 449-1200 for more information.

Walking the dog

Bring your pet on a leash no longer than six feet (that's a must) and join on Providence Medical Center's Walk Michigan program on Wednesday, June 4, at 8 p.m.

The stroll is at the Novi Civic Center, where refreshments for pets and humans will be available, as well as prizes. Actually, even without an animal, people are welcome. All walkers have a choice of a one mile or 1.75 mile course. The only real requirement, keep that puppy under control!

Oodles of software donated

When a California software company offered to donate state-of-the-art computer software to the Novi Community School District, Novi High School District and Miller was elated.

When 60 boxes full of software valued at \$87,000 appeared at the high school door, Miller was ecstatic.

A friend of Miller's called him a couple weeks ago to ask if the district could use the software. Syntac, was donating to educational institutions nationwide. Of course, he said, and ran the information by Technology Coordinator Jim Fry. Miller said even Fry was surprised by the amount and quality of the items.

"It's stuff we would have eventually had to buy but haven't bought," because of the heavy expense, Miller explained.

The software includes virus software for the Internet system and management software.

State seeking volunteers for 'Fishing in the Parks'

If you love to fish and would like to help others get hooked, the "Fishing in the Parks" program is for you.

The Department of Natural Resources is looking for anglers to volunteer at the "Fishing in the Parks" program on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. June 17-Aug. 2, at millon call Pontiac Lake Recreation area at (248) 660-1020.

Waterford.

Volunteers will help people of all ages to tie knots, bait hooks, cast lines and remove fish from hooks. Volunteers can work as many Tuesdays as they would like.

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State lawmakers find unexpected gain in revenue

By TIM RICHARD
Staff Writer

"The economy is now expected to enter a period of relatively strong growth and low unemployment..."

House Fiscal Agency report

The HFA told lawmakers the state was \$1.2 billion below the limit of \$21.7 billion imposed by the 1978 Headlee amendment to the Michigan Constitution. That failed to stop Bill McMaster, chair of the equally Michigan Taxpayers United, from blistering the "ambush plan" of top Republican officials to raise fuel taxes about \$200 million. "Any increase in gas taxes will not be decided by taxpayers and will be decided by state legislators," McMaster said at a May 20 news conference in Pontiac.

He blistered Gov. John Engler, Oakland Executive L. Brooks Patterson and Brent Blair, managing director of the Oakland County Board Commission, for seeking the fuel tax increase as part of what the governor calls his "Build Michigan II" program. But the HFA report, released two days later, said the applicable limit is \$21.7 billion, based on 9.49 percent of state total personal income of \$228.4 billion for the current fiscal year, while revenue is projected at \$20.4 billion. For fiscal 1998, beginning Oct. 1, the limit will be \$22.6 billion, while actual taxes are projected to be \$1.4 billion less. The HFA report came as legislators put together school aid, university and community college appropriations bills that are tens of millions higher than recommended in February by Engler's Department of Management and Budget.

In short:

- Baseline general fund revenues on May 22 were estimated at \$8.82 billion, or \$85 million higher than estimated last January.
- School aid fund revenues are estimated at \$8.66 billion, or \$68 million higher than the January estimate. The school aid fund consists of much of the 6 percent sales tax, lottery and other revenues dedicated to K-12 public schools.
- Mitchell Bean, senior economist for HFA, forecast a rosy picture for the Michigan economy during the rest of 1997 but a slower growth rate in 1998. Highlights:
 - Personal income rose by 4.4 percent last year, will go up 5.4 percent this year, and taper off to 4.6 percent in 1998.
 - Unemployment, after hitting a low of 4.4 percent last month, will average 4.7 percent for the entire year and 4.6 percent in 1998.
 - Inflation, as measured by the Detroit consumer price index, will drop from last year's 2.7 percent to 2.6 percent this year and 2.5 percent in 1998.
 - Michigan's "rainy day fund," an accumulated surplus to be used in times of recession, rose to \$1.15 billion for fiscal 1995-96 (which ended last Sept. 30). The fund will grow to \$1.23 billion this Sept. 30 and \$1.31 billion for fiscal 1997-98 (beginning Oct. 1).
 - The HFA forecaster assumed a federal budget deal between Congress and the Clinton Administration that will result in a balanced budget by 2002.
- The projected federal budget incorporates spending restraints in discretionary spending and entitlements, including modest increases in health and education programs favored by the administration," HFA said.
- "It appears that the (federal) budget will include some combination of a tax cut on capital gains, a reduction in the estate tax, and tax credits for families with children and for higher education expenses."
- It added, "The (national) economy is now expected to enter a period of relatively strong growth and low unemployment rates, both of which should taper in calendar 1998." It predicted some slight rise in interest rates.

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The Log Book

The following is a complete list of the emergency runs of the Novi Fire Department for the week ending May 25. Each incident is listed by type, location, time and the engine and squad number which responded to the call.

MONDAY, MAY 19
Injury accident, I-96 and Novi Road, 12:17 a.m., Squad 1.
Injury accident, I-96 and Novi Road, 8:45 a.m., Squads 1, 2.
Medical, 44172 Cottisford, 4:55 a.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 45361 Scenic Drive, 9:07 a.m., Squad 3.
Stand by, Grand River and Market, 1:34 p.m., Response 510.
Medical, 29857 Pierre, 2:38 p.m., Squad 2.
Gas leak, 22925 Venture, 4:05 p.m., Engine 3.

TUESDAY, MAY 20
Medical, 20800 Woodland Glen, 4:14 a.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 522 Ecksehtay, 6:17 a.m., Squad 4.
Medical, 23671 Long Pointe Way, 7:54 a.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 29915 Montmorency, 8:57 a.m., Squad 2.
Investigation, 24505 Bashian, 10:23 a.m., Engine 3.
Fire alarm, Grady's-Town Center, 11:28 a.m., Engines 1, 2.
Medical, 45139 Roundview, 5:39 p.m., Squad 3.
Fire alarm, 39900 Eight Mile Road, 6:34 p.m., Engine 3.
Medical, 46220 Eleven Mile Road, 10:35 p.m., Squad 4.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21
Medical, 42472 Park Ridge, 8:30 a.m., Squad 1.

THURSDAY, MAY 22
Investigation, 23211 Gilbar, 5:09 a.m., Engine 3.
Stand by, 42781 Ten Mile Road, 9:10 a.m., Response 510.
Gas leak, 41470 Mission Lane, 9:17 a.m., Engine 3.
Injury accident, Twelve Oaks-Lot 24, 11:08 a.m., Squad 1.
Fuel spill, Ten Mile and Taft Road, 12:21 p.m., Engine 3.
Injury accident, Nine Mile and Haggerty, 3:53 p.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 43247 Hill Creek, 4:05 p.m., Squad 3.
Injury accident, I-96 and Novi Road, 6:36 a.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 29753 Sheri Drive, 9:44 a.m., Squad 2.

FRIDAY, MAY 23
Medical, 45175 Ten Mile Road, 1:48 a.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 40724 Village Oaks, 2:48 a.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 43700 Expo Center, 3:58 a.m., Squad 1.
Injury accident, I-96 and Novi Road, 6:36 a.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 29753 Sheri Drive, 9:44 a.m., Squad 2.

SATURDAY, MAY 24
Medical, 45182 West Road, 7:20 a.m., Squad 2.
Medical, 45182 West Road, 7:20 a.m., Squad 2.

SUNDAY, MAY 25
Fire alarm, 45182 West Road, 4:06 a.m., Engines 2, 4.
Injury accident, I-96 and Haggerty, 4:36 p.m., Squad 1.

12:43 p.m., Squad 2.
Fuel spill, 43420 Twelve Mile Road, 4:13 p.m., Engine 2.
Injury accident, Novi and Grand River, 5:02 p.m., Squad 1.
Investigation, 46004 Ashford Circle, 5:35 p.m., Engine 4.
Medical, 25684 Beck Road, 6:13 p.m., Squad 4.
Fire alarm, 30815 Palmer, 7:42 p.m., Engine 2.

Medical, 43700 Expo Center, 7:01 p.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 22603 Grove Court, 8:13 p.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 50756 Montana, 9:44 p.m., Squad 4.

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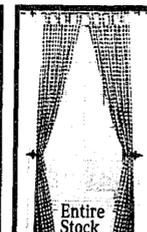
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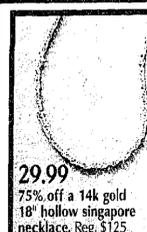
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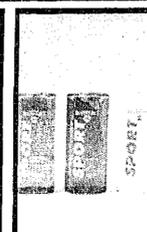
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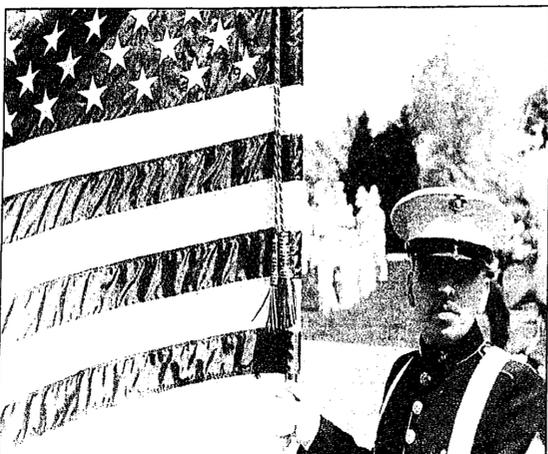


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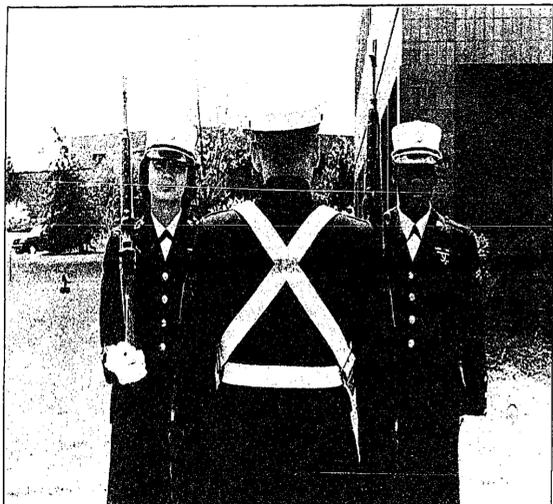
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As We See It

Safety, equipment bond deserves a 'yes' vote

After millions of dollars of improvements to many of Novi's schools, as well as the addition of the Instructional Technology Center, the construction of the Educational Services Building, and a new middle school in the last decade, the only thing left in need of improvement is the outside.

That means the athletic fields, playgrounds and site roadways. Students, parents and staff have been clamoring for such improvements for years, so we think it's only appropriate to let the voters decide.

And they will get their chance June 9 when the district asks voters for a \$5.5 million bond to pay for building site and grounds improvements.

We urge a YES vote.

Any jaunt to Novi Middle School during the week proves the district needs new parking facilities and a better traffic flow. Buses hold up traffic during pick-up and delivery. Parents head the wrong way down the lot. Visitors spend a good deal of time driving around looking for an open parking space.

Lighting is poor in most of the school lots, creating a safety hazard for nighttime visitors. The Taft Road campus would be better served with a connecting system. In addition, the schools need better sidewalks. This would all be accomplished with \$1.4 million.

The athletic fields have been patched back together way too long. Drainage is poor on both the Novi High School and Novi Meadows field. The bathrooms at Novi High's stadium are too small, as is the concession stand, and the bleachers old, cramped and splintering. They also aren't very handicapped accessible.

High school baseball and softball fields also need an update.

In addition, some of the high school programs like soccer and lacrosse could stand to get their own fields for practice and play. But the Meadows field is in bad shape, offers no restrooms and has shoddy bleachers.

These improvements would be made for a \$2.5 million portion of the bond.

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Lastly, the children of Novi could benefit day and night from playground improvements to five of the schools. The four older elementary schools have lost equipment to time and deterioration. They need newer equipment with fall zones to reduce the potential for injury when student tumble. Drainage is also a problem, creating soggy playgrounds and muddy shoes.

At a cost of \$1.6 million, the appropriate changes could be made.

We believe the bond is worthy for several reasons. First, in order for the district to function, school personnel need to be able to park and get to their jobs on time. Parents need to be able to drop off their children safely.

Second, students at the schools use the athletic fields for more than just extracurricular activities. Gym classes regularly use these facilities. Students have the best technology, why not the proper fields?

Third, kids from all over the district use the playground equipment, even after school hours. Parents should feel their children have a safe environment in which to play.

According to the district, the money just isn't in the budget. Three public meetings full of a few dozen residents indicated those parents want the improvements done now, all at once.

The PTOs have said they are willing to contribute landscaping and other amenities to the playgrounds, including some of the equipment, but can't afford on their own to make the large-scale improvements necessary to enhance the play areas and make them safe.

We then endorse the bond. The proposal is sound.

Getting busy this summer



Michael Malott

OK Novi, here's the official salute for the summer of 1997 - clench a fist; hold it above your shoulder, arm well cocked; rapidly rotate it in a series of tight circles while repeatedly wooling like a dog. Then conclude with the pronouncement, "Let's get busy."

It's a rip off of Arsenio Hall, yea, but it's an appropriate one. The summer of 1997 will indeed be a summer to "get busy." Fortunately, it should also prove to be a lot of fun.

Starting it all off June 11-15 is the job of constructing the Tim Pope Memorial Playspace in the Novi Sports Park on the corner of Eight Mile and Napier roads.

The playspace committee has already been very busy - holding fundraisers, collecting donations, designing the playspace with the construction firm Leathers & Associates, and signing up volunteers to work.

But come June 11 - just 13 days away now - the committee will need no less than 650 volunteers to actually do the construction over the following four days. The work to be done includes actually putting the playspace together, cutting wood and hammering nails, but also various support rolls like carrying materials, caring for workers' children, and that universally important function, food service.

When it is all done, the kids will have a unique place to play. And the adults will have a unique sense of accomplishment, community and pride.

Given that, Novi residents may find it difficult to actually get in the spirit of the first ever International Blues Festival, slated for July 18-20 at the Novi Expo Center. Gotta get low down while we're gettin' busy, I guess.

Plans are still in the works, but the line up for this event is likely to make Blues lovers swoon. These promoters have attracted top names - like Buckwheat Zydeco, Jeff Healey, Down Child Blues Band, Eddie Clearwater, Cullin James, Savoy Brown and Johnny Bassett - to a similar Blues Festival held in Windsor each year.

Plans are that the Blues Fest will also become a regular event here in Novi. Without having yet experienced one, I can only say I hope that turns out to be true.

A week later comes the tenth anniversary of the Michigan 50s Festival, July 24-27. This too will be attracting top name acts, like Peter Noone of Herman's Hermits, the Shirrelles and Bowser's Rock and Roll Show. Add to that a revival of events like the lip sync and twist contests, and an expanded family activity area, and the 50s Festival too should prove to be a time to "get busy."

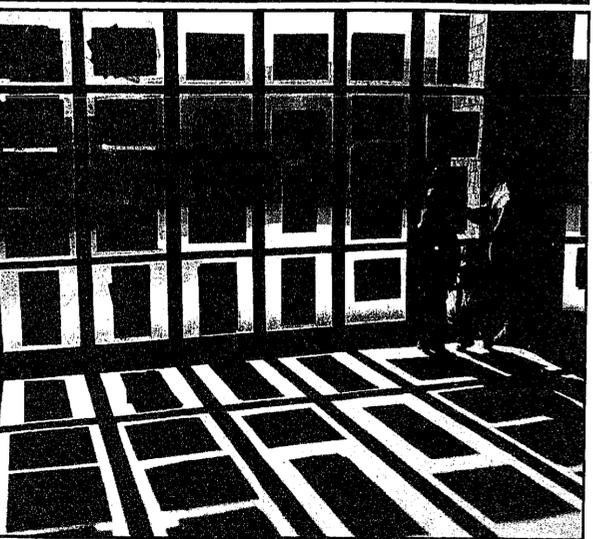
By the time August rolls around, Novi residents should be pretty well exhausted. They'll need some vacation time just to catch up on their rest.

That will certainly be true for me. I'm excited about all these great events, but I've got a job to do. And it will be my duty to go to all of them, enjoy myself, and then write about it. Rough, huh?

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In Focus

By John Heider



The Novi collection
Art lovers look at paintings in Novi High School's Forest Auditorium last Wednesday. The district held its annual showing of student artwork last week.

Kids need room to run, play



Wendy P. Mitzel

One of the cool things about my job is the ability to get away from my desk, go out into the field, meet the people I write about, write about the people I meet.

Anyway, it's especially cool when I get to head on out of the old office on one of the only warm days so far this spring.

Last week, I spent some time on the playgrounds of Novi for a story on the bond proposal for Novi Community Schools.

I visited my old stomping grounds, Orchard Hills. And I stopped by Parkview Elementary where I ran into a former neighbor.

The playgrounds seemed almost the same. Except some things were missing. The Pizza Slide is long gone. It doesn't surprise me. The triangle shaped piece of equipment was a menace.

The goal was to climb up the slanted part of the slide using only your arms, your legs hung down the slide, then once you reached the 90 degree angle at the top, you let go. Well, needless to say, somebody was always being let go too soon, causing a crash that resulted in a bump or a bruise.

The Old Fort is also long gone.

The two-tiered wooden structure had two holes for a door on the bottom and a splintery wooden ladder to climb to the top. Once you got outdoors for

recess, it was always a race to see who could get there first.

Sometimes, the girls would make it first and try to block out the boys by guarding the doors and pushing them off the ladder.

Other times, the boys would chase the girls into the fort and hold them hostage. Sometimes the girls would kiss the boys to gross them out so we could escape.

What strange dynamics, now that I think of it. No wonder they tore it down.

Of the things that do remain I have fond memories. There are still the swings at the top of the hill, where if you swing high enough and jump you might land on the bottom.

There is still the rock on the south side where the fourth graders used to congregate, too cool to play on the playground.

And there is the vast wilderness south of the rock where you really weren't supposed to go, but a grade-school friend and I always did. The trees and bushes formed beautiful canopies and little hiding spaces. We would watch the clouds and dream of things to come until the whistle blew.

We had a special name for it, Tarabithia, named after a book we both loved. It was our sacred island.

What struck me the most in talking to the kids last week, was their need for freedom and space, for places to crawl and hide, for room to run.

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

Economic security is a change



Phil Power

I don't often listen to broadcast news programs, but because this newspaper's Tom Richard is a panelist on the June 1 'Spotlight on News' on Ch. 7, I listened with care.

Featuring a group of local experts including Oakland University's distinguished retired professor of business administration, Karl

D. Gregory, the program focused on prospects for the economy in southeastern Michigan.

The panel's conclusion: It's good now and likely to remain so.

Of course, Michigan still depends heavily on the auto industry. But the structure of the industry is very different from the 1980s, when we experienced a recession every three or four years and Gov. G. Meinen Williams used to complain that, when the nation caught a cold, Michigan came down with pneumonia.

First, the industry seems finally to have learned a lesson from its 'boom and bust' past. Each of the Big Three has downsized, substantially improved productivity, pounded down the broken-point and accumulated gigantic cash reserves - all in realization that today's prosperity has hardly repealed the business cycle. Demand for cars and trucks

seems to be falling off a bit, but the auto companies are in much, much better position to ride out the tough times.

Moreover, the composition of the auto workforce in Michigan has changed significantly over time. While auto assembly remains an important part of the economy, the auto industry has built lots of assembly plants around the country, leaving at headquarters in Michigan a disproportionate share of white-collar labor force of engineers and managers, folks who are unlikely to get laid off when a downturn comes.

Indeed, the bigger problem appears to be finding enough folks with suitable skills to meet what looks very much like an absolute labor shortage. Kurt Metzger, director of Wayne State University's Michigan Metropolitan Information Center, predicts 52,000 new auto-related jobs in Oakland County alone by the end of the century.

The problem here is what economists call a mismatch in local labor markets. While employers are crying out for skilled workers, the supply from area schools and apprentice programs is not increasing.

Worse, many people who want jobs and have (or can learn) the required skills live in Detroit, where lack of mass transit or access to a car prevent them from getting to the jobs now opening up in suburban locations.

Indeed, according to the experts on the program, it now appears that the very meaning of 'local labor market' is changing. Instead of thinking about a labor market defined by the city of Livonia, for example, or even Oakland

County, it appears that the entire area from Fort Huron to Toledo, from Howell to Ann Arbor is becoming a regional labor market with complicated patterns of supply and demand working throughout the area.

One expert remarked that while "two stadiums and three casinos do not make a world class city" (referring to Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer's boast that Detroit is "on the verge of becoming a world class city"), it may well be we are seeing the creation of a world class region.

Fies in the opinion? Sure. We could see a recession in the next year or so.

Worse, many banks that used to have their corporate headquarters in Michigan have been bought out - National Bank of Detroit is now headquartered in Chicago, Michigan National has been bought by an Australian bank holding company and Standard Federal's takeover by a Dutch concern has just been finalized.

Although there is little current evidence, the change of focus has had much effect. I cannot believe that we will see in the foreseeable future the sort of local focus and concern that existed while ownership was firmly rooted in the state.

But, according to the experts, Michigan has raised a pretty secure place to find work and raise a family. For those of us who remember the 1970s and 1980s, that's a big and welcome change.

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

City should address water pressure

To the Editor:

During this past few days of this holiday weekend, many of us - who are daytime workers in other communities and leave the city early in the morning and return in the late afternoon or evening - had the chance to sleep late, take our time getting up and then try to take a shower. However, at 9 a.m., 2 p.m., 6 p.m., or even 5 a.m., it is the same story. Where the H²O is the city water pressure? I have had better water pressure from a

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55-gallon drum shower in Korea. The inadequate city water trickles that our city residents and visitors put up with each day is a sick and very dangerous joke. What do we need to experience? An E. Coli or Typhoid epidemic before any swell and positive action is taken? How many "upset stomachs"

water lines on the ends of the system?

Instead of concerning themselves with spending taxpayers' monies on municipal golf course studies and semi-private roads for developers, and increasing residents' taxes, this city council should be addressing some of our "Quality of Life" issues before we end up with a serious health problem in our city.

Joseph G. Toth

Upset over city's lack of response

To Don Saven, Building Official:

From Sarah Gray, S.E.S. Homeowners Association.

Re: 1395 East Lake Drive and rocks/cement-block debris in lake.

It is a week since I saw the 18-wheeler at this location, dumping chunks of cement/block. I called your office on Tuesday morning, May 20, and asked for Cindy Uglow, Ordinance Officer. C.J., who answered the phone, said Cindy was not in. I explained the problem and C.J. checked the file to see if a permit had been applied for. It had not. She then relayed my call to you.

During our conversation, Don, you referred to working with an East Lake resident about two houses from Mike Condon, and I assured you this was not the site; this was easily one-quarter mile away. I explained to you exactly what I'd seen and what was going on. You asked me several questions as to license plate or writing on the truck (name of a firm), and I said that since I was driving by the site, I was not driving by the site, and I was not driving by the site.

The next morning, Wednesday, May 21, we started in the morning and you said you'd be tied-up in meetings, but that Sue Tapati had been to the 'site' on the day before and you were awaiting her report. You further said Cindy Uglow was in and would get with me if necessary. At this time, all the cement/block had been broken and was in the lake. Tire tracks were visible across the grass on the lake lot. On Wednesday afternoon, I called you and you said you would follow-up on this on Thursday, as you'd be out. Sometime Thursday, and I didn't note the

time - early afternoon? - Cindy called me to verify the address. I again confirmed that the location, Cindy said that somehow Sue Tapati had been given (the wrong address).

Then, on Friday, my employer's generosity allowed us to close early - at 3 p.m. By the time I left my office, it was 3:30 p.m., and I arrived at my home at about 3:55 p.m. I immediately called the city thinking this would be great. I didn't have to make yet another call on my boss' time. To my surprise, neither Cindy nor Don Saven was available. I asked to be put into your voice mail. Don, and I'm afraid the message I left was not too nice. I do not apologize for either my language or the content of that message.

It has now been a week since I filed this (verbal) complaint on behalf of S.E.S. And it seems that absolutely nothing has been done. I'm furious. What does it take to weed out the ineptitude of the people we pay to protect us? I understand that JCK bills us "by the call." In this case, I fully expect that you will dispute the charge for Dave Wiggins' response on Tuesday, May 20, as he never left his car, and also any response Sue Tapati made prior to going to the correct address. I realize that we may not have on staff the experts to judge what is or is not acceptable, but I certainly did not expect that seven days would pass - three of which being a holiday weekend, and who knows what they did over the weekend - before anyone could get their act together to respond to my call that this was happening.

I'm absolutely livid. An incident

has occurred that neither the DNR nor this city allows without permit and, for that matter, the DNR does not allow "rip-rap." By this city's lack of response, there's probably not a thing you can do at this late date. I recall when residents of West Lake on the point were in court with JCK and the city over the same issue and placing broken cement/block in the lake. I expect that this will be fully pursued and written report mailed to me - as president of S.E.S. I do not expect any further calls at my work number. It's obvious that somehow the communication broke down and it's not my fault. C.J. took the correct address - Dave Wiggins responded to the correct address, though nothing was done. I want to know where the fault lies and what you are going to do to correct this situation so it does not happen again. I want to know what you are going to do to correct this situation with the cement/block dumped in the lake. I will expect your written response by return mail.

Also, I want to know what is going on with the filling of the wetland to the immediate west of the Montessori School on Thirteen Mile, between the fire station at Paramount and Novi (Decker). I am aware that you have told me this involves some kind of court action, but additional filling has occurred and it appears this will be used for a recreational area for the kids at this preschool.

Sarah Gray, President

S.E.S. Homeowners Association

Damage repaired to state FOIA



Tim Richard

"Whenever politicians try to hide something, it's usually because they have something to hide."

So goes Richard's First Law of Government.

One brave soul bucking the tide of official secrecy is Rep. Greg Kaza, R-Rochester Hills. When last we checked in with him, he was working on re-amending the Freedom of Information Act to say we slogs in the public are entitled to "full and complete information regarding the affairs of government and the official acts of those who represent them as public officials and public employees."

You will recall that last December, in the dead of night, the Legislature conspired with the darker elements of the Engler administration to cripple the FOIA to limit our access to "decisions" of government.

Kaza got the damage repaired, and last week Engler signed the good amendment, though without fanfare.

Our "sunshine laws" - FOIA and the Open Meetings Act - have few champions in the Legislature these days, and they are far between. One is Kaza, a Republican of free market and libertarian bent. Another is Rep. Laura Baird,

D-Okemos. Kaza is working on two more bills of note: House Bill 4758, which requires partisan caucuses of the Legislature to follow the Open Meetings Act. When OMA was written in 1976, the Legislature carefully exempted itself.

Clearly, Kaza doesn't mind wrestling with a chain saw. He will be cut up badly. But I wish him luck. As far as I can tell, the two parties' caucuses in Lansing are devoted to political strategy designed to make a) themselves look good in the public eye and b) the other party look bad. They should be concentrating on good public policy rather than public visibility.

I have watched the Republican and Democratic caucuses in the Oakland County Board of Commissioners. They have healthy discussions of policy. One learns the intricacy of issues.

A just-drafted Kaza bill raises fines for violating the FOIA from \$500, where it has been for 21 years, to \$5,000. It also allows the plaintiff (John Q. Public) to collect "actual attorney fees" instead of "reasonable" fees.

The fines do need to be raised. As many police departments will tell you, it's worth the risk to deny you information because, if you sue, it costs them only \$500. Our public officials need to be punished much more severely for their planned sins of secrecy.

Good as those changes are, I have others in mind that may be more important.

The first has to do with committees. The Open Meetings Act says a public body's committees and subcommittees are also public

bodies and subject to OMA.

But suburban government and universities slither around the law by appointing committees that include elected officials, administrators and the public. The Ionia school board appointed a committee to look at athletic standards that included students.

Any committee that deliberates public policy, even for a mere recommendation, ought to meet in public. Shunning daylight, Ionia shut the doors on its committee, and Attorney General Frank Kelley upheld the Ionia tactics - a bad ruling.

Any student of government will tell you that the real work is done in committees. Anyone who suggests that a committee can be closed because its decisions "aren't final" is joshing you, as well as proving Richard's First Law of Government.

The law needs to be repaired to cover any committee appointed by a public body such as a college board, school board, intermediate district board, county commission, municipal council, township board or special authority board - whether or not the board members are part of the committee.

Another change would be to cap fees that public agencies may charge under FOIA. When (for example) police departments want to hide their ineptitude, they don't deny access but delay their responses and discourage you with atrocious copying fees. Governmental pre-gouging should be stopped.

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

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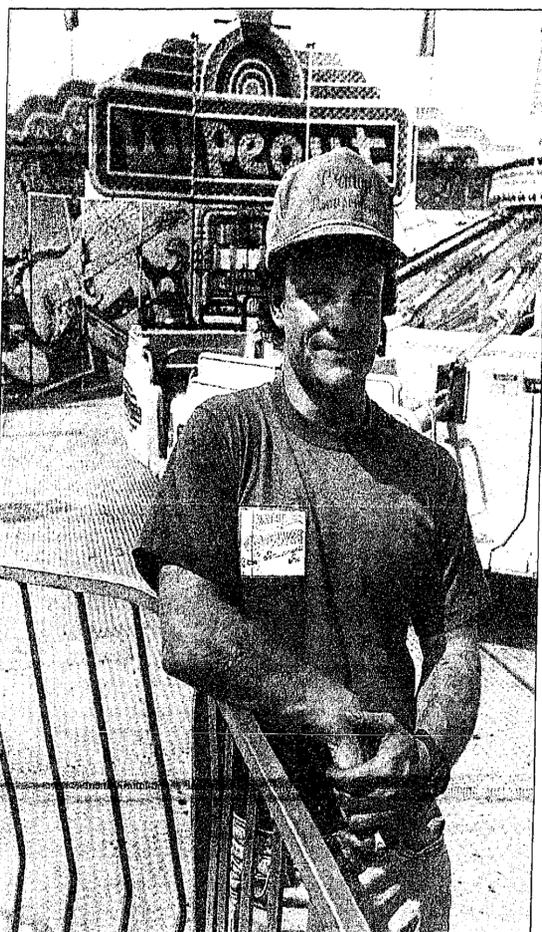
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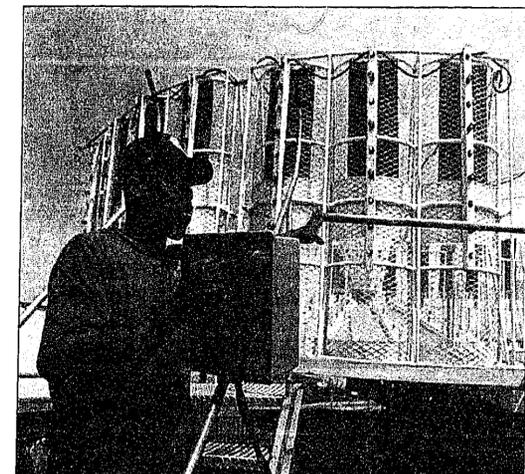
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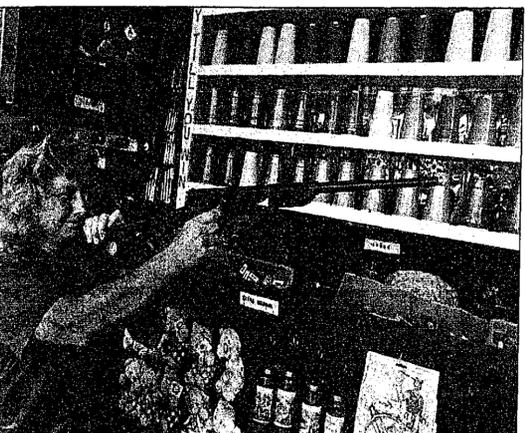
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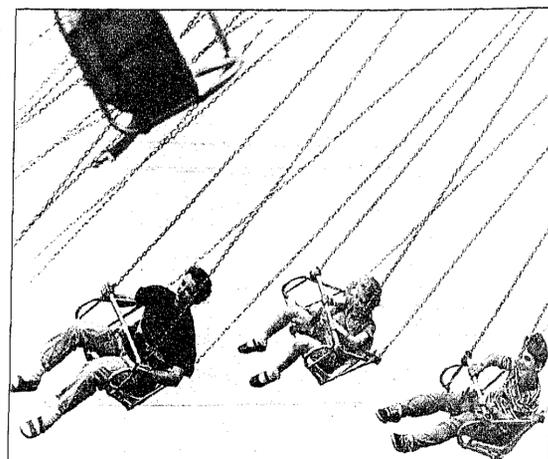
Jim McCrory just finished setting up his "Wipeout" ride at 3 p.m. Friday, an hour before opening.



Quickly chewing his dinner, Kenneth Harris checks out the operation of his ride.



Carnival worker Carol Givens tries her luck at her post, the "Cork Gallery" game.



Carnival-goers try out a ride at the Novi Expo Center/Crown Amusement carnival.

The carnival life

Crown Amusement employees tell of their lives on the road with their show

By JAN JEFFRIES and WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL Staff Writers

They call themselves carnies. While most of the working world is chained to the 9-to-5 routine, they're the folks who move in and out of town in a caravan of trailers, transforming a drab parking lot for just a few days into a wonderland of cotton candy, bright lights and rides like the Tilt-A-Whirl, the YoYo and the Zipper.

They're the ones who make the traveling carnival a staple of small-town America. For George and Georgia Hyde, both 69, circus and carnival work has been a family occupation for five generations. For restless 18-year-olds like Mike Lindsay and Chris Whitlock, who recently ditched roofing jobs in western Michigan, it's a chance to earn your way around the country.

Freedom is why these carnival workers say they've adopted a lifestyle that goes back centuries.

"It grows on you. It's hard to explain. If you try to stop doing it and you take on a 9-to-5 job, you're not happy," said Lori Bacchus, the Hydes' daughter. She and her husband, Clifford, manage carnivals for Crown Amusement Inc. of Belleville. Their unit was at the Novi Expo Center for Memorial Day weekend.

A typical carnival is 30 to 35 workers who travel through states like Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, the Carolinas, Georgia and Florida. Like the birds, when the weather gets cold, they head south. Several days are needed to set-up a carnival, but in a pinch, it can be done in one, Bacchus said.

While a trailer, a tent, a car or a truck may be home on the road, many of the workers also own permanent houses they return to when off-duty.

"A lot of them find their home here. There are a lot of kids who don't have anyone. They decide they like doing it and they go on with us," Bacchus said.

Pets, children, you name it, they come along for the tour. Some workers at the Novi event had cats. One had an iguana riding on his shoulder. Bacchus carts her three parrots along.

Lindsay and Whitlock spotted a help wanted ad a few weeks ago and signed on as part of the set-up crew. After spending a couple of days with the carnival, the pair packed up and came aboard.

The former roofers craved a change of pace, they said.

"We always wanted to travel. I'm kind of a nomad, actually," Whitlock said.

"This isn't an easy job. Setting up and tearing down takes hard work and stamina," said Whitlock, who

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Carnivals have an ancient tradition, according to Crown Amusement Inc. of Belleville, which owns the traveling fair that took over the Novi Expo Center parking lot last weekend.

Carnivals entertained the ancient Greeks and Romans and were popular during the Middle Ages.

But the carnival as it exists today dates to 1893, when independent operators set up at the midway of the Great Columbia Exposition in Chicago. They came to Chicago in horse-drawn wagons and railroad cars, laying the foundation for what Crown Amusement now describes as a multi-million dollar industry.

runs the small Ferris Wheel. But the life has its compressions. "To tell you the truth, I like to sit up there and talk to the ladies and watch all the people," admitted Whitlock.

"It's a job where you don't need to be told what to do, you do what you see needs to be done," said Lindsay, who added that he hopes to settle down, some day.

The Hydes are in no rush to settle down. For the past 27 years, they've spent much of their life on the road, although they have a home in Florida. The couple started off living in the back of a retired Jackson State prison house, but have since moved to the more comfortable quarters of a trailer.

Both on the job as ticket takers, they zipped around last weekend to motorist chairs while their fluffy little dog, Blondie, enjoyed life from the basket of George's chair.

Georgia's the second-generation of a five-generation carnival family. In the 1930s, her mother sold tickets at a traveling merry-go-round, her father operated the equipment. Today, the couple's daughter, grandchild and great-grandchildren are all involved in the lifestyle.

Georgia said she likes the fact that it can be on vacation any time. I can take two to three days to look around. Everybody else gets two weeks vacation, period."

"We just enjoy life. One place isn't any different to us from the next," she added.

Through the years, carnivals haven't altered, but carnival-goers have.

"The rides never change. They go

one way or another, round and round or up and down," George said.

Most of the workers know more about life and practical knowledge than many of the attendees these days, the couple says.

Georgia is amazed by the number of guests who can't figure the cost of ride tickets or make change. "That's something carnies can do without fail," she said.

"Calculators, cash registers, if it breaks down they're in trouble. We don't have cash registers," she explained.

Fourteen years ago, the carnival came to Calgary, Canada, when Tracey Solway was unemployed and looking for a job. When the carnival left, she did too, and now she drives a semi-tractor, works in the office and sets up and tears down the Mardi Gras Glass House ride. For her, the best part of the business is all those happy children leaving her.

"The kids are great. The money's not that good. I like the traveling we do. You're always on the road," she said.

"It's like any other job, it has its ups and downs."

Jim McCrory, of Toledo, who now operates the Wipe Out ride, was lured into the life another way.

"I met a little girl. She was working the ticket booth. She said, 'Come join the carnival.' I said, 'Why not?' I was only 18," explained McCrory, who sports a scorpion tattoo on one forearm and a dragon on the other. "I work here because I like to work here, not because I have to."

McCrory said his most unusual on-the-job experience came when he was inspecting a ride, fell off the top and woke up in the hospital.

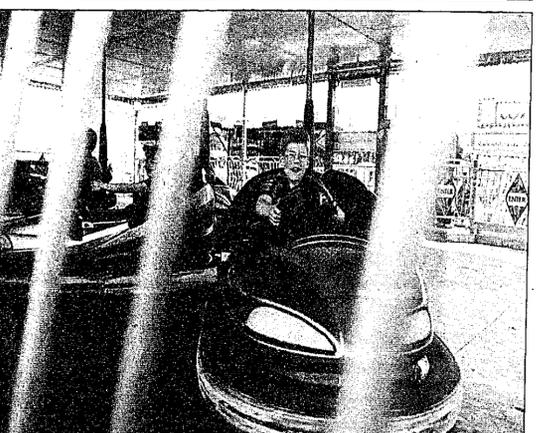
"A crackhead was running the ride and I told him I would beat him up. I went up to inspect it and he turned it on," McCrory said.

"We don't put up with any bulls---. We do party but not on the job because it's a serious business. You can't be high or drunk and run the machines. If someone gets hurt, the effect on you is worse than when you're straight, because you would think it wouldn't have happened if I hadn't been drunk."

"If you're fond of carnival food, you just kind of leave it," Georgia Hyde said.

Especially the sausage, her husband added.

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Some of the early attendees of Friday's carnival at the Novi Expo Center try out the bumper cars.

Midland mayor hosted in Novi

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Novi is just beginning to develop an arena and the river area near Main Street.

Black toured the Novi Civic Center, which he said he found "very attractive." Vic's World Class Market and at trendily-decorated model apartment at Main Street Village.

Midland has its own authentic downtown, built in the 1840s, but within the last several years began investing money to revive the core area.

Its emphasis was on new streetscapes, larger buildings and hiring residents to the area with restaurants and other attractions.

"You have to give them a reason to go downtown," Black said.

In addition, he said the Midland revival included moving not just commercial and retail businesses downtown, but public and service organization offices to draw residents.

The contingent lunched at the Motorsports Museum, catered by Maisano's. Also on the schedule were the new Birthing Center at Providence Medical Center and a preview of the Michigan 50s Festival at Don's of Traverse City, followed up by milk shakes.

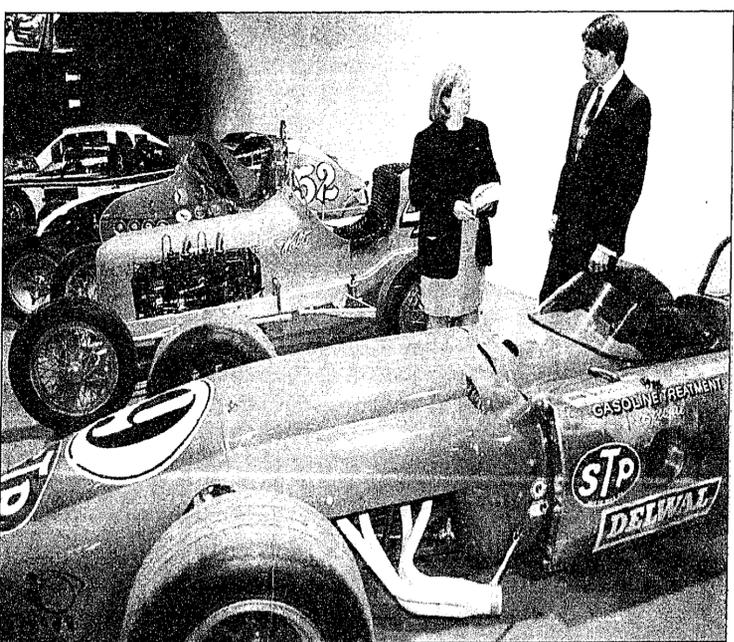
Earlier, they jeered through the North Novi Park.

Black said Midland has a great deal more park land than Novi, between 2,000 to 3,000 acres.

The Midland mayor said he was making note of Novi's storm water management system. Last year, Midland experienced a harsh rainstorm that resulted in major flooding and \$4 million to damages due to sewage backing up into homes.

In recent years, Midland has stored water in on-site retention basins, but will look at how Novi regionalizes that collection and storage. In addition, he said they examine how Novi funds the water management system with special assessment districts and other means.

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Mayor Kathleen McLallen welcomed Midland Mayor R. Drummond Black to many Novi sights, including the Motorsports Museum.

DeRoche tosses hat in council race ring

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"Campaigning can be very tiring and expensive, but with the amount of growth underway or planned for the future, I feel that it is important to work to make the positive changes for the benefit of the residents and business owners without continuously increasing taxes," he said.

DeRoche is a self-employed insurance agent who serves on the Advisory Board of the Michigan Political Leadership Program at Michigan State University and is an elder at the Millford Presbyterian Church.

OCC slows hiring as it adopts budget

By TIM RICHARD Staff Writer

Even though Oakland Community College is rolling in veteran-approved tax revenue, Chancellor Richard Thompson insists on putting on the hiring brakes.

AFSCME, the union that represents classified secretarial and paraprofessional workers, doesn't like it. "We petition the board to reinstate the (25) current classified vacant positions that are so critically needed to provide vital student services, as called for in the college's visions and values commitment," said Rose Couture, president of Local 2042.

The OCC board struck with Thompson's advice, approving May 19 a \$101.7 million budget that devotes 79 percent of spending to personnel.

"OCC's 1995 nullage campaign was promoted on the premise that the proceeds would be used for renovation; upgrades and improvements in facilities, scholarships; technology; new programs; and stabilization of tuition costs," said Thompson's budget message. Voters in mid-1995 almost doubled property taxes when they approved 0.8 mills for seven years, adding \$35 million to the coffers.

Thompson recommended an 80-20 split of funds between personnel and other costs, including adding \$17 million this year to a "rainy day fund."

The chancellor has promised a restructuring plan that will require "working smarter and more efficiently" and "wherever possible, in teams."

The AFSCME president said this approach is hurting, particularly "the financial aid assistant at the Royal Oak campus where 42 percent of the college's financial aid students apply and are awarded." One person is doing the work of two, Couture said, "and we can't get these processed as fast as before."

Other critical needs, she said, are a business office specialist at the Orchard Ridge and Highland Lakes campuses accept student payments; a secretary to assist special needs students at Orchard Ridge; a registrar specialist in the district office to evaluate transfer credits from other colleges and process graduation applications; and paraprofessionals in emergency medical and various computer labs; among others.

OCC's budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1 still is in a state of flux as the state House and Senate prepare different versions of a bill to aid 28 community colleges.

The House bill awarded OCC \$20.2 million; Gov. John Engler's recommendation was \$1 million less. Sen. John Schwarz, R-Battle Creek, is due to report out the Senate Appropriations subcommittee's version any day. Thompson budgeted \$19.5 million in state aid.

Thus, the total budget of \$101.7 million is a scant 0.4 of a percent above the current year. The revenue breakdown:

- Property taxes - \$58.1 million, up 7 percent from the current year.
- State aid - \$19.5 million.
- Tuition and fees - \$22.5 million, down 8 percent.

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. Thompson predicts a continued decline in credit hours due to the good economy.

• Investments and miscellaneous - \$1.6 million, about the same. Spending will be about \$1.7 million less, adding to the "rainy day" fund. Highlights:

- \$12.3 million for renovations and improvements.
- \$5 million for equipment.
- \$1 million for staff training and retraining as well as one-time funding for new initiatives.
- 4 percent less for operating expenses due to savings in maintenance and repairs due to millage-funded facility renovations and improvements.

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Safety, play equipment to be improved through bond

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But Novi schools hopes residents are willing to pay 0.85 mills for four years to make the sites of all four elementary and Novi Meadows separate but equal.

Should the \$5.5 million dollar bond proposal get voter approval June 9, a \$200,000 home would be taxed an \$85 a year for four years to add \$1.6 million worth of equipment, fall zones and better drainage to the five schools' playgrounds.

"We definitely need more playground equipment because most of this stuff is pretty old," said Nancy Helton, a nine-year CARE worker at Orchard Hills Elementary.

She and several other women oversee the after school daycare program at the school and spend time out in the sun and fresh air

with the students on the playground that runs from one end of the school to the other.

At Orchard Hills, much of the old, dangerous equipment has been removed but hasn't been replaced at the same rate.

"We wanted (the merry-go-rounds) out of here a long time ago, they're too dangerous," Helton said.

There are only three newer structures at the school.

Kathy Hagenian, a member of the Infrastructure Committee assigned by the Board of Education to explore the playgrounds, said some of the older schools need more equipment but pointed out "we didn't look at the age of it as much as the condition of it."

She said the district found safety issues, like rusty nails, on some of the equipment and that has

been taken care of, but the biggest issue is creating safe fall zones.

She said the Consumer Product Safety Commission recommends wood chip fall zones around all equipment. At Orchard Hills only one structure has the chips. At Parkview all equipment does, except it's not wide enough, she said. Why the new playground wasn't designed better, she doesn't know.

"If they didn't know better then, we certainly know better now," she explained.

But CARE worker Helton said she wasn't too sure woodchip fall zones were necessary under all structures.

"I don't think there's anything wrong with grass, but they need to get rid of the cement pieces (sticking out of the ground)," she explained.

Caillin O'Rourke, 10, said the playground needs more cushioning.

"I think it's greatly needed," she said. "I was going down a pole once and there's a space between the concrete and sand and I twisted my ankle."

Maude Morelli, with CARE for eight years, said safety is not a problem. Other than a student receiving a long splinter in her arm from a wooden fort, now removed, "we haven't had a lot of injuries."

The women suggested the district look into structures made of recycled plastic and find a way to stop people from walking their dogs on the playground and leaving deposits.

In addition, "They need an area of blacktop so when it's muddy the kids can come out and play," said Helton. "Sometimes they do go out

and play and they're pretty muddy when they come in."

Helton added there needs to be a regular systematic check of the playground equipment to maintain safety. That is part of the committee's recommendations.

The CARE students at Orchard Hills had their own ideas of what the playground needs.

Austin Odell said there are big holes near the soccer fields. But his favorite piece is the monkey bars. "I just like to hang upside down on them," he explained.

"Maybe another structure because there's a spare out there that's kind of blank," said Caillin.

Some kids don't want any equipment at all.

"More running space," was the order for Orchard Hills student Jack Crowe.

No matter what the kids want,

it's what they need, the committee believes.

The playgrounds can be used for more than just physical recreation, said Laurie Fannon, PTO president at Parkview Elementary. Self-esteem is built on the jungle gyms and monkey bars. And teachers can use the playground as a classroom. One thought is to create a mini, grass amphitheater for teaching purposes, she said.

The students say the playgrounds and recess are important to their education.

"So you can have energy and air," said 7-year-old Katie Martin, of Parkview Elementary.

Kyle McCauley said recess is important to "burn off calories."

A concise history of playgrounds

A tale of two playgrounds:
ORCHARD HILLS
Built in 1958.

The kindergarten playground at Orchard Hills, features a newer wooden structure with a woodchip fall zone, but there are no fall zones under the five metal structures and slide.

Behind the school, the playgrounds features no woodchip fall zones anywhere. Equipment consists of one newer wooden playstructure, two sets of older swings, one monkey bar, two tires, one metal structure with a winding slide, one slide, and two metal climbing structures. Old tennis courts with no nets and old basketball hoops exist in the back of the property.

The front southern parking lot is drawn with lines for games and other sports for rainier days.

The committee wants to improve drainage, add equipment and fall zones, add a fence to keep out dog walkers, build an asphalt playground and renovate the basketball courts.

PARKVIEW ELEMENTARY
Built in 1989.

The kindergarten playground at Parkview is a colorful delight and

nearly perfect except for the limited fall zones, according to the committee. Railroad ties surround the four structures to keep the woodchips in but are so close to the structures children could fall and hit the wood instead.

The problem, according to the committee, is not necessarily the condition of the equipment, it's the lack of it, especially for the older students.

Parkview Elementary playground was built to accommodate about half the students it currently sees everyday. Students stand in line to use the equipment, committee members say. Nearly 630 kids play on equipment built for 300 students.

There is one large playstructure, one slide, one metal spider structure and a swingset behind Parkview.

The committee wants to expand the fall zones in the kindergarten playground and map out with a fall zone surface, sites for future expansion of the playground as well as add some new equipment and improve drainage.

THE OTHER SCHOOLS
At Novi Woods Elementary the committee recommends correcting



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Novi Meadows fifth-grader Lindsay Blank hopes the school can modernize the play area, which she says is now "sort of boring."

drainage and fall zone issues. At Novi Meadows, drainage, fall zones and the need for new equipment and hard surface area are

paramount. At Village Oaks, drainage, fall zones, new equipment, improved fencing and a renovated basketball court are priori-

ties. Specific improvements include a new asphalt area and renovations to the basketball court at Orchard

Hills and Village Oaks Elementary, expansion of play areas at Parkview and a new hard surface area at Novi Meadows.

Developer files lawsuit to clear way for Ramada

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The lawsuit contends that Eight-Haggerty Properties has been damaged to the tune of over \$1 million. Attorney fees are also sought.

Sued are these Whispering Meadows residents: Glenn and Cynthia Davis, Rick and Lisa Humphrey, Michael and Sandra Pinkerton, Joseph and Joann Shivers, Ellen and Eric Prevost, Hsuenfen Chu, Huahn-Fern Yeh, Danny and Debra Griffin, Martin and Joanne Gawronski, Rajesh and Ritu Nagpal, Daniel and Connie Strausberg, Donna and Patrick Conway, Tim and Nancy Kozak, Joel Levine, Kathleen Bernock, Robert and Catherine Mears, Rick Reynolds, Mark and Donna Malott, John and Yvonne Reed and Michael Weller.

The Ramada would be constructed next to the already up and running Extended Stay America, built on another parcel sold by Eight-Haggerty Properties II.

Development plans for the property are expected to include additional office buildings, Novi Com-

munity Development Director Jim Wahl said.

In August 1996, a lawyer for Whispering Meadows Homeowners Association notified Gerak that the hotels violated a 1984 covenant between the three parties - the homeowners association, the adjacent property owners and the developer.

"It cannot be disputed that throughout the course of the attempt to obtain a rezoning, you repeatedly represented to both the city and the residents of Whispering Meadows Subdivisions that you intended to develop office buildings on this property," Michael Sugameli, acting as attorney for the subdivision, wrote in the letter. "It would be a strained interpretation, at best, to suggest that the hotel is an office."

In February, to avoid a potential lawsuit, the Whispering Meadows Homeowners Association reached an agreement with Gerak, but the 34 homeowners did not. The amendment would restrict hotels to a portion of the property only.

In addition, it would permit two freestanding restaurants, or another hotel, should the restaurants not be approved by the city.

"The board was disappointed there wasn't something that was able to be worked out. We felt we had come up with an agreement that was acceptable to the subdivision as a whole," said Dave Gillam, president of the Whispering Meadows Homeowners Association.

Under the proposed agreement, a 150-foot greenbelt and 20 pine trees would buffer Whispering Meadows from the development. But without the OK of the adjacent homeowners, who among other things seek over 100 trees and a 15-foot tall berm, this pact is void, Gillam said.

Thirteen years ago, Gerak asked the city to rezone the 71 acres he owned on the west side of Haggerty Road between Eight and Nine Mile roads from residential and multiple residential to Office Service Commercial and Office Service 1, to enable the development of the Orchard Hill Place office complex.

At the time, the city's planning consultant recommended that the rezoning be denied because it deviated too far from the master plan.

In 1984, 996 residents had signed a petition opposed to the zoning change, citing issues such as safety, possible devaluation of property, traffic, deviation from the master plan, bright lights at night and the potential unsightliness of a large development.

Gerak agreed to enter into deed restriction with the subdivision and the rezoning was granted. However, Novi's OSC ordinance allows hotels.

The 1984 restrictions states that "here shall not be constructed any free-standing commercial, retail or service establishments, as identified in the City of Novi Zoning Ordinance under the OSC Office Service Commercial District."

But the developer's attorney argues that a hotel is defined by Novi zoning ordinances not as a commercial, retail or service use, but as a "transient residential use."

Wahl confirmed that a hotel is categorized as a transient residential use.

According to the developer's lawsuit, on May 1, 1996, Eight-Haggerty entered into a purchase agreement with Scott Patros and Joseph Patros for the sale of land for the Ramada Express. The hotel won a site plan approval in October 1996 from the Novi Planning Commission, although several commissioners said they felt the site was being overbuilt.

Approval from the Novi City Council is not needed, Wahl said, so the only issue now holding the project up is the private agreement.

Attorneys for the City of Novi have advised that the city cannot enforce deed restrictions and covenants between a homeowners' association and a developer.

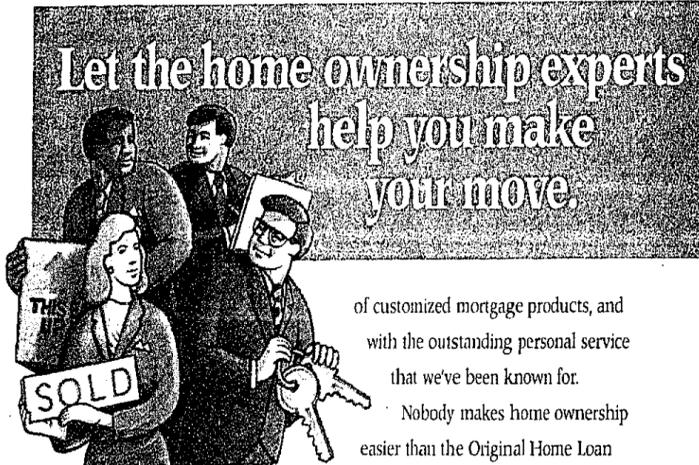
WHAT RESIDENTS ARE SEEKING

A majority of the Whispering Meadows homeowners now being sued by developer Joe Gerak asked that these requirements be met before further development on the Haggerty Road site:

- Deed the existing green belt to Whispering Meadows subdivision.
- Leave the vegetation on the green belt undisturbed and bar construction traffic and materials storage there.
- Build a 15- to 20-foot, or the maximum height allowed by city, berm on the edge of the green belt furthest from the subdivision. Finish the berm before building construction begins.
- Plant 100 to 125 seven- to

eight-foot tall spruce trees along the crest of the berm, with the developer responsible for maintenance for one year.

- Spray seed to the berm with a coarse ground cover to prevent erosion.
- Construction of the berm may be segmented at locations to avoid removing trees of one-foot or greater in diameter, at the discretion of the adjacent homeowner.
- Build no above-ground parking structures in the area zoned as OS-1.
- No roads would connect the commercial property with the subdivision, except for emergency access roads required by the City of Novi.



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1997 ALL-AREA ACADEMIC TEAM



KATHRYN AMATANGELO
Northville High School

Parents: Vince and Judi Amatangelo
College: University of Michigan
Career Plans: Environmental Sciences
Biggest Influence: "My parents, by being supportive of all my decisions."



AUDREY NICOLE SMITH
Lakeland High School

Parents: Dennis and Linda Smith
College: Michigan/School of Engineering
Career Plans: Electrical/Biomedical Engineer
Biggest Influence: "My parents always encouraged me to set my priorities and to pursue what was important to me."



THOMAS PARRISH III
Novi High School

Parents: Thomas and Tina Parrish
College: Case Western Reserve
Career Plans: Medicine/Pediatrics
Biggest Influence: "My parents. They have always encouraged me to do the best I possibly could in everything I did."

ELIZABETH ORLOWSKI

Northville High School

Parents: Robert and Rebecca Orłowski
College: University of Michigan
Career Plans: Biology or Medicine
Biggest Influence: "My A.P. teacher, Mr. Edwards. He was a very clever and excellent teacher. He was always willing to help us out with labs or science practice. His enthusiasm for this subject was impressed upon me."



JEREMY JANKOWSKI

Milford High School

Parents: Richard and Judy Jankowski
College: Purdue University
Career Plans: Professional Pilot



ALL-AREA HONORABLE MENTION

KARI CHCIUK

Lakeland High School

Parents: Harry and Linda Chciuk
College: University of Michigan
Career Plans: Linguist/Interpreter

KIMBERLY CONLEY

Milford High School

Parents: Kip and Jackie Conley
College: University of Michigan
Career Plans: Undecided

JENNIFER DIEDZIC

Novi High School

Parents: Jay and Sue Diedzic
College: William & Mary
Career Plans: Neurosurgery or Law

JOSEPH GUYETTE

South Lyon High School

Parents: Ken and Nancy Guyette
College: Bowling Green State University
Career Plans: Environmental Law

JENNY HUANG

Northville High School

Parents: David and Suyuan Huang
College: Michigan/Intelflex Program
Career Plans: Primary Care Physician

AHMAD NASSAR

Northville High School

Parents: Sayed and Samya Nassar
College: University of Michigan
Career Plans: Physician/Psychiatrist

MICHAEL OSLUND

Milford High School

Parents: Jim and Mary Oslund
College: University of Michigan
Career Plans: Dentistry

VICTORIA SANOCKI

South Lyon High School

Parents: Richard and Susan Sanocki
College: Michigan State Co-op
Career Plans: Chemical Engineer

MICHELLE SHARPE

Lakeland High School

Parents: David and Barbara Sharpe
College: Alma College
Career Plans: Genetics

HANFEI SHEN

Novi High School

Parents: Weidlan and Huifang Shen
College: University of Michigan
Career Plans: Engineering or Medicine

ANDREA SMITH

Lakeland High School

Parents: Patrick and Mary Smith
College: Kalamazoo or Baldwin-Wallace
Career Plans: Undecided

PAUL SZAFARCZYK

South Lyon High School

Parents: James and Patricia Szafarczyk
College: University of Michigan
Career Plans: Portfolio Manager

AMY THERIAULT

Milford High School

Parents: Daniel and Sharon Theriault
College: Lawrence Technological University
Career Plans: Electrical Engineering

ESTHER WASHBURN

Lakeland High School

Parents: Berk and Carolyn Smith
College: Brigham Young University
Career Plans: Undecided

JENNIFER ZIEG

Milford High School

Parents: David and Honorata
College: University of Michigan Medical School
Career Plans: Physician or Biomedical Engineer

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Scott Benedict



SARA COOLEY

Northville High School

Parents: Roger and Linda Cooley
College: University of Virginia
Career Plans: Genetic Engineer
Biggest Influence: "My parents, teachers and classmates always expected excellence, provided motivation and resources for success."



JENNIFER KAPPLER

South Lyon High School

Parents: Kenneth and Susan Kappler
College: Eastern Michigan University
Career Plans: Equine Veterinarian
Biggest Influence: "Several enthusiastic and patient teachers from South Lyon High School, including Mr. Gale, Mr. Glom, Mrs. Keep and Mrs. Haslett."



JUKES NAMM

Novi High School

Parents: Myung and Eunbok Namm
College: University of Michigan
Career Plans: Medical Doctor
Biggest Influence: "My parents. They've supported me and have been by my side every day of my life."



KEN MYERS

Novi High School

Parents: Steven and Izumi Myers
College: University of Michigan
Career Plans: Take over family business of interpreting, translating, consulting
Biggest Influence: "My parents. They told me I had to pay for college when I was in the fifth grade. I've gotten A's ever since. My parents also gave me freedom in all matters concerning academics. A student who feels in charge of his own destiny will do better."



TERESA WALKER

South Lyon High School

Parents: Michael and Juliana Walker
College: University of Dayton
Career Plans: Engineering
Biggest Influence: "My parents by encouraging me to do my best, providing support and love."

Church's outreach ministries in need of volunteers

By JEANNE CLARKE
Special Writer

The Clothes Closet at the Church of the Holy Family has helped thousands of people over the year and is directed by Christian Service Director Carol Ann Donnelly.

Presently, there is a need for volunteers to help sort and hang donated items by size on racks and shelves. Help is needed on Monday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., on the last two Saturdays of the month from 9 a.m.-noon, and on the first two Thursdays of the month from 9 a.m.-noon.

Anyone who can spare one day a month or one day a week should call Donnelly at 349-8553.

The Clothes Closet also helps with other community needs through the Christian Service program at the church. The program also provides furniture, baby items, food gift certificates, personal hygiene products and more for the needy.

A meeting will be held Saturday, May 31, in Classroom 11 at 10 a.m. for the Active Friends of the Homeless. Anyone interested in this area of service can call 349-8553 for more information.

"The Friends will be making plans for a garage sale on Saturday, June 7, from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. on Nihan off of Ten Mile Road, between Haggerty and Meadowbrook. Donations can be dropped

off the week before. All proceeds will go to the homeless.

Other upcoming programs include an art show in the Activity Center following all masses on Sunday, June 1. This will be a showing of the artwork of Margie Motovina, creator of the drawings on the cover and dividers of the newly published parish cookbook that will be available for sale at the same time.

The parish's annual graduation breakfast will be held immediately following the Baccalaureate Mass on June 8, at 8:45 a.m. Traditionally, the meal is prepared and served by juniors and their parents.

NOVI SENIOR SOCIAL CLUB

One of the best kept secrets is the Novi Senior Social Club, which meets monthly for an old-fashioned potluck or covered dish luncheon. The club provides the most unusual chicken or ham, beverage, and bread or rolls which are furnished by the hosts. Everyone is asked to bring their own table service.

Those not bringing a dish are asked to pay \$2 to the treasurer. The potlucks are held on the second Wednesday of the month, and are held at the Novi Civic Center in the stage area.

Bus transportation is available to seniors by calling 347-0414 the day before. While at the center, seniors are

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encouraged to check the brochure rack for other activities available for seniors.

Club members also conduct business meetings, planning various programs, social activities and senior trips. Club dues are only \$4 a year.

The club is open to married couples, singles and both men and women. It's interesting to see what good cooks the single men are.

Club officers are Ray Martin, president; Evie Lewis, vice president; Mary Ann Gravel, secretary; Vera Van Wormer, treasurer; Lillian Fritz, sunshine lady; and Harold Hill, raffle chairman.

The next potluck will be Wednesday, June 11. The bus and meeting will be held Wednesday, June 25.

Mary Kay Hill will again be planning summer trips: on July 16, Canterbury Village and Lunch at the new King's Court; Aug. 15, Turkeyville with dinner and show, "Singing in the Rain"; Sept. 17, dinner at the Edison Inn; and Oct. 9, Frankenmuth. For more information about the club, call Ray Martin 477-5741.

NOVI LIONS CLUB

The 1997 Golf Outing will be

held Thursday, June 12, under the direction of Eddie Rhea and Paul Faulkner. It will be held at Tanglewood with a 9 a.m. shotgun start. The cost is \$90, which includes 18 holes of golf, a cart, beverages, a snack on the course, and a full course dinner in the clubhouse after the match. The foursome count is more than half full with just a few weeks to go. Twenty-one have signed up to be hole sponsors.

The event is open to both men and women, and there will be prizes for the longest drive and the shot nearest to the pin. Special prizes are planned for hole-in-one players.

All proceeds from the event will go to the Penrickton Center for Blind Children. The Penrickton Center will be supplying workers for the outing.

The Penrickton Center teaches blind or visually impaired children - and those with other disabilities such as deafness or cerebral palsy - important living skills.

The Lions have completed their White Cane Drive and were not as successful as other years due to the weather.

The purpose of the White Cane Drive is to raise funds for the blind and educate the public as to the

meaning of the White Cane. The Lions participated in Novi's Memorial Day parade and passed out ball caps along the route. The caps were donated by Creative Concepts in Advertising.

A recent project was to donate some "Braille Money Markers" to the Novi Library. The pocket-size machine will imprint in Braille the denomination of the bill and make it easier for the blind to identify money.

SIXTHGATE SQUADRON

This local group of the Civil Air Patrol continues to grow in numbers, from adults to cadets - boys and girls who have completed the sixth grade. They meet on Tuesday evenings from 7-9:30 p.m. at the Novi Middle School. Prospective members can join individual, or entire families can sign up. More information is available by calling 349-2669.

The purpose of the group is to teach young people leadership skills and discipline, airplanes and how they fly, CPR, first aid and other emergency services. Civil Air Patrol is a volunteer division of the Air Force. It trains volunteers to assist in finding lost campers, air-craft/pilots and assists in community events.

Most recently, the group assisted in the March of Dimes Walk America held at Orchard Ridge campus. They set up and cleaned

up, and helped with registration of walkers; ten cadets and four seniors were involved. In addition, they brought all the left-over groceries back to Novi and presented the articles to the Food Closet.

Members also participated in Michigan Parades Into the 21st Century which was held in Lansing. Six cadets and five senior members attended the event, a statewide parade. Squadrons from all over Michigan participated.

At one of the groups recent meetings, the squadron received the Quality Unit Award. Everyone is to be congratulated as it takes all members to help achieve this honor.

Jay Simanec, explorer commissioner on behalf of the Boy Scouts of America, presented the award to Col. William Charles of the Michigan Wing. Others who were present at the ceremony included Lt. Col. John Guteshewsky, Lt. Col. Sue Ann F'Groppart, and Lt. Col. Chaplain Leslie Harding.

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

On Campus

REGAN MELISSA BENNETT recently graduated with honors from Butler University with a bachelor of science degree in elementary education.

Commencement exercises were recently held at Alton College where TROY D. HELMICK, MARK J. McDONALD, and JENNIFER M. PRESSON, received their degrees.

Helmick received a bachelor of arts degree in geological sciences. He is the son of Douglas Helmick of Novi and a graduate of Novi High School.

McDonald, also named to the Dean's List for spring semester for achieving a grade point average of 3.5 or above at the end of the semester, received a bachelor of arts degree in physical education. He is the son of Michael and Sandra McDonald of Novi and a graduate of Northville High School.

Presson received a bachelor of arts degree in Spanish. She is the daughter of Christine Stevens of Novi and Joseph Presson of West Bloomfield. Presson also graduated from Novi High School.

The following students from Novi were recognized for their academic achievements and placed on the Dean's List at Schoolcraft College: SHAYNA LEE

ADAIR, JENNIFER LYNN ALDER, RICHARD CHARLES BLENDIA II, CHRISTINE KATHRYN EDWARDS, JENNIFER ANN GIBSON, AMANDA K. MCGILVER, MARY ANNE MURRAY, MICHAEL WILLIAM PINKERTON, MARCIA ANN PROVOST, DOLORES ANNE RAMSDEN, ROBIN LYNN REVELES, KATHLEEN ANN SLAWSKI, TED CHARLES WARTHMAN, DORIAN C. WELLS, KATHERINE MARIE WHITAKER, and XIANJU Z. ZHANG.

Western Michigan University students from Novi who have been included on the Dean's List for winter semester: SARAH M. BOYCE, art; BRANDY A. EPHRAIM, university curriculum; ANGELO FALLONE, integrated supply management; DEBORAH SUZANNE FRANZ, general business and theater; SHANNON HARRIGAN, general business; SANJAY A. NAYAKWADI, integrated supply management; MICHAEL PANTALBO, pre-psychology; AMY E. SAHRI, elementary group minors; KEITH R. THOMPSON, university curriculum; JENNIFER WARDWELL, biology and environmental studies; and KELLY R. WORGES, accountancy and French.

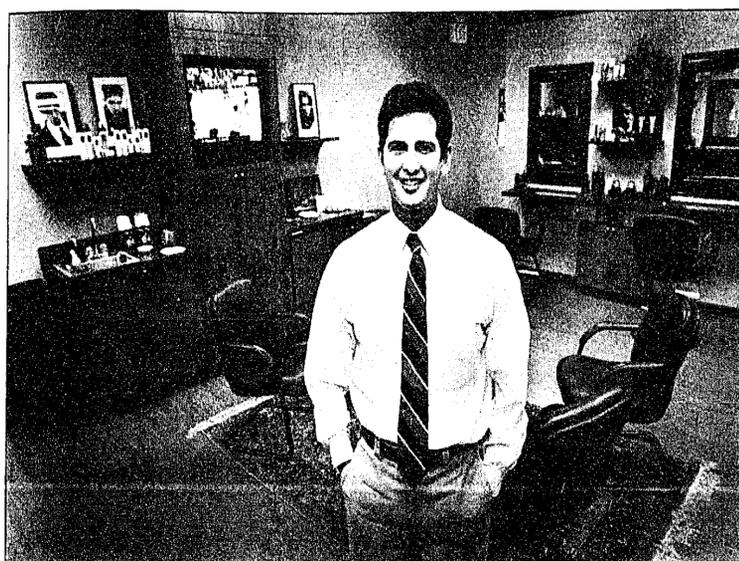
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John Agosta chose clean lines, wood and leather for the decor of the new 'men only' salon Agosta in Novi.

Salon for men only opens in Novi

By CAROL WORKENS
Staff Writer

The guys have a place to call their own.

No more sharing the sink with women. And sports is on the television all the time.

The grand opening of the new Agosta for Men in Novi will be Sunday, June 1, from 1 until 4 p.m.

"I don't know of any other salon format," owner John Agosta said, "no one who offers facials and pedicures as well."

Reasons for opening a separate salon for men next to the Gina Agosta salon at 38953 Grand River in the Pheasant Run Plaza, was to keep up with the growing demand

for hair coloring services and also to make customers feel more comfortable.

"A lot of times the ladies don't want to be sitting next to a man because they are not looking their best," Agosta said. "Some with the people to know that they are coloring their hair, it's not quite as acceptable."

Some men, especially lawyers and real estate agents, have according to Agosta, but tended to wait the early morning and late evening appointments, before and after work to avoid the women.

"We thought if we had an environment for them then that would everybody at ease," said Agosta who has been a stylist for 12 years. "Our male business has grown and it was time to expand. Nobody else was doing it."

There is an area with a fax machine, lap top computer and courtesy phone. All the magazines on the table in the waiting area are oriented toward men.

There's a television in every room, including a VCR in the pedicure room.

Services for men include hair cuts as well as hair, brow, mustache and beard coloring.

"There are sports mantures, facials, and pedicures, as well as

The decor for the 1,300-square-foot salon which was selected by Agosta, has clean lines and is similar to that found in a men's library or club with its extensive use of wood. Leather chairs on an antique area rug in the center of the room away from the store front window provide a more private waiting area for customers out of sight of passing shoppers in the mall.

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"There are sports mantures, facials, and pedicures, as well as

waxing to remove unwanted hair from the brows or back. Hair restructuring includes permanent or straightening hair.

"When we market to men, they don't want to be pampered if they want to feel masculine," Agosta said.

Customers can have their shoes shined on Saturday. Those wanting to drop off their shoes on Friday can pick them up on Saturday.

Agosta is closed on Monday; and opens on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 7:30 p.m. on Friday from 9 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. and on Saturday from 8 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. Appointments can be taken over the phone beginning at 8 a.m.

The Gina Agosta salon was in Northville for 22 years prior to their move to Novi two years ago.

Book addresses abuse, obstacles

By CAROL WORKENS
Staff Writer

It's been a long time coming, but Dr. Gall Majcher's book *A Woman's Memoirs as a Survivor of Domestic Violence* is on the Main in Northville.

A book signing is scheduled for Saturday, May 31, at 1:30 p.m. at the store, located at 101 N. Center.

"I promised myself that if I survived the violent marriage I would write a book about it and now is the time," Majcher said.

Although the book only took a year to write and self-publish, it was 20 years in the making.

While writing the book, Majcher relived some of her memories.

"I stopped and wept for that young girl that was in that terrible situation," she said. "I wish I had had a book like this back then."

Majcher cites two reasons for writing the book. The first is to reach women who are in violent marriages.

"Even when all strikes are against you, you can get out," she said. "I want women to know they can do that, it is not a dead end. They can go forward in life."

Majcher had nothing going for her, no money, no education, and two babies when she fled an abusive husband.

The second reason is to educate society about domestic violence. Majcher's book addresses why women get into such situations, why they stay, and how they can get out.

A resident of Northville for two years, Majcher left a violent four-year marriage two decades years ago.

Everything was wonderful prior to the marriage. The violence began on the honeymoon when something set her new husband off.

Majcher, who had been raised in a home with all girls, had never seen anything so intense and violent. The frequency and intensity increased.

At first Majcher made excuses - things would be different after the first child, after they bought a home, after the second child, and if she was a perfect wife. But she realized that the problem wasn't her. It was him.

The look of terror on the faces of her two young children when her husband came after her one night was the last straw in her decision

to leave the marriage.

"I could not have my innocent children exposed to this insanity," she said.

About four months later, she sneaked out of the house and moved into a tiny flat. She went on welfare and started at ground zero.

She lived in fear for a long time, but especially the first night as her husband stood outside the building banging on the door and screaming.

"As time went by the threats became less. He kind of got on with his own life and left me alone," she said.

Majcher went on to college where she received bachelor's and master's degrees as well as a doctorate in clinical psychology. She now has a private practice in Livonia.

"In retrospect I am so thankful, becoming a psychologist was a perfect profession because of my personality," she said.

In the center of the book is a journal Majcher kept leading up to her move from the marital home and continuing through the following year.

The book also includes the dynamics of her family during childhood, many aspects of which

are common to abused women.

"It is not just a book about domestic violence. It is also a book about overcoming obstacles," Majcher said. "This book is about domestic violence but it can be any obstacle."

Books can be ordered by sending a check or money order for \$11.95 plus \$1.50 for postage to Gall Majcher Inc., 38705 Seven Mile Road, Suite 435, Livonia, MI 48152, or by calling (313) 565-6900.

Majcher's web page number is www.solarblue.com/aworthymom.



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Area store to host authors of Michigan gardening book

A gardening book written with Michigan gardeners in mind will make its debut at a book signing at Brickscape Gardens on Saturday, May 31, from 2 until 4 p.m.

The *Michigan Garden's Guide* is written by Marty Hair, the garden writer for the *Detroit Free Press*, and the husband-and-wife team of Timothy Boland and Laura Colt.

The more than 400-page book is an easy-to-follow guide on when to plant, how to plant and how to care for the plants that grow best in Michigan gardens, including plants indigenous to the state.

The index cross-references plants by their common and botanical names and the center of the book is a full-color section, with pictures of plants featured in the book. Chapter subjects include annuals, hardy bulbs, perennials, lawns, woodland flowers and ferns, roses, shrubs and trees.

Hair is an advanced Master Gardener and has been a journalist with the *Detroit Free Press* since 1978, the last four as the garden writer.

Boland and Colt spent much of their careers at Michigan State University leading efforts to care for and study thousands of plants.

Both spent time as gardeners for the Royal Horticultural Society's



Marty Hair



Laura Colt

Garden in Surrey, England. Boland is currently nursery manager/plant propagator for MSU's 26-acre woody plant production facility while Colt is now a freelance garden designer and horticultural artist in Lansing.

Brickscape Gardens is located on Brickscape Drive (Old Novi Road) off Eight Mile Road.

For more information, call Brickscape Gardens at (248) 348-2500.

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Reunions

SOUTH LYON HIGH SCHOOL: Class of 1982, 15-year reunion, Aug. 16 at the Woodlands Golf Club in Brighton. Call Rhonda Truay-Prescher at (810) 437-7614.

CODY HIGH SCHOOL: January and June 1967 and January 1968 graduates, June 20 at the Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn. The deadline for reservations is June 1. Call Mike Martinez at (248) 347-0620.

THURSTON HIGH SCHOOL: Class of 1963, Nov. 8 at the Novi Hilton. For information or to update your address, call Fred Luoto at (313) 464-0376.

NORTHVILLE HIGH SCHOOL: Class of 1977, 20-year reunion, Aug. 29, Novi Hilton. Call Class Reunions Plus at (810) 783-9651.

NORTVILLE HIGH SCHOOL: Class of 1987, There is a reunion being planned for Aug. 16 at the Bedford Inn. Details have not been finalized but will be published as soon as they are available.

PLYMOUTH CANTON AND PLYMOUTH SALEM: Class of 1987, Nov. 1, Novi Hilton. Call Reunion Works at (313) 397-8766.

NOVI HIGH SCHOOL: The Class of 1987, Oct. 25, Novi Expo Center. Call Maggie Sigler at (810) 344-8604.

REDFORD HIGH SCHOOL: Class of 1967, 30-year reunion, Aug. 9. For more information, call Jim at (810) 926-5758 or Sandi at (810) 669-4716.

WARREN LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL: Class of 1977, 20 year reunion in August or September. For more information, call Connie (Skorski)

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Engagement



Brian Reed/Gina Franchi

Gerald and Frances Franchi of Novi, formerly of Livonia, announce the engagement of their daughter, Gina Terese, to Brian Michael Reed, the son of Marsha Reed of Troy and Ronald Reed of Farmington Hills.

The bride-elect is a 1989 graduate of Ladywood High School. A 1994 graduate of Central Michigan University, she is currently studying for her master's degree in

social work at Wayne State University. She is currently employed as a social worker at Our Lady of Providence Center in Northville.

The groom-elect graduated in 1989 from Troy High School. He is a 1994 Central Michigan University graduate, and is employed at Anderson Consulting as a computer consultant.

A November wedding is being planned.

Wedding



Gregory and Dawn Leitz

Dawn Donnelly and Gregory Leitz II were married Nov. 29, 1996, at Church of the Holy Family in Novi. Father John Boudie officiated at the ceremony. A reception for 150 guests followed at Laurel Manor in Livonia.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Donnelly of Commerce, formerly of Novi.

She is a 1991 graduate of Northville High School. Dawn graduated from Western Michigan University in 1994, and from Dental Hygiene School in 1996.

Attending as maid of honor was her twin sister, Donna Donnelly. She was also attended by five bridesmaids.

The groom is the son of Gregory Leitz and Maudie Leitz, both of Bangor, Mich. He is a 1995 graduate of Western Michigan University.

Serving the groom as best man was Brady MacDonald plus five groomsmen.

The couple went on a Caribbean cruise for their honeymoon. They now reside in Waterford.

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 June 4, after meeting at the Sunflower Restaurant for dinner at 6 p.m., Single Place will return to the church for "Memory, Mind and Magic" with speaker Don Handyside at 7:30 p.m. Throughout June following Wednesday presentations, the group will go to Getzie's Pub on Main Street for continued fellowship.

Activities for the month of June include TGIF at Benning's in Plymouth on June 6, 14, 20 and 27 at 5:30 p.m.; a Walk in Heritage Park in Farmington Hills on June 7, 14, 21 and 28 at 10 a.m.; a wild flower walk at Maybury State Park on June 7 at 3 p.m. and a burger and movie night at 6 p.m.; Flag Day picnic on June 14 at 6 p.m. and a dance at 8:30 p.m.; walkers picnic at 11 a.m. on June 21, a Texas BBQ at 7 p.m. and a square dance in the street at 8:30 p.m.; horseback riding on June 28 at 9 a.m. and an "unofficial" party at 7 p.m.

The Kennedy Golf Outing will be held on June 22 at 4 p.m. at Fox Hill. The cost is \$35 per person for golf and dinner and \$20 per person for dinner only. This is a fun hole scramble with no golfing experience required. Sign up in Fellowship Hall on Sunday morning or by calling 348-6228 until June 8.

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

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

For more information, call Church of the Holy Family at 349-8947.

SINGLE PARENT GROUP, 17000 Farmington Road in Livonia, meets the first and third Tuesdays 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 ride through Northville on May 31.

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 Thursday in room A-15 from 7:30 until 9 p.m.

For more information call the Single Point office at 422-1854.

SINGLE POINT MINISTRIES of Ward Presbyterian Church, 17000 Farmington Road at Six Mile in Livonia, invites you to join over 450 single adults every Sunday morning at 10:45 a.m. for fellowship and encouragement.

Rev. Paul Clough delivers messages to help singles in their life struggles. Coffee, donuts, conversation and Christ are always present. SFM has a program and activity for every age group and every life situation.

Single Parents meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 7 p.m. in the Calvin Room. The group offers support, fun, fellowship, vacations and other activities. Free child care is available.

Single Point also offers other groups which are open to all singles. For further information about Single Point Ministries call (313) 422-1854.

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

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

Wallyball begins at 6:45 p.m. on Tuesdays at Racquetball Farmington on Nine Mile west of Farmington Road. The cost for one hour is \$4 for members and \$6 for non-members. For details on upcoming activities and information about Farmington Single Professionals call the FSP hot line at (810) 851-9909.

In Service

Army Pvt. **HEATHER C. CORNWELL** has entered basic military training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

Cornwell is the daughter of Karen L. and Robert R. Cornwell of Novi.

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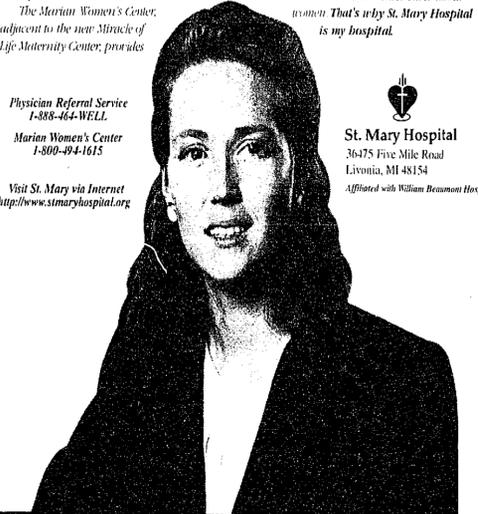
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Church Notes

NEW LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH, which worships temporarily in the former Plymouth Wesleyan Church at 42290 Five Mile Road at Brixner, offers Sunday morning services from 10 until 11 a.m.

For more information contact New Life Lutheran Church Pastor Ken Roberts at (313) 459-8181.

OAK POINTE CHURCH, a new, contemporary, non-denominational church meets for a one-hour service at 10 a.m. in the Northville High School Auditorium at 775 N. Center.

Weekly themes in June include "OK, So Jesus and Paul were both single. But do I have to be?" on June 1, "Single's Day," "Why Senior Citizens Should not be Discouraged" on June 8, "Senior's Day," and "It's Eleven O'Clock Do You Know Where Your Father Is?" on June 15, "Father'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 Stronck 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.

The atmosphere is casual and all are welcome at the spiritual adventure at **NEW SONG COMMUNITY CHURCH**, which meets at Walled Lake Middle School on Pontiac Trail near Beck Road.

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

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Kudos

Novi residents and West Point Parents Club members **JIM and JAN ROWELL** and **HANK and ANN NEWTON** where hosts to the USMA Solar Car Team recently.

Although both have sons who attend the United States Military Academy, neither were on this year's team.

Forty college teams from Alabama to Canada met at the GM Proving Grounds in Milford with their cars which are built to run on sunlight and batteries.

Those teams who complete 100 miles or 48 laps around the GM test track at an average of 25 mph in 5 minutes 20 seconds using only solar energy qualify for the 1,280 mile Sunrayce USA held later in June in Indianapolis.

The USMA car has seven batteries, 756 solar cells, and weighs 780 pounds, the lightest vehicle in the competition. USMA's car is also unique in that it's frame is made of titanium, which is used in aircraft.

The USMA solar car team of nine mechanical and electrical engineering students worked on their car for over a year.

Materials used were donated by alumni or parents and team members will stay with West Pointite families along the Sunrayce route from Indianapolis to Colorado.

The USMA team finished all but two of their required laps at GM and did not qualify for the Sunrayce event.

The ESMA team still has one more opportunity to qualify before the final race in Indianapolis.

Garden of the Month

Garden grows yearly as rose bushes arrive

By **PATRICIA A. ZIELKE**
Special Writer

Spring has sprung, the grass has riz, and I know where the flowers lie ... in the garden of Carolyn and Ron Abramovich on Clement Court in Lexington Commons.

The blooms offer irrefutable and fragrant testimony to all doubters that spring has really arrived: proof to those whose thermostats remain set at 75 degrees and who won't leave the house without diving into fleece-lined parkas and snow boots.

Spring may not fill the air, but it fills the garden with graceful forsythia bushes backing large crescent-shaped beds filled with brilliantly colored tulips interspersed with clusters of daffodils, grape hyacinths, bloodroot, Johnny-jump-ups, narcissus, forget-me-nots, fragrant hyacinths and arabis.

A red Canadian cherry tree stands close to the family room with its branches outstretched protecting the wildflowers below, which include trillium, Jacob's ladder, spiderwort, Virginia bluebells, bishop's cap, lily of the valley, columbine, wild harkspur, campanula and wild ginger.

Another bed on the south side of the yard will soon produce varieties of hybrid Asiatic lilies, daylilies in shades of orange, apricot and yellow, alongside beeham, delphinium, Siberian and Japanese iris, lupines, gloriosa daisy, ageratum, poppy and Maltese cross.

Throughout the area are gold flame and bridal wreath spirea, a

Bradford pear tree, lilac bushes filling one corner, and several trellises that will soon host clematis and honeysuckle.

For the past 22 years, Carolyn has been a test panel member for Jackson & Perkins. The company sends her four rose bushes each year which she scores for a number of factors, including vigor, blooming, substance, fragrance and disease tolerance. Currently there are over 40 selections in the rose bed. If this "growing interest" continues, she'll need to lease space from the neighbors.

Added to the delightful garden design are Carolyn's hand-made mosaic stepping stones, created by placing a stained glass design in the bottom of a mold and then adding cement. After the cement hardens, the finished product is popped from the mold (like an upside down cake) and in 30 days (after concrete has cured) is ready to be placed in the garden. Most of the designs chosen are floral motifs, but the possibilities are endless. Recently a patron ordered two "golf" stones as gifts for her husband.

This wonderful garden is both interesting and beautiful. And if you believe that every living thing responds positively to tender loving care, then Carolyn will be rewarded with a season filled with healthy and beautiful plants.

Patricia A. Zielke is a member of the Country Garden Club of Northville, Women's National Farm and Garden Association.

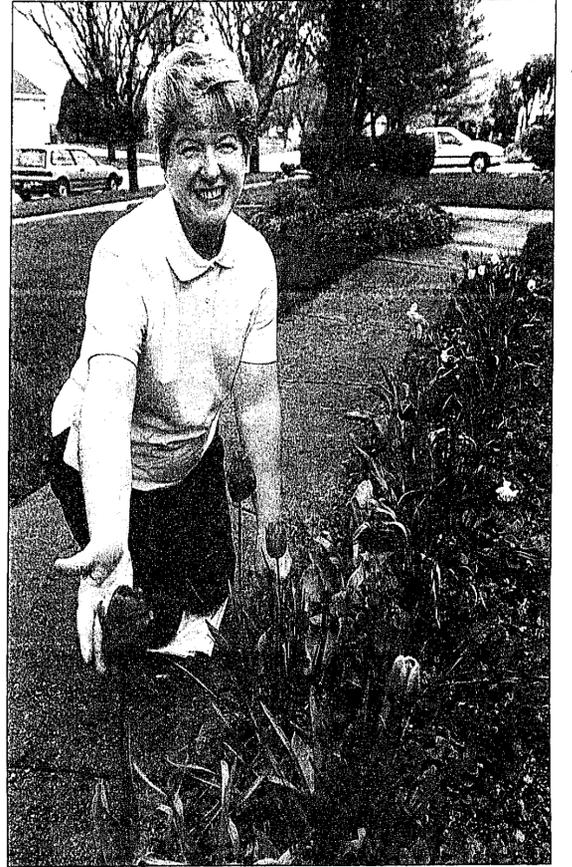


Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Northville resident Carolyn Abramovich, a professional cultivator of roses, shown here with some of her bedded tulips in her just-emerging garden, also makes colorful concrete stepping stones with which she decorates her garden.

On Campus

The following students from Novi were recognized for their academic achievements and placed on the Dean's List at Schoolcraft College: **SHAYNA LEE ADAIR, JENNIFER LYNN ALDER, RICHARD CHARLES BLENDPA II, CHRISTINE KATHRYN EDWARDS, JENNIFER ANI GIBSON, AMANDA K. MCGILNINEN, MARY ANNE MURRAY, MICHAEL WILLIAM PINKERTON, MARCIA ANN PROVOST, DOLORES ANNE RAMSDEN, ROBIN LYNN REEVES, KATHLEEN ANN SLAWSKI, TED CHARLES WARTHMAN, DORIAN C. WELLS, KATHRYNE MARIE WHITAKER, and XIANJIU Z. ZHANG.**

Novi residents **SONYA GUPTA, AMY H. SHAH,** and **SAMIR H. SHAH,** have been elected to the University of Michigan chapter of Phi Beta Kappa.

They were elected on the basis of academic achievement, cultural interests and good character.

JASON W. WENZEL has been named to the Dean's List at Albion College for spring semester. To receive recognition, a student must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 or above at the completion of the semester.

Wenzel, a sophomore majoring in economics and management and political science, is the son of William and Nancy Wenzel of Novi. He is a graduate of Northville High School.

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WALK LIFE'S PATH WITH ME Non-denominational SWF, 42, easygoing, bubbly, adventurous, enjoys Christian activities, bowling, country dancing, music, seeks honest, humorous, reliable, compassionate SM. Ad# 4555

A DAY AT THE BEACHES Baptist SWF, 38, adventurous, enjoys the outdoors, baking, cooking, leslis, wishes to meet honest, caring SM, who loves children and animals. Ad# 2615

A CUT ABOVE SWCF, 45, enjoys working, traveling, church, music, seeks honest, loyal SM, to be her special someone. Ad# 3485

HARDWORKING LADY Protestant SWF, 35, easygoing, happy, interests include walking the outdoors, hiking, reading, seeks SM, who enjoys life. Ad# 1077

MY KIDS NEED A DAD Methodist SWM, 31, 4'10", 220lbs., marriage-minded, enjoys going to church, sports, reading, time with his kids, seeks nice SM, for relationship. Ad# 3420

GUESS WHAT MY WISH IS? Positive, happy-go-lucky SWF, 41, bubbly, loves reading, writing, doing just about everything, seeks honest SM, to share the joys of life with. Ad# 2345

COMPUTER MINDED? Catholic SWM, 33, fun-loving, quiet, smart, swimming, camping, seeks SM, with family values. Ad# 5028

TAKE IT AS IT IS Catholic SWF, 40, enjoys camping, cozy entertaining, short trips, dining, seeks nice SM, who is a good listener. Ad# 2111

FORM A COUPLE Religious SWF, 40, professional, enjoys traveling, animals, going boating, fishing, cooking, the arts, seeks affectionate, loyal, established WMA, for companionship. Ad# 1069

CHART QUALITIES? Protestant DW, 32, outgoing, respectful, enjoys fishing, swimming, boating and more. seeks honest, sincere SM. Ad# 1181

ARE WE FAMILIAR? Protestant SWF, 45, hardworking, honest, sincere, attends Christian activities, enjoys cooking, the outdoors, nature, seeks articulate, honest SM, for friendship. Ad# 1123

CALL ME! SWF, 29, funny, smiling, hobbies are soccer, football, basketball, seeks humorous SM, who likes to laugh. Ad# 5922

GOOD-NATURED Non-denominational SWF, 32, 5'9", blue-eyed blonde, full-figured, honest, personable, enjoys reading, the outdoors, fishing, seeks stable, employed, humorous SM, with patience. Ad# 1280

ANY COBWOYS? Methodist SWM, 39, upbeat, hardworking, attends church regularly, likes working out, hiking, music, motorcycles, dancing, seeks tall, athletic, employed, humorous SM, with patience. Ad# 1280

YOUTHFUL Single SWF, 41, 5'10", 115 lbs., full-figured, enjoys swimming, walking, boating, fishing, hiking, golf, seeks honest, nice SM, who is a good listener. Ad# 3008

PLAY IT BY EAR Lutheran SWF, 46, honest, outgoing, attends some Christian activities, seeks faithful SM, as good friend. Ad# 4444

CLOSE TO GOD Presbyterian SWF, 42, bubbly, attends church events, likes cooking, reading, seeks honest, sincere, outgoing, hardworking, cheerful SM, with lighthearted sense of humor. Ad# 4567

ACTIVE GUY Lutheran SWF, 29, enjoys skiing, hiking, rollerblading, snowboarding, fishing, walking, camping, music, dining out, seeks SM, for dating. Ad# 3399

MUTUAL RESPECT Born-Again SWCF, 45, down-to-earth, caring, enjoys camping, fishing, walks, seeks warm, sincere, honest SM. Ad# 1951

ONE STEP AT A TIME SWF, 27, believes in God, shy but friendly, enjoys walking, TV, movies, music, seeks trustworthy SM, for friendship. Ad# 6113

LIKES TO CUDDLE SWM, 40, 5'8", genuine, fun-loving, enjoys travel, concerts, music, walking, sewing, gardening, seeks kind, honest, sincere SM. Ad# 6636

GOOD-HEARTED Positive SWF, 45, brown hair/eyes, caring, active, humorous, easygoing, enjoys sports, seeks healthy, trustworthy outgoing SM. Ad# 3825

LOVES ANTIQUES Catholic SWF, 48, outgoing, talkative, enjoys gardening, golf, dancing, seeks outgoing, happy, secure SM, who doesn't live in a poppy. Ad# 4140

VERY LOYAL Catholic SWF, 39, affectionate, spontaneous, enjoys hunting, fishing, walks in the woods, seeks caring, honest SM. Ad# 2233

TRUSTWORTHY Religious SWF, 63, honest, talkative, friendly, loyal, sincere, enjoys arts and crafts, walking, dining out, seeks SM, with similar interests and qualities. Ad# 4000

FIT & ACTIVE Lutheran SWF, 44, outgoing, keeps busy, employed, enjoys golf, skiing, softball, motorcycling, seeks good-humored SM around her age, for fun. Ad# 4411

AFFECTIONATE Catholic SWF, 45, easygoing, humorous, enjoys dancing, the outdoors, gardening, seeks honest, open, fun-loving SM. Ad# 8290

LOVES PETS SWF, 27, fun, outgoing, energetic, enjoys rollerblading, walking, exercising, seeks nice, funny, honest, caring SM. Ad# 4770

LOVES GOD? Protestant SWF, 26, outgoing, creative, attends Christian activities, enjoys rollerblading, biking, fishing, seeks honest, humorous, communicative, happy, upbeat DM, with children. Ad# 6209

THE FUNNY SIDE Catholic, full-figured DW, 35, outgoing, humorous, enjoys time with family and friends, sewing, crafts, seeks honest, communicative, happy, upbeat DM, with children. Ad# 6209

QUALITY TIME Professional, easygoing SWF, 34, Baptist, enjoys craft shows, time with daughter, searching for laid-back SM, who enjoys holding hands and cuddling. Ad# 6209

TAKE ME AS I AM Talkative, cheerful SWF, 64, down-to-earth, enjoys crafts, seeks honest, sincere, trustworthy SM, who is outgoing and kind. Ad# 3000

JUST WATCHING? Baptist SWM, 38, 5'11", 125lbs., humorous, easygoing, shy, enjoys movies, TV, dining out, reading, roller-skating, seeking honest, patient SM. Ad# 6207

WHY NOT YOU? Baptist DW, 26, honest, outgoing, affectionate, enjoys picnics, walks, movies, seeks honest, humorous, understanding SM. Ad# 1970

COULD BE HAPPY? Upbeat, positive SWM, 31, outgoing, creative, enjoys rollerblading, country music, sunsets, seeks independent, strong, sharing SM. Ad# 1231

FRIENDS FIRST Baptist SWF, 19, nice, caring, enjoys shooting pool, hiking, fun, seeks down-to-earth, caring, cool SM, who knows what they want out of life. Ad# 8971

STARTING OVER Protestant WWF, 51, enjoys remodeling, traveling, seeks honest, easygoing, open-minded SM, with similar interests. Ad# 6111

IN NEW CHURCH SWF with no religious preference, 24, big-hearted, carefree, seeks nice, conversational, honest, outgoing, friendly SM, who is a practicing Catholic. Ad# 6254

FAMILY ORALITY Catholic SWF, 55, cheerful, hardworking, attends Christian concerts and activities, loves gardening, child, animals, seeks honest, kind, healthy SM, who is a practicing Catholic. Ad# 6254

CONFIDENCE IN ME Protestant SWF, 53, optimistic, down-to-earth, humor, decorating and remodeling, antiques, seeks clear, down-to-earth SM, with similar interests. Ad# 4242

A LITTLE BIT CRAZY SWF, 48, happy, carefree, enjoys snowmobiling, lawn care, playing pool, shooting darts, seeks fit, active, romantic, fun-loving SM, who is a little bit crazy. Ad# 476

BE NICE Methodist SWF, 24, upbeat, happy, goal-oriented, enjoys talks, outdoor activities, exercising, art, drawing, outdoor activities, seeks nice, fun-loving SM, who is a practicing Catholic. Ad# 6254

FAMILY-ORIENTED Catholic SWF, 33, warm, humorous, enjoys craft shows, antique shopping, concerts, movies, seeks honest, clean-cut, fun-loving, hardworking SM. Ad# 1223

SENSE OF HUMOR Humorous Catholic SWF, 25, enjoys bowling, sports, country music, karaoke, camping, seeks outgoing, loyal, sincere, fun SM. Ad# 3667

LIKES TO PARTY! Protestant SWF, 35, outgoing, articulate, attends Christian activities, enjoys sports, horses, golfing, movies, seeks honest, sincere, loyal, intelligent, humorous SM. Ad# 4237

HELL WIVES FAN? Protestant SWF, 33, caring, sensual, Type 'A' personality, likes dances, volleyball, bowling, music, seeks honest, warm-hearted, stable, NS, compatible SM. Ad# 1957

ONE SHINY SIDE? Family-oriented SWF, 38, Protestant, easygoing, humorous, enjoys movies, country music, dancing, seeks outgoing, caring SM. Ad# 9417

BE THERE FOR ME Non-denominational SWF, 50, outgoing, friendly, enjoys sports, Christian activities, seeks nice, seeks honest, dining out, seeks family-oriented SM. Ad# 1358

ATHLETIC Catholic SWF, 36, fun-loving, enjoys racquetball, tennis, swimming, the beach, movies, seeks healthy, trustworthy outgoing SM. Ad# 3825

OLD FASHIONED WOMAN Protestant SWF, 37, shy, humorous, likes Christian concerts, cooking, sewing, gardening, seeking faithful, sincere SM. Ad# 9293

FAMILY-ORIENTED SWF, 35, non-denominational, personable, enjoys time with her kids, music, sporting events, coaching, seeks easygoing SM, who loves life & laughter. Ad# 9169

ADORNS CHILDREN Catholic SWM, 21, sincere, fun-loving, honest, student, enjoys movies, reading, sewing, dining out, time with daughter, seeks honest, sincere, fun SM. Ad# 4440

HAPPY PERSON Catholic SWF, 27, attractive, adventurous, enjoys animals, skiing, the outdoors, horseback riding, seeks honest, caring SM, for possible relationship. Ad# 5262

SERIOUSLY SERIOUS Lutheran SWM, 33, easygoing, likes to laugh, fun, attends Christian activities, enjoys long walks/runs, cooking, seeks SM, who likes quiet evenings. Ad# 1142

CALL THIS AD SWF, 19, Lutheran, easygoing, fun, caring, compassionate, enjoys dining out, dancing, movies, seeks responsible, employed, honest SM, who likes children. Ad# 1377

ROMANTIC SWF, 26, Lutheran, upbeat, outgoing, fun, babe, is fishing, hiking, camping, swimming, looking for honest, humorous, caring SM. Ad# 5822

SHAME IT YOURS Green-eyed SWM, 40, 5'5", 160 lbs., fit, attractive, NS, enjoys music, dancing, dining, family outings, seeking attractive, caring DW. Ad# 8626

ADVENTUROUS SWM, 38, 5'6", hardworking, warm-hearted, NS, enjoys nature, theatre, chicken, seeking healthy, adventurous, considerate SM. Ad# 3670

INTEREST YOU? SWF, 21, brown hair, blue eyes, enjoys movies, wine, poetry, music, seeking SM, 22-30, for an honest, special relationship. Ad# 1121

LET'S MEET! Protestant SWF, 24, 5'5", 120lbs., brown hair, green eyes, enjoys camping, horseback riding, seeks professional, smart, kind, caring SM. Ad# 5988

SENSE OF HUMOR SWF, 46, 5'8", reddish blonde, blue eyes, enjoys movies, music, seeks nice, creative, rugged, humorous SM, for possible relationship. Ad# 7481

BUTTERED BREAD SWF, 22, 5'6", blue-eyed blonde, full-figured, loves animals, children, going out and staying home, seeking romantic, humorous SM, who likes outdoor, for dating, maybe more. Ad# 4265

LOOKING FOR YOU? SWF, 22, 5'5", 115lbs., brown hair, green eyes, enjoys sports, movies, dining out, nightclubs, staying home, seeking honest, sincere SM, 22-30, marriage-minded. Ad# 7957

NO GAME PLAYERS Catholic SWF, 35, quiet, easygoing, enjoys motorcycle riding, camping, fishing, seeks down-to-earth, level-headed SM. Ad# 1412

BRIGHT OUTLOOK? Comic SWCF, 45, non-denominational, enjoys golf, fishing, movies, walks, seeks stable, caring, honest SM, with integrity and a good sense of humor. Ad# 1576

DIGNIFIED ONE Catholic SWF, 55, friendly, caring, enjoys traveling, enjoys movies, country music, seeks humorous, honest SM. Ad# 5577

DON'T WAIT! Catholic SWM, 20, outgoing, fun-loving, enjoys camping, outdoor activities, rollerblading, dining out, walking, hiking, seeks honest, humorous, talkative, reasonably romantic SM. Ad# 3366

JOYFUL LIFE Presbyterian SWF, 39, down-to-earth, humorous, enjoys camping, golfing, sports, the outdoors, building models, seeks compassionate, sincere SM. Ad# 5556

HOBBIES TO SHARE Warm, intelligent SWF, 42, Protestant, enjoys Native American crafts, decorating his home, seeks warm, kind, considerate SM. Ad# 6162

DEPENDABLE GUY SWM, 42, 5'9", 170lbs., well-proportioned, likes country music, movies, baseball games, plays tennis, travel, seeks down-to-earth SM, for lasting relationship. Ad# 7646

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OUTDOORS TYPE SWM, 35, secure, dad, seeking caring, understanding SF, for dating, conversation, maybe more. Ad# 1930

SEES HIS QUEEN SWM, 38, happy-go-lucky, lots of fun, enjoys motorcycle, low hunting, seeks SF, 19-25, child-oriented. Ad# 4225

UPBEAT GUY Catholic SWM, 39, fun-loving, hobbies include remodeling, gardening, seeks honest, sincere, kind, caring, considerate SF. Ad# 7100

SPINNY TIME WITH ME Baptist SWM, 29, humorous, enjoys plays, music, baseball, basketball, seeks sweet, caring, honest, faithful SF. Ad# 1776

HIGHER POWER SWM, 37, sophisticated, enjoys playing music, volleyball, like riding, enjoys outdoor concerts, seeks energetic, fun to be with. Ad# 5437

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES Protestant SWF, 39, upbeat, positive, likes rollerblading, biking, working out, fishing, camping, golf, travel, movies, seeks SF, who enjoys life. Ad# 2955

FAMILY TIMES Digital SWM, 26, upbeat, positive, goal-oriented, enjoys hiking, rollerblading, fishing, camping, golf, travel, movies, seeks SF, who enjoys life. Ad# 5978

INTELLIGENT Non-denominational SWM, 35, romantic, witty, affectionate, attends Christian activities, enjoys camping, travel, lightseeing, seeks cute-sized, beautiful SF, of any race. Ad# 1882

GYM & GOLF Baptist SWM, 28, outgoing, likes playing on the beach, water skiing, fishing, the outdoors, seeking honest, caring, affectionate SF, willing to give. Ad# 5445

BAMBIERIE KING Catholic SWF, 42, outgoing, humorous, enjoys boating, family activities, water skiing, weekend fun, seeks serious, trustworthy, fun, attractive SF. Ad# 7665

HOOPY FOR ME? Non-denominational SWM, 44, easygoing, laid-back, enjoys baseball, traveling, walks, seeks down-to-earth. Ad# 5700

ANSWER THIS AD Catholic SWF, 32, outgoing, intelligent, enjoys spending time with her son, sports, reading, seeks independent, honest, attractive SF. Ad# 3163

CAN WE TALK? Non-denominational SWM, 37, fun person, professional, likes hot rods, seeks loving, caring, fun-loving SF. Ad# 3248

MANY INTERESTS Non-denominational SWM, 31, personable, has many hobbies, seeks humorous, fun-loving, nice, loyal, sharing SF. Ad# 6565

GOAL-ORIENTED Catholic SWF, 33, tall, athletic, outgoing, honest, enjoys time with his son, the outdoors, dancing, golf, tennis, movies, sports, seeks independent, attractive SF. Ad# 5663

WARM & FRIENDLY Catholic SWM, 40, wise, bubbly, upbeat, enjoys golf, fishing, camping, gardening, seeks nice NS, humorous, communicative SF, to grow together with. Ad# 7329

OPEN-MINDED Catholic SWM, 34, fun-loving, enjoys the outdoors, enjoys camping, fishing, seeks open-minded SF, with a serious side. Ad# 9999

BRIGHT OUTLOOK? Comic SWCF, 45, non-denominational, enjoys golf, fishing, movies, walks, seeks stable, caring, honest SM, with integrity and a good sense of humor. Ad# 1576

DIGNIFIED ONE Catholic SWF, 55, friendly, caring, enjoys traveling, enjoys movies, country music, seeks humorous, honest SM. Ad# 5577

DON'T WAIT! Catholic SWM, 20, outgoing, fun-loving, enjoys camping, outdoor activities, rollerblading, dining out, walking, hiking, seeks honest, humorous, talkative, reasonably romantic SM. Ad# 3366

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Second Helping's Runners 2nd at KVC, varsity county meets

By SCOTT DANIEL Sports Editor

What a week for Novi High's women's track squad. The Wildcats placed second in the varsity Oakland County and Kensington Valley Conference meets. Novi also won the freshman Oakland County meet.

Captain Sue Tominek was more than thrilled. She was a bit surprised, especially at low level freshman did to do well.

"I didn't know what to expect from them," she said. "We placed in everything. This freshman group was really together on this. They finished second in the mile (5:18.32) and Jenny Hampton fourth (5:19.4). Svelter took fourth in the 800-meter run (2:22.86)."

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Softballers 2nd at home tourney

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Montrose got the game-winning run in the fourth inning. Cameron led Novi with three hits while Sarah Hajorek and Edwards each had one.

"It was a good tournament for us," said Diglio. "The Wildcats improved to 12-19 with the two wins."

BRIGHTON DOUBLEHEADER

The Wildcats played at Brighton May 21 and were swept by the Bulldogs.

Brighton took game one 5-0. Novi had just two hits by Lindsay Drury and Kristen Sullivan. "We were hitting the ball," said Diglio, "but right at people."

The Bulldogs took the nightcap

11-1. Cameron had Novi's lone hit in that game.

LAKELAND DOUBLEHEADER

The Wildcats started out the week at home May 19 with a pair of losses to Lakeland.

The Eagles took the opener 9-0. Mindy Dwyer tossed a one-hitter for the visitors.

"We struggled in that first game," said Diglio.

The Wildcats played better in game two, but fell 2-1. Diglio said her team hung tough until the end.

"This was a big team," she added. "It made the kids feel good that they could hang in there with them."

Lacrosse squad falls to Troy in OT

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momentum, it gained it back. Brian Fischer cut the lead to 11-10 at 10:29 on a pass from Cory Darling. Troy's Lambie got the goal back at 8:59 to make it 12-10.

The schools traded goals again over the next five minutes of the quarter with Johnson scoring his fifth of the game. The senior led a field-long rush that ended with a Muston goal at 3:44 to make it a 13-12 game.

Novi then tied the game in dramatic fashion. With just 30 seconds on the clock, Muston broke

through three Troy defenders and rifled home his fifth goal to tie the game.

Novi's sideline erupted with joy. But it didn't last long.

Troy pressed the Wildcat goal at the beginning of overtime. Lambie finally ended the game at 2:29. He had three goals in the game.

Zajdel said it was a tough loss for his team to take. But he said he was proud of the Wildcats' comeback.

"We played a good fourth quarter," said Zajdel.

Northville baseball squad falls to WJG

By SCOTT DANIEL

John Glenn May 21. After falling behind by four runs in the first inning, the Mustangs clawed their way back to an 11-8 victory.

"These guys have bounced back after tough losses all year," coach Mickey Newman said. "This was a great way to close the regular season."

Northville High has been on the wrong end of a lot of close games this spring. Despite those setbacks, though, the Black and Orange have kept on fighting.

Take Northville's conference crossover game with Westland

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Northville finished seventh in the Western Lakes Activities Association with the win.

SCOREBOARD

BASEBALL		ERA		WL	
KVC STANDINGS	13-125-2	Henson (Brighton) .088	Murty (Howell) .406	Sova (Brighton) .15-0	Milock (Brighton) .13-2
Lakeland .9-511-7	1.27	Klein (Brighton) .1.27	Hamilton (Brighton) .404	Doy (Fowlerville) .2-2	Doy (Fowlerville) .2-2
Novi .7-87-11	1.73	Outbur (Brighton) .1.69	Salczynski (Lakeland) .400	Stutz (Hartland) .2-6	Stutz (Hartland) .2-6
South Lyon .6-910-17	2.03	Arabas (Fowlerville) .2.03	RBI	Dwyer (Lakeland) .20-9	Dwyer (Lakeland) .20-9
Howell .5-116-15	2.39	Vugh (Northville) .2.39	Dave (Brighton) .31	Morris (Hartland) .2-1	Morris (Hartland) .2-1
AREA LEADERS		Willey (Northville) .2.40	Barn (Brighton) .29	Mury (Howell) .1-1	Mury (Howell) .1-1
BATTING		Mendez (Fowlerville) .2.56	Isoborg (Hartland) .29	Lezotte (Brighton) .1-1	Lezotte (Brighton) .1-1
AVERAGE		Stevenson (Northville) .2.65	Vesheil (Brighton) .25	Quinn (Hartland) .25	Quinn (Hartland) .25
Stieger (Fowlerville) .538		Morris (Hartland) .2.83	Wheeler (Lakeland) .24	Dwyer (Lakeland) .1-10	Dwyer (Lakeland) .1-10
Gabrieli (Novi) .499		STRIKEOUTS	Walker (South Lyon) .22	Dey (Fowlerville) .1-18	Dey (Fowlerville) .1-18
Siegward (South Lyon) .467		Henson (Brighton) .107	Morrison (Hartland) .22	Stutz (Hartland) .1-39	Stutz (Hartland) .1-39
Cash (Fowlerville) .465		Willey (Northville) .67	Dayton (Fowlerville) .22	Milock (Brighton) .2-53	Milock (Brighton) .2-53
Garcia (Brighton) .461		Morris (Hartland) .57	Sova (Brighton) .22	Wesell (South Lyon) .21	Wesell (South Lyon) .21
Malik (South Lyon) .448		Mendez (Fowlerville) .57	Hamilton (Brighton) .19	Davis (Howell) .3-62	Davis (Howell) .3-62
Kroczek (Brighton) .444		Carry (Lakeland) .43	Mury (Howell) .19	Mury (Howell) .4-70	Mury (Howell) .4-70
Vile (Brighton) .423		Roberts (Fowlerville) .34	HOME RUNS		
Frederick (Hartland) .421		SOFTBALL	Barn (Brighton) .4	Wesell (South Lyon) .218	Wesell (South Lyon) .218
Guichrist (Northville) .413		KVC STANDINGS	Dominick (Lakeland) .3	Dwyer (Lakeland) .194	Dwyer (Lakeland) .194
Daly (Fowlerville) .412		Brighton .28-217-0	Walker (South Lyon) .3	Stutz (Hartland) .186	Stutz (Hartland) .186
Walkers (Milford) .410		Hartland .25-815-4	Mury (Howell) .3	Day (Fowlerville) .170	Day (Fowlerville) .170
King (Novi) .393		Milford .2-104-18	Hamilton (Brighton) .2	Milock (Brighton) .15-3	Milock (Brighton) .15-3
RBI		Lakeland .11-721-10	Dwyer (Lakeland) .2	Sova (Brighton) .76	Sova (Brighton) .76
Henson (Brighton) .55		Novi .7-1010-14	Melcher (Lakeland) .2	Morris (Hartland) .35	Morris (Hartland) .35
Garcia (Brighton) .39		Howell .9-207-13	Morrison (Hartland) .2	Zach (Milford) .35	Zach (Milford) .35
Malik (South Lyon) .25		South Lyon .14-1410-16	BOYS TRACK		
Manard (Fowlerville) .25		AREA LEADERS	Lyn (Fowlerville) .14-5		
Guichrist (Northville) .24		Barn (Brighton) .17	Rajala (Fowlerville) .17		
Sumner (Brighton) .22		Fenz (Novi) .16	Mury (Howell) .16		
Miller (Brighton) .21		Cameron (Novi) .493	Dominick (Lakeland) .15		
Walker (South Lyon) .20		Sumner (Brighton) .484	Dayton (Fowlerville) .15		
Thomas (South Lyon) .19		Morrison (Hartland) .485	Summit (South Lyon) .15		
Gregory (Howell) .18		Wheeler (Lakeland) .424	Salczynski (Lakeland) .14		
Stieger (Fowlerville) .16		Rajala (Fowlerville) .422	M. Williams (South Lyon) .14		
Neil (Lakeland) .16		Goldman (Brighton) .415	Douglas (Hartland) .13		
Hardin (Lakeland) .15		Schuler (Milford) .415	Douglas (Hartland) .12		
HOME RUNS		Menzel (Milford) .415	PITCHING		
Henson (Brighton) .19		Menard (Fowlerville) .413			
Klauson (Novi) .6		STEALS			
Guichrist (Northville) .6		Siegward (South Lyon) .19			
Outlaw (Brighton) .4		Burke (Northville) .18			
Malik (South Lyon) .4		Vugh (Northville) .18			
Ayers (Novi) .3		Gis (Brighton) .16			
Wheeler (Lakeland) .3		McCarthy (Fowlerville) .13			
Stieger (Fowlerville) .3		Garcia (Brighton) .13			
Hardin (Lakeland) .3		Henson (Brighton) .10			
PITCHING		Buback (Hartland) .10			
W.L. Henson (Brighton) .7-0		Roberts (Fowlerville) .9			
Edwards (Brighton) .6-0		Guichrist (Northville) .8			
McCarthy (Fowlerville) .4-0		Capeland (Fowlerville) .7			
Sticker (Novi) .4-0		Cogswell (Pinckney) .6			
Schaff (Brighton) .5-1		Devers (Lakeland) .6			
Carey (Lakeland) .5-1		Corniaud (Hartland) .5			
Stieger (Fowlerville) .5-2		W.L.			
Guichrist (Northville) .4-2		Henson (Brighton) .7-0			
Phojia (Howell) .4-2		Edwards (Brighton) .6-0			
Roberts (Fowlerville) .4-2		Klein (Brighton) .6-0			

Brighton sweeps Wildcat baseball squad

By SCOTT DANIEL

Sports Editor

Final scores can be misleading. Take the Wildcat baseball team's road doubleheader with Brighton Thursday. If you looked just at the scores, 6-3 and 7-1, you'd say Novi wasn't in either game.

But nothing could be further from the truth. Class A's No. 1 ranked team simply pulled away at the end of both games.

"We played well," coach Brian Howard said. "They're just that much better."

The Wildcats got a chance for revenge Tuesday after Novi News deadline against the Bulldogs. The two schools were to meet in a pre-district game at Brighton.

The winner of that game will play South Lyon Saturday in the district semi-final. Northville plays Walley Lake Western in the other semi-final.

As for Thursday's opener with the Bulldogs, Novi drew first blood. After a scoreless first inning, the Wildcats rallied for two runs in the second.

Adam Stricker started the rally with a single to left field and was followed by a Doug Minke walk. Scott Krause then delivered the



Catcher Matt Gabrieli has been solid behind the plate and with the bat for Novi this spring.

first run with an RBI single. Lemmy Christoff, who had three hits in the game, then brought Krause home with a double to left center.

Brighton outscored Novi starter Connor Krause for a run in the bottom of the inning. The run was unearned.

The Bulldogs grabbed the lead in the fourth. Three hits and a pair of walks led to three Brighton runs.

The game slayed 4-2 until the sixth inning. Novi cut the lead to one with a Rob Kling single and run scoring ground ball from Minke.

Brighton put the game away in the bottom of the seventh. Novi scored three runs. Kling pitched for Novi.

The Wildcats fell to 8-11 in the Kensington Valley Conference. Novi is 9-13 overall.

Novi opened the week May 19 with a loss to the Eagles. The Wildcats were never in the game.

Lakeland rallied for four runs off starter Adam Stricker in the first inning and never looked back.

"He didn't have his normal stuff," Howard said of the right hander. "He hit him pretty hard."

Down 9-1 in the seventh, Novi scored three runs. Kling had an RBI single and Scott Krause knocked in two more with a single.

Novi plays a doubleheader with Milford today and a single game with Howell Monday. Both are makeup.

Runners compete in county, KVC meets

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KVC MEET

The Kensington Valley Conference held its league meet May 20 at Hartland with the Wildcats placing fifth.

"We went in with high expectations," Smith said. "But we were short in team depth."

Several of Novi's top runners were at less than 100 percent. Andy Gatt, Chris Perkins and Clark were all limited to less than four events.

"My first concern is the welfare of the athlete," Smith said. "I'm not going to hurt someone to win a championship."

Lakeland won the meet with 123 points while Milford was second at 102 and Brighton third at 100. Howell fourth at 81 and Novi fifth at 77.

"Lakeland dominated," Smith said. "We knew it would be tough to compete with them."

Smith said his team isn't as well geared for meets like the KVC.

"We're more of a dual meet team than a big meet team," he added.

The Wildcats did crown three KVC champions, however.

Perkins won the long jump competition with a leap of 20-4. Gatt was second at 19-10 1/2.

Gatt won the 200-meter dash in 22.72. Avenius was the two-mile champion (9:45.3).

In the pole vault, Chris Jettie was second at 11-9 and Alberty fourth at 11-6.

Perkins placed third in the high jump (6-2). Avenius was second in the mile (4:26.26).

Clark took second in the 400-meter in 51.43. The 400-meter relay team of Justin Reaume, Steve Chang, Vik Jasuja and Justin Streett were sixth (4:06.05).

Novi also took sixth in the mile relay with Clark, Jasuja, Wes Vanlandschoot and Jim Lee (3:42.15).

The 800-meter relay team of Reaume, Chang, Jasuja and Perkins were seventh (1:37.61).

Walnut Creek Country Club held its Second Annual Pro/Member Tournament this month, benefiting the Angela Hospice of Livonia by \$15,000.

Head golf professional John Lindeman and his staff invited 28 golf professionals from the metropolitan area to tee off with over 100 members and guests in a multi-sectored best ball format. Bad weather did not deter the golfers, and George Bowman of Ann Arbor golf and caddy and his team won first prize. An auction of sports memorabilia followed the tournament. All proceeds from the tournament and auction were presented to Angela Hospice officials.

Walnut Creek Country Club is located on Johns Road in Lyon Township.

Sports Shorts

NYBL Varsity

Novi Youth Baseball League's varsity travel baseball team rolled past the Ann Arbor Cardinals 15-3 and the Ann Arbor Mariners 16-2.

The potent varsity offense has outscored its opponents 91-50 so far this season and has been very solid defensively by playing good fundamental baseball. The team has dedicated this season to Varsity Lincoln Mercury, whose sponsorship enabled this first year squad to become established.

Team members include: Brandon Hatcher, Dan Morrison, Joey Fratrow, Adam Brandau, Ryan Gadd, Josi-Buck, Scott Schwarzs, Andrew Habash, Collin Cook, Chris Oakland, Mark Angelorel and Robert Dirafl.

Expos

The Novi Expos 11-year-old Little Caesar's team opened its season with three straight wins during the week of May 19. Consecutive hits by Jeff Davis, Mike Hart, Mark Sorensen and B.J. Humphrey in the seventh inning enabled the Expos to overcome a one-run deficit to post a 6-5 victory over the Plymouth Cobras in the season opener.

The Expos came from behind again in the seventh to defeat the Plymouth Cobras 13-12 on May 20. Walks to John Peters and Jeff Davis, an error and run scoring single by Humphrey capped a three-run rally.

Humphrey continued his hot hitting against the Michigan Bulls with three hits and four RBIs as the Expos ran their record to 3-0 with a 9-3 victory. Adam Zorra, Brandon Cigna and Hart also had a pair of hits as Mark Sorensen and Humphrey held the Bulls to three hits.

Karate

The Novi Karate Dojo sent two competitors to the martial arts state championships.

Veteran competitor, 10-year-old Matthew Sitara took home two second place medals in the advanced division, one in Kata (forms) and the other in Junior Olympic full contact sparring.

First time competitor Sean O'Sullivan swept the beginner 9- and 10-year-old division, bringing home two gold medals. The first medal was in kata (forms), the other being in point sparring.

Novi Karate, which is located in Beck-Village Plaza, is the area's premier, elite facility. It has offered programs in self-discipline, self-control, self-confidence, self-esteem and self-defense to men, women, teenagers and children since 1993.

Scott MacZuga, chief instructor of the Novi Karate Dojo, is one of the area's most senior martial arts instructors. He has studied and taught both physical and mental aspects of the martial arts for almost 22 years.

PAWS is coming

"Paws," the Detroit Tigers' mascot, will on hand Saturday, May 31, to help kick off the 1997 Novi Youth Baseball League Season. PAWS will be at Power Park, behind the Novi Civic Center on Ten Mile Road, for the Pinto games (7 and 8-year-olds) greeting children and signing autographs from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. He will then proceed to the new Novi Community Sports Park, at Eight Mile and Napier roads, for the Mustang, Bronco and Pony games until 11:30 a.m. Games begin at 9:30 a.m. and continue until after 3 p.m.

Walnut Creek

Walnut Creek Country Club held its Second Annual Pro/Member Tournament this month, benefiting the Angela Hospice of Livonia by \$15,000.

Head golf professional John Lindeman and his staff invited 28 golf professionals from the metropolitan area to tee off with over 100 members and guests in a multi-sectored best ball format. Bad weather did not deter the golfers, and George Bowman of Ann Arbor golf and caddy and his team won first prize. An auction of sports memorabilia followed the tournament. All proceeds from the tournament and auction were presented to Angela Hospice officials.

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Fatigue syndrome affects millions

For those of you who know the pain and unending challenge of chronic fatigue, you know that trapped inside a body that doesn't function properly is a strong, healthy mind that would love to run, exercise and play, but often times can't.

If you are one of the estimated 10 million people suffering from chronic fatigue syndrome, a real and serious medical condition that devastates lives and takes the "fun" out of living, you know what this feeling is. If you are not, but perhaps know someone or have a loved one with this condition, you might have thought many times, "If they would only exercise they would feel better."

Well, it's not that simple. According to Dr. Edward J. Conley D.O., the author of the new book, *America Exhausted*, and founder and director of the Fatigue Clinic of Michigan, the question asked most often in his office is how much should I exercise and what type of exercise should I do.

His basic answer to patients with severe fatigue and chronic fatigue syndrome is that,

first of all, exercise should not cause you to have post-exertional fatigue, meaning if you exercise and the next day you feel worse, you have overdone it.

"You must be very careful with aerobic exercise such as bike riding, walking, swimming, running or anything that raises the heart rate," Conley warns. The reason is that people with severe or chronic fatigue have difficulty generating energy for aerobic exercise due to a malfunctioning Krebs cycle, the system we use to generate energy aerobically. Therefore, aerobic exercise should be done with extreme caution.

What is the alternative for those trapped minds who need some form of exercise for peace of mind and to fight off depression?

Dr. Conley agrees that walking for pleasure instead of exercise is good for your spirits and improves your overall well being. You should start off very slowly and preferably every other day to allow your body some time to recover and rebuild its energy. For those people with fatigue problems that seem to improve with exercise, you can increase your aerobic exercise

more quickly but use caution and start off very carefully.

Dr. Conley also recommends that most patients tolerate anaerobic exercise, such as weight lifting, much better. Again he recommends starting off with very light weights, exercising every other day. This will help improve and maintain muscle strength, increase circulation to the muscle and increase the production of endorphins, our natural pain killing substance in the brain.

The key is to start slowly and only do what feels good. If you overdo it, you can be set back and have to start all over again. But with patience, time and good medical advice regarding exercise from a knowledgeable health care professional such as Dr. Conley or a facility that understands chronic fatigue syndrome, you can feel better and improve your quality of life.

This article was written by Ellen Klebba, the owner of the Water Wheel Health Club in Northville. For more information about the club, call (248) 449-7634.

AIDS sixth leading cause of death among young adults in America

By MARY LYN BELLFY
Special Writer

As reported by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, by the end of 1994 1,768 adolescents 13 to 19 had AIDS (resulting from HIV infection). These statistics do not take into account teens who had HIV but as yet displayed no symptoms.

Given the long period (6-10 years) between infection and the appearance of symptoms, the 1993 National Commission on AIDS suspects that almost 20 percent of all reported AIDS patients become infected during their teen years. Thus, the rate of HIV infection is higher than studies might reveal.

As of 1991, AIDS became the sixth leading cause of death

among young people 15 to 24, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

During the past 12 years, teenagers became infected mainly through tainted blood or blood products. Today, because of technical improvements in the blood-screening process, people rarely become infected through such treatment.

Recent studies indicate that the sharing of needles and syringes and having sex with an HIV-infected partner are now the most common ways teenagers become infected. Sexual activity between men now accounts for 30 percent of new cases, especially in older teens.

The potential for contracting

AIDS among teenagers is great. Many of them believe they are not at risk because, first, they feel invincible and, second, they see so few people their age who have AIDS. Also, many teenagers enjoy experimenting with alcohol, drugs and sex as common ways to assert their independence.

Some points to remember: HIV/AIDS is preventable. This disease cannot be transmitted through casual contact, i.e., handshaking, hugging, holding hands or dry kissing.

A person may look and feel healthy for six to eight years and at the same time be able to transmit the infection through risky behavior. The typical survival period for a person diagnosed with the

full-blown disease of AIDS is one and a half to two years. Very few people with AIDS live more than five years.

Unfortunately, others are affected when a teenager becomes infected with HIV/AIDS. Their families and friends are personally and emotionally involved as well. In addition to this, a baby can become infected during pregnancy or during the process of delivery.

A word of caution to any teenager who has a desire to experiment - remember all it takes is just one exposure to an infected person.

Northville resident Mary Lyn Bellfy is a registered nurse.

Health Notes

Eating too much

More than 260 years ago, Benjamin Franklin had it right: "Eat to live, and not live to eat." But even Franklin, a rather portly gent, would agree that it's often better said than done; after all, everyone overeats some time.

But what makes some individuals overindulge compulsively? Is it simply a case of being overpowered by alluring aromas and succulent tastes - or is it something else that seemingly defies control? In June "Why We Eat Too Much," a talk sponsored by Botsford's Health Development Network, explores ways to get control of your appetite as well as your waistline. Presented by eating disorders expert Amy Pershing, MSW, CSW, the session discusses why - without discovering what psychologically triggers the desire to overeat - the seduction of food can be far more powerful than any diet program.

The program takes place on Thursday, June 12, at 7 p.m. at HDN, located at 39750 Grand River in Novi. The cost is \$5. Preregistration is required. For more information or to register, call HDN at (248) 477-6100.

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

Summer Safety

On Monday, June 2, at 7 p.m. in the Conference Center, learn about what you can do to help prevent accidents this summer. A variety of speakers will provide information related to bike and water safety, proper use of protective gear and basic first aid information including when you should go to the emergency department.

For more information or to register, call toll-free, 1-888-362-2500, by May 30.

Put Your Best Face Forward

On Tuesday, June 3, at 7 p.m. in the Conference Center, a board-certified dermatologist will discuss the sun and your skin, including the truth about tanning booths. Learn how to recognize skin cancer and realistic approaches for slowing the aging process.

Call 1-888-362-2500 by May 30, for more information and registration.

Free urology lecture

A lecture series will be offered four times a year. This series was developed to broaden your knowledge about current research, therapies, treatments and health care options for urological conditions.

The first session entitled "Prostate Cancer Awareness" is on Wednesday, June 11, from 7-8:30 p.m. in the hospital's Conference Center.

A urologist will provide information on the prostate gland and its functions. Diagnosis and treatment of prostate cancer, the most common cancer in men, will be discussed.

For more information or to register, call toll-free 1-888-362-2500, by June 9.

Personal Stress Management

A program designed to heighten stress awareness and provide tools that will convert daily stressors into positive energy, will be offered on Monday, June 16, from 7-9:30 p.m. at Huron Valley Hospital. A fee of \$40 includes a relaxation tape and workbook.

For more information or to register, call toll-free, 1-888-362-2500, by June 13.

Heartsaver

Basic knowledge of heart and lungs, signs and symptoms of a heart attack and stroke, adult CPR, and choking rescue skills will be taught. This course does not meet requirements for day care providers. Must be 14 years or older.

Date: June 23, July 28, Aug. 25
Time: 6-9 p.m.
Location: Providence Medical Center-Providence Park in Novi.
Cost: \$20.
To register: 1-800-968-5595.

Infant/Pediatric CPR

Basic knowledge of the heart and lungs, household safety tips, CPR, and choking rescue skills for infants and children will be taught. This course includes lecture, demonstration, mannequin practice and video review. Must be 14 years or older.

June 9, July 14, Aug. 11; 6-9 p.m.; Providence Medical Center-Providence Park in Novi. Fee \$20. Call 1-800-689-5595 to register.

Diabetes Education

A comprehensive program which includes self-monitoring of blood glucose, diet and meal planning, disease management with exercise, potential complications of the disease, and presentations by a pharmacist and a podiatrist.

Continuously revolving six-week program held on Monday evenings, 6-8:30 p.m. at Providence Medical Office Center (Ten Mile and Haggerty roads). There is a \$20 fee. Call (810) 424-3903 to register.

New Medications for Diabetes

A discussion about the new insulin Humalog, as well as new oral agents now available to help diabetics achieve good blood sugar control.

June 26, from 7-8:30 p.m. at Providence Medical Center-Providence Park in Novi. There is no charge. Call (810) 424-3903 to register.

Martial Arts for Special Children

Conducted by a black-belt martial arts instructor, a physical therapist and an exercise therapist for children ages 5-16 with special needs such as cerebral palsy, A.D.D., or sensory integration dysfunction.

Continuously revolving eight-week course

held on Friday evenings from 6-8:30 p.m. at Providence Medical Center-Providence Park in Novi. The cost is \$100. Call 1-800-968-5595 to register.

Surgical Preparation

Through our Sally the Surgery Star program, children scheduled for surgery are taken on a tour and familiarized with the surgical experience. A variety of educational materials and supportive teaching tools are used to help the child deal positively with the idea of a hospital stay.

Continuous program by appointment only. Providence Medical Center-Providence Park. There is no charge. Call (810) 380-4170 to register.

Mind/Body/Spiritual Wellness

This two-part series includes and introduction to mind, body and spiritual wellness, and healing touch.

June 2 and 9, from 7-9 p.m. at Providence Medical Center-Providence Park. There is no charge. Call 1-800-968-5595 for registration.

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-Cize

This is a 10-week comprehensive exercise program co-sponsored by Health Development Network and Cardio-Care of Botsford General Hospital. The program will help people with diabetes better control blood sugar levels and improve cardiovascular fitness.

For more information, call (810) 477-6100.

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SUMMER CLASS SCHEDULE

11-LIVONIA

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8 weeks
\$3.00 F.F. adm. fee will be collected by the instructor the first day of class.
** \$10.00 rental fee will be charged for the step classes

NO CLASSES: week of June 23rd

M/W/F	9:00 A.M.	Hi/Low Impact	June 16	P. Peitz
M/W	5:50 P.M.	Low Impact	June 16	K. Kaley
M/W	7:00 P.M.	Hi/Low Impact	June 16	K. Treaswell-Smith
M/W	8:10 P.M.	STEP	June 16	K. Treaswell-Smith
T/Th	9:00 A.M.	Low/Hi Impact	June 17	T. Brandon

T/Th class will run for 1 1/2 hrs - Low/Hi Impact & Sculpt & Tone
1 day per wk/\$48 2 days/\$65
*Babysitting available \$1.50 per child/\$3.00 per family

Faith Lutheran Church (30000 5 Mile Rd., W. of Middlebell)
1 day per wk/\$40 10 weeks
\$3.00 F.F. adm. fee will be collected by the instructor the first day of class.
* W 9:15 A.M. Sculpt & Tone June 18 T. Brandon
*Babysitting available \$1.50 per child/\$3.00 per family

12-FARMINGTON

Pleasanton (38500 W. Nine Mile Rd., E. of Haggerty) 10 weeks
1 day per wk/\$40 2 days/\$54 Unlimited/\$69
\$3.00 F.F. adm. fee will be collected by the instructor the first day of class.
** \$10.00 rental fee will be charged for the step classes or bring own step

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W/F	6:00 A.M.	Hi/Low Impact	June 25	L. Cardly
M	8:20 A.M.	Low Impact	June 23	S. Kambouris
M/W	9:35 A.M.	Hi/Low Impact	June 23	I. Lokar
M/W	6:30 P.M.	Hi/Low Impact	June 23	H. Jones
W	8:20 A.M.	Aerobic Circuit/ Sculpt & Tone (alt. weeks)	June 25	S. Kambouris
T/Th	9:15 A.M.	STEP I	June 24	P. Kerwan
T/Th	6:30 P.M.	STEP II	June 24	L. Gignac
F	9:35 A.M.	Hi/Low Impact	June 27	S. Brown
Sat	8:30 A.M.	Hi/Low Impact	June 28	L. Burka

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(Call 810-661-9191 for more information)

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(Call 810-661-9191 for more information)
1 day per wk/\$40 2 days/\$54 Unlimited/\$69
\$3.00 F.F. adm. fee will be collected by the instructor the first day of class.

M/F	9:20 A.M.	Low/Hi Impact	June 9	P. Carlson
W	9:20 A.M.	Sculpt & Tone	June 11	M.B. Bloom

1 day per wk/\$20 2 days/\$27 Unlimited/\$35
5 weeks
\$3.00 F.F. adm. fee will be collected by the instructor the first day of class.

T/Th	7:00 P.M.	Low/Hi Impact	June 10	K. Roberts
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*Babysitting \$1.50 per child/\$3.00 per family

SEASONED BY: Farmington Hills Recreation Center
Farmington Hills Activities Center
(28600 11 Mile Rd., Gate 4 Door C) 10 weeks
1 day per wk/\$43 2 days/\$57 Unlimited/\$72
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M/T/Th	9:30 A.M.	** Aerobic Rotation	June 9	J. Stec
M/W	7:00 P.M.	Hi/Low Impact	June 9	S. Williams
T/Th	6:30 P.M.	Step II	June 10	P. Kerwan
Sat	9:00 A.M.	Hi/Low Impact	June 14	K. Treaswell-Smith

*Babysitting \$1.50 per child/\$3.00 per family
**Classes alternate between aerobics & Sculpt & Tone-check with instructor for specifics.

13-NOVI

Novi Civic Center 10 weeks
(45175 W. 10 Mile Rd., bet. Novi & Taft, 810-347-0400)
Non-Resident fee 20%

All Novi students must register/pay through the Novi Parks & Recreation office/810-347-0400
Registration/payments will not be accepted through the Fitness Factory office or through the Instructors.
Please bring a mat or towel to class

1 day per wk/\$43 2 days/\$57 Unlimited/\$72

** \$10.00 rental fee will be charged for the step classes or bring own step

M/W	9:05 A.M.	Low Impact	June 23	S. Brown
M/W	10:15 A.M.	STEP II	June 23	L. Gignac
M/W	6:00 P.M.	Hi/Low Impact	June 23	L. Burka
M/W	7:10 P.M.	STEP II	June 23	B. Kabodian
F	9:05 A.M.	Sculpt & Tone	June 27	S. Flanagan

*Babysitting \$1.50 per child

Novi High School (10 Mile Rd., bet. Taft & Novi Rd.)
(Register through Novi Comm. Ed. - 810-449-1206) 11 weeks
1 day per wk/\$44 2 days/\$61 Unlimited/\$77
1 day per wk/\$52 2 days/\$71 Unlimited/\$90
13 weeks
\$3.00 F.F. adm. fee will be collected by the instructor the first day of class.

M/W/Th	7:00 P.M.	Hi/Low Impact	June 16	T. Snurka
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