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Sidewalk
bond heads
to election

By JAN JEFFRES

Staff Writer

If you'd like to see some of the sidewalks dotted around Novi connected, Nov. 5 will be the chance to have your say.

Going to the ballot will be a scaled-back version of the original proposal drafted by Novi City Council Members Rob Mitzel and Kathy Mutch.

Voters will be asked to approve the sale of \$4.7 million worth of city bonds to connect a series of safety paths.

"This is a responsible, well thought out proposal. The citizens have asked over time that we construct sidewalks," Council Member Ed Kramer said.

"It's a responsible issue to bring forward."

But not all council members favored the plan, two who were unable to attend the meeting sent in their objections in advance.

Mutch said she expected sidewalks would be used more often, once they make an interconnecting route for walkers, bicyclists, skaters and wheelchairs. The paths will be eight feet of asphalt.

The bond issue would kick in a tax estimated to be about \$25 per year for the owner of a \$150,000 home.

This version of the bond issue is \$2 million less than the one origi-

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School board may
upgrade cablecasts

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL

Staff Writer

The Novi Board of Education is considering investing \$124,000 in production equipment that would make broadcasts of school board meetings easier to see, easier to hear and maybe even live.

"They're not bad, but as we know they're not great either," said board Secretary Carol Elfring, head of the communication's committee for the district.

The committee, which consists of Elfring and several members of the community, last year reported a need to improve the broadcasts which are often difficult to watch because of sound and lighting

problems.

That's a dilemma, said the committee. Many people watch the meetings shown on Monday nights on Channel 10.

"They are tuning in, they are watching," said Elfring.

If they can't get their information easily, the district cannot successfully inform the community of the needs of the students, she explained.

The firm of Communications Systems Group from Oak Park was called in by the committee to study the broadcast problems and formulate a solution. What the plan amounts to is an investment

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Did parent
abuse or
discipline?

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL

Staff Writer

District Judge Brian MacKenzie has issued a gag order on the prosecution, witnesses, victim and defense in the domestic violence case against 32-year-old Katherine Herren of Novi.

Herren, who stands accused in 52-1 District Court of a misdemeanor charge of assault and battery against her 14-year-old daughter was very verbal to the media during the days after she was arrested for allegedly choking and hitting her 14-year-old daughter in July. She defended her actions as being within her right to discipline her child.

Katherine Herren said her daughter struck out at her, so she "hit her daughter with significant force."

But the judge said he felt it was necessary to stop everyone involved from talking.

"It was in fundamental fairness for concern for the child," said MacKenzie.

In addition, during court proceedings last week, MacKenzie found Herren in violation of a "no contact" order with her daughter who was released from the juvenile system back into the home with her step-father.

Herren was told she could not be in the home with the daughter during the trial, but was living

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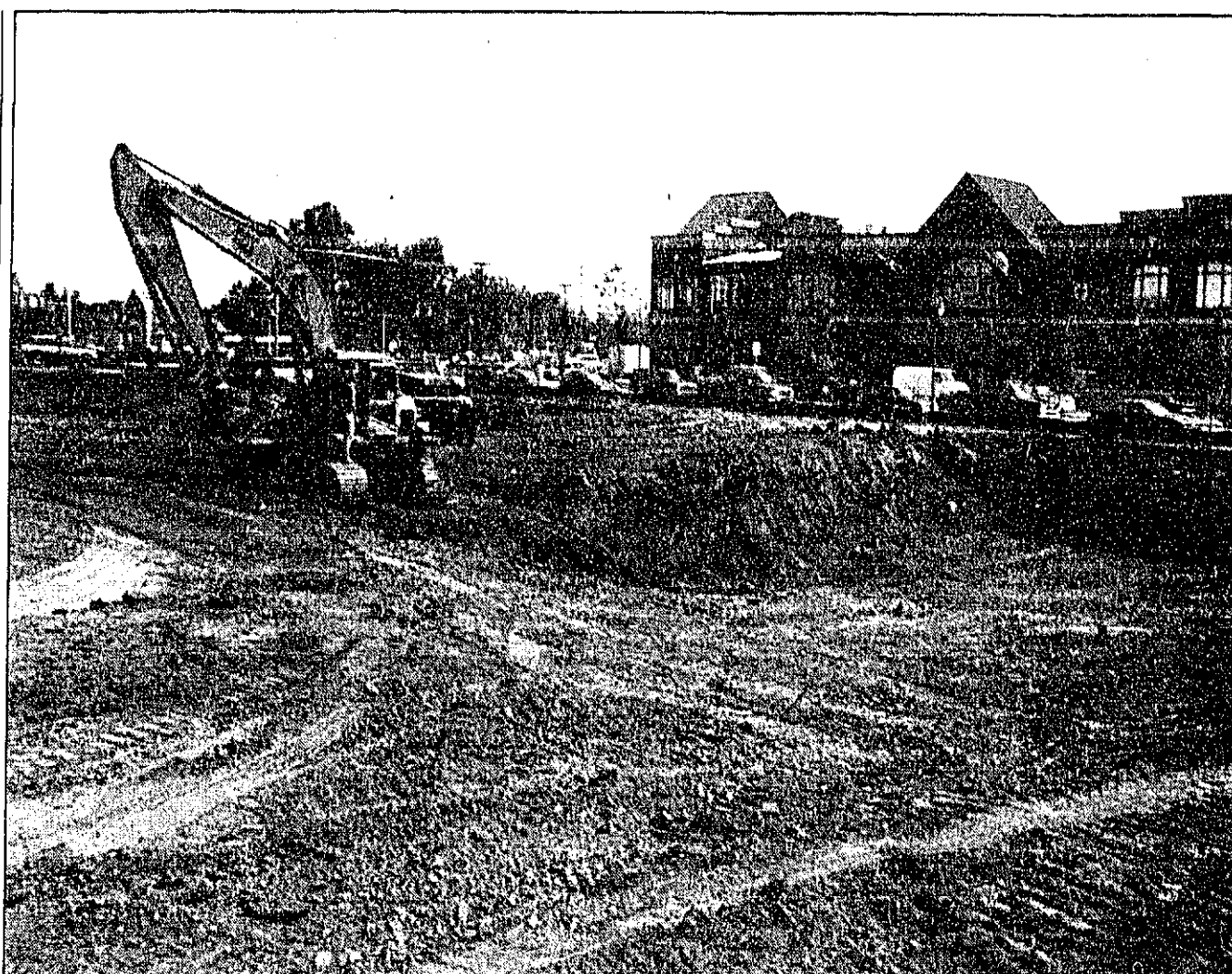


Photo by JOHN HEIDER

The hole for Main Street's Building 200, to include the Mongolian Barbeque and other tenants, is now being dug.

Main St. construction begins

Crowley eyes
Novi for
department
store plan

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL

Staff Writer

Does Crowley's fit into Novi Main Street?

That's what the city will have to decide now that the major department store is looking to Main Street to put down roots.

Crowley's, a Michigan-based department store, is looking to be one of the newest tenants to Main Street at Novi Road and Grand River Avenue.

"It sounds like a good idea," said CEO Dennis Callahan, president and chairman. "Essentially, we're involved in looking at it but have no firm commitment at this point. It's got a long way to go. There's a lot of weeds on the ground."

Main Street, still in the construction stages, only has two buildings up on the west side but developer James Chen of Evergreen III is working on the first of the old-fashioned buildings along the main route.

That's where Crowley's could go, but the city will have to change the ordinances in the area to make it fit.

"The current zoning precludes having it," said Novi Planning Commissioner Peter Hoadley. The TC-1 was set up for smaller box zoning.

Hoadley is part of the Town Center Steering Committee which

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

He's opened them in Royal Oak and Ann Arbor, and now Bill Downs wants to build a Mongolian Barbeque in Novi. Above, Downs poses with a wooden saddle from Mongolia.

Mongolian
restaurant
comes to
Main Street

By JAN JEFFRES

Staff Writer

Bill Downs, owner of the restaurant chain that bears his initials, B.D.'s Mongolian Barbeque, hears two questions over and over again.

The first is, where's your next restaurant going to be?

Followed by, have you ever been to Mongolia?

For Downs, the answers are easy these days.

Main Street, Novi, Michigan, to open in August 1998 in the 200 Building, just west of Vic's World Class Market.

And yes, in July he slept in a real nomad's yurt under the skies of Mongolia.

Downs, who grew up in Northville and lives in Novi, got involved in the Mongolian way of eating soon after he graduated from MSU's School of Hotel and Restaurant Management in 1988. He went to London to work at a new Mongolian Barbeque there and after two years was winging his way back to Michigan to launch the business as a joint venture in the U.S.

"I enjoy the nature of Mongolian Barbeque because it's fun and interactive. Almost everybody who comes into our store likes it," Downs said.

"We do focus a lot on the people to make sure they have a good

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Future will have to wait

Staff workload puts committee's efforts on hold

By JAN JEFFRES

Staff Writer

All futuring in Novi has been put off for the future.

Monday night, the Novi City Council unanimously agreed to postpone this year's city-sponsored volunteer effort, the Novi 20/20 Focus on the Future program, until fall 1998.

Mayor Kathleen McLallen explained the city's Planning and Community Development has had staff changeovers and too large a workload to continue the project this year.

"We don't have anyone left on staff that is currently on the project. Due to the workload, we could hold back on the project until the staff can get back on top some of the many tasks," she said.

The move came as a surprise to Craig DeRoche, chair of the steering committee for the project. DeRoche learned about the delay the day after the council decision and said he thinks waiting one year will definitely impact the pace of the undertaking.

"I'm kind of amazed by it. You get more than 100 citizens who come forward to the city as volunteers and put in their hard work, time and effort and good ideas, it seems that's not a group of people you want to shut out," DeRoche said.

After well-attended sessions in February, a vision statement completed in April was the result as the first phase of the process. The second, not yet realized step, is to create several committees to focus on areas such as education, nature/preservation, growth management, city government, economic development, recreation and transportation.

The idea was to come up for a blueprint for the city's next 23 years, to be used as an advisory tool by the City Council and Planning Commission.

Money set aside for the futuring project, a two-year budget of \$30,000, will be reallocated by the city council. Community Development Director Jim Wahl was asked to report back as to how much money was left, but he estimated

it would be in the \$15,000 range.

Wahl told the council in a memo that "since the completion of the vision statement, the city administration has taken on several substantial community projects involving major commitments of time and resources." He added that original discussions about the program "did envision the possibility of not carrying out all the phases, and/or interrupting the work program for periods of time if necessary."

The year-long delay would make the project, if completed, concurrent with the city's master plan update.

When the council sets the 1998-99 budget, it will determine whether it wants to continue Novi 20/20 Focus On The Future.

Council Member Kathy Mutch said the city didn't have any alternative but to delay the program "due to the challenges facing the staff."

"I do have some concern about the momentum that was building up for the latter part of

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Community Calendar

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

Thursday, September 11

Parks meeting

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

Historical Commission

The Novi Historical Commission meets in the Novi Civic Center at 7:30 p.m.

Friday, September 12

Clogging class

A ten-week Clogging beginner class will start at 1 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road. Fee for Novi residents is \$20; non-residents, \$24. Intermediate and advanced classes available. Sponsored by Novi Sixth Gate Cloggers and Novi Parks and Recreation Department. For more information, call (248) 347-0400, (313) 453-7543 or (248) 349-2589.

Business Network International

The NW Farmington Hills chapter of The Business Network International meets from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. at Kerby's Honey Island at Six Mile Road and Newburgh. For chapter information, call the BNI regional office at (313) 844-3432.

Monday, September 15

Arts Council

The Novi Arts Council Executive Board will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center.

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 Lalit at 348-6019 (evenings). Visitors are welcome.

American Business Women's Association

The Novi Oaks Chapter of American Business Women's Association meets at the Wyndham Garden Hotel, 42100 Crescent Blvd. Social hour is at 6 p.m. and dinner is at 7 p.m. The meetings are open to all working women. For reservations, call Carol Enisley (313) 462-0588. For membership information, call Betty Johnson at (248) 960-9559.

Tuesday, September 16

Garden Club

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

Bereavement support

The monthly bereavement support group meeting facilitated by Dr. Michael M. Meyer, will be held at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, from 7:30-9 p.m. Topic of discussion: "Taking the Next Step." There will be a brief prayerful reflection during the meeting by a clergy from the area.

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.

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

Band rehearsal

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

Chamber luncheon

The Novi Chamber of Commerce meets for lunch at the Embassy Suite Hotel on Eight Mile in Farmington Hills. The cost is \$15 for members.

Wednesday, September 17

Planning Commission

The Novi Planning Commission will meet in regular session in the Council Chambers of the Novi Civic Center.

Thursday, September 18

Novi schools

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

Optimist Club

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

Saturday, September 20

Autumn Perennial Exchange

The Novi Beautification Commission presents the city's First Autumn Perennial Exchange from 9 a.m. to noon at the Old Township Hall on Ten Mile Road, just west of the Novi Library. Trade surplus plants for others' surplus flowers. For more information, call the Public Information Office at (248) 347-0494.

Monday, September 22

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.

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Tuesday, September 23

ZONTA

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

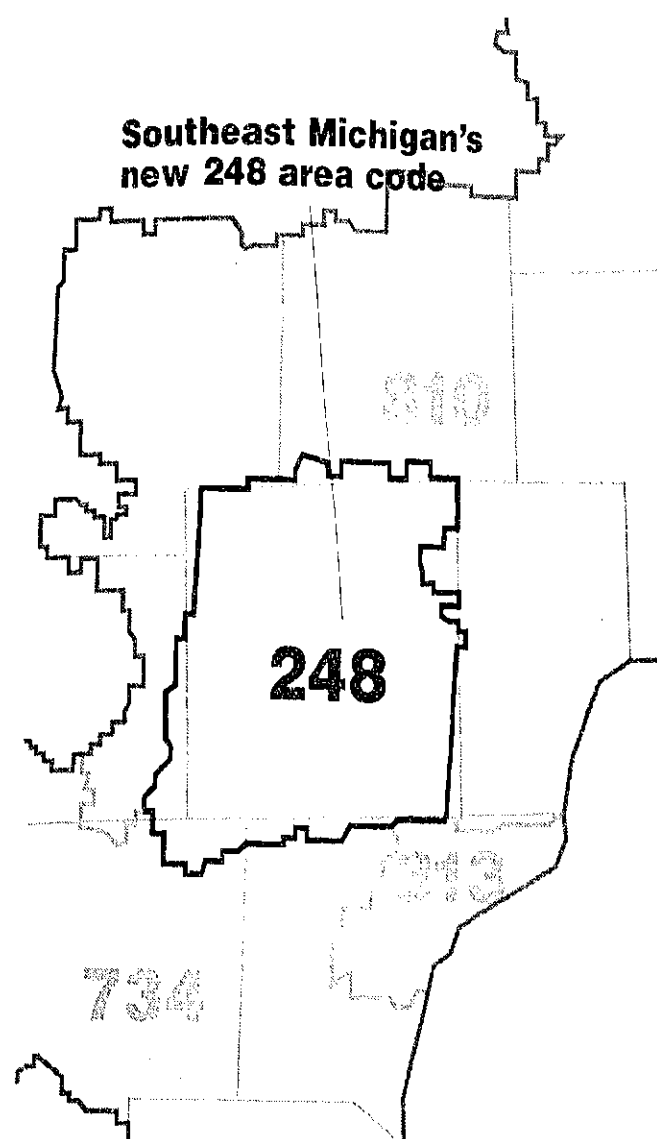
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A RASH OF THEFTS

The most recent reports of thefts from resident automobiles number more than a dozen.

- Aug. 1 Collex Collision
- Aug. 16 Renford Drive
- Aug. 17 Slimmons Drive
- Aug. 24 E. Glen Haven
- Aug. 27 Chase Drive
- Aug. 30 Chase Farms Drive
- Aug. 31 Venice Drive
- Aug. 31 Dunbarton Street
- Aug. 31 Chipmunk Trail
- Aug. 31 Chipmunk Trail
- Sept. 2 Windsor Court
- Sept. 2 Worcester
- Sept. 3 Farmington Hills Chrysler Plymouth
- Sept. 3 Pheasant Run
- Sept. 5 Fountain Park Drive
- Sept. 5 Keford's Collision



Callers must dial 248 for Oakland County after Sept. 13.

Residents face number change confusion

By JAN JEFFREYS

Novi residents are a little disoriented and grumpy.

Maybe you flip to a TV channel you want and it's not there. Or maybe you misdial a phone call. Call it a case of number confusion, a 1990s kind of dilemma.

On Sept. 13, 248 becomes the official area code for Oakland County and dialing 810 for this area will get you a tape recorded message saying you punched the wrong number.

At the beginning of this month, Time Warner tinkered with the cable lineup slightly to add extra channels.

Sometimes, it all seems a bit much.

"I have a phone in my car and a cell phone and a phone at home and a phone at work and my husband has a beeper. Our kids all have beepers. I can't remember all those numbers," said Kathy Crawford, who runs the Novi Senior Center.

Crawford's solution is to carry a list of phone numbers in her purse. Cable changes this month are the addition of Animal Planet on Channel 42, which used to be Court TV. Court TV has moved to Channel 25, sharing it with Sneak Previews, which offers trailers on pay TV movies. Animal Planet does what the name says, it focuses on critters. Another new channel is the Classic Sports Network on

Channel 63, which features vintage games in all sports, as well as old sports games shows.

Even Bob McCann, general manager of Time Warner Oakland County, agrees that it becomes bewildering.

"There's an awful lot to look at and it gets confusing, when I think that over 15 years ago we only had 20 channels and now there's 78 channels, there," McCann said.

For the folks at the Novi Senior Center, the channel changes aren't tough, because most don't opt for full service cable. Crawford said.

An area code change in 1993 and this year, that's another case. "It's more of an aggravation than anything else," she added.

Local business people have been pretty savvy about the area code switch over, say two Novi printers.

But it is costing them some money.

Art Johnson, owner of Johnson Press on Meadowbrook Road, said he hasn't had a run of customers wanting to update their stationery, invoices, business cards or other material with the new area code.

"I think people are kind of just using the other stuff until it runs out. I don't think that people ordered large amounts last time," Johnson said.

He charges \$12.50 for typesetting the new area code.

At Kinko's on Grand River Avenue, changing the area code on a typesetting job can range from \$15 to \$60, depending on the complexity of the job, with \$30 average. Kinko's gets a few of these jobs a week.

"The thing that's been surprising me in the last three months is the

number of customers who print both 248 and 810 on new stationery," said Kinko's manager Michael Meyers (not the city council candidate).

"From day one, I'd have people come in here and asking for 248. They were kind of proud that they knew that."

Unlike four years ago, Ameritech spokesperson Sara Snyder said the new code hasn't been much of an adjustment for most people. In 1993, users telephoning this area had to drop 313 and pick up 810.

An "awareness and usage" survey taken last month indicated that six out of ten callers in southeastern Michigan already use 248. Instead of 810. Within the 241 area code (Oakland County and fragments of Wayne, Washtenaw and Livingston County) about 86 percent of the callers already use the new prefix, she said.

"We're way ahead of 1993 in terms of user awareness," Snyder added. "I think people are more receptive to change."

It's all those cell phones, fax machines and modems this that triggered the demand for new telephone exchanges, as the pool of available numbers began to shrink.

For the next three months, people who dial 810 for an Oakland County call will get the operator's message instructing them to redial. After that, you may get a wrong number because the telephone number will have been assigned to someone else.

Next year, portions of Wayne, Washtenaw, and Monroe counties will be a new 734 area code next year.

City sees rash of thefts from autos

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL

Staff Writer

After a rash of cellular phone, radar detector and golf clubs thefts from vehicles in the city, the Novi Police Department is asking residents to lock their cars.

"With the popularity of golf they are easy to get rid of and worth a lot of money," Lauria explained.

Most of the incidents are occurring in neighborhoods south of Grand River Avenue and east of Beck Road. Police report three or four cars a night left victim to the thieves. One day there were nearly one dozen.

"We are taking steps to try to apprehend these individuals," said Lauria. But he explained the crimes are made faster and more efficient by the easy access of unlocked doors.

Lauria said Novi is not the only community to suffer from the incidents as of late. Many nearby cities

areas in the city and checking for unlocked vehicles.

Items taken are predominantly cell phones, radar detectors and golf clubs.

"If you have to leave something of value in your vehicle, make sure it's completely out of sight. Lock them up, preferably in the trunk or glove compartment."

• Park your car in brightly lit areas. If the street or parking lot lights near your home are out, demand that they be fixed.

• If you ever see anyone breaking into your car or someone else's call Novi Police at 348-7100 or Northville city police at 349-1234 immediately.

It's important to call right away, police say, as seconds can mean the difference between catching and missing a criminal.

in your car if you can help it. Take it all with you, especially overnight.

Keep in mind that this rule applies to presents purchased during the holiday season as well.

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Man kicks out police car window

A 21-year-old Northville man was arrested for drunk driving, resisting and obstructing an officer and destruction of police property, Sept. 3, police said.

Police on patrol noted the man coming from the back of a subdivision under construction. He stopped his F-150 Ford pickup truck on the side of the road after driving down Halfway on a flat tire. Police questioned the man who appeared intoxicated and he said he called his father to come help him. Police saw fresh damage to the front end of the vehicle. He was asked to perform sobriety tests but became belligerent and tried to get back into the truck.

Police were forced to take him to the ground to handcuff him. His father arrived shortly thereafter and tried to calm him down, but he began kicking out the window of the patrol car.

He said he had tried to be responsible by calling his father to come drive him home after he drank six beers at a bar. He was taken to the police station and given a breathalyzer test. His blood alcohol content was .17 percent, nearly twice the legal limit.

BREAK-IN

A 43-year-old Novi man reported a break-in at his home on Marquand the night of Sept. 2.

Police News

According to the police report, \$400 in cash, wedding rings, a pellet rifle and a car stereo were stolen from the home. The suspect entered through a bedroom window but cutting and removing the screen of the open window. The suspect went through the apartment and left a comb on the bedroom dresser before exiting back out the window.

FOILED

A 41-year-old Novi man may have scared off would-be burglars Aug. 31 when he woke up to the sound of metal scraping about midnight and ran out of his Austin Street apartment. Police said the man found the screen to his bedroom window cut open but no one entered the home.

CREDIT CARD FRAUD

Novi Police are investigating a 32-year-old Plymouth woman who allegedly used the credit card of a Farmington man, for whom she was caring.

Her employer, a Novi-based home care company, reported the incident to police after the woman ran up several thousand dollars in

Sears credit card bills from August of last year until this Spring without the man's authorization. The woman was relieved of her duties.

SPIRITED AWAY

A concrete gargoyle was whisked away in the dark of the night from the front porch of an Emerald Forest home, Sept. 5. The resident at home said he saw a dark figure running away with the creature across the lawn and saw him get into a boxy four-door car about 10 p.m., police said.

PEERING IN

An officer on patrol in the Chateau Estates Mobile Home Park saw a young man standing outside the window of a trailer peering in, Sept. 7 about 11:30 p.m. The officer

approached the man to see what was going on and was told a couple people were simply talking through a window, according to the report.

The officer, however, noted a strong smell of marijuana coming from the residence while three people sat inside a room. The officer asked for the parent to be summoned and was given permission to search the room and the group. An 18-year-old Novi man was cited for marijuana possession after a baggie was found in his clothes. He was taken to the station and released on bond.

CAR STOLEN

A 25-year-old line cook for the Novi Hilton had his 1985 Chevy Monte Carlo stolen from the parking lot of the hotel Sept. 4, police said.

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

Novi Briefs

Correction

The Sept. 4 article in *The Novi News* incorrectly reported the Michigan Educational Assessment Program test scores for Novi fifth graders. The scores, reported last week by the state, increased 17.5 percentage points.

School board holds closed session

The Novi Board of Education met in executive (closed) session after the Sept. 4 board meeting to discuss Superintendent Emmett Lippe's contract, currently in negotiations with board President Raymond Byers. Although Byers said he had nothing new to report, Trustees George Kortlandt, Carol Ellring, Ann Newton and John Balagna voted to talk after the meeting.

Board workshop scheduled

The Novi Board of Education tentatively scheduled a special meeting of the board for Dec. 12 and 13 to complete a workshop on theories of school reform. Open to the public, the meeting could be held Friday night and Saturday morning.

Bring blankets

The Salvation Army in conjunction with the Novi High School National Honors Society will be at the Friday night Wilkeat Football game at home tomorrow beginning at 7:30 p.m. The groups will collect donated blankets for the needy and homeless. Attendees of the game are asked to bring a clean used or new blanket to donate.

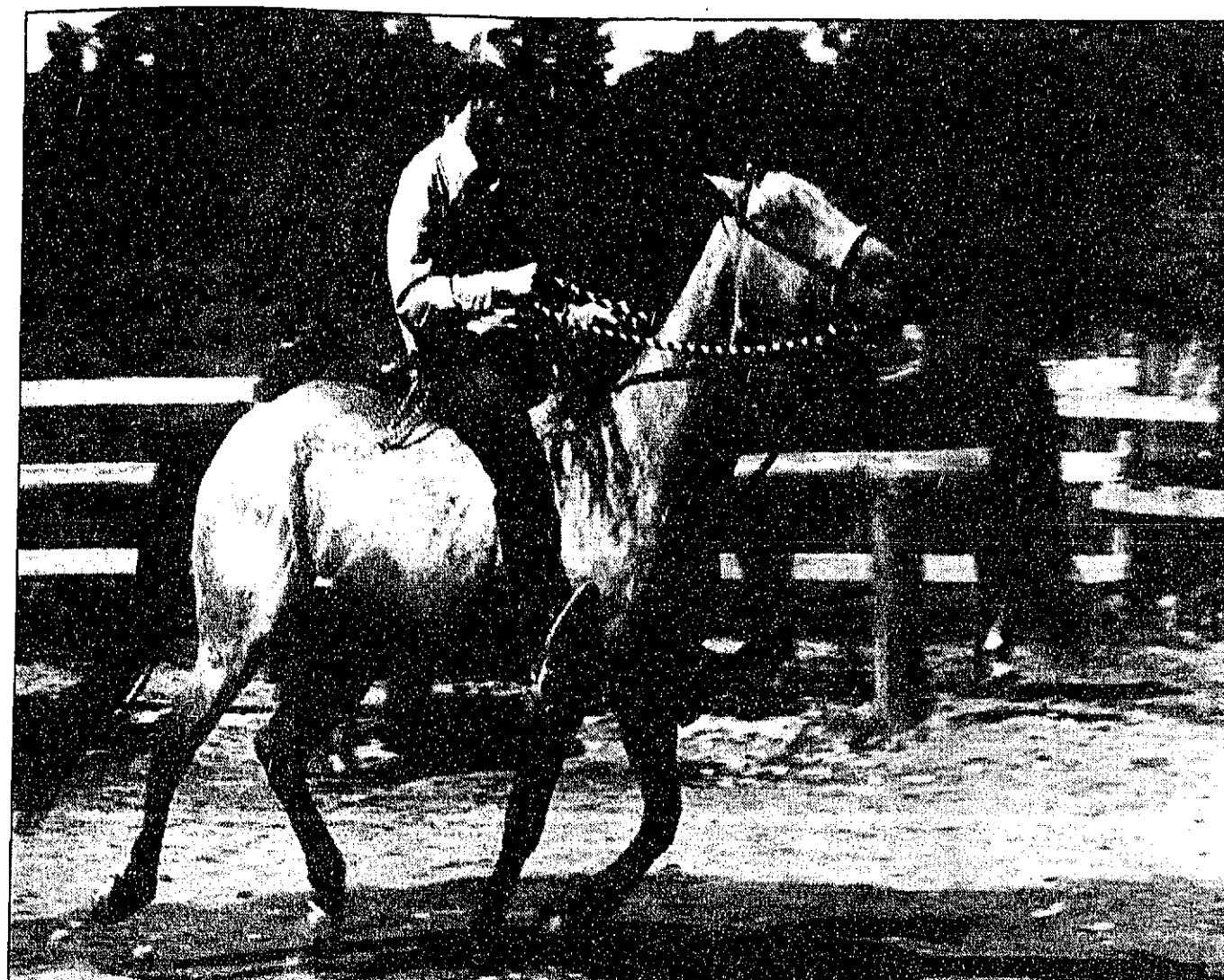


Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Ride 'em

Maybury State Park horse "wrangler" Dan Brown, of Clarkston, takes one of his favorite horses, Clover, for a quick whirl around the park's horseback riding stable yards. Although busi-

ness at the stables has slowed down toward the end of the summer, they will remain open until Thanksgiving and reopen for operations again next spring.

Author to address Motorsport crowd

Dr. Mark Howell, a professor at Michigan State University and author of a new book on stock car racing will be the featured speaker on Wednesday, Sept. 17, at the Motorsports Hall of Fame.

Just released, Howell's book, *NASCAR - History and Culture*, chronicles the coming of age of one of America's most popular spectator sports. The program begins at 7 p.m.

In his presentation, Howell will share insight gained through years of research into a sport beloved by millions. His talk will provide a unique perspective on the phenomenon that is NASCAR. It will explain how stock car, transformed in a relatively short time from a

group of moonshining "good old boys" into a sport now dominated by pop-star drivers and the most sophisticated marketing programs from Madison Avenue.

The author will be available after the program for questions and book signing.

The museum is located inside the Novi Expo Center at I-96 and Novi Road, exit 162. Admission is \$6 and includes a tour of the 10,000 square foot museum displaying different types of race vehicles. The museum is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Doors for evening events reopen at 6:30 p.m. Call 1-800-250-RACE for tickets or more information.

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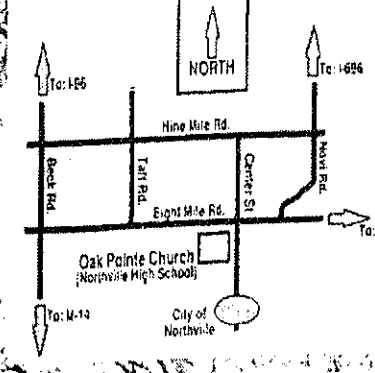
What's the point of it all?
My life seems to run in circles from the cradle to the grave. Is there any ultimate meaning?

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If God is good, why is our world so bad?

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Sept. 28
Is there a solution?

Are we left on our own to try and make the best of it? Or does God have a plan to deliver us from evil?

Oct. 5
How do I become part of the solution?

What do I have to do to personally experience God's salvation, and how can I become a vehicle of His saving love to the world around me?

Oct. 12
Where do we go from here? Is there an after life?

When this life is over, how can I be sure that there is an afterlife and that I will spend it in heaven with God? Is there a hell? How can I avoid it?

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Friesian horses to show at Spectacular

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Black Dragon Farm is a leading breeder and exhibitor of Friesian horses. Coming from the Friesland, a region of the Netherlands, the Friesian is a striking horse, with glossy black coat, long luxurious mane and tail, and black fetlock feathers.

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lar's demonstration arena at 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 8.

The North American Horse Spectacular features a trade show and appearances by performer GaWani Pony Boy, authority on Native American Horsemanship. The Equestrian's Eye juried art show will also be part of the festivities. An interactive children's area, free carousel rides, the Avenue of Breeds, Spotlight on Racing feature area, seminars and more will be included in the Spectacular.

Admission is \$8 for adults per day, \$2 for children ages 5 to 12, and children under 5 are free. There is a parking fee of \$4 per vehicle.

For exhibitor information, contact Amy Huffman at (517) 485-2309. For program information, call Jeanne Van Wieren at (517) 468-3684.

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Blood pressure checked at Focus Health

High blood pressure can be a silent killer, especially in Michigan. Nearly 50 million Americans have high blood pressure or hypertension and millions more may have it and be unaware of the problem. Closer to home, about 22 percent of the adult population in Michigan have been told they have high blood pressure and again, many more do not know if they have it. Michigan ranks close to the 15th worst state in the nation for death rates due to heart and vascular disease, according to the American Heart Association.

Find out if you're suffering from this disease at the Novi Chamber of Commerce's Focus Health Day on Sunday, Oct. 12, from 12:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Hypertension is a term used for high blood pressure. Hyper refers to above or excessive and tension refers to stress or the pull of forces causing extension. So how does this happen?

Blood is to the body from the heart by way of blood vessels or arteries. The force of the blood flowing or pushing against the walls of the arteries is blood pressure. Each time the heart beats, this pressure is exerted into the arteries and is usually at its greatest when the heart contracts. This is known as systolic pressure. When the heart is at rest, almost in between beats, the blood pressure lowers and this is known as diastolic pressure.

Blood pressure changes during the day and may be lower when we are at rest and higher when we are anxious or excited. Other factors that influence blood pressure include extra weight, tobacco use, alcohol consumption, excessive

FOCUS HEALTH

The Novi Chamber of Commerce, in collaboration with the Providence Hospital, Botsford Hospital, The Detroit Medical Center, St. Mary Hospital, the Novi Parks and Recreation Department, the Novi Police Department and The Novi Heart Association.

Focus Health will take place on Sunday, Oct. 12 from 12:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center. Included will be a family health walk, in-line skating demonstrations, cholesterol screenings, blood pressure checks, nutrition counseling, a tour of an EMS rescue vehicle, demonstrations in Tai Chi, gymnastics and dancing and the Novi Fire Department's portable house full of smoke. For more information, call the Novi Chamber of Commerce at 349-3743.

salt intake and physical inactivity. Heredity, gender and ethnic background may also play a part in high blood pressure for some people. When high blood pressure is left undetected and untreated, we are at greater risk for an enlarged heart, heart failure, kidney damage



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

St. Mary Hospital nurse Marianne Simanek, right, checks the blood pressure of Amanda Hosko. Simanek will be doing preventative blood pressure screenings as a part of Focus Health.

or kidney failure or a stroke. Hypertension is the major risk factor for a stroke. Early detection and continued monitoring can control hypertension.

The management of lifestyle factors is very important in the control of high blood pressure. Although not often easy for some people, weight reduction to a healthy range is beneficial in lowering blood pressure. Increasing physical activity can reduce weight loss and improve overall circulation.

Alcohol use can raise blood pressure and may interfere with medications prescribed to lower blood pressure, therefore, limiting use will provide many benefits.

Some people are salt sensitive, that is, their blood pressure may tend to elevate after eating foods that are higher in salt content. Reducing this will assist in lowering blood pressure also. So what can you do? Take control. Learn about blood pressure. Get it checked and keep it under

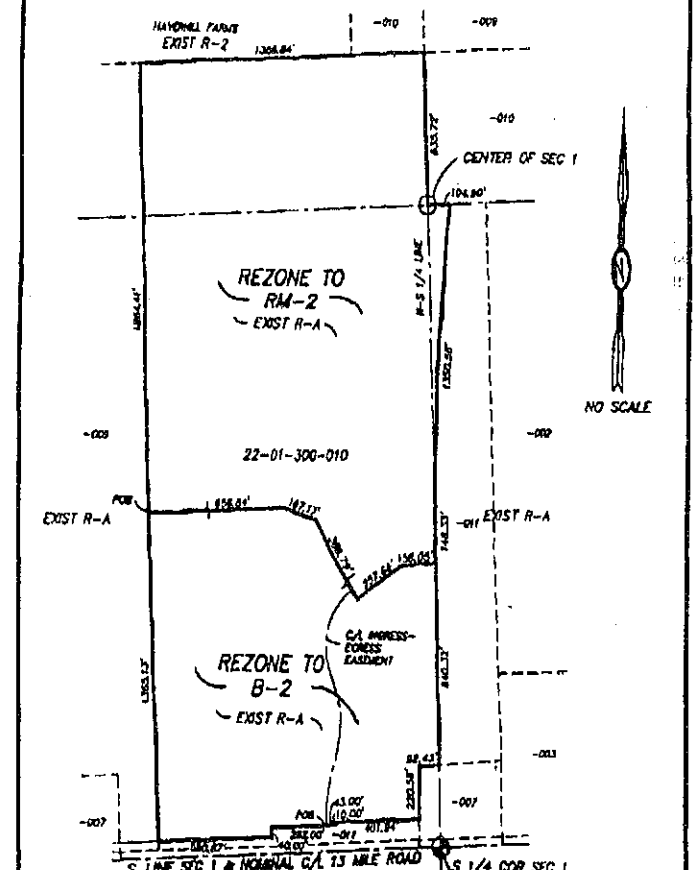
control. Talk to a health care provider about recommended needs of a healthy heart.

CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a Public Hearing, on Wednesday, October 1, 1997 at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI, to consider the following ZONING MAP AMENDMENT 18-569.

Property located west of the M-5 right-of-way and north of Thirteen Mile Road

POSSIBLE REZONING FROM RESIDENTIAL ACREAGE (RA) TO HIGH-DENSITY, MID-RISE, MULTIPLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT (RM-2) AND COMMUNITY BUSINESS DISTRICT (B-2) OR ANY OTHER APPROPRIATE ZONING DISTRICT.



To rezone a part of Section 1, T.1N., R.8E., City of Novi, Oakland County, Michigan being parcel 22-1-300-010, more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the north R.O.W. line of Thirteen Mile Road said point being S87°31'40"W 543.00 feet along the south line of Section 1 (nominal C.L. of Thirteen Mile Road) and N22°28'20"W 110.00 feet from the South 1/4 corner of Section 1; thence S87°31'40"W 232.10 feet; thence S02°28'20"E 40.00 feet; thence S87°31'40"W 550.87 feet; thence N03°15'32"W 1365.13 feet; thence N87°31'40"E 858.84 feet; thence S73°21'34"E 167.17 feet; thence S33°22'59"E 388.79 feet; thence N56°37'01"E 257.85 feet; thence N85°58'05"E 158.05 feet to the N-S 1/4 line of Section 1; thence S01°12'04"E 220.58 feet; thence S87°31'40"W 401.94 feet; thence S02°28'20"E 10.00 feet; thence S87°31'40"W 43.00 feet to the point of beginning. Containing 38.35 acres more or less.

FROM RA RESIDENTIAL ACREAGE

TO: B-2 COMMUNITY BUSINESS DISTRICT

Beginning at a point distant S87°31'40"W 1374.89 feet; thence N03°15'32"W 1435.13 feet from the South 1/4 corner of Section 1; thence continuing N03°75'32"W 1864.41 feet; thence N86°56'54"E 1386.84 feet; thence S03°03'02"E 635.72 feet to the center of Section 1; thence N85°37'41"E 104.90 feet to a point of curvature; thence along the arc or a curve to the left 1250.58 feet to a point on the N-S 1/4 line, said curve having a radius of 11,730.16 feet, a central angle of 06°53'49" and chord bearing and distance of S00°52'38"W 1349.84 feet; thence S02°27'44"E 148.33 feet along said N-S 1/4 line; thence S85°58'05"W 158.05 feet; thence S56°37'01"W 257.85 feet; thence N85°58'05"W 158.05 feet; thence N73°21'34"W 167.17 feet; thence S87°31'40"W 558.84 feet to the point of beginning. Containing 64.48 acres more or less.

FROM RA RESIDENTIAL ACREAGE

TO: RM-2 HIGH DENSITY, MULTIPLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT

ORDINANCE NO. 18-569

ZONING MAP AMENDMENT NO. 569

CITY OF NOVI, MICHIGAN

All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard during the Public Hearing and Audience Participation portions of the meeting. Any written comments may be sent to the City Clerk's Office, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 until 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, October 1, 1997.

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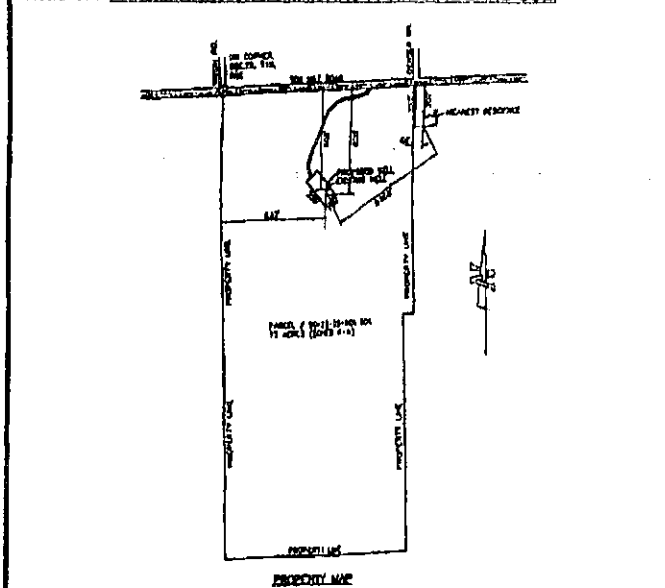
CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY USE PERMIT TUP 97-038

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Brinker International is requesting a Temporary Use Permit to allow a job hiring trailer at the "On the Border" project site, at 21091 Haggerty Road, located on the northwest corner of Eight Mile and Haggerty Roads, from September 18, 1997 through November 30, 1997. A Temporary Use Permit may be granted for a period of not longer than six months.

A public hearing can be requested by any property owner of a structure located within 300 feet of the boundary of the property being considered for temporary use permit. This request will be considered at 3:00 p.m. on September 17, 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 September 17, 1997. (9-11-97 NR, NN 31351)

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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 & Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 until 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, September 17, 1997.

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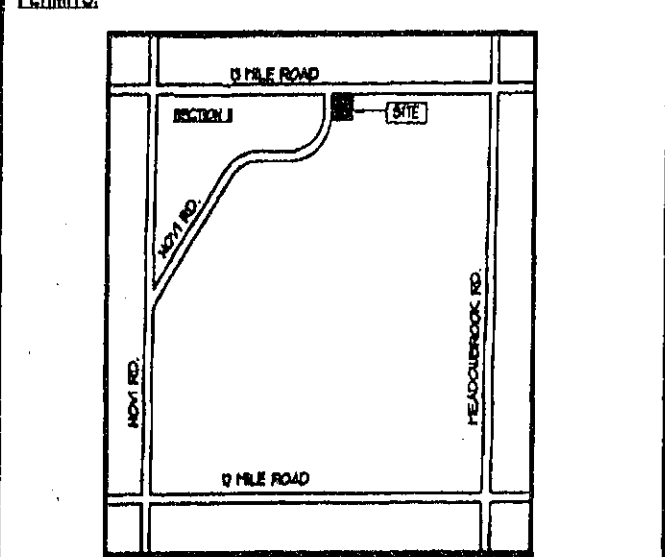
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LOCATION MAP

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 & Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 until 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, September 17, 1997.

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Big Boy eatery to get a facelift

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL

Staff Writer

Big Boy is growing up. First built in 1976, Elias Brothers Big Boy Restaurant on Novi Road just finished an interior make-over and is set for a fresh new look on the outside.

"The new Big Boy facade is the look you're going to see around the world. The Big Boy character sits up on the building above you with open arms welcoming you in," said Tony Michaels, public relations director for Elias Brothers.

The upcoming renovations include plans for a new roof and red checked border on the building. The Big Boy statue just outside the entrance will stay put.

"It's going to be gorgeous," said Michaels.

But Elias Brothers and the City of Novi are at odds about the checked border. The Novi Planning Commission approved the new look this summer, but without the border.

Planning Commissioner Robert Churella was not at that meeting, but reviewed the plan on his own. He said he has no problem with the border.

"I think it's beautiful," he said. "It's a lot better than what they've got."

The firm has yet to decide how it will react to the commission's decision, according to Michaels.

Michaels said the redesign is part of a new attitude for the restaurant chain founded in 1936 by Dave Wyman in California and bought by the Elias Brothers in the 1950s.

"We're creating the ultimate in the casual dining experience," said Michaels. "We want to cut down on noise and make it more comfortable and make the exterior more exciting and inviting. So that when families go into a Big Boy restaurant the families are comfortable."

"We really think we hit the nail on that," he added.

Big Boy restaurants are also reworking the menu to meet new customer tastes but will keep the

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Do you remember when the Novi Big Boy appeared on NBC Nightly News? Did you see the man waving The Novi News in the air on national television?

Back in the summer of 1992, the Big Boy statue was the subject of a hot debate in the community. Was the red checked and red cheeked statue a sign or pop art?

The City of Novi considered it an illegal sign under the ordinance which banned oversized or flashy signs. But Big Boy was willing to give the city the property necessary to build the road into the Expo Center for \$1 if the city would re-evaluate the ordinance. On July 27 the City Council adopted cherubic Big Boy as art. And the road to the center was built.

favorites served in days past like the double-decker Big Boy hamburger and the Brawny Lad.

"We want to maintain what customers fell in love with," Michael said.

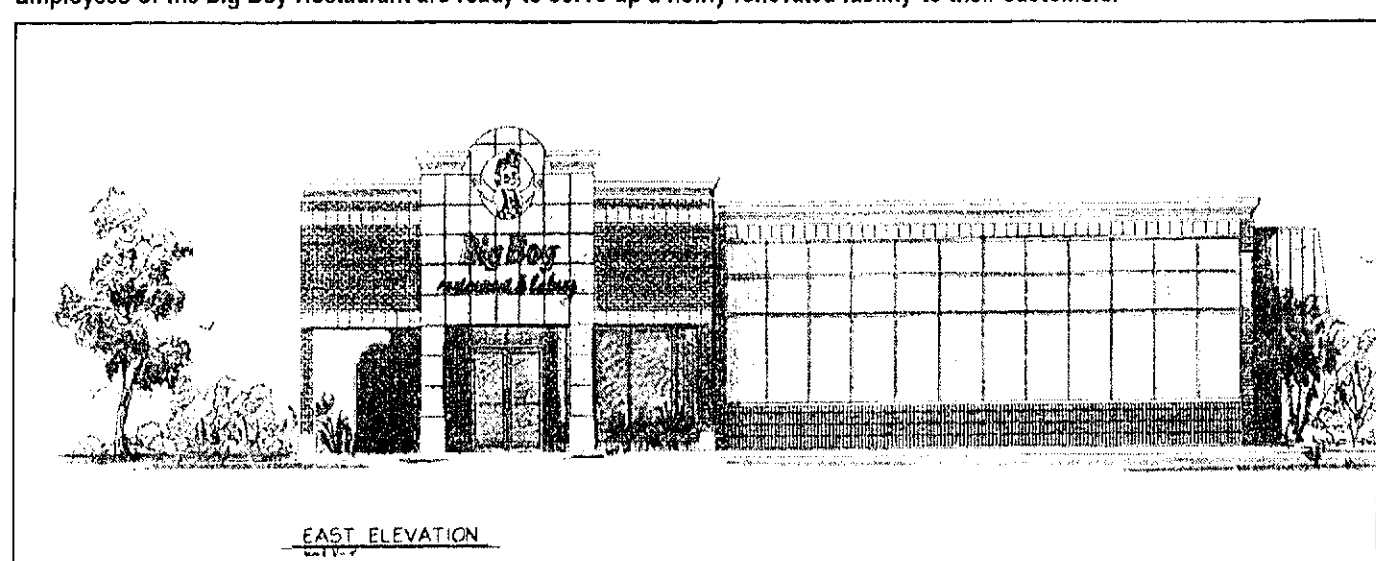
Not only has the chain added more chicken and pasta dishes, it begins a push to sell and serve its homemade pies this fall.

Khanh Pham, community development specialist for Novi, said the Novi Big Boy is probably the most visual in the nation because of its close proximity to The Novi Expo Center. Each month, thousands of visitors to the convention center coach drive past the restaurant on their way in and way out of the center.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Employees of the Big Boy Restaurant are ready to serve up a newly renovated facility to their customers.

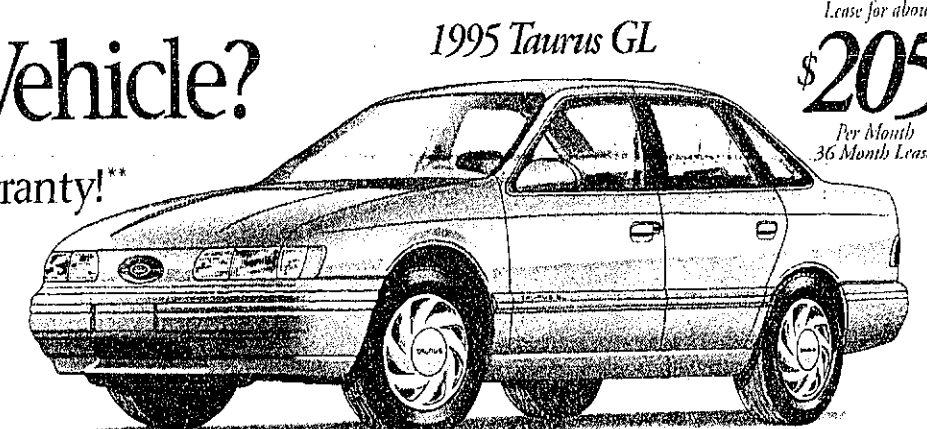


An artist's rendition of the plans to renovate the Big Boy restaurant on Novi Road.

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Obituaries

HELEN M. SKELTIS

Helen M. Skeltis, age 65, of Novi died Sept. 5 at Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills. She was born Nov. 7, 1931, in Brighton, Mich.

Mrs. Skeltis had been employed as a cashier in the cafeteria at Ford Wixom Plant for 27 years.

She is survived by her husband, Anthony J.; sons, Tim and Jim; daughters, Diane Renner and Penny Louton; three sisters; and six grandchildren.

Services were held on Tuesday, Sept. 9, at the Church of the Holy Family in Novi. Interment was in Oakland Hills Cemetery.

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

Memorials to the American Diabetes Association, 30600 Telegraph Road, No. 2255, Bingham Farms, MI 48025 would be appreciated.

HAZEL L. BRYANT

Hazel L. Bryant of Livonia died Sept. 8 at St. Mary Hospital, Livonia. She was 95. Mrs. Bryant was born Jan. 30, 1902.

After 41 years of service as a chief operator at Michigan Bell Telephone Co., Mrs. Bryant retired in 1957. She was a member of The Sweet Adelines and The Pioneers. For 45 years, she summered in Traverse City and wintered in Arizona.

She is survived by daughters, June (Fred) Casey and Barbara Luyet; sister, Victoria Weeden; two nieces; five grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren.

Services were conducted on Tuesday, Sept. 9, at O'Brien Chapel/Sullivan Funeral Home, Novi. Interment was in Riverside Cemetery in Kalamazoo.

WILLIAM D. PRATT

William D. Pratt, 68, of Novi died Aug. 28.

He is survived by wife Gwen; sons, James (Janet), Brian, and Brandon; daughters, Cynthia (Jeffrey) Hines and Meghan; and grandchildren, Sarah, Emily, Tyler, Lauren and Kevin.

Mr. Pratt was preceded in death by his son Michael.

Services were held on Tuesday, Sept. 2, at Faith Community Presbyterian Church, Novi.

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

Memorial contributions to Aplastic Anemia Foundation, P.O. Box 613, Annapolis, MD 21404 would be appreciated.

G. ROBERT FITZGERALD

G. Robert (Bob) Fitzgerald of Novi died Aug. 22 in Aspen, Colo. He was 68. Mr. Fitzgerald was born Jan. 30, 1929.

Mr. Fitzgerald retired in 1994 after working 17 years at WKBD TV50 as business manager/director of operations.

He is survived by Joan, his wife of 45 years; daughters, Peggy (Chuck) Backus and Mary Jane (Brian) Scott; sons, Bob (Kim), Bill (Holly), Joe (Nancy) and Dan; sisters, Mary Kay Malberger and Lou Ann Drew; brother, Jerry; grandchildren, Jeffrey, Shawn, Melissa, Bob, Patrick, Brianna, Michael and Lauren.

Mr. Fitzgerald was preceded in death by sister Joan Schenbert.

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

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

Memorials to The American Diabetes Association, 30600 Telegraph Road, No. 2255, Bingham Farms, MI 48025 would be appreciated.

SUSAN L. POGARCH

Susan Lucille Pogarch, 50, died Aug. 31 at Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills. She was born Feb. 8, 1947, to Robert and Dorothy Hamilton.

In addition to her parents, Mrs. Pogarch is survived by her husband Kenneth; daughters, Lisa and Lori (Jim) Peterson; parents-in-law, Michael and Mary Pogarch; brothers, Robert G. (Mary Ellen) and Thomas (Diane); and granddaughter, Lucille Dickie.

Services were held on Friday, Sept. 5, at O'Brien Chapel/Sullivan Funeral Home, Novi. Interment was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield.

Memorial contributions to the charity of your choice would be appreciated.

LUCILE J. SHAW

Lucile Joan Shaw died Sept. 1 at her residence in Novi. She was 70. She was born Dec. 13, 1926.

She is survived by sons, Robert (Pat) and Michael (Jeannette); and daughter, Janet (Robert) Cullen.

Services were conducted on Thursday, Sept. 4, at St. Valentine Church in Redford. Interment was in Parkview Memorial Cemetery of Livonia.

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

Memorials to the Michigan Humane Society, P.O. Box 214182,

Auburn Hills, MI 48321 would be appreciated.

DAVID E. SMITH

David Eugene Smith of Detroit died Sept. 2 in his home at the age of 38. He was born Aug. 5, 1959, in Ann Arbor to Russell D. and Dolores (Wade) Smith.

Mr. Smith was a former resident of the Novi/Northville area and a 1977 graduate of Novi High School. He was contracted to Ford Motor Co. as an automotive designer and was an avid auto mechanic specializing in high performance engines.

Mr. Smith enjoyed hunting up north with his friends and was an avid sports enthusiast.

Surviving are his parents, Russell and Dolores Smith of Litchfield; sister, Stacy Marino of Princeton, Fla.; brothers, Jeffrey of Wolverine Lake, Mich., Steven of Novi, and Eric of Plymouth; grandmother, LuLu Meyers of Battle Creek; one niece and four nephews.

Services were conducted on Saturday, Sept. 6, at the George White Funeral Home in Litchfield with Deacon Alvin Provo officiating. Interment was in Mt. Hope Cemetery, Litchfield.

Memorials to the charity of choice would be appreciated.

WILLIAM F. SCHWARZ

William F. Schwarz, 73, died Sept. 1 at his residence in Walled Lake. He was born June 16, 1924.

He is survived by his wife Betty; daughters, Betty (Vaughn) Davis and Susie (Bob) Alexander; father and stepmother, Bill and Helen of Two Rivers, Wis.; brother Bob; sister Bernice; grandchildren, Leanne (Robt) Mulligan, Michelle (Donny) Fuller, John "Willie" Negus and Bobby Jr. (Stacey) Alexander; great grandchildren, Brandon and Daniel Mulligan, Jacob and Jeremy Fuller, and Rachel Alexander.

Services were held on Wednesday, Sept. 3, at O'Brien Chapel/Sullivan Funeral Home, Novi. Interment was in Parkview Memorial Cemetery of Livonia.

Memorials to the Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh road, Livonia, MI 48154-5010 would be appreciated.

GERALD H. BURKOWSKI

Gerald Henry Burkowski, 42, of Novi died Sept. 9, at the Hospice of South Lyon. He was born Nov. 7, 1954, to Ena and Walter Burkowski.

He is survived by his wife Susan; daughters, Kim (David) Deinek and Kelly (Barry) Schmidt; mother, Ena Burkowski; brother, Roger; and grandson, Austin Jason (A.J.).

He was preceded in death by his father, Walter.

Visitation is on Thursday, Sept. 11, from 2-9 p.m. at O'Brien Chapel/Ted C. Sullivan Funeral Home in Novi. Mr. Burkowski will be in state at Holy Family Church, 24505 Meadowbrook, Novi, on Friday, Sept. 12 at 10:30 a.m. A funeral Mass will be held at 11 a.m. Memorials to the Hospice of Michigan or Karmanos Cancer Institute-Nowi Region, 41935 W. Twelve Mile Road, Novi, MI 48377-9939 would be appreciated.

MADLINE D. PROBEN

Madeline D. (Bohndal) Proben, 56, of Redford died Sept. 4 in Redford Township. She was born May 10, 1941, in Detroit.

Mrs. Proben was on medical leave from Oakwood Hospital where she was employed for 20 years as a dietitian. She was a member of St. Theodore Catholic Church.

She is survived by one son, Tim (Terri) of Livonia; two daughters, Cheryl (Mark) Ligott of Novi and Nicole (Edward) Martincic of Redford; three brothers, Allen, Robert and Ronald Bohndal; sister, Caroline Swiatek; and five grandchildren.

Services were held on Monday, Sept. 8, at St. Theodore Catholic Church in Westland. Father Michael A. Molnar officiated at the service. Interment was in St. Hedwig Cemetery, Dearborn Heights.

Arrangements were made by Thayer-Rock Funeral Home in Farmington.

Memorials to the Community Hospice, 32932 Warren Road, Westland, MI 48185 would be appreciated.



Photo by DENISE HILLIARD/HALE

Students collected bottles at the Farmer Jack store, at Meadowbrook and Ten Mile Road last weekend as fundraiser for the Novi Band Boosters.

Novi High band hosts Fanfare music competition

Marching band fans and music lovers are invited to attend the 7th Fanfare marching band competition at Novi High School. Eighteen high school marching

bands, including host school Novi, compete in four flights, beginning at 4:30 p.m. at Novi High School Stadium on Taft Road. Admission is \$ 5.

All proceeds benefit the instrumental music program at Novi High School. For information, contact Sally McInnes 349-4539.

Volunteer Notes

One of every 50 babies born in Detroit dies before its first birthday. Poor nutrition, lack of education and prenatal care, teen pregnancy and drug dependency all contribute to this tragedy that doesn't have to happen.

The Michigan Catholic Health System's (MCHS) Infant Mortality Project is offering interested volunteers the opportunity to help prevent these unnecessary deaths by training support personnel for the Parent-Infant Partners program.

Volunteers will receive 24 hours of training to become a friend and a resource to expectant parents, providing information and guidance from early preg-

nancy through the baby's first year.

The free four-week training session begins Thursday, Sept. 25. Training sessions will be held from 6 to 10 p.m. on four consecutive Thursdays at Providence Hospital, 16001 W. Nine Mile Road in Southfield.

Information on Read Write Now, another MCHS volunteer program, will also be available at the Sept. 25 meeting. Read Write Now volunteers are asked to commit one hour a week to help individuals learn to read.

Preregistration for the training sessions is required and the deadline for registration is Sept. 22. Call (313) 868-8420 to register.

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City enlists help of Novi 'tree walkers'

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

If you love walking in the great outdoors and admiring trees, Novi Forester Chris Pargoff has a volunteer job for you.

Pargoff is looking for people who want to become Novi "tree walkers" and foot it through the community, checking out the health and well-being of city-planted street trees.

"Basically, we'll have volunteers looking for trees that might not be doing very well," Pargoff said.

Later this fall, some of the volunteers may eventually be trained to spot gypsy moths, as the city works with Oakland County to survey the level of infestation in town.

"Tree walkers will look for things like disease and lawn mower and weed-whacker damage at the base of trees. Pargoff will train the volunteers. It's a way to ensure the health of city street trees.

After the damage done by gypsy moths in the Nine Mile/Beck Road area was a topic at a Novi City Council meeting last month, Pargoff said that he's had several calls from residents who thought they spotted moth egg masses in

area trees. Actually, most of the callers had located web worm infestations, Pargoff explained.

In the fall, the web worms build in trees filament "nests" that look like spider webs, not unlike the tent caterpillars. However, tent caterpillars only build in the spring. Because trees have already stored their nutrients by fall, a web worm infestation is not significantly damaging, he added.

Novi tree walkers will not be on private property. However, when the county holds training sessions for volunteers looking for gypsy moth egg masses, volunteers will be knocking on doors asking for permission to survey residents' yards.

It's anticipated that the Nine Mile/Beck Road area will qualify for a county spraying program next spring.

With the leaves off trees, spotting gypsy moths will be easier. However, Pargoff said he's doing some survey work right now.

To volunteer to become a Novi Tree Walker, call Pargoff at 347-0585.

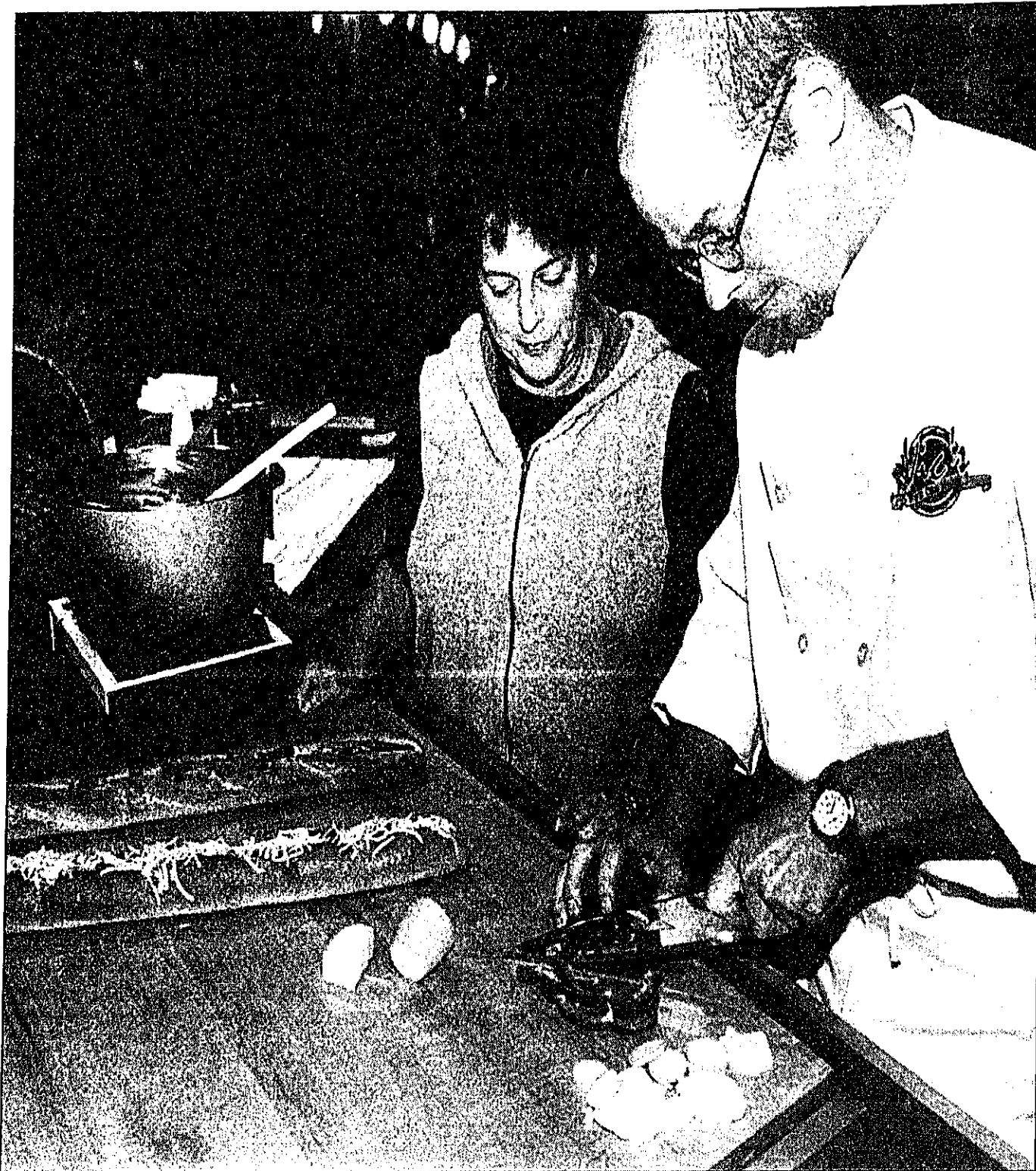


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Furnishing outlets revamp Novi stores

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

You may not have an uncle in the furniture business, but you sure do have neighbors in the trade.

Monday, final site plan approval came for Hagopian World of Rugs near the mall and a revamped Art Van Furniture Store at West Oaks shopping center.

"Novi has become a home furnishings and interior decorating destination," Mayor Kathleen McAllen said.

"That's over 100,000 square feet in one evening we are accomplishing."

If you're looking for a new place to put your feet up, at least 26 existing retailers in Novi sell furniture.

Hagopian will build a just-under-30,000-square-foot, three-level Art Deco-styled store between Gorman's and Cellular One on the south side of Twelve Mile Road, east of Novi Road. The first floor will feature furniture and rugs, the second floor will be administrative

offices and the third floor will be a rug gallery.

The building will look like a 1920s industrial loft building since converted to shops, explained architect Jon Sarkesian.

"We felt it would have a nice human scale," he added.

Art Van will expand from 60,270 square feet to 102,520 square feet, with a new exterior featuring a two-story glass atrium on the east side. They'll raise the vacant Fretter store fronting on Novi Road for the project. The retailer, which first set up shop in 1959, opened the Novi location in 1982.

Aspiring chefs

Vic's Market bread-smith Scott Breazeale demonstrates for West Bloomfield resident Susan Kolodin how to prepare vegetable-stuffed baguettes in a Wednesday evening class attend-

ed by 25 aspiring chefs. Students learned what kind of vegetables and cheeses can be used, how to select the proper bread and what temperatures should be used for best results.



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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.

Events:

• Monthly chamber luncheon Sept. 16, at 11:30 a.m. at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Livonia. The speaker will be Derek Ho, of the Junior Statesman program. Non-members welcome. Call 349-3743 for reservations.

• Bagel and business mixer, Sept. 18, from 8 to 9:30 a.m. at Glenda's Market, 40799 Grand River, between Haggerty and Meadowbrook. Members and perspective members are welcome. Call 349-3743 for more information.

• Internet business series, Sept. 23, 9-9:30 a.m. at Comp USA, 43195 Crescent Boulevard, Novi Town Center. Learn about Microsoft products that help you design your own Web page. Limited space available, members only. Call 349-3743 for reservations.

• The Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce will be hosting an event featuring Gov. John Engler on Sept. 25, in Milford. Call 349-3743 for more information.

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Condominium plan put on hold for more info

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

Nestled between a large subdivision and a solitary homestead on Ten Mile Road could go a daycare center and an eight-home condominium complex.

Or it could include more condos and no daycare center.

Homestead Condominiums, located on Ten Mile west of Taft, was put on hold by Novi Planning Commissioners who were uneasy approving the plan without more information last week.

Particularly, the commission wanted to know what else would go

"We had the plans reviewed by the members of the homeowners association board and ... residents ... we would like you to give them the opportunity to ask any questions on our own."

Phil Dickson

on the front of the property which is set to be split.

"You created this situation by proposing the split," Commissioner Michael Watzka told developer

Eugene Richardson.

The Homestead calls for eight single family detached condos on a 400 foot cul-de-sac off of Ten Mile Road. The condos could span

about 3,000 square feet and run \$250,000 to \$300,000 each.

The houses would be built on 3.7 acres at the rear of the property leaving two parcels of land on either side of the cul-de-sac road. The vacant industrial building and home on the parcel are to be torn down before construction begins in the spring.

What goes on that property is what the commissioners want to know.

According to Richardson, a daycare center is looking at the site, but is waiting to see if the condos get approval. But commissioners

want to know how that development could impact traffic off of the road.

The daycare would undoubtedly create more traffic, said Commissioner Peter Hoadley. If the condo plan and access road is approved first, there won't be any opportunity to make changes to accommodate the center's traffic additions, he explained.

He and the other commissioners voted to postpone a decision on the development until Richardson can bring in the daycare center or other development on the front parcel of property.

Residents near the development said they aren't necessarily opposed to the plan but want to learn more about what will go in their backyards.

"We had the plans reviewed by the members of the homeowners association board and on behalf of the residents who live close by the property, we would like you to give them the opportunity to ask any questions on our own," said Phil Dickson, president of the Simmon's Orchards Homeowners Association.

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Students make Merit semifinals

The following senior students were chosen by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation as semifinalists in the competition for college scholarships nationwide:

Rosabel Chang, the daughter of Ching Chang and Shu Li Chang, plans to attend the University of Michigan to study biochemistry and medicine. She is a member of the National Honors Society and is vice-president of the Interact and Ecology Clubs. She volunteers in the community and is a varsity track and cross country athlete. She was a runner up in the Chemistry Olympiad and placed in the top 6 percent in the state for the Michigan Math Prize competition.

"Success is accomplishing whatever goal you set for yourself. It does not have to have a monetary value. It's what makes you happy," she said.

Richard Kowalczyk, the son of Margie and Rich Kowalczyk, plans to attend the University of Michigan to study engineering. A member of the varsity tennis team, the Debate Team, the Model United Nations team, National Honors Society and Renaissance leadership team, Kowalczyk will always remember winning the KVC in tennis.

"Success is being able to do what you want in life," he said.

Sophie Liao, the daughter of Kenneth and Karen Liao, may study medicine or genetics at either the University of Michigan, Stanford or Boston University. Liao volunteers at the U-M Hospital, is president of Interact at Novi High, a member of student congress and an attendee at Girl's State. A piano performer, Liao has performed in many concerts, the Michigan Music Youth Arts Festival and Music Teachers National Association Yamaha Competition among them, and studied in St. Petersburg, Russia.

She said seeing the quirkier side of teachers at the high school will be one of her best memories. Mrs. Lascoski's fish lips, Mr. Hanson's molecular motion dance, Mrs. P's eerie driver's license impression of a body on a morgue slab were just some of the quirks she cited.

"Success is the willingness to take risks and break away from the mainstream to pursue your own beliefs and dreams," she said.

Julie Namm, the daughter of Myung and Eunbok Namm, will attend the University of Michigan to study medicine. The varsity athlete lettered in basketball, volleyball and softball and is a member of the National Honors Society. She is a Novi Parks and Recreation Volunteer and a member of the Detroit Korean Adventist Youth group as well as the U of M Youth Ensembles. She said will always remember the way her friends and classmates matured and changed throughout the years.

"Success is living life to its fullest with no regrets," she said.

Stephanie Perry, the daughter of Curt and Gloria Perry of Novi, plans to attend the University of Michigan next year but has yet to decide on a definite career plan. Much of her high school life is taken up by music. She plays the trombone in the orchestra for the school musicals and is a section

leader in the marching and symphony band. Stephanie edited the English translation of a book about the native, small town of her grandparents' families. She produces and works the crew on Info TV 12, the local community access station and was a confirmation sponsor for her brother Chris.

"Success is achieving your goals and dreams in life. Success is also doing your best on the way to achieving those goals and dreams," she said.

Mark Wagner, the son of Barbara and Richard Wagner of Novi knows he wants a career in computer science but hasn't yet chosen a college or university. He spends some of his time working with the computer club at school and placed eighth in the state Michigan Industrial Technology Education Auto CAD contest.

"Success is when you are doing something you like," he said.

Ginny Waymouth, the daughter of Jeff and Katie Waymouth, is considering one of three schools to attend to study English or the fine arts: The University of Michigan, University of the South in Tennessee or American University in Washington D.C.

Waymouth is a member of the Marching and Symphony Bands and the Detroit Civic Symphony Orchestra. She also takes lessons in fencing. She's received academic and band letters and participated in the Telluride Association Scholarship Program.

She said her most memorable experience at NHS was participating in the Poetry Writing Convention at U-M - made possible by Novi High.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Six students have been nominated as National Merit Finalists for their achievements in the classroom including (back row from left) Stephanie Perry, Mark Wagner, Richard Kowalczyk and (front row) Julie Namm, Sophie Liao and Rosabel Chang.

Novi students place in scholarship competition

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

Seven Novi High School students were announced this week as semifinalists in the 1998 National Merit Scholarship Competition.

The students will compete against 15,000 other students around the nation for a chance to be one of 7,400 students to receive Merit Scholarship status and \$28 million in scholarships.

They are: Rosabel Chang, Richard Kowalczyk, Sophie Liao, Julie Namm, Stephanie Perry, Mark Wagner and Ginny Waymouth.

The students were entered into the program upon taking the 1996 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test as juniors, which served as a screen representing less than one percent of the state's high school graduating class, according to the National Merit Scholarship Corporation.

To advance onto the Finalist level, the students must maintain an outstanding academic record throughout high school, be endorsed and recommended by their high school and submit SAT scores. The semifinalist also fills out an extensive application with a

self-descriptive essay and information about participation and leadership in school and community activities. About 90 percent of the semi-finalists will advance to the finals, the corporation estimates.

Three types of scholarships will be offered in 1998. Each and every finalist will be considered for one of 2,200 National Merit \$2,000 Scholarships to be awarded on a state representative basis. The corporation said it's own funds underwrite about 85 percent of the money. Grants from corporate sponsors finance the remainder.

Another 1,200 scholarships are to be offered by corporations, company foundations and other business organizations. Most of the corporate-sponsored scholarships are designated for children of employees of the company but some are retained for other finalists.

A final 4,000 scholarships for finalists attending some 200 universities will be presented as Merit Scholarship Awards.

The corporation will announce the winners in April of 1998 to add to the list of more than 170,000 other students who have earned the Merit Scholar title since the first awards were offered in 1956.

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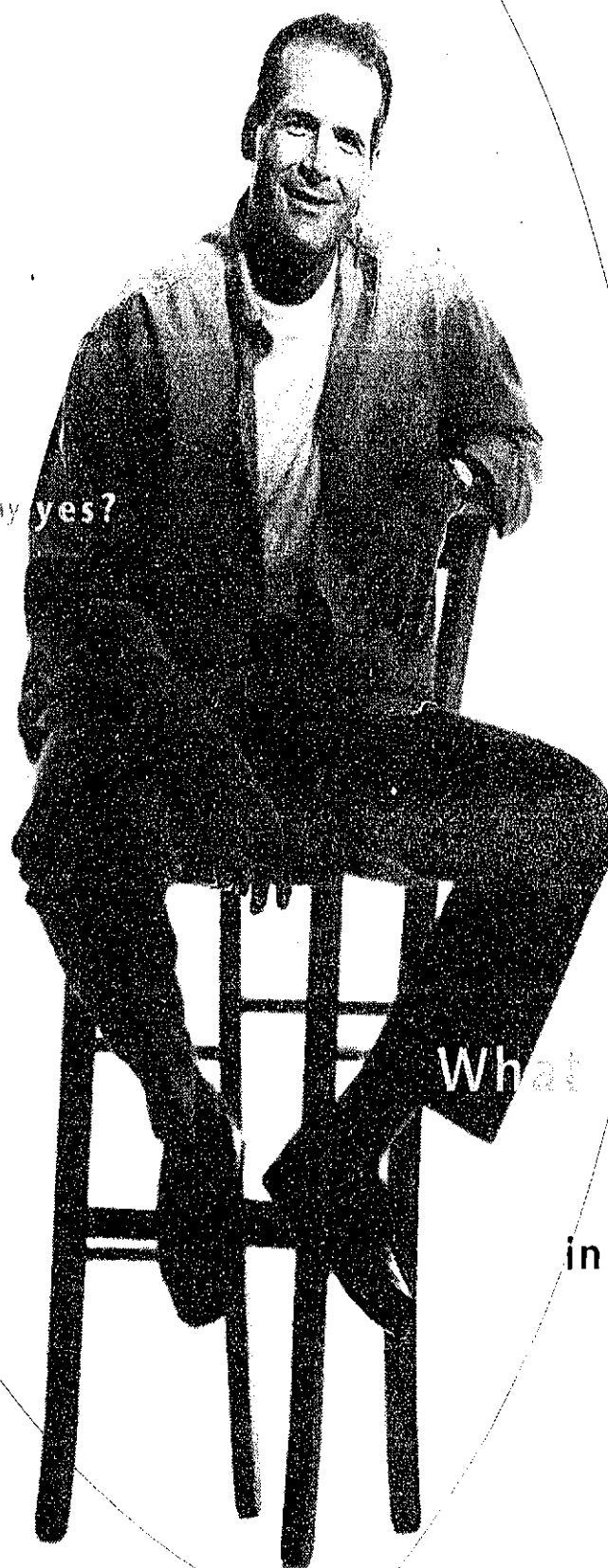
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- Meadowbrook Road, west side from Eight Mile Road to Twelve Mile Road, with the walks along Twelve Mile and Thirteen Mile to be completed as part of the current road construction happening there.

East-west route

Ties in new Novi Middle School and city park with Parkway Elementary School, Spirit of 76 Park, neighborhoods along Eleven Mile Road, the Town Center area and the Meadowbrook

Road path:

- Eleven Mile Road, north side from Wixom Road to Beck Road.
- Eleven Mile Road, south side from Beck Road to Clark Street to Grand River Avenue.
- Grand River Avenue, south side from new bridge to Meadowbrook Road.

Lake area

Connects existing Novi Road paths with the future Meadowbrook and Thirteen Mile Road sidewalks and provides a path along Old Novi Road:

- Thirteen Mile Road, north side from Novi Road to Meadowbrook Road.
- Old Novi Road, west side from Novi Road to Thirteen Mile Road.

Filling in gaps in major sections

Completes loop around Sections 23 and 25, replaces deteriorated sections along Ten Mile and Taft roads and includes funds for as yet unidentified sidewalks gaps.

Sidewalk issue heads to ballot

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nally proposed by Mutch and Mitzel, which did not meet with full council support. Among areas targeted earlier, sidewalks along South Lake and East Lake drives were removed. Mitzel explained this work will likely happen with current funding plans pending or as part of the resurfacing of the two drives.

Mutch said a bond proposal was preferable to asking voters to okay a special millage for the project because the millage would have to be renewed every three years.

"This may be a program that needs more commitment than the political thinking, the ups and downs of every three years. A bond issue can set priorities for the future," she said.

While the issue passed in a five-to-four vote, the unofficial council split was four-to-three.

Council Member Bob Schmidt was not at the meeting, but submitted a letter opposing placing the matter on the ballot. Mayor Pro Tem Hugh Crawford, also absent, contacted the mayor to let her know about his opposition.

Council Member Richard Clark voted no on the resolution to bring the matter to the voters.

"This will benefit fewer than one to two percent of the population. Whenever there's an open green space in the city, we want to cut it up with eight feet of asphalt," Clark said.

"There used to be a sign around the city that said 'shop until you drop.' Maybe we're going to have to put up a sign in this city that says 'taxed to the max.'"

Council puts off Futuring due to planning staff backlog

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the study will be interrupted," Mutch said.

"If you interrupt that momentum, it's almost as if you have to go back to the beginning. We are still developing enough that those goals may change enough, so

that when this is picked up again, we may have to redo some of the work that is already done."

DeRoche said he had expected the project would pick up speed after the November election and that volunteers told him they were eager to get back to work.

"I do not point a finger at the city council for this at all. I think they were misled. I believe it's inappropriate for the administration to make a decision to reject the efforts of a citizens volunteer committee that only seeks to provide better ideas for Novi's future," DeRoche said.

"If the city administration is too busy to plan for its own and the city's future, then I think something might be done to change that. Without a plan for the future, you never know where you're going to end up."

Larry Frey, the staff planning aide who coordinated the effort earlier this year has

taken a job in South Carolina. But the idea of futuring for Novi came from the planning commission, McFallen and former City Council Member Nancy Cassis.

Council Member Edward Kramer said he supported the project and would like to see it "coming back to us on a timely basis."

School board reviews meeting cablecasts

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of more than \$100,000 in new lighting, sound equipment, cameras and production technology.

Additional technology could be added to broadcast the Thursday night board meetings live and from remote locations, such as when the board holds meetings at the various school buildings about seven times a year.

The money could come from the 1997-98 budget, according to Jim Koster, assistant superintendent of business.

But many trustees expressed difficulty in approving an expenditure for what they said would be for their benefit, not necessarily the students' benefit.

"There's no doubt it's an improvement," said George Korlandt. "My interest is it's a fair chunk of money we're talking here."

Could the students take advantage of the technology, perhaps by holding a class in the board room, located at the Educational Services Building, he asked. Or could the technology be set up within the Novi High School broadcast room and the meetings be taped and broadcast through the district's fiber-optic cable system?

According to Rita Traynor, assistant superintendent of instruction, the potential is there. Superintendent Dr. Emmett Lippe said the high school television pro-

duction teacher expressed a need for updated technology recently. Trustee Julia Abrams said she wouldn't approve unless the students could take advantage of it.

"It's easy for me to authorize six figures for curriculum," she explained. "... It's very difficult for me to authorize numbers like this for quality pictures."

Elfring reminded the board the improvement isn't for the board. It's for the community who watches the board meetings on cable.

"We're here. We can see. We can hear. It's the people who are watching who can't," she said.

Because the broadcasts project beyond the district limits to other communities, it is important to

show the school system has the advanced technology it gives to the students, Korlandt said.

"If we're going to show poor technology, maybe that's a negative," he explained.

But, he added, "everyone understands we're not NBC here."

Elfring said she will additionally look at contracting with Southwestern Oakland Cable Commission or bidding out the equipment recommended by the consulting firm.

Residents can tell the board what they think by calling Elfring at the Educational Services Building at 449-1200 or send email to: cefring@fc.novi.k12.mi.us.

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Phil Power

So much already has been said and written about the death of Princess Diana and the role of the celebrity photographers in it that I hesitate to put in my own two cents. Except that the core issue in the matter—the relative responsibility of the paparazzi who stalk celebrities, who in turn feed on the fame their images build—strikes precisely to the particular kind of community journalism practiced by this newspaper.

In my mind, the central obscurity propagated by the motorcycle-riding photographers who chased the princess, her boyfriend and their driver to their sudden deaths was that they did not care what took place as a result of their actions.

They didn't care that chasing a Mercedes at very high speeds might wind up in a fatal crash. As they clambered over the twisted wreck to take close-ups, they didn't care that people lay bleeding and dying inside.

They did not care about the consequences of their actions. And as a result, in my mind, they are condemned as fundamentally irresponsible people pursuing a particularly intrusive and obnoxious trade.

Now—and here's where community journalism comes in—the paparazzi claim they are lit-

tle more than regular photojournalists, maybe a little more aggressive than most, but still engaged in the overall journalistic enterprise. And that claim may well be true, especially when the definition of overall journalistic enterprise extends to the editors who pay enormous prices for paparazzi pics.

And that is where those of us who practice community journalism at this HomeTown newspaper part company with the overall journalistic enterprise. We think there's a big difference between community journalism and the other sort, enough so that we stress the difference in an essay on Our Company Philosophy that goes to all staffers:

"All journalists share the same obligation to truth, accuracy and fairness. But because we publish community newspapers, we think about community journalism in a fundamentally different way than our bigger competitors. They consider themselves to be independent from the stories, the people and the communities they cover, swooping in to write of the unusual or sensational and then dashing off to cover something else.

"We regard ourselves as both accurate journalists and as caring citizens of the communities where we both work and live. It's often hard to have both at once, but in the end it makes for fairer and more accurate journalism because it considers the consequences of a news story to the community and to the people involved.

"As a suburban mayor once said about reporters from the downtown daily newspaper, 'The only time we see those bastards out here is

when there's blood in the streets.'"

This philosophy isn't something printed on a sheet of paper, framed and hung on the wall safely out of the way. It's something embedded at the heart of everything we do.

Here's an example: In May 1993, a group of kids from Cranbrook-Kingswood School on a camping trip in the Great Smoky Mountains got caught in a freakish spring blizzard. It was tough and go for awhile, but they survived, only to become the objects in a media feeding frenzy.

The big city dailies ran screaming headlines about "Campers Safe," while Bill Bonds kept bawling the Channel 7 news crew for not getting closer to the scene as the buses pulled in and kids were joyously welcomed into the arms of anxious parents.

The headline in the Birmingham Eclectic, one of our HomeTown newspapers: "Welcome home." And our reporters and photographers were the only ones allowed in the greeting area. Why? As editor Joe Bauman wrote: "Because we had the contacts and the confidence of the Cranbrook officials who knew us and what they could expect from us."

As community journalists, we are both accurate journalists and caring citizens of the home towns we cover. That's the definition of human and journalistic responsibility that never occurred to the paparazzi who chased Princess Diana to her death.

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

Capello demonstrates integrity

To the Editor:

I felt compelled to address Councilman Robert Schmidt's perspective re: a conflict of interest by Novi Planning Commissioner Kim Thomas Capello and his quest to build within the City of Novi (The Novi News, Aug. 28). My second topic follows:

As a voting resident for the past 14 years in the City of Novi, I have followed our government closely and have also experienced the Reign of Schmidt. As past president of the Lochmoor Village Homeowners Association I have had, firsthand, the pleasure of working with Mr. Capello on a variety of issues. He is a man of great integrity and intelligence. He has the ability to be introspective, insightful and is fully articulate with all matters of real estate law. This was demonstrated in his recent abstention from voting on a matter that directly concerned himself during a recent Novi Planning Commission meeting.

My initial thoughts are that Mr. Capello's reappointment to the Planning Commission was a thorn in Mr. Schmidt's side. Second, for Mr. Schmidt to imply that as an attorney and planning commissioner, Mr. Capello's knowledge of the "nuances of the development game" gives him an unfair advantage with the commission is ludicrous. Major and minor corporations throughout the world hire people who know the ins and outs of their businesses everyday.

All of the planning commissioners were appointed to their positions by city government. Does this indicate Mr. Schmidt has concerns about this commissioner's ability to assimilate data and vote intelligently? I find this offensive. His comment, "We appoint a certain number of commissioners because we want those votes" also doesn't fly with me. How many times have nay of the city council members, at one point or another, abstained from a particular vote? Abstention (in moderation, of course) doesn't destroy our government. Narrow-mindedness does. Which leads me next to my belated rant about the golf course issue.

I am so tired of having this golf

Letters

course issue rammed up my backside (without a city wide vote) by golfer Bob (and others). Because he is such an avid golfer, and a councilman to boot, should he really be allowed to cast a vote in this matter? It appears to me that as former mayor and current councilman, he is pretty well versed in the "nuances of the game" to get this golf course at any price including his current seat. . . .

Please, Mr. Schmidt, recognize that Mr. Capello was reappointed by those who recognize his intelligence, concern for his city and his commitment to do the right thing for Novi. The fact that he wants to build within the city land help Novi's tax base is his right as a citizen of this country. His wise decision to abstain from voting in his own behalf demonstrates his integrity. You have a right to express yourself as well. I just feel that you should check with the citizens of Novi (via a vote before personally invading their colonies). That would be the polite thing to do.

Michele L. Martinez

Like the direction Novi is taking

To the Editor:
Re: Joseph B. Toti's Sept. 4 letter

Mr. Toti's letter mentions the cost of the ice arena project but doesn't mention how the community will benefit. It is very easy to criticize and to offer no other option other than to put it to an expensive community vote as he suggests. That is an old fashion way of thinking. Today communities have to think of "creative financing" to stay up with very expensive needed projects. It is a sign of the times. I like the direction Novi is taking.

If this project had been started a few years ago, we probably would not have the costs we have today. We are behind in providing recreational facilities to our community with the support of their managers put forth an exhaustive effort to solicit donations and arrange the playing place. Mr. B's Farm. They also gathered the support of the Novi Lions and Jerry's former co-workers at the Livonia Post Office.

Next, the Novi Lions. The club that brought Jerry enjoyment and involvement for nine years generously gave back to their brother by soliciting donations and performing numerous services at the benefit itself.

Next, the Livonia Post Office. Jerry worked side-by-side with these people and they didn't forget him by enlisting the band Blackjack to provide the entertainment.

Finally we have to give an enormous thank you to family and friends for attending. None of the efforts of these special people would have made a difference were it not for the hundreds of people that filled Mr. B's afternoons long. From close friends and family to people we barely remembered to people we never realized had

touched our lives or had had theirs touched by us, we never realized how wealthy we were.

Jerry hasn't ever been a man of a many words, but he was overwhelmed by all the love that poured his way that day, and he felt extremely fortunate and blessed to have received such a beautiful tribute.

Thank you, everyone.

Jerry and Sue
Burkowski
and family

Overwhelmed by love, support

To the Editor:

I find it difficult to put into words my feelings at this time, but I feel that there are certain people who deserve a special thank you for making the benefit for Jerry Burkowski on Aug. 10 the great success that it was.

All of us who love and care about Jerry appreciate the material donations for his benefit, but the following groups of people put enormous amounts of time and emotion into the benefit to make it a reality.

First, the Novi post office. Jerry's co-workers got the ball rolling, and

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Mary Linda Calderone is the Community Outreach Coordinator for SWOCC.

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

YOUR RISK OF BECOMING INJURED

In an effort to find out athletes' and exercisers' risk for sports injury, Dutch researchers studied 139 subjects over a period of one year. They found that there was a direct link between stressful life events and cases of injury. It seems that personal problems may contribute to injury by distracting exercisers and athletes from the activity at hand. Beyond that, the researchers at Vrije University found that dominant people tend to get injured more often than passive types, perhaps owing to their intensity and increased willingness to assume risk. And, of course, those who spent the most time training or competing were at highest risk for enduring trauma, as were those who had previously suffered injury.

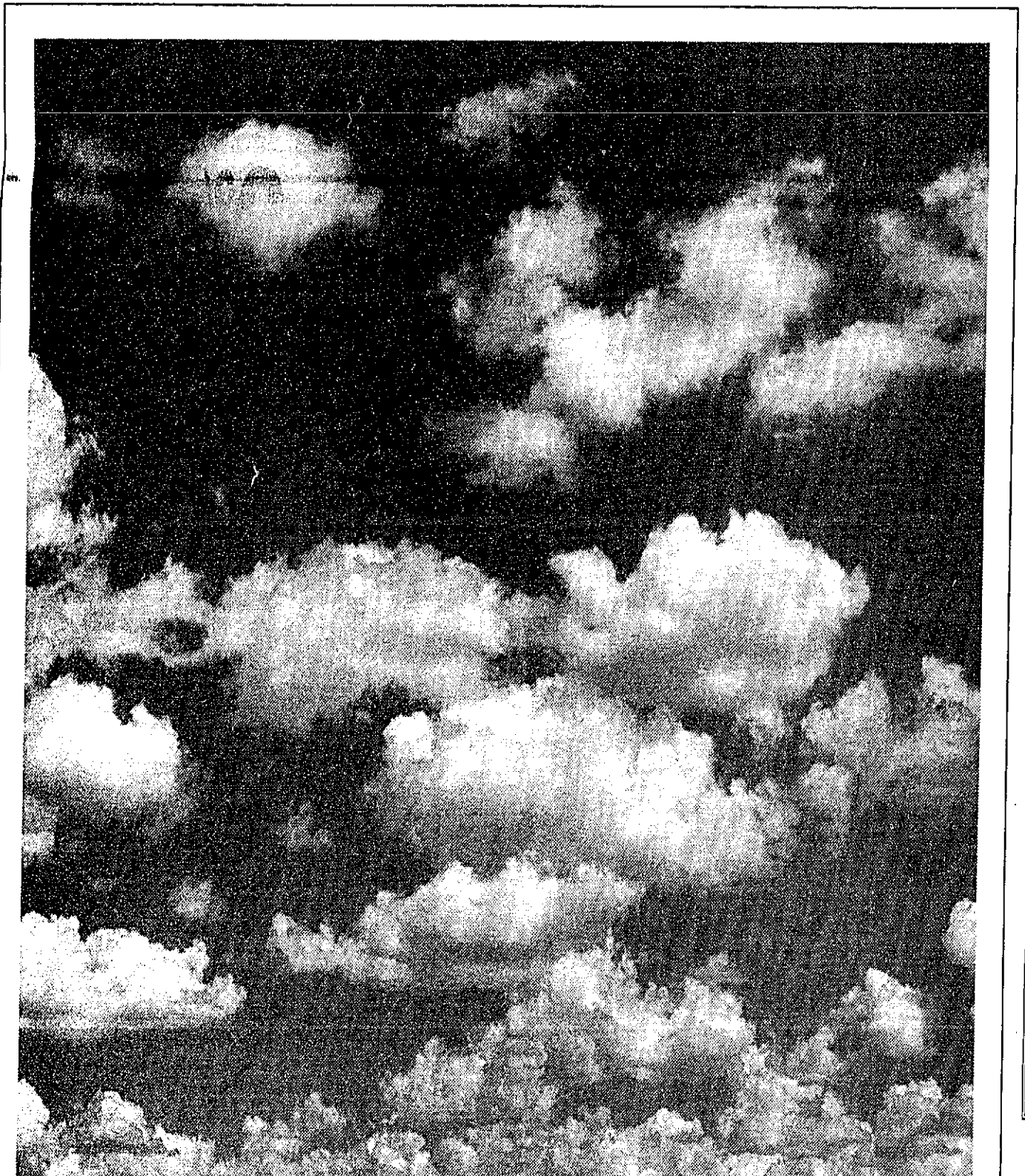
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Still time to join CROP walk for October march

By RANDY COBLE
Staff Writer

There's still time to join in the fight against hunger that's going to take place just three weeks from today.

The afternoon of Sunday, Oct. 5 will see hundreds of volunteers come together to participate in the 1997 Northville/Novi CROP Walk. It's not a race and you don't have to be fast on your feet to help out. All you have to do is care.

CROP stands for Church Rural Overseas Program, one of the world's oldest hunger relief organizations. CROP is an umbrella organization made up of churches and relief agencies across the globe that are trying to end hunger both in faraway places and right here in Northville.

People in this community go to bed each night without enough to eat, says Walk organizer Carol Ann Donnelly. Part of the money raised from this year's CROP Walk will be used for their benefit. Last year's 350 participants pulled in more than \$20,000 in pledges. The more walkers, the

more money raised and the more people helped.

We hope to see as many people participating as possible," explained Donnelly, Christian services director at Novi's Holy Family Church.

Three-fourths of the money raised locally will go to CROP hunger relief efforts overseas. Four local agencies which combat the problem locally get the rest. They include: Northville City Center (7 percent), Novi Emergency Food Program (7 percent), South Lyon-based food distribution agency Active Faith (7 percent), and the First Step shelter in Canton for women and children who are victims of domestic violence (4 percent).

Churches in Northville and Novi are leading the Walk again this year, just as they have for the last decade. If you want to take part just be prepared to walk 10 kilometers (6.2 miles). The route begins at Novi's Faith Community Church, winds through Northville and will end at Our Lady of Victory.

An ice cream social will follow

that afternoon at Novi Meadows School on Taft Road. For more information contact Carol Ann Donnelly at 349-5553, Diane Hancock at (313) 450-9377 or Tom Anan at 347-2457.

You can also show up to register on the day of the Walk beginning at 1:30 p.m. at Faith Community Church, located on Ten Mile across from Novi City Hall.

Are you looking for a way to do community service work, perhaps as part of a requirement for church, Boy or Girl Scouts or even a court sentence? If so, CROP Walk organizers encourage you to join in. You'll receive certification of your participation.

Walkers who raise \$100 or more will receive a special CROP Walk pin, so register early and begin scoping up those pledges, organizers urge. T-shirts are also available for a \$10 donation.

As a special treat the walker who raises the most money this year wins a very unique prize: a genuine hot air balloon ride.

Firefighters battle three blazes

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

Novi firefighters were busy this weekend putting out two mobile home fires Saturday and an apartment fire Monday afternoon.

The Novi Fire Department was first called into action at 2:31 a.m. on Saturday, according to Chief Art Lenaghan. The mobile home at 30212 Marquant in the Chateau Estates Mobile Home Park was engulfed in flames hot enough to melt the vinyl siding off the home next door.

There was no one home at the time, and Lenaghan said the department has yet to make contact with any owner.

Lenaghan said the gas line caught fire also, but the entire

home was extinguished by 7:40 a.m. using the tanker truck since no fire hydrants were available in the park.

Damage was estimated at \$35,000. The fire is under investigation by the Oakland County Sheriff's Department.

The next fire was a little more devastating. The call came in at 10:17 p.m. when trucks were sent to put out flames at 522 Eckesday in the Old Dutch Mobile Home Park.

Although the homeowners had left about 2 p.m. and were not present at the time of the fire, the family dog was lost in the flames.

"Due to the size of the building it was a lot more of a fire than the one in the morning," he said.

As in the previous fire, the tanker was used to extinguish the fire, which was under control within 40 minutes, Lenaghan said.

One firefighter suffered an eye injury during the incident and was taken to Providence Hospital in Novi and released that morning.

Lenaghan said the department cleared the scene at 3:54 Sunday morning.

The fire department saw action again on Monday at 2:43 p.m. Lenaghan said they extinguished a kitchen fire in an apartment at 22282 Edgewater in the Crosswinds complex. He said there was smoke damage throughout the residence but the fire was confined to the kitchen area.

There were no injuries.

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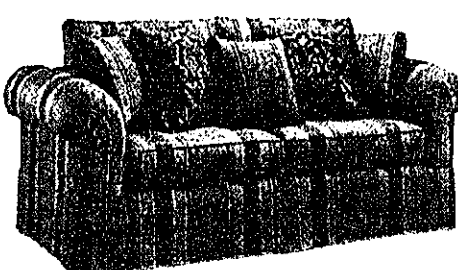
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11:00 a.m. — Christian Singles Today

11:30 a.m. — Wise Guys: Benny the As

12:00 p.m. — Rock Soup: Dablogery

12:30 p.m. — (con't)

1:00 p.m. — Adventures with Pirate Pete

1:30 p.m. — Home for Life: Status and Finishes

2:00 p.m. — Financial Strategies

2:30 p.m. — Now You're Cooking

3:00 p.m. — Walld Lake Casino and Amusement Park

3:30 p.m. — (con't)

4:00 p.m. — Creature Feature: Science Alive

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. — Tim Pope Memorial Flystructure

8:30 p.m. — (con't)

9:00 p.m. — Lansing Connection

9:30 p.m. — Groove Session

TUESDAY, SEPT. 16

10:00 a.m. — Legislative Forum

10:30 a.m. — Specs Profile

11:00 a.m. — Law Talk: Rick Inatome

11:30 a.m. — (con't)

12:00 p.m. — Summit University

1:00 p.m. — Drawing Men to Christ

2:00 p.m. — (con't)

2:30 p.m. — Lansing Connection

3:00 p.m. — The Show Me Show: Music and Kids

3:30 p.m. — The Elegant Life: Bed and Breakfast

3:50 p.m. — (con't)

4:00 p.m. — In the Kitchen with By

4:30 p.m. — Just for the Health of It: Lower Back Pain

5:00 p.m. — INFO TV-12 News Magazine

5:30 p.m. — People Who Make Things Happen

6:00 p.m. — Turning It Around: Good News, Good Views

6:30 p.m. — (con't)

7:00 p.m. — Fitness Motivators

7:30 p.m. — Financial Strategies

8:00 p.m. — Dr. Success Presents:

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8:30 p.m. — (con't)

9:00 p.m. — Let's Talk with Ben Maris

9:30 p.m. — (con't)

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 17

10:00 a.m. — Life Mailers

10:30 a.m. — Excellence on Route

11:00 a.m. — Patterson and Company

11:30 a.m. — The Capitol Report

12:00 p.m. — School of Ministry and Mission

1:00 p.m. — The Way, The Truth and The Life

1:30 p.m. — Study in Scripture

2:00 p.m. — AMVETS

2:30 p.m. — Restoration Now

3:00 p.m. — Christian Singles Today

3:30 p.m. — Mr. Blue Fuzzy Show

4:00 p.m. — Groove Session

4:30 p.m. — Critter Connection

5:00 p.m. — INFO TV-12 News Magazine

5:30 p.m. — Farmington Families in Action: Managing Middle School Madness

6:00 p.m. — (con't)

6:30 p.m. — Farmington Hills Hockey: Blaze versus Redwings

7:00 p.m. — (con't)

7:30 p.m. — Adventures with Pirate Pete

8:00 p.m. — Wise Guys: Benny the

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8:00 p.m. — Novi Street Beat Live

8:30 p.m. — Who, What, Where, Y Today

9:00 p.m. — Just for the Health of It: Lower Back Pain

9:30 p.m. — Rock Soup

THURSDAY, SEPT. 18

10:00 a.m. — Fitness Motivators

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 Secret Place

3:30 p.m. — Adventures with Pirate Pete

4:00 p.m. — Law Talk: Rick Inatome

4:30 p.m. — (con't)

5:00 p.m. — Shaarey Zedek Productions

5:30 p.m. — (con't)

6:00 p.m. — Special Olympics

6:30 p.m. — Out in the Open II: Men in Robes

7:00 p.m. — (con't)

7:30 p.m. — Farmington Hills Police Journal

8:00 p.m. — People Who Make Things Happen
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12:30 p.m. — People Who Make Things Happen
1:00 p.m. — Critter Connection
1:30 p.m. — Groove Session
2:00 p.m. — To Be Announced
2:30 p.m. — Bagels and Talk with Tracy

3:00 p.m. — INFO TV-12 News Magazine

3:30 p.m. — Lansing Connection
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FRIDAY, SEPT. 19

10:00 a.m. — Law Talk
10:30 a.m. — (con't)

11:00 a.m. — To Be Announced
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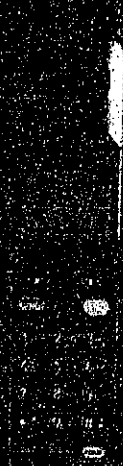


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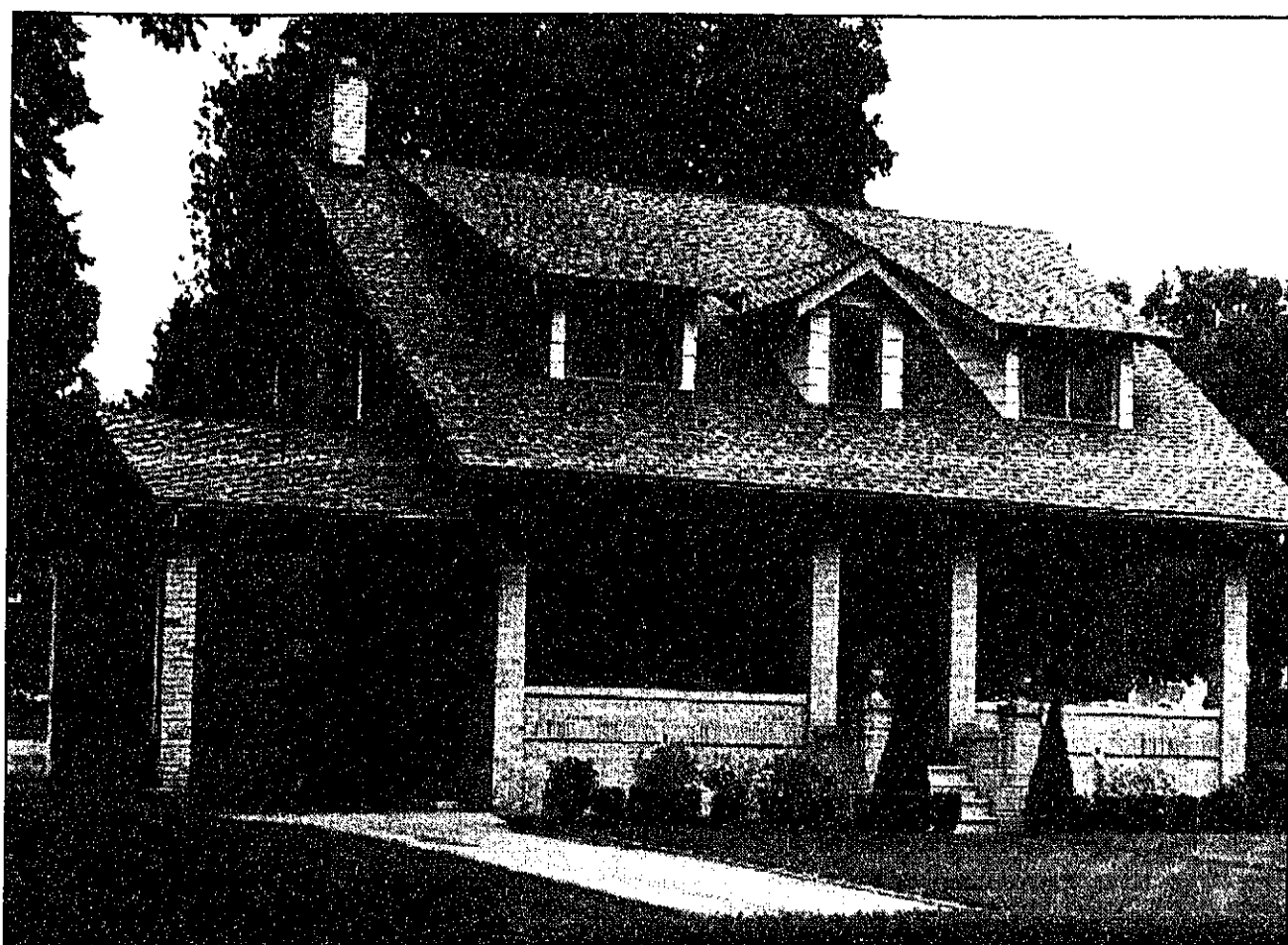
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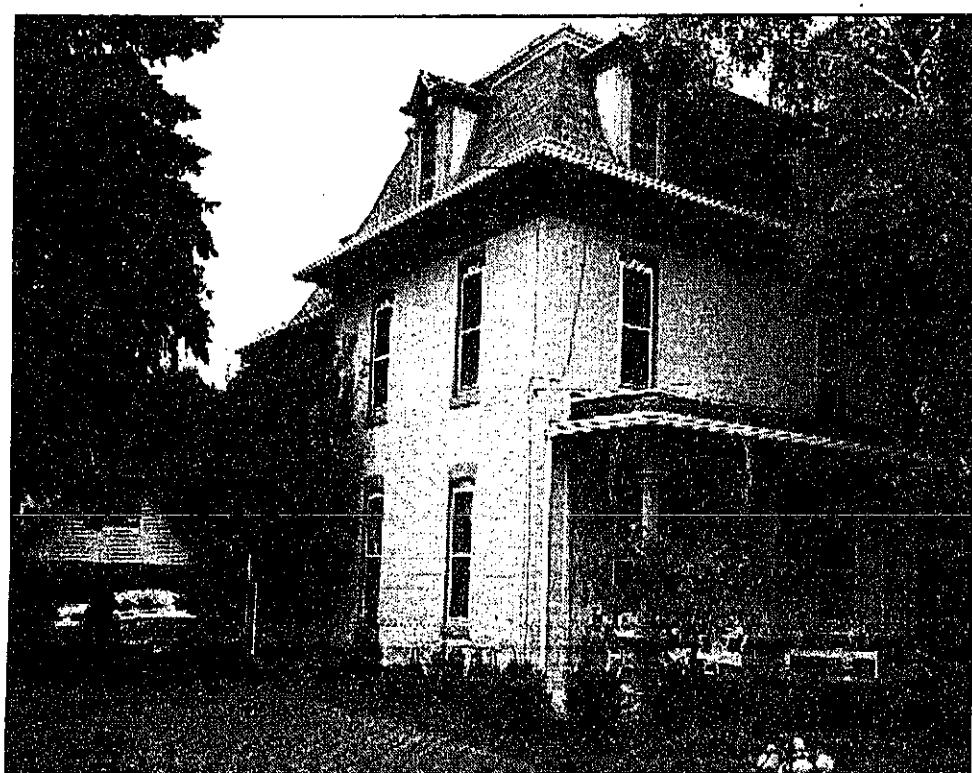
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Photos by JOHN HEIDER

The Bungalow is known for its wide veranda and low-pitched roof.



The Mansard roof allows the third floor or attic of this home to be used as living space.



Above:
Queen Anne
and Italianate
details were
included in
this Victorian
farmhouse.
Left: Even
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style home
has 3,300
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NORTHVILLE HISTORICAL Home Tour

A variety of architectural styles
can be seen during this year's tour
of historical houses

By CAROL DIPPLE
Feature Editor

The majority of houses built during the Victorian era were not mansions but homes constructed for shop keepers, accountants, lawyers, doctors, and bankers.

Of the five homes included in the third annual Northville Historical Home Tour, it's known that one was used by a prominent physician and another was built as a wedding present.

Sponsored by the The Northville-Novu Branch of the American Association of University Women, the tour is set for 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13. Most of the featured homes measure about 3,000 square feet and all have undergone renovations and additions over the years.

The original rooms in a Victorian home included a parlor, a dining room, a kitchen and bedrooms.

By 1860 parlors were common in almost every house, with some homes having both an informal and a formal parlor. The word "parlor" is derived from the French word *parler*, meaning to parley. Socializing was a chief pastime during the era and callers were usually received in the parlor.

By 1880, with entertaining becoming less important, the parlor evolved into the living room where the focus turned to relaxation for the family rather than socializing with guests.

The bedrooms were the private areas of a Victorian home. Children and adults alike could retreat to their individual domains where they were surrounded by their more personal possessions.

The first boudoirs were really only corners of the master bedroom suite which had been separated by a screen from the rest of the bedroom providing a private corner, which included a washstand, a bowl and a pitcher for water.

Later, bedrooms, usually adjacent to

the hostess's bedroom, were converted into bathrooms. Homes which were built before 1880 had to add plumbing for bathrooms which were usually located at the rear of the house.

Even with mass-produced bathtubs, sinks, and toilets which were available during the 1880s, only 20 percent of city houses had indoor plumbing by the 1900s.

A few of the architectural styles during this period included Italianate, Queen Anne, the bungalow and Mansards, which can be seen on the homes chosen for this year's Northville Historical Home Tour.

A French concept home on the tour which was built in the 1880s includes a Mansard style roof. The roof style was named after the French architect Francois Mansart who was at the peak of his career in the 1650s.

During the 17th century property taxes were assessed in France according to the number of stories featured on a house, excluding the attic. The pitch of a Mansard roof allowed the attic to be used as an additional story of living space - tax free. All three floors of the tour home, which was restored to its original appearance in 1967, will be open for viewing.

The bungalow style, which emerged in the mid-1890s and was popular through 1925, is represented by a home on the tour built in 1921 by a father as a wedding present for his daughter. Usually a single-story home, it featured a wide veranda and low-pitched roof. Popularized by Los Angeles architects Charles and Henry Green, it originated in India and Ceylon. The name bungalow is an Anglicization of "Bengali." The home is still owned by the same family.

The Queen Anne style, which became prevalent in the 1880s and 1890s, included a variety of exterior siding materials and decorative elements which can be seen on a recently renovated home included on the tour



The Victorian Queen Anne style home uses a combination of materials and decorative elements on the exterior of the home.

Northville Historic Home Tour

When: Saturday, Sept. 13, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Cost: Presale ticket guide: \$10 per person; ticket guide the day of tour: \$12 per person.

Sponsor: The Northville-Novu Branch of the American Association of University Women.

Information: Call (248) 449-6319.

this year.

Two farmhouses round out the selections for AAUW's fund-raiser. Funds raised go to the Schoolcraft College Women's Resource Center and the Oakland Community College Women-center. In addition, AAUW National Educational Foundation scholarships and educational programming and leadership training for the branch will

also receive proceeds.

One of the farmhouses dates back to at least 1859. It was moved to its current location sometime around the turn of the century but its small-town feel has survived to this day.

Radiators still provide the heat for the second farmhouse, which was built in the 1860s. Architectural styles include four-over-four paired windows

in the original section of the home from an Italianate influence which is more narrow than a green revival style. Queen Anne details include exterior window trim.

The program guide listing all the homes with brief descriptions also serves as the admission ticket to each of the homes.

Presale program guides, priced at \$10 per person, should be purchased in advance from any AAUW member, or at gardenviews, 202 W. Main, or Kitchen Witch, 134 E. Main.

Advance purchase is necessary because program guides are usually sold out on tour day. If program guides are available on Saturday, they will go for \$12 per person.

To make sure the homes are in the same immaculate condition after the tour as they were before, guests are asked to wear socks or stockings because they will be required to remove their shoes before entering each of the homes. Smoking, eating, or drinking is never allowed in any of the homes. Children under 12 and pets are not allowed on the tour and no inside photographs are permitted.

Each home is staffed by volunteers who will work in shifts throughout the six-hour event.

"We have 100 AAUW members and friends from the community who are preparing to be hostesses for the upcoming historical home tour," hostess chairperson Carol Welsh said. "We are looking forward to people enjoying these attractive homes."

Four homes are within walking distance of the center of the city and one is located on Seven Mile Road.

Flower arrangements in the homes on this year's tour will be donated by Flowers & More of Novi Town Center, Carmine Bossio of Northville, Bea's Flowers and Gifts and Emerald City Designs.

For more information, call Nancy Longo at (248) 449-6319.

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Resident is cast in comedy

The Plymouth Theatre Guild opens its 51st season with Neil Simon's *Plaza Suite* on Friday, Sept. 19.

The play focuses on three couples who occupy suite 719 at the Plaza Hotel. The first revolves around a married couple's differing perspectives on their long-term marriage.

The second couple include a three-divorced Hollywood producer who invites his former sweetheart to meet him for a drink. The last couple is a mom and dad who are trying to coax their daughter out of the bathroom in time for her wedding.

The three one-act plays are directed by Sandy Rosenberger. Now resident Kristin Curle has been cast as Mimsy in act three and as the waitress in act one. A 1992 graduate of Ladywood High School in Livonia, Curle is returning for her fourth show with the guild.

While in high school, she performed in *Musical Man*, *Pilgrimage*, *Pure as the Driven Snow* and *10 Men*. "I took a break after high school until my last year in college," Curle said. "I'm so excited to be back. I've always loved acting - it is something I've wanted to do since grade school."

A recent graduate of U-M Dearborn with a bachelor of arts degree in communications and a minor in French, she is currently job hunting.

In previous productions with the Plymouth Theatre Guild, the



Novi resident Kristin Curle (far right) plays Mimsy in the third act of 'Plaza Suite' which opens Friday, Sept. 19, at the Water Tower Theatre.

PLAZA SUITE

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■ Tickets are available at Sir Speedy Printing Center, 485 S. Main Street in Plymouth and Piccadilly Petal Flowers, 42047 Ford Road in Canton.

■ For further information or group rates call (248) 349-7110.

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■ Plymouth Theatre Guild's web address is: www.causeway.com/plg/

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Seagal struggles to prevent eco-disaster

The long rows of rolling, green hills that compose the countryside of South-eastern Kentucky seem to stretch forever. This tranquil splendor is a true piece of rural America's heritage. But now, this rustic landscape faces certain destruction from a deadly secret that has been buried for decades beneath its surface.

Federal Environmental Protection Agency (E.P.A.) Marshall Jack Taggart (Steven Seagal) has set out on assignment to investigate the ruthless killing of a trusted colleague. Following the murdered agent's trail, Taggart travels through the tiny hamlets that dot the hills of Appalachia to expose the people responsible for dumping hazardous waste — lethal chemical time bombs such as dioxin, cyanide and benzene — into abandoned mine shafts that most residents would rather forget.

But some of the townspeople are getting sick, and whoever is behind the illegal dumping is protected by the silence of a town living in fear. The citizens close their eyes and shut their mouths while the quietly sanctioned industrial poisoning turns the lands surrounding their homes into a valley of death.

Working undercover as a carpenter through a local relief mission, Taggart slowly intermingles with these backwoods communities. Fixing stairs and roofs for the poor, distrustful townsfolk, he eventually becomes personally

committed to the locals whose lives are endangered by the tainted terrain.

While secretly searching for the shattered coal mines, Taggart centers his investigation around mercenary mining tycoon Orin Hammer (Kris Kristofferson), a local success story tied to the mines being used as illegal dump sites deep in the Bluegrass hills.

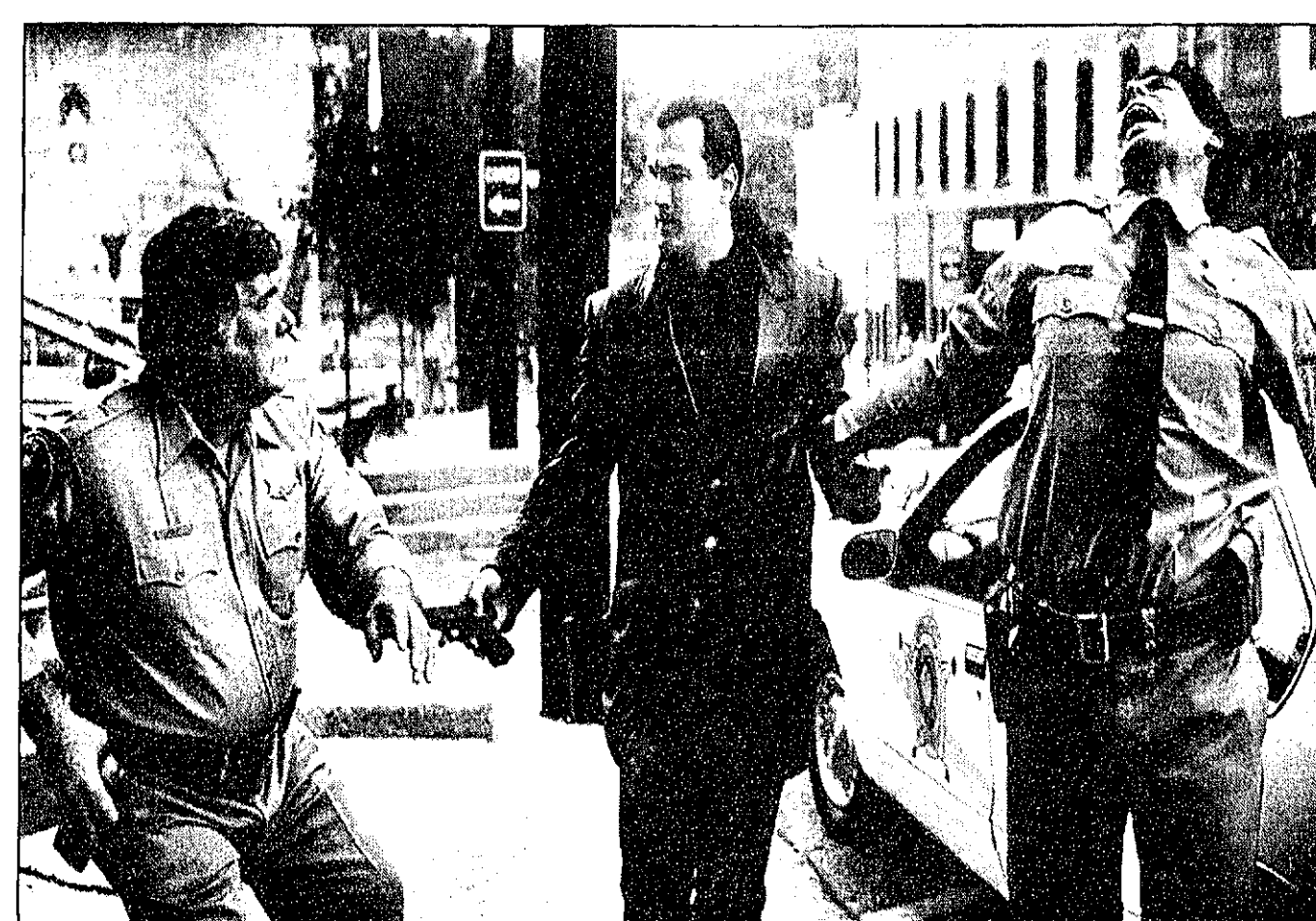
During his inquiry, Taggart also meets and romances Sarah Kellogg (Marg Helgenberger), a local outcast with a checkered past whose murdered father once worked as a miner for Hammer.

Sarah shares her lonely existence with her brother, Earl (Stephen Lang), and the Kellogg family secrets that are as potent and deadly as the toxic burning that has been quietly raging for years.

Now, Jack Taggart struggles to avenge his colleague's death and to prevent an irreparable ecological catastrophe that will turn this idyllic land into an uninhabitable wasteland for generations to come.

Warner Bros. presents "Fire Down Below," a Seagal/Nasro Production. Veteran television director-cinematographer Felix Enriquez Alcalá makes his feature-film directing debut on an original screenplay by Jeb Stuart and Philip Morion based on a story by Stuart.

"Fire Down Below" also stars Harry Dean Stanton as the town's handyman, Cotton, and actor-



Steven Seagal (center) strong-arms Ed Bruce (left) and Steve Palmer (right) in Warner Bros.' eco-thriller "Fire Down Below."

musician Levon Helm as the local preacher, Reverend Goodall. Joining the film's supporting cast are Brad Hunt as Orin Hammer, Jr.

and figures from the world of country and western music: Ed Bruce as the town sheriff; Alex Harvey as the local bully Sims;

country rocker Mark Collie makes his feature-film debut as Sims' sidekick, Hatch; Randy Travis, Travis Tritt, Marty Stuart and

Patsy and Peggy Lynn, identical twin daughters of the legendary Loretta Lynn, also appear in featured roles.

Fable chronicles outrageous love affair

"She's So Lovely," a romantic fable from the late John Cassavetes, chronicles the illicit and often comic events of a truly outrageous love affair.

Eddie and Maureen are crazy with passion for one another. Drunk, unstable and about to have a baby, they live in a world of funky barf and colorful low-lives, living it up on no money and their manic need for each other.

But even when their quirky love drives one of them off the deep end, and the other into a fairy tale rags to riches transformation, nothing can keep this unconventional couple apart.

"Has anybody seen my husband?"

Maureen (Robin Wright Penn) screams her question at the corner bar, as likely a place as any to find her husband Eddie (Sean Penn). Eddie's been missing for three days, again, a common occurrence ever since Maureen got pregnant.

Maureen's friends don't know why she puts up with Eddie's wild streak but Maureen wouldn't have it any other way. He's often out, and she's often down, but when these two misfits are together somehow everything seems to be all right.

But with no special effects, like the recently released "Star Wars Trilogy," and no new scenes, why bother seeing "Dirty Dancing" in a theatre when you can easily rent it?

Simple. Because seeing it on the big screen makes it all the more real (that and the music is louder and Patrick Swayze is more life sized).

No matter whether you rent it or head out to "have the time of your life again" at the local theatre, you should see "Dirty Dancing" again.

It's a timeless classic that makes viewers feel good, no matter how many times viewers have seen it.

"Dirty Dancing" is definitely must-see material.

anything for each other.

Except now there's a new complication. While Eddie is out on one of his routine disappearing acts, Maureen spends the night drinking with her strange neighbor Kiefer, mostly for the free whiskey.

One laugh leads to another, until Kiefer begins taking liberties with Maureen. She breaks a beer bottle over his head. He bells her in the face.

Now Maureen is bruised and Eddie is sure to go nuts. At first, Maureen tells a little lie, convincing Eddie that she just took a tumble over her high heels, something she does all the time. Eddie and Maureen kiss, laugh and go out dancing because as Eddie says, "It makes your eyes shine."

Everything seems fine, until Eddie wakes up the next morning with a crazy look in his eye, talking of love, revenge, betrayal, claustrophobia and the computer that runs the world. He's about to have one of his "episodes" and Maureen knows it. She tries to prevent it by calling in the city mental ward's Mobile Response Unit, but Eddie is already wired to explode.

Ten years later, Eddie is still in the mental hospital and Maureen's life has been completely made over. Now she's married to wealthy

Joey (John Travolta), living in suburban luxury and raising three children, including the daughter Eddie fathered a decade ago in a very different time and place. Eddie wouldn't even recognize her now.

But even though Joey has given her a happy family and security, Maureen is biding time, living out this new life never expecting that Eddie will someday get out. When he actually does, he brings back the unpredictability and occasional absurdities that have been missing from Maureen's new life.

Just days out of the hospital, Eddie joins Maureen and her picture-perfect family for dinner. True to the form, he returns with a

wild-eyed, outrageous plan to take Maureen away from the equally enamored Joey and run off with her all over again in this modern-day fairy tale.

"She's So Lovely" is a Miramax Films presentation of a Hachette Premiere production in association with Clyde is Hungry Productions, Inc. The film is directed by Nick Cassavetes from a script by

father, John Cassavetes, wrote 20 years ago. The film stars Sean Penn, Robin Wright Penn, John Travolta, Harry Dean Stanton, Debi Mazar and Gena Rowlands. The producer is Rene Cleitman and the executive producers are John Travolta, Gerard Depardieu, Sean Penn and Bernard Bouix.



John Travolta and Robin Wright Penn in Nick Cassavetes' "She's So Lovely." Sean Penn also stars.

Rerelease gives movie goes opportunity to have the 'time of your life'... again



Jennifer Grey (Baby) and Patrick Swayze (Johnny) star in the 10-year anniversary rerelease of the romantic classic "Dirty Dancing."

DIRTY DANCING
BY HEATHER WADSWORTH
NORTHVILLE

First off, let me say that it's just a little bit terrifying when one of your favorite movies gets rereleased for its 10 year anniversary. It makes you feel old. Especially when that movie is the 1987 sleeper-hit starring Jennifer Grey and the then unknown Patrick Swayze, "Dirty Dancing." Filled with outstanding music that created three top-selling soundtracks, "Dirty Dancing" still remains one of the best movies ever made.

The love story between the well-bred doctor's daughter, "Baby,"

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and the wrong-side-of-the-tracks dance instructor, Johnny, still is known as the Romeo and Juliet of the 80s.

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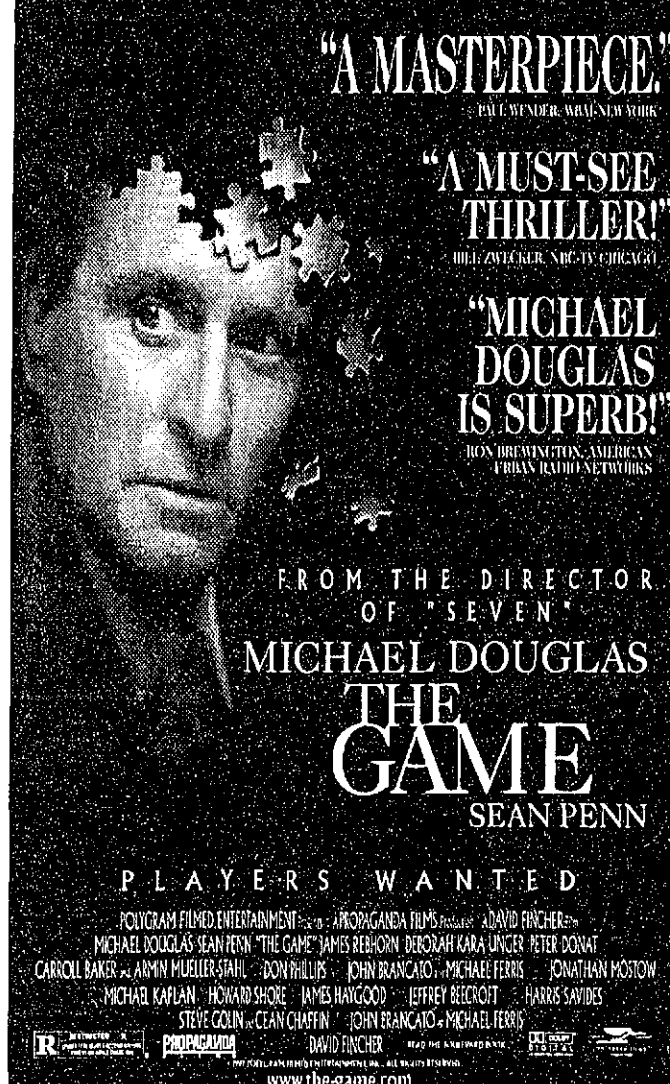
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AUDITIONS

CONCERT BAND: The Novi Concert Band, directed by Jack Kopnick, invites any adult who plays a band instrument to join the band for the 1997-98 concert season. The band rehearses on Tuesday evenings from 7:30 until 9:30 p.m. and there are no auditions. For details, call (248) 932-9244.

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CHORUS: The Plymouth Community Chorus is looking for tenors, basses, baritone, altos and sopranos. Auditions by appointment will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 16, at 7 p.m. Auditions will take place at the First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial Road, west of Sheldon Road in Plymouth. For details, call (313) 455-4080.

SPECIAL EVENTS

FINE ART SHOW: The fifth annual juried fine art show "Sharing the Gift Within" will feature Gail Mally-Mack, juror, and outstanding regional artists on Oct. 4 through 10 at the First Presbyterian Church of Northville, 200 East Main Street in Northville. Multi media works include water color, oil, collage, sculpture, graphics, photography, clay and fiber. Entry forms are available by calling (248) 349-0911 or faxing (248) 349-6474. There will be on-site adjudication. Cash awards range from \$50 to \$300. Proceeds from the art show will benefit the church's music projects.

For details, call the church at

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FLY FISHING: Registrations for Butler's Outdoors fly tying classes and for a fly fishing trip to Colorado on Sept. 26 through Sept. 29 are now being taken. Space is limited, and the deadline to register for the trip is Sept. 12. Butler's is located at 120 E. Main Street in Northville. For more information, call (248) 349-3677.

WOMEN'S PROGRAM: "Why Am I Not?" will be the topic of psychotherapist Kay Francis on Saturday, Sept. 20, at Genitti's Hole-in-The-Wall at 108 E. Main Street in Northville. The cost is \$25 per person and include lunch.

Francis is the founder of the Center for Family Learning, Inc., and the author of "Getting to Know You - The Intimate Connection." Francis will explore self-love, personal needs, spirituality, life choices and relationships. For details, call (248) 349-0522.

EUCHRE: The Novi Lions Club will hold a euchre tournament on Saturday, Sept. 20, at 6:30 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 West Ten Mile Road in Novi. There will be door prizes and a 50/50 raffle. The cost of the partner-play event is \$10 in advance or \$12 at the door per person. The registration deadline is Sept. 15. All proceeds will benefit Lions/Lioness charities. Bring old eye glasses and hearing aids. For details, call Maggie at (248) 344-4653.

THEATER

MARQUIS THEATRE: Performances of the musical *Little Red Riding Hood* at the Marquis Theatre will take place Saturday and Sunday at 2:30 p.m. on Sept. 13, 14, 20 and 21. Tickets are \$5.50. No children under three and a half will be admitted.

The Marquis Theatre is located at 135 E. Main Street in Northville. For details, call (248) 349-8110.

GENITTI'S HOLE-IN-THE-WALL: McBeeBee family members from the east side have just been awarded the Proctology Clearing House Sweepstakes grand prize and have decided to take a vacation, but no one knows where yet in the interactive dinner theater production of *Vacation: Impossible*. Performances of *Vacation: Impossible* will be held on Friday and Saturday and occasionally during the week. The interactive children's mini lunch show, *Genitti's Weird Sci*

ence, offers performances on Saturdays at 1:30 a.m. Genitti's is located at 108 E. Main Street in Northville. For reservations, call (248) 349-0522. Reservations are required. Call 348-9544 for details.

MUSIC

MUSIC IN THE CAFE: Pianist, composer and recording artist Jeffrey Michael will perform in the Barnes & Noble Cafe at Six Mile and Haggerty in Northville on Friday and Saturday, Sept. 12 and 13, from 7 to 10 p.m. For details, call (248) 348-0696.

ART

GATE VI GALLERY: The hand-colored black and white photography of Linda Joy Solomon will be on exhibit at the Gate VI Gallery through Sept. 12.

Month-long exhibits of local artists are held 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.

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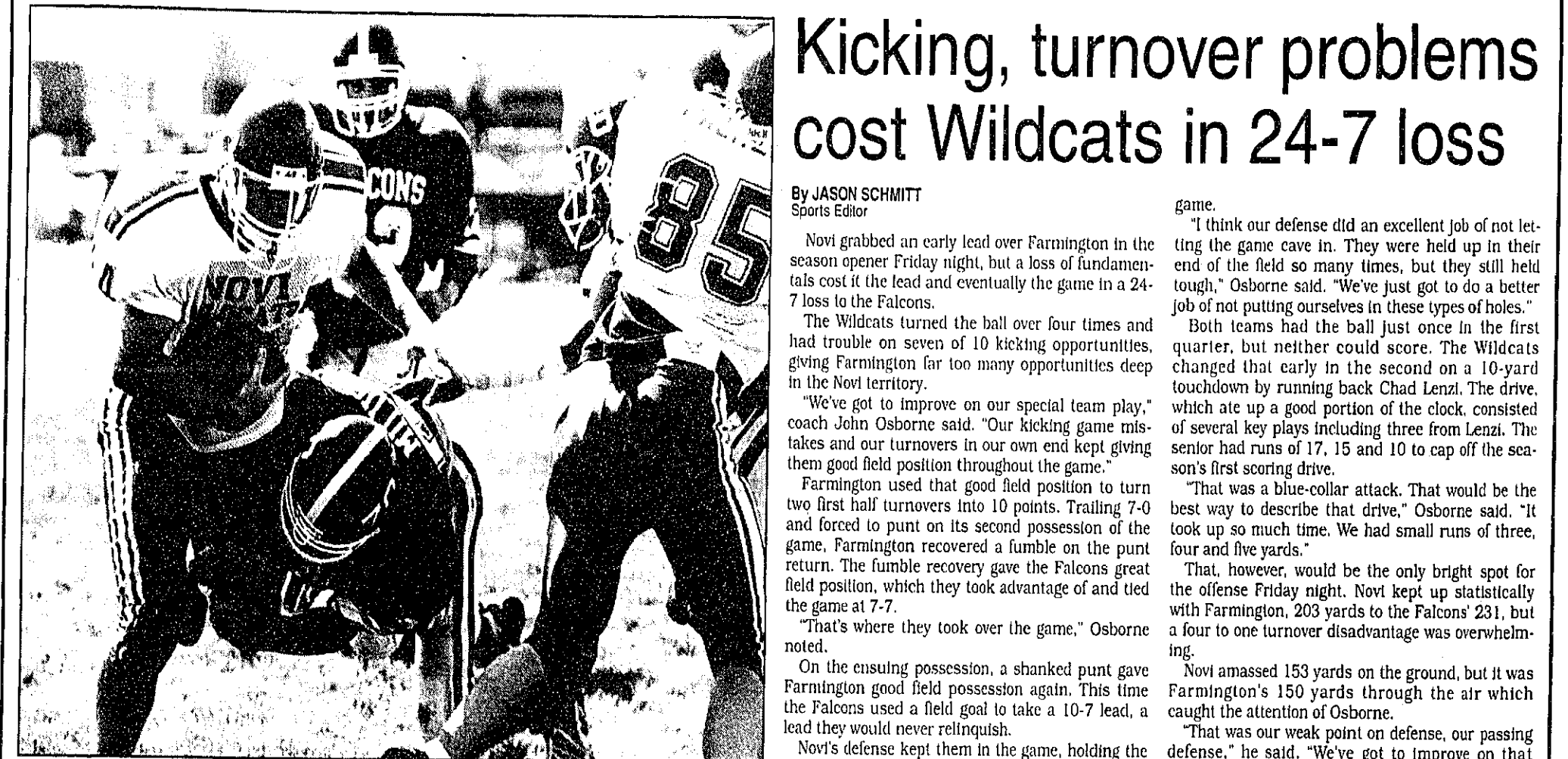
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Running back Mike O'Doherty tries to break a tackle as Bob Palmer sets a block Saturday.

'Cats top field at Ypsilanti

By SCOTT DANIEL, Special Writer

It hasn't been a warm September thus far, but that hasn't kept the Wildcat boys' cross country squad from being red-hot.

Novi High continued its fast start Saturday by winning the Ypsilanti-Lincoln Invitational at Rolling Hills County Park in Willis. The Wildcats top seven runners finished 13th or better to give Novi the winning margin.

"We're off to an identical start as last year," coach Bob Smith said, noting that his team won its first two dual meets and invitational a season ago. "I think our guys are running with confidence and running together. A team does better when it runs together."

Indeed, Novi had a pack time the amount of time a squad's fifth runner finishes behind its first runner - or just 34 seconds Saturday.

Smith would like to keep that kind of pack time throughout the season. He'd also like to avoid a setback against Milford Tuesday, which is something last year's squad couldn't do. The Wildcats, he said, got a little cocky after its fast start last year.

"We lost our focus," he added. "We want to make sure we take our meets one at a time this year."

Tuesday's race will be at Cass Benton in Northville starting at 4:30 p.m.

The Wildcats will receive a boost for the race when star runner Kevin Avenius returns to the lineup. He has missed the team's first three meets because of soreness in his knee.

Smith said he doesn't believe it's anything serious. But he wanted to hold Avenius until pain subsided.

"Kevin put in a lot of miles over the summer," the coach added. "I think it was from over use." As for last Saturday's race, Novi scored 35 points to win. Northville was a distant second at 52. A total of six schools competed.

Jason Salvo finished fourth overall and was Novi's first man across in 17 minutes and 28 seconds. Brian Fischer took fifth (17:34) and John Mione was sixth (17:39).

A trio of freshmen rounded out Novi's top six. Chris Toloff was ninth overall (18:00), Mark Avenius 11th (18:02) and Eric Wallace 12 (18:31).

"We're fortunate to have three good freshmen," said Smith. "They've been in our top seven all three meets." Rob Chubb finished 13th overall in 18:46.

NOVI 19, SOUTH LYON 38

Running at Cass Benton Thursday, Novi had an easy time capturing its first Kensington Valley Conference victory of the season.

"Both teams ran real well," said Smith. "We ran much better than we did against Northville, but we still have a ways to go." Fischer won Thursday's race with a time of 17:36. Salvo was third (17:50), Toloff fourth (18:01), Wallace fifth (18:02), Mark Avenius seventh (18:21), Mione 10th (18:30) and Chubb 11th (18:31).

Novi grabs first in KVC soccer title chase

By JASON SCHMITT, Sports Editor

In what should be a tight Kensington Valley Conference (KVC) soccer title race, Novi picked up a pair of league wins last week, including a big victory over Hartland 4-1.

The Wildcats overcame a physical attack by the Eagles, scoring quickly on back-to-back goals by outside midfielder Ryan Repeka at the 10 and 12 minute marks.

"This was a really good start for us," said coach Brian O'Leary. "They played a real physical game against us. Their style of play is physical and rough, slamming bodies around. We hadn't seen this yet this season, but we knew they would play that way."

Rough play or no rough play, the Wildcats added a third goal before Hartland could get on the board. Alan Lyskawa gave Novi a 3-0 lead.

The Eagles scored with six minutes remaining in the half to pull to within two goals at 3-1.

Left wing Bill Galloway scored the last goal of the game midway through the second half to secure the win for Novi.

"We did a much better job in the second half," O'Leary said. "Early on our guys were playing a little tentative because they knew they were going to be hit while going for the ball. But they settled down and played tough."

The win kept the Wildcats (2-0, 4-0-1) undefeated in the KVC and a game up on the Eagles.

"This definitely puts us a game up on everyone else. It's a good win for this team," the coach said. O'Leary said it should be a

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Alan Lyskawa, pictured above, had a goal in the win over Hartland and a goal and three assists in Novi's 10-1 drubbing of South Lyon last week.

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THURSDAY
September 11, 1997

Kicking, turnover problems cost Wildcats in 24-7 loss

By JASON SCHMITT, Sports Editor

Novi grabbed an early lead over Farmington in the season opener Friday night, but a loss of fundamentals cost it the lead and eventually the game in a 24-7 loss to the Falcons.

The Wildcats turned the ball over four times and had trouble on seven of 10 kicking opportunities, giving Farmington far too many opportunities deep in the Novi territory.

"We've got to improve on our special team play," coach John Osborne said. "Our kicking game mistakes and our turnovers in our own end kept giving them good field position throughout the game."

Farmington used that good field position to turn two first half turnovers into 10 points. Trailing 7-0 and forced to punt on its second possession of the game, Farmington recovered a fumble on the punt return. The fumble recovery gave the Falcons great field position, which they took advantage of and tied the game at 7-7.

"That's where they took over the game," Osborne noted.

On the ensuing possession, a shanked punt gave Farmington good field possession again. This time the Falcons used a field goal to take a 10-7 lead, a lead they would never relinquish.

Novi's defense kept them in the game, holding the Falcons to 10 points until the fourth quarter, but the Falcons couldn't hold onto the ball and failed to score for the remainder of the game.

"I think our defense did an excellent job of not letting the game cave in. They were held up in their end of the field so many times, but they still held tough," Osborne said. "We've just got to do a better job of not putting ourselves in these types of holes."

Both teams had the ball just once in the first quarter, but neither could score. The Wildcats changed that early in the second on a 10-yard touchdown by running back Chad Lenzi. The drive, which ate up a good portion of the clock, consisted of several key plays including three from Lenzi. The senior had runs of 17, 15 and 10 to cap off the season's first scoring drive.

"That was a blue-collar attack. That would be the best way to describe that drive," Osborne said. "It took up so much time. We had small runs of three, four and five yards."

That, however, would be the only bright spot for the offense Friday night. Novi kept up slightly with Farmington, 203 yards to the Falcons' 231, but a four to one turnover disadvantage was overwhelming.

Novi amassed 153 yards on the ground, but it was Farmington's 150 yards through the air which caught the attention of Osborne.

"That was our weak point on defense, our passing defense," he said. "We've got to improve on that along with our special teams for next week."

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Four swimmers advance to states

By JASON SCHMITT, Sports Editor

The Novi girls' swim team got off to a hot start, amassing 78 personal best times and qualifying four swimmers for the state finals en route to a very successful first week of competition.

Novi beat Farmington Hills Harrison 120-66 earlier in the week and then finished runner up to perennial powerhouse Farmington Mercy Saturday at the Griffin Relays.

At the Harrison meet alone, 43 personal best times were established and four more swimmers had state meet qualifying times.

Leslie Nemer and Andrea Yocum set school records in the process.

"The whole week was just outstanding," Button-Tomack said. "It's great if you have a few girls at the top who have good weeks, but the most important thing was that we had 78 personal best times. That's just incredible."

Nimer won the 500 freestyle in a varsity record time of 5:17.51, which also qualified her for the state meet in November. Kristina Uley finished a close second and also qualified for the state meet at 5:18.89.

Yocum, a freshman, qualified in the 100 breaststroke with a time of 1:11.61. She also qualified for the state meet in the 200 individual medley with a time of 2:17.86.

She also took first in the 200 freestyle and co-captain Katy Nicol won the 100 butterfly in a time of 1:06:56. Freshman Krysta Lynch won the 100 backstroke with a personal best of 1:07:48.

The 200 freestyle relay team of Joanne Smith, Andrea Dunn, Uley and Nimer won in a time of 4:18.89.

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Novi Dojo sends 6 to Europe

The Novi Karate Dojo sent a delegation of five members along with sensei Scott Maczuga to represent the United States at the Ashihara Karate International Summer Camp held in Europe. Representatives included Robb Wickham, Chrissy Kay, Mick Brown, Jerry Turnbull and Barbara Marks.

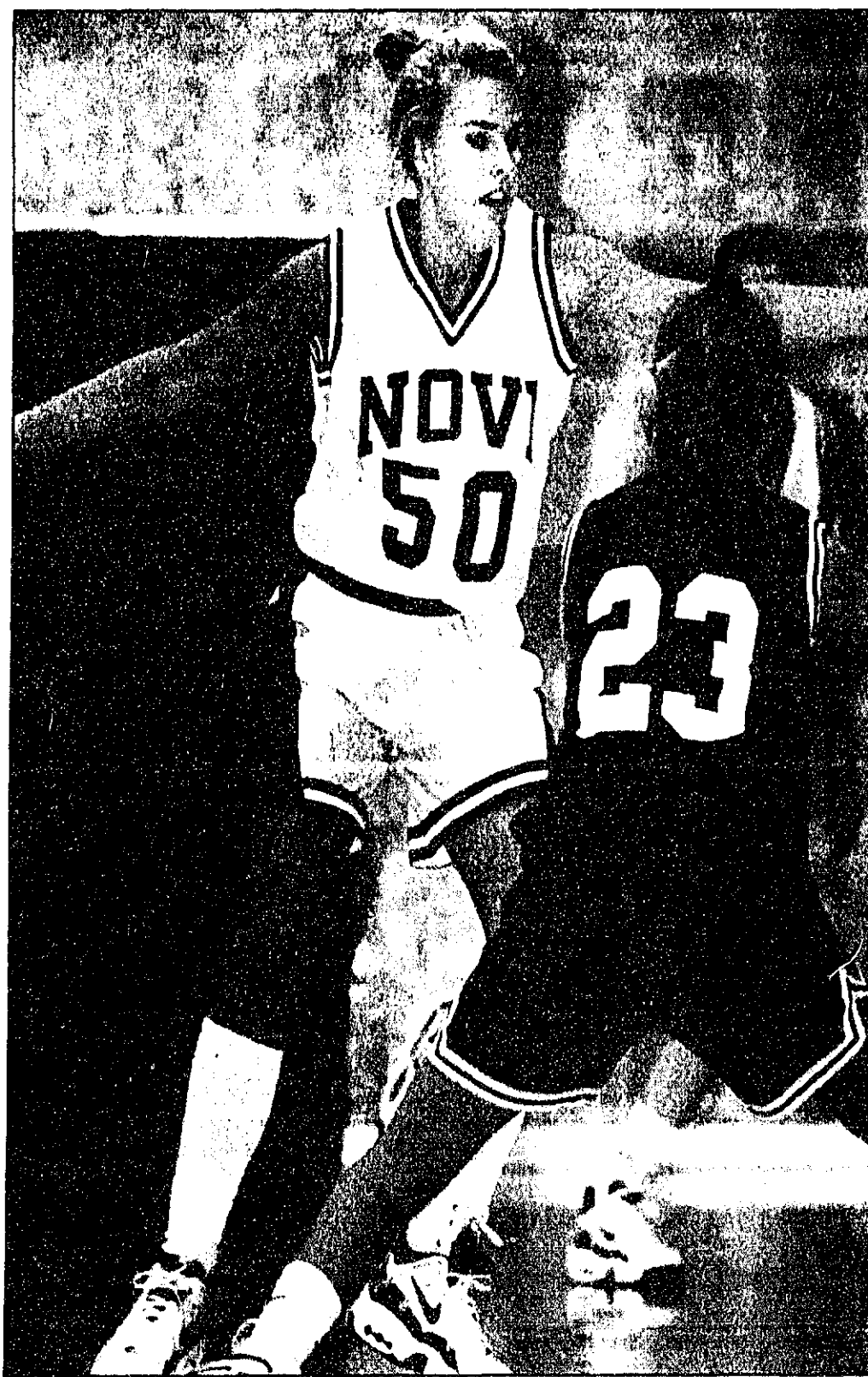
At the camp, Maczuga earned his black belt in Ashihara Karate after a grueling two-and-a-half hour test. Immediately following the test, he fought 20 freshly-rested blackbelts of varying degrees from throughout Europe.

"It was the absolute hardest thing, mentally and physically, I have ever done," Maczuga said. "But it was also the most rewarding. To fight some of the top knock-down fighters in the world and still be standing at the end was, in itself, extremely gratifying. Maczuga has also earned his first degree blackbelt in classical Shotokan Karate as well as his second degree black belt in Japanese Boku Karate (full contact karate with protective armor)."

Kay and Brown finished second and third in the international tournament within the camp. Wickham was given the "Spirit Award" for the camp.

Marks, who owns a Shokotan Karate club in Rochester was so amazed at the fluidity and effectiveness of the Ashihara technique that she changed her entire club over to Ashihara Karate before leaving to come back to the states.

This is the first year that the United States has been represented in an international event in Ashihara Karate. There is currently one Ashihara school located on the Wixom, Novi border.



Katie Copp scored 12 points in a 61-56 loss to Farmington Hills Harrison last Thursday.

Wildcats grab early lead, but fold in late moments

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

Novi jumped out quickly against Farmington Hills Harrison last Thursday, but couldn't hold on in a 61-56 loss at home.

After Kristen Sullivan tied the game at 54 with a three-pointer at the 1:02 mark in the fourth quarter, Harrison hit four straight free throws and never looked back.

"This was an excellent game between two very good teams," the Wildcat coach Dennis Cichonski said. "It went down to the wire and they made some good decisions and took care of the ball."

Novi jumped out to a 16-9 lead in the first quarter and led 27-21 at the half. Cichonski said Harrison's coach started the game with a small lineup in an attempt to get some quickness mismatches against the taller Wildcats.

"We were dominating the boards in the first quarter and then he brought in some bigger people to help contest us for the rebounds," the coach said. "They've got some good perimeter shooters and they worked really hard on defense."

The Hawks turned up the pressure in the second half, outscoring the Wildcats 17-12 in the third quarter and then continuing their attack with a 23-17 advantage in the final stanza.

"We should have scored at least six to nine more points than we did. We had some opportunities under the board, but in our excitement to score we missed some easy shots," Cichonski said. "This game showed us some of the things we need to do down the stretch if we want to win tight games."

Sullivan finished the game with 13 points and Katie Copp added a dozen of her own. Jessica Kenny also reached double figures with 10 points.

Aside from losing the game, Novi lost something much more valuable. Starting center Kristen McCollum fractured a bone in her left hand and will miss three to four games. The injury occurred during a collision with a Hawk late in the game. Both players were going for the ball when McCollum's left hand was bent back.

"We get smaller real quick," her coach said. "But I'm really confident the girls will step it up."

Cichonski said he will rotate junior guard Kristen Kearney into the starting lineup in the meantime.

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In this game, Novi trailed 17-11 after one quarter, but rallied in the second and third to pick up its third win of the season.

Katie Copp led the way with 12 points. Kelly Boudernagel and Sullivan had 11 and nine points.

Novi outscored Central 16-3 in the second quarter and 21-3 in the third thanks in part to a defense that held the Vikings' top player Michelle Bortz in check. Bortz scored 13 of her game-high 17 points in the first quarter.

"We knew she was a good player, but we concentrated on stopping her and it worked," Cichonski said.

The Wildcats went to a straight man-to-man defense and put pressure on the Vikings as soon as they began to set up their offense.

Novi hosted Farmington Tuesday and will welcome South Lyon to town this Tuesday.

Sports shorts

CORRECTION

In last week's sports preview section, Rob Plorkowski was misidentified as Novi senior Jason Sabol. Sabol, pictured above, is expected to be one of the driving forces on the Wildcat team this year and will be looked upon for his leadership as one of four co-captains on the team.

EXPOS HOLDING TRYOUTS

The Novi Expos will be holding tryouts for next season Sept. 13 and Sept. 20 from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Novi Community Sports Park at Eight Mile and Napier roads on field number seven. All players born after

July 31, 1983 are welcome to tryout for next year's 13-14 year-old team. Call manager Jeff Crawford at 348-2616 for more information.

WARRIORS HOLDING TRYOUTS

The Novi Warriors traveling team will also be holding their tryouts Sept. 13 and 20 at the Community Sports Park from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on fields six and seven. All players must also be born after July 31, 1983. Anyone interested should show up at the fields or if they have any questions, please call coach Steve Cash at (248) 349-6896.

Netters hold off KVC foes

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

Novi picked up a pair of wins against fellow Kensington Valley opponents Hartland and South Lyon last week.

South Lyon proved to be a little test to the Wildcats, with Novi earning an easy 8-0 win.

Senior Amanda Curly defeated Kristen Pflieger 6-0, 6-2 at one singles. Sarah Papis, Julie Namm and Jessica Roemer had little resistance in topping their Lyon opponents in straight sets. Papis won 6-0, 6-3. Namm 6-0, 6-0 and Roemer 6-0, 6-0 did the same.

The doubles dropped just two games, with Emily Waller and Sapna Nagar at two and Tara Stevens and Maureen Vermeulen at three picking up double bagel wins. Carole Wineman and Rebecca Rittner at one and Jessica Diedzie and Megan Lehman at four lost just one game in their matches.

Against Hartland, the Wildcats jumped out to a 5-0 lead and held on to defeat the Eagles 5-3.

"When you get your opponents down you can't let them back into the match, and I think that's what we reverted back to against Hartland."

Jim Hanson
Tennis coach

Novi number two singles player Sarah Papis won both of her matches against South Lyon and Hartland last week.

a 6-1, 6-1 victory at three doubles and Diedzie and Pahl matched that with a 6-1, 6-1 victory of their own at four doubles. Waller and Nagar dropped a close one 6-4, 4-6, 2-6 at two doubles.

In singles, Papis at number two and Roemer at four picked up straight set wins. Papis outsmarted her opponent 6-4, 7-5 and Roemer dominated her match 6-1, 6-2. Curly and Namm took their opponents to the limit before losing.

Three of the four doubles teams won including Rittner and Wineman's 6-4, 6-2 win at one doubles. Stevens and Vermeulen rolled with

ing. Curly hung tough, jumping out to an early lead, but fell 6-4, 4-6, 2-6 in three. Namm lost a heartbreaker, falling in consecutive tiebreakers 6-7 (4-7), 6-7 (2-7).

"We've got to learn to close out our matches," coach Jim Hanson said. "When you get your opponents down you can't let them back into the match, and I think that's what we reverted back to against Hartland."

Hanson said the win was a big

one, with the Eagles, Wildcats and Brighton being the three favorites in the Kensington Valley Conference.

"We're going to have to beat these teams head to head when we get the chance. Hartland always comes to play against us and they always give us a good match," he said.

The wins give Novi a 2-0 league mark and an overall record of 2-1. The coach said the wins were also

important because the KVC conference meet will be held before the regular season ends. Which means the team could see these same opponents again at the conference meet.

Novi hosted Milford Tuesday and will play at Howell this upcoming Tuesday.

The Wildcats will travel to meet Brighton Sept. 23 and face this same Hartland team in a rematch Sept. 30.

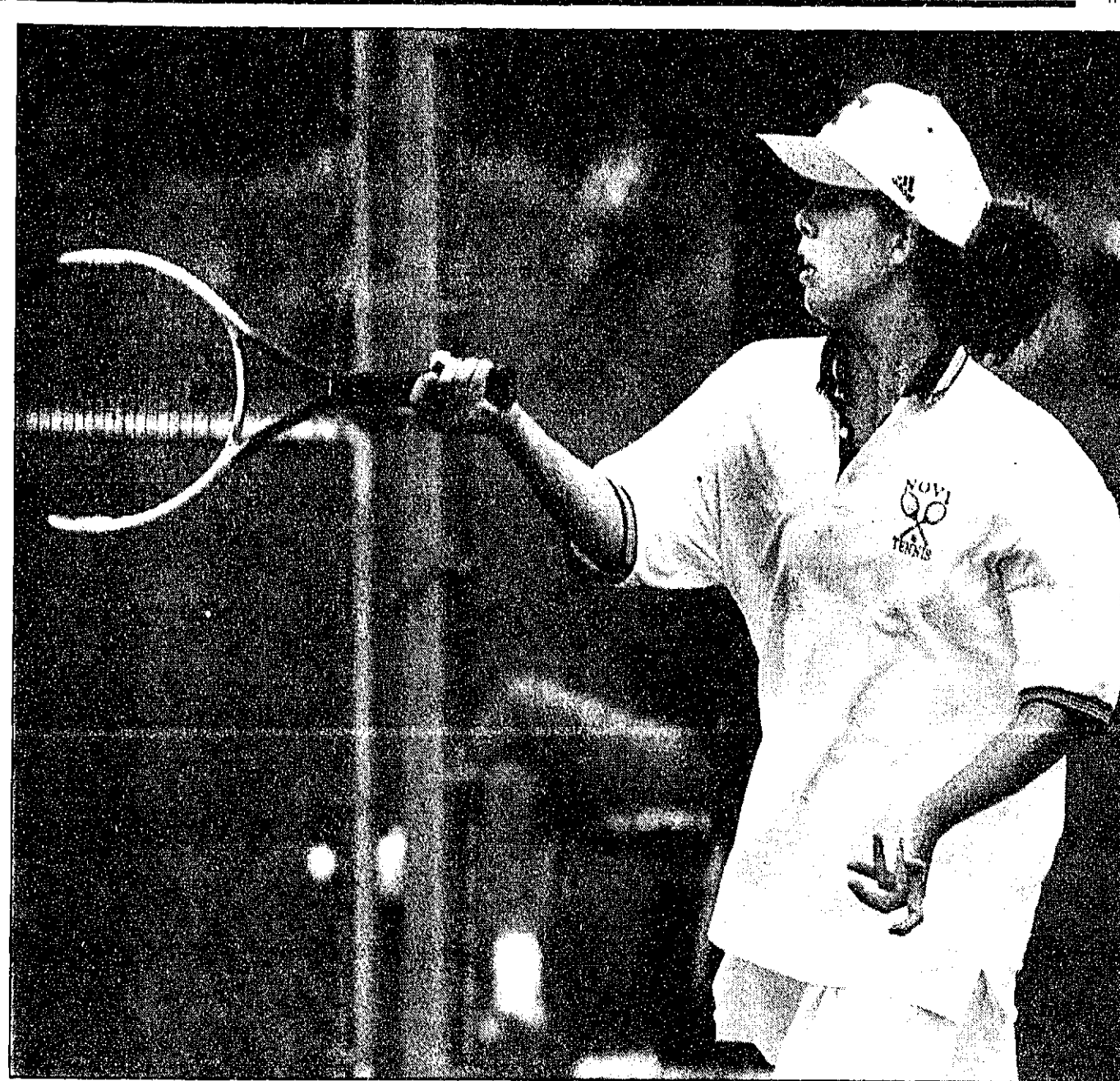


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Wildcats drop opener

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Lenz finished the game with 55 yards on 11 carries. Quarterback Dan Colligan had a rough night passing, completing just 4 of 16 passing for 50 yards.

The defense was led by Nate Plecha, Andrew Kelly and Dan Dolph. Plecha had six first hits and four assisted tackles and Kelly and Dolph had five first hits and five assists. John Gaurader had one interception for the Wildcats.

The schedule doesn't get any tougher this week as South Lyon comes to town Friday. The Lions are coming off a 26-17 win over Northville and are one of the favorites in the Kensington Valley Conference this year. The game will begin at 7:30 p.m.

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Pair of records broken

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Co-captain Kristin Levin grabbed first place in the diving competition with 203.3 points.

Novi continued its great swimming at the Griffin Relays in Brighton with another 35 personal bests and finishing second to a tough Mercy team.

The Wildcats couldn't muster up a win, but took home four second-place finishes. The meet consisted of several abnormal relay events.

The diving relay team of Levin, Chloe Clark and Stacey Williamson grabbed second as did the 800 freestyle relay team of Utley, Nimer, Amy Hartland and Kristy Vermillion. The foursome's time of 9:02.18 was just 0.3 seconds behind the winning Mercy team and nine seconds better than the old meet record.

Lindsey Vermillion, Krysta Lynch, Erin Stevens and Nimer were second best in the 200 backstroke relay at 2:20.91.

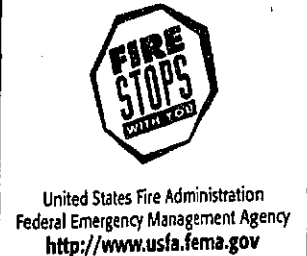
Novi's 200 breaststroke/butterfly relay team of Yorum, Emily Nicol, Hartland and Natalie Aristeo also took home second place.

The coach said the team is well ahead of last year's pace at this time.

"The girls know they can do better, but if they stop and look at what they've done this year compared to last, they have made great strides," Button-Tomanek said. "The harder they're working now, the better they'll be performing at the end of the season."

The Wildcats swam against Fenton Tuesday and face South Lyon this Tuesday on the road.

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Health Column

Early detection of Presbyopia critical



Tim Kirk

As our eyes approach age 40 they may feel like they have seen most everything and are getting pretty darn tired. No wonder most of us develop presbyopia - the natural loss of near-focusing ability. My column addresses this as an eye health issue for baby boomers.

Most age changes in our eyes begin in childhood but don't have a functional impact until later in life. Presbyopia is a good example. It doesn't matter whether a 20-year-old can only focus to within 3 inches instead of 2 inches, but at 45 if you can't focus clearly at 15 inches you'll have trouble reading small print you used to see effortlessly. Early signs of presbyopia include a delay in changing focus from distance to near, dependence on brighter reading light and drowsiness with reading.

The physical change responsible for presbyopia is decreased flexibility of the lens located behind the iris (colored portion of the eye). Your eye stops growing in your teens but the lens continues to grow, and as more cells are added, the lens becomes less elastic. At present there is no medically proven way to avoid these inevitable changes.

Correcting presbyopia begins with a thorough eye exam with your optometrist. For adults this includes dilating your pupils. Without the dilating drops your doctor only has a keyhole view inside your eye and cannot determine if your eye is totally healthy. I liken this to going to the dentist and only smiling but not opening your mouth.

Some important health concerns include ruling out diabetic eye disease, cataracts and

glaucoma. The most common concern is with glaucoma - an increased fluid pressure inside the eye that can compress and destroy the optic nerve, leading to irreversible damage and blindness. Glaucoma increases in prevalence every decade after 40 and usually has no symptoms so the only way to detect it early is through routine preventative eye care. For my patients I include a careful personal and family history to assess risk factors, a computerized peripheral vision evaluation, eye-pressure testing and a three-dimensional analysis of the optic nerve as it exits the back of the eye and enters the brain (this can only be done with dilated pupils).

Provided your eye is healthy, you have a number of options to correct presbyopia. The simplest is wearing prescription reading glasses to correct any imbalance between the eyes and other sight disorders such as astigmatism. Simple reading glasses are sometimes a good option for those who sit all day at a computer. Drug store reading glasses don't usually fully correct your vision nor are they aligned with your eye's position. The result can be unnecessary eye strain and blur, which is the very reason you are wearing glasses.

A more popular option is the progressive addition lens (pal). This is technically the most advanced invisible bifocal lens and does things reading glasses and regular bifocals cannot.

A reading lens gives you a fixed range of focus from about 10 to 24 inches while blurring anything beyond that range. Regular lined bifocals give you the same near range and clear distance vision starting at about 4 feet. This can leave computer screens, dashboards and store shelves out of focus in the midrange of 2 to 4 feet. Trifocals address the mid-range but now you have two noticeable lines on the lens where your vision jumps.

The pal has a computer-generated surface that is molded to allow a clear reading area. In the middle of the lens is a smooth strengthen-

ing of power that takes your focus from reading all the way out to long distance without any gaps, lines or jumps. Most people agree the absence of tell-tale bifocal lines makes them look and feel younger.

Our success rate with pal is more than 95 percent, although proper frame selection, measurements and prescription design must all come together for this success. Current technology has produced significant improvements in just the last year or two.

Contact lens wearers also have options when it comes to presbyopia. I find more and more patients are continuing to wear contacts past age 40 and often people start wearing contacts for the first time in their 40s. The eye can easily support contact lens use although re-wetting drops are often needed to combat decreased tear production, especially in women.

The most common approach to correcting presbyopia with contacts is called monovision. This involves correcting the dominant eye to full distance and the non-dominant eye to moderate near focus. This applies to disposable soft lenses, gas permeable rigid lenses or any others.

Refractive surgery like the new excimer laser procedure can correct nearsightedness and astigmatism and further research is under way to address presbyopia other than through a simple monovision approach. Having co-managed my own patients with excimer surgery over the last year, I can tell you this will play a major positive role in the future of eye care.

Preventative eye exams and a creative approach to presbyopia can help us continue to enjoy our sight at any distance or any age, just when you thought you had seen it all.

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Pap smear testing helps prevent cancer

In 1996, 15,809 new cervical cancers were diagnosed in the United States causing 45,800 deaths.

The good news, however, is that in the United States, cervical cancer has decreased by approximately 70 percent during the last 40 years. Cervical cancer has dropped from the number one cancer killer to number eight due largely to the introduction of the Papanicolaou smear (Pap smear) 50 years ago.

It has been estimated that annual pap smear testing reduces a woman's chance of dying of cervical cancer from 4:1,000 to about 5:10,000, a difference of almost 9 percent.

Despite the longevity of the pap smear and the understood benefits, many women are unclear on the medical recommendations for obtaining this simple test. To clarify,

The American College of Obstetrics and Gynecologists and The American Cancer Society recommend that, "All women who are, or have been sexually active, or who have reached the age of 18, should undergo an annual pap test and

pelvic examination."

After a woman has had three or more consecutive satisfactory yearly examinations with normal findings, the pap smear may be performed less frequently, at the discretion of her physician.

Since most women do not satisfy the conditions for less frequent screenings, it is generally accepted that this recommendation advocates yearly pap smears.

"High risk women" are those who become sexually active in the mid-adolescent years and have a tendency to have multiple sexual partners. Therefore, the importance of screening all sexually active females cannot be over emphasized.

However, the idea suggesting post-menopausal, sexually inactive women should not undergo pap smears is a dangerous, but apparently widespread, myth.

Demographic studies suggest that 9 percent of women over age 18 have never had a pap smear. This translates to over one million women in the United States. And, an estimated 11 million white women over 65 did not have a pap

smear in the past year. Post diagnostic studies show that 25 percent of women with cervical cancer had their last pap smear over five years prior to diagnosis.

Studies show older women are actually at an increased risk for cervical cancer. Twenty-five percent of all cervical cancers, and 41 percent of all cancer deaths occur in women over 65 years.

The prevalence of abnormal pap smears in high in this group, 16:1,000. Screening women over 65 years would, therefore, be most beneficial with a 63 percent improvement in five-year mortality.

Along with regularity, the pap smear must be performed with care to yield optimal accuracy. Women should not douche for at least three days prior to the pap smear and should avoid intercourse for up to 48 hours prior to the pap smear.

A simple procedure lasting less than two minutes, the pap smear involves sampling the transformation zone, the area where the cervix meets the uterus. This is the site where lesions frequently

originate.

Every pap smear should evaluate the epithelium, or superficial surface cells, of the cervix and the endocervix by scraping the cervix with a small plastic spatula, and placing a brush or similar cellular sampling device into the canal of the endocervix. Both samples can be placed on the same glass slide.

Each physician's office has a set protocol for notifying patients of their results. Be sure to make a note of your physician's notification practices and follow-up if you are not notified.

While the benefits of regular pap smears as well documented, it should be fully understood that the cervical cytologic pap smear does not provide a diagnosis in itself. It is a screening test. Definitive diagnosis rest with tissue biopsies.

This column was prepared by Dr. Vinay Malviya, an obstetrician/gynecologist specializing in gynecologic oncology at Providence Hospital and Medical Centers.

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Nutrition for Two: Baby and You

Get your baby off to a healthy start. Register early in pregnancy. Classes offered monthly. \$10 fee and registration required. Botsford's Health Development Network, 39750 Grand River Ave., Novi. For more information and to register, call (248) 477-6100.

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Walking Clubs

Botsford General Hospital sponsors two free walking clubs. Laurel Park Mall (Six Mile and Newburgh roads) beginning at 8 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Saturday, and 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday. Free blood pressure provided by Botsford for walkers on the fourth Monday of every month, 8-10 a.m. Livonia Mall (Seven Mile and Middlebelt roads) beginning 7:30 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Saturday, and 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday. Free blood pressure checks provided by Botsford for walkers on the third Wednesday of every month from 8-10 a.m. For more information, call Botsford's Health Development Network at (248) 477-6100.

Caregivers Program

"Caring for Dementia Patients," a free program for individuals caring for adults with Alzheimer's disease or closed-head injuries, co-sponsored by Botsford's Geropsychiatric Services and the Detroit Area Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association. Topics covered include overview of dementia, managing difficult behaviors and coping skills for caregivers. Held on Monday evenings, 6-7:30 p.m. Free. Botsford General Hospital's Conference Room 2-East B, 28050 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills. For information and registration, call (248) 471-8723.

Diabetes-Cize

A 10-week comprehensive exercise program co-sponsored by Health Development Network and Botsford Cardiovascular Health Center. This program will help people with diabetes better control blood sugar levels and improve cardiovascular fitness. For information, call (248) 477-6100.

Diabetes and You

This six-week class explores all areas of diabetes self-care. Preregistration and fee required; some insurances cover class fee. Classes are held at Botsford General Hospital, Farmington Hills, and the Botsford Center for Health Improvement, Novi. For more information and to register, call (248) 477-6100.

Child Clinic

Oakland County Health Division's Child Health Clinics provide free ongoing well care for children from birth to school entry. Families who do not have an HMO or Medicaid may be eligible. Clinics are held at 14 locations throughout Oakland County.

Services include: Heights and weights; head to toe physical examination; immunizations; vision, hearing and lab testing; growth and developmental screening; and counseling with referrals to physicians and area resources as needed.

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