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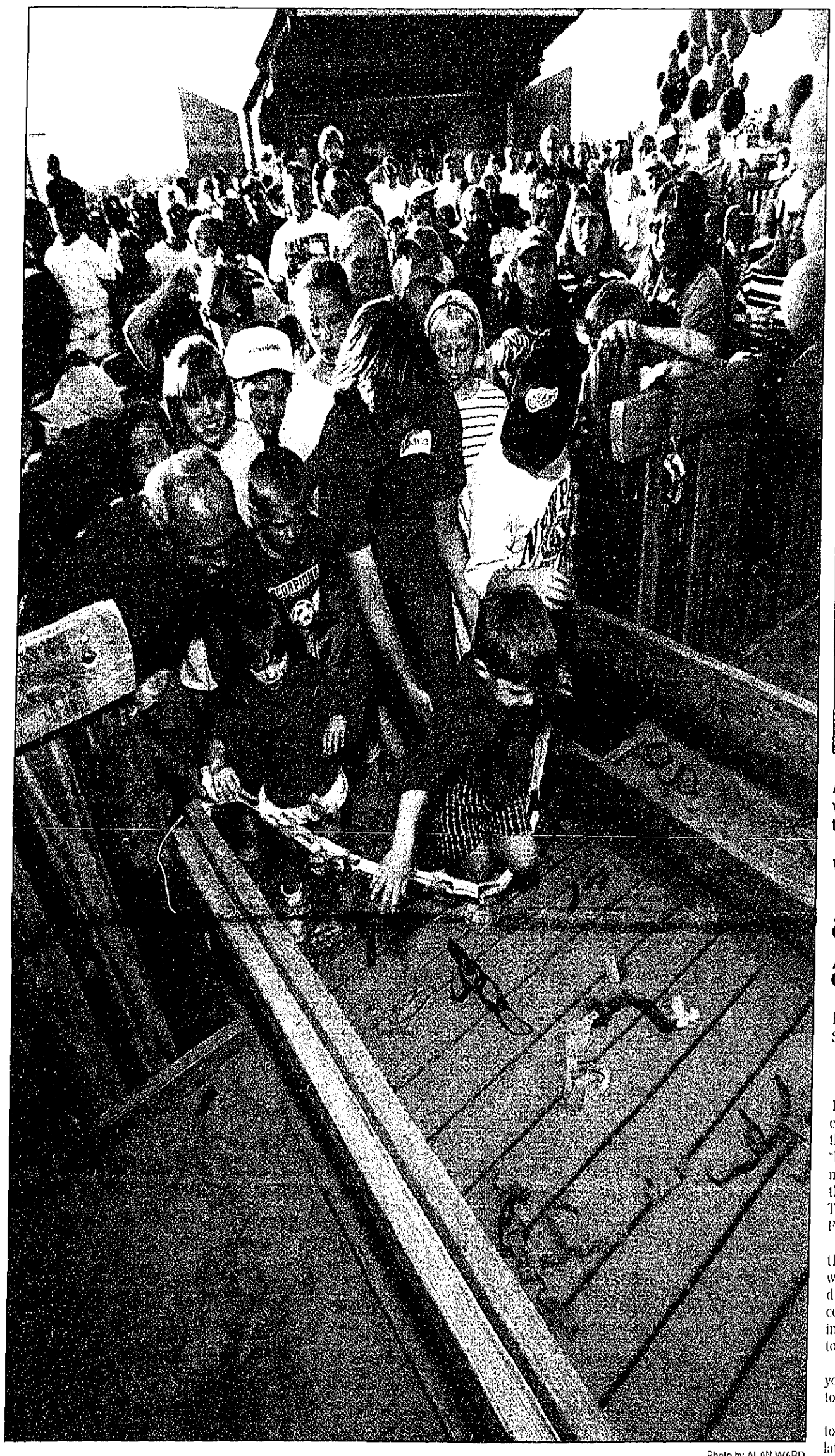

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Left: The moment everyone was waiting for: Sara, Andrew and Abbie Pope break the ribbon for the opening of the Tim Pope Memorial Playscape.

Can Novi come out to play?

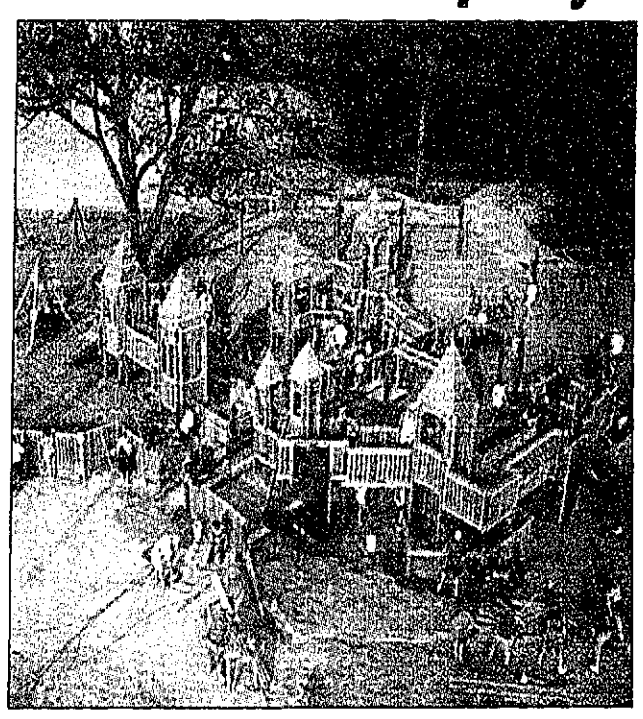

Photo by ALAN WARD

A bird's eye view of the Tim Pope Memorial Playscape as volunteers work to finish the last details moments before the ribbon cutting and opening ceremony.

Wow! 760 hearts and hands build a castle for kids

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

If they're asked to build it, they will come.

From Wednesday through Sunday, June 11-15, more than 760 people constructed a castle for the kids of Novi and their reward was when the "lords" and "ladies" of the manor swarmed into the balloon-bedecked Tim Pope Memorial Playscape.

Minutes earlier, the youngest ones were getting restless during the opening ceremony. They wanted in. But Sara Pope spoke to their hearts.

"So what do you think? Do you like it? Are you guys ready to play?" she said.

With a bellow of yes, they began to head towards the castle's gate. The late council member's children, Andrew, 4 and

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They wheeled, dealed, finagled and recruited to make a dream come true

Who's who

Here are the members of the Tim Pope Memorial Playscape organizing committee:

General Co-Coordinators: Charley Staab, Dan Davis

Childcare Chairperson: Becky Staab

Children's Committee Chairperson: Anne Hartland

Donated Materials Chairperson: Colleen Klann

Food Chairperson: Tom Marcus

Fundraising Co-Chairperson: Glen Bonaventura

Anne Hartland

Fundraising Co-Chairperson: Sara Pope

Purchased Materials Chairperson: Jeff Russell

Public Relations Co-Chairperson: Glen Bonaventura

Public Relations Co-Chairperson: Warren Jocz

Special Needs Chairperson: *Kathy Crawford*

Tools Chairperson: *Jeff Russell*

Volunteers Chairperson: *Karen Leppanen*

By RANDY COBLE
Staff Writer

Hundreds of people formed the body of volunteers whose time, money and sweat took the structure off the drawing boards and onto the playground at the corner of Eight Mile and Napier roads.

Everybody has a heart and in this case it's been the dozen dedicated folks who have made up the playscape's organizing committee. For nearly a year the group has slowly, steadily supervised the vast and varied work it's taken to turn the dream of a playscape into a reality.

"There's a lot of effort that goes into things like this behind the scenes," explained Dan Davis, Committee General Co-coordinator. "No one had a small task. Everyone was a spoke in the wheel."

Putting together all of the elements which made the playscape possible was the committee's task. From raising funds to rounding up volunteers to setting up child care services during construction week, members were behind it all, making sure every base was covered.

It all began about 10 months ago when the idea was first bounced around to build a playstructure to both better the community and leave a lasting monument to one of its favorite residents. Davis, who serves as the city's recreation director, got in on the ground floor.

"We felt that something should be done to honor Tim Pope's memory," he said. "A group of us began to work on this, making contacts, developing a proposal, and then away we went."

Through everything from newspapers to word of mouth, playscape supporters found new converts to form a strong central core committee which would oversee the entire project. They met every two weeks for months to coordinate the work on which each member was spending untold hours in between the committee's get-togethers.

"It was a lot to do in a relatively short period of time," Davis said.

Deciding whether to build now or wait for the fall was a crucial turning point in the process. After some debate the committee decided to proceed with construction in June instead of waiting out the summer for the next date available with New York-based Leathers & Associates, the company behind the playscape proposal.

"We didn't want to drag it out," Davis explained. "The timetable added a lot of pressure to things but it's gratifying to see this done. Everyone has worked so hard. It's great to see."

While the mountain of details may have looked formidable at times, members of the committee never thought the job of bringing the playscape to Novi was impossible.

"We never doubted it was going to be there," Davis said.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

In a scene reminiscent of the marines on Iwo Jima, volunteers plant a pole to support the playscape structure.

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Volunteer Ted Mech wields a chainsaw Saturday morning, cutting railroad ties for the retaining wall.

Jeff "The Tool Man" Russell replaces the belt on a three-inch sander. Russell managed the tool trailer during construction of the playscape, and slept on site throughout the build to provide security. Photo by ALAN WARD

Below: Janet Howard and Virginia Chambo spread gravel on the playscape site.

Photo by ALAN WARD

Working magic

Hundreds donated their time and many got something in return

Photo by ALAN WARD

Volunteer Val Blue varnishes rails to prepare them for installation.

More than 760 people volunteered to help build the playstructure. Many walked away with nicknames, others walked away with new friends. Here's a look at some members of the unpaid labor force.

Tool Man and Ace

One of the coolest places to be during the playstructure buildout was with "Tool Man" and "Ace" ... and not just because the fans were running in the construction trailer where they were holed up for the duration.

"Tool Man," also known as Jeff Russell and Mark Greschaw, dubbed "Ace" by Russell, were the guys in charge of the tool shop, looking after and distributing the circular saws, hammers, nails, screw drivers, paint brushes, you name it. Everything had a place, neatly labeled.

Russell, a builder, is on the playscape's steering committee and took on the task of gathering the donated and purchased tools and materials.

"You just get yourself organized and go," he said.

Sometimes, the two and their assistants were running back and forth as fast as waitresses toting beers during the Stanley Cup playoffs, while workers popped their heads in the trailer asking for more nails or "more power."

"You're got to know the hardware business, too. All the playground equipment hardware, nuts and bolts," Russell said.

Greschaw and Russell put in 17-hour days. Then, they spent the night at the playstructure site as guards, slumbering in Russell's camper-trailer, which served did duty days as the volunteer sign-in headquarters.

"There's a lot of stuff in here. You've got $100,000 in materials alone," Russell explained.

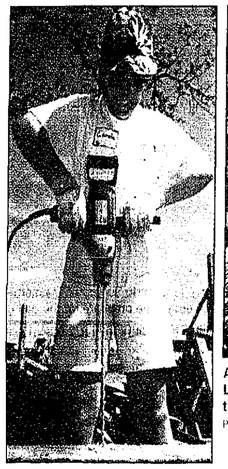
For the tool team, a work day began at 5:30 a.m. and ran until 10:30 at night. Bedtime was around 2 a.m.

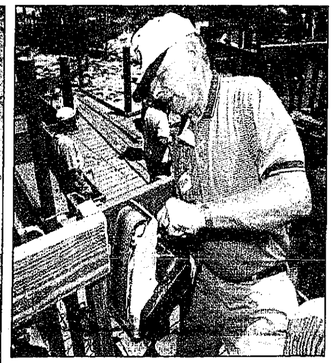
Grace Wilfong

A homemaker and a mom, Grace Wilfong's had some building experience, working with her husband on renovating their kitchen. But a project at big as a castle, that's another thing. Yet on June 13, she was out helping build the castle turrets and put up plans around a spiral staircase.

She came, Wilfong said, because she knows the Pope family from the church, Faith Community Presbyterian.

"It's amazing because so many of us don't know exactly what we're doing, but we seem to be putting it together real well," she said. "I think it's a great thing for the kids."





Above: Volunteer Bob Schmid sands. Photo by HAL GOULD

Left: Volunteer Carole McPhee drills a pilot hole in the ties for the retaining wall.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Lagman

In his everyday life, Glen Bonaventura's tool of choice is the computer. But last week, he was wielding stuff like pilot drills and impact wrenches in his new role as Lagman, the guy who joined the beams to the posts at the playstructure.

"I never considered myself to be a lagman before. It's a structural thing. I think I'm the main man. I don't know how I got to be so lucky," he said.

"See that orange dot over there? That's where I've got to put a lag. That way everything stays nice and sturdy."

Bonaventura is co-chair of both fundraising and public relations for the playstructure committee.

Kerry Bush

Seventeen-year-old Kerry Bush came all the way from Massillon, Ohio with other family members to work on the playstructure because Tim Pope was her uncle. While she spent much of Sunday with a rake in her hands, she also had her video camera, because she's working on a documentary of her uncle's life.

The playstructure's a great memorial, she said.

"Most people get a statue. A lot of kids can play out here and have a lot of happy times," Bush said.

Man Of LaMulcha & Company

Hugh Crawford, Novi's mayor pro tem, was on site for five days, some 14 hours a day and admitted he was feeling it.

On June 15, he was looking after the spreading of 451 cubic yards of wood chips, enough to provide a 12-inch deep flooring for the playstructure.

"I'm the Man of La Mulcha. I was the routermeister, then the gravelmeister and then the cementmeister, now I'm the mulchmeister," Crawford said.

Crawford wasn't the only elected city official on the job. Mayor Kathleen McLallen hauled water and was in the "nine yards club," laying nine yards of cement.

Among his tasks, Council Member Ed Kramer wielded an industrial-strength rake to spread wood chips.

Linda Clancy

She's not a Novi resident. Linda Clancy lives across the street in Lyon Township and was delighted when the city of Novi purchased the land for the Novi Community Sports Park.

"Most son's 12 and he looks forward to using this. He's over here most days," Clancy said.

Clancy was at the site every day, putting down felt ground cover, gravel and woodchips.

"How often do you get to do something like this?" she said. "I don't think I lost weight doing this. They feed us too well."

Kim Gardner, Jean Foerge and Terri Ballard

While their parents were out building the playscape, 16 kids were under the supervision of childcare volunteers Kim Gardner, Jean Foerge and Terri Ballard.

So do you think the excitement was mounting as their playstructure was getting ready for them? No way. These tots were having too much fun concentrating on the games at the childcare center.

And Abbie Pope, 2, was building some sort of structure of her own with cardboard bricks.

"They haven't really said a lot about it. One child walked up and said 'I miss my mom.' Once they see it ..." Gardner said.

"They're waiting to go. They can't wait for it to be finished," Ballard added.

Norman and Virginia Kleiner

Norman and Virginia Kleiner have seen a lot of playgrounds in the 54 years they've been married.

But this was the first time the couple helped in the effort to construct one. In fact they were accidentally included in it.

"We came over here to find out about (volunteering for) the ice cream social and [Tom Marcus] said we should stay and help in the kitchen," explained Virginia.

The couple, 20-year Novi residents, had just come back from a grandchild's graduation celebration in Wisconsin when they began serving up pretzels and chips and mixing up lemonade in gallon containers.

"They're professional volunteers," said their long-time friend Tom Marcus. "These people volunteer for everything."

"We even volunteered to eat some of his food up," chucked Norman.

Why do they do it?

"We're healthy and a lot of people in our generation can't do it," explained Virginia.

"The only thing he'll stay home for is to cut the grass. He loves to cut the grass," she added.

The couple was impressed with the playscape and the community effort. Parks were a lot different back when they were raising a family, they said.

"He was too busy making a living I took them to the park mostly. I used to take the kids to Belle Isle. All we had for the kids then were swings and teeter totters and the merry go round," said Virginia.

"It's quite an affair," said Norman. "A lot of things are going to happen here that's for sure."

Will they climb on?

"Oh yeah, eventually, not right today though," Norman said.

"I don't think I'd know how to behave," Virginia laughed.

Karen Leppanen

Karen Leppanen doesn't know what she's going to do with all of her free time.

The Novi resident has had a hectic schedule over the past six months, attempting to enlist the aid of volunteers to build Novi's Tim Pope Memorial Playscape. For Leppanen amassing an army of volunteers has meant plenty of phone calls.

"I've been on the phone a lot the past few months," Leppanen said as she watched more than 200 people hard at work building the new playscape, located at Eight Mile and Napier roads. "Watching all of this happen and seeing the daily progress on the construction has been worth all of the time and energy."

Hundreds of Novi residents put in countless hours to build the elaborate playground. The construction ended just in time for the official grand opening.

For Leppanen the entire buildout was a great community effort.

"It's exciting to be here, to be a part of this," she said. "We've had so many people stop and help, and they all keep coming back because they've had the greatest time."

"Taking part in this effort has been extremely rewarding. I've met and talked with people I hadn't met before and that was one of the many positive aspects of this project," Leppanen added. "I don't know what I'm going to do now that it's over. The playscape has been a big part of my life the past seven months."

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Battered beachfront gets new look

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

One of the most historic places in Novi is getting some major cosmetic treatment. The Landing is being spruced up.

Overlooking Walled Lake, the stretch of land between has had one of the most fascinating histories of any place in Novi. Oldtimers say it was an Indian burial ground. Then, from the 1920s through the early 1960s, it was part of the internationally-renowned Walled Lake Casino and Amusement Park and included a boat launch and bath houses.

A fire took the casino in 1965. By the 1980s, the glamor years were over and the city and a developer hoped to build The Landing, a hotel/restaurant/meeting place complex on the now-vacant site.

Last week and this week, heavy construction equipment was converting what some have said is an unsightly mess to a more attractive piece of property.

Council Member Rob Mitzel spearheaded the effort, which has been funded to the tune of just under $96,000 by the city.

"I live in the area and drive by it every day and kept seeing it. It had just been sitting there for the past ten years," he explained.

"Once it's done, I hope it will be good."

Along with scrubby vegetation, the land was crisscrossed with old road beds and sidewalks. Repeatedly, naughty graffiti would be spray painted on the roads and the city kept blacking it all out. Someone had built a fort, complete with lawn furniture, down by the lakeside.

Anthony Nowicki, Novi's Director of Public Services, said the condition of the property became a concern to the city.

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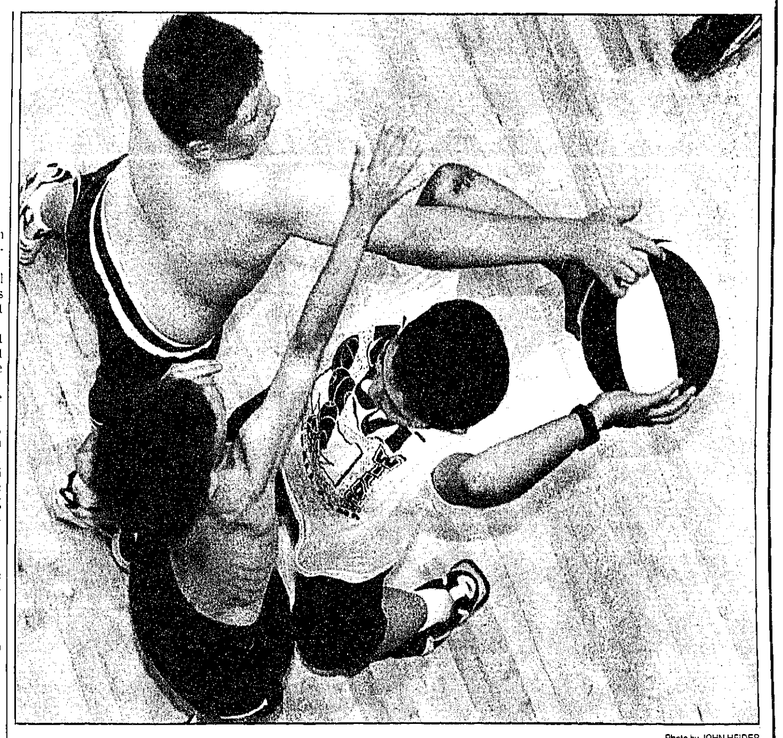

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Novi is jumpin'

Participants in the American Basketball Camp last week put some defensive pressure on the ball carrier during an intra-squad game. More than two dozen youngsters, ages 8 to 12 participated in the five-day camp, sponsored by Novi Parks and Recreation and held at Novi High School. The camp gives youngsters a chance to improve their basketball skills.

Mitzel bows out, but who's in?

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

This is the Novi City Council race that will probably have everybody talking – but not just yet.

While Monday was the first day to turn in petitions to run for the council and mayor, no one had done so, the Novi City Clerk's office reported Tuesday.

However, Council Member Rob Mitzel has announced he won't seek a second term. Four years ago, when he was 23, Mitzel may have been the youngest person elected to the job in Novi.

"The position is very demanding with the amount and length of meetings and the preparation required for them. I do not anticipate having the time during the next couple of years to dedicate to council to do a proper job," Mitzel explained.

"I wish to thank the citizens of Novi for the opportunity to serve the city on city council."

Mitzel is an engineer with Ford Motor Company. In office, he's been the only council member with a lap top computer at the council table, plugged into just about anything anyone would want to know about Novi.

Five seats are open on the council, including the mayor's. To date, only Craig DeRoche has formally announced that he is in the race.

Along with Mitzel, up for reelection are Mayor Kathleen McLallen, Mayor Pro Tem Hugh Crawford and appointed council members Richard Clark and Ed Kramer. Clark filled the vacancy created by the death of Tim Pope and Kramer was chosen after Nancy Cassis was elected as state representative.

Rob Mitzel

To have two appointees out of seven council members is a highly unusual circumstance locally, but voters will change this scenario in November.

The last day to turn in petition for council or mayor is July 11 by 4 p.m. at the Novi City Clerk's office. A petition must have the signature of 100 voters or the candidate can just pay $100.

Novi sings the blues

Lineup set for July 18-20 International Bluesfest

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Dress will be formal for opening night at the Bluesfest International at the Novi Expo Center.

But don't get your white tie and tails out of storage. The first 1,000 people to show up for the Friday night, July 18 concert will get free, genuine, designer-label tuxedo jackets with the Bluesfest logo printed on the back. The donor, President Tuxedo is, doing some closet-cleaning, explained festival promoter Craig Bender.

"We're driving our printers crazy with it," he said.

From July 18 to July 20, Novi will be the place in the local music scene, featuring acts like Buckwheat Zydeco, Father Guido Sarducci, Jay Geils and Magic Dick and Roomful of Blues.

Held on Windsor's Ouellette Avenue for the past three years, the event will now run concurrently there with the Novi gig. About 25,000-plus are expected to show up at the Expo Center, but this time Yanks will have a better chance to get in on the fun. In past years, Canadians had the blues, big time.

"They were turning 7,000 to 10,000 people away, primarily Americans because Canadians got the tickets first," Bender said.

The audience for blues music has expanded greatly over the past few years, Bender said. Musicians have changed, too.

"Five years ago, there were four clubs in the area. Today, there are over 50," he added.

"We see this as being a very long-term project. We want to have a Mardi Gras of the north five years from now. We've got world-class talent. We're real excited."

Among the highlights of the event will be the appearance of Roomful of Blues on the

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City, schools approve land deals

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Since late 1994, three players – the City of Novi, the Novi school district and the Delta Trucking Company – have been engaged in a local version of "Let's Make A Deal" on a proposed park and school site at Eleven Mile and Wixom roads.

Monday, the Novi City Council and school district approved an offer to purchase 93 acres for $1,670,680 from Delta Trucking, adjacent to the proposed Harvest Lake development.

Hinging on the success of the first deal and also OK'd was a second agreement concerning a land sale and exchange between the two public entities.

"Because this has been dragging on so long, I called this meeting to force the issue," Mayor Kathleen McLallen said.

"I am still aware there are outstanding issues for the developer ... We leave the offer on the table for five days."

Both transactions will be void if

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WESTSIDE STORIES

Photo by WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL

Novi's post office has been converted in a postal retail shop to better serve customers.

Post office becomes postal store

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

If you haven't been to the Novi Post Office lately, you're missing a lot.

A lot of stamps, forms, employees and space. Lots and lots of space.

The post office finished a $400,000 renovation last month that includes a "postal store" allowing customers to pick out and purchase postal items such as stamps, stationery, cards and packaging supplies.

It's a big change, according to Jim Asher, Novi Postmaster.

"I think the newness of it all and the different concept of retailing the stamps is the wave of the future," he said.

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Thursday, June 26

Sounds of Summer

The Sounds of Summer Concert Series presents Bobby Lewis and the Cracker Jack Band at 7 p.m. on the north lawn of the Novi Civic Center. Bring a picnic dinner, lawn chairs or a blanket and your family and friends. There are free refreshments and prizes at every concert. Concerts will be held indoors in the event of rain.

Tuesday, July 1

Civil Air Patrol

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

Menopause Support Group

Providence Medical Center's Conference Center, 47601 Grand River Ave., hosts a monthly menopause support group from 7:30-9 p.m. for women with concerns about menopause. Call 380-4115 for more information.

Chess Club

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

Amateur Radio Club

The Novi Amateur Radio Club meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center. For more information, call 348-0009.

Board of Appeals

The Novi Board of Appeals will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center.

Band rehearsal

The Novi Concert Band rehearses at 7:30 p.m. in the band room at Novi High School. Anyone interested should contact Jack Kopnick at 932-9244.

Wednesday, July 2

Athletic Boosters

The Novi High School Athletic Boosters Club will hold its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. in room 107 of the high school.

Planning Commission

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

Business Network International

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

Thursday, July 3

Optimist Club

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

Sounds of Summer

The Sounds of Summer Concert Series presents the Next Generation Big Band at 7 p.m. on the north lawn of the Novi Civic Center. Bring a picnic dinner, lawn chairs or a blanket and your family and friends. There are free refreshments and prizes at every concert. Concerts will be held indoors in the event of rain.

Novi schools

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

Friday, July 4

Independence Day

City offices, recycling center and library are closed. Have a safe and happy holiday!

Monday, July 7

City Council

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

Health tests

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

Village Oaks PTO (VOICE)

The Village Oaks PTO will meet 7:30 p.m. in the Village Oaks School Media Center, 23333 Willowbrook Road.

TOPS

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

Motor City Speak Easy Toastmasters

The Motor City Speak Easy Toastmasters Club meets from 7-9 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 777 W. Eight Mile. For more information call Tom Lahiff at 348-6019 (evenings). Visitors are welcome.

More than 300 hit with seatbelt violations, tickets

More than 330 safety belt and child restraint violations were handed out in a two-week period during the Memorial Day holiday by seven law enforcement agencies participating in the year-long Safe, Sober and Secure - Oakland County traffic safety campaign, reported Eileen Weisse, Project Director, Traffic Improvement Association.

The Novi Police Department is a member of the task force.

The office of Highway Safety Planning is funding the traffic safety campaigns in Oakland County and 13 other counties throughout Michigan.

"Raising safety belt use is the most significant action that can be taken to save lives," said Betty J. Mercer, office of Highway Safety Planning Division Director.

"Of those who died in traffic crashes last year, six out of 10 were not buckled up."

In addition to the selective traffic enforcement patrols, the Task Force is participating in an aggressive public information and education campaign at the community level (fairs, service group meetings, cable TV, police open houses, etc.).

Safety restraint enforcement was not the only record the law enforcement agencies set during this period.

The task force reported a record number of citations and/or warnings in the areas of speeding, moving violations and non-moving violations. The team also reported 21 OUIL/OUID arrests and 17 misdemeanor/felony arrests during the two-week period.

The Safe, Sober and Secure Task Force will be out on the road again starting June 27, for the Independence Day holiday.

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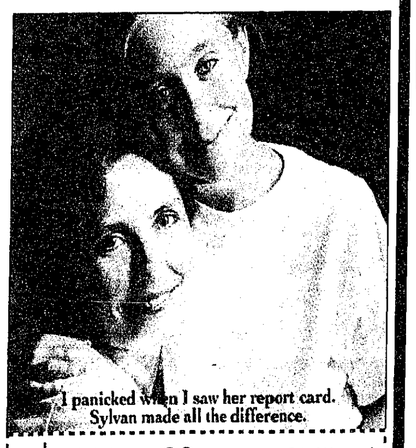

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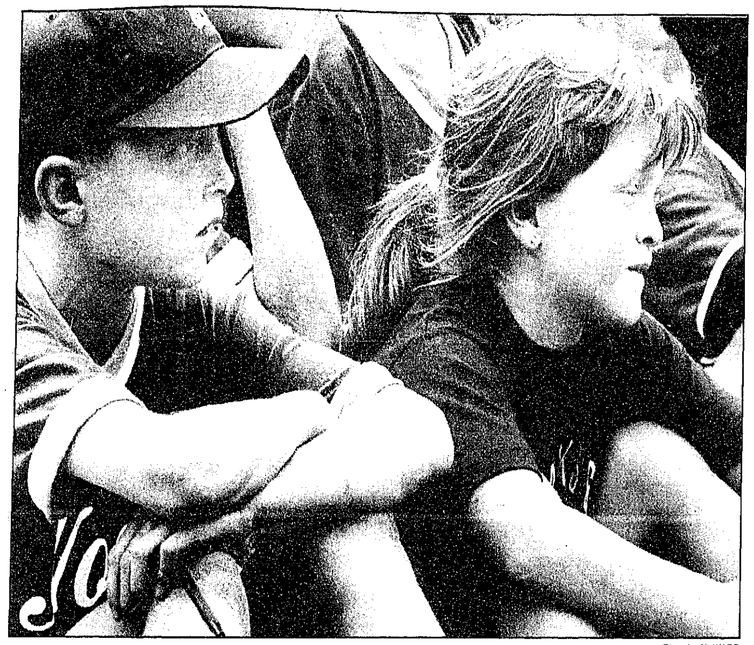

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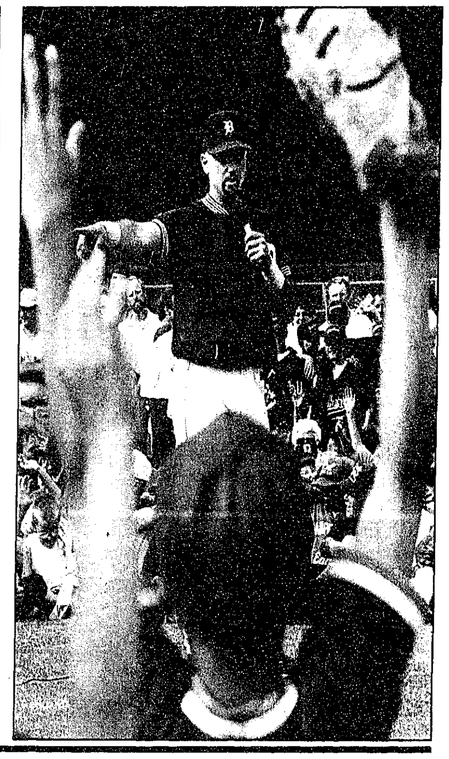

A day with the Tigers

During the Comunity Baseball Clinic at Tiger Stadium Andrew, 9, and Jodi Stratton, 7, watch and listen as members of their favorite professional ball team talk about the sport. Andrew plays for McNish Sporting Goods; Jodi plays coach pitch softball. At right, Detroit Tiger Brian Johnson talks of baseball, school and responsibility.

Ross tosses hat in the ring for governor's race

By TIM RICHARD
Staff Writer

With $500,000 raised and 2,400 supporters signed on, gubernatorial hopeful Doug Ross pronounced his drive "the biggest grassroots campaign in Michigan in the past half-century."

He told 800 cheering supporters in Burton Manor in Livonia that "we are sending a signal to the old-style politicians who take their cues from the special interests: Step aside."

"The cynics tell us there is no such thing as a grassroots campaign today. They say campaigns are about special interest money and back-room deals and negative TV ads. They say there's no place for real people or real ideas in campaigns any more.

"Do you believe that?" To shouts of "no," Ross said, "I didn't think so."

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> Doug Ross

Ross, 54, now a West Bloomfield resident and University of Michigan academic, was director of Michigan Citizens Lobby and Common Cause in the 1970s, state senator from 1979-82, Commerce Department director for Gov. Blanchard's administration until 1990 and assistant secretary of Labor during President Clinton's first term.

He said he will run a citizens-and-ideas campaign in the Democratic Party, where organized labor has picked all major nominees for 49 years. Ross' citizenship theme and appeal to moderates are reminiscent of Republican George Romney's first campaign for governor in 1962, when his Citizens for Michigan group kept its distance from unions and management.

Ross' goal is to "make Michigan one of the great centers of skill and technology in the global economy."

His methods: "the best public education system in the world, a renewed spirit of entrepreneurship, strong families, safe neighborhoods, and a commitment to preserving our environment."

His methods: "Special interests will not look out for our best interests. Power brokers will not willingly turn over their power to the people."

After quoting from Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer and Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, Ross said Gov. John Engler's administration had set "suburbs against city, whites against blacks, rich against poor, management against labor."

He called for an end to "soft money" contributions – unrestricted gifts to political parties which are then doled out on behalf of candidates.

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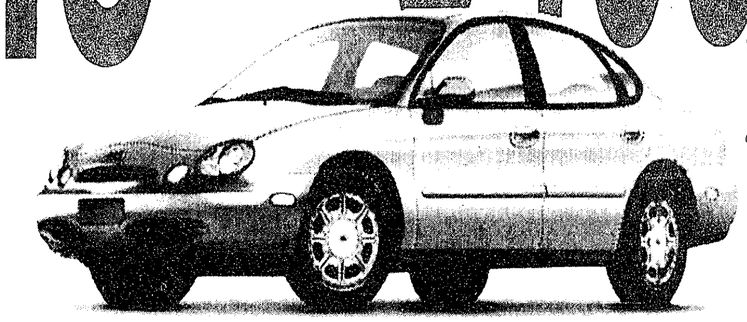

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Injured man flees after reckless drive

Novi police searched June 16 for an Ann Arbor man who went on a reckless driving spree and smashed his head into the windshield of his car.

Police said the 22-year-old man went barreling through the Meadowbrook Glens subdivision just after midnight driving his Chevy Caprice over lawns and crashing into a truck parked in a driveway. The truck was struck so hard it was pushed into the garage and into the car inside.

The man then drove down several other streets and over lawns until the car, trailing engine fluid, stopped at Ten Mile and Kings Pointe Road.

A passerby stopped to check out the situation and saw the young white male with long brown hair run from the car and head toward the Tree Top Apartments. Police said the car had major damage and they found human hair in the windshield and empty, dry beer bottles in the car.

Police attempted to track the man with dogs but were unsuccessful.

Police News

KICKED IN

Unknown suspects kicked in the front door of a Thirteen Mile Road home June 13. Police said the incident occurred between 7:30 a.m. and 11:45 a.m.

The owner told police the home was ransacked and a VCR, two watches, jewelry, credit cards, a ski jacket, videotapes and tennis shoes were taken. Police found a large footprint on the front door and a large, dark hand print on the wall.

The large dog in the backyard was undisturbed.

According to a police report, one of the man's credit cards was used in Redford that day.

TAKEN

Two Milford teens, ages 15 and 16, were stopped in Sears June 13 after security personnel discovered them shoplifting. According to police, the teens allegedly took a pair of jeans and several pieces of sports clothing worth $214. The teens were turned over to their parents and the matter referred to the detective bureau.

STOLEN

A 1995 Pontiac Transport minivan was stolen from the parking lot of the Portsmouth Apartments the night of June 15. There were no witnesses.

BROKEN UP

Police broke up a graduation party on Center Street June 15 after neighbors repeatedly called police to complain.

According to the report, police stopped by the residence after neighbors called about the music being too loud. The first call came in at 6 p.m.

Police asked the homeowner to pipe down after she told them it was her son's graduation party and he was playing with his band for entertainment.

Police were called out twice more to the house, and at 8:40 p.m., four officers and a sergeant asked the party to break up for the night. A citation for loud music was issued.

EXPOSED

A 19-year-old woman reported to police a man in her Woodland Glen Apartment complex is wearing a woman's bikini and exposing himself in front of his apartment window.

Police said the woman witnessed the man, described as hairy, in front of his window as she walked to her car to go to work on June 11. Police interviewed the man at his home and asked him to submit a written statement, but he declined.

AUTO LARCENIES

Several cars were broken into this month, according to police, including a Taurus on Bramblewood on June 17; an Escort at Randus Engineering on June 16; a Toyota on East Lake Drive on June 10; a Taurus on Meridian on June 5; a Tracer on Sycamore on June 16 and a Tempo on Sycamore on June 15.

BUSINESS BREAK-INS

Unknown suspects tried unsuccessfully the night of June 12 to pry open the front and rear doors of several businesses in the Eaton Center off of Ten Mile Road.

Police found pry marks on the Sylvan Learning Center, Pioneer Mortgage, Novi Family Dental Center, Family Care Chiropractic and Averill Accounting entrances as well as a vacant office.

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

Novi Briefs

Power will be out

On Sunday, June 29, the old Novi Methodist Church is moving from Grand River Avenue to Beck Road. That day, from 6 a.m. to about 12 noon, roads will be closed during the move and there will be a temporary cut-off of electric, telephone and cable services.

The route is Grand River east to Novi Road, then south on Novi Road to Ten Mile Road. At Ten Mile, the church will travel west to Beck Road, then south on Beck Road to a location just south of Ten Mile. It will be the new home of the Oakland Baptist Church.

For more information on the service interruption, call Detroit Edison at 1-800-477-4747. Information is also available at all service counters at the Novi Civic Center and on cable Channel 13.

Bats in the stacks

Bram Stocker's *Dracula* turns 100 this year. Celebrate with the real thing at Borders Book Store on Sunday, July 20, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. We're not talking vampires here, but bats, live ones. The Williamston-based Organization For Bat Conservation will present a free program on these cute, gentle and oh, so misunderstood mammals at the store. Live bats will be on hand, and bat houses will be available for purchase.

Art Purchase

The Novi Board of Education purchased its annual piece of student artwork from Novi High School student Audra Wolowiec. She will receive a $75 check and the art will hang in the Novi High School Media Center with other purchases from past years.

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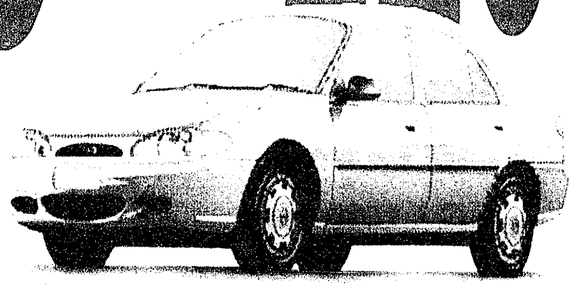

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The Log Book

The following is a complete list of the emergency runs of the Novi Fire Department for the week ending June 22. Each incident is listed by type, location, time and the engine and squad number which responded to the call.

MONDAY, JUNE 16

Service, 26200 Wyoming, 9:03 a.m., Squad 4.

Medical, 39500 Ten Mile Road, 1:19 p.m., Squad 1.

TUESDAY, JUNE 17

House fire, 135 Eubank, 5:37 a.m., Engines 1, 2.

Medical, South Lake and Maudlin, 7:52 a.m., Squad 2.

Medical, 39712 Village Wood, 8:34 a.m., Squad 3.

Medical, 41108 Vicenti, 9:01 a.m., Squad 1.

Injury accident, Beck Road and Grand River, 10:30 a.m., Squad 4.

Medical, 44000 Grand River, 11:26 a.m., Squad 1.

Medical, 24560 Simmons, 4:13 p.m., Squad 4.

Medical, 26240 O'Jansten, 5:57 p.m., Squad 1.

Fire alarm, 41390 Eleven Mile Road, 6:04 p.m., Engines 1, 2.

Car fire, 26264 Carolina, 9:38 p.m., Engine 4.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18

Medical, 25710 Glamorgan, 5:56 a.m., Squad 4.

Medical, 45182 West Road, 3:22 p.m., Squad 2.

Fuel spill, Ten Mile and Novi Road, 3:27 p.m., Engine 3.

Medical, Twelve Mile and Beck Road, 5:35 p.m., Squad 4.

Injury accident, I-96 and Novi Road, 6:01 p.m., Squad 1.

Medical, 47159 Sunnybrook, 6:20 p.m., Squad 4.

Medical, 536 Eckschtay, 11:05 p.m., Squad 4.

THURSDAY, JUNE 19

Medical, 43050 Twelve Oaks Crescent, 8:49 a.m., Squad 1.

Fuel spill, I-96 and Novi Road, 12:54 p.m., Engine 1.

Investigation, Fourteen Mile and Decker, 2:34 p.m., Engine 2.

Electric fire, Eleven Mile and Beck Road, 6:19 p.m., Engine 4.

Medical, 22844 Cottage Court, 9:22 p.m., Squad 4.

FRIDAY, JUNE 20

Investigation, 24641 Edgewood, 4:40 a.m., Engine 4.

Building fire, 41803 Carousel, 5:01 a.m., Engines 1, 2.

House fire, 22263 Chelsea Lane, 5:20 a.m., Engines 1, 3.

Fire alarm, 21111 Haggerty, 10:48 a.m., Engines 1, 3.

Medical, 25711 Fountain Park, 10:55 a.m., Squad 1.

Medical, 43508 Scenic, 2:36 p.m., Squad 3.

Medical, 45125 Ten Mile Road, 4:37 p.m., Squad 3.

Medical, 20871 E. Glen Haven, 4:51 p.m., Squad 3.

Investigation, Grand River and Novi Road, 10:02 p.m., Engine 1.

Medical, 29811 Charlemagne, 10:37 p.m., Squad 2.

SATURDAY, JUNE 21

Wire down, Ten Mile and Haggerty, 4:27 a.m., Engine 3.

Service, 39584 Blakeston, 8:50 a.m., Squad 1.

Medical, 45713 Lakeview, 10:02 a.m., Squad 2.

Service, 39584 Blakeston, 11:18 a.m., Squad 1.

Fuel spill, Grand River, 1:49 p.m., Engine 1.

Injury accident, I-96 and Beck Road, 2:11 p.m., Squad 1.

Medical, 29721 Carousel, 3:38 p.m., Squad 2.

Weather standby, Thirteen Mile and Novi, 4:18 p.m., Response 520.

Medical, 23631 N. Rockledge, 7:44 p.m., Squad 3.

SUNDAY, JUNE 22

Service, 39584 Blakeston, 3:31 a.m., Squad 1.

Medical, 25710 Glamorgan, 5:46 a.m., Squad 4.

Car fire, Taft Road and Eleven Mile, 11:10 a.m., Engine 1.

Gas leak, 21210 E. Glen Haven, 4:24 p.m., Engine 3.

Medical, 27790 Novi Road, 6:17 p.m., Squad 1.

Time to boogie

Participants in the 1997 Boogie Shoes summer dance camp at Novi High School work on a routine to the strains of the Bee Gee's "Stayin' Alive" in the school's auditorium Monday afternoon. The professionally staffed camp helps youngsters to prepare dance routines in groups which they then take on the road in competitions.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Student expelled for weapon in school

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

The Novi Board of Education expelled a Novi High School sophomore earlier this month for 150 days after a knife he gave to a fellow student was found in a school locker.

Principal Arthur Miller said the students will receive alternative education at home next year and will be eligible to return to school next Spring.

"When a child has brought a weapon on school grounds the school district has to (expel). It's not a choice," said Miller. The blade on the double-edged knife was more than three inches long, which warrants an expulsion, opposed to a pocket knife which warrants a suspension.

He said the student has no record of problems in the school and is a "very nice young man with a nice family."

The student brought the knife to school last month and told other students about it. When word got around, he handed a bag with the knife, a mask and a broken down pellet gun to a female student and asked her not to look in it, but to keep it in her locker for him, according to Det. David Molloy at Novi Police.

"It looks to me that he was showing off," Miller said.

Police and school officials searched the locker the night of Honors Convocation.

"We can search lockers and cars when we have suspicion of a problem," Miller explained.

He said he was satisfied with the outcome.

"I thought the board was supportive of the young man and the intent of the law," said Miller. "We can't have students bringing any weapons on school property even if it's a joke. "It's not tolerable."

The police sent the case to probate court where it will be reviewed and may be sent on to district court.

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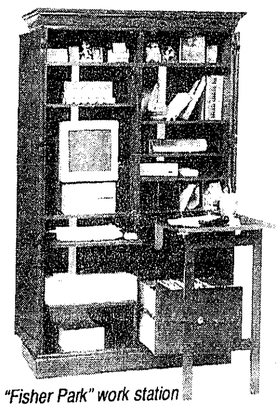

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Reforms will cut number of ballots

By TIM RICHARD
Staff Writer

No more special millage elections.

Michigan voters would go to the polls no oftener than four times a year under a reform plan proposed by Secretary of State Candice Miller's special panel.

Schools would be encouraged to hold elections in November of odd-numbered years. Villages would have to drop their late winter elections in favor of the August-November combination.

In time, elections could be conducted by mail, though Miller is cool toward going whole-hog until a state master computer list (called a Qualified Voter File) is operating in 1998.

"There are a lot of ideas that Democrats wanted," confessed state Rep. Bob Brackenridge, R-St. Joseph, a former Berrien County clerk and the panel's only legislator.

Applauding the plan was Sen. Alma Wheeler Smith, D-Salem, who has gone nowhere with her bill to allow voting by mail immediately. Many Republicans and some Democrats say Michigan isn't ready for full-scale mail elections because 20-30 percent of all registrations are "deadwood" – people who have died or moved. The new computer system is expected to cure that defect.

The 10-member panel included Kathy Dornan, Farmington Hills city clerk; Joan McCotter, Livonia city clerk; Bernard Apol, retired state elections director; and other county, city and township clerks.

One proposal from Miller's panel would let local units experiment, under strict state supervision, with mail-in voting. But Smith saw problems:

"What happens in an even-year election when state and federal offices are not on the mail-in ballot? You can't use both vote-by-mail and the traditional ballot box. This places an unnecessary strain on voters."

The biggest change, however, would be limiting every governmental unit to four elections a year (exception: recalls). It would crimp school districts, in particular, which schedule tax and bond elections on odd dates, allegedly so that only "school people" will turn out.

The panel called for four Tuesday dates in four months: February, May, August and November.

That would eliminate June school elections. The panel suggested the state "promote the use of odd-year November general election for school elections."

No bills have been introduced to implement the panel's report, and little or no action is expected before September as the Legislature is entangled in budget, road improvement and casino regulation bills. The plan has drawn virtually no comment from lawmakers or the Engler administration.

Although the panel didn't recommend it, Brackenridge sees "same-day registration" in the future. A person who moved into a community the day of a Nov. 5 election could register and vote immediately. His previous registration could be canceled in the Currently, Michigan requires voters to register at least 30 days prior to an election. Brackenridge thinks that span of time is obsolete.

Michigan allows persons to vote absentee only for specific reasons: over age 60, out-of-town on election day, ailing, etc. Miller's panel proposed "open" absentee voting:

"That is, extend the option to obtain an absentee ballot to every voter through the removal of the qualifications. . . applicants must meet to obtain a ballot."

It predicted that open absentee voting "would clearly reduce traffic in the polls" – the long lines on election day.

Source: "Recommendations for Improving the Efficiency and Effectiveness of Michigan's Election System" by the Secretary of State's Advisory Committee on Elections, June 11, 1997.

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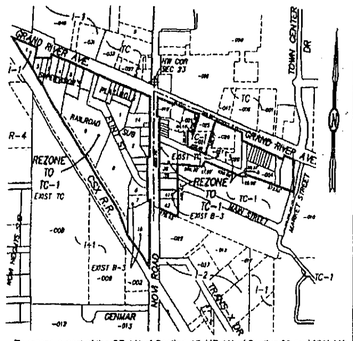

To rezone a part of the SE 1/4 of Section 15, NE 1/4 of Section 22 and NW 1/4 of Section 23, T.1N., R.8E., City of Novi, Oakland County, Michigan more particularly described as follows:

All of "Railroad Subdivision," a subdivision of part of Lot 17 of "Supervisor's Plat No. 3" of part of the SE 1/4 of Section 15 and the NE 1/4 of Section 22 as recorded in Liber 54A, Page 84 of Plats, Oakland County Records, said "Railroad Subdivision" being recorded in Liber 92, Pages 16, 17 and 18 of Plats, Oakland County Records. Also all of said "Supervisors Plat No. 3."

Also, beginning at the intersection of the centerline of Grand River Ave. and the west line of Section 23 (nominal centerline of Novi Road); thence South 1051.78 feet along said west line; thence S70°45'00"E 275.49 feet to the SE corner of Lot 42 of "Novi Gardens Sub" of part of the NW 1/4 of Section 23 as recorded in Liber 60, Page 18 of Plats, Oakland County Records; thence North 479.43'; thence S85°12'38"E 260.30 feet; thence N41°25'03"E 67.58 feet; thence S70°40'00"E 420.00 feet; thence S89°55'00"E 60.00 feet; thence N00°05'00"W 20.57 feet; thence S70°35'20"E 572.03 feet to the SW corner of parcel 22-23-176-004; thence N00°09'00"W to the centerline of Grand River Ave.; thence northwesterly along the centerline of Grand River Avenue to the point of beginning. Excepting therefrom , beginning at a point on the centerline of Grand River Ave. said point being South 85.68 feet along the west line of Section 23 (nominal C/L of Novi Road) and S70°40'20"E 523.66 feet along the centerline of Grand River Ave. from the NW corner of Section 23; thence continuing along said centerline S70°40'20"E 290.39 feet; thence S19°53'27"W 351.77'; thence N70°41'16"W 218.68 feet; thence N02°08'24"E 130.95 feet; thence N89°47'05"E 64.14 feet; thence N19°19'40"E 205.25' to the point of beginning, being parcels 22-23-102-022 and 22-23-102-024. Containing 47.5 acres more or less.

FROM: TC TOWN CENTER DISTRICT
B-3 GENERAL BUSINESS DISTRICT
I-1 LIGHT INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT
TO: TC-1 TOWN CENTER-ONE DISTRICT

All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments will be heard at the hearing and any written comments may be sent to the Planning and Community Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 until 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 16, 1997.

NOVI PLANNING COMMISSION
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(6-26-97 NR, NN 26132)

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TUP 97-027

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Obituaries

ARLENE NORRIS

Arlene Norris, 61, of Northville died June 21 at Providence Medical Center in Novi. She was born Dec. 31, 1935, in Northville to William and Juanita (Preston) Gaab.

A lifelong member of the Northville community, Ms. Norris was a 1954 graduate of Northville High School. She worked at Northville Downs for 29 years. Ms. Norris was a member of Meadowbrook Congregational Church of Novi.

Surviving Ms. Norris are: daughters, Robin (Terry) Merriman of Plymouth, Thelma (Norm) Kubitskey of Novi, Kathy (Rex) Mapes of Hillsdale, and Sara (Scott) Norris of Plymouth; mother, Juanita Gaab of Northville; brother, Rollina (Barbara) Gaab of Jackson; sister-in-law, Nancy Gaab of Westland; five grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Services were held Thursday, June 26, at Casterline Funeral Home Inc., Northville. The Rev. Robert Millar, First Congregational Church of Wayne, officiated at the service. Interment was in Rural Hill Cemetery, Northville.

Memorials to A.L.S. or American Diabetes Association would be appreciated by the family.

LUCY B. AUSTIN

Lucy B. Austin, 67, died June 21 at her Northville residence. Ms. Austin was born March 14, 1930, in Northville to Frank and Mary (Scida) Bongiovanni.

Ms. Austin was a lifelong member of the community and a retired assembler of Ford Motor Co. She was a member of VFW Auxiliary No. 4012 of Northville.

She is survived by: sons, Charles Bradley of Roscommon and David of Whitmore Lake; daughters, Lynn Sharkey of New York and Catherine Austin of Northville; brothers: Tony of Florida, Eugene of Highland, Frank and Joe; sisters: Catherine Holman of Plymouth, Florence Konopari, Irene Bongiovanni, and Angela McKnight, all of Northville.

Ms. Austin was preceded in death by a brother, Sam Bongiovanni.

Services were held on Wednesday, June 25, at Casterline Funeral Home Inc. of Northville with Father Denis Theroux of Holy Family Church in Novi officiating. Interment was in Rural Hill Cemetery, Northville.

ALFRED C. PRICE

Alfred C. Price, 71, of South Lyon died June 21 in St. Mary Hospital, Livonia. He was born April 4, 1926, in Detroit to John C. and Ivy Mary (Mackie) Price.

Mr. Price was a resident of South Lyon for the past 45 years and was a retiree of Ford Motor Co.

He is survived by his wife, Iva (Spangler); mother, Ivy Mary Price of Belleville; and brother, Richard O. of Belleville.

He was preceded in death by one son.

Services were held on Tuesday, June 24, at Casterline Funeral Home Inc. of Northville. Pastor Steve Doyle of the Church of Christ in South Lyon, officiated at the service. Interment was in Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens of Novi.

ANTOINETTE M. MALM

Antoinette M. (Toni) Malm, 90, of Novi died June 13 in Providence Hospital in Southfield. She was born Aug. 12, 1906.

Mrs. Malm was a retired school teacher.

She is survived by son, Edgar L. (Carol); sister, Clara Hedges; grandchildren: Julie Ziraldo, Donna O'Hair and John; and six great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Edgar J.

Services were held on Tuesday, June 17, at Holy Family Church in Novi. Interment was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

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

NINA GIMMEY

Nina (Ciot) Gimmey of Florida, formerly of Walled Lake, died June 15. She was 75.

Mrs. Gimmey was a cook for St. Williams School and Church of Walled Lake for many years. She was a member of the St. Williams Altar Society. In Florida, she was a member of the Moose, Elks and VFW Auxiliary.

She is survived by son, George (Barbara) Ciot Jr. of Milford; daughters, Mary (Leonard) Wilks of White Lake, Rita Ciot of Kentucky, Rose Cole of Texas, and Ida Balko of Vermontville, Mich.; five sisters; two brothers; 16 grandchildren, 11 great grandchildren, five step-children, 12 step- grandchildren, and nine step-great grandchildren.

Mrs. Gimmey was preceded in death by George Ciot Sr., Frances Joan Ciot, Neil Balko, and Donald Gimmey.

Services were held on Thursday, June 19, at St. Williams Catholic Church in Walled Lake. Interment was in Oakland Hills Cemetery, Novi.

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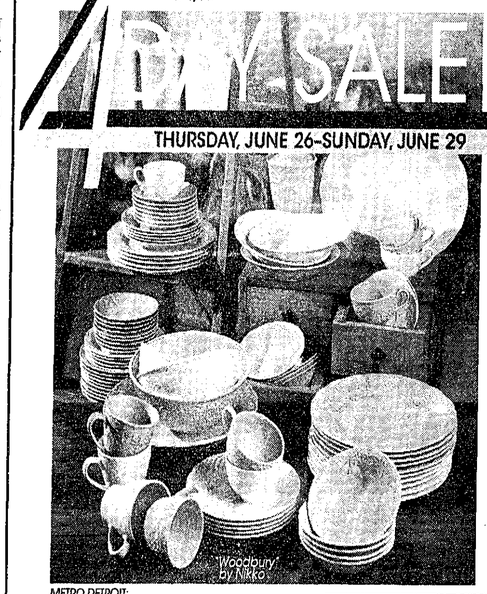

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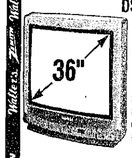

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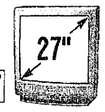

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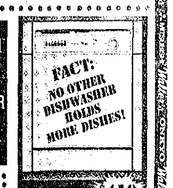

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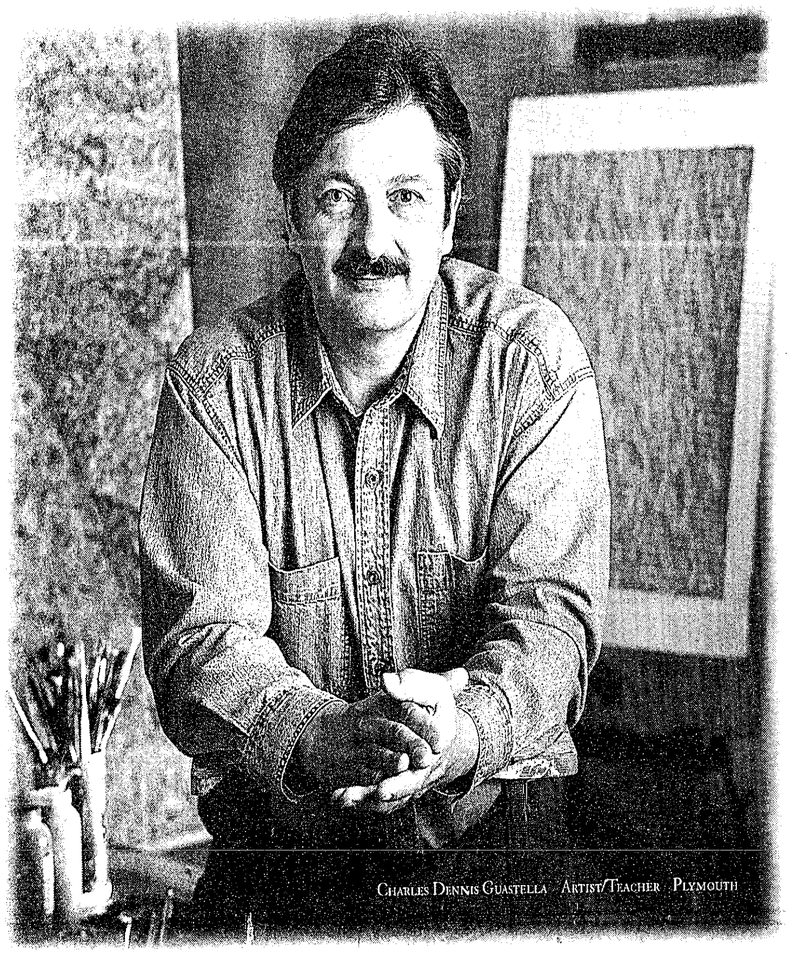

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Beauty panel takes contest nominations

By JAN JEFFRIES
Staff Writer

What do Sonny's Catering, Novi Woods Elementary School and Chase Farms subdivision have in common?

They were among the winners in the 1996 Novi Beautification Commission's annual city beautification contest.

The event honors those who make their little corner of the world, in this case Novi, lovelier to the eye with green growing things. Past winners have ranged from residents with green thumbs to professional landscaping firms.

Commissioners are getting the word out earlier this year, with the goal of seeing more nominations than ever. The deadline date for submitting your favorite place is July 31.

Eligible are schools, multi-family developments, single-family subdivisions, industrial buildings, offices, places of worship, shopping centers and individual businesses.

Guess what landscapers get extra Brownie points for? Use of official City of Novi plants: the tree, the red sunset maple; shrub, Meyer's lilac; perennial flower, day lily; and annual flower, begonia.

But the judges, who include master gardeners, also look at things like presentation and maintenance of the property and the flower beds.

Mail nomination forms to: Lou Martin, Public Information Director, City of Novi, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan, 48375-3024.

Novi Beautification Awards

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CATEGORIES	CRITERIA TO CONSIDER
Schools	Design
Multi-family developments	Color
Single family subdivisions	Condition of plants
Industrial buildings	Maintenance of bed for plants
Offices	Overall maintenance of property
Places of worship	Use of city tree, shrub and flower
Shopping centers	(Tree – Red sunset maple)
Individual businesses	(Shrub – Meyer's lilac)
	(Perennial flower – day lily)
	(Annual flower – begonia.)
	Overall best

Nomination forms must be postmarked no later than July 31. The decision of the Beautification Commission judges is final.

Mail forms to: Lou Martin
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District solicits candidates for vacancy

The Walled Lake Board of Education will fill a vacancy due to the relocation of trustee Joseph Miller out of the school district. The board must now appoint a replacement for Miller for the one year remaining in his term. Anyone interested in applying for the appointment is asked to submit a letter of interest to: Cynthia Campion, President, Board of Education, 850 Ladd Road, Building D, Walled Lake, MI 48390.

Deadline for submission is 4 p.m. on June 30, 1997.

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ORDINANCE NO. 97-18

An Ordinance to amend Section 2406 of Ordinance No. 84-18, as amended, the City of Novi Zoning Ordinance, to revise the standards and procedures for Planned Development Options.

All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments will be heard at the hearing and any written comments may be sent to the Planning and Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 until 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 16, 1997.

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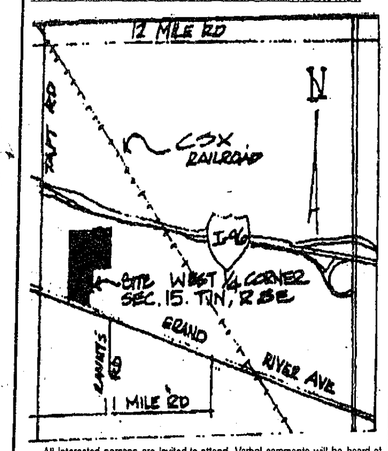

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State road plan is 'power grab' by MDOT, exec says

By TIM RICHARD
Staff Writer

L. Brooks Patterson isn't warring with fellow Republican John Engler over roads.

The Oakland County executive says the governor's roads program was put together in a rush, and is a power grab, by the Michigan Department of Transportation.

"This is MDOT's program," Patterson said of the Engler's so-called "Build Michigan II" program to pump $570 million into state, county and local roads. "They crunched the numbers over a weekend. John (Engler) went to school Tuesday and Wednesday and announced it on a Thursday."

Patterson is offering his own "reasoned response" with two alternatives – "constructive criticism in a sincere effort to advance the debate."

It is a new tune for Patterson, who in the past has engaged in bitter squabbles with state GOP leaders in his own quest for gubernatorial and U.S. Senate nominations. Recently, Patterson posed for a photo standing in a deep hole in a road that was supposed to represent a pothold but described it as a gag shot. The county executive, a former 16-year prosecutor, has said he isn't interested in running for governor in 1998.

The Oakland leader said the governor's road plan was supported by only four of the state Senate's 22 Republican members last week.

Engler's plan has three elements:

• $570 million more revenue. This breaks down into a 4-cents per gallon hike in the fuel tax, higher weight taxes for trucks, and $200 million more federal aid.

• Shifting control of 23,000 miles of county and municipal roads to the state, more than tripling the Department of Transportation's jurisdiction to 33,000 miles. In Oakland, it would mean taking control of 770 miles of county roads, other miles of city-village roads, and all the federal aid that goes with them.

• Auto insurance – requiring drivers to buy less, if they wish, in order to pay for higher fuel taxes.

Chief problem is MDOT's desire to expand its jurisdiction from 9,600 miles of roads to nearly 33,000. Setting aside the money problems, Patterson critiezes the idea because it would also mean MDOT would have to deal with thousands of permits for curb cuts, traffic signals, street signs, sewer digs and so on.

"This, indeed, would be challenge," said Patterson, in a rare understatement. Actually he thinks it would be impossible for MDOT in Lansing to handle all the requests and complaints with no more staff and no intimate knowledge of local gripes. He said MDOT is playing the "promise 'em anything" game.

In the same way Engler says Michigan isn't getting its fair share of federal road funds, Patterson argues that Oakland County is being short-changed even more seriously by the state – a 48-cent return of state funds eligible to be spent in Oakland County for every $1 of taxes sent to Lansing.

"That's why we insist on an equitable funding formula, in advance, before we buy into the Build Michigan II proposal," Patterson said.

Patterson's first counter-proposal is to say, go ahead and take control of 23,000 miles of roads – but with three conditions:

• The state would guarantee Oakland would get 90 percent, instead of 48 percent, of the money it sends to Lansing.

• Local officials would prioritize the projects because they "are more aware of and closer to the problem."

• Engler should abandon his plan to give all the "growth" taxes, such as registration fees (up 7 percent a year) and the diesel fuel tax (up 6 percent a year) and throw locals the crumb of the gasoline tax (up just 2 percent a year). He asks equitable treatment in setting up road funds – "fair play, fair play, fair play."

His second counter-proposal keeps county and municipal roads under local control but rewrites the PA 51 of 1951 road funding formula. The new formula would be based on lane mileage (rather than linear mileage of the roads) and VMT (for vehicle miles traveled).

"Do you know we have roads that carry 40,000 to 70,000 vehicles a day compared to 10,000 in northern Michigan?" Patterson said.

"We would suggest that MDOT take control of all interstates and freeways, which the public assumes they have anyway, and leave to the locals the balance of surface roads," he said.

Brent Bair, managing director of the Oakland County Road Commission, did much of the research for Patterson's plan. Bair said such a formula would shift a lot of northern money into Oakland County.

To prevent a political squabble of "winners versus losers," Bair said the state could agree to "hold harmless" the northern counties while shifting new money southward.

Patterson and Bair offer two other money-raising plans as alternatives to Engler's call for a 4-cents per cent hike in fuel taxes:

• A 5-cents fuel tax increase. They say Engler's assumption he can squeeze another $200 million out of Washington is politically unrealistic, and that little more than $50 million will be forthcoming.

• Shifting 1 percent per year of the sales tax on gasoline out of the general fund and into roads.

"Gas taxes should be for roads, not for other governmental purposes," Patterson said. "So over four years, $228 million of sales tax receipts would be redirected from the general fund to the Michigan Transportation Fund where it belongs.

"The total in new revenues, after four years, would be $595 million, slightly more than the governor's proposed $570 million contained in Build Michigan II."

The diverted sales tax would cost public schools money. But Patterson notes that three new Detroit gambling casinos would kick $65 million a year into the school fund, more than making up the $57 million loss from the sales tax on fuel.

Patterson clearly prefers Plan B because it would allow more local control.

Chamber Notes

The Novi Chamber of Commerce is an association of business and civic leaders whose purpose is to work together with the community to develop and promote the businesses and general interests of the City of Novi.

Community Involvement

• Tim Pope Playstructure Chamber Day. The Novi Chamber was pleased that nearly 60 member-volunteers participated on Chamber Day, Friday, June 13. Volunteers from the following organizations participated: Accountemps, Botsford Center for Health Improvement, Brady's Food & Spirit, IBF Insurance, LOC Federal Credit Union, Nationwide Insurance, XBD, Novi Expo Center, Novi Chamber of Commerce, Novi Police Officers, Office Team, O'Brien Funeral, Paralyzed Veterans of America, Town & Country Eyecare and Walsh College. Thanks for all your hard work.

• The Novi Partners in Education Program, a cooperative effort between the chamber and Novi community schools completed a very successful 1996-97 school year. The partnership of school personnel and local businesses brought the "outside world" a little closer to hundreds of students. The following organizations participated this year: A. Kean Frame Shoppe, Botsford Center for Health Improvement, Comerica Bank, Community EMS, Diamond Castle Jewelers, Kinko's, McDonalds, Michigan National Bank, Motorsports Hall of Fame, Novi Community Education, Novi News, Novi Post Office, Novi Tile Sales, XBD, Providence Medical Center, LOC Federal Credit Union, TRACC, TGI Fridays and Town & Country Eyecare.

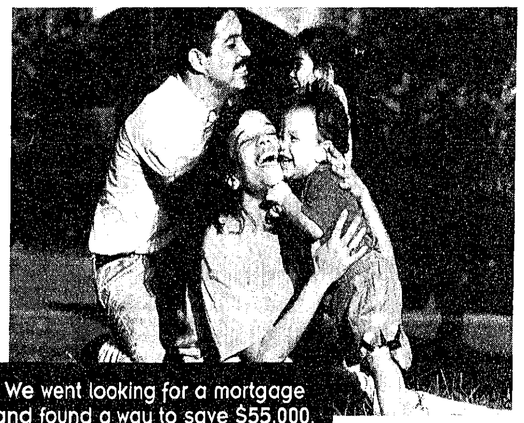
Events

• Monthly chamber luncheon July 15, at 11:30 p.m. at the Novi Hilton - non-members are welcome. Call 349-3743 for reservations.

• The International Blues Festival will be held at the Novi Expo Center on July 18-20. The chamber is hosting the beer tent and is in need of volunteers. Call 349-3743 for more information.

• The Michigan '50s Festival, July 24-27, at the Novi Expo Center. The chamber will again host the beer tent and is in need of volunteers. Call 349-3743.

• Tenth Annual Tycoon Golf Outing, Aug. 12, at Tanglewood Golf Course.



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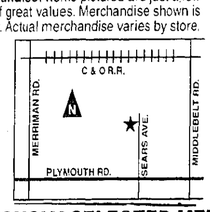

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Mystic Forest residents are up in arms about the unappealing scene in their subdivision.

Dead wood is an eyesore

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

When the delivery man arrived at Karen Bitterly's house and asked if a tornado had touched down in Mystic Forest, she knew there was a problem.

Bitterly and her neighbors in the new subdivision off Novi Road are questioning how dozens of large tree trunks lying in retention ponds throughout the subdivision will be removed.

"Everyone agrees it looks really bad," she said.

What everyone does not agree about is how to fix it.

When the development was built, it included plans to create retention ponds for drainage collection within sections of trees, as planned and approved by the city. The high water killed the roots, destroying the trees but left the dead wood rising up out of the water.

The neighbors are pushing for closure on the issue before the subdivision is turned over to the association.

Phillip Adkison, attorney for developer Bob Harris, said the work was done at the direction at the city to create a wildlife habitat.

But now that spring has come, the ponds look unattractive.

Protective fencing has slid down into the water, tree limbs and tree tops 50 feet long lay half in and half out of the water. Stumps eight feet high pop out from the surface.

"I think the idea for large, downed logs can be a nice habitat for toads and frogs, but they're not going to work here," said Kim Thomas Capello, attorney for the residents. There just wouldn't be enough habitat for the animals to locate there, he explained.

Capello, a Novi Planning Commissioner, said his representing the residents is in no way a conflict. Instead, he is fostering communication and acting as a go-between to get the job done.

Besides the unsightly look, the residents are concerned about the trees falling down and causing a safety issue for the kids in the neighborhood.

The residents asked the city to take action, but "the city's involvement in a lot of these issues is very minor," said Tony Nowicki, director of public services for the City of Novi.

Trees and water have long been an issue for Roma Ridge and Briarwood residents since 1992 when those subdivisions were new. Somewhat different than this issue, storm water collect in wooded wetland areas, killing the trees that were supposed to stay alive. Residents have complained ever since but the issue was never fully resolved.

Capello and Harris's attorney continue to discuss the issue and talks between the parties are cordial, Capello said.

"(Harris) couldn't give specific answers but he was very receptive to all the issues and was willing to address all the issues," Capello explained.

The two parties met last week to walk the sites listed by the residents.

"Although there are still a lot of details to be worked out, we made a great deal of progress to resolve these issues," Adkison said last week.

The three parties reached an informal agreement for Harris to remove the standing trees and leave some of the downed logs for wildlife, according to Adkison.

"I think all of the issues will be worked out and everybody will walk away happy," Capello predicted.

Bitterly wonders why the tops weren't cleared from the pond while it was still ice.

"In February it would have been a lot easier to connect chains and drag those things off the ice," she said. "It looked really bad then too but everyone was saying "Is it going to sink?" she added.

NOTICE
CITY OF NOVI
REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY USE PERMIT
TUP 97-028

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Arbor Drugs is requesting a Temporary Use Permit for a sidewalk sale at 47200 Ten Mile Road, on July 25, 1997 from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., (located on the north side of Ten Mile Road, east of Beck Road). A Temporary Use Permit may be granted for a period of not longer than six months.

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

This request will be considered at 3:45 p.m. on Wednesday, July 2, 1997 at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 West Ten Mile Road. All written comments should be directed to the City of Novi Building Official and must be received prior to July 2, 1997.

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Now fleeing and eluding police can net an offender at least two years in jail, a $500 fine and a suspended driver's license. Offenders who cause an accident or an injury while trying to avoid police could lose their license, pay a $10,000 fine or even spend up to 15 years behind bars.

• Fourth degree fleeing and eluding is the least serious category. It's defined as failing to stop. The penalty upon conviction is two years in jail.

• A third degree charge can result when a flight causes an accident. Any of those conditions can net offenders up to five years in jail.

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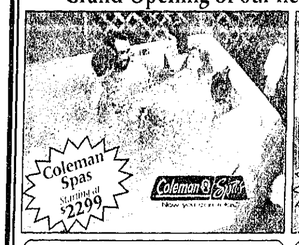

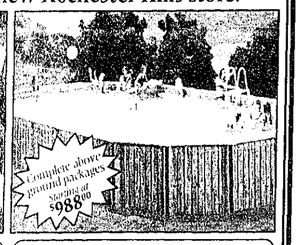

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Council, schools OK land deal

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Delta doesn't sign the real estate contract in five calendar days.

There is an element of the current proposal the developers don't find acceptable, their attorney told the council.

While it was unanimous with the school board, each council vote had one dissenter.

Council Member Rob Mitzel was the only one not to approve the purchase agreement with Delta Trucking.

"I definitely won't support this. I think it's a poor deal for the city. We had an agreement a year and a half ago that would have purchased this if there hadn't been so many strings attached," Mitzel said.

"The city spends tax money to buy park land, when we buy it right out, it shouldn't be included in a developer's density calculations."

If the 93 acres are sold to the city and schools, in including the property in its density calculations in the RUD, Harvest Lake will be able to add 74 houses to its subdivision.

Delta and the Edward C. Levy Company are both involved in the Harvest Lake development. Recently, the Novi city council approved revisions to its residential unit development ordinance that will be used by Harvest.

The council's approval of the purchase agreement doesn't mean they'll OK an area plan submitted by Harvest Lake, Council Member Bob Schmid noted.

The purchase agreement notes that the sale is in lieu of condemnation of the land.

McLallen, who's been closely associated with the drive to make the Fuerst Farm a historic landmark, was the only no-vote on the second agreement, concerning the exchange of the school's Taft Road site for the Wixom Road land the city hopes to buy.

One of the most pressing issues for the developers appears to be concerns over the city's withdrawal of a provision that it build on the school site a $50,000 to $100,000 lift station to pump sewerage. User fees would reimburse the city for the expense, including those from the Harvest Lake development.

"I have grave concerns over the issue of the lift station, with the developer. The community will need a lift station. If we included it here, it would just make it happen sooner," McLallen said.

Kevin Kohls, the lawyer representing Delta and Harvest Land, told the council that they preferred to have the lift station kept in the agreement between the city and schools. Kohls added that the seller might not be able to accommodate the purchase agreement if the lift station were removed.

"I removed it because our engineer said they really don't know at any point in time exactly where it's going to go. Originally, the school needed it, but now they don't need a lift station," City Manager Ed Kriewall said Tuesday.

If Delta signs the document, Novi would then sell 41 of the acres and an adjacent 11 acres the city already owns to the school district for $819,414. The schools would also hand over the six-acre Fuerst Farm, with an appraised value of $117,700. With this package, the schools would pay about $18,000 per acre, the same price the city paid for the land it already owns and the property it aims to acquire.

A July 13 closing date is proposed.

Monday's sessions was the first in-depth public discussion of a land deal that has become more complicated since a first purchase agreement, for the same acres and at the same price, was approved by the city in December 1994. Mostly,the issue has cropped up in closed, executive sessions, as permitted by state law concerning land purchases.

The delays have slowed down the building of the new Novi middle school.

"We didn't get everything we wanted, you didn't get everything you wanted. Delta Trucking didn't get everything they wanted. It's time to move on," Novi school board President Ray Byers told the city council.

Outstanding questions regarding the lack of a clear title to the land were cited as one of the problems leading to the delay. A title search continues. Novi and the schools will only have surface rights to the property, which is near a SOMOCO oil well.

If th city gets the park, soccer fields, tennis courts and softball fields will be built there.

Two contracts set land deal

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Both the City of Novi and the Novi Community School District have come to terms in two key land deals.

But neither will happen without the approval of the Delta Trucking Company and its representative, the Harvest Land Company.

A $1.67 million purchase and development agreement between the City of Novi and Delta Trucking for 93 acres at Eleven Mile and Wixom roads is the first contract.

Hinging on the closing of this contract is a second one, outlining the terms for the city's exchange of some of this westside land with the school district for the Fuerst Farm.

Conditions of the first purchase agreement include:

• The city will keep some of the land and build a 52-acre park park and convey the rest to the Novi school district.

• The new city and school land can be included in any development plan for the property next-door, to become Harvest Lake subdivision.

Essentially, this means the developer can seek development credits for additional housing, based on the city and school properties.

• Harvest Lake subdivision will be within the Novi school district and not part of the South Lyon school district, its earlier designation. This has already happened.

• The seller of the land will provide an insurable title to the city.

• All three parties will hold quarterly update meetings on their respective developments.

• Novi schools will pay Detroit Edison $158,000 for power lines and tree removal.

• If the school system doesn't buy its share of the property, the city can can return that part of the land land and get its money back from Delta.

• Both the city and school district will cooperate with the developer on issues such as road improvements, stormwater management, elevation of the middle school stadium, landscaping, buffering and gas, telephone and cable lines.

• Oil and gas rights will remain with the seller.

• An oil pipe line and production facility are on the proposed city and school properties and Somoco, the company that holds the oil leases for the land, will have access to the production facility.

• No drilling for oil can be done on the future school and city land, but directional drilling from adjacent areas is permitted.

• Harvest Land will provide an outlook onto the schools from its property.

Terms of the second agreement:

• For 52 acres at Wixom and Eleven Mile roads, the school district will pay the City of Novi $819,414.

• Also, the school district will turn over to the city the 6.5 acres of the Fuerst Farm at Taft and Ten Mile roads, to include the house and all barns. This property is valued at $117,700.

• The school district will grant the city public access to and from the city park through the new middle school property. Also granted are easements to access the Fuerst Farm.

• In addition, the school district will pay for the site grading and seeding of the city park, to be done at the same time as the work is performed at the school site.

• Along with 41 of the acres the city aims to buy from Delta Trucking, property to be conveyed to the schools includes 11 acres purchased by the city from another source. The city will retain gas and oil rights to these 11 acres.

• The city will use the Fuerst property for historical or related purposes. If not, the school district has the right to buy it back for $117,000.

• Two acres to the south of the farm, now used as soccer fields, will be kept by the schools for a possible future parking lot.

• The city will extend water and sewer lines to the schools property, but this will not include a sanitary lift and pump station and water booster pump stations.

District 'afraid' to start building

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL and JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

The Novi Community School District may be able to put dirt and construction equipment on the site intended for the new middle school, but whether it will move that dirt remains to be seen.

The district and City of Novi signed an agreement to purchase the land on Monday and now eagerly await the third signature from the owner, Delta Trucking Company. That will make the deal final and enable the district to build its $25 million school.

"They are the only stumbling block to us building a middle school," said School Board President Ray Byers.

Kevin Kohls, lawyer for Delta Trucking, said the firm has given the school district the go-ahead to start the new middle school.

"Delta gave seller's permission and they could build as soon as tomorrow. They can start work on the site," Kohls said.

The school board reviewed the contract on June 19 in closed session and met 7 a.m. Monday morning to unanimously verify the deal.

Delta is represented by Harvest Land Company, which aims to develop the site, and its president, Steve Weiner.

"We agreed in concept that if Harvest sells us the land, then we agree on it," Byers explained.

If Delta does not sign, the first contract is voided.

"It's up to Mr. Weiner if we come to agreement or if we don't," said Byers.

"... The onus is now on Harvest."

For now, the district will move equipment onto the site, but will wait to begin any actual construction.

"We're not going to start any leveling of the property because we're afraid to," Byers said.

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Lakefront land gets a cleanup

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"There was concern for the safety of people. It could have been a place things could happen we didn't want to happen," Nowicki said.

Mark Adams, who has lived in the area all his life, has been keeping a close eye on the project.

Adams was on the Lake Property Study Committee, which was put to rest by the city in December 1996. The committee's proposal that the site be used for a community banquet hall has basically sat on ice, as the city faced a variety of other potential ballot issues.

"The local hotels were totally opposed. The Expo Center was totally opposed," Adams said.

"I think it's time they cleaned up the property."

While a city study done by an intern several years ago came to the conclusion that the Indians never used the Walled Lake property as a burial ground, Adams is unconvinced. His hobby is researching lakes area history and he says he knows of at least 15 people who have knowledge of graves found there.

City Council Member Kathy Mutch, who is president of the Novi Historical Society, said last week she is getting regular reports from the city as the the work progresses - in case any graves are uncovered.

"I would want people to know that people like Mark and myself, people who are interested, have made the effort to be aware of anything that might surface," Mutch said.

"We keep an eye on the site. So far as I know, nothing of any interest has been unearthed."

Among the remnants are foundations of a beach wall, bathhouses and other buildings that were built on piers, but nothing of great historical interest, the two local experts agree.

B & V Construction of Wixom was awarded the bid for the job, which includes a regrading of the land. Top soil will be added and seeded.

"We're just hoping to clean it up," Nowicki.

When done, the land will have a walking and biking trail connecting East Lake and South Lake Drives.

"It's kind of doing a little housekeeping. You want people to feel comfortable and safe walking on it and enjoying the view or playing a game of ball with their kid," Mutch said.

Adams said last week he was pleased with the results so far.

"You get a panoramic view of the lake," he added.

Photo by HAL GOULD

Workers rip up an old roadways at the site of the old Walled Lake casino and amusement park.

Novi's post office upgrades to 'postal store'

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Customers find a different atmosphere as they walk into the building. The new building entrance allows for exits and entrances without congestion and the inside lobby, postal store and service counter are breezy and open. Square footage now totals 4,000, up from 300.

The lighting is brighter. The walls whiter and the red, white and blue trim is oh, so patriotic.

"Having a nice clean office seems to make customers happier," said Asher.

The employees said they've only heard good reviews.

"It's really made a difference," said postal worker John Pollock. "We just don't have the lines."

Also new to the building is a stamp vending machine available in the lobby from 6:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. The lobby also has postal packaging and a scale for customers to weigh their own packages.

Other changes include increasing the number of post office boxes from 760 to 1,035 and extending hours until 10:30 p.m. for that access.

The post office features additional employees at the counter, with one counter set aside only for postal store product purchases.

"It's a big help to me having the stamps over here cuts the time down and it looks really nice," said Ray McCollum, who works in Novi and stops by the post office nearly daily.

The employees also benefit from the changes. Extra cabinets and storage space and a new conference room give workers some elbow room.

"It really makes the behind the scenes a lot easier," Asher said.

Although now currently open, the post office plans an official grand opening celebration in August.

The major renovations to the entire 6,700-square-foot building were completed without consequence to the customer. Asher said post office workers got the job done with a few adjustments, like cordoning off the section currently under construction and reworking some of the processes.

The addition of space comes not from adding onto the building but reworking the open space inside. Nearly two-thirds of the building was unused after 65 carrier service and distribution workers and systems moved to another site on Grand River Avenue three years ago.

The white brick building was built in 1981 to service the community and employed 17 people. Staff currently comes to a total of 82 for both Novi locations.

Asher added that plans to rework the parking, traffic and entrances are currently in development.

POSTAL NOTES

Store Hours are from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and Saturday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The office is located on the west side of Novi Road south of Ten Mile Road. Parking is located in the front of the store and to the north side of the building.

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Lineup set for Blues event at Novi Expo Center July 18-20

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festival's first night.

"Roomful of Blues is acclaimed to be the best blues band in the world, by everyone from Count Basie to the *New York Times*. The best swing blues. They've got great horns," Bender said.

You may have already heard Robert Bradley's Black Water Surprise and his home-grown sound that's gone national.

"Three years ago, he was playing on the streets of Greektown. He's exciting. He has a second or third album now," Bender said.

He'll be appearing at the Expo Center on July 19.

The headliner act on July 20 is Monster Mike Welch. Dan Ackroyd gave him his nickname. The 18-year-old Welch is a regular at Ackroyd's "House of Blues."

Jamming can work up an appetite. Don't expect standard festival fare like elephant ears and hot dogs. The event will be catered by two well-known metro restaurants, the Golden Mushroom of Southfield and Five Lakes Grill of Milford. Just don't spill anything on that free tuxedo jacket.

• **July 18** - Doors open 4 p.m. $8 admission until 7 p.m., $15 after. Lineup includes Savoy Brown and Kim Simmons, Jay Geils and Magic Dick and Roomful of Blues.

• **July 19** - 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. "Kidfest for Scouts." Admission $5 for family of four or free family passes available at Kroger with Pepsi purchase.

Performers are Marcus from YTV's Treehouse; Beebo; The Jumping Jacks World Champion Precision Skipping Team (jumping rope); Lorenzo "Spoons" Brown, an everything but drums percussionist who has performed with Diana Ross & The Supremes; and Dominic D'Arcy, the Singing Policeman from the Ottawa PD. Also, Redwing Darren McCarty.

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7 p.m. to 1 a.m., $15 admission for John Sinclair and The Blues Scholars (yes, he's that guy from Ann Arbor); Robert Bradley's Black Water Surprise; Junior Wells; and Buckwheat Zydeco.

• **July 20** - Doors open at noon. $8 admission. Sonic Blues, Twisted Tarantulas, City Limits, Harper, Mud Puppy, Johnnie Bassett, Alberta Adams.

At 9 p.m., Monster Mike Welch and Shirley King, B.B. King's daughter.

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Student denies hitting teacher

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

A Novi High School student and her family is wondering why a brief altercation between the student and a teacher meant calling in the police.

Katy Kenneweg will be a senior next year, but stands accused of hitting a teacher June 4 when she refused to comply with the evacuation of the school during a fire drill. She was suspended for the rest of the school year, five days, and Novi police were called to the scene to take a report.

Now she's been asked to turn herself in on an assault and battery charge and will face arraignment in 52-1 District Court in Novi, Novi Police said.

"I really thought the school would handle something like this internally," said Karen Kenneweg, Katy's mother.

"I've been treated so bad since this whole thing happened," said Katy. She was made to wait to take finals until last week and has received little communication or assistance from the high school, she said.

But Principal Arthur Miller said the school did not overreact and cannot tolerate that sort of behavior.

"It's very inappropriate and not tolerable for a young lady or for anybody to not leave the building when there is an alarm," Miller explained.

Staff is working to ensure she is up to date academically and she will return to school in the fall with a fresh start, he explained.

"I don't anticipate any problems with Katy returning in the fall," he said. "She will return to regular status as a student ... as long as she follows all the rules."

Katy claims it was the end of the school day when the fire alarm rang, which wasn't surprising. She said the alarm had gone off several times in the past weeks due to student pranks. Figuring it was another prank, she wasn't too anxious about a fire but left the library and headed toward a set of doors to exit the building.

"It's very inappropriate and not tolerable for a young lady or for anybody to not leave the building when there is an alarm ... I don't anticipate any problems with Katy returning in the fall ... as long as she follows all the rules."

Principal Art Miller

Miller said a smoke bomb went off in the school right at the end of the day. He came over the speaker system to tell staff to evacuate all students immediately.

That's when Katy said a teacher began yelling at her to exit another set of doors. "But I didn't think she was talking to me," Katy said.

Just then, the alarm stopped and kids came flowing back into the building, Katy said. So she figured the chaos was over. The teacher, however, continued to clear the building as told and Katy continued walking toward another set of doors, she said. But the teacher kept yelling at her to stop.

At that point, Katy said she did talk back to her and they exchanged words. What's the big deal, Katy said, the drill is over.

But Katy said the grabbed her hand to stop her.

"It was like she was trying to reinforce what she was saying," said Katy. "She had no right to touch me and I pushed off her hand. I'm not saying I didn't hit her lightly but I certainly did not punch her."

According to the police report, however, the teacher, Kathleen Pasquantonio, tells it a different way. It was her responsibility to clear the building and the student was ignoring her. She grabbed her hand to pull her in the right direction and the student pulled away, hitting her in the arm and leaving a red mark.

Miller said the teacher did not violate the student and would have been reprimanded if that were the case.

At that point the two marched off to the office to report the incident to the principal and the police were called.

Karen said she was called after police arrived but couldn't leave work and asked if the officer could hold off on interviewing her daughter until that night at their home. But the interview was conducted and a report filed at the station.

Karen said she feels partially responsible because she teachers her children self-defense. "I tell my kids 'You never initiate something but if anyone ever touches you, you deck 'em,'" she explained.

She said her daughter also has Attention Deficit Disorder which may caused her to instinctively react harshly when the teacher grabbed her.

"We've had a few words before," Katy said of she and Pasquantonio.

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12:00 p.m. —Window to Washington
12:30 p.m. — Just for the Health of It: What's Chiropractic
1:00 p.m. — Adventures with Pirate Pete
1:30 p.m. — MichUlican: Health Care for Sale
2:00 p.m. — Turning It Around: Good News, Good Views
2:30 p.m. — (con't)
3:00 p.m. — The Great Escape: Sailing
3:30 p.m. —(con't)
4:00 p.m. — Dickerman Dance: Rhythm Is Our Business
4:30 p.m. — (con't)
5:00 p.m. — Who, What, Where, Y
5:30 p.m. — Lawyers Roundtable
6:00 p.m. — School of Ministry and Mission
6:30 p.m. — Bagels and Talk with Tracy
7:00 p.m. — Critter Connection
7:30 p.m. — INFO TV-12 News Magazine
8:00 p.m. — Law Talk: Doug Ross
8:30 p.m. — (con't)
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9:30 p.m. — Groove Session

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10:00 a.m. — The Light to the Nations: The Truth Will Set You Free
10:30 a.m. — Specs Profile
11:00 a.m. — Law Talk: Doug Ross
11:30 a.m. — (con't)
12:00 p.m. — Summit University
12:30 p.m. — (con't)
1:00 p.m. — Drawing Men to Christ
1:30 p.m. — (con't)
2:00 p.m. — Lansing Connection
2:30 p.m. — Critter Connection
3:00 p.m. — Stage Door Canteen
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5:00 p.m. — INFO TV-12 News Magazine
5:30 p.m. — People Who Make Things Happen
6:00 p.m. — Motorsports: Neon Racing
6:30 p.m. — (con't)
7:00 p.m. — Dickerman Dance: Rhythm Is Our Business
7:30 p.m. — (con't)
8:00 p.m. — Oakland Community College 1997 Commencement
8:30 p.m. — (con't)
9:00 p.m. — Let's Talk with Ben Marks
9:30 p.m. — (con't)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 2
10:00 a.m. — Life Matters
10:30 a.m. — Excellence en Route
11:00 a.m. — Patterson and Company
11:30 a.m. — Back 2 Back
12:00 p.m. — School of Ministry and Mission
12:30 p.m. — The Way, The Truth, and The Life
1:00 p.m. — Study in Scripture
1:30 p.m. — AMVETs
2:00 p.m. — Restoration Now
2:30 p.m. — Christian Singles Today: Testimony
3:00 p.m. — The Secret Place
3:30 p.m. — Groove Session
4:00 p.m. — Critter Connection
4:30 p.m. — INFO TV-12 News Magazine
5:00 p.m. — Out in the Open
6:00 p.m. — The Elegant Life: Decorating and the Formal Dinner
6:30 p.m. — In the Studio with Bry
7:00 p.m. — Adventures with Pirate Pete
7:30 p.m. — Wise Guys
8:00 p.m. — Novi Street Beat Live
8:30 p.m. — Who, What, Where, Y
9:00 p.m. — The Light to the Nations: The Truth Will Set You Free
9:30 p.m. — Rock Soup

THURSDAY, JULY 3
10:00 a.m. — The Job Show
10:30 a.m. — The Happiest People Alive
11:00 a.m. — Abundant Life Arabic Ministries
11:30 a.m. — People Who Make Things Happen
12:00 p.m. — Bagels and Talk with Tracy
12:30 p.m. — Madonna Magazine
1:00 p.m. — Praise, Praise, Praise
1:30 p.m. — That's Italian
2:00 p.m. — Rock Soup
2:30 p.m. —Who, What, Where, Y
3:00 p.m. — The Light to the Nations: The Truth Will Set You Free
3:30 p.m. — Adventures with Pirate Pete
4:00 p.m. — Law Talk: Doug Ross
5:00 p.m. — Shaarey Zedek Productions
6:00 p.m. — Fitness Motivators
6:30 p.m. —Just for the Health of It: What's Chiropractic?
7:00 p.m. — Window to Washington
7:30 p.m. — Farmington Hills Police Journal
8:00 p.m. — People Who Make Things Happen
8:30 p.m. — Christian Singles Today: Testimony
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Schools will get roof repairs

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

Some Novi students will have a new roof over their heads when they return to school in the fall.

Re-roofing projects for the Novi High School commons dome, Parkview Elementary and Novi Woods Elementary are expected to begin this month and continue throughout the summer.

"These roofs have caused us leakage problems to the extent they should now be totally redone," Assistant Superintendent of Business Jim Koster stated in a May 29 memo to the Board of Education.

Although built in 1989, the Parkview Elementary School roofing warranty has expired and the office area is in need of repair, Jim Koster said. The funding for the all three sets of repairs will come from the 1997-98 budget, expected to be approved this month. Koster said $95,000 is set aside for the job which is expected to cost $71,000.

Bids were awarded to Midwest Urethane of Fowlerville and Urethane Insulation Applicators of Tipp City, Ohio by the school board last week.

In addition, the contract for new roofs on Novi Meadows and Novi Middle School was awarded to Lutz Roofing Group of Utica.

The money comes from the 1995 Capital Improvements Fund and is estimated to cost nearly $350,000. The replacement of each roof can proceed immediately, Koster said. The project consists of removal of the roof, installation of new flashings and roof membrane.

Koster said each roof will be altered to remove the flatness which caused some of the problems.

Drunk driving arrests on the rise

Michigan's report card on drunk driving was released last week, revealing that arrests increased in 1996 over the previous year. The 1996 Michigan Annual Drunk Driving Audit shows 61,119 arrests in 1996, compared to 59,584 in 1995, a 2.6 percent increase.

This increase of 1,535 arrests continues a trend begun in 1992.

"Drunk driving arrests are beginning to approach a level not seen since the late 1980s and early 1990s, yet the percentage of alcohol-related deaths is ten points less than it was during that same time period," said Betty Mercer, division director at the office of Highway Safety Planning, a division of the Michigan Department of State Police which assembles the audit.

"Communities are partnering with law enforcement to send a message that drinking and driving will not be tolerated," Mercer said. "Prevention is the key to even greater success in reducing the overall incidence of drunk driving in our state."

The audit, released each June, consists of Traffic Crash and Arrest Data reported by all agencies to the department of State Police, and Arrest Disposition (Conviction) Data compiled by the Department of State.

Drunk driving arrests in the Upper Peninsula increased 3.6 percent, and 2.5 percent in the Lower Peninsula. Wayne County experienced the largest increase (5.2 percent) while Macomb County had the largest decrease (15.2 percent) in drunk driving arrests when compared to 1995. Only 35 of Michigan's 83 counties had decreases in the number of arrests they reported for 1996.

Arrest data shows 83 percent were male, the same as in 1995. Roughly one of every five arrests (17.8 percent) occurred as a result of a traffic crash. Of those arrested for drunk driving, 7.9 percent consented to a breath test for alcohol, and 8 percent consented to a blood test, while 13 percent refused all such tests. Of those tested, 75 percent had a Bodily Alcohol Content of 0.10g or greater.

There were 26,475 persons convicted of Operating Under the Influence of Liquor (OUIL) or Unlawful Bodily Alcohol Content (UBAC). In addition, 34,220 persons were convicted of Operating While Impaired, a lessor offense. Forty-eight persons were convicted of OUIL resulting in a death, and 53 persons were convicted of OUIL resulting in a serious injury. Few people are arrested for Driving While Impaired but half of the convictions are for that offense.

Deadlock in house stops casino rules

By TIM RICHARD
Staff Writer

House leaders ran smack into the Michigan Constitution as they failed to toughen up the voter-approved law to regulate Detroit casino gambling.

Criminal penalties in the bills are "10 times tougher than Nevada's," said House Speaker Curtis Hertel, D-Detroit, defending the House bills.

"We need extremely tough penalties to guarantee the public is protected from casino owners who might otherwise try to rip off players by rigging the games," said Republican Reps. Frank Fitzgerald of Grand Ledge and Dan Gustafson of Williamston. The GOP said the regulations weren't tough enough.

The problem is that Art. I (elections) of the constitution requires a 75 percent yes vote in the Legislature to amend any law approved by voters. Last November voters approved Proposal E, written by casino interests, that provides minimal regulation and even names two of the three companies that are to receive casino licenses.

Democrats held 57-52 control of the House on June 17, when the bills were debated. Democrats routinely voted down Republican substitute bills on party lines. But with 82 votes needed to amend the gambling law, the House could muster 62 at best.

The stalemate sent leaders scurrying to work out more acceptable versions that will attract at least two dozen Republican votes before the Legislature adjourns July 3.

Sen. Michael Bouchard, R-Birmingham, introduced the lead bill on a GOP package to set licensing and taxation standards, define requirements for the Michigan Gaming Control Board, and prevent casino operators from buying political influence. It also adds money to the Domestic Abuse Council to deal with gambling addicts.

The Greektown Casino LLC and Atwater Casino Group denounced the Bouchard bills, saying "it would make it virtually impossible for anyone to get a casino license." Spokesman Roger Martin said the bill "transfers from Detroit to the state the power to choose who will operate Detroit's three casinos and imposes one of the highest gaming taxes in North America."

Sen. Mike Rogers, R-Brighton, denounced the House package for planning to use single business tax revenues to regulate Detroit casinos. "Our mission in the Senate is to craft a regulatory framework where casino interests pay for the costs of regulations, crime control and social problems like compulsive gambling," said the Senate's only former FBI man.

Here are the results of House voting on key casino regulatory bills:

• HB 4716 - makes it unlawful for casinos to cheat, use a device to predict or use inside information. Penalties: seven years and $50,000 fine for operators; two years and $25,000 for patrons; also prohibits persons under 21 from working in or patronizing a casino.

Rep. Greg Kaza, R-Rochester Hills, won 105-0 support for an amendment requiring the attorney general to create an organized crime task force. But on final passage, the bill lost 61-45 on the first vote and 62-43 on reconsideration with 82 votes needed. All area Republicans voted no.

Thirty-one Republicans filed a formal protest saying the bill "does not meet the highest standards proposed by the Gaming Control Board." Signers included Nancy Cassis of Novi.

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As We See It

Time to get candidates for city council election

Government

Bad news, Novi.

Council Member Rob Mitzel isn't seeking reelection. Four years ago, when he first won the job, Mitzel was only 23 and had a cadre of youthful volunteers helping out in his campaign.

He's been a quiet but effective council member. Rather than spouting quotable speeches, at the council table he's mainly been full of questions about the issues at hand or else working to achieve a consensus among his fellow council members. Mitzel clearly always does his homework and what he doesn't know, he accesses from his laptop computer.

Mitzel also hasn't been afraid to buck the majority, proving that once again this week when he was the only dissenter in a purchase agreement between the City of Novi and Delta Trucking Company.

But the job of a council member is a demanding one. Seven hours' worth of meetings for council and committees isn't unusual on a Monday. For a young man building his career, it's a tremendous amount of time away from his personal life. That's why Mitzel is bowing out, he says he doesn't think he'll be able to dedicate those hours to the task in the future.

This is an interesting moment in Novi's government history. We keep hearing grumbling from residents about the direction the Novi City Council is taking. Complaints continue to crop up about a proposal to build at golf course on the North Novi Park, the wheeling and dealing over Harvest Lake and the RUD proposal and how mayoral appointments are handled.

Well, now's the chance to do something. Five seats are open on the Novi City Council, those of Mayor Kathleen McLallen, Mayor Pro Tem Hugh Crawford and Council Members Dick Clark, Ed Kramer and Mitzel.

This is highly unusual. Typically, only four or three positions are up for election. Why so many seats are available this year is because Clark and Kramer were appointed by the council to fill vacancies left by Council Members Tim Pope and Nancy Cassis.

So far, only Craig DeRoche, chair of the Novi Futuring Steering Committee, has announced he's in the running.

If you're happy with the status quo, here's your chance to show your support. And please do so. The mayor and council members frequently state they wish more members of the public would make their opinions known.

If you don't like the direction Novi is going, five open seats on a seven-member council is an unprecedented opportunity to make an impact and get some new blood in office.

It's not too late to start drafting candidates. It's not too late to jump in the game yourself. Novi city elections are typically low budget, making campaign fundraising less challenging.

Would-be council members however, should go into it knowing they'll be sacrificing a tremendous amount of time for extraordinarily low pay, $15 per meeting. At those rates, this is volunteer work. And along with the satisfaction of knowing they're serving their community, council members also have to deal with the fact that sometimes their community would like to lynch them.

The last day to turn in petition for council or mayor is July 11 by 4 p.m. at the Novi City Clerk's office. A petition must have the signature of 100 voters or the candidate can instead simply pay $100.

Novi voters are equal opportunity employers. They've elected men and women, young adults and retirees, businesspeople and homemakers. A newcomer couldn't ask for a better chance at the job.

A little help from their friends

We'd like to encourage another round of applause, cheers and whistles for the nearly 800 people who built a fortress in five days and a legacy forever.

The Tim Pope Memorial Playscape at the Novi Community Sports Park will serve as a reminder for years to come of the hard work, sweat and dedication of volunteers who pulled together for their children and their children's children.

We would also like to thank the city and volunteers to paying tribute to a former councilman by doing what he might have done had he had the time.

What some people may not see fully is that the playscape project marked a turning point for the city and its residents.

Suburban life sometimes gets a bad rep. Residents buying big houses on tiny lots but never leaving their yard are typical views of bedroom communities. Novi proved June 11-15 that it's just not the case here.

While many of the volunteers were regulars, people we see all over Novi everyday on this committee or that committee, there were many new faces sawing wood, staining posts, serving food or shoveling dirt.

People talked, sweated and talked some more. Friends were made and children from across the city played together for the first time.

Residents learned they could work 16 hours a day in the hot sun and still stand. Others learned they could operate a power tool, pound a nail or stain a bench.

People like Warren Jocz, Hugh Crawford, Sara Pope, Karen Leppanen, Jeff Russell, Mark Greshaw, Tom and Thelma Marcus, Charley and Becky Staab, Dan Davis, Glen Bonaventura and Anne Hartland put forth extraordinary effort each day making for the common thread that bound the project together and made it work smoothly.

We also don't want people to forget it took more than five days to pull it all together. A little less than a year ago, the playscape organizing committee began to meet to plan the barn raising event which meant fundraising, volunteer gathering, designing and organizing. Not an easy task especially when you remember most of these people had jobs and families at home.

The cooperation of all those volunteers, young and old, is testimony to the idea that you can get by with a little help from your friends. We also believe it shows this city could do quite a bit if it applied these skills and attitude toward projects such as the Fuerst Farm renovation, neighborhood parks or a community pool.

We praise all the "friends" involved and hope Novi community learned a lesson from the experience. It doesn't always take tax money and contractors to get the job done.

It just takes some good old cooperation and a little elbow grease.

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Wrap is better late than never

Michael Malott

Things got a little tense around here last week. The "wrap" – the four-page, full-color photo and story spread about the construction of the Tim Pope Memorial Playscape which you will find wrapped around the A section of today's newspaper – was supposed to have appeared in last week's edition.

It should have been. We had it all done. We went to the composition department in Howell to check it over and sign it off last Wednesday. When we left that evening, it was 99 percent completed.

Thursday morning ... no wrap. What happened?

"System failure" was the way one of my co-workers wanted to describe it. But that, in my humble opinion, is not a good enough explanation. It implies a lot of long, ugly tales of computer memory crashes and press capacity problems. Yes, they apparently played a part in it, but only a part. So why didn't the humans fix those systems when they failed? Or were there also "system failures" involving human systems and management systems? Those were the questions I adamantly wanted answered.

Such insistence on answers can get real close to fingerpointing, accusation and counter-accusation. Yes, I'll admit I did at one point call for a public execution of the guilty party or parties. (Frankly, the folks around here had more than a few suggestions. There were even a couple of volunteers.)

But when the answers started coming clear, we didn't find any guilty parties. What we found were a lot of people struggling to do their jobs the best they possibly could, trying hard and making the best decisions they could when faced with some unusual difficulties. In the end, they just weren't able to overcome the odds.

It was pointed out to me that our coverage of the playscape construction – the full-color, four-page wrap – was stretching our systems, both human and mechanical, to their capacity.

"Good," was my only response. The Novi community had also stretched itself to capacity to get the playscape built. The volunteers who raised the money, designed the structure, organized volunteers and finally put it up had also stretched themselves to capacity. So it seemed only right that this newspaper too should go all out to cover the project and the volunteers who built it.

But when you push a system to capacity like that, it is more susceptible to a breakdown ... and this time it did.

The shocker was that it had worked a week earlier for *The Northville Record* in its coverage of the construction of the Fort Griswold Playscape. Sure, there had been a few glitches and some consternation, but they had been overcome. I frankly thought that had served as a good dry run for the Novi coverage. It turned out not to be.

Still in all, it was Warren Jocz, my publicity contact with the playscape committee, who had the most calming affect on me.

"Don't apologize for what you can't control," he said after I told him the bad news. "Can you run it next week?"

Frankly, until then, the thought hadn't occurred to me. Of course it could run the following week. After all, it wasn't as if our playscape coverage was some breaking news story (everybody in town has known about it for months) that would turn stale a week later. And we had set out in the design of the wrap to document the playscape construction and the community effort behind it. To put it simply, we had designed the wrap to be a keepsake.

So here it is. I hope you like it. I hope you enjoy reading it. And, well, I'll say it anyway ... sorry it's a week late.

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

In Passing

By Hal Gould

The band played on

There was plenty of entertainment during the Art in the Sun show in Northville last weekend

Never felt more alive, right?

John Heider

My friend Tim is gone. He's hit the road in his Ford Festiva loaded with a backpack, tent, sleeping bag, small stove, some freeze-dried food, a pair of waders, my beloved flyrod and a lot of chutzpah.

I don't know exactly where the road will take him, somewhere out west to Montana or Alaska, I guess, but I'll miss him nonetheless.

I first met Tim four years ago when we worked many hard hours at the *Ypsilanti Press*. He's a journalist; I'm a photojournalist. We got to know each other over the ensuing years, sharing the successes and agonies of jobs and personal relationships, fishing Michigan's rivers, camping, bar-hopping around Ann Arbor, and nearly getting our behinds kicked in the city after I made an unintelligent move.

What has always amazed me about Tim is that he comes to me for input and advice on what he should and shouldn't do. This never fails to amuse me because at the tender age of 32 I don't see myself as the world's wisest or most experienced person. Then again, I'm flattered that he comes to me with his questions.

It's odd, too, because Tim embodies action in contrast to my contemplative, worrying Hamlet. I refer to him as "Hemingway" to my friends as he shares the writer's love of the outdoors, fishing, hunting and, until he got his bell rung once, the sport of boxing. Tim seems to go out and grasp life, take a close look at its underbelly, while I merely study it from a distance.

I work in, and am comfortable in, the world of the known: Photojournalist works hard for his paper and community, enjoys his job and reaps personal and financial gains and keeps roof over his head and a few newspaper clips to be proud of. I guess you could bet your next paycheck that I don't like surprises.

Tim, on the other hand, relishes experience and unplanned adventure – things that don't always draw a steady income – and believes that true writers and journalists aren't worth their weight in ink until they've bled a little, gone a bit hungry and, perhaps, a bit nuts.

I'm glad, in a way, that he took my advice this past spring to go out on his trek, because perhaps someday I'll be brave enough to take my own advice and follow my passions as he has.

"I wanted movement and not a calm course of existence. I wanted excitement and danger and the chance to sacrifice myself for my love. I felt in myself a superabundance of energy which found no outlet in our quiet life." –Leo Tolstoy, *Family Happiness*.

Two years ago in June, Tim and I traveled on a boat in the mildly storm-tossed waters of Lake Michigan on our way to go camping on South Manitou Island. I was terrified, Tim, of course, elated. At one point he approached me as I neared the paranoidal pinnacle of my sea-sickness and with it the fear that at any moment the ferry was going to capsize.

"This is pretty neat, huh?" he asked. "Tim," I croaked, "I'm sick and totally terrified that we're all gonna' drown." He paused, thought for a moment as another large wave approached the boat, and added: "Yeah, but you've never felt more alive, right?"

John Heider is a photojournalist for The Northville Record and The Novi News.

Report calls for fewer ballot dates

Phil Power

Normally, I'm not a fan of special advisory commissions, blue-ribbon or not.

Too often, such commissions are announced with great fanfare, saddled with inadequate and/or incompetent staff, dominated by the status quo views of big interest groups and left to languish when the politician who created the groups looses interest.

So it was with some amazement and more delight that I read through the report, "Recommendations for Improving the Efficiency and Effectiveness of Michigan's Elections System", issued last week by a commission convened by Secretary of State Candice Miller.

Although the report makes six major recommendations - including easing restrictions on voting by absentee ballot, simplifying the petition process for candidates and experimenting with mail-in voting - the most far-reaching was to propose consolidating elections into four fixed dates each year, each on the first Tuesday following the first Monday of the month:

- A winter election to be held in February;
- A Spring election to be held in May;
- A primary election to be held in August;
- A general election to be held in November.

One of the unusual things about the commission is that it included some people who actually know what they're talking about, including Kathy Dornan, Farmington Hills city clerk, Joan McCotter, Livonia city clerk, and Bernie Apol, the retired (and revered) state elections director.

Also serving on the commission was Rep. Bob Brackenridge, R-St. Joeseph, a former Berrian County clerk, who pushed similar ideas last year when he headed the House Local Government Committee. One community in his district held nine elections in a single year!

To take effect, the package needs to be adopted by the Legislature, which is no sure thing, what with roads, taxes and casinos all on the agenda, not to mention all the old chestnuts about "local control."

If enacted into law, though, there would be lots of good consequences.

No more special millage elections, votes held at odd-ball times, usually pushed through by an alliance between local school officials and teachers unions to get millages and bond issues passed by a low turnout of "school people."

We've all heard of such elections with 3, 4, 5 percent turnouts. They're unrepresentative, and they're expensive.

Former Ingham County clerk, Rep. Lingg Brewer, D-Holt, complains, "I've seen school people as cynical as Chicago wardheelers. They say, 'We've got a multi-million dollar project. Let's sneak this through with Monday elections."

In Livonia, for example, holding the 1996 June school election cost $32,000; with 4,120 people voting, the cost was $7.77 per vote.

Another important recommendation is to create centralized registered voter lists (called a Qualified Voter File) on a big computer. Although most Republicans and many Democrats favor local control over voter lists, Miller's panel disagreed, arguing that "Michigan is the largest state, both in terms of its population and its geographical size to (maintain local voter files)."

"Involving 273 city clerks, 1,242 township clerks and 261 village clerks, Michigan's voter registration system comprises 1,776 separate registration jurisdictions, making it the most decentralized - and hence the most complex - voter registration system in the country," the panel said.

"In effect, Michigan maintains 25 percent of the nation's registration jurisdictions to serve less than 4 percent of the nation's population."

Right on, Commission! I'd urge conscientious voters reading the column to contact their local legislator, urging prompt and favorable consideration for the Miller commission's report.

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

Parents thank party supporters

To the Editor:

Thanks to the businesses of Novi and the surrounding area.

On June 8, following the graduation ceremony of the Novi High School 1997 senior class, the students attended an all-night party at Novi High School which was put together by their parents.

We would like to thank the following for their contributions: Able Party Rental; Scott and Pam Adams; Alfoccino's; Theodore S. Andis P.C.; Jack Anglin Co.; Bavarian Village; Pat Bessesen; Blockbuster; Bob Evans Restaurant; Bob Sellers Pontiac; Bodies in Motion; Border Cantina; Borders Books and Music; Botsford General Hospital; Robert K. Bateman M.D., P.C.; Burger King; Centre Street Market; Chili's; Church of the Holy Cross; Circuit City; Coca-Cola Bottlers of Detroit; Corrigan Storage Co.; Country Cleaners; Country Epicure; D&W Recreation Enterprises d/b/a Links of Novi; Dan's Auto Repair; David's Cleaning Service; Denny's Restaurant; The Detroit Lions; Detroit Red Wings; Diamond Jim Brady's; Dunkin' Donuts; Earthworks Engineers; Entenmann's; Faith Community Church; Fendt Transit Mix; John and Theresa Galido; Gardenviews; General Cinema; R.E. Gilbert & Associates; Glenda's Garden; Grady's American Grill; Great Harvest Bread Co.; Great Wall of China; Lou Grieshaber for Frito Lay; Harmony House; Hiller's Shopper's Market; Holy Family Church; Head West Salon; Home Depot; Hunan Palace; JCK & Associates; Johnson's Press; JR Limo Service; Kim's Gardens; Kmart Farmington; Laurel Manor Center; Library Pub & Grill; Maisano's Restaurant; Maria's Italian Bakery; Marty Feldman Chevrolet; McDonald's on Haggerty Road; McDonald's on Ten Mile Road; McDonald's at Twelve Oaks; McNish's Sporting Goods; Meadowbrook Art Center; Meadowbrook Veterinary; Meijer Inc.; Mervyn's; Michigan Diary; Rich and Jan Nawrocki; Nifty's; Noodle House; Novi Athletic Boosters; Novi High School; Novi Community School District Dieticians; Novi Community School District Maintenance and Operations; Novi Drugs; Novi Fence & Supply Co.; Novi Hilton; Novi Newcomers & Neighbors; Novi Oaks Golf & Sport Center; Novi Truck & Trailer; Novi Yacht Club; Novi Youth Assistance; Oakland Community College, Highland Lakes Campus; O'Brien & Sullivan Funeral Home; Olga's Kitchen; Olive Garden; Optimist Club of Novi; Orphan Annie's; Papa Romano's; Pepsi-Cola of Howell; Pere Marquette Employee's Credit Union; Phil's Barber Shop; Ponderosa Steakhouse; Providence Hospital at Ten Mile and Haggerty Road; Rent-a-Flick; Ruby Tuesday's at Twelve Oaks; Running Fit; Sam Goody; Santino's Place for Pasta; The Sharper Image; Sonny's Catering; Special Seconds; Stampeddler Plus; Subway-West Oaks; Suncoast; Taco Bell; Target; Timberland Lumber Co.; Time Warner Entertainment; Tom Holzer Ford; Town & Country Eyecare; Toys 'R Us; Tri-Mount Custom Homes; Tubby's-Novi Road; Twelve Oaks Mall Offices; Vic's World Class Market; Video USA; Donald M. Wayne D.D.S., M.S.; Willowbrook Party Store; WJR AM-760 Radio.

We apologize if we have omitted anyone, but please consider yourself included in this list and accept our sincere thanks. It is the assistance of these companies and individuals which helped to make this evening safe, memorable and fun for the graduating class of 1997. We urge you to consider supporting our community by remembering these businesses in the future. We also wish to thank the many parents who donated food and beverages, and those that donated their time to help design, create, set up and clean up the party.

Novi High School 1997 Senior
All Night Party Committee

Letters

Platinum passes for city officials?

To the Editor:

In the *Novi News*, a page 4A story disclosed that "Pork Barrel Avenue No. 6" (supposedly for the *Novi Ice Arena*) will be constructed for $988,000 plus $24,000 (city taxpayers cost) for a $118,000 traffic light. A beginning outlay of $1,012,000 of taxpayers' money (and growing).

Now let's add to that amount the engineering design cost (guesstimate of 12 percent of $988,000 = $118,560), building construction fees and permits (guesstimate of 4 percent of $988,000 = $39,520), stormwater drainage fees (guesstimate of 5 percent of $988,000 = $49,400), and miscellaneous (attorney fees, field changes, signage costs, etc. Guesstimate of 10 percent of $988,000 = $98,800). An estimated subtotal of $1,318,280 (and still increasing) of taxpayers' money.

A Jan. 9 *Novi News* article stated that (for the Novi Ice Arena site), Mr. (Ed) Kriewall was recommending to City Council, purchase of 15 acres (within a privately-owned 71-acre parcel) for $232,000 and that the "Pork Barrel Avenue No. 6" road construction (up to the 15-acre lot) would cost city taxpayers approximately $668,000. Well. Surprise! Surprise! Today it looks like we have road construction costs of $1,318,280 (and probably still rising) plus $232,000 for the "Hot Land Deal of This Century." A total estimated disbursement of $1,550,280; not including the cost of building the Novi Ice Arena.

Now this "Hot Land Deal of This Century" is approaching an estimated $103,352 per acre ($1,550,280 plus 15 acres) or more. Sure beats the heck out of spending $60,000 per acre for prime Novi land with frontage on a major road, doesn't it? Now the Novi city taxpayers are only going to spend an estimated $43,352 more per acre because of this "Hot Land Deal of This Century." The Novi city taxpayers will have to pay for these multimillion dollar fiascoes and for transactions that the voters did not vote on.

Paradoxically, an adjacent story mentioned that the city, in trying to sell a fire station site, received a high bid of only $21,000 for the half-acre lot ($42,000 per acre) on Beck Road. If that is the going rate in that area, why not buy 15 acres at $42,000 for a total cost of only $630,000 (versus $1,550,280), with an estimated savings to the Novi city taxpayers of only $920,280. (They could maybe use this pocket change to pay for their April storm damage cleanup and trash pickup/dumping fees.)

By the time they have this Novi Ice Arena and "Pork Barrel Avenue No. 6" road built and operational, the Novi city taxpayers may have a liability approaching the National Debt. What's the bottomline? Six million dollars? Eight million dollars? Ten million dollars? What's next? A $20 million Municipal Golf Complex/Watering Hole/Banquet Facility with "Platinum" guest passes for the city officials and their friends?

Joseph G. Toth

Will Durant make fools of followers

Tim Richard

As he trotted off into the moonlight – it was after 2 a.m. June 20 – Clark Durant resembled no one more than William Jennings Bryan, who 72 years ago made a fool of himself in a Tennessee courtroom denouncing evolution.

Bryan assisted the prosecution in convicting public school science teacher John T. Scopes, though the verdict would be reversed on appeal. But in the court of public opinion, Bryan humiliated the cause of Christian fundamentalism for more than 50 years.

"Bryan lived too long, and descended too deeply into the mud, to be taken seriously hereafter by fully literate men," said a scribe when Bryan died a week later. "If the fellow was sincere, then so was P.T. Barnum. The word is disgraced and degraded by such uses. He was, in fact, a charlatan, a mountebank, a zany without sense of dignity."

After listening to a mob for hours, the State Board of Education rescinded the "mission statement" Durant rammed through two years ago.

Like Bryan, who vowed to amend the U.S. Constitution to cover the Bible, Durant, now a minority member of the State Board of Education, vowed to take his "mission statement" to the voters and impose it on the state constitution.

Durant fought the bad fight, all the way.

He refused in 1995 to operate in the collegial way in which public school people and governmental bodies operate, but fashioned his mission statement in secret. He discussed it with board members, one by one, by telephone. If anyone had bothered to prosecute, it was a pure violation of the Open Meetings Act sec. 3 (3).

At his first meeting, Durant brought it up by surprise, amending the agenda during the "board business" portion of the meeting, the place where you approve the minutes of the last meeting and elect officers. That way, he prohibited public comment, a violation of the Open Meeting Act sec. 3 (5).

So stealthy were Durant's tactics that no one but board members could even see a copy of it until after it was approved.

It was a rambling mission and philosophy statement, poorly outlined, pious platitudes that would be graded "not yet novice" on the state proficiency test for writing. No matter. It never had a place in the constitution, Michigan Compiled Laws or the rule books. It was merely an essay.

But it did contain the germ of the "parents' rights" movement, an effort by authoritarians to allow parents (guided by appropriate clergy, of course) to object to anything in the curriculum and overrule elected boards, superintendents, principals and teachers. In this respect, my brethren in the media missed the long-range significance of the mission statement.

Durant portrayed the effort to rescind his mission statement as an effort to get God out public education. One is reminded of the Dixiecrat senators who, after the U.S. Supreme Court outlawed racial segregation and state-imposed school prayer, said the justices "kicked God out of the schools and let the Negroes in," or words to that effect.

When it came time to erase his mission statement, Durant changed his mind about public discussion. A new State Board president, Kathleen Straus, allowed the public comment that Durant in 1995 had blocked.

Straus, who is Jewish, was a better Christian ("Do unto others" etc.) than Durant. Following the Open Meetings Act, Straus let Durant's pals filibuster for hours, as was their right. But voters last November had decided the issue when it replaced two of Durant's allies on the board. This time the vote was 5-3 to rescind.

The 1925 obituary writer said of Bryan: "It was hard to believe, watching him at Dayton, that he had traveled, that he had been received in civilized societies, that he had been a high officer of the state. He seemed only a poor clod like those around him, deluded by childish theology ..."

One can only hope that Durant doesn't make fools of his Christian followers the way Bryan did.

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

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HEALTH NOTE

by Dennis E. Engerer, P.T.
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State takes look at special ed costs

By TIM RICHARD
Staff Writer

State and local school officials will be taking a hard look at special education costs now that the Michigan Supreme Court has told Lansing it no longer may short-change local districts.

Western Wayne County officials have put together a book showing that an ever-growing percentage of their students are being assigned into ever-costlier special ed programs.

The state next fall will put up about $5,460 per pupil, but that's only an average. Regular classrooms cost only a fraction of that to operate.

But a special education resource classroom costs an additional $4,500 to $6,000 per pupil. A special education classroom placement costs an additional $8,000 to $12,000.

And if a youngster is assigned to full-time residential placement in the Michigan School for the Blind and Deaf, the cost runs to $100,000 per pupil.

Special ed is costly, says MAISL, because the pupil-teacher ratio is lower; support services are needed from psychologists, occupational therapists and other paraprofessionals; extra materials are needed; and pupils often must be transported.

Over the last 20 years, public school enrollment statewide has declined. But special ed enrollment, locally and statewide, has soared.

Take just one category: learning disabled (LD). In 1978 fewer than 2 percent of all Wayne County students were classified LD; in 1996, more than 4 percent. Statewide, LD rose from 2 percent in 1976 to 5 percent in 1996.

The book is entitled "Special Education Presentation" and was prepared by the Metropolitan Association for Improved School Legislation, a group of 10 suburban districts. Its executive secretary and lobbyist is Gerald Dunn, a former state senator.

Matters are coming to a head. The Supreme Court on June 10 found the state was shorting 84 mostly suburban school districts on several mandated costs – special ed being the largest – in violation of the Headlee amendment to the Michigan Constitution. Total cost is estimated at $500 million to $3.5 billion.

The high court ordered the parties to submit briefs on how the costs will be paid back.

MAISL's chart shows that state funding of special ed fell from a 1975 level of 45 percent to 15 percent in 1980, when the suburban districts filed suit. Today state funding is in the 5 percent range.

Lawmakers call the court loss a "budget buster." In back rooms, they are looking at ways to cut future costs.

One plan, floated by state budget director Mark Murray, calls for dropping Michigan's 1971 standards, which call for educating a pupil to the full potential from birth through age 25, to the 1975 federal standard, which specifies ages 3 to 21.

Here is the broad picture statewide:

• Total enrollment dropped 21 percent – from 2.1 million in 1975 to 1.6 million in 1995.

• Special ed enrollment rose 31 percent – from 147,000 to 194,00

• Special ed enrolls almost one pupil in eight – 11.8 percent in 1995.

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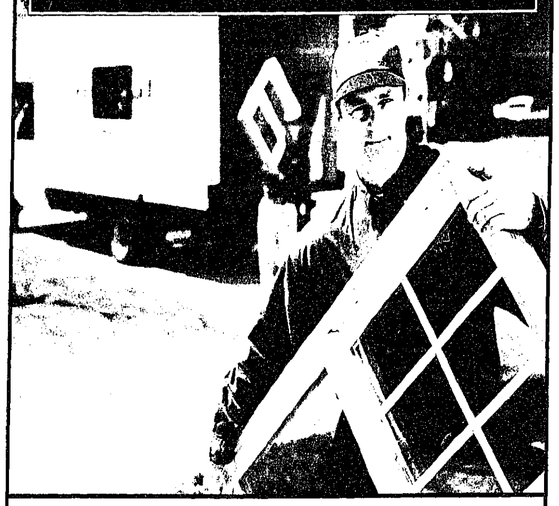

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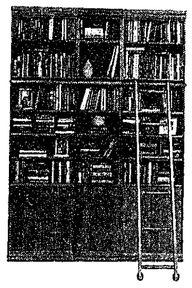

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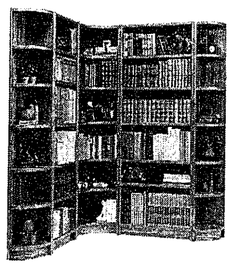

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Gourmet fare fueled hungry workers

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

Nothing ever comes together with a just the tap of a hammer or a slap of paint.

It took a lot of extra support to build the Tim Pope Memorial Playscape Wednesday through Sunday, June 11-15, which rose out of the sand with the help of hammer, nail, saw and yes, don't forget food.

Behind the scenes were dozens and dozens of volunteers who kept the construction crews fed, supplied and safe.

Hard work means hungry mouths which is why it took more than 400 bagels and donuts each morning to start the day off on the right foot. Ann Quinn-Walling from Orphan Annie's in Novi provided the breakfast items each morning.

Then after a grueling morning of sawing, hammering and pounding, playscape builders sat down to a variety of entrees, desserts and drinks to lunch and then again for dinner. Nearly 300 cans of pop were opened and 900 Rice Krispie Treats were gobbled up.

"We have to keep people going," said Karen Leppanen, one of many volunteer coordinators.

The Novi Lions and Lionesses provided spaghetti, the Downtown Merchants Association served up sloppy joes, Maisano's donated buns and hot dogs, Gordon's Foods provided pork and beans, Kosch's and Subway made sandwiches, Providence donated boxed lunches, The Pizza Gourmet from Westland brought in equipment to make pizzas and the Expo Center also donated pizza.

"We've had quite a menu," said Tom Marcus, who headed up the food crew.

Marcus said it was the volunteers who brought it all together, including some of the volunteers working construction who also brought along cookies, brownies and other goodies.

"The senior citizens have done a great job," said Marcus. The seniors at the Novi Senior Center were a great help in preparing much of the rations. "And my wife helped out a lot. You can't include me without including Thelma."

Everyone on site learned that when the whistle blew, it was time to put down the tools, rest and grab a bite to eat.

"We force people to take that break and relax," explained Leppanen.

Kenny's Tents provided a discount on tents for shelter from the sun. The Novi Fire Department provided water to wash off with and stay cool. Four Port-a-Johns graced the scenery. "A most important item" according to Leppanen.

Just in case, both Providence and Community Emergency Medical Services donated their time and expertise should anything disastrous or mildly painful happen.

But Leppanen said the most serious injuries required only a Band Aid or a good cleaning. Some people came away with a few bumps and bruises. "We got a few blisters because we're working everybody hard," she said.

Even those who weren't directly at the Eight Mile and Napier Road site were certainly working hard each of the five days at entertaining a total of 220 kids at the playscape's daycare facility at Novi Meadows.

The 30 volunteers, and several Girl Scouts, there kept the younger kids busy with the inflated dinosaur donated by Awesome Bounce and Farm Lady Margaret Schmidt added her program to the list of things to do.

"The kids absolutley loved [the dinosaur]," said volunteer Becky Staab. "[We] had a hard time getting them off."

In all, it was a five-day event that took the expertise and simple willingness to help of hundreds of people willing to accomplish the smallest task to the largest task. But none was more or less important than the other.

"He thinks it's built just for him."
A mom chasing her playscape bound tot

"It's a party."
– Dan Davis
Committee Co-chair
Parks and Recreation Director

"It is fun. You feel like you're really accomplishing something for the community."
– Grace Wiffong
Volunteer

"I've been here every day for 14 hours a day. The only thing that bothers me is standing and walking."
– Hugh Crawford
Construction captain
Novi's mayor pro tem

"We force people to take that break and relax."
– Karen Leppanen
Volunteers Chairperson

"We even convinced the mayor to be a water boy."
– Charley Staab
Committee Co-chair

"I was afraid to stop because I was afraid I wouldn't start."
– Kerry Bush
Volunteer
Tim Pope's niece

"I like to think of Tim kind of smiling, looking down upon us and grinning at all the kids going down the dragon's tongue slide."
– David Honigman
Retired State Senator
(Tim Pope was his legislative aide)

"I can't think of a better way to bring a community together than a project like this, can you?"
– Sara Pope
Fundraising Co-chair
(Widow of Tim Pope)

"What a great outpouring of community spirit. something that Tim Pope stood for and something he would have more than anything else volunteered for, people coming together on behalf of their community to create something larger than themselves as a landmark."
– Nancy Cassis
Volunteer
State Representative

"You should'a seen what we had for lunch. We should'a been doing this sooner ... It brings the town together."
– Tom Marcus
Food Chairperson

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The food tent was a quiet place where volunteers could rest and socialize during their well-deserved lunch breaks. Above, Gerry Quinn and Michelle Sankovic swap sandwiches.

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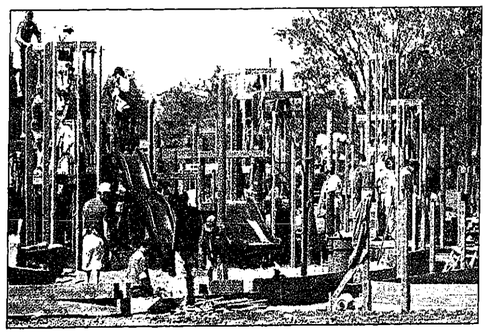
Steven Duda, 12, helps out on the construction, drilling holes for the decking under the watchful eye of his father, Dan Duda.



The construction site was abuzz with activity on Saturday afternoon ... and throughout the build.

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What hammers, nails and volunteer spirit built

Continued from front

Abbie, 2, broke the paper chain and the fun began.

"Wow," was the word most frequently heard as kids grabbed swings, made their way towards the slides and romped on the bouncy bridge.

In less than a year, the 12-member committee did it. They marshaled the money, people, materials and equipment needed to build a 1,500 square-foot playground of pine at Eight Mile and Napier roads. Novi children got together with the design and construction management firm Leathers & Associates and together came up with the idea of a castle under the sheltering branches of an old black walnut tree.

"We're pretty well-organized. We've had some pretty good people working with us," said Charley Staab, co-chair of the playstructure committee. "We had to beg Leathers to get this date. They wanted to wait until September."

After council member Tim Pope died in October 1995, his wife, Sara, asked that he be remembered with a playscape. While this was a cause that mattered much to the Pope family, along the way it became something significant for many Novi families.

"It's been especially nice to have some of the dads come with their kids and say this is how we want to spend Father's Day together," said Karen Leppanen, volunteers chairperson for the playstructure committee.

A hardcore group of helpers began working on the playstructure on June 10. The next day, 162 were on the job. Peak volunteer days were Friday of build week, when 276 people pitched in including members of the Novi Chamber of Commerce, and that Saturday, which drew an equal number of people. The sun mostly shined on the project, although rain on June 12 slowed the job.

"We got a lot of workers coming but there were times when we thought we weren't going to get enough. But we did," said Nancy Russell, stationed at the volunteer sign-in table.

For the build, the Novi Community Sports Park took on a festive look, with colorful tents housing food and picnic tables. But this was hard, gritty work.

"What's really neat is you've got tons of people who've never met each other; they get on a team, they know each others' skills and they're a cohesive group," said AnnMarie Jorz.

Although many weren't used to working with power tools, there were no injuries, besides minor cuts, bruises and blisters, Leppanen said.

Day by day, a grass field of dreams became a grass field sprouting poles and beams, then a playground.

"It's so neat to work for awhile and go away and when you come back – wow," said volunteer Ed Kramer.

Coming down to the opening ceremony time, people who normally look like they stepped out of a Land's End catalog were appearing grubby, bedraggled, reeling with exhaustion but happy.

"I heard the same thing over and over again, they came for a little bit and then they came back," said Glen Bonaventura, a member of the playstructure committee.

By the last night, Sara Pope was so determined that all the 500 plus pickets around the tot lot would be up that she and her crew kept working when everyone else was called to dinner.

"I'm so glad they can finally play on it. They're having so much fun," she said, when the Tim Pope Memorial Playstructure was officially open for business.

"My son's been asking since Wednesday, 'can I play on it today?'"

Marge Pope, Tim's Pope's mother, had splatters of purple and yellow all over her hands and arms. Among her contributions, she painted the Alien Tongue slide and was grinning at the children sliding through her masterpiece.

"Isn't this gorgeous? By working so hard, they made this a better place than ever to be in," she said.

Details remain: signs will be posted, trees planted, barrels for flowers hauled in, a picnic structure with grills will be installed.

But Novi's younger generation, like Nick Gardner, 6, are happy with the whole idea. Nick said he likes the fact that he'll have a castle to enjoy.

"Because there's going to be a king in it," he explained.

While some of the volunteers were working for the welfare of their own kids, one of the people who devoted the most hours of her time to the project isn't a parent.

"I just enjoy watching everybody else's playing," Leppanen said.

"It's been especially nice to have some of the dads come with their kids and say this is how we want to spend Father's Day together."
– Karen Leppanen, volunteers chairperson

People who made it happen

Penny-toting kids, corporate sponsors all did their share

By CAROL WORKENS
Staff Writer

From little copper pennies to big greenbacks, money was still trickling in when the Tim Pope Memorial Playstructure was dedicated on Sunday evening, June 15. There hasn't even been time enough to count it all.

"I do know that we are extremely close on the entire project," said fund raising committee co-chair Glen Bonaventura. "It is going to be a while before everything shakes out."

The goal of raising $100,000 broke down to $70,000 cash and $30,000 in donated materials, according to Bonaventura.

Donations are still being accepted.

"When we go over, (the money) will be put into the maintenance fund," Bonaventura said. "Any extra money we have we want to fuse (sic) to do a permanent dedication plaque."

"I'm positive that we are going to set up a Friends of the Playstructure group in order to do the care and feeding of our playstructure," Bonaventura said. "A temporary sign will basically identify the playstructure and the date of build and state that it was entirely funded and built by volunteers and that we are still accepting funds for the maintenance fund and dedication plaque."

Funds for the playstructure began coming in about nine months ago.

The first active fund raiser was the Christmas gift wrap program held at Twelve Oaks Mall. From Thanksgiving through Christmas volunteers from the Northville and Novi playstructures alternated dates manning the booth and split the profits.

Second grade students at Novi Woods Elementary School independently held a cookie sale and raised $360.

Vic's Market was the site of a two fund raisers — a Sealed Bid Auction of Detroit Tiger autographed items and a fund raiser in the Alcove sponsored by State Senator Bill Bullard, R-Milford, and former state senator David Honigman.

Different parts of the playstructure were sold, such as the Alien Tongue Slide and the sandboxes. Other equipment ranged from benches at $125 each to the Castle Maze at $3,500.

"Pickets sold like wildfire," Bonaventura said of the fence that surrounds the Tot Lot.

The Castle Maze had not been sold prior to the planned construction dates.

"We didn't lack for any of those things," fund raising committee co-chair Sara Pope said. "We don't have anybody's name to put on it. Some of the sections will not have plaques because they were purchased out of the fund as a whole."

The Children's Penny Drive brought in 50,000 pennies.

"We still haven't finished rolling the pennies," said fund raising committee member Ann Hartland.

The Meadowbrook Glens bottle/can drive raised $270.

The Novi Expo Center ran a successful friendly Business Challenge and met their goal of a $5,000 donation for the playstructure.

Letters which were mailed to all local businesses, churches, homeowners associations, and community groups was well received and brought in donations and volunteers, according to Pope.

Proceeds from Faith Community Church's 15th annual run on June 21 went to the playstructure's perpetual fund to be used for maintenance.

A silent auction was also held while the playstructure was building built from items donated by local businesses.

Town and Country Eye Care auctioned off a bike and had a Beanie Babies raffle.

Realtor Scott Pitcher has pledged to donate a percentage of his profits for the month of June to the playstructure.

The Contributors

Here is the list of all the individuals, businesses and organizations who contributed to the playstructure, either financially or with supplies or services, in alphabetical order.

This list may not include donations made during construction week, and does not include individuals who dropped off tools during the construction.

The Tim Pope Playstructure Committee apologizes for any names inadvertently omitted.

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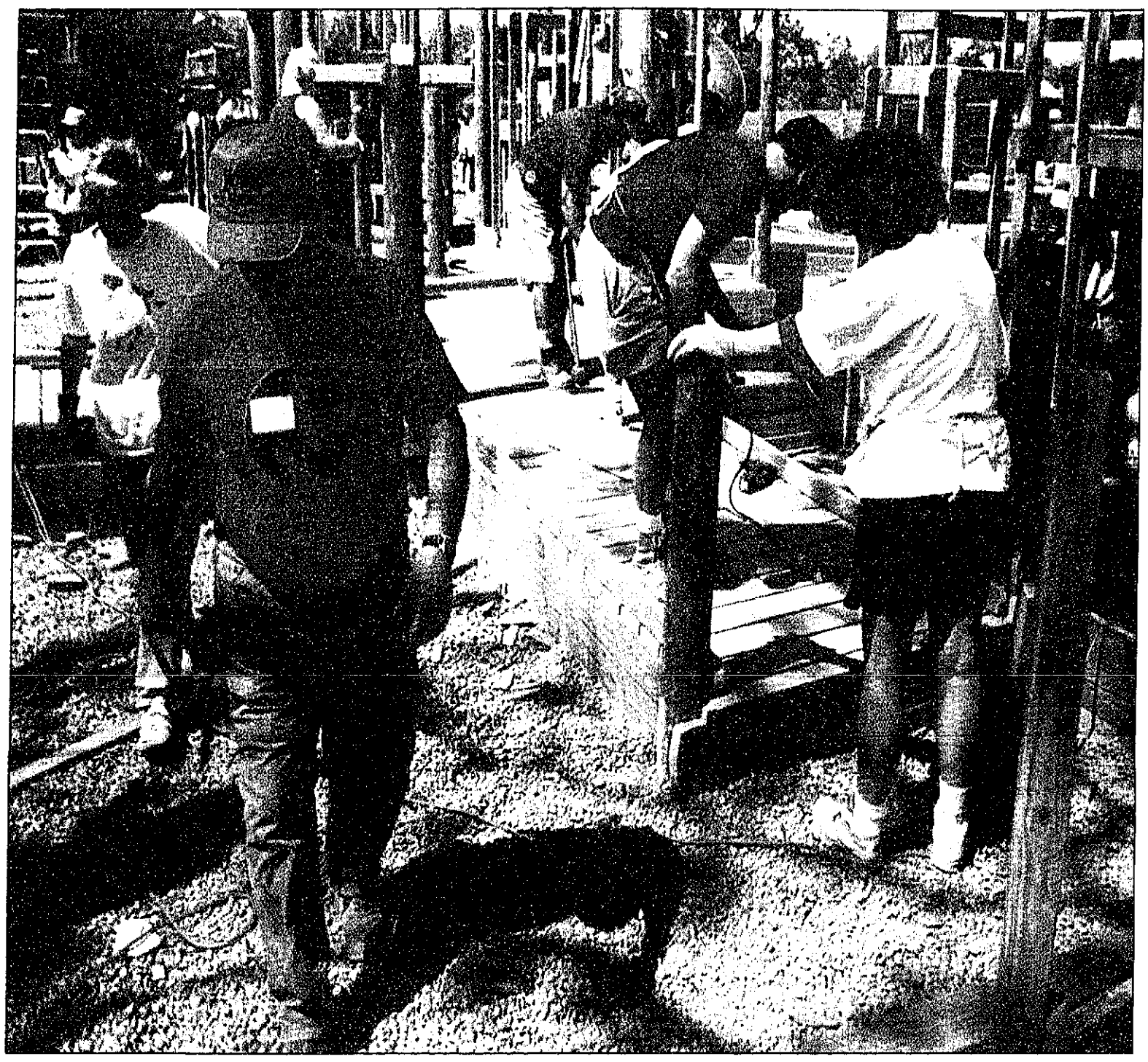

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Construction captain Hugh Crawford, left, and dozens of volunteers work on the playscape Saturday morning. The site was just as busy through most of the week.

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Victorian

Photo by THOMAS R. HIBBELN

Ann Arbor resident 15-year-old Martha Luitji modeled a Victorian day dress during Northville's Annual Trunk Show and Sale which was held in May.

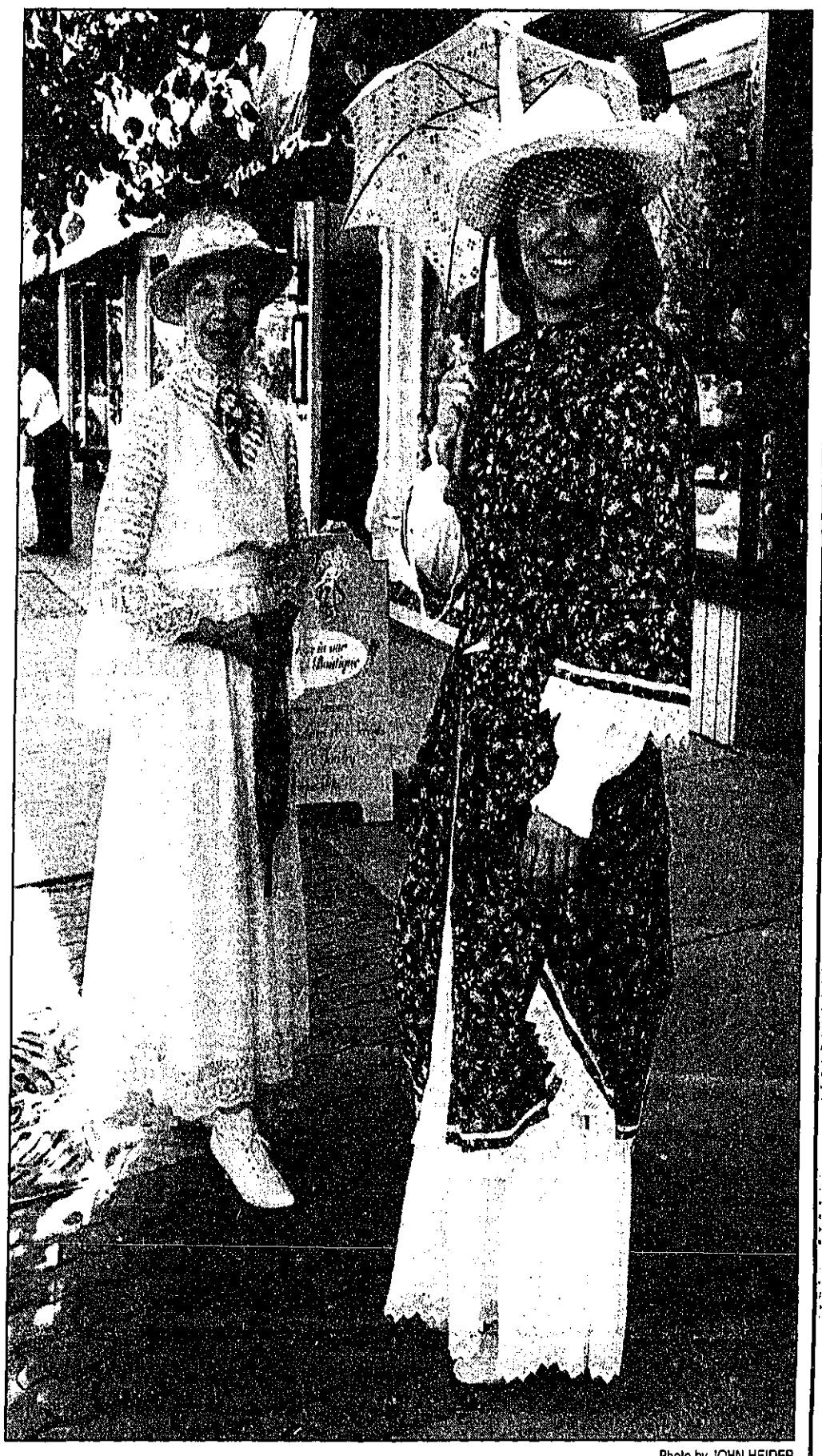

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Joyce Woll (left) and Bonnie Joyce, owners of Northville's Sweet Dreams gift shop, show that they, too, can dress "Victorian," complete with parasol and lace-fringed dresses.

- **Chemise** (1850s) – An unshaped undergarment which reached just below the knees and had a drawstring neckline with calf-length drawers with a back button closure.
- **Corset** (1840s) – Back lacing with a thin front closure of wood, whalebone or metal.
- **Under Petticoat** – Depending on the season as many as six of this plain undergarment was worn at a time.
- **Hoop Petticoat** – Replace the need for multiple layers of under petticoats, only a single under petticoat was required with the hoop petticoat.
- **Over Petticoat** (1850s) – this final undergarment was worn over the multiple layers of under petticoats or over the hoop petticoat.

Photo by THOMAS R. HIBBELN

Pam Yockey from Canton brought a wedding gown circa 1870 to Northville's annual Victorian Trunk Show and Sale.

By CAROL WORKENS
Staff Writer

We're not exactly under the gun yet, but with just under three months before Northville takes a step back in time for the annual Victorian Festival Sept. 13 through 15, it's not too soon to begin putting together an authentic outfit or designing a reproduction.

"It just gets everyone in the spirit, wearing the costumes," said Joyce Woll, who, along with daughter Bonnie Joyce, owns Sweet Dreams in Northville.

If it sounds too complicated to dress Victorian, it needn't.

For inspiration on Victorian attire and accessories and historical information, check out the Internet, Victorian magazines and books.

"A lot of people we saw last year had just moved into town and had no idea when the Victorian period was or what to wear," said Woll, who opened Sweet Dreams on July 25, 1996.

"We try to pick out Victorian-style clothing even in our new clothing lines so that we can adapt that for the Victorian Festival or the ball," Woll said.

Custom orders can take at least a month, according to Woll. Ordering a little girl's dress from a catalog could run in the $75 range. An adult dress might run about $150.

Catalogs are also a good source for men's shirts, vests, hats and suspenders. With the exception of nickers, boys attire is a smaller version of dads duds.

"There's different things you can do to adapt the clothes you already have," Woll said.

Using your imagination to imitate the Victorian style can be as simple as making an apron for a long dress for a little girl, or tucking regular pants into argyle socks for a young boy.

Adorn a straw had with ribbons and flowers. Lots of lace, ruffles, ribbons and bead work were common during the Victorian period.

"They don't have to go out and spent a lot of money, they can put things together, borrow things from family and friends," Woll said.

Purchase a Victorian style blouse and pair it with a long skirt you may already own or can make.

All types of fabrics and designs were worn during the Victorian era, even a denim-look material called chambray. There were solids, prints, florals, stripes, checks and paisleys.

"Back in the Victorian days a lot of their clothes were dark," Joyce said. Since skirts trailed on the floor, dark colors were popular because they didn't show the dirt as much as lighter colored fabrics would.

Enhance a plain white blouse with a lace choker or shawl. Adding Victorian style jewelry such as a necklace or pin can make an outfit look more authentic.

If you're good with a needle and thread, try making a long or short cape.

Last year Woll wore a hooded, short velvet cape with an emerald satin lining to go with a 1920 style outfit. Since no Victorian lady's outfit was complete unless she wore a hat and gloves, Woll chose a riding type derby hat with netting, flowers and lace.

"The styles vary just like the skirts," Woll said. "A lot of people don't realize there's a lot of different options they can put together. And things they might already have in their closet or a family member might already have they can adapt."

Styles of skirts ranged anywhere from A-line walking skirts to a full bustle to a hoop for evening wear. Even an empire style dress with a high waist line and straight skirt was common during that period.

To recreate the look of a bustle using a two layered skirt, pull up and secure the top layer at intervals to create tucks for a bustle look at the back and sides.

"There's a lot that makes up the Victorian clothing line," Woll said.

Women wore high button boots, but the lace-up style boot which can be found in department stores and shoe shops would be

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Volunteer

Von Glahn focuses on helping others

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Mary von Glahn will serve as a director for the Zonta Club.

By CAROL WORKENS
Staff Writer

The Zonta Club of the Farmington/Novi Area presented a check for $30,000 to First Step, a domestic violence shelter in Wayne County, on Tuesday.

Attending the evening's presentation were Novi resident Mary von Glahn and Northville resident Judy Lombardo, who have been elected to positions with Zonta for the coming year.

Lombardo, a manager of labor relations administration with Ryder Automotive Operations Inc. in Troy, will serve as the group's vice president for the coming year. Von Glahn, an administrative coordinator with Johnson Controls Inc. in Plymouth, will be one of three on the board of directors for 1997-98.

The money donated to First Step was raised this year through Zonta's special project, Stepping Out in Style, the third annual fashion show hosted by the Parisian store at Laurel Park.

Proceeds from the fashion show, which was held in April, will help support and enhance the services and programs offered by First Step.

Highlights of the evening included after hours shopping at Parisian, a spring fashion show, informal modeling through Parisian, special demonstrations, and gourmet food from Great Harvest Bread Company, the Michigan Star Clipper Dinner Train, Rigato's V.P. Villa de Roma, Country Epicure and Carlson Catering. Silver Sounds D.J. provided the entertainment.

The First Step/Western Wayne County Project on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault is the only agency offering crisis intervention and assistance to victims

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It's A Fact

Building materials used to construct Northville's Fort Griswold playscape numbered in the hundreds and thousands, such as 1,982 pieces of lumber, 305 pieces of trex (plastic lumber), 200 utility poles, 34,430 screws, and approximately 35,000 nails, 1,000 nuts and 2,000 washers.

Whitehall Home is busy with summer activities

By JEANNE CLARKE
Special Writer

Whitehall Health Center Activities Director Kathy Israel and Assistant Fran Simo have been keeping the residents very busy with a number of programs. Several new volunteers involved in the programs were: David Best from Wayne State who comes in twice a week. Under his direction the new "Walking Club" was formed; Roxanne and Michelle Sayre, a mother and daughter team, are in charge of the ice cream cart on Thursdays.

More recently, the center said goodbye to Rev. Chuck Jacobs of the United Methodist Church who, for 13 years, presented a once-a-week program to the residents.

He was also honored at the recent Appreciation Day that was held to recognize the many volunteers who assist the Activity Department with several programs. Receiving recognition for their time and talents were the following: Robert Warner Jr., Rebecca and Elizabeth Orlowski, Betty Blackett, Sally Bennett, Anita Kirsch, Mary Gregory, Pat Carne, Georgia Grovestein, Sue Durance, Mary Ann Rishel, Gretchen Pugsley, Dan Luft, Brian Skiba, John Mione, Jean VonSoosten, Ruth Russell, Rose Cavanagh, Norma Henderson, Alfred Galli, Mary Jean McCarthy, Doris Gaiser, Shirlee Rasmussen, Manika Jackson Stroh, Father Kronk, Fritz Hansen, Mary Israel, Alwynne Bales, and Judy Hennells. Hennells also works with the residents in the arts and crafts program. They are currently working on wood projects.

The courtyard of blooming flowers and the coming vegetables is being enjoyed by all residents. Several courtyard parties complete with refreshments including watermelon have been held.

A beginning of summer celebration was held with special refreshments. The attire for the day was shorts.

Bird feed is needed for the bird houses and feeders. The residents so enjoy their feathered friends who visit the courtyard. The feed can be dropped off at the front desk or ask for Kathy Israel.

NOVI METHODIST CHURCH

Saturday, June 28, the church family and friends will leave the church at 9:30 a.m. for Detroit's Cass Avenue United Methodist Church with food to feed 400-500 for those in need. The church does this on a quarterly basis with members providing the monetary resources for groceries. It takes ten people to transport and serve the meal.

Later in the evening there will be a program called "International Chuck Roast" from 6-9 p.m. at the church. This is the time when the congregation will honor and celebrate their pastor, Rev. Chuck Jacobs and his family, for his 13 years of service. Church members are asked to bring a passing dish of vegetables, salad, or dessert as main meat dishes will be provided. Any questions, call the church office or contact either Kathy Ballard, Nannette Douglas, or Tom Darling.

The Rev. Jacobs' last Sunday is June 29. The fifth Sunday fellowship gathering will be held later in the afternoon at Island Lake State Park. It is being sponsored by the United Methodist Men who have planned a fun afternoon of games and activities. Each person or family are asked to bring their own table service, drink, and a dish for the buffet table.

Recently held was a concert by the "5 of Us" at Walled Lake Methodist Church with the Novi church family invited. The "5 of Us," Novi Methodist Church members, is a mixed quartet presenting both contemporary and traditional Christian music. The "5th person" in the quartet is God.

July 6 will be the Rev. Louise R. Ott's first service at Novi United. The Rev. Ott will be in the Novi area prior to July 6, but will be involved as counselor at Judson Collins Camp.

Vacation Bible School is scheduled for July 13-17, from 5:30-9 p.m. The biblical theme for this year is, "Wild Frontier Park." Call the church office at 349-2652 for more information.

NOVI YOUTH ASSISTANCE

The opening of this year's Youth and Teen Center will be held Monday, June 30, through Thursday, Aug. 7, at Lakeshore Park, from 12:30-5 p.m. Registration for the center will be on Friday, June 27, from noon to 5 p.m. in the activities room at the Novi Civic Center. This will also be the time to meet Director Patricia Doyle and her staff.

Special field trips and events will be available from noon-2 p.m. at registration on a first come-first served basis. The remainder will be available from 2:30 to 5 p.m. to accommodate parent's work schedules.

To register, parents are asked to provide a wallet-sized photo of their child or children so that individualized name tags can be prepared. Parents will also be asked to pay in advance for field trips such as Red Oaks Wave Pool, Four Bears Water Park, etc., to insure your child's attendance. If something happens and the child is unable to go, the parents are requested to notify, at least one week prior to the event, as there will be a waiting list. If this policy is followed, a refund will be given otherwise the fee will be forfeited.

If parents wish to help, they can give a $25 voluntary registration fee, a donation of snacks or their time. However, if there is a problem and a parent cannot contribute, special arrangements can be made to handle the situation. There will be a drop-in center available from noon to 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday except the day of the Lock-in on July 17, when activities will start at 7:30 p.m.-7:30 a.m.

All activities, except special trips, will be at the high school cafeteria with free play videos available, workshops, crafts, movies, etc. For additional information contact the office at 347-0410 or 349-8398.

PET-A-PET CLUB

The local Pet-a-Pet Club members are taking a summer break at this time but will be resuming on the first Saturday in September. Due to coming family plans, Karen Landacre has found it necessary to turn over the leadership of the pet program at Charter House to Sharon Disbro. Disbro will continue to meet at 10 a.m. on the first two Saturdays of the month at Charter House. Sue Durance will continue as director of the program at Whitehall Manor which meets on the third Saturday of the month at 10 a.m. They will be looking for residents in the community who would like to share their pets (dogs, cats, etc.), once a month for visitation. Pets must have current vaccination records and be friendly. No special training is involved. Dogs should be on a leash and the cost to a volunteer at this time has been a $5 dues which covers the liability insurance.

The Pet-a-Pet fund raiser held in the spring was a big success and was co-sponsored by Borders Books of Novi in their "Borders Benefit Days." Volunteers from the club had distributed over 400 coupons. The coupons indicated 15 percent of the purchase price went to the Pet-a-Pet Club. Many volunteers were present to answer questions about the club while walking their pets around the store. Those present were: Coordinator Karen Landacre and her Sheltie, Shiloh; Dot Hickson and her Cockapoo, Nicki; Chery Graves and her Shih-Tzu, Addie; Sharon Disbro and her Shih-Tzu, Reebok; Jackie Briley and her Cairn Terriers, BamBam and Buddy; Carrie Pryce and her leader dog trainee, Bravo; Pam Christensen and her Cockapoo, Concho; Jill Tybinka; Maryann Grutza and leader dog trainee, Gypsy; and Lauren Paul and her Belgian Sheepdog, Tory.

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

Novi Highlights

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 July 2, after meeting at the Sundowner Restaurant for dinner at 6 p.m., Single Place will return to the church for a Light & Lively Concert featuring Karen Schanenberger and American Festival of Music at 7:30 p.m. Throughout June following the 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 Bennigan's in Plymouth on June 27 at 5:30 p.m.; a walk in Heritage Park in Farmington Hills on June 28 at 10 a.m.; horseback riding on June 28 at 6 p.m. and an "unbirthday" party at 7 p.m.

A Divorce Recovery Workshop with various speakers begins on Aug. 7 and runs for seven Thursday evenings until Sept. 18 at 7 p.m. The cost is $30.

"How to Have a Constructive Conflict" with speaker Pam Jacobs will be held on July 17 and 24 at 7 p.m. The cost is $18 in advance or $21 on July 17.

A Niagara-on-the-Lake Show Festival Trip departs at 7 a.m. on Aug. 23 and returns at 11 p.m. on Aug. 24. Two plays are included in the trip, *Two Mrs. Carrolls* and *The Chocolate Soldier*, at the Royal George Theatre. Overnight stay will be at Brock University. The cost is $238 with a $100 non-refundable deposit due by July 20. The balance of $138 is due by Aug. 13.

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

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.

SPM has a program and activity for every age group and 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.

"Leaving the Past Behind" will be the subject for adult children of divorce on Saturday, June 28, at 9 a.m. in the Lighthouse at the church. The cost is $10 per person. Free child care is available.

Summer volleyball will be held on Thursdays, weather permitting, at 6 p.m. until dark at Rotary Park on Six Mile between Merriman and Farmington Road. A donation of $1 is required.

Biking in June will be held on June 28 at various locations.

A Summer Divorce Recovery Workshop is scheduled for July 14 through 18 from 7 until 8:30 p.m. and on July 19 from 8:30 a.m. until noon in the Chapel. The cost is $25 for those who preregister, $30 at the door, and $15 for repeating. Free child care is available.

For details 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 for euchre, pinochle and dinner at 6:30 p.m. The cost is $7 for members and $8 for non-members. Cash bar and munchies are available.

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.

Every Tuesday volleyball in the park begins at 6 p.m.

A Single Mingle Dance at Glen Oaks Golf Course is planned for June 27.

Fudruckers and Movie Night will be held on June 28.

Rollerblading/walking/biking at Kensington MetroPark is scheduled for June 29.

Call the hot line at (248) 851-9909.

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Couple earns degrees together

By CAROL WORKENS
Staff Writer

Paul and Caralyce Springer have already walked down the aisle three times, and plan to do it again, in three years.

It was early spring 1994 when Paul and Caralyce of Novi met while taking a class a Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti.

On July 15, 1995 they were married.

At the time they met, Paul was undecided on a major.

"I had always wanted to be a lawyer since before high school but didn't like school at the time, so I was hesitant to talk about it or go into it," said Paul, who spent four years in the Marine Corps after graduating from Novi High School in 1989. "I knew how much schooling was involved. After I got out of the military it seemed like nothing."

Caralyce was focused in the legal direction. She decided in the eighth grade while on a Girl Scout career retreat at the Kellogg Center at Michigan State University to go into law.

"I came home from that seminar gung-ho that I was going to do the lawyer thing," she said.

Caralyce had been an on-again, off-again student at Eastern since September 1990.

The Springers transferred from Eastern to Oakland Community College and continued their studies at the Orchard Ridge campus, graduating with associate degrees in legal assistance.

From there it was off to Wayne State University where on May 6 of this year they each received bachelor of technical and interdisciplinary studies-capstone degrees. A capstone degree is designed around an associate's program.

Paul and Caralyce will begin their studies at Cooley Law School in Lansing in September and in three years hope to accept their degrees together once again. This time it'll be juris doctorate diplomas.

The couple has tried to plan their courses so that they can drive to and from school together to save money and the mileage on the cars.

In law school for the first year they will probably be in the same classes, but during the second and third years, depending on the electives each chooses, some of their classes may differ.

"I'm planning on going back into the Marine Corps as an officer when I'm finished," Paul said. "Hopefully, I can get into the judge advocate general program."

> "There isn't anyone I would rather be standing next to than my husband."
>
> –Caralyce Springer

Both attend school and are employed full-time.

"We jump into it with both feet," Paul said of their year-round course load.

Since their study habits differ, they prefer to prepare for their exams and papers individually.

"Instead of trying to change to conform to the other, we study separately," Paul said.

Paul likes to have music or television on in the background, Caralyce doesn't.

While Caralyce likes to do everything except homework, like cleaning house, making phone calls or visiting with people, Paul is the opposite.

"He likes to get his homework done first," she said. "I can't do (homework) until there isn't any more time."

Both take their laptop computers into the classroom.

"A lot of times she takes better notes in class, that's for sure," Paul said. "While I'm still looking for information, she has it in her notes."

Caralyce's interest in law tends toward either estate or financial planning or intellectual property.

"I think that is the type of law I could really get into," she said. "The technical knowledge that would be required, sometimes I think you have to be trained to utilize the information."

Though Caralyce doesn't think much of their taking classes together, she said a lot of teachers are put off when they learn there's a married couple in class.

"I feel that they treat us as one entity instead of two people," she said. "One teacher even refused to put us in the same group because she thought it would be counterproductive."

There were semesters when one did better than the other, but both graduated with 3.3 grade point averages.

"You can't help but be competitive," Caralyce said.

"There isn't anyone I would rather be standing next to than my husband," said Caralyce of sharing the spotlight with Paul. "I'm confident that he feels the same way."

Photo by HAL GOULD

Paul and Caralyce Springer chose his and hers personalized license plates which sums up the next three years of studies.

Paul works at Home Depot in Commerce Township in shipping and receiving while Caralyce, a 1990 graduate of Rochester High School, is an executive administrative assistant with Future Benefits Corp. in Bingham Farms.

The Springers and their dog, Paxton, which Caralyce describes as a short German shepherd that walks like a Doberman, and their champagne, tiger-striped domestic cat, Jelly Bean, have been residents of Novi since November, 1994.

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an acceptable alternative, according to Woll.

Ready-made hats can be adorned with lace, netting and feathers. Ornate hats went with ornate skirts.

"There's a lot of different options," Woll said.

Woll estimates that half the attendees of the Victorian ball wear casual attire, while the other half dress in elaborate ball gowns. Until last year when it was replaced by a country dance, the Victorian ball was a mainstay of each Victorian Festival.

"It doesn't have to be a ball gown," said Woll, who wears a long cotton skirt with lace, a Victorian style blouse and a big hat with a feather. Gentlemen wear either rented tuxedos or business suits with Victorian shirts and ties.

As with other special occasion clothing, rather than buy a new outfit every year, slight modifications can give last year's outfit a new look.

"You can update last year's outfit by changing the hat and jewelry," Woll said. "Sometimes it just takes wearing the appropriate jewelry."

Victorian style clothes and hoops can be rented from costume shops or bridal salons.

Regardless of whether you're renting or buying, allow enough time.

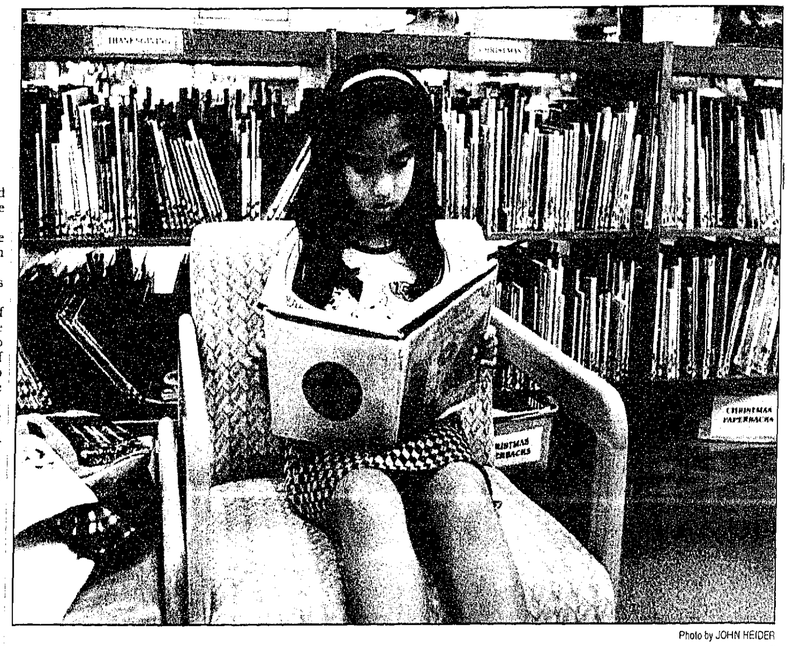
"We are already selling outfits for the ball," Woll said.

"All of the merchants in town, if they want to be in the parade which is on Friday night, have to be in Victorian costume or any of their family members who want to be in the parade have to be dressed appropriately," Woll said. "A lot of people from out of the area even get the Victorian costume if they're friends or family of people living in Northville or just residents of Northville and in the parade.

Sweet Dreams has catalogs in the store customers can look over which show styles from the 1840s to 1919. Accessories such lace gloves, jewelry, vintage and new hats, shoes and parasols are also included.

"We've been telling people from all over, from all different states, to come if they are going to be in [town] that time of year," Woll said.

Sweet Dreams is located at 124 E. Main Street in Northville.



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A real page turner

Stacey D'Cruz, 6, digs into a book recently at the Novi Public Library. D'Cruz, like other youngsters, have signed up and joined the library's Be Eager About Reading program which will reward those who read books from now until July 28. A variety of workshops and projects are also scheduled during the summer reading program. The club is open to readers and pre-readers. For more information, call the library at (248) 349-0720.

Zonta chapter makes donation to First Step

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of domestic violence and sexual assaults in the 35 communities in western and downriver Wayne County.

The newly chartered Zonta Club of the Farmington/Novi Area is a local chapter of Zonta International, a worldwide service organization of female executives in business and the professions working together to improve the status of women.

The local Farmington/Novi Area Zonta Club, which was chartered June 1994, has 28 members of which Northville residents Beverlee McAllister, Pati Heath, and Isolde Erickson, and Novi residents Elaine Neale and Sharon DeWitt are members.

Zonta formed an association with First Step to make a difference in the homes, schools and workplaces of local communities.

For more information about the Zonta Club of the Farmington/Novi Area, call president Donna Johnson at (248) 477-7538.

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Church Notes

SPIRIT OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH, 40700 Ten Mile Road in Novi, will celebrate the 25th anniversary of the ordination of Pastor Thomas A. Scherger with a reception following the 10 a.m. worship service on Sunday, June 29.

Pastor Scherger was ordained on Sunday, June 4, 1972, at the Chapel of the Redeemer Lutheran in Flushing, New York.

The community is invited to attend.

For details, call (248) 477-6296.

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, 201 Elm Street in Northville one block west of Center Street behind the Shopping Center Market, offers a new evening Vacation Bible School (VBS) program which will run every other Tuesday between June 24 and ending Aug. 18 from 6:30 until 8 p.m. The evening VBS is a family oriented program for ages three through sixth grade. Parents are encouraged to attend along with their children. For details, call 349-3140.

For the third year, the popular Summer Organ Series will be presented on Sunday evenings from 7 until 8 p.m. at the **FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE**, 200 East Main.

The series includes former directors/organists of the church including David Heinzman on June 29.

A free-will offering will be accepted and child care will be available at each program for $2 per child.

For details, call 349-0911.

The informational interest gatherings for the **NEW LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH**, which worships temporarily in the former Plymouth Wesleyan Church at 42290 Five Mile Road at Bradner on Sunday morning from 10 until 11 a.m., will continue on Sunday, June 29, from 7 until 8 p.m. over dessert.

The gathering offers a chance to meet others interested in this growing and newest congregation of the Southeast Michigan Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. The mission organized April 27 this year with 96 charter members. The service area for New Life Church is centered at M-14 and Gotfredson Road, the area where the congregation is now looking for land on which to build.

The interest gathering will be held in the new parsonage of New Life Church, 13220 Andover Drive in Plymouth Township.

For more information or to reserve a spot at the dessert, contact New Life Lutheran Church Pastor Ken Roberts or his wife, Marilyn, at (313) 459-8181 or (313) 207-5223 on or before Saturday, June 28.

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Bobby Lewis and the Crackerjack Band is up next at Novi's 1997 Sounds of Summer concert series at 7 p.m. on June 26. Their unique classic pop-rock format ranges from jazz to bluegrass with everything else in between.

Lewis, born in Trenton, N.J., settled in Michigan in 1970 and formed the band Sticks and Stones which played at Your Mustache in Dearborn for 13 consecutive years. During that time, Lewis gained recognition with the hit song *Rouge Plant Blues*, a factory lament about the Ford Rouge Plant which was released on Capitol Records.

Six years later, Lewis formed a group which today is known as the Crackerjack Band. They were the subject of a half-hour television special on Channel 56 called *Focal Point* and were also featured on *Bill Moyer's Journal*.

Lewis is also an award-winning producer, contributing to such recognizable tunes as "Father & Son Construction Co." and "Thumbs Up America."

He has recorded with major artists including David Ruffin and The Commodores, and he was featured on the Parliament-Funkedelic's platinum hit *One Nation Under a Groove*.

The Crackerjack Band has expanded its profile in the last few years by playing at the Dearborn Homecoming Summerfest, the New Center Area Concert Series and the Bud Light Riversight and Sound in Mt. Clemens.

A self-taught musician, Lewis won the annual Bluegrass Banjo Picking Contest when he was only 16. In 1960, he joined The Tornadoes, best known for their hit recording *Philadelphia U.S.A.*

Lewis then toured with The Headliners, a nationally-acclaimed show band that played Caesar's Palace in Las Vegas and the Princess Hotel in Bermuda and the Bahamas.

While playing in Detroit in 1964, the band was signed by Berry Gordy to a Motown recording contract and two releases, *Tonight's the Night* and *We Call it Fun*, were moderate successes across the country.

The concert will be held on the north lawn of the Novi Civic Center, 45175 West Ten Mile Road in Novi.

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- July 3 – Next Generation Big Band
- July 10 – Red Garter Band – Dixieland
- July 17 – Ray Kamaly and Joel Mabus (comedic folk duo)
- July 24 – No Concert – Michigan 50's Festival
- July 31 – Chautauqua Express (entertainment for all ages)
- Aug. 7 – Novi Concert Band (marches, classics, show tunes)
- Aug. 14 – Fannigan's Isle (folk duo sponsored by the Novi Historical Society)

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- June 27 – Novi Concert Band (general)
- July 4 – No Concert
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- July 25 – Novi Concert Band (general)
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For further information or a registration form, contact the Orchestra by calling (313) 994-4801, by fax at (313) 994-3949 or by e-mail at a2so@wwnet.com.

SPECIAL EVENTS

RAGGEDY ANN & ANDY: Tickets go on sale for The Novi Theatres' upcoming production of Raggedy Ann & Andy on June 30.

Performance dates are July 11 and 12 at 7:30 p.m. and July 13 at 3 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center Stage, 45175 West Ten Mile Road in Novi.

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

Upcoming performances include Marianne Murphy and Ron Ellman on June 26; Stewart Franke on June 27; Gove on June 28 and Southern Son on June 29.

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

For ticket information or reservations, call 349-9420.

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

Nancy K provides the vocals for the classic and contemporary guitar jazz of The Tim Flaharty Trio every Sunday. Show times will be 8 p.m. to midnight.

Mr. B's Farm is located at Novi Road north of Ten Mile.

For more information, call 349-7038.

OXFORD INN: The Oxford Inn is located at 43317 Grand River in Novi.

For details, call (810) 305-5856.

COUNTRY EPICURE RESTAURANT: The restaurant offers two non-smoking dining rooms and a smoking dining/lounge area.

Country Epicure Restaurant is located at 42050 Grand River in Novi.

For more information, call 349-7770.

LIBRARY SPORTS PUB AND GRILL: The Library Sports Pub and Grill is located at 42100 Grand River Avenue in Novi.

For more information, call 349-9110.

TUSCAN CAFE: Tuscan Cafe presents a variety of entertainment acts nightly except Sundays.

Weekday performances are from 8:30 to 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday performances are from 9 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Tuscan Cafe is located at 150 Center Street in Northville.

For more information, call 305-8629.

BRADY'S FOOD & SPIRITS: Live entertainment is offered from 7:30 to 11 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, and from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. on Friday and Saturday.

Brady's Food & Spirits is located at 38123 West Ten Mile Road in the Holiday Inn in Farmington Hills.

For more information, call (248) 478-7780.

CAFFE BRAVO: Caffe Bravo features the talents of many artists performing everything from classical guitar, jazz and blues to contemporary and folk music every Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

The cafe is located at 110 Main Centre in downtown Northville.

Call 344-0220 for details.

FRIGATES INN: Frigates offers live music every Tuesday at 8 p.m. featuring 2XL Band. The Sunset Blues Band will host the Wednesday blues jam from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. All musicians are welcome. Dance with The Globe at 9 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays.

Frigates Inn is located at the corner of Fourteen Mile and East Lake Drive in Novi.

For more information call (248) 624-9607.

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

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

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

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

SUNSET GRILL: Every Tuesday from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. the Sunset Grill has an open blues jam. Rock 'n' roll is featured on Saturdays during the summer from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m.

The Sunset Grill is located on the corner of Thirteen Mile and Novi roads.

For more information, call (248) 624-8475.

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

ART

GATE VI GALLERY: Frank and Kelly Nachtman will present "Photography of France" through July 14.

The month-long exhibit will be in the atrium of the Novi Civic Center, 45175 West Ten Mile Road in Novi. Viewing of the exhibit is possible during the hours the Civic Center is open.

Local artists interested in exhibiting at the Civic Center should call 347-0400.

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

For more information, call 348-1213.

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

Artists interested in having their works displayed should call the gallery, located at 43450 Grand River in Novi. Hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday.

For details, call 380-7059.

DANCING EYE GALLERY: Dancing Eye Gallery is located at 150 N. Center Street, Suite A, behind Tuscan Cafe in Northville.

Gallery hours are Tuesday through Thursday 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Friday from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Saturday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Hours on Sunday and Monday are by appointment.

For more information, call 449-7086.

ATRIUM GALLERY: Atrium Gallery is located at 109 N. Center in downtown Northville.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday; 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. Saturday; and noon until 4 p.m. on Sunday.

For details, call 349-4131.

PAINTER'S PLACE: Owned by Caroline Dunphy, Painter's Place is located at 140 N. Center Street in downtown Northville.

Gallery hours are Tuesday through Thursday from noon until 4 p.m. or by appointment.

Call 348-9544 for details.

MUSEUMS

MOTORSPORTS: The Motorsports Museum and Hall of Fame features 75 racing vehicles of all types, covering a 90-year time span. Highlights include a 1965 Novi Indy Special, 1903 Packard Grey Wolf, Art Arfons' first jet-powered "Green Monster," 1960 Miss U.S. unlimited hydroplane, racing motorcycles, Indy cars, stock cars, sports cars and drag racers.

The museum is located in the Novi Expo Center. Admission is $4, $2 for seniors and children. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

For more information, call 349-RACE.

NEARBY

BONSAI CLUB: The 24th Anniversary Bonsai Show will be held June 27, 28 and 29 at the Washington Square Building, Washington and Fourth Street in Royal Oak.

The hours of the show are June 27 from 12:30 to 9 p.m.; June 28 from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; and June 29 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is $2 for adults. Children under 16 are free.

Members will show trees from their private collections and demonstrate how to select a tree, prune, style and wire, water fertilize and perform other maintenance tasks.

For more information, call (248) 354-6119.

NATIVE WEST: The featured artist for the month of July will be Carol Grigg, a renowned artist who draws inspiration for her paintings from eastern and primitive cultures and her own Native American heritage.

Native West is located at 863 West Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth.

For more information, call (313) 455-8838.

GOLF CLASSIC: The 8th Annual City of Hope Golf Classic to benefit the research fellowship of former Novi resident Phoebe Yauck at the City of Hope National Medical Center and Beckman Research Institute will take place Friday, Aug. 1, at the Bay Pointe Golf Club, 4001 Haggerty Road in West Bloomfield.

There will also be contests, raffles and live and silent auctions.

For more information or to register, call (248) 737-3020.

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'Jurassic' sequel is completely 'Lost'

By Arianna Layton
SPECIAL WRITER

The long-awaited and much talked about sequel to "Jurassic Park" finally found its way to theaters through a jungle of merchandising and promotion, but it lost the depth and creativity of its predecessor along the way.

"The Lost World" is lacking in so many areas. The plot is very thin. Basically, it consists of a lot of running, screaming and killing. The question of ethics that raged in the first movie is relegated to a weak undercurrent in this one, superseded by a desire for semi-thrilling show.

There is a minor conflict between the small group sent to study and photograph the dinosaurs in their natural habitat and the militia of human predators sent to capture some of the dinosaurs to ship them to a Jurassic circus in San Diego.

That conflict, however, is overshadowed by the basic theme of just trying to get off the island alive and then of trying to get the Tyrannosaurus back to the island to keep the people on the mainland alive.

The movie also suffers from character development deficiency. Granted, most of the characters are killed off too soon after being introduced to allow any insights into their personalities. The only characters with any depth are Malcom (Jeff Goldblum), who continues the biting sarcasm and realism of Jurassic Park, his semi-neglected, precocious daughter and his adventurous girlfriend (Julianne Moore).

The lack of character depth makes it even harder to care when another human becomes a T-rex dinner.

Sometimes a good big-dinosaur-eating-lots-of-stupid-little-humans movie might be exciting in a mind-numbing way, but this version is just a little too cheesy.

It is so cheesy, in fact, that in the middle of one of the most suspenseful scenes in the whole movie, Malcom, dangling over the side of a cliff and facing imminent death, decides to ask for a cheeseburger along with a rope. And his girlfriend, hanging beside him, requests a pie to go with that.

Mind you, this is one of the more promising scenes in the film as one character actually endears himself to the viewers by sacrificing his life for an actual purpose.

Certainly, no complaints can be made about the amazing effects that went into resurrecting the dinosaurs on the big screen. However, the effects that went into killing the humans off are a bit less fantastic. Steven Spielberg decided to keep the gruesomeness down to a dull roar by not actually showing most of the feedings.

Rather, we just see the initial lunges of the dinosaurs, hear the screams, and see the strawberry Kool-Aid flow into the river or down the waterfall when the dinosaurs succeed in their attacks, followed by an uncomfortable quiet.

Then the movie loses its 90's thriller feel and regresses to the quality of an 80's remake of Godzilla. The parallel is uncanny as Japanese executives get close-ups while running from the giant lizard let loose on suburbia and metropolis.

The quality and freshness usually found in a creation of Steven Spielberg or Michael Crichton has been sold out in this sequel in exchange for some quick thrills and flashy fanfare.

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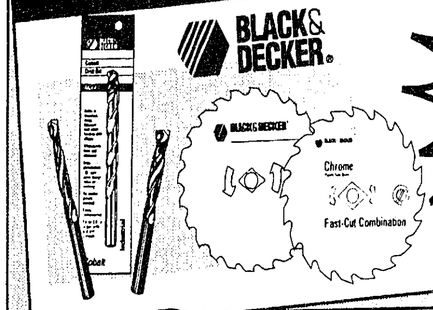

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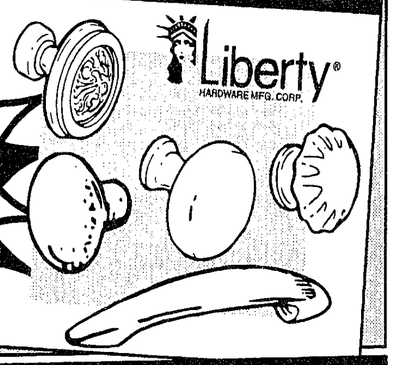

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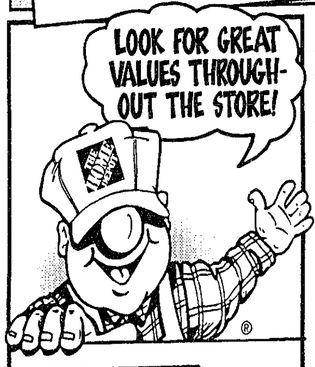

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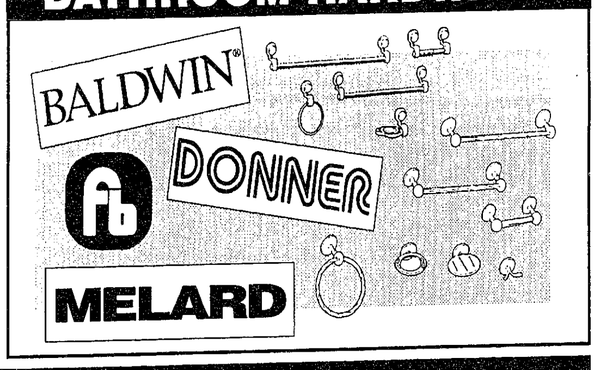

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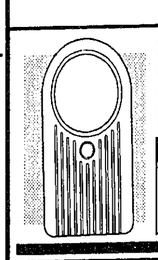

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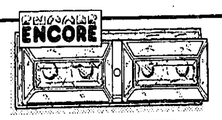

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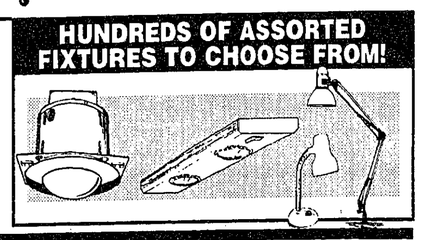

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VanderMass shines at amateur tourney

By SCOTT DANIEL
Sports Editor

Bill VanderMass wears a lot of different hats these days.

As a father, the Novi resident spent the past school year running to high school swimming and soccer matches for his daughter, Jamie. He also ran up the phone bill keeping in touch with his son, Rich, away at Duke University.

That's not even to mention his work as a manufacturer's representative. In between all of those activities, VanderMass found a way to keep his golf game sharp.

So much so, in fact, that the 46-year-old was able make the "Sweet 16" at last week's Michigan Amateur Championship.

VanderMass survived two days of stroke play at the University of Michigan Golf Course then beat two opponents in match play to make it to the field of 16.

According to VanderMass, the tournament was more about fun and family than winning a title.

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> BILL VANDERMASS
> Novi golfer

"I got back into it for something Rich and I could do together," said Bill, who made it down to the final eight in the 1991 tournament. "It was strictly for fun."

The 86th Michigan Amateur Championship began June 17 in Ann Arbor.

More than 700 golfers earned the right for a chance at qualifying for the tournament. A total of 10 qualifying tournaments were held through out the state in May and June to whittle the field down to 156.

The first two days of the championship were spent cutting the field to 64 golfers. Competitors played their first two rounds under stroke play with the 64 lowest two-day totals making qualifying for match play.

VanderMass shot 71 both days and came out of stroke play seeded third. Rich wasn't as fortunate, though, failing to make the cut.

"I didn't play well at all," said the 1996 Novi High graduate. "I had a couple of bad breaks early and went into the toilet."

Rich shot 86 on the first day 81 on day two. It was his first time qualifying for the tournament.

"I was really excited just to qualify and be there," said VanderMass, who is studying mechanical engineering at Duke.

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Photo by AL WARD

Bill VanderMass (left) made it to the field of 16 at the Michigan Amateur Championship.

Softball royalty in '97

Cameron, Frantz make top area team

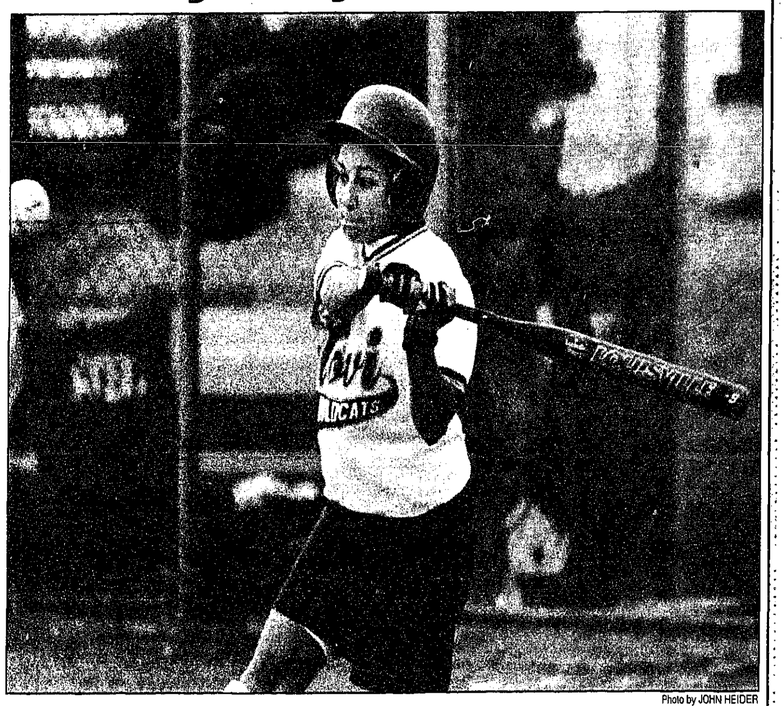

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Katie Cameron batted well over .400 in her freshman season for Novi. She pitched and played second base in the field.

Fearsome.

The 1997 *HomeTown Newspapers'* East All-Area First Softball Team is definitely a team to be feared.

This team features three all-state players and an honorable mention, and that's just the Lakeland players.

On the mound, Mindy Dwyer pitched 12 shutouts and struck out 280 batters. Backing her up is Megan Wedell, who retired 259 batters, is also a threat.

Underclassmen are also making their presence known in the Kensington Valley Conference. From Novi, our all-area team gets two great young players in Joelle Frantz and Katie Cameron. Both batted over .400 and pitched well in the state's toughest softball league. Sophomore Brianne Wheeler, from Lakeland, hit well over .400 and has a strong arm at third. Solid pitching, good hitting and stellar defense make a great team and these girls have all of those talents.

Taking a closer look at our all-area team: .

BRIANNE WHEELER
Lakeland, soph. infielder

The only all area sophomore, Brianne Wheeler came on strong this season for Lakeland. She hit well her first season but really turned it on this year.

The most consistent hitter on the team this year, Wheeler hit .436. Her average put her at 9th on the all time list at Lakeland.

"When we got to the quarterfinals this year they walked her," Griffiths said. "They were afraid of her hitting."

Wheeler also hit 46 singles this season, good for second place on the all time list for singles in a season. "That's a great place to be for a sophomore," Griffiths said.

Not only does Wheeler, who was given an all-state honorable mention, have a strong bat, she has a strong arm.

"She's got a real strong arm," Griffiths said. "She can play a little deeper than most third basemen. Even if you hit a slow grounder, she'll still gun you down. She has such a solid arm."

Wheeler won two of three games she pitched, including a shutout. In 23 innings, Wheeler struck out 10 batters.

KATIE CAMERON
Novi, fresh. infielder

Along with Joelle Frantz, Cameron gives Novi a freshman dynamic duo.

A left handed batter, she led Novi in most offensive categories. Cameron hit .464 and posted an on-base average of .486. She was murder on opponents, in other words.

"She's definitely a positive factor in our future," said coach Carol Diglio.

Cameron knocked in 17 runs while stealing 13 bases.

"She's very fast," Diglio said. "She turns a lot of singles into doubles."

Cameron, who was named to the Kensington Valley Conference's second team, played second base and did a fair amount of pitching. Diglio said she will pitch more in the years to come.

TAMMY DOMINICK
Lakeland, sr. infielder

As a freshman she only played half of the season at shortstop, but in her four years on the varsity team, Tammy Dominick developed into one of the best shortstops around.

"She's one of the best shortstops in Michigan," coach Kent Griffiths said. "She's got great range. She's fearless out there. You can hit the ball as hard as you want and she'll stand there and catch it."

Dominick is also a fearless baserunner. Quick, too. She stole 18 bases this season and was caught just once.

A switch hitter, Dominick hit .333, including three home runs this season.

"She could slap it at you hitting left and beat it out and turn around and hit a home run from the right," Griffiths said. "Short is going to be a big hole for us to fill."

The Eagles' tri-captain will continue her softball career at Wayne State University.

Dominick earned all-Kensington Valley Conference honors, all-district honors and all-state honors in her senior season.

MICHELLE MENGHINI
Northville, sr. infielder

If you were looking to build a prototype for a hitter, Menghini wouldn't make a bad model.

The Mustang shortstop showed her sweet stroke by batting .404 this season. She also led Northville in extra base hits with nine doubles and four triples. Menghini, who also pitched for the Mustangs, knocked in 17 runs.

"Her strength is definitely her offensive power," Baird said.

An All-Western Division player in the Western Lakes Activities Association, Menghini batted clean up for Northville.

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Novi's Drury, Bajorek named to all-area second squad

In most other areas in Michigan, *HomeTown Newspapers'* East All-Area Second Softball Team members would win top honors.

But with some of the best talent anywhere, a lot of great ball players had to be penciled in on the second unit.

Take Northville's Amanda Rice. The sophomore catcher had an all-star caliber year by batting well over .400 and leading her team in runs batted in.

Lakeland's Linda Salczynski broke the Eagles' all time at bat record this season and Megan Melcher makes a great utility player for Lakeland.

Defensively, South Lyon's AJ Walker was superb, making just two errors all season.

This year's second squad is, no doubt, one of the best we've ever picked. So let's take a closer look at just who made all-area in 1997:

AMANDA RICE
Northville, soph. catcher

This will be the last time you'll see Rice on the second team of anything.

The sophomore made believers out of many softball observers in the area as one of the best all-around players. Rice was outstanding both behind the plate and at bat.

She led Northville in hitting with a .421 average and also had the most runs batted in with 28. According to coach Karen Baird, sky is the limit for Rice.

"You talk about a kid with a great work ethic," she said. "Amanda is a great role model for younger players to follow."

Rice played most of her freshman season in right field. Baird said she had no problem making the transition to catcher this year.

"It's her position," she added. "She has a great arm."

LINDA SALCZYNSKI
Lakeland, sr. infield

Linda Salczynski made history this season.

She became the first batter in Lakeland history to bat 136 times.

This switch hitter ended the season batting .316 and was usually first or second in the batting order, but more importantly, she did a great job at second for the Eagles.

"Linda has the best range of any second baseman I've seen this year," Griffiths said. "As far as getting the ball hit between first and second base. Her range is her greatest asset as a second baseman. She is going to really be missed. You just don't replace people of that caliber that easily."

Salczynski was a second-team All-KVC member and also made the all-district team.

NANCY SCHULER
Milford, jr. infielder

Nancy Schuler was the most consistent part of an inconsistent Milford team.

Schuler hit .410 to lead the team this season and also hit team highs with 14 RBIs and eight doubles.

Another interesting note, Schuler struck out just one time all season.

"We have such a tough league," coach Julie Seets said. "She only struck out one time all year which is amazing. She is so consistent with hitting. You can always count on her to hit the ball."

This was the third year behind the plate for Schuler, who was also a co-captain.

"Everybody is just very comfortable with her behind the plate," Seets said. "She calls the game very well. The pitchers tryst her. Whatever she calls they throw because she is such a heads-up player. She is someone all the girls can look up to."

LINDSAY DRURY
Novi, sr. infielder

Drury was on track for a career-year before illness took three weeks out of her season.

"She did a phenomenal job at shortstop early on in the season," coach Carol Diglio said.

Drury struggled a bit in the field after she returned. Her hitting, however, remained excellent all year.

The senior batted .311 and was the team leader with 23 runs batted in.

"If she hadn't been sick," said Diglio, "her stats would've been unbelievable."

If Drury had hit only .150, she still would've been a great asset for the Wildcats. Diglio said she was everything a captain should be and more.

"She had great leadership abilities," she commented. "It's going to be hard to replace her."

Sports Shorts

Novi Madness

The local softball squad, which competes in the Western Wayne County slow pitch softball league split a doubleheader with Garden City June 16 at Power Park.

The Madness took the opener 15-3. Erica Breisacher tossed a two-hitter while Andrea Bullen had three hits and five runs batted in. Jessica Lofgren added two hits and three runs batted in.

Garden City came back to take the nightcap 9-8.

"We didn't field the ball well and we didn't hit well," coach Frank Breisacher said of the game.

Novi Expos

The Novi Expos Little Caesars 11-year-old team took second place in the Mt. Morris Tournament on June 14-15. The Expos defeated Mt. Morris, Goodrich, Flushing and Owosso before losing to Saline in the final. The highlight of the tournament was a 28-1 victory over Mt. Morris which included home runs from Mark Sorensen (2), Brandon Cigna (2), Doug Benton and B.J. Humphrey.

In Little Caesars League play, the Expos ran their record to 7-2 with a pair of wins. On June 17th, the Expos scored 13 runs in the last three innings to come back from a six-run deficit to defeat the Michigan Indians 15-13. Steve Gawronski singled and walked twice while scoring four runs and Jeff Davis and Mike Hart had two hits apiece to pace the attack. On June 19th, the Expos defeated the Northville Broncos 8-0. Mike Hart tossed a five-hitter and the Expos played errorless ball to preserve the shutout. Jeff Davis and Mark Sorensen had two hits and Adam Zorza drove in four runs with a single and a double to lead the offense.

Colts

If you are interested in tackle football, the Northville-Novi Colts football league is interested in you. Right now the Northville-Novi Colts football league has openings on its varsity football team. The league is looking for players who are 11-14 years old (by Sept. 1) and weight 155 pounds or less. The league is also looking for cheerleaders 11-14 to join the varsity squad.

The association is run by interested parents and volunteers. The teams use top quality equipment. All helmets are NOSCAE certified. You get to keep your game jersey. Cheerleaders keep their personalized sweatshirts.

Registration fee is $200. A copy of your hospital birth certificate is required.

Call the Colts at 380-5445 for more detailed information.

Soccer Tryouts

Novi Jaguar Soccer Association Tryouts
Harvey Steele, President - (810) 347-2259
Nate Hunter, Director of Coaching - (810) 656-3946
Premier Tryouts
U-17 Boys, Dick Omekian, (810) 477-0436, June 27, 6-8 p.m., Novi Meadows

Registration for all teams will be held at the Novi Meadows soccer field located at 25549 Taft Road (north of Ten Mile, west of Novi Road) 45 minutes prior to tryout time. All teams will require a second tryout time.

Bring a water bottle, shin guards, cleats, and a ball to all tryouts.

** Tentative – pending player/talent and/or coach availability.

Resident makes field of 16 at tourney

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"Hopefully I'll be back next year."

Match play began Thursday. Bill VanderMass faced Jeff Haas of Owosso and easily took the match, seven and five.

Players compete for holes instead of score in match play. Holes are won by shooting a lower score.

VanderMass was up seven holes on Haas with five to play. Haas conceded the match at that point.

In his second match Thursday, the Novi resident faced Scott Hasty of Gaylord and won, seven and five. Rich caddied for his dad both matches and had a great time.

"It was fun to do," he said. "We were invited to the dinner Thursday night. Bo Schembechler was there. It was neat."

Bill faced Keith Hinton of Port Huron Friday. Hinton took the match four and three.

"I missed two four-foot putts and hit a poor 8-iron," said VanderMass, who added that the margin of error is very slim at that level. "When you get down to the field of 16 it's usually who makes the most putts."

Playing eight rounds of golf in seven days took its toll on him, he said. It definitely affected his play Friday.

"You do get tired," VanderMass added. "I was very average that day."

Several other area players competed in the championship.

Ian Harris and Craig Loffman, both of Novi, made it to match play.

Harris won his first round match then fell to Brad Cruts of Allen Park in round two. Loffman fell to Shawn Koch of Howell in round one.

Novi residents Barry Krick, John Morgan and Mark French didn't survive stroke play. Morgan is a past Michigan Amateur champion.

Jon Paupore of Northville also failed to make into match play.

Cameron, Frantz make top softball team

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"You could always count on her to get the runner in," Baird said.

The senior held her own defensively. Baird said its tough switching from shortstop to pitcher.

"I think she really enjoyed playing shortstop more," the coach said.

KEELY POVLITZ
Lakeland, sr. infielder

Griffiths called Povlitz the other part of the Lakeland's battery.

"With Mindy's pitching performance, Keely often gets overlooked. She's an outstanding catcher," he said.

Not one runner stole a base this season while Povlitz was behind the plate and she had 28 assists.

In addition to being a mainstay behind the plate for Lakeland, Povlitz hit the ball well. She hit .331 for the Eagles and led the team with six doubles. She also hit four triples this season and drove in 27 runs. Her on base percentage was .504.

After getting on base more than half of the time, she stole 19 bases, the most on the team.

A co-captain for the second year, Povlitz earned all-KVC honors, all-district honors and all-state honors this season.

ERIN TOVEY
Northville, sr. outfielder

Perhaps one of the area's most underrated players was Northville's senior centerfielder.

Tovey, who was named All-Western Division in the WLAA, combined solid hitting and spectacular defense to provide an anchor for the Mustangs. Baird said her offense had always been there, but Tovey became a more complete player this season.

"She improved a tremendous amount on defense," the coach commented. "She covered a lot of ground in centerfield."

At the plate, Tovey hit .398 and was second in runs batted in for Northville.

MINDY DWYER
Lakeland, sr. pitcher

Ending a four-year pitching career for the Eagles, Mindy Dwyer leaves the team with a score of records.

Dwyer's 92 career wins are the most of any pitcher in Lakeland history. She is second in the record books for most wins in a season (30), most shutouts in a season (12), and most strikeouts in a season (280), all set this season.

While she was doing that, she managed to hit .376 for the Eagles.

"She's just a great competitor for us," Griffiths said. "She never gets flustered out there. You can't tell by Mindy's face whether we're up by five or down by five. Usually with Mindy you're always in the game. If you're not playing well you're still going to be in the game because she's such a dominant pitcher."

JOELLE FRANTZ
Novi, fresh. pitcher

Simply put, Frantz is one of the state's best young players.

In Michigan's toughest softball league, the freshman managed to win six games as a pitcher. She also posted a more than respectable 2.63 earned run average and stuck out 100 batters in 109 innings.

"She's a very determined and hard-working athlete," said coach Diglio.

Frantz was also a very dangerous hitter. She had a batting average of .429 and knocked in 21 runs. Frantz smacked a pair of home runs and three doubles.

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Kidney stones a common problem

Kidney stones are a common problem. Their severity can range from being a minor, once-in-a-lifetime discomfort to being an extraordinarily severe and recurrent source of pain. They may cause serious kidney damage and infection. Fortunately, treatment for kidney stones is excellent.

Raymond Hobbs

Kidney stones do, in fact, appear to be small stones. They can be sand or gravel-like or much larger. They can be irregular, with sharp edges and rock hard. Seventy-five percent of the stones are made of calcium with the next most common being composed of uric acid, oxalate, cystine and struvite.

As the stones develop in the kidney and pass down the ureters (the connection between the kidneys and the bladder), they can cause blockage or tearing and bleeding. This results in pain and blood in the urine.

Since the size of the stones determines how much trouble a patient will have in passing one, it is easy to understand why a small stone may cause little discomfort and a large one severe pain.

The causes of kidney stones are many and varied. For instance, some people produce them because they excrete too much calcium in their urine. This may be a problem they were born with. Some people develop them in association with certain on-going urinary tract infections. Gout may lead to uric acid stones.

Operations and diseases which affect the small intestine may affect oxalate absorption and lead to oxalate stones.

Drugs, such as triamterene, may act as a small focus around which stones develop. Still other people get stones for reasons that are not well understood.

The therapy for stones depends on the number, size and frequency with which they occur. A small stone may pass with little difficulty and discomfort. A large stone may require surgery for removal. If the stones are few and occur rarely, physicians will simply watch the patient and provide treatment when necessary. If the stones tend to reoccur frequently, drug therapy to decrease their formation may be useful.

During an attack, a physician will usually give pain medication and intravenous fluids to encourage frequent urination and passage of the stone.

Although many blood, urine and X-ray tests are available. To help diagnose kidney stones, one of the best methods is to analyze the stones directly. This helps determine the drugs or therapy to be used for prevention. But, it is necessary to have the stone to do this. Anyone passing a stone should save it and take it to the doctor. Frequently, physicians recommend straining the urine through a small strainer or cheese cloth so that the stone is not lost.

The last 10 years have seen the development of better surgical techniques for those with severe stone disease. Shock-wave lithotripsy can literally pulverize large stones into smaller bits of sand or gravel and allow easier passage without invasive surgery. Although it is not available at all hospitals, it is frequently available at the larger institutions like the University of Michigan Medical Center in Ann Arbor. Patients can be referred to those institutions by their physicians.

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July 24 from 7-8 p.m. at Providence Medical Center-Providence Park in Novi. Fee: $15. Call 1-800-968-5595 to register.

Fighting Fat

Discuss methods to reduce the fat and cholesterol intake in your diet. Body fat analysis provided.

June 17 from 7-8 p.m. at Providence Medical Office Center-Novi. There is a charge of $10. Call 1-800-968-5595 to register.

NutriWay

This ten-week weight and cholesterol management series includes cooking demonstrations, taste testing, label reading, restaurant survival and more.

Tuesdays, May 13-July 15 from 10 a.m.-noon at Providence Medical Office Center-Novi. There is a $132 charge. To register call 1-800-968-5595.

Neuro-Muscular Institute Benefit

Providence Hospital's Neuro-Muscular Institute will hold its annual Booster Dinner Dance to provide financial support for institute programs including, a scholarship fund, emergency needs fund, special needs fund and therapeutic equipment and continuing education.

Location: Detroit Golf Club (on Ponchartrain between Six and Seven Mile roads); June 28, 7 p.m. $125 per person. RSVP: (248) 4240-5346.

Health Professional CPR – Initial Certification

This is an American Heart Association certification course for health care professionals or those seeking in-depth knowledge of basic life support rescue skills. Adult, child and infant CPR and choking rescue techniques are covered. This program meets the requirements for day care providers.

July 22, Aug. 26, from 8 a.m.-noon. Providence Hospital, Southfield, $35. To register call 1-800-968-5595.

Immunization Clinic

Children up to age 19 can receive all necessary immunizations with the exception of the varicella vaccine (chickenpox). Please bring immunization record to clinic.

June 28, July 26, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Providence Medical Center-Farmington Hills, 30055 Northwestern Highway. There is a $5 facility fee. Call (248) 865-4000 to register.

Health Professional CPR – Recertification

This course is designed for health care professionals who hold a current health care provider card issued by the American Heart Association or The American Red Cross. Adult, child, and infant CPR and choking rescue techniques are covered.

The program will be held on July 8, Aug. 12, from 8-11 a.m. at Providence Hospital-Southfield, $25. Call 1-800-968-5595 to register.

Heartsaver/Basic Life Support

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

• Location No. 1: Providence Medical Center-Farmington Hills. Date: July 16, Aug. 13.

• Location No. 3: Providence Medical Center-Providence Park, Novi. Date: June 23, July 28, Aug. 25.

• Location No. 4: Providence Medical Center-South Lyon. Date: Aug. 6.

• Location No. 5: Providence Hospital-Southfield. Date: Aug. 5.

Time: 6-9 p.m. Cost: $20. To register call 1-800-968-5595.

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.

Date: Continuously revolving six-week program held on Monday evenings. From 6-8:30 p.m. at Providence Medical Office Center in Novi, Ten Mile and Haggerty roads. Fee: $20. To register call (248) 424-3903.

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.

• Location No. 1: Providence Medical Center-Providence Park in Novi, July 14, Aug. 11.

• Location No. 2: Mission Health Medical Center-Livonia. July 24, Aug. 21.

• Location No. 3: Providence Medical Center-Farmington Hills. June 25, July 30, Aug. 27.

• Location No. 4: Providence Medical Center-South Lyon. June 25.

• Location No. 5: Providence Hospital-Southfield. June 17, Aug. 19.

Time: From 6-9 p.m. Cost: $20. To register, call 1-800-689-5595.

Help for Impotent Men Support Group

A support group meeting, personal perspectives on different treatment options for impotence, will be held July 8 at Botsford Hospital. The program is free, 7 p.m. Botsford General Hospital's East Pavilion, Conference Room 2-B, 28050 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills. For more information, call (248) 477-6100.

It's the Berries

There's more to celebrating summer with the fruits of the season than with non-dairy topping and a store-bought sponge cake. Come and see what delights you can whip up for your gamily and friends, 7 p.m. July 10 at Botsford Hospital. There is a $6 fee and preregistration is required. (Please note: These popular classes fill early, so call as soon as possible.) Botsford's Health Development Network, 39750 Grand River Ave., Novi. For more information or to register, call (248) 477-6100.

"Supermarket Smarts – Label Reading"

An educational support group for diabetics with day and evening sessions available on July 15. For more information, call Botsford Hospital at (248) 477-6100.

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To register: 1-800-968-5595.

Prostate Cancer Educational Support Group

"Brachy Therapy" will be offered June 16 at Botsford Hospital. The program offers knowledgeable speakers each month, this support group provides both encouragement and education about prostate cancer, its treatments and the physical and emotional issues associated with it. Meets the third Monday of every month at 7 p.m. Free. Botsford General Hospital's 2 East A Conference Room, 28050 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills. For more information, call (248) 477-6100.

Babysitting: Not Just-for-Kids Stuff

This two-session workshop, June 23-24, for kids 11-14, teaches basic first aid, child management techniques and what to do in an emergency, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. $25 fee and preregistration required. For more information and to register, call Botsford Hospital at (248) 477-6100.

Women's Prime Time Discussion and Support Group

Monthly forum for women ages 40-60 to discuss issues and concerns dealing with mid-life changes. This month, Botsford obstetrician/gynecologist Judith Joslin-Page D.O., will present information on the physical and hormonal changes associated with the perimenopause period, 7-8:30 p.m. Free. Botsford General Hospital's 3 West Conference Room, 28050 Grand River, Farmington Hills. For more information, call (248) 477-6100.

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 the 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.

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.

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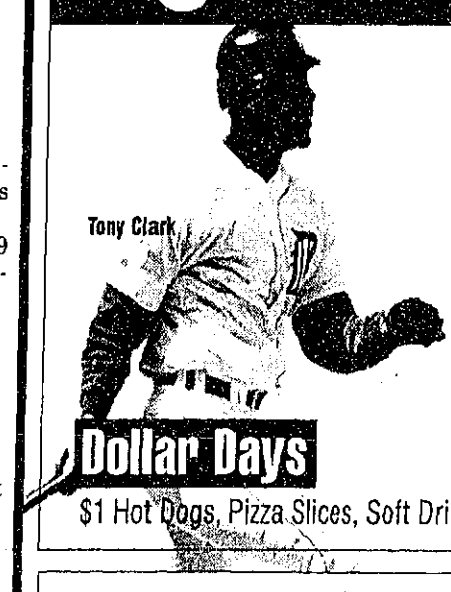

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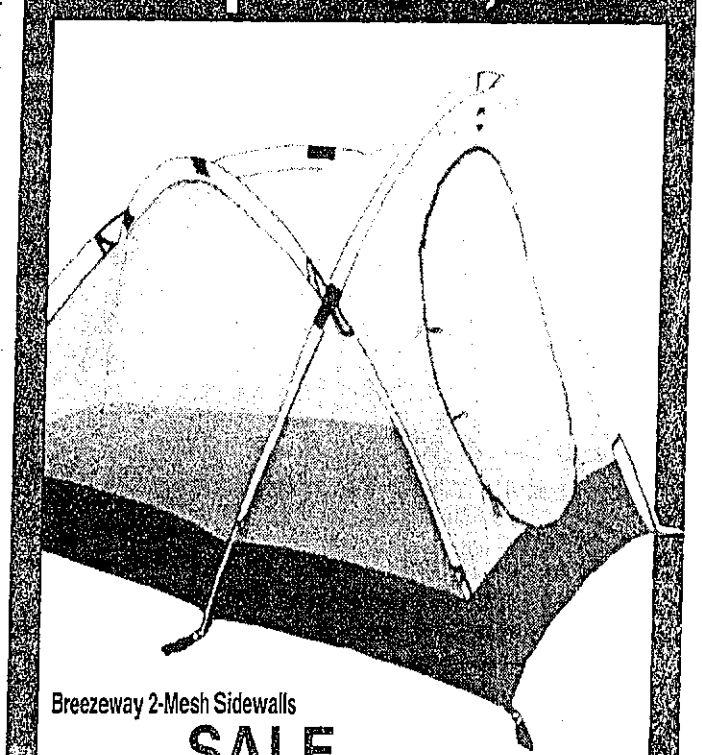

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