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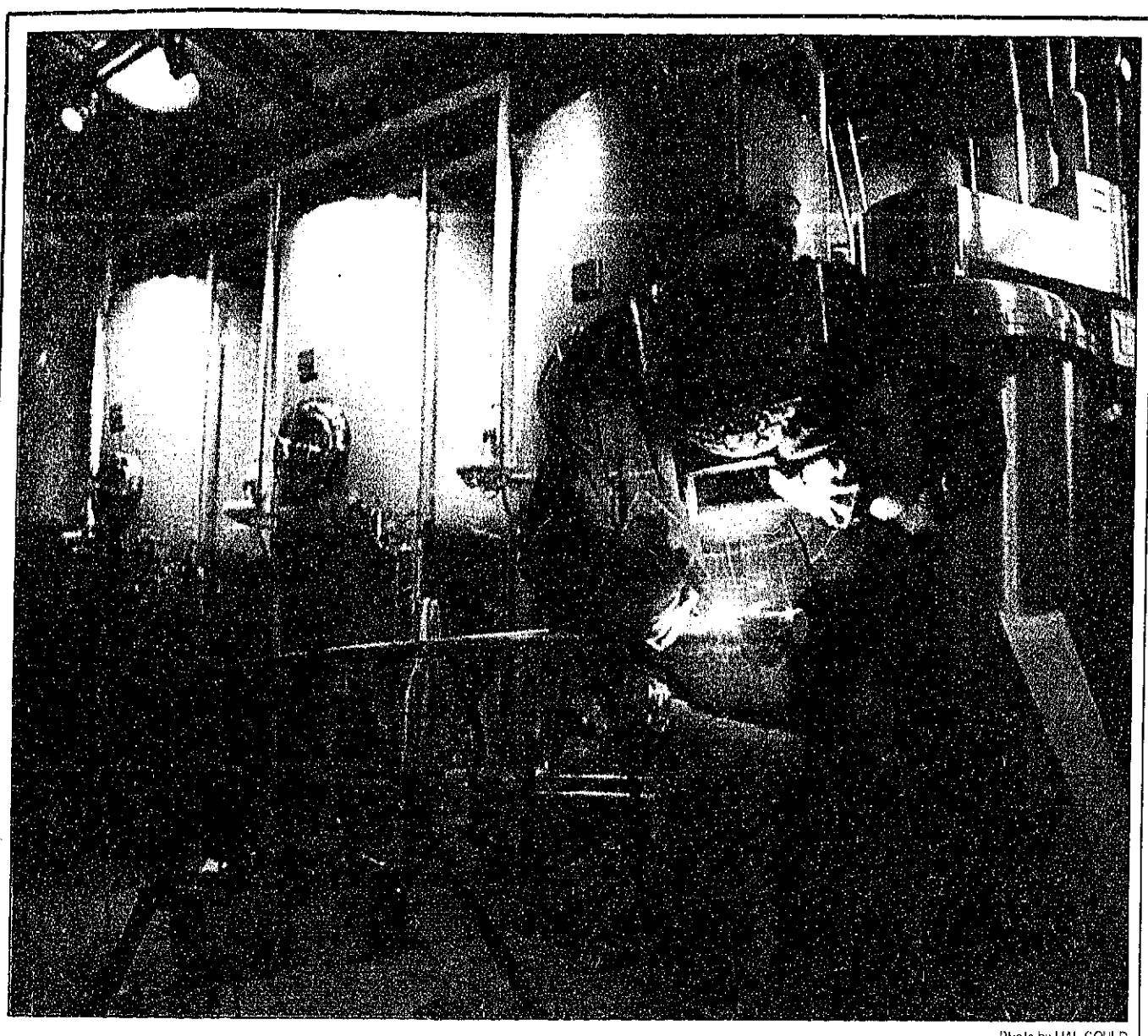

Photo by HAL GOULD

Juan Carlos Zarate, of Chesapeake, Va., welds stainless steel tubing for the brewing system at Local Color Brewing Co.

Court sinks lake access legal action

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Since 1946, the Maloney family cut the grass and helped keep up a 40-foot frontage on the shores of Walled Lake that they and their neighbors in John Hawthorn's Subdivision Number Two were certain was their community beach.

For that lakefront access, homeowners moving into the nine-lot development paid a premium when purchasing their homes near the westside of Walled Lake. They trucked in 500 cubic yards of sand to create a neighborhood beach and launched their boats from the site. Twenty-five years ago, the parcel was fenced in.

Last month, an Oakland County judge ordered them off that beach on Lot Nine. While the north end residents on West Lake Drive, Faywood Street and Labenta Street will still be able to enjoy the shores of Walled Lake, the frontage they'll now use is considerably smaller than the previous one. And the older beach is now owned by a newcomer to the community.

"The city just gave it to him on a silver platter and they screwed the neighbors," said Garry Borin, the lawyer for the 17 homeowners.

"The access now is half of what they had before."

It's a strange story that has its roots in the early years of this century.

The 1914 dedication of the land to Novi, never officially acknowledged 84 years ago, and a 1996 Michigan State Supreme Court decision called *Kraus vs. the Department of Commerce* ultimately led to an Oakland County Circuit Court judge in December

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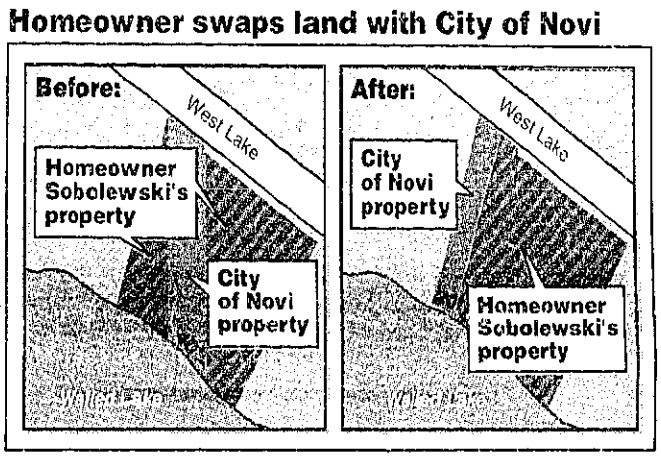
Homeowner swaps land with City of Novi



From one beer lover to another

'Local Color' microbrewery opens taps Jan. 27

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

After months of eagerly anticipating Novi's own microbrewery, beer connoisseurs will finally get a taste of "Local Color."

Construction crews are finishing up the final touches on the microbrewery in preparation for a VIP Grand Opening Charity Event Jan. 24. Dozens of people from the community were invited to share in the event which will give them a sneak preview of Local Color Brewing Company and generate funding for the Novi Youth Assistance Program for Alcohol Awareness.

The public grand opening is set for Jan. 27. Regular hours span 11 a.m. to 2 a.m.

What the first patrons of Local Color will see is the result of a multi-million investment by young entrepreneur Peter Paisley.

"We're going for a family atmosphere during the day and at night a 21 and over scene where you can sit back, enjoy a beer and listen to live blues, folk and jazz," Paisley said earlier this week while standing in what is to be dubbed the Timber Room and filled with pool tables.

Although Paisley had anticipated a September opening for the place, construction delays and an addition to the rear of the building forced the opening to the first month of 1998 instead. But the process is moving smoothly, now, he said, and Local Color coming together well.

The trendy, two-story building features a contemporary feel with unique detailing. A fieldstone bar on the first floor and a vibrant mural on the high entrance wall greet customers while windows inside and outside the building give a sneak peak into the microbrewery and kitchen, showing stainless steel fermenting vats, a wood fire stove, and the bottling process.

Besides the microbrewery, Local Color includes a 250-seat restaurant that will serve a menu as colorful as its name. Duck Tenders, Manistee Pork Schnitzel and Michigan wild game dishes are created under the guidance of chef Matt Bronski.

Bronski's special ingredient is in the food presentation.

"When that plate is delivered I give them the 'wow effect,'" he explained. "Before they even smell it or taste it they look at it and say 'Wow!'"

Prices are kept between $5 and $17 with most entrees under $10 and a special kids menu available.

Local Color has only a micro-brewery license so it will sell only it's own beer, no wine or spir-

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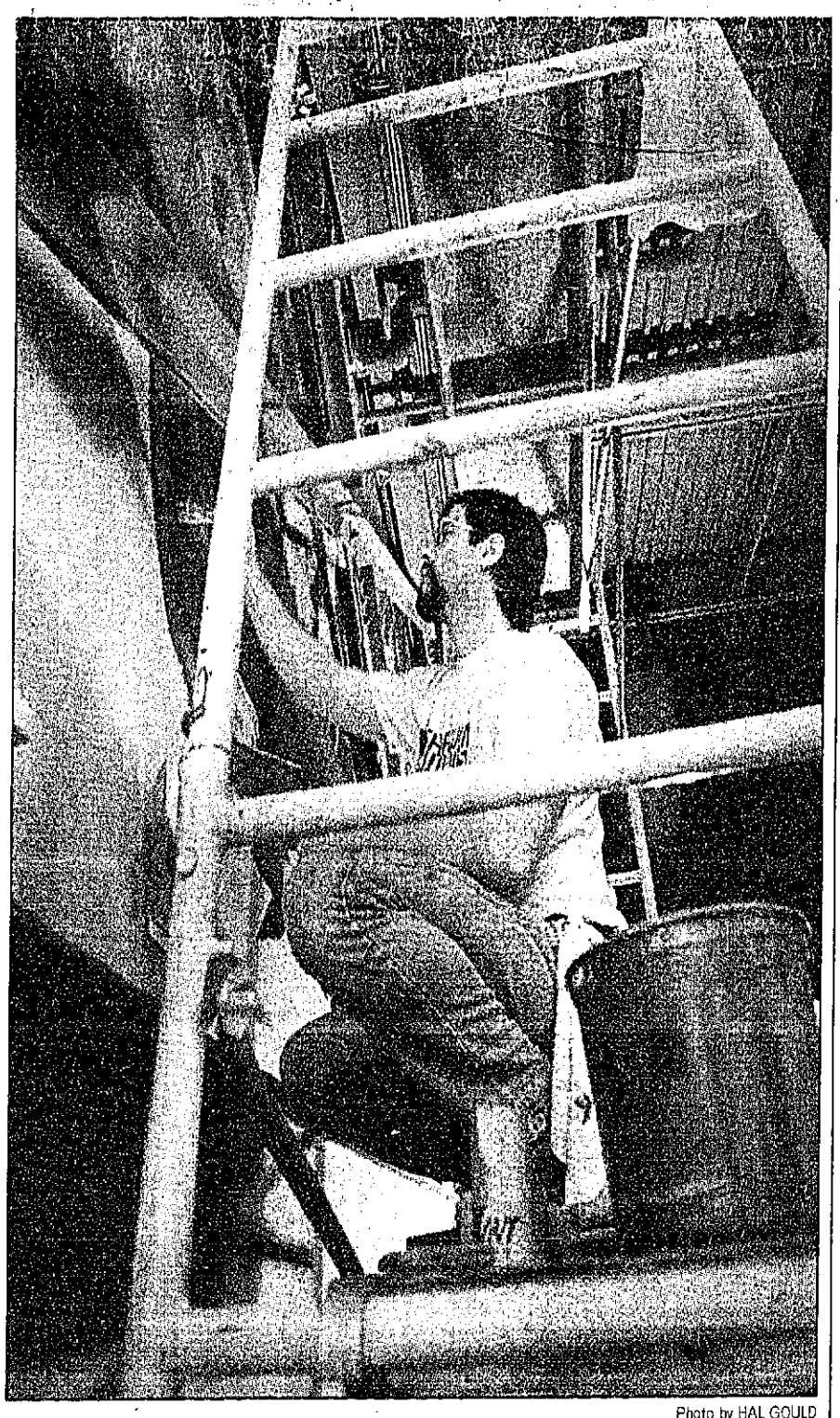

Photo by HAL GOULD

Artist Brad Vandermoere paints a mural inside Novi's new microbrewery.

Contest launched to name hockey team

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

The Novi Volcanoes? The Novi Wheels? The Novi Bears? The Novi Specials?

Hey kids, Community Clubs of Novi needs your help. They're looking for a name - and a logo - for the Novi Youth Hockey Team that will play out of the new Novi Ice Arena.

It's anticipated that 700 youngsters will be playing hockey at the Novi Ice Arena in 1998, said Community Clubs of Novi board member Roger Jaussi, who chairs the Youth Hockey Committee.

"We've really got the ball rolling as far as hockey is concerned," Jaussi said.

Ideas for names and logos should be turned in at the Novi Youth Hockey Open House on Sunday, Feb. 8, from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center. That's when kids will be signing up for both house and travel hockey teams. About 1,000 people are expected to show up then to view displays, ask questions and enlist as coaches.

The clever kid who actually comes up with the name that will mean Novi hockey will win four Red Wings tickets.

Work is proceeding apace on the two-rink facility, which is located along Ten Mile Road, just east of the southeast corner of Ten Mile and Novi Road.

"The ice arena is remarkably ahead of schedule and under budget at this time," said Novi City Manager Ed Kriewall. "It looks pretty good at this point in time."

The structural steel is up, 85 percent of the siding is up and 85 percent of the floor has been poured, he added.

Travel teams will actually start playing for Novi this spring, while the house programs will begin in the fall.

Players can start at age four, so young that when they're barely

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Novi heads 'back to the future'

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Futuring is back on track in Novi.

But not without a hot debate at the Novi City Council table - and a nudge in the direction the council would like to see the volunteer effort go.

Council Member Craig DeRoche, who chairs for now the futuring steering committee, asked his peers to rescind a September 1997 resolution that put off "20/20 Focus On The Future" until fall 1998.

"I think we can be successful in continuing the process. I think we can be successful in continuing what the citizens want who came out for the process," DeRoche said.

"I would like to make it bigger, I would like to get as broad a base as possible in the city."

The result was a six-to-one vote in favor of the action, with Council Member Bob Schmid casting the dissenting vote.

However, several council members in support of resurrecting it, including Laura Lorenzo, questioned if the exercise in goal-setting would ultimately end in action.

Lorenzo said she heard complaints that the committee was too heavily staffed by city officials and administration.

Another concern for her was that volunteers

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Community Calendar

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Thursday, January 15

Optimist Club

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

Monday, January 19

Cholesterol Screening

Total cholesterol screening by finger stick method, will be offered 1-4 p.m., at the Botsford Center for Health Improvement-Health Development Network, 39750 Grand River Ave. Cost is $5 fee. For more information call 477-6100.

Arts Council

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

City Council

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

Health tests

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

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 Toastmasters

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

Tuesday, January 20

Garden Club

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

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 Sawmiller, 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.

Bereavement Support Group

A bereavement support group meets at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Rd., from 7:30-9 p.m. The meeting will be facilitated by Dr. M. Meyer. The topic is "Taking Grief One Step at a Time". There will be a brief prayerful reflection during the meeting by a clergy from the area.

Thursday, January 22

Novi schools

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

Monday, January 26

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Tuesday, January 27

ZONTA

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

Sixgate Squadron

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Youth Assistance

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

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

The Novi area chapter of F.E.M.A.L.E. (Formerly Employed Mothers at the Leading Edge) meets at Providence Mission Health Center, 39500 W. Ten Mile Rd., Conference Room A. For more information call Janet at (810)476-5934.

Band rehearsal

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

Camera Club

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

Chess Club

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Wednesday, January 28

Lions Club

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

Seniors business

The Novi Senior Social Club will meet at 1 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center for its regular monthly business meeting.

Spring arrives early with home and garden show at Novi Expo

The sixth annual Spring Home & Garden Show opens Jan. 29 and runs through Feb. 1 at the Novi Expo Center in time to bring the metropolitan area a preview of springtime in all its glory.

"Homeowners can come and see the latest for the home and garden and take advantage of the best buys before the spring rush," said Mark F. Guidobono, president of Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) and chief executive officer of Cambridge Homes in Northville. "And they'll find everything they need under one roof." The non-profit BIA is the sponsor of the event.

There will be no vampires at the show thanks to Tom Reed, "Garlic Guru," who will present "Cooking and Better Living With Garlic." Reed, who has appeared on Good Morning America and Crook & Chase, will cook mouth-watering garlic dishes, share humorous anecdotes, tout garlic's latest health benefits and play "bulb ball."

Other highlights include professionally landscaped flowering gardens, WXYT's "Ask the Handyman" Glenn Haege and "Money Talk" Rick Bloom on Jan. 31 and Feb. 1, and WXYT's "PC Talk" Mike Wendland on Jan. 31.

Additional show features include demonstrations on decorating, home repair and remodeling and a Treasure Chest contest with daily prizes.

Over 300 exhibitors will show their most interesting and up-to-date products and services for kitchens, baths, doors, windows, yard/gardens, spas, remodeling, interior design, home offices, furniture, arts and crafts, decorative accessories, electronics, heating, cooling and appliances.

BIA also sponsors the Home Improvement Show at Macomb Community College South Campus, Builders Home and Detroit Flower Show at Cobo Conference-Exhibition Center and the Home Improvement Show and Fall Remodeling Show at Novi Expo Center.

Show hours are from 2-10 p.m. Thursday and Friday; 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday. Admission is $6 for adults; $4 for seniors; $3 for children 6-12 and children under 6 are admitted free.

Family tickets for two adults and accompanying children are available at Farmer Jack for $9. Ample parking is available at Novi Expo Center for a fee. For more information, call (248) 737-4478.

Accident may lead to negligent homicide charges

A 23-year-old Canadian man could be charged with negligent homicide as a result of a four vehicle accident at Nine Mile and Haggerty roads Tuesday at 3 p.m., Farmington Hills Police said.

Dr. Gurkirat Singh, 81, of Farmington Hills was dead at the scene after a delivery-type truck reportedly ran a red light heading northbound and struck his car which was passing through the green light on Nine Mile.

The truck, driven by the Canadian man also struck a mini van driven by a 69-year-old woman. She was taken to a local hospital and was treated and released that night, Lt. Dennis Green said.

A Ford Probe heading southbound on Haggerty was also struck, but the woman driver was uninjured, he said. Also uninjured was the driver of the truck.

Novi police assisted in redirecting traffic during the two and a half hour investigation.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Northville will be flying its flag at half mast the week of January 18th in memory of the 36 million plus, lives that have been lost due to abortion. Twenty five years ago the Supreme Court decision of Roe vs. Wade legalized abortion on demand. We mourn that decision.

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The wonder years

From lunchroom to fun stuff, administrator works with kids

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

Photo by HAL GOULD

Dennis Faletti will assist Novi Middle School principal Milan Obrenovich in working with the kids

Dennis Faletti is not new to the rigors of dealing with adolescents..

The current Meads Mill Middle School math teacher knows full well what it takes to spend five days a week with hundreds of 13- and 14-year-old girls and boys struggling to metamorphose from children to young adults.

"The kids are real creative," said Faletti.

"They voice their opinions whether you like it or not. And I kind of like that, you know where you stand."

Faletti is the new administrative assistant to the principal at Novi Middle School. He began Jan. 5, leaving his teaching position across the Baseline border.

According to Robert Schram, Personnel Director for Novi Community Schools, the new position is not an assistant principal position.

But the need for more adminstrative assistance is a direct response to the increase in seventh and eighth grade population as well as the increase of administrative tasks due to the construction of the new Middle School set to open next year.

He said it will free up Principal Milan Obrenovich to work with the new middle school tasks.

"We need the principal to be able to focus on the middle school and meet with stake holders," Schram said.

"There are a lot of time constraints placed on the administration at a time when the school is the most crowded."

Last year, teacher John Lawrence completed many of the aforementioned administrative duties, but was hired this school year as an assistant principal at Novi High School.

Faletti will oversee after school activities, lunchroom supervision and discipline problems as well as the many other tasks yet to be defined.

The Novi Board of Education approved the hire at a regular meeting Dec. 4 and an annual salary of $69,000.

Trustees discussed the new position, unaware until that night it had been created and filled. Schram said out of 18 applicants, four were given final interviews with the offer going to Faletti, who has 22 years teaching experience and a master's degree from Eastern Michigan University.

Vistas design doesn't match planners view of the project

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

This was not what we ordered.

That was the general message Novi Planning Commissioners sent out to Vistas of Novi builders, Spalding DeDecker Associates, when they unanimously denied approval to build 260 townhomes in the Decker Road development.

Frustrated with the plans brought to the table in recent months, the commission postponed the matter indefinitely.

"In order to come back with something we can fall in love with," Commissioner Pete Hoadley explained.

Ultimately, the commissioners were unhappy with the architecture of the Vistas Brownstones, a series of three-story brick, stone and wood sided townhomes with some rear entrance garages.

The 260 units would be constructed as 20 buildings on a 18-acre site off Thirteen Mile Road east of Novi Road. The homes would span 1,000 to 1,400 square feet in size with one, two and three bedroom units.

"In general these buildings are excellent designs but not consistent with the original area plan," said Doug Necci, architectural consultant for the city.

They are missing, he said, the intricate details that were suggested, the all-brick structure and the row house style.

Also missing are the plans to allow a percentage of the townhomes to be used as live-work homes. Residents could have businesses within their homes which would create a more urban feel to the community, the Vistas plan from 1995 stated.

But the exclusion of the live-work element frustrated some commissioners.

"I'm extremely disappointed with how this project is being developed," said Commissioner Kim Thomas Capello.

"We allowed high density on this site ... the representations made to us were that the work-live need high density to survive."

He said he would not support any additional phases until it meets the spirit of the ordinance.

Commissioners agreed the project needs special attention.

"This is a long, long term project with 14-15 phases," said Commissioner Pete Hoadley. "(Former City Councilman) Tim Pope was very concerned this thing would get away from us."

Designed and agreed to by the city and Hughlan Development in 1995, The Vistas is a 300-acre planned community incorporating commercial, single family residential homes, condominiums and townhomes. The city made concessions on zoning requirements, allowing smaller lots and a higher density count in exchange for what is to be a premier development.

"We wanted single family project with rear garages so residents could get out and mingle," Capello said.

The Vistas is touted as New Urbanism, a community that would bring back the small neighborhoods, front porches, detached garages and mixed affordability of homes of latter years. Residents would have short walks to the parks and small-town shops from their homes.

The Brownstones would include a 4,000-square-foot clubhouse and pool as part of the plan. A city-owned public community building that was to be placed within the phase is expected to be built instead along with the commercial development of The Vistas. According to city consultant Brandon Rogers, the public building had fallen off plans during revisions.

The townhomes are phase five of the Vistas following approval for series of residential homes, a small gas station and condominiums as part of the PUD.

Euchre deals a good cause

Play Euchre this month and give a few charities a hand.

On Saturday, Jan. 24, the Novi Lionesses will hold their annual Euchre Tournaments at the Novi Civic Center.

You don't have to be a card shark to win some extra points. Participants who bring new hats and new or used but clean gloves, scarves and blankets for charity will get an extra five points added onto their score, said Maggie Meeker, who is chairing the event.

The aim of the women's club is to raise some $500 to $1,000 to help several organizations, mainly those serving the blind.

At the Euchre Tournament, games will be played as singles, rather than as teams.

The winner will take home either a cash prize or goods donated for local merchants. Second and third place awards will also be distributed.

While they won't get extra points for this, players are also encouraged to bring their old eyeglasses and hearing aids with them, which are refurbished and distributed to needy people worldwide.

Registration for the Euchre Tournament is at 6:30 p.m. and the games begin at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $10 per person if purchased by Jan. 17, and $12 at the door.

For tickets and information, call 344-4633.

6 Mistakes to Avoid When Moving to a Larger Home

Northville - A new report has just been released which identifies the 6 most common and costly mistakes that homebuyers make when moving to a larger home.

Unlike the experience of buying a first home, when you're looking to move-up, and already own a home, there are certain factors that can complicate the situation. It's very important for you to understand these issues before you list your home for sale.

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On The Border and out-of-bounds

Police News

A 35-year-old Farmington man who sped out of the On the Border parking lot because he was angry at his girlfriend sent his pick-up truck flying over the concrete wall over Haggerty Road and dropping onto the road below.

Police said the man was drunk during the Jan. 1, 3:15 p.m. incident and registered a 0.23 percent blood alcohol content, or more than twice the legal limit.

Police said the man appeared uninjured from the free-fall, and refused medical attention. He did admit he had a drinking problem and need help. "Just arrest me, I'm drunk," he told officers when they began sobriety tests.

He was just glad he didn't kill anyone, he said.

MOVED OUT

Two televisions, a stereo and cordless phone were taken from a home on Kingsley, police said.

According to the report, a couple bought the home and moved several items into it on Jan. 30. But the next morning they discovered the garage and side door open and several lights on within the house. It appeared hired contractors had entered the home and completed some work, although the residents requested they only do work when they were present. Police are still investigating.

NO HEADLIGHTS

A 28-year-old Novi man was arrested for drunk driving Jan. 1 after police stopped his Grand Am for failing to use his headlights while out driving at 10 p.m.

The car was turned over to his sober 19-year-old daughter and 26-year-old friend. Police said the man didn't know his headlights were off and was legally drunk. During his sobriety testing, the man recited his alphabet correctly A though M but then skipped to U,X,Y,V,X, police said.

LOUD ATTRACTION

A 17-year-old Novi High School girl stopped for driving a car with a loud exhaust was cited for driving without a license and two marijuana cigarettes confiscated from her car, police said.

A patrol officer spotted the girl on Jan. 10 because of the loud exhaust and recognizing her as a possible marijuana trafficker in the city. During a search of the car, which was her boyfriend's, police found a confiscated two of the roaches. A female passenger in the car was released at the scene.

POSSESSION

A 37-year-old Walled Lake man was arrested for possession of narcotics paraphernalia and driving under the influence of narcotics Jan. 4 after Novi police received a tip about a man possibly smoking marijuana and driving.

According to police, officers pulled the man over for expired license plates but found two drug pipes and other narcotics items in his 1984 Chrysler New Yorker.

Police said the man did not have his driver's license with him and failed sobriety tests. He began to have violent mood swings on his way to the police station and continued to forget why he was arrested. He cried, yelled and pounded on walls demanding his car back from being impounded. He was afraid the incident would hurt his chances of getting drug treatment, police said.

The man's father was called and he told police his son has a continuing addiction and was set to enter treatment programs. He was admitted by Novi police and his father to Botsford Hospital and was happy to learn he would receive treatment there, police said.

STOLEN TRUCK

A Ford F-150 pick-up truck was stolen from the Beachwalk Apartments sometime between Dec. 23 and Jan. 4, it's owner reported to police. Inside were several pieces of mountain biking equipment.

CARDS STOLEN

The manager of Charter House in Novi reported several credit cards from an employee and some visitors were stolen between the dates of Oct. 26 and Dec. 4, police said.

The thefts were discovered when charges were made to the cards the holders didn't recognize. Police are investigating.

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

Novi Briefs

Jaycees Week

January 18-24 has been designated as U.S. Junior Chamber of Commerce week in Novi, and nationally, honor the 77-year-old organization.

Locally, the Novi Jaycees are known for their Distinguished Service Awards Breakfast and Needy Family Christmas program. Residents who are 21 through 40 years old are invited to join up, said former Jaycee and Mayor Pro Tem Hugh Crawford.

He urged Novi residents to sign up.

"The Novi Jaycees aren't doing as well as they'd like to do," Crawford said.

"It's a wonderful leader training program."

Getting together

On Jan. 27, the Lakes Area Residents Association and the Southeast Shawood Homeowners Association will discuss further details of the merger both organizations agreed upon last fall, SES President Sarah Gray said.

They're focusing on ways to flow both groups' by-laws together and will also come up with a new name for LARA.

Gray said the moniker will reflect the homeowners' aspect of the group, but an attempt will also be made not to lose the name recognition LARA already enjoys in Novi and Walled Lake.

"We're still working on that," she added.

Flood levels

Novi Director of Public Service Anthony Nowicki recently reported to the city council that he met with representatives of the Federal Emergency Management Agency and learned that in the 15 years some Novi property owners have qualified for the federally-backed flood insurance program, only four claims totaling $7,000 were made in this city.Novi has a currently insurable value of $7.256 million in property that qualifies for the FEMA plan.

West Bay files suit against Farmington

An oil exploration company that was turned down to drill in Farmington Hills has turned to the court for help, citing a potential loss of $40 million in profits.

The Farmington Hills City Council - responding to concerns of residents near the proposed site - denied West Bay Exploration's request to drill two well heads in the Nine Mile/Haggerty Road area due to concerns about the possible release of hydrogen sulfide.

The site is just across Haggerty Road from Novi.

West Bay wants a judge to overrule the local government decision and issue drilling permits.

If not, West Bay officials will ask the judge to rule this was an inverse condemnation - governmental taking of property. They'll seek damages of $40 million, the gross revenue they project two well heads would produce.

"We don't want to file lawsuits. We want to produce oil and gas. That's how we make our livelihood.," said Gary Gottschalk, West Bay vice president.

West Bay and its affiliate, the Southern Michigan Oil Company (SOMOCO), have well heads in Novi. In 1991, West Bay reached an out-of-court settlement with Novi to drill at a Ten Mile Road site, west of the Echo Valley subdivision.

The company met Farmington Hills ordinances on the issue and concerns over hydrogen sulfide are unfounded, West Bay officials said. Farmington Hills officials say the denial has strong legal backing.

"We've done what we think is the right thing and I'm disappointed they are going to court," said Farmington Hills City Manager Daniel Hobbs.

"I don't think that will serve them well in the long term."

Refusal to grant a drilling permit in Farmington Hills is based on city code, which allows for a denial if there is a threat to public health, safety and welfare.

Hydrogen sulfide is a toxic byproduct of oil/gas exploration. West Bay and a state Department Environmental Quality officials said there is no more than a trace of the chemical, which is not harmful. The Farmington Hills site is well south of what is considered the "sour well" line.

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The Log Book

The following is a complete list of the emergency runs of the Novi Fire Department for the week ending Jan. 11. Each incident is listed by type, location, time and the engine and squad number which responded to the call.

MONDAY, JAN. 5

Medical, 21702 Worcester, 12:30 a.m., Squad 3.

Service, 41080 Ten Mile Road, 9:15 a.m., Squad 1.

Medical, 41171 Hollydale, 10:24 a.m., Squad 3.

Medical, 45182 West Road, 10:40 a.m., Squad 2.

Fire-car, Taft and Grand River, 12:03 p.m., Engine 1.

Service, 24125 Hickory Grove, 2:18 p.m., Squad 3.

Medical, 502 Eckselhay, 7:43 p.m., Squad 4.

Medical, 25441 Fountain Park, 10:49 p.m., Squad 1.

TUESDAY, JAN. 6

Service, 24612 Bramblewood, 9:41 a.m., Squad 4.

Injury accident, Ten Mile and Meadowbrook, 11:05 a.m., Squad 1.

Medical, Fire Station No. 1, 8:03 p.m., Squad 1.

Investigation, 29769 Rousseau, 9:31 p.m., Engine 2.

Medical, 24307 Pine Crest, 11:57 p.m., Squad 1.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 7

Medical, 45125 Ten Mile Road, 1:32 a.m., Squad 3.

THURSDAY, JAN. 8

Medical, 21348 E. Glen Haven, 9:14 a.m., Squad 3.

Medical, 23970 Harvest, 10:44 a.m., Squad 3.

Medical, 41735 Carousel, 11:35 a.m., Squad 2.

Medical, 45182 West Road, 11:47 a.m., Squad 2.

Fire-building, 20824 W. Glen Haven, 2:30 p.m., Engines 1, 3.

Gas leak, Town Center and Grand River, 2:49 p.m., Engine 1.

Investigation, 40041 Crosswinds, 4:01 p.m., Engine 3.

Medical, Grand River and Court Building, 4:47 p.m., Squad 4.

Investigation, 22790 Novi Road, 8:22 p.m., Engine 1.

Medical, 41920 Manor Park, 11:02 p.m., Squad 1.

Medical, 20740 Woodland Glen, 11:28 p.m., Squad 3.

FRIDAY, JAN. 9

Medical, 41920 Manor Park, 3:46 a.m., Squad 1.

Medical, 44845 North Hills, 7:49 a.m., Squad 3.

Medical, 45182 West Road, 1:46 p.m., Squad 2.

Medical, 42088 Liberte, 2:11 p.m., Squad 2.

Medical, 25627 Glamorgan, 3:25 p.m., Squad 4.

Investigation, 40043 Crosswinds, 4:30 p.m., Engine 3.

Medical, 1385 East Lake, 6:28 p.m., Squad 2.

SATURDAY, JAN. 10

Fire alarm, 43350 Crescent, 5:22 a.m., Engines 1, 2.

Medical, 29747 English Way, 10:14 a.m., Squad 2.

Gas main leak, Main Street and Market, 12:32 p.m., Engine 1.

Medical, 45182 West Road, 1:28 p.m., Squad 2.

Medical, Twelve Oaks and Novi Road, 1:46 p.m., Squad 1.

Medical, 31245 Wedgewood, 5:33 p.m., Squad 2.

Medical, 40162 Washington, 9:08 p.m., Squad 1.

Fire-building, 22210 Pondview, 9:29 p.m., Engines 1, 3.

SUNDAY, JAN. 11

Fire-brush, Vincenti and Jo Drive, 7:13 a.m., Engine 1, Tanker 1.

Medical, Novi Police Building, 9:13 a.m., Squad 3.

Medical, Blue Lot and Twelve Oaks, 11:11 a.m., Squad 1.

Propane leak, 39471 Twelve Mile, 6:22 p.m., Engine 1.

Medical, 23737 Maude-Lea, 8:08 p.m., Squad 3.

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HEALTH NOTE

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

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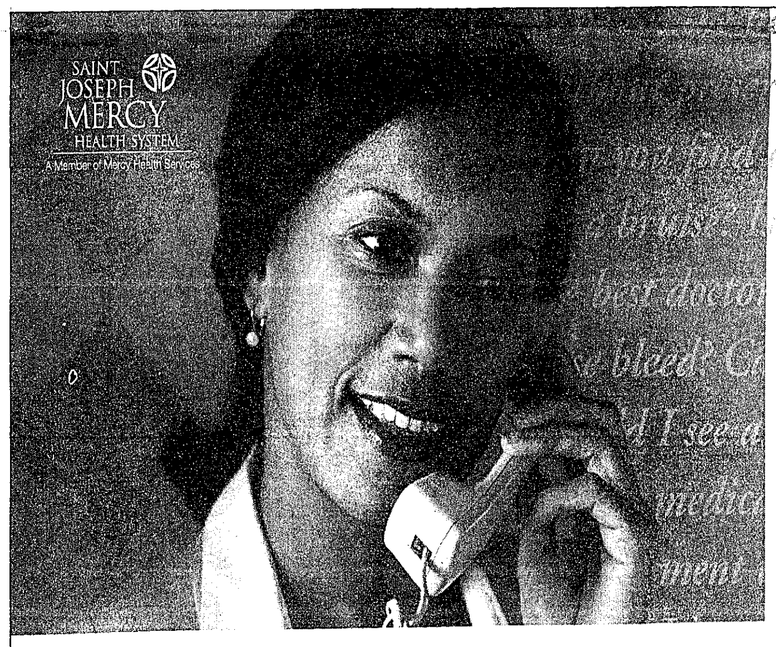

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Computer savvy teachers win awards for keeping kids tuned into technology

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

Three Novi teachers have proved the money spent on computer technology for the Novi Community School District was indeed money well spent.

Debbie Madeja, Frank Raburn and Gay Kelly recently received Outstanding Technology-Using Teacher Awards from the Oakland County Superintendents Association and Oakland Schools.

These teachers will participate in a cross-district network of innovative technology-using educators, serve as a referral group to Oakland Schools and the local districts, and share "best practices" in using technology in their classrooms with other educators in the county.

Debbie Madeja, a third grade teacher at Parkview Elementary School, participated in a national pilot program that encourages the use of the Internet in the classroom. In addition, Madeja works with and trains her students to be the "team techies" who help and support other students and teachers on her third grade team.

Using Hyperstudio (a presentation program), Claris Works (word processing) and Netscape (an Internet browser) Madeja blends technology into many assignments.

What computers do is help keep the motivation high, she explained. Fast moving, colorful computers which present instant results serve the short attention span of young students.

Madeja pointed out when students have to write and rewrite essays on paper it can become a long process with students losing interest. Computer writing makes it less laborious, students write their stories on the computer, print them out, edit then on paper in the classroom and then they run the assignment through spellcheck to see if their paper editing was correct.

Novi Middle School teacher Frank Raburn agrees the technology fits today's students.

"The kids have been around them a lot and it's a visual stimulus. These kids have grown up with it, the big screen television, sound, video. It fits into their style of acquiring knowledge," Raburn said.

Raburn was also picked for the technology award. He developed a project that combines the design skills of the art students and the page layout skills of the computer students. The final collaborative project was a student-produced newsletter.

Raburn, a long time teacher at Novi Middle School, took on technology about 11 years ago when the school need an additional computer teacher.

"It's been a real drastic change," Raburn said. "When I taught science I had one computer to do temperature readings and now you can put two to three students together in a room with a computer for assignments."

Technology can help students achieve more in the classroom, he added. With presentation software like PowerPoint students can do a lot more with the final presentation of projects, he said. Reports are no longer written by hand, they are computer processed and Spellchecked, speeding up the process and making for a better final product, he said.

Teachers learn about applying technology from other teachers, often using Internet chat sites, education Web pages and other literature.

Sometimes the kids come up with ideas, according to Madeja. She said her students were reading about the Titanic one day and a student suggested they hop online to read more about it.

"Kids spark ideas," she said. "Things just kind of happen and it's good to take advantage of that when those sparks happen."

Gary Kelly, the third teacher awarded for technology use, is a social studies teacher at Novi High School. Kelly uses technology in his classroom on a daily basis. His students are using the Internet to research and prepare multimedia projects for classroom presentations. As a leader in his department, Kelly inservices teachers and assists in the development of computer integration into all areas of the social studies curriculum.

Madeja said this is her ninth year at Parkview and computer use continues to increase.

"Novi really has a philosophy of integrating technology into our units," she explained. "We don't teach it as a separate class anymore."

A lot of the use is attributed to the encouragement and enthusiasm of the staff and administration about technology, she said.

Madeja said the district made a smart move when it passed a $31.9 million technology bond issue in 1993 and created a training program for teachers who voluntarily spent summer in computer training programs.

The few dissidents who at first resisted the change now won't give those computers up, she added.

TECHNOLOGY COUNTS

Thanks to the money provided by the $31.9 million technology bond approved by voters in 1993, the 5,000-plus students at Novi schools are on the forefront of technology use across the nation.

The district now has an estimated:
- 2,000 Macintosh, Apple and Pentium computers.
- 230 dot matrix or laser printers.
- 12 scanners.
- 10 digital cameras.
- 18 file servers.
- Five Internet servers.
- Four phone switches.
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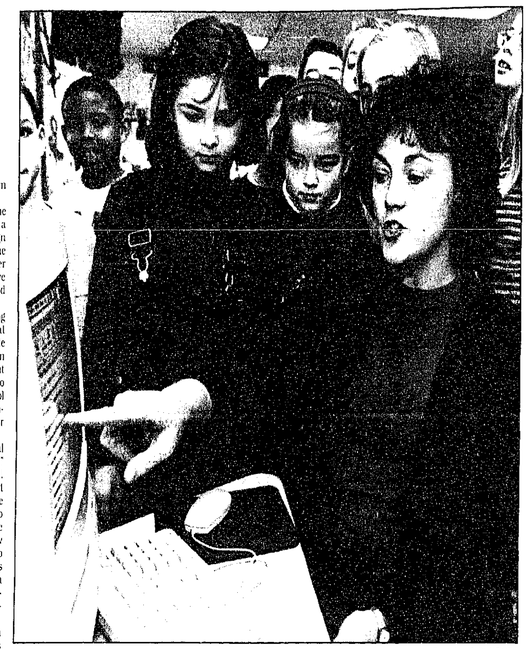
- 90 VCRs.

Source: A report by instructional technology supervisor Jim Fry at Novi schools in December of 1996.



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Award-winning teacher Debbie Madeja goes over a computer survey with her Parkview students.

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Novi firm helps corporations get a message across

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

These days, Fortune 500 corporations like to promote their businesses as earth-friendly.

One way they do it is by ordering their logo stamped on tee shirts, sweat shirts and other garb from the Novi-based Pro Mark Services. Pro Mark is the only Michigan firm licensed to sell EcoFiber, a cotton fabric made from the waste of the cotton industry by a Canadian firm.

Rob Schummer, president of Pro Mark, explained that the textile is created from the post-industrial waste of major garment manufacturers such as Lee or Fruit Of The Loom. Typically, they use the long fibers of cotton to make their products, but EcoFiber found a way to take the short fibers that previously were sent to landfills.

"It's not post-consumer waste. People mainly think 'oh, my god, they've taken all the old tee shirts that we've thrown in the trash,'" Schummer explained.

"Say Ford Motor wants to do a big promotion on Earth Day and they're going to hand out tee shirts. What better way to get their logo out than on a recycled tee shirt?"

CEO Darryl Hart and Schummer merged their companies in 1996.

The Trans-X Drive operation is really three businesses in one. Schummer is the founder of Pro Mark, Hart is the founder of Adventures in Advertising. They also own T. A. Riggs, which does the screen printing and embroidery for both their own promotional products and those sold by other printing companies.

"Most of the people in the business are distributors. Much of our work is contract work for competitors," Hart said.

While the final figure is not in yet, in 1997 the company's sales figures came in at about $3.2 million. Hart and Schummer employ 25, sometimes more when large jobs come in.

Pro Mark also specializes in event planning, helping clients set up conventions and seminars in places like Florida, Hawaii and Las Vegas. They manage all the details, from hotel rooms to airline tickets.

In addition, the company will get tickets or hospitality suites to events ranging from the Super Bowl to the Olympics, as well as all the major golf and tennis tournaments.

Besides the recycled products, the company takes orders for a full range of promotional materials. Adventures in Advertising will also help customers design the graphics.

Along with the more typical tee shirts and mugs, they'll print corporate logos on anything – including TVs, binoculars, VCRs and foam pigs. Fortune 500 corporations are particularly fond of purchasing boxer shorts emblazoned with a corporate logo for distribution to executives and customers, Hart said.

They also produce products for special events, sometimes working on a tight time frame.

"If you're not on time, you're in trouble," Schummer said.

While the bulk of their business is not in EcoFiber, big firms and organizations like Lucent Technology, the Big Three auto companies, Ameritech, State Farm and the UAW do snap up the EcoFiber products emblazoned with their corporate logos in either the natural color of the product, or white bleached in such a way as to not harm the environment.

"They have an agenda of environmental responsibility. It meets the objective of participating in saving the environment. It also gives them an opportunity to get their name out in a nice way," Hart said.

The garments – with embroidered logos by Pro Mark – are only available at the retail level through the New York City shop, Fashion Cafe.

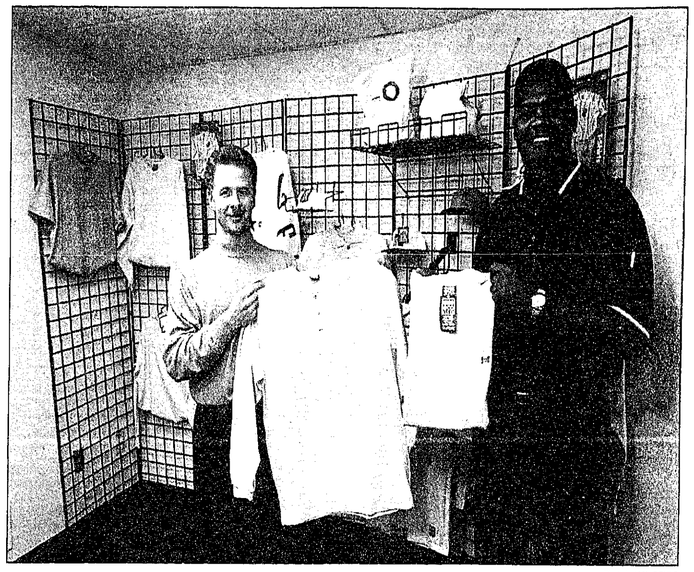
Other recycled garments have been made of polyester created by recycling plastic bottles, but they're hot and uncomfortable, Schummer added.

Their business is a highly competitive one, the partners said.

"It's something different every day, it's a crazy business. I don't know too any people who get out of it. It kind of grows on you," Schummer said.

With a small company, service is key, the ability to provide service is paramount, Hart said.

"This is a story of perseverance. It's never easy running a small business. We work hard to keep people happy," he added.



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Rob Schummer , president of Pro Mark (left) and CEO Darryl Hart show off shirts made from recycled waste cotton.

Middle school teacher remains optimistic, despite spinal problems

By CHRISTOPHER NAGY
Staff Writer

Just as it seemed a full recovery was right around the corner, Howell Public Schools Board of Education member Barton Hellmuth returned to the hospital for a second time with blood flow problems on his spine.

Hellmuth, a teacher at Novi Middle School, was admitted to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor Dec. 18, after suffering a partial paralyzation of his lower extremities while at home.

"The doctors are calling it a 'blood flow problem,'" Hellmuth said in a telephone interview from the hospital.

"They haven't said it was a 'blood clot' or they haven't used that exact terminology yet."

The incident occurred exactly five months after Hellmuth suffered a similar incident while vacationing with his family in Cadillac, Mich.. That was, on July 18.

Following the first incident, Hellmuth was able to participate in the Howell Public Schools Board of Education meeting only three days after his release from the hospital.

He returned to teaching at Novi Middle School.

But he was sidelined from his basketball and volleyball coaching duties..

This second incident will keep him out of the classroom for the rest of the school year, he said.

Hellmuth said he is expected to remain hospitalized until mid-February.

"I was coming along pretty good and getting a lot stronger before this happened again," he said.

"I thought one setback was enough for the year."

Hellmuth said the doctors at the hospital aren't sure of how to prevent the incident from recurring.

He said he was on blood thinners and has kept up with his therapy after his release.

Next week, he and his wife are headed to the Mayo Clinic in Minnesota to try to find some answers and alternate opinions.

"I'm mostly concerned about how we can prevent this from happening again," he said.

"I was making so much progress and this really set me back quite a bit."

When he was admitted to the hospital the second time, Hellmuth said he had no feeling from the waist down, but he was able to move his toes.

He is currently undergoing physical and occupational therapy and can now also move his ankles.

"What it amounts to is that they're teaching me how to crawl," he said.

"You have to learn to crawl before you can walk."

During the first incident, he said he received feeling back in his thighs first and then his calves, ankles and toes.

The first time, he said, the problem area was lower on his spine.

In spite of everything, Hellmuth remains optimistic and said things could always be worse.

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Obituaries

HELEN STABLER

Helen Stabler, 78, of Novi died Jan. 7, at Providence Hospital. She was born Sept. 15, 1919, in Detroit.

Mrs. Stabler was a 1937 graduate of Denby High School. She was past president of Novi Business and Professional Women's Club, an active volunteer coordinator on the Novi Arts and Culture Committee, and a former community education board member of Lakewood Park Homes in Novi.

She is survived by daughters, Susan J. Mortimore of Walled Lake, Pat (Jerry) Lauer, and Susie "Jani" (Jim) Mortimore; sons, Mike (Gerry), Jerry (Verna), and Ken; and 14 grandchildren, 11 great grandchildren, and six step great grandchildren.Services were held on Saturday, Jan. 10, at Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home in Farmington. The Rev. Victor Halboth officiated at the service.

CLIFFORD W. SHIPLEY

Clifford W. Shipley, 49, of South Lyon died Jan. 5, at Huron Valley Hospital in Commerce Township. He was born Aug. 17, 1948.

He is survived by his wife, Diana (Lademann); mother, Thelma (Les) Aho; sisters, Katherine (Daniel) Waker and Jacquelin (Mike) McClung; brothers, Steve (Denise), James, Leslie (Karen) Aho, and Scott (Monica); and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his father, Robert, and Catherine Aho.

An 11 a.m. service was held Jan. 8, at St. Joseph Church in South Lyon.

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

Memorials to the Hospice of Southeastern Michigan or the American Cancer Society would be appreciated.

LEONA CREPEAU

Leona Crepeau, 71, of Novi died Jan. 12 at Angela Hospice in Livonia. She was born May 18, 1926.

Mrs. Crepeau graduated in 1944 from St. Mary of Redford High School. She was an active member of the Legion of Mary Society at St. Christine Church in Detroit. Before retiring in 1988, Mrs. Crepeau was employed at Farmers Insurance Co., Southfield.

She is survived by sons, Joe (Ingrid), Frank (Nancy), and Larry (Sue); daughters, Laura (Jim) Guarino and Mary (Mike) Dorosh; brothers, Jack, Dan, and Frank Quigley, and Bernie Murdoch; and sister, Mary Albright.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 17, at O'Brien Chapel/Ted C. Sullivan Funeral Home on Grand River in Novi. Interment will be in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

Memorials to Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh, Livonia, MI 48154 would be appreciated.

JAMES L. MYERS

James L. Myers of Novi died Jan. 3, at Greenery Nursing Center, Farmington. He was 81. Mr. Myers was born Aug. 14, 1916.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret E.

Services will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 10, at Faith Community Presbyterian Church.

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

ELEANOR D. GONDA

Eleanor Dorothy Gonda, 63, of Novi died Jan. 3, at Angela Hospice in Livonia. She was born June 9, 1934.

Surviving Mrs. Gonda are: husband, Frank; children, Sue, Terry and Frank (Karen); and sister, Elaine (Edmund) Samson.

Services were conducted Tuesday, Jan. 6, at St. James Catholic Church in Novi. Interment was in St. Patrick Cemetery, Taberg, N.Y.

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

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

CHRIS CHRISTENSEN

Chris Christensen, 65, of Westland died Jan. 11 at Botsford General Hospital. He was born July 25, 1932, in Detroit.

Surviving Mr. Christensen are: wife, Phyllis; sons, Axel (Dawn), Eric (Cathy) and Chris; daughter, Helen of Novi; four brothers; three sisters; and five grandchildren.

Services were held on Wednesday, Jan. 14, at Church of St. Alexander with Father Jim Wright officiating. Interment was in North Farmington Cemetery, Farmington Hills.

Arrangements were made by Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home Inc. of Farmington.

Road crews braced for snow

To most people, a winter snow storm is an inconvenience - snow, slush and ice can make the commute to and from work, school, shopping, etc., an unpleasant experience.

But for the Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC) a winter storm can mean long hours of grueling work - and a big hit to the budget.

RCOC estimates the cost of a substantial snow storm can run into the hundreds of thousands of dollars. In fact, a storm that requires three or more days of RCOC work, as many winter squalls do, can cost over a half-million dollars.

In all, including equipment, overhead, wages, salt, etc., RCOC can spend up to $7 million keeping roads clear during the course of a single winter. And that's money that doesn't provide a single road improvement.

RCOC Managing Director Brent O. Bair explains that fighting a major snow storm in Oakland County is a significant undertaking. "Our number-one priority is the safety of motorists on our roads, so we're going to do everything we can to make sure our roads are as safe as possible during a storm. That means we incur many costs that most people aren't aware of, such as paying our salt truck drivers to work extended shifts. We have some of the most heavily-traveled roads in the state, and it takes a substantial effort to keep them clear during storms."

But even minor storms can cost RCOC quite a bit. "Most people judge the severity of a storm based on the amount of snow they have to shovel from their driveway. Not true for us," Bair says.

"Freezing rain or a light dusting of snow that freezes to the roadway can cause our crews to be out there for hours, which runs up the costs."

He adds, though, that RCOC has made every effort to ensure that its costs are as low as possible. "For example, we pay less for salt than other large road agencies. We continuously analyze our costs to find ways of reducing them without cutting service. I don't think there's anyone around who could provide this level of service at a lower cost."

Bair notes RCOC activities associated with a storm begin before most people realize, and last until well after the storm has ended.

A storm that lasts 24 hours frequently requires at least three full days of Road Commission work to clean up. That's because salt crews typically hit the roads as soon as the first snow starts falling and don't stop until all county roads are clear and passable.

Once the salt crews have ensured that all freeways and major roads are clear, they begin working on subdivision roads in the county's townships. The subdivision roads alone can take several days to salt and / or plow.

Such a storm can also mean long hours of driving in the worst of conditions for RCOC's salt crews. The crews can work up to 16 hours before they are relieved and must go home to rest for five hours.

After that five hours of rest, if the storm continues, they can be called upon to work up to another 16 hours. And crews report to work whenever there's a snow storm, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, including holidays.

The largest single cost of such a storm is salt. While the quantity of salt used varies from storm to storm depending upon conditions, a 24-hour storm is likely to require approximately $200,000 worth of salt.

At RCOC's cost of approximately $30 per ton, this equals some 6,800 tons of salt, which is the equivalent of covering all RCOC's salt runs countywide a total of nine times.

RCOC maintains over 2,800 miles of roadway in the county (the largest county road system in the state), including more than 300 miles of state highway it maintains for the Michigan Department of Transportation.

The next largest portion of the cost of a storm is equipment (salt trucks, salt loaders, etc.). A storm requiring three days of cleanup runs approximately $160,000. This figure is based on RCOC's break-down of its equipment costs (including wear and tear and ultimate replacement) into hourly rates, and multiplying those rates by the hours the equipment is used during the storm.

Other costs experienced by RCOC during such a storm include staff wages (regular and overtime), staff fringe benefits and sand (used on gravel roads in place of salt).

Public Access

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

MONDAY, JAN. 19
10:00 a.m. — INFO TV-12 News
10:30 a.m. — The Cutting Room Floor
11:00 a.m. — Christian Singles Today
11:30 a.m. — Cosby and Company
12:00 p.m. — Window to Washington: Global Warming
12:30 p.m. — Self Mastery
1:00 p.m. — Adventures with Pirate Pete
1:30 p.m. — Mr. Blue Fuzzy Show
2:00 p.m. — Financial Strategies
2:30 p.m. — Impact Video
3:00 p.m. — Rudy
3:30 p.m. — Optimists in Action
4:00 p.m. — Ask the Pharmacist
4:30 p.m. — Farmington Hills Police Journal: Bomb Squad
5:00 p.m. — Who, What, Where, Y
5:30 p.m. — Lawyers Roundtable
6:00 p.m. — School of Ministry of Mission
6:30 p.m. — Bagels and Talk with Tracy
7:00 p.m. — Critter Connection
7:30 p.m. — INFO TV-12 News
8:00 p.m. — The Day We Stole TV
8:30 p.m. — (con't)
9:00 p.m. — Lansing Connection
9:30 p.m. — Groove Session

TUESDAY, JAN. 20
10:00 a.m. — Legislative Forum
10:30 a.m. — Specs Profile
11:00 a.m. — Law Talk: Michael T. Raymond
11:30 a.m. — (con't)
12:00 p.m. — Summit University
12:30 p.m. — (con't)
1:00 p.m. — Drawing Men to Christ
1:30 p.m. — (con't)
2:00 p.m. — Lansing Connection
2:30 p.m. — Oakwood Healthline: Alternative Medicine
3:00 p.m. — Change the World of a Child
3:30 p.m. — Walled Lake Casino
4:00 p.m. — (con't)
4:30 p.m. — Trauma: The Silent Epidemic
5:00 p.m. — INFO TV-12 News Magazine
5:30 p.m. — People Who Make Things Happen
6:00 p.m. — People Talk
6:30 p.m. — (con't)
7:00 p.m. — Fitness Motivators
7:30 p.m. — Financial Strategies
8:00 p.m. — Tele-Tunes: The Chirps
8:30 p.m. — Listening, Learning, Loving: The Truth About Gays and Lesbians
9:00 p.m. — Let's Talk with Ben Marks
9:30 p.m. — (con't)

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 21
10:00 a.m. — Life Matters
10:30 a.m. — Excellence en Route
11:00 a.m. — Patterson and Company
11:30 a.m. — The Capitol Report
12:00 p.m. — School of Ministry and Mission
12:30 p.m. — The Way, The Truth, and The Life
1:00 p.m. — Study in Scripture
1:30 p.m. — AMVETs
2:00 p.m. — Restoration Now
2:30 p.m. — Christian Singles Today
3:00 p.m. — May Your Dreams Come true
3:30 p.m. — Groove Session
4:00 p.m. — Critter Connection
4:30 p.m. — INFO TV-12 News Magazine
5:00 p.m. — The Show Me Show with Tatiana
5:30 p.m. — Watch What You Eat
6:00 p.m. — Neighborhood Watch
6:30 p.m. — Detroit Skates
7:00 p.m. — Adventures with Pirate Pete
7:30 p.m. — Cosby and Company
8:00 p.m. — Novi Street Beat Live
8:30 p.m. — Who, What, Where, Y
9:00 p.m. — Window to Washington: Global Warming
9:30 p.m. — Rock Soup

THURSDAY, JAN. 22
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: John Balarado
4:30 p.m. — (con't)
5:00 p.m. — Shaarey Zedek Productions
5:30 p.m. — (con't)
6:00 p.m. — Motorsports: Nascar History
6:30 p.m. — (con't)
7:00 p.m. — Oakwood Healthline: Alternative Medicine
7:30 p.m. — Farmington Hills Police Journal
8:00 p.m. — People Who Make Things Happen
8:30 p.m. — Christian Singles Today
9:00 p.m. — Law Talk: John Balarado
9:30 p.m. — (con't)

FRIDAY, JAN. 23
10:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. — To Be Announced
4:00 p.m. — Fitness Motivators
4:30 p.m. — The Show Me Show with Tatiana
5:00 p.m. — To Be Announced
5:30 p.m. — Cosby and Company
6:00 p.m. — To Be Announced
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Xmas tree advice from state DEQ

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) reminds residents that Christmas trees can be disposed of in landfills without violating the ban on landfilling yard waste.

Open burning of trees is not recommended, but with local government authorization people may dispose of Christmas trees on their own property.

DEQ Director Russell Harding explained that Christmas trees fall outside the legal definition of yard waste because they exceed the 2-inch diameter size restriction on banned material.

"The ban was implemented to encourage yard waste management by composting or other more environmentally suitable methods," Harding said. "This extends the life of landfills and waste incinerators. It's a good law that has been generally well-received throughout the state.

"As always, the DEQ stands ready to help residents understand and comply with the law. Our Environmental Assistance Center is a tremendous resource for individuals and communities interested in learning more about composting."

The center can be reached at 1-800-662-9278.

The ban took effect in March 1995. It prohibits leaves, grass clippings, vegetable or other garden debris, shrubbery, or brush or tree trimmings less than 4 feet in length and 2 inches in diameter from being accepted at landfills or solid waste incinerators.

"Many Christmas trees are painted or otherwise treated and covered with metallic tinsel," Harding said. "While we encourage the chipping and composting of clean, untreated brush, landfill disposal of Christmas trees is not a violation of the ban on landfilling yard waste. This also applies to Christmas trees disposed of at solid waste incinerators."

CITY OF NOVI
NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that there are upcoming vacancies on the Board of Review, Beautification Commission, Cable Access Committee, Construction Board of Appeals, Economic Development Corporation, Election Commission, Library Board, and Novi Building Authority. Applications are available in the office of the City Clerk or by calling 347-0456. Council will be interviewing applicants Monday, February 2, 1998 beginning at 7:30 p.m. Please submit your application no later than January 29, 1998 to allow time for scheduling appointments.

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CITY OF NOVI
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January 12th and 26th
February 2nd*, 9th and 23rd
March 2nd and 16th
April 2nd**, 6th, 9th**, 13th**, 16th**
20th, 23rd** and 27th**
May 4th and 11th
June 8th, 15th*, and 22nd
July 6th and 20th
August 10th and 31st
September 14th and 28th
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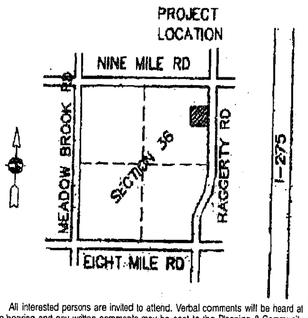
CITY OF NOVI
NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, January 21, 1998 at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider, **SUMMIT POINTE OFFICE COMPLEX, PHASES I AND II, SP 97-53A,** located south of Nine Mile Road, west of Haggerty Road seeking **PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN APPROVAL AND WOODLAND AND WETLAND PERMIT APPROVAL.**



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, January 21, 1998.

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CORRECTED NOTICE OF ADOPTION
CITY OF NOVI
ZONING MAP AMENDMENT NO. 572

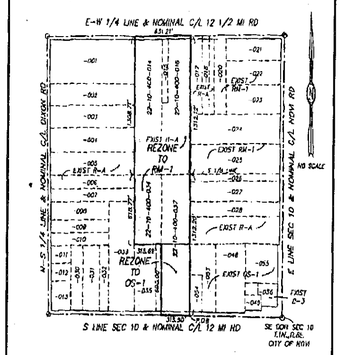
CITY OF NOVI ORDAINS:

PART I: That Ordinance No. 97-18, known as the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Novi, is hereby amended by the amending of the Zoning Map as indicated on ZONING MAP AMENDMENT NO. 572 attached hereto and made a part of this Ordinance.

PART II: CONFLICTING PROVISIONS REPEALED. Any Ordinances or parts of any Ordinance in conflict with any of the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

PART III: WHEN EFFECTIVE. The provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety and is hereby ordered to take effect fifteen (15) days after final enactment. It shall be published within fifteen (15) days of adoption. The effective date of this Ordinance is December 30, 1997.

MADE AND PASSED by the City Council of the City of Novi, Michigan, this 15th day of December, 1997. Copies of the Ordinance Amendment may be purchased or inspected at the office of the City Clerk, Novi, Michigan, weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. local time.



To rezone a part of the SE 1/4 of Section 10, T.1N.,R.8E., City of Novi, Oakland County, Michigan more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the South Line of Section 10 (nominal C/L of Twelve Mile Road), said point being S89°35'37"W 1,058.38 feet from the SE corner of said Section 10; thence continuing along said South Line S88°35'37"W 315.50 feet; thence N02°17'20"W 690.00 feet; thence S88°35'37"W 315.69 feet; thence N02°17'20"W 618.77 feet to a point on the South 1/8 Line of Section 10; thence N02°17'20"W 1,308.71 to a point on the E-W 1/4 Line of Section 10 (nominal C/L of Twelve and One-Half Mile Road); thence N87°59'22"E 631.21 feet along said E-W 1/4 Line; thence S02°17'26"E 1,312.12 feet to a point on the South 1/8 Line of Section 10; thence S02°17'01"E 1,312.20 feet to the point of beginning. Containing 32.98 acres.

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OS-1 OFFICE SERVICE DISTRICT

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CITY OF NOVI, MICHIGAN

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL December 15, 1997
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Buying or Selling A Car?
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Taking it 'Day by Day'

New district court program leaves drunk drivers with daily reminders

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

If you drink and drive and are convicted by judges at 52-1 District Court in Novi, you could be reminded of your crime day after day after day.

Under just another in a series of programs to tackle drunk driving offenses around the area, a new program, tagged Day By Day, requires offenders to report for drug and alcohol screening on a daily basis for up to two years. Any failure to do so or failure to pass the test results in a violation of probation and a ticket to jail.

"What we're really doing is building a set of tools that allows us to take alcoholics early in the process and monitor and control their behavior without depriving them and their families of money from employment but still placing them under scrutiny," explained Judge Brian MacKenzie of 52-1 District Court.

Participants are required to report every day for a period ranging from one day to two years to a private practice, Justice Alternatives for Michigan, where they undergo drug and/or alcohol testing. The center, in Farmington, is open before and after regular work hours.

As part of the program, the participant must provide proof of employment and will be supervised by the center to ensure they are attending work and any required educational or counseling programs. Alcoholics Anonymous meetings are also held on site.

"We provide a balance for individuals where we monitor them and provide supervision and services," explained Paul Ferrell, a certified addictions counselor.

Participants are not as resistant to the program as one might think, he said. Maybe about 20 percent seem a little angry but the bulk of the offenders appreciate the extra incentive.

"They may be having doubts about drinking but know they can't because they have to show up for testing," he said. "We're their conscience until they internalize it for themselves."

Although there are no statistics yet to prove it will result in fewer recurrences, Compton said she regularly receives calls from friends, family and neighbors of the drunk drivers saying they aren't following the rules.

"I get very frustrated when people call up and say I know they're doing something," Compton said.

"This nails them down every single day and says we're not kidding really you are not supposed to drink, you're not supposed to drive," Compton explained.

"We want to help these people get the idea to change their attitude and change their drinking habits. This is a very rehabilitative thing," she said.

The program is also being used in the 47th and 48th District Courts and was modeled after a similar program in Monroe County courts.

In 1996, 41 percent of all traffic fatalities were alcohol related, according to MADD. And in Oakland County, 1,474 people were injured in alcohol related accidents. Twenty-nine people were killed, the 1996 Michigan Annual Drunk Driving Audit shows.

The cost for the program is $10 per day and covers all aspects of the program, MacKenzie said. "It costs the taxpayers nothing which is another nice feature," he said.

According to MacKenzie, it's not going too far.

"It's an intermediate sanction between probation and jail," he said, adding he's given offenders an average of 30 days of the testing.

Ferrell said 13 out of 16 people successfully completed the program since December 21. Three were discharged for either testing positive for alcohol use or for not showing up. An approximate 50 people are in the program.

Mothers Against Driving Drunk of Oakland County is backing the program and will providing victim impact panels and speakers to Day by Day meetings and seminars.

"We've worked for years with Judge MacKenzie to try to find some method of curbing the recidivism rate of drunk drivers," said Michele Compton, chapter administrator for MADD. "What we've found is we have a certain segment of society that has a drinking problem and keep coming through the system."

Although the convicted drunk drivers are given suspended licenses or ordered not do drink during probation, Compton said she regularly receives calls from friends, family and neighbors of the drunk drivers saying they aren't following the rules.

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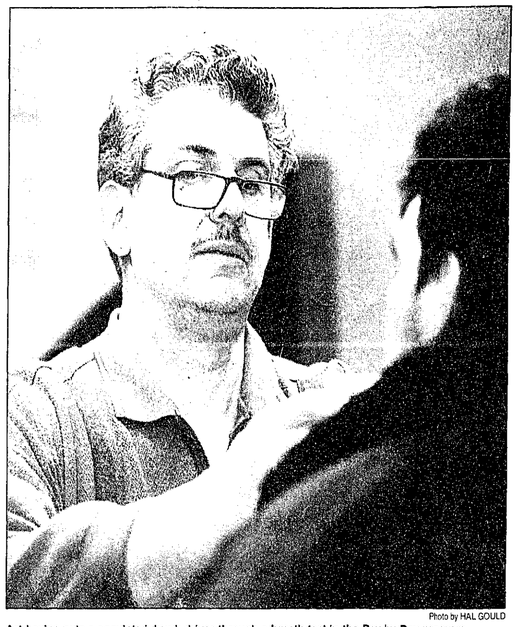

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Art Levine puts a convicted drunk driver through a breath test in the Day by Day program.

Novi police department will add new narcotics officer

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Novi will double the size of its own narcotics squad from one to two officers and join up with Farmington Hills and West Bloomfield in a very localized war on drugs.

Previously, Novi was part of Oakland County's Inter-jurisdictional Narcotics Enforcement Team. One Novi detective was assigned to the job, with the responsibility of investigating mid-level dope dealers.

But the county NET didn't net enough dealers in this community, Police Chief Douglas Shaeffer told the Novi City Council on Monday.

"Productivity in Novi has been very low, with the exception of one notable time period. In the past year, only three cases have been filed from Novi," he noted in a memo to the council.

"Conversations have been held with the personnel assigned to NET and with the supervisors of NET. I have specifically told them we are displeased with the low productivity in Novi. There has been no impact."

With council approval, there will now be two Novi narcs, a detective and an officer reassigned from the road patrol whose duties would include surveillance.

At Mayor Pro Tem Hugh Crawford's request, the chief will return to the council by next fall with a report on the new drug enforcement program and whether or not more personnel are needed.

Shaeffer estimated that some 70 to 90 percent of crimes committed in Novi, from purse snatching to more serious offenses, are to some degree drug-related.

"We would in fact focus our efforts closer to home," Shaeffer told the council.

"I believe we do in fact have to improve our performance in the war on drugs."

West Bloomfield and Farmington Hills earlier broke off on their own and have now invited Novi to join in. Each of the other communities maintains a five-member drug enforcement squad. The teams work together and have seen a significant increase in drug forfeiture funds collected from convicted felons, Shaeffer said.

Novi's current stash from forfeiture funds is now $25,800. All of that will be needed to finance the new enforcement program.

While the city's already paying the salaries of the team, the expense agreed to by the council will cover the need for an every three-months swap of the two unmarked cars that will be used in the program, to prevent suspects from recognizing the undercover vehicles.

The council agreed to a pact with an auto dealer which will allow the city to buy two used cars every three months at $100 above the wholesale price. For the first two cars, the outlay is expected to be $24,000.

After that, the police department will then sell back the retired cars to the dealer at the wholesale rate. Depreciation is expected to cost the police department $100 to $300 per month, for an annual depreciation cost per vehicle of $3,600.

That seemed more cost-effective than short-term leases, Shaeffer explained.

"That is a legitimate expenditure of our forfeiture funds to fight the war on drugs," the police chief said.

But Shaeffer said he expects more forfeiture money will come to Novi as a result of the beefed-up enforcement.

Council Member Kathy Mutch wondered if reassigning a road patrol officer to the narcotics squad would mean that the police chief would ask to hire another officer for road patrol. Expect that at budget time, Shaeffer said.

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A visit from Thomas Edison

Thomas Alva Edison (Joseph French) visited Novi's Village Oaks Elementary School children Monday morning and in an educational hour brought alive in demonstrations a number of his important inventions, including the first practical household light bulb, the phonograph and motion picture film. French also visits schools as Babe Ruth and Mark Twain.

Projects planned for metroparks

By TIM RICHARD
Staff Writer

Huron-Clinton Metroparks will invest a record $13.6 in capital improvements in 1998, mainly because three major projects were delayed politically in 1997.

This will be "the first year of the authority's five-year recreation plan," said controller David L. Wahl as he submitted a $48.6 million budget that the board approved.

The 13 Metroparks serving Wayne, Oakland, Livingston, Macomb and St. Clair counties drew nine million visitors last year, despite bad August weather that hurt pool revenues and continued Lake St. Clair pollution problems at Metro Beach.

Property owners – taxed 0.2236 mills or $16.77 a year on a house with a market value of $153,000 and taxable value of $75,000 – provide $22.1 million or a little less than half the total budget.

Major breakdowns: 45 percent for park operations, 28 percent for park capital improvements, and 10.5 percent for equipment, engineering, and administrative office.

With one major exception, the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority's budget is aimed at developing recreational capital rather than land acquisition. It will add one full-time employee – to 188 – over last year.

HCMA carried over a whopping $9.6 million it couldn't spend last year. "During 1997, delays were encountered in getting major construction projects off the ground," said Wahl. Among them:

• "The temporary injunction against the Family Aquatic Center at Indian Springs prevented $7.2 million of construction projects from being let." Located in Springfield and White Lake townships northwest of Pontiac, Indian Springs will see the $9.9 million aquatic center become a reality this year.

• "Political uncertainties with Harrison Township officials created a delay in awarding construction contracts for the $1 million Metro Beach West Boat Launch." That highly publicized battle was over HCMA's plan to place a boat launch on the shores of Lake St. Clair. The present boat launch is upstream. The state will put up a $750,000 recreational grant.

• "Delays were encountered in obtaining appropriate permits from Michigan's Department of Environmental Quality and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for the construction of the $500,000 Lake Erie Shoreline Trail." With its wave pool, Lake Erie has leaped into third place, just behind Metro Beach, as a revenue-producer for HCMA.

• HCMA also carried over $200,000 for upgrading Maltby Road leading to Huron Meadows in Green Oak Township of Livingston County. The newest Metropark, Huron Meadows has jumped into the middle of the revenue pack with its 18-hole golf course.

The major new acquisition will be Northbrook Golf Course near Wolcott Mill Metropark in the middle of Macomb County. An application for a state grant fell through, so HCMA will use its own funds.

Here are capital improvements planned for nearby popular Metroparks:

• Kensington, in Milford and Green Oak townships – $318,000 for upgrading a comfort station near the east boat launch, pesticide storage building, lighting at the farm center and general equipment.

The most popular Metropark, Kensington, starting its 50th year, provides nearly 20 percent of HCMA's operating revenue.

• Stony Creek, northeast of Rochester in Oakland and Macomb counties – $256,000 for a fishing pier walk, picnic shelter, boat piers, and general equipment.

Entry fees are unchanged. For vehicles they will be $15 for a season pass, $8 for a senior citizen annual, $3 for a one-day pass on weekends and holidays, $2 weekdays but free on Wednesdays.

For boat launching, fees are $18 for a season pass, $9 for a senior citizen season pass, $4 for weekends and holidays, $3 for weekdays but free on Wednesdays.

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District asks voters for school, improvements

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

In a good faith gesture, Novi Community Schools could use $400,000 in settlement monies from the Durant case to offset the $18.7 million bond proposal school board trustees may put on a March 8 ballot.

Winning the Durant case, whereby 84 districts sued the state of Michigan for failing to provide money for state mandated programs, netted Novi schools $1.7 million total.

While most of the money is expected to pay for cost overruns on construction of the new middle school, Assistant Superintendent of Business Jim Koster said last week, a portion could be used toward a bond proposal.

However, according to the settlement it would be dependent on the district holding a public hearing within 90 days of receiving the check due in April.

The Novi Board of Education is expected to discuss the bond proposal at its Jan. 22 meeting.

Approximately $12.5 million would build a new 84,000 square foot elementary school on district-owned property at Eleven Mile and Wixom roads, according to Koster. To be occupied beginning the year 2000, the school would hold 489 students.

Generally it would include:

• Two kindergarten classes.
• Seventeen elementary classes.
• Two special education classes.
• A media center.
• Music, art and discovery rooms.
• A cafeteria.
• A gymnasium.
• Administrative offices.

The district hopes to throw in an additional $6.2 million into the proposal, trying again to fund improvements to parking, athletic fields and playgrounds. A $5.5 million bond proposal for similar improvements failed to gain voter approval last summer.

Afraid those needs would be forgotten with the new need for a fifth elementary school, PTO leaders approached the board last month supporting a plan to combine the two bond proposals into a larger one.

Koster pulled together a plan to do just that. By increasing the Novi Community Schools millage by two-thirds, or 0.68 mills, the district could cover the necessary improvements.

If the board agrees to pursue the bond proposal for a March 8 vote, it will have to call a special election by Feb. 5.

According to Koster, the additional $6.2 million would pay for improvements to:

• The Novi High School and Novi Meadows athletic fields including new irrigation and surfaces, bleachers, concession stands, restrooms, lighting and storage facilities. The high school baseball and softball fields as well as the sports and band practice fields would also get a renovation.

• The parking and roadways within the district would be redesigned, resurfaced and parking nearly doubled. Bus drop-offs would be designed separately from parent drop-off sections. Better, safer lighting would be added to the lots.

• All playgrounds would get new equipment where needed, safer fall zones with the proper cushioning, improved landscaping and fencing and better drainage.

"We have tweaked and tweaked and tweaked," said Koster. "This is different than what we had in mind a year ago."

Last year, the district voted down a $5.5 million proposal to fix many of the same problems. But administrators feel by better informing the public of the need they can win them over. Presentation board with the plans for each school will be displayed at the various school buildings.

"So they understand exactly what it is on these sites the community is buying," Koster explained.

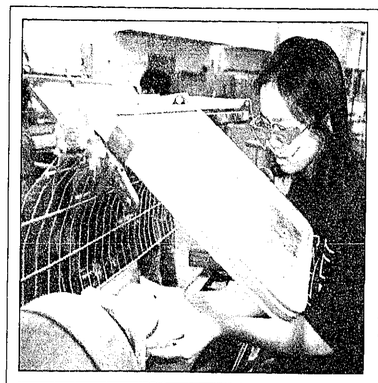
The cost for the infrastructure changes rose because of an increase in scope and rising costs a year later.

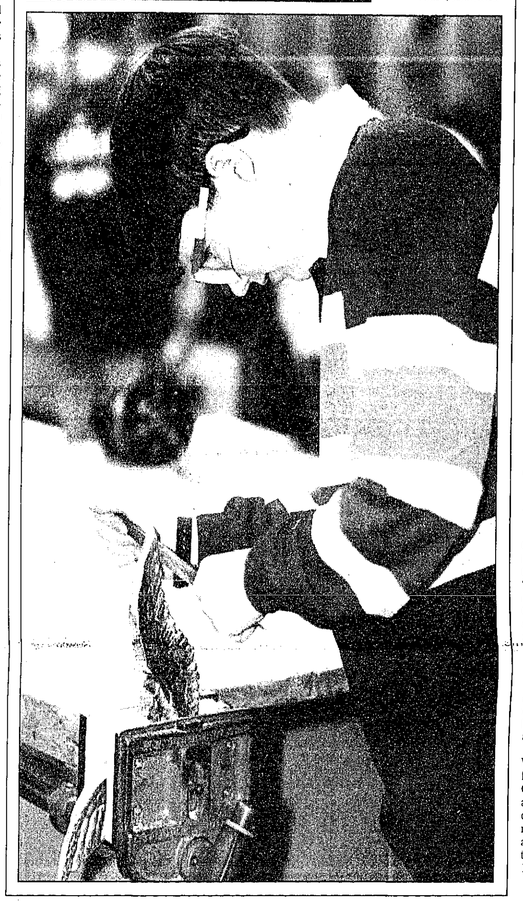
"It's not just slapping a coat of paint on," said Trustee George Kortlandt. "A major part of it is new improvements ... It's bringing it up to where the district should be in the total frame of things. We're looking at ... making it first class."

Carol Elfring added one request to explore adding a drop-off road for the elderly and handicapped for the Novi High School auditorium. The building is a long walk from the parking lot, she said.

DISTRICT SEEKING INPUT

The Novi Board of Education is asking for community input on a $18.7 million bond proposal that could go to a vote March 8. The bond would pay for a new elementary school and improvements to the athletic fields, parking lots and playgrounds. Trustees will discuss the proposal again at a Jan. 22 school board meeting beginning at 7:30 p.m. at Novi Woods Elementary and welcome residents to speak on the topic.





Shop class

Novi Middle School eighth-grader Justina Chiang shapes a maple apple on a lathe in David Hartman's Industrial Technology class. Other students in the were working on refining practical objects out of wood or sheet metal. Below, Neil Cox works on filing down the rough edges of a cast aluminum eagle. With Hartman's assistance, students learn the tools and techniques of shop.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

All-night party committee desperate for secret location

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

The Novi High School Senior All-Night Party committee is in dire need of a place to construct and store items and decorations for the June 6 after-graduation party.

"We've researched every past location but it's really getting down to crunch time to start building," said Carol Elfring, a high school parent and Novi Board of Education Trustee.

Preparations have already begun to collect donations, decorations, food and prizes for the safe and fun event for the graduating class of 1998, but the committee has yet to find a place to put it all.

Now a Novi tradition, the mission of the all-night party is to keep the school's 352 senior students safe after graduation and give them a final farewell to remember.

Nearly a hundred parents create sets and decorations to transform the high school according to a theme, such as a dream castle or tropical location, using donations from around the community to do so. Entertainment, food and prizes are part of the affair.

The group hoped to meet weekly from January to June in what would be a secret location from the students. However, the committee is still looking for a donated place to get the show on the road. While they wanted to stay within Novi, Elfring now says any nearby location will do. And despite the request for a location with water, electricity and heat, the committee will bend just to have someplace to start.

Anyone who can help is asked to call Novi High School at (248) 449-1500.

Survival center opens locally in Walled Lake

The Women's Survival Center of Oakland County is currently offering services at the Walled Lake Community Center, 615 Pontiac Trail in Walled Lake, to better serve residents in western Oakland County. Counseling on such issues as self-knowledge, self-esteem, relationships, self-image, coping skills, and other issues that affect women and families, is available Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at this location. To make an appointment or to get further information call the WSC HelpLine at (248) 335-1520. Counseling fees are based on a sliding scale.

On Thursday evenings, the Women's Survival Center provides free legal clinics at the Walled Lake Community Center. Volunteer attorneys provide private, confidential consultations for persons needing legal advice. To schedule an appointment for the clinic call the WSC HelpLine at (248) 335-1520.

Package materials recycled

Now that the holidays are over and the gifts have been unwrapped, all that's left are boxes and boxes of loose-fill packaging foam "peanuts."

Fortunately, recycling these little foam pests is as easy as visiting a nearby Mail Boxes Etc. center.

The Mail Boxes Etc., located at 43422 West Oaks Drive in Novi, accepts leftover packing materials, says franchise owner Les Beare. "Rather than throwing out the packing materials, MBE encourages people to bring in clean peanuts for reuse and recycling. Any shape, size or color of foam loose-fill is accepted," Beare said. "The recycling program is a nationwide effort, and we are happy to participate."

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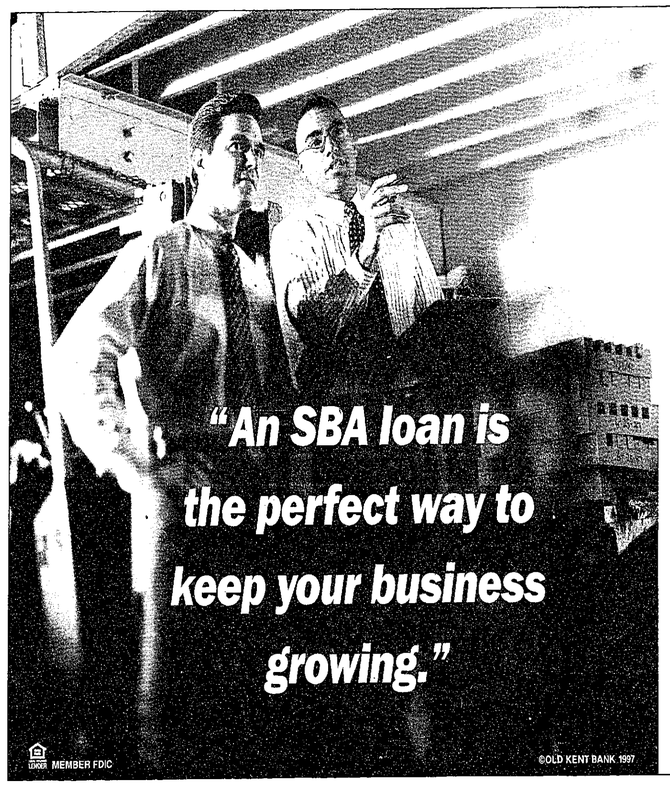

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Court scuttles suit over lakefront access

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overturning a lawsuit brought by the 17 unhappy homeowners against the city and their new neighbor.

At November 1996 meeting, the Novi City Council agreed to swap with West Lake Drive newcomer Jeffrey Sobolewski what local officials believed had been a municipally-owned right of way - including the frontage enjoyed by the Maloneys and the others - for a 20-foot lake frontage offered by Sobolewski.

In May 1996, the state Supreme Court ruled that if a landowner dedicates property to a government or government agency, and if the property is not formally acknowledged in 15 years, the landowner can revoke the dedication.

In the Novi case, the deadline for formal acceptance of the right-of-way came and went in 1929.

Also in May 1996, Sobolewski bought Lot Nine, which was cut in half by the public right-of-way. He had already purchased an adjacent residence on West Lake Drive in 1995, tore it down and built a 3,300 square foot home.

Sobolewski then filed with the Oakland County Register of Deeds a notice of his intent to withdraw the public right-of-way dedication on Lot Nine, which divided the parcel.

In June 1996, his lawyer Joseph Bennett contacted the city about the proposed land swap.

"My client had the right to revoke the dedication and claim the property," Bennett said.

"My client had a right to the property and as a matter of fact, the judge agreed ... I don't think he knew about it (the state supreme court ruling) in advance when he bought the parcel. He bought it and hoped to swap and move the dedicated part over."

By November 1996, the Novi City Council agreed to the land exchange. Sobolewski quit claimed the smaller piece of land to the city and agreed to relocate the fence and the drains to the new city land, at a cost of $5,000.

"In order to preserve the good will of his neighbors, he volunteered to transfer a 20-foot strip to the city," Bennett said.

"The public could still have lake access. This was never a question of the public being denied access to the lakefront."

But the residents on Labenta and Faywood streets and West Lake Drive knew nothing the land transfer and were shocked when Sobolewski started taking the fence down the following spring. He plans to build a second house on the readjusted boundaries of Lot Nine.

Furious, the other homeowners contacted Novi City Manager Ed Kriewall, who wrote them a letter of apology. Because the issue wasn't one of the city vacating a street, but of land ownership, notification of the surrounding property owners wasn't technically required, Kriewall explained.

"Since we could not prove otherwise because our records do not go back to the time of platting, we had little or no claim on the portion of the lot designated as street. The only claim we might have had would have been for drain easement purposes," Kriewall wrote.

"Given the above, it best served the neighborhood if we negotiated a permanent 20-foot strip of property on the south side of Lot 9 ... Given the legal status of the original roadway, there really was no other alternative to this matter. It would appear that the interest of the neighborhood was preserved as well as could be expected."

A letter from Fried sent to Kriewall that month noted that there was "no question" that the 38 feet of Lot 9 of Hawthorne's Subdivision was dedicated for street purposes, but that no evidence could be found that the city had gone through a formal acceptance process.

"Also, it is obvious that the land has not been improved or maintained as a public street, so it has not been accepted in fact by the city or its predecessors as a public street," Fried added.

Borin said the people in Hawthorne's Subdivision had been told by the city council in 1993 that if the ownership of the lake access came up, they'd be notified.

Far from convinced that the land swap was to their advantage, in July 1997, Michael and Marie Maloney, Gary and Rose Bennett, Karen Downey, Thomas and Helen Gross, Charles and Lisa Kruvelis, Charles and Cora Reynolds, David Stram, Olaf and Kelly Thorpe, Doris Uebelacker and James and Michelle Wood filed the lawsuit against the City of Novi and Sobolewski.

What they wanted returned to them was the place where they had gone swimming, fishing, ice skating and picnic-ing, the site where they launched their boats into the lake and their snowmobiles over the lake for as long as anyone could remember.

They contended that not only is the new 20-foot lake frontage half the size of the previous beach, but the shore is murky and not as usable.

"The city did something they had no business doing in transferring that property," Borin said.

On land deeds from 1914 through 1996, Lot Nine was shown as split in two with two different tax numbers, Borin noted in the lawsuit.

"We believe that it was a frivolous suit. They have no interest in the property. The city didn't contest my client's claim," Bennett said.

"I don't believe his neighbors had a reason to be argumentative ... I think my client acted in a real responsible way for the public's interest, in a way he didn't have to."

Since the lawsuit was filed, Sobolewski protested to the court that his neighbors trespassed on his land and three boats were anchored off his land, interfering his ability to launch his own boat. Sobolewski said he spent $500,000 to purchase his home site, construct a house and buy Lot Nine.

"He built a new, larger home and wanted a larger lot. A lot of these lakefront homes are older. It improves the property and benefits the city because it adds to the value of the property on the tax rolls," Bennett said.

In less than six months, Oakland County Circuit Court Judge Robert Anderson ruled against the 17 homeowners and ordered them off of the 38-foot portion of Lot Nine, and warned them not to anchor their boats in the waters near Sobolewski's land.

"It's really unusual for a case to be disposed of by a judge in six months after it was filed, so it really made it plain they didn't have a claim against us," Bennett said.

After losing in court, the 17 homeowners then asked the city to deed them the 20-foot lake frontage.

"They aren't going to get it. There is a serious legal question as to whether the city can do that," Fried, the city's attorney, said.

"This is public property. The city can't give public property to private people. They can use it. They'll enjoy it along with the rest of the public."

Currently, the Novi City Council is considering how the small piece of land will be developed and if and when a new beach might be built.

The Hawthorne Subdivision homeowners will likely still get to the lake, but they're far from happy.

"The people are upset ... It's like benefiting a private person with no benefit to the city," Borin said.

"I was shocked when the judge ruled against us. We had a better argument."

This is a situation that could happen all over again.

With older platted subdivisions around Walled Lake, similar cases could crop up, Bennett predicted.

"If a municipality doesn't formally or informally act to accept dedicated land, anybody in the chain of title has a right to withdraw the dedication at any time, even if it's 70-80-90 years old," he explained.

"There really could be other cases. It's really important for municipalities to review the state of dedications of lake access and move to accept them."

LAKE ACCESS LAWSUIT TIMELINE

Homeowners' lawsuit to retain lake access property has a long and complicated history.

• 1914: John and Margaret Hawthorne platted the 49-lot J.W. Hawthorne Subdivision Two around Walled Lake and sold property on West Lake Drive to Lewis Tupper, with the understanding that the north 38 feet of Lot Nine was set aside for a public street.

• Novi Township, and subsequently the City of Novi, never complete the legal paperwork necessary for a formal acceptance of the right-of-way. However, the property is removed from the tax rolls.

• For decades, residents of the J.W. Hawthorne Subdivision use the public right-of-way on Lot Nine to reach the lake, enjoy the beach and launch their boats.

• December 1995: Jeffrey Sobolewski buys a home on West Lake Drive, just north of Lot Nine.

• May 21, 1996: The Michigan State Supreme Court rules in *Kraus vs. The Michigan Department of Commerce* that if a government doesn't formally accept property dedicated as a right-of-way in 15 years, the owner can reclaim the land.

In the Novi case, that cut-off point was in 1929.

• May 23, 1996: Sobolewski purchased Lot 9, gaining ownership of what was not set aside as a public right-of-way and potential ownership of the right-of-way.

• June 17, 1996: As landowner Sobolewski files with the Oakland County Register of Deeds a notice of his intent to withdraw the public right-of-way dedication.

• June 20, 1996: Sobolewski's lawyer sends a letter to Novi City Manager Ed Kriewall, saying that rather than initiate a lawsuit, his client would like to work with the city to "find a mutually agreeable resolution."

Sobolewski hopes to build a second house on his land.

• Nov. 18, 1996: The Novi City Council agrees to trade the city's interest in the right-of-way for the south 20 feet of Lot Nine.

• May, 1997: Other residents of the J.W. Hawthorne subdivision become aware of the transaction when Sobolewski, following the agreement with the city, takes down the fence at the public right-of-way.

• July 1997: The adjacent 17 homeowners file a lawsuit against the city and Sobolewski, contending that their property lost value and their lifestyles altered without lake access.

• Dec. 9, 1997: Oakland County Circuit Court Robert Anderson ruled in favor of the City of Novi and Sobolewski. Anderson found Sobolewski to be the sole owner of Lot Nine, except for the 20 feet he conveyed to the city.

In his opinion, Anderson said that people and animals could not trespass on Sobolewski's land or interfere with his lake rights.

The plaintiffs were barred from making any use of Walled Lake, otherwise than permitted by state law and Novi ordinance.

• January 1998: The 17 homeowners, now without lake access, hope to negotiate an agreement with the city giving them access to Walled Lake through the new public right-of-way.

While they city refuses to deed them the right-of-way, city officials determine it is still available for their use.

Still to be decided is how the city will develop the beach.

Master plan revision becomes Novi's top planning priority

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

There was some confusion about a proposed Novi Planning Commission resident survey, according to Planning Director Jim Wahl. But to set the record straight he told the commission Jan. 7 the project is still necessary and will move on.

Wahl said despite concerns the survey might be duplicating efforts once proposed in the Novi 20/20 Focus on the Future program, the public input survey and the futuring concept are "separate and distinct responsibilities ... and have little to do with the 20/20 vision statement."

The survey, to be sent out to approximately 3,000 residents, will ask how they view the way land is developed in Novi and how they would like Novi to look. It's a good technique that will help in the redesign of the master plan, the commission's top priority for the year.

In fact, more than half of the 1998 budget requests for the commission are dedicated to helping the commission of nine residents to carry out their main mission – updating the Master Plan for Land Use.

As relegated to them by state law, the master plan for the city is the responsibility of the commissioners. The mapped out plan for the 32 square miles of land within the city borders recommends various uses for specific areas. The last time the plan was revised was 1993 and now it's up for review again.

It will cost nearly $41,000 of the $72,000 budget to complete the master plan revisions for the year 2000, according to the first draft of the Planning Commission Work Program and Budget for 1998-99. The money pays for city consultants to update land use and density plans, to review the road system plan and compile and publish 500 copies of a new city Master Plan and 10,000 copies of a brochure.

In addition, the commission requested the amount of money designated for conferences and seminars be increased to $3,500 from $1,500.

Brewery set to open taps in Novi

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its. But Paisley and brewmaster Ken Belau plan to feature one or two special beers each week in addition to the six-item list including Corporate Jim's Pale Ale, Tomboy Red and Social Climber Light Lager.

The beers will also be bottled and sold to restaurants, bars and stores. According to Belau, the state-of-the-art brewery can churn out 100 barrels in a 24-hour period.

The 15,000-square-foot, two-story business is the at south end of the Main Street of Vic's market.

Staff reporter Jan Jeffres contributed to this report.

Despite debate, city revives 20/20 Focus on the Future

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would hash out goals for the city and city officials would then disregard them.

"There were some people who told me they were disinvited to meetings to put the vision statement together," Lorenzo said.

"In the past two months I've been here. I can tell you we have not been true to the vision statement. I don't want symbolism over substance."

Schmid questioned if 100 volunteers really reflected Novi, with its population of 40,000 plus, and suggested the futuring project was in inaugurated to advance DeRoche's political career. DeRoche was chair of the steering committee prior to running for city council.

"I think it was a political ploy, a political ploy to start a political campaign and it still is to some degree," Schmid said.

"... You've got a lot of special interest groups included on the committee that have an agenda. That's what bothers me about this kind of committee, personal agendas."

Several years ago, both former city council member Nancy Cassis and Mayor Kathleen McLallen suggested that the city bring in volunteers to explore possibilities for Novi's next 20-plus years.

But the vision statement drafted by a group volunteers in 1997 wasn't much different than a similar statement created in the 1980s, Schmid contended.

Kramer suggested the futuring steering committee return to the council with "a plan of what they're going to do."

DeRoche said he plans to invite 1997's volunteers back and seek new recruits.

"Craig, you're to be congratulated. You've bitten off quite a challenge," McLallen told him.

One positive in the process is that it brings together a cross-section of Novi residents who might not otherwise meet one another and work together, Council Member Kathy Mutch said.

"The greatest product that will come out of this this press is people will walk away with a greater appreciation of what Novi is," Mutch added.

However, Schmid questioned if the volunteer effort would be representative of the community, saying the product might be "a distorted picture."

"You'll wind up with maybe 100 or 20 people expounding about what they think the city should be ... All you're saying is you want to do what around 100 people want to do," he said.

He called for a citywide survey, as recently proposed by the city's planning department and planning commission, to futuring.

Elected officials in setting a direction for Novi, reflect the voters who put them in office and therefore a broader base of the citizenry than the futuring volunteers, Schmid added.

Hockey team to be named in contest

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out of Pampers, they're donning hockey pads. While most kids that age have trouble tying their shoes, these kids will be learning how to lace up skates.

"They're not afraid of falling. They don't even know they're falling. They have a ball," Jaussi said about the tykes on ice.

"You'd be surprised. They catch on quickly."

On the house youth teams, members can be as old as 17.

"It's all levels of talent, from those who've never played or have even never been on ice to those ready for the competitive travel league," Jaussi explained.

For the six or seven travel teams, and their 114 members, the age range will be nine to 14. Older competitive players will have a chance to try out for the Novi High School teams now organizing.

> "Rarely does a youngster have an opportunity to leave a legacy,"
>
> Graham Ward
> Chairman, Community Clubs of Novi

Contest applications and details were forwarded to both Novi schools and Northville schools attended by Novi youngsters. In addition, applications are available at the Novi Parks and Recreation Department.

"It's going to be great having the kids designing the logo and picking the names. Rarely does a youngster have an opportunity to leave a legacy," said Graham Ward, chairman of Community Clubs of Novi.

The ice arena is a venture between the city, the city council-appointed members of the non-profit Community Clubs, which will run the arena, and the private firm Center Ice Inc., which will manage facility.

Plans are moving ahead for figure skating programs at the rink, as well as adult hockey programs, Jaussi said.

What's needed now are sponsors for all those hockey teams.

"Hockey is a very expensive sport. We're sure hoping we'll get the support of the business community in Novi," Jaussi said.

"I think there's going to be a lot of excitement in the community, because finally hockey is coming to Novi."

Heather Williamson Messenger
June 16, 1955 - Jan 3, 1998

Heather Williamson Messenger died suddenly in Chaplin, Ct. She is survived by her son Dane, parents Barb and Dan Williamson of Northville; brothers Dan, Jr of Wheaton, Il; and (Flash) Gordon of Clearwater, FL; and sister Hannah of Northville.

Heather was born in Detroit, educated at Southfield-Lathrup High, received her bachelors degree from Northern Mich Univ and master's degree from Univ of Oregon. At the time of her death she was the Executive Editor of *Laser Focus World*, a PennWell Publishing Co. magazine.

The family will receive friends **Saturday, Jan 17 between 1:00 and 4:00** at Bushwood Golf and Restaurant, 39430 Dun Rovin, Northville. The facility is off Haggerty Road between 5 Mile and 6 Mile roads.

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As We See It

You separate master plan from the vision

How do you have a "vision" for the city and a "master plan" that are completely separate?

Are we really missing the point ... or is it maybe that planning officials and planning commissioners are just getting defensive?

Consider the possibilities. What if the members of the Novi 20/20 Focus on the Future group envisioned a "rural/residential" future for the city. Let's imagine that they see Novi in the year 2020 as being primarily a collection of neighborhoods, connected by road, sidewalks and bikepaths, interspersed with parks and greenspace.

And what if the Planning Commission, devising its master plan separately, planned a commercial/industrial town, a regional mecca for business and industry? What if zoning is set to that standard and malls and shops spring up everywhere?

How then do you bring the two back together? At what point does the city realize that it's going to have a residential vision of a commercial/industrial town. One of the two plans is going to have to give ... unless all those residents want to live in stores and factories. We don't think the two processes would run that far afield, but if the two are devised separately there will be at least some discrepancies. Although planners argue their survey will prevent discrepancies, we disagree.

We agree that city business can't be put on hold waiting for futuring to get back on track. For instance, next week's duty roster in the police department can't wait for the futuring committee to finish its visioning work. Nor should it. A vision statement would have little impact on it. And even if it did, there are likely to be generations of duty rosters before the futuring work can been completed.

Likewise, the Parks and Recreation Department's program line-up for next year should not wait for the futuring committee. Nor should next year's city budget.

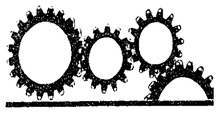
But there is a case to be made for holding up on any review of the Master Plan until the city's futuring work is complete, or at least further along. There is a case to be made for having the futuring committee itself review the Master Plan and make recommendations to the Planning Commission before any revision is adopted.

After all, the Master Plan guides zoning, which guides building and development in the city. Building and development are very permanent sorts of work. They'll lay the ground work for the city for the future. And most of the buildings put up today will be around long after the year 2020 has passed.

As readers may recall, Novi launched into its futuring process early last year. More than a hundred residents got together to devise a vision statement for the city which is drafted. Now the futuring committee's work must concentrate on translating the vision statement into specifics.

In the fall, the futuring program was delayed indefinitely because of commitments of staff time. The unused $15,000 allocation for futuring was returned to the city budget.

The issue came up again because the city Planning Department proposed to proceed with a survey of residents in preparation of a revision of the Master Plan. Planners proposed to spend $4,000 to hire a Southfield consulting firm to send a 20-question survey to 2,000 or 3,000 city residents.



Development

This newspaper, on this page, said that made little sense to cancel a futuring process and launch a survey. And it still doesn't.

Simply put, the planning for the city should be like an organizational chart, with the vision statement at the top. The futuring vision statement should guide all other aspects of the city's operations. That's how the Novi Community School District uses its vision statement. The city's Master Plan should flow naturally from it's vision statement. The city service plan should flow naturally from it. So should the budget, taxation, city facility construction, etc.

If the vision statement doesn't guide these other things, there is no hope the vision will come to be.

If it does not guide them, there is little point in having such a vision statement in the first place.

When *The Novi News* criticized the plans for the survey, Planning Department Director Jim Wahl got on the phone to object, saying we at the newspaper must be confused because the vision statement and the Master Plan survey had nothing to do with each other.

By the time he got off the phone, Wahl said it was going to dump the survey and recommend revival of the futuring committee.

But this past week, when the issue came up before the Planning Commission, he was back to the line that the two are separate. Planners should proceed with the survey because the Master Plan and the vision statement are two different things, and anyone who thinks they are or should be related is just missing the point.

Frankly, it smacks of the worst of compartmentalized bureaucratic thinking: "We are the planning commission and our job is to devise the master plan. It's our job; no one else's." Devise a master plan they intend to do, regardless of whether it relates to other programs going on in the city, like futuring.

It also smacks of the bureaucratic tendency to spend allocated money – the survey for the master plan review was budgeted before futuring began – even if it no longer makes sense to do it that way.

To us, it makes a great deal more sense to revive the futuring process and give the committee a chance to make its comments about the master plan. Keep the futuring process going and rely on it to give the input.

A survey is not a bad idea, not at all. And it will help to expand the input on the Master Plan. But futuring and the survey should be combined. The committee might help to draw up the questions. It might have some other questions it would like to run by city residents for its own work. The survey and visioning should work together, not apart.

But devising a city "vision statement" and a "master plan" separately is a little like creating the game board before you know the rules.

You might end up playing Stratego on a Monopoly board.

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No need for name-calling

Michael Malott

Hey! There's no need to resort to name-calling – you ... you ... conservative you!

Council member Bob Schmid got right down in the gutter this week at the Novi City Council meeting and rolled in it.

He took legitimate public discourse and, well, cheapened it by casting aspersions. You might think that it is fair game to disagree about whether the city's futuring committee work should be revived, as Bob did. You might even agree with him when he argues that the 100 or so volunteers who have sat on the futuring committee cannot possibly be representative of the entire 40,000-plus people who reside in the city. It's a fair point.

And you might even believe Bob's argument that futuring committee chair Craig Deloche's involvement was a political ploy to launch his run for city council.

But to fall back on defamation to make your point is totally uncalled for.

Bob said *The Novi News* is "the most liberal newspaper in America."

"Slander!" I say.

BUY, BUY, BUY

Word around Novi city hall is that smart investors will be purchasing cell phone company stocks soon, if they haven't already.

Council member Kathy Mutch bought one of these devices recently. Ameritech stock has risen steadily of late.

Coincidence? We think not.

UNSOLVED MYSTERIES

If you get a chance, check out Carol Dipple's story on the Living section front page, B-1, in today's newspaper. It's a hoot.

Unfortunately, while it's an enjoyable article, I think it makes light of a real but not-yet-scientifically-verified phenomenon – that any given sock in a pair repels its mate. Where the mate goes is the only question I have.

I tend to favor the theory that dryers are just the right size and spin at just the right speed to occasionally burst bubbles in the space-time loam. When that happens, I believe one out of each pair of socks winks out of existence and lands in a dryer in an alternative universe.

You see, I have some experience with this phenomenon myself. Having been frustrated over time with searching for socks for myself and my three kids, I ran out to K mart and purchased about a dozen pairs of identical socks. I figured it should be easy to find a match for any one of them, since there would be 23 other socks somewhere in the house that looked just like it, right? Wrong!

At the end of the first week, I pulled a load of laundry out of the washer and put it into the dryer, including all one dozen pairs of socks.

When done, only one sock came out. Nowhere in the house, and certainly not in the dryer, could a match be found. Twenty-three of the socks had gone missing, winked right out of existence.

Now, there is little we can know about this alternative universe to which our missing socks go, since the teleportation seems to be in one direction only, but we can safely assume it has a high divorce rate. I mean, wouldn't you suspect your spouse if odd articles of clothing unexpectedly turned up in your dryer?

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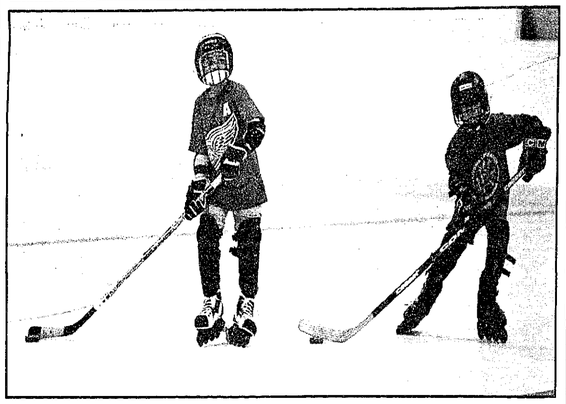
In Focus

By John Heider



Slap shot

Youngsters line up for a slap shot in a game at the SoccerZone, which offers more than just soccer, in Novi

Losing weight the fun way

Carol Dipple

Not having made a New Year's resolution to exercise this year is turning out better than having made one last year.

The vow to get fit fizzled out in just a few weeks last year. It just seemed to happen this time – but then I'm still only a few weeks into the routine.

Whenever I tell anyone "hey, I walked for 40 minutes last night at the high school," the first response I receive is, "you don't need to exercise" or "what are you exercising for, you don't need to loose weight."

How true. I'm 5'4 and weigh 128 pounds. Just had a physical over at the Providence Medical Center in Novi and so far I have not heard a bad word from the doctor.

But some people really do have the wrong idea about exercising.

My goal is not to loose weight. It's for cardiovascular fitness and to tone up.

I recently read that some people who look the picture of health can be walking around with more fat-clogged arteries than an overweight person one stereotypically thinks must be a heart attack waiting to happen.

I plan to dust off my cross country skis this year and head for Maybury State Park or Kensington Metro Park as soon as we get some snow so I need to get in better shape. I can remember in one of my previous lives – like before children – cross country skiing was pretty strenuous. I'll try not to mess up the trails too much as I fall this way and that until I get back into the rhythm.

As part of my new exercise routine and to get ready for skiing, I'm back on the stair stepper – had to dust that off too and will have to replace the batteries in the gizmo thing that keeps track of how many calories I've burned. Mine never became a clothes hanger, it just became like another piece of "show" furniture.

I found the only workout tape I own and slipped it into the VCR the other day for the first time in years. The narrator guarantees results in just a week if I follow the 20-minute routine, a combination of light aerobics, stretching and weight training, six or seven times a week. Well, I'm not in a hurry this time.

I vacuumed the cobwebs from my golf bag this summer and gave that sport another try. I even bought a putter so now I'm also anxiously awaiting the end of winter and the beginning of spring so I can try it out.

Having these mini activities may be the only way for me to get motivated about exercising.

I'm taking it one day at a time.

I already feel more energetic and if I get buns of steel as a byproduct, who am I to complain.

If you've started a new fitness routine, call me and tell me how you're keeping motivated.

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Airline should have apologized

Phil Power

Many airplane passengers – especially business travelers – are feeling pretty grumpy these days. Bargain fares that are unavailable or irrelevant. Cramped seats. Scant information. Cattle car treatment.

I know how they feel. On Sunday, Jan. 4, coming back with my family from a holiday abroad, I and 166 other passengers were detained against our will for more than six hours in an aircraft parked on the tarmac at Cincinnati International Airport.

Water ran out. Food, too. For a while, toilets were full and inoperable. Parents of sick children were frightened. A severely injured passenger ran low on pain medicine.

Nobody involved could do the humane, common sense thing: Get the passengers timely off to a secure place where they could go to the bathroom, get a drink of water and call anxious families.

Not Allegro Air, the carrier. Not Northwest Airlines, the ground service provider. Not the U.S. Customs Service nor the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service nor the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the responsible federal agencies. Not the Cincinnati International Airport Police.

Here's what happened.

I bought round trip tickets – Detroit, Caicos Islands and back – through Travel Charter of Troy. Travel Charter contracted with Allegro Air (owned by a Mexican company) for the airplane and crew.

On Jan. 4, Allegro flight 492 left the islands at 5 p.m., bound for Detroit. At 7:45 p.m. the crew announced the Detroit airport was closed "due to weather" and that the flight was being diverted to Cincinnati.

We arrived in Cincinnati at 8:15 p.m., parked in an isolated part of the tarmac and later heard over the PA system: (1) The weather is still bad in Detroit; (2) we cannot not leave the aircraft until "customs" clears us; (3) customs and immigration authorities are unavailable; (4) the delay might be up to five hours.

By 11 p.m., passengers were, well, restive. I borrowed a cell phone from another passenger and called Gene Clabes, publisher of this company's newspapers in northern Kentucky, where Cincinnati International Airport is located. "Can't you do something? People are getting mighty uncomfortable."

Three Airport Police cars arrived along with a Northwest ground service vehicle. I asked police if they couldn't let passengers deplane under their custody into a secure area where they could get a drink, go to the toilet and make a phone call. "We can't do anything. It's the feds who have the jurisdiction. And until they say so, you cannot leave the plane."

Five hours later, we're still detained against our will while the authorities dither.

By 1:30 a.m., a passenger passed a note up to me: "Everyone walk forward to exit this plane – calmly, but just do it!" Things are getting tense.

At last, we get to a gate. More dithering, plus extensive finger pointing. Somebody from the Agriculture Department threatens the pilot with a fine if anybody gets off. A woman bolts out the door sobbing, "I'm not going back on that plane."

Finally at 2 a.m. the pilot announces the weather has cleared and he intends to proceed to Detroit. Ten passengers leave. The rest of us take off at 2:34 p.m. No apology from Allegro.

To detain against their will 167 American citizens for six hours on an aircraft with no food and water, inadequate toilets, sick kids and increasingly hysterical passengers is shameful and unnecessary.

Who's responsible? Jack Miles, Allegro's vice president for U.S. operations, blamed the feds: "People were told they couldn't get off the plane. Whose responsibility is that?" John Shay, port director for the U. S. Customs Service, blamed Allegro: "They went to Cincinnati knowing full well there was nobody around to clear the passengers or service the plane."

When I suggested a conference call to sort out the contradictory stories, Miles refused.

How to prevent a repetition? Put passengers first, jurisdiction and regulations second.

The U.S. government and the airline industry should negotiate an emergency procedure to get passengers off an airplane and into a secure area. Designate a central authority to make decisions, reachable by a 1-800 number. Empower local police to take charge of international passengers. Share the costs. Use common sense.

It's better than what happened to 167 people the evening of Jan. 4.

Phil Power is chairman of HomeTown Communications Network, Inc., the company that owns this newspaper. He welcomes your comments, either by voice mail at (734) 953-2047, ext. 1880, or by e-mail at ppower@oceonline.com.

Engler, State should have control

Letters

To the Editor:

There has been a lot of attention on the "rationalization" process being conducted in order to correctly assign jurisdictional responsibility for the state's key roads. MDOT has been working cooperatively with counties, cities and villages so that Michigan will enter the 21st century with a modern, efficient commercial road network. Unfortunately, much of the information being released has been either misleading or downright untruthful.

The state is currently responsible for only 9,600 of the state's 119,000 miles of roads, ranking us 48th in the nation with only 8 percent of roads under state jurisdiction. Gov. Engler and I strongly believe that the state should have responsibility for the most heavily traveled roads that make up our commercial backbone network. That's why we support adding up to 9,000 miles to an expanded state road system that would carry 70 percent of all vehicle traffic and 85 percent of the state's commercial traffic. Local governments could then focus on over 100,000 miles of truly local roads providing access to homes.

Decisions about design, construction, improvements and maintenance on these high volume, commercial backbone roads should be made on a programmatic basis, recognizing corridor and route priorities. This will allow MDOT to achieve efficiencies and economies of scale by consolidating construction work along a corridor. Michigan's motorists shouldn't be penalized because neighboring political jurisdictions simply can't agree on how or when to make improvements to a particular road they share.

We should end the horse-and-buggy era system of road responsibilities that guarantees monopolistic control over miles of pavement within the artificial boundaries of city limits and county lines. For the expanded state system, MDOT will competitively bid routine maintenance contracts for large stretches of road that cross political jurisdictions. It is expected that counties, cities and private sector firms will bid for maintenance work. Competition will bring increased efficiency, greater accountability, adherence to consistent performance standards, and incentives for innovation in the area of road maintenance.

MDOT believes "money should follow the road" so that the amount of money historically spent on a type of road should remain with that road in the future, regardless of who has jurisdictional responsibility. We're adding $500 million per year in road funding from Gov. Engler's "Build Michigan II" plan, and it is an unnecessary scare tactic to suggest property taxes will have to be raised to fix local roads. We're also not suggesting that all federal aid remain with the state. Once we determine responsibility for roads, a new funding distribution formula will nearly take care of itself. While a number of changes to current law will be necessary to make this process happen, we know it is mathematically impossible for everyone to get a larger percentage of the new transportation funding pie.

Also, nobody will have to make their way to Lansing to discuss Michigan's high-volume roads with MDOT. Through the reorganization of our department, we'll have seven regional offices and 25 Transportation Service Centers (TSCs) located throughout the state. It is through this "decentralized" department that many of our services and functions will be delivered, including contract management and maintenance oversight.

These TSCs will be staffed to address the questions and concerns of motorists, local government officials, business partners and local media. MDOT will be visible and responsive when it comes to the state road system.

We also believe there must continue to be strong local input into decisions about traffic controls, truck routes, speed limits, permits, maintenance standards and other road-related issues.

We have an opportunity to resolve this jurisdictional issue once and for all. The bottom line is when the state and local governments work together and solve problems, the roads will get fixed. Let's get on with it.

James R. DeSana
Director
MDOT

U-M unfair to some students

To the Editor:

No Black nor Hispanic may be denied enrollment in Michigan colleges because of his ethnicity, color or cultural background.

Whites may be denied and have been systematically denied enrollment at the University of Michigan because of their color, their cultural background. Asian-Americans have also been denied seats at the University of Michigan because, and only because, they were of the wrong race or ethnicity.

Many of the administrators and instructors at the University of Michigan who champion the divisive and racist policy of negative reaction (affirmative action) do not belong at their present posts. How can any of them really believe it is just and reasonable to refuse enrollment to students who have better credentials than some who are admitted?

If a less qualified applicant to Michigan be denied admission, he is free to apply at another institution. No student is denied a college education today.

Neil Goodbred

Italian offering now at Hilberry

Tim Richard

Italy to Americans meant Mafia films or American-style romances with Italian backgrounds like "Three Coins in a Fountain" and "Roman Holiday."

Into the breach steps Wayne State University's Hilberry Theatre, best known for its graduate students' performances of Shakespeare and Moliere.

This season the Hilberry has come up with a 1959 play by Eduardo de Filippo called "Saturday, Sunday, Monday" – one act for each day. Some of his film scripts, such as "Marriage Italian Style" with Loren and Mastroianni, are known to American audiences. He's sort of the Neil Simon of Italy.

Setting is the Naples home of a middle-class family: Mama Rosa, father Peppino, sons Rocco and Roberto, daughter Giulianella, and more.

It is dangerous to reveal the story line without giving it away. Let's just say mama and papa have a falling out, Rocco wants to escape the staid family mold by starting his own stylish shop, the daughter flirts with a TV career and splits with her boyfriend, and so on.

Yes, there's a Hollywood ending, but with a deMaupassant twist in the plot that you'll never guess.

The play is built around food, with real, live cooking of ragu on stage and odors drifting over the audience. The acting, with formula Italian accents and hand gestures, isn't the most stupendous ever to come from the Hilberry. Yet every character stands out in the 17-member cast. This is no dinner theater script for a cast of four.

Director Anthony Schmitt, a professor with experience ranging from the Utah Shakespearean Festival to Michigan's Cherry Country Playhouse, has assembled a cast from every corner of the U.S.

Mark Finnell, a third-year Hilberry player from Farmington Hills, handles the elderly grandfather's tantrums with such aplomb that one would suspect he's at least middle-aged. He's younger.

Sara Wolf, of Rochester Hills, has starred as "Little Mary Sunshine" and Hermia in Shakespeare's "Midsummer Night's Dream," so an Italian maid would seem a little out of her line. It isn't.

Mary Vinette, a Lansing native with a degree from the University of Michigan, provides the glue that holds the family and the play together as mama Rosa. Plump, loud Italian matrons are easy to caricature but tough to portray.

Cast members come from Freeland and Gaylord in Michigan, Great Falls, Mont., Washington state, New York City and points Texas.

Costume designer Kathleen Crosby of Rochester also has handled the chores for "Tartuffe" and "Hedda Gabler." The Eastern Michigan University graduate avoids caricatures with clothing, too.

In sum, serious Italian art deserves serious stage treatment and serious applause. One can see why so many Hilberry trainees have gone on to rewarding careers on stage, screen and TV.

"Saturday, Sunday, Monday" will be repeated until Jan. 30. Ticket information: (313) 577-2072. Angela Keller, a scholarship student from Livonia and assistant box office manager, will take good care of you.

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

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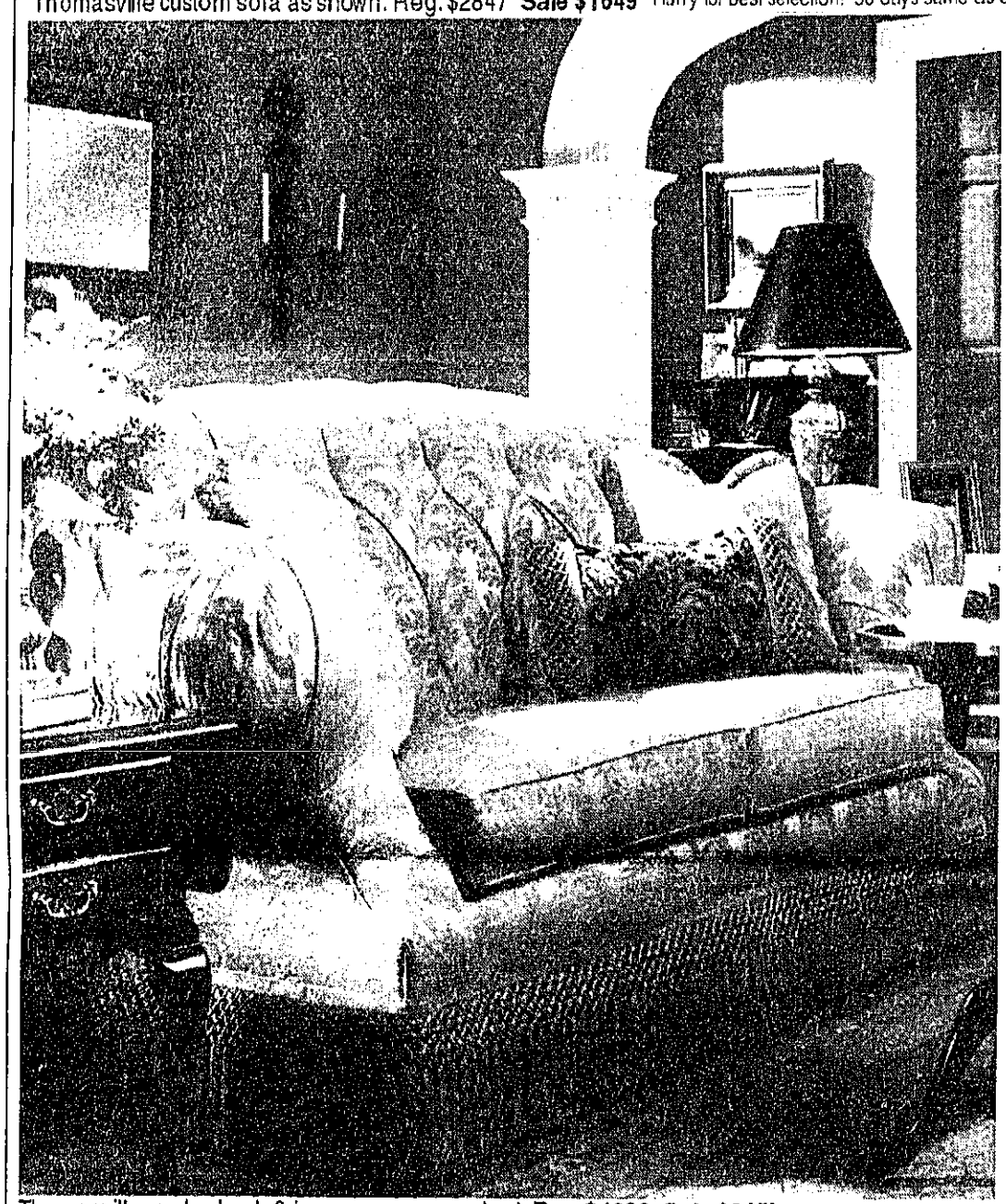

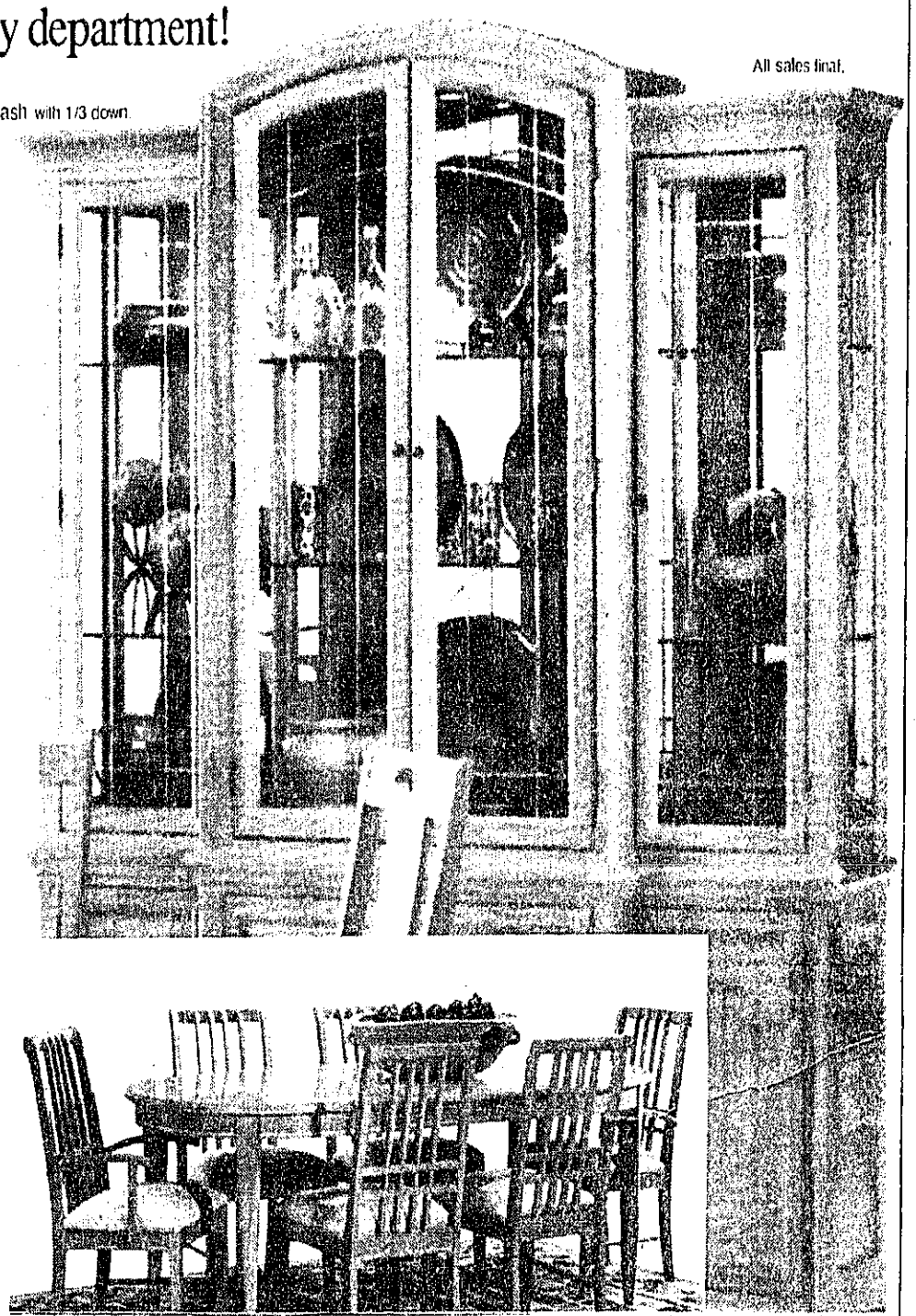

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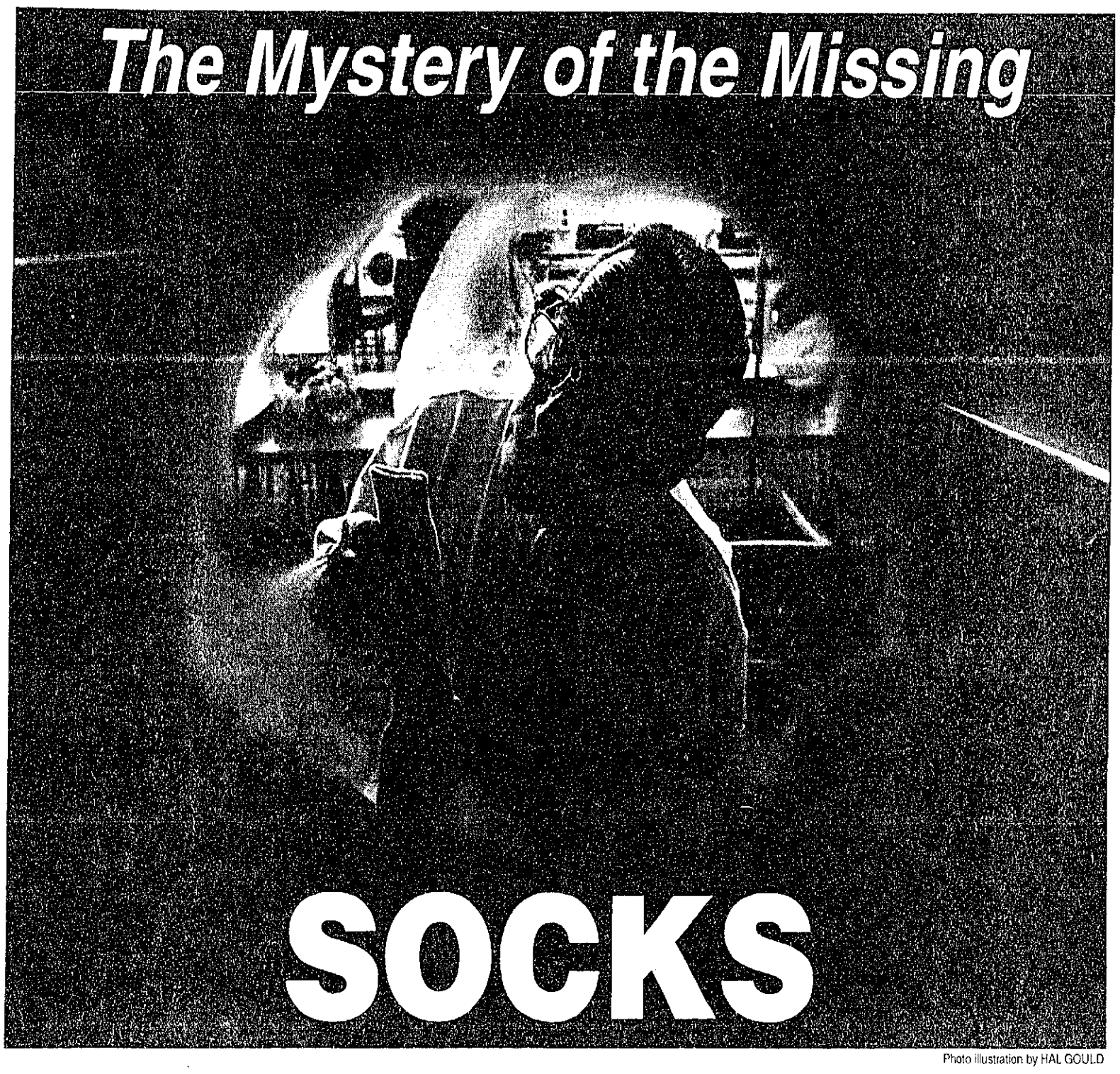
The Mystery of the Missing SOCKS



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Bob Wilkinson, owner of Northville's Highland Lakes Laundromat, ponders the question "Is the black hole for socks in the dryer?"

By CAROL DIPPLE
Feature Editor

Where have all the socks gone?

They're taken in to the laundry two-by-two but often come out as loners. Is there a major sock party going on somewhere in space?

Do they leave on a jet plane or does Scotty beam them up?

Some might say socks just want to have fun. Or it could be the work of a serial sock thief.

The Northville Record and *Novi News* posed the hypothetical question "What happens to socks during a routine laundering?" to people with first-hand experience on the phenomenon of the missing sock – those who see this problem on a day-to-day basis.

We received some pretty interesting responses.

One leg at a time

"Oh, I know where some go," said Novi resident Kathy Mutch. "When dark socks and dark pants are washed together, the sock ends up on the inside of the pant leg. You can't find them until you put the pants on again. When you put your foot into the pant leg, the sock comes out on your foot, which is pretty convenient."

Grass is greener

Not everyone launders at home. Some socks end up in the spin cycle at the laundromat.

"I find a lot of them stuck either on the sides of the washing machine or on one of the levels of the dryer," said Elijah Jones, general manager at Novi Road Coin Laundry.

The grass is greener philosophy may not just apply to humans. Some socks may think that the action in the house across town is where it's at and cling desperately to the side of the washer or dryer, hoping to hitch a ride home with the next customer.

"About 35 percent (of the socks) go home with other people," Jones said.

"A lot of people leave with other people's socks. Some people don't really look, they pull stuff out and the next person throws their stuff in and they go home with the sock."

If the unsuspecting family buys the same brand as the stowaway, they may never be the wiser. However, Jones said previous owners will come to the lost and found box kept at the laundromat to claim their wayward waif.

Some socks become so attached to the pants during the day that they desperately cling to a pant leg, traveling to the dry cleaners. This syndrome is almost exclusive to black socks, according to Kim Desaussure, manager of One Hour Martinizing in Novi. White socks don't suffer from this abnormality nearly as much.

"The customers are so anxious to get out of their work clothes and into casual clothes they forget about them," Desaussure said.

> First there were two.
> Now there's only one.
> What's going on?

UFOs and black holes

Black holes and beaming to another dimension are possible explanations according to Northville High School physics and chemistry teacher, Bob Sharrar.

"It certainly does play into it," said Sharrar. "Or they could disappear into the little tiny holes in the dryer."

The concept of the expanding universe could be another possible theory.

"Everything in the universe is expanding, maybe they are so far away that the light that they give off has not reached us yet," Sharrar said.

But if they are out there, where are they and how do we get them back?

"We'll have to use the Hubble telescope to keep track of them," Sharrar said.

NASA could dedicate one mission to retrieving all the lonely socks and bring them back.

"When the universe begins to collapse, they will come back," Sharrar added.

Maybe that's why earthlings have seen an increase in UFO activity. The aliens are beaming a dirty sock randomly to households across the planet. So when you think you have a missing sock, what you really have is a sock that never had a match.

Serial sock thief

If the problem is here on earth, it is the work of a serial sock thief, according to Novi's Chief of Police, Douglas Shaeffer.

"I'm sending my best investigators on the case," he said. "It's time for us to really crack down on this."

Shaeffer has been visited by the sock thief at least six or seven times.

"I was lamenting with my lovely bride about this just the other day," he said. "The sock thief only takes one sock, he never takes a pair. When you have patterned socks it's embarrassing to wear a blue with stripes on one foot and a purple with polka dots on the other."

A profile of the serial sock thief has been hard to put together.

"He must be related to the invisible man," Shaeffer said. "Nobody has ever really seen this man. It may be a woman, we have no idea. He seems to be able to strike victims of all cultures and ages.

"We were going to put out wanted posters but it would be a blank flyer," he added. "The best thief I've investigated isn't as good as this guy."

The serial sock thief strikes without warning, according to Shaeffer, usually at night or when no one is home.

"Of course you always discover it at the least opportune moment when you need a pair of socks and they're not there," Shaeffer said.

Sock swap

The cities of Northville and Novi may want to consider setting aside a city-wide sock swap day. Residents hoping to make contact with their long-lost socks and return those that have been pushed into the corner of the sock drawer, receiving a furlough from active duty.

Keeping it all together

For repeat offenders, there are containment methods. Mesh bags, sock clips, even detaining a sock until the mate arrives in the laundry, are ways to stem the situation before it reaches catastrophic proportions.

Socks and intergalactic travel will probably not be the subject of an upcoming *X-Files*, the only blast off socks are likely to experience will be on the weightless legs of an astronaut. But there is always the chance that one may hitch a ride to space so that when it returns to earth, it'll have one heck of a story to tell the mates in the laundry room.

The 1998 Northville Record/Novi News RESTAURANT POLL

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Restaurant Poll

Which restaurants in the Northville/Novi area are the most popular? Help find out by filling out this ballot.

The Rules:

- Only restaurants in Northville and Novi are eligible to be mentioned on your ballot. Each ballot must include your name, address and telephone number. Ballots without this information will not be included in the results.
- Only ballots clipped from the newspaper will be accepted. Photocopied ballots will not be counted. This restriction is designed to help avoid ballot-box stuffing. (HomeTown employees and their families are not eligible for the free dinner.)
- Restaurants found to be distributing ballots will be disqualified.

Mail the completed entry form by **Jan. 31** to: Northville Record/Novi News Restaurant Poll, 104 W. Main, Northville, MI 48167.

If you prefer, restaurant poll entry forms may be dropped off at the newspaper office.

When all the ballots are in, we will compile the results and publish them in the Feb. 26 issue of *The Northville Record* and *The Novi News*.

In case you misplace this edition of the newspaper, entry forms will also be published in subsequent issues.

One ballot will be selected at random and the winner will receive dinner for two at his or her favorite Northville or Novi restaurant.

The Categories:

Best Overall Restaurant _____

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Best Sandwiches _____

Best Desserts _____

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Comments _____

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Pet program benefits retirement home residents

By JEANNE CLARKE
Special Writer

The Pet-A-Pet program, which provides a very necessary service to elderly and ill residents in hospitals, nursing homes and hospices has grown over the years.

Ruth Curry felt a need for this type of activity when she founded the program 12 years ago with two volunteers. Today, the program has 400 volunteers and 61 coordinators.

Locally Pet-A-Pet is scheduled on the third Saturday of the month at Whitehall Health Center of Novi which is located on Ten Mile near Novi road.

Under the direction of Sue Dorance, volunteers bring many of their dogs which include Golden Retrievers, Cockapoos, Cocker Spaniels and a Shih-Tzu. If you would like information on visiting Whitehall for an hour one Saturday a month, call Dorance at 349-3913.

At Charter House of Novi, coordinator Sharon Disbro has organized a group of volunteers and their animals which include puppies from the Leader Dogs School and those being trained for Paws with a Cause. The group also includes many varieties of Labradors, a Golden Retriever, a Welsh Corgi, and a Cairn Terrier. Volunteers interested in working at Charter House can call Disbro at 449-8339.

The only requirement is that the dogs have up-to-date vaccinations, are sociable not only with humans but also with other animals. The cost to participate in Pet-A-Pet is $5 a year for liability insurance.

Many stories can be told of the successes that have been evident when residents who are normally withdrawn seem to react to the presence of the animals when they come to visit. Staff members at the facilities usually show their appreciation to the volunteers and their animal with a party similar to the one at Whitehall that was presented by former director Kathy Israel who has joined the group with her dog Gretchen.

If you would like more information about Pet-A-Pet, call Curry at 535-0410.

Novi Highlights

CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Many programs are being planned for this new year for all ages of adults and young people including women's and men's programs.

Jan. 24 is the date for the mini-retreat being sponsored by Accent on Women from 10 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. in the Family Center of the church. Coffee will be available for early arrivers at 9:30 a.m. The special speaker will be Patricia McCarthy who will join Fr. Denis Theroux and. The presentation will be "Women of Scripture, Women of Faith and Courage."

McCarthy is a pastoral assistant at St. Malacky's in Sterling Heights and is frequently a consultant with the Archdiocese when women's issues are studied.

Reservations must be in by Jan. 19 along with $5 for lunch.

The Knights of Columbus Holy Family Council 11811 will be sponsoring the first Super Bowl Party on Jan. 25 from 5 until 11 p.m. at the church. Included will be raffles, door prizes and great food. Tickets are $20 per person.

The Knights will also be sponsoring a Free Throw Championship at the church on Jan. 18 at 1 p.m. for boys and girls ages 10 to 14.

The Youth Ministry will be attending a Winter Get-A-Way at Nubs Nub Trout Creek Resort at Harbor Springs Jan. 16 through 18 for ninth through twelfth grade members of Holy Family. More information is available by calling the church office at 349-8847.

Other activities at the church include a Blood Drive on Tuesday, Jan. 20, from 2:30 until 8:30 p.m. in the Activity Center. On Jan. 21 everyone is urged to place a candle luminary outside their home in the evening as part of the program being sponsored by Right to Life-Lifespan. The luminaries will be available after Mass on Jan. 17 and 18.

Bethany, a support and social group for divorced and separated Christians, will be having an annual auction fund raiser at St. Kenneth on Haggerty Road south of Five Mile on Jan. 31 at 8:30 p.m.

NOVI REBEKAH LODGE

The installation of officers is scheduled for Jan. 28 at the Little City Oddfellow Lodge in South Lyon. The evening will include dinner prior to the installation.

Officers for the coming year are Noble Grand Duane Bell, Vice Grand Rose Carney, Secretary Mary Wresche, Treasurer Laree Bell, Warden Madge Beeny and Chaplain Orma Gregory. The installing staff will be Edward Beckstein, past Sovereign Grand Master of Michigan who will be assisted by Caroline Waterbury, past District President.

This year the Lodge will be celebrating its 75th anniversary. It is probably one of the oldest organizations in Novi having been founded in February 1923. The group originally met in the Walled Lake area but moved to Novi in a building known as the Oddfellow Hall near the corner of Grand River and Novi Road. Presently they meet in the recreation room at Country Cousin Trailer Park on Haggerty Road.

Recently Rose Carney and Mary Wresche were representatives of the Lodge at the Oddfellow Grand Lodge of Michigan meeting in October. They were accompanied by Duane Bell who was also representing Little City Oddfellow Lodge of South Lyon. Several members of the Lodge received special recognition this year and they included Margaret Marshall who received her 50-year jewel. Members who have anniversaries coming up this year include Angela Rackow who will celebrate 52 years in May, Mary Wresche with 57 years, Laree Bell with 55 years in November, Thelma Cheeseman with 54 years in October and Ruth Pulman with 65 years in April.

AMERICAN LEGION POST 19

Every year the Post sponsors young men from the high school to a week at Boy's State and recently Commander Jerry Lisowsky and Judge Advocate Bob Pohlman visited Novi High School and presented David Scherger and Andrew Bolin with Certificates of Participation for their part in the Boy's State program.

They presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Bill Ayotte, a counselor at the high school for his work in promoting Boy's State. Plans are being made to select other young men for this project for the summer of 1998. The Legion is looking for sponsors either individual or organizations who would like to sponsor a young man for this program at a cost of $215 if paid by the end of February or $225 afterwards. It is advisable to make contact with the Legion as soon as possible as a limited number of young men can go to Boy's State and the slots fill up quickly. If you are interested in being a sponsor, call 474-7048.

Presently the Legion would like to encourage more veterans in the Novi area to call or stop by at the next meeting and find out more about the many opportunities for those joining the Legion, also they would like to encourage more of those eligible to join so they can concentrate on more projects to make their hope of a post home in the Novi area become a reality.

Eligibility for World War I would be April 6, 1917 to Nov. 11, 1918; World War II, Dec. 7, 1941 to Dec. 31, 1946; Korean War, June 25, 1950 to Jan. 31, 1955; Vietnam War, Dec. 22, 1961 to May 7, 1975; Grenada/Lebanon, Aug. 24, 1982 to July 31, 1984; Panama, Dec. 20, 1989 to Jan. 31, 1990 and Persian Gulf, Aug. 2, 1990 to Cessation. Presently veterans can get information from a satellite office at 1010 E. West Maple Road or by calling 926-3300. The Legion meets the second Tuesday of the month at 8 p.m. at the Novi Expo Center. A social gathering is held at 8 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month.

Novi Highlights is written by Jeanne Clarke. To submit items for Highlights call her at 624-0173.

Photo entries sought for contest/show

The Womencenter at the Highland Lakes Campus of Oakland Community College will present its fourth annual "Through Our Eyes" photo contest and exhibit.

The deadline for entries is Monday, Feb. 23, at 5 p.m.

The opening reception will be on March 5 on the Highland Lakes Campus, 7350 Cooley Lake Road in Waterford.

The title "Through Our Eyes" was chosen because it gives a view of the world through the eyes of others. The 1998 photo subjects are "Places of Worship," "Frozen in Time" and "Family."

Entries will be judged by well-known photographers on focus, exposure, mounting, aesthetic and emotional appeal.

Prizes will be awarded to the first, second and third place winners in each category.

For additional information, call The Womencenter at the Highland Lakes Campus of Oakland Community College at (248) 360-3186.

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On Campus

Novi students who have been named degree candidates for fall semester '97 at Michigan State University are: **JOHN PHILLIP FISCHER**, bachelor's degree, general business administration; **MICHELLE CHRISTINE LADD**, bachelor's, finance; **LAN MENG**, Ph.D., mechanics; **MALINI D. MOFFAT**, bachelor's with honors, physiology; **SHANNON I. WEHAB**, bachelor's, supply chain management; and **SHANNON RENEE YATES**, bachelor's, psychology.

Walsh College students **KARL FISHER, ALLISON FLEMING, LARRY HUDSON** and **YVONNE HUGHES**, all from Novi, were awarded scholarships based on merit and other considerations.

Fisher received the Morris A. Wattles Memorial Scholarship; Fleming, Edward C. & Hazel Stephenson Foundation Scholarship; Hudson, Presidential Scholarship based solely on merit; and Hughes, Kelly Services Scholarship.

RACHEL AMANDA HOBBS of Novi was awarded a bachelor of arts degree from Indiana University in August 1997.

Novi residents **LISA ANTUNA, TAMMY McTAGGART, ELIZABETH MISANGYI, CARRIE MUSCATO, TALINE MUSKAT** and **VERONICA VanDERSYS** were inducted into Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge campus chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for community college students.

Phi Theta Kappa is the largest honor society in higher education.

JEFF BENNETT, son of Mike and Sue Bennett of Novi, is enrolled for the 1997-98 school year at Rochester College in Rochester Hills. Jeff, a graduate of Novi High School, is a sophomore and resides on campus as one of the first students to stay in the newly-constructed Hoggatt men's dormitory, which is part of a multi-million dollar complex that houses the Ferndale women's dormitory, as well as the Dearborn Commons.

KEVIN SERRA, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Serra of Novi, and a senior at Hope College, has been named to the Dean's List for the first semester of the 1997-98 school year. To be named to the Dean's List a student must have a minimum 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

Hope College is a four-year, co-educational, liberal arts college with an enrollment of 2,850 men and women and is affiliated with the Reformed Church in America.

SARAH RITTNER will be spending her spring semester in Spain as part of the Michigan State University study abroad program. Sarah is a senior at MSU majoring in Spanish and humanities/pre-law and a 1995 graduate of Novi High School.

During her five months in Europe, Sarah will be attending the Universidad de Extremadura in Caceres, Spain, where she will study Spanish language, literature, culture and international studies. She will be immersed into the Spanish culture by living in a private home and speaking Spanish exclusively. In addition, she will be traveling throughout Spain and Europe both as part of the program and independently.

Rittner is the daughter of Glen and Carolyn Rittner of Novi.

Boy Scout earns distinguished award

By CAROL DIPPLE
Feature Editor

Maybury State Park's soccer field got a face lift thanks to Andy Fee.

And the work he did to spruce up the field helped him earn the coveted Eagle Scout Award, Boy Scouts' most prestigious rank.

After searching Northville for any projects that needed to be done, the Northville resident wound up talking to Gary Stevens at the Northville Parks and Recreation Department.

Andy, who was a member of Northville's Boy Scout Troop 755, was told that the field at Maybury was under par and needed to be renovated.

Having played soccer all through middle school and a little bit while a student at Northville High School, Andy thinks he might have even played soccer at Maybury on at least one occasion.

Rounding up a group of friends and fellow Scouts to help, Andy made two benches for the home team side lines and a reserved sign, which is also located on the sidelines at the entrance to the field. Teams interested in reserving the field can sign up on a sheet kept in the box on the sign.

The Eagle Scout project included repainting the yellow goal posts while to comply with new regulations.

The group also spread grass seed over the bare spots on the field and leveled off the area in front of the goal post, adding fresh dirt where necessary.

"We filled in many gopher holes that were on both sides of the field with dirt and put grass seed on those too," said Andy.

Although Andy received donations from Meijer and Northville Lumber for his Eagle Scout project, he also reached into his pocket to buy supplies.

"A lot of the grass we have planted on the bare spots has grown," said Andy. "Everything seems to be holding up pretty well."

A Scout since second grade, Andy said he liked camping the most.

"I enjoy the outdoors," he said.

Some of his more interesting camping trips include white water rafting in West Virginia and a one-week canoe trip in Canada. He has been camping all over Michigan and Ohio with the Scouts.

Now a freshman at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, Andy is thinking about a degree in political science. The 1997 graduate of Northville High School is considering a career in law. He is the son of Peggy and Fred Fee.

"Hopefully later on in my life, maybe I will be a Scout Leader when I'm a father," he said.

The Eagle Scout Award is attained by only two percent of all Scouts.

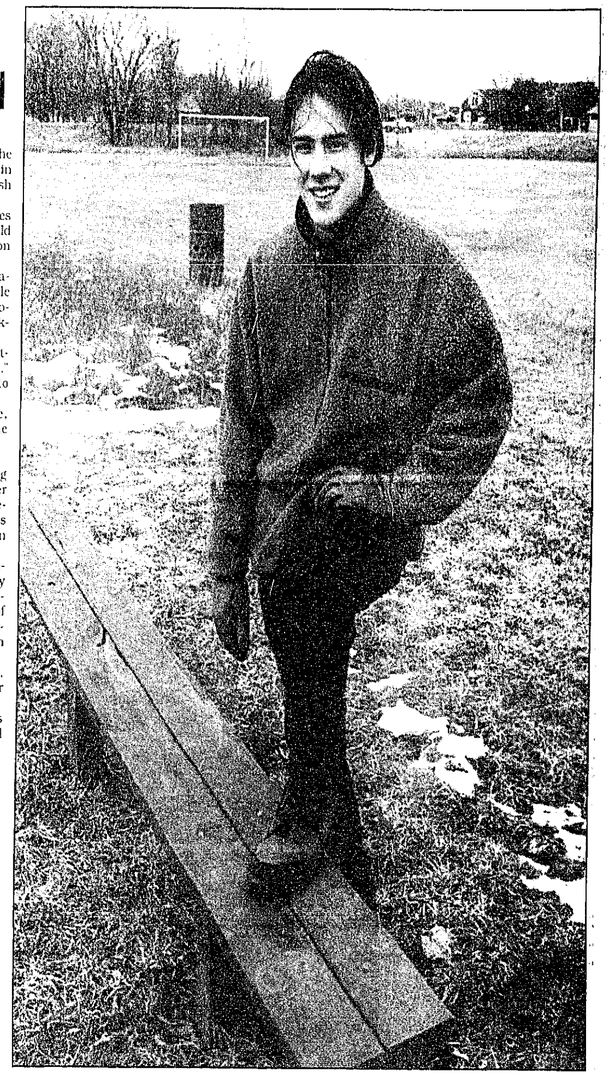

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Northville Eagle Scout Andy Fee helped spruce up the soccer field at Maybury State Park last summer. Fee's efforts were coordinated by the Northville Recreation Department.

Crafters wanted for Schoolcraft show

Crafters of every ilk are encouraged to apply for a spot in the 1998 Spring Craft Show at Schoolcraft College March 7. With 150 crafters, this show is one of the premier venues in the area and attracts crowds of more than 2,000. The show is juried, and a limited number of exhibitors are accepted in each category to maintain a balanced representation in each craft. Crafters are asked to submit a photograph of their work with their application if they have not been accepted for a previous show.

The show features all types of handmade crafts including painting, sculpture, pottery, jewelry, textiles, needlework, photography, glass, leather and woodcarving. The fee for a 12 foot by 12 foot space is $90; a 10 foot by 10 foot space costs $55; and 8 foot by 9 foot space is $40; and there is a $40 fee for an 8 foot by 4 foot hallway space. There is an additional $15 fee for electricity.

Applications must be received by Jan. 9 to be eligible for the first jury round.

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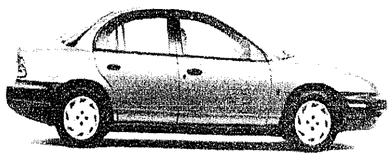

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Engagements

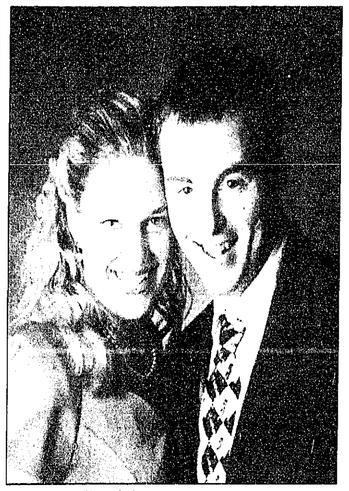
John O'Donnell/Rebecca Steber

Mr. and Mrs. John M. O'Donnell of Novi announce the engagement of their son, John Matthew, to Rebecca Kathleen Steber, daughter of John J. Steber Jr. of Jim Thorpe, Pa., and Mary Ann Gallagher of Philadelphia, Pa.

The bride-elect received a bachelor's degree in business administration from Drexel University in 1993, and is an audit assignments director for Deloitte & Touche LLP in Philadelphia.

The groom-elect is a 1994 graduate of the University of Delaware with a bachelor's degree in English. He was affiliated with Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity. John is currently a reporter for WPVI-TV in Philadelphia.

The wedding is set for August of this year.



Sandra Miller/Thomas Berry

Linda and Dave Gillam of Novi and Jim and Stacy Miller of Lathrup Village announce the engagement of their daughter, Sandra Lin, to Thomas Curtis Berry, the son of Tom and Juile Berry of Detroit and Sharon Berry of Dearborn.

The bride-elect is a 1990 graduate of Novi High School. She graduated from Eastern Michigan University in 1997, and is currently a special education resource teacher at West Middle School in Rochester Hills.

The bridegroom-elect graduated from St. Agatha High School in Detroit. He is a 1996 graduate of Eastern Michigan University with a bachelor's degree in science-nursing and is presently a registered nurse at Grace Hospital, Detroit.

An August wedding is planned.

Kudos

BOB SASENA, 1976 Novi High School graduate and class president, proved recently that persistence pays off. He successfully cinched a deal he had set his sights on a decade earlier.

Sasena landed the $70,000 Yale University yearbook account for Josten's Printing and Publishing Company where he is employed as a yearbook sales representative.

Sasena, the son of Jim Sasena of Novi, is a graduate of Western Michigan University.

Like other success stories, exceptional preparation and pure luck helped sway Yale's yearbook staff. While Sasena was making his presentation on campus, the university's current photo editor walked into the room while a photo of him rollerblading on campus was being shown.

SARAH HAMILTON of Novi, will be among four young musicians performing along with various Plymouth Symphony ensembles at the symphony's Chamber Concert on Saturday, Jan. 31, at 8 p.m. in the Canton High School Little Theatre at 8415 Canton Center Road in Canton.

Sarah, a second place winner of the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra Youth Artist Competition, will perform a flute solo. Plymouth Canton High School junior Ross Huff, also a second place winner, will perform a trumpet solo.

Sarah is a symphony band student and is the first chair flute player at Novi High School. She is extremely involved in the theater program at the high school and is the treasurer of Thespian Troupe 2935.

The other young musicians are harpists Allegra Lilly of Bloomfield Hills and Christina Szelag of Farmington Hills. Allegra is the 1997 winner of the Detroit Symphony Civic Orchestra's Concert Competition. As a result of this award, Lilly was the featured soloist on the Detroit Symphony Orchestra's Educational Concert Series. Christina performs with the PSO on a regular basis. She has also performed with the Southfield Symphony and other groups throughout the metro Detroit area.

Besides the young musicians, there will be string quartets, a brass trio, a bassoon duet, an alphorn solo and a flute quartet. An afterglow will be held at the Willow Brook Inn, 44255 Warren in Canton immediately following the concert.

Tickets for the Chamber Concert are $8 for adults, $6 for senior citizens and college students and $5 for children in kindergarten through grade 12. The concert is being sponsored by The Plymouth Symphony League and the Michigan Council for the Arts and Cultural Affairs.

For tickets or more information, call the PSO office at (313) 451-2112.

News to share?

Have you recently become engaged? Newly betrothed? Or are you proud new parents? Are you celebrating a big anniversary?

Send the information and picture if you have one to *The Northville Record/Novi News*, 104 W. Main Street, Northville, MI 48167, or stop by the office and pick up a birth, engagement or wedding announcement form and we'll see to it that your happy news appears in the paper. There is no charge.

Church Notes

Pastor Louise Ott of **NOVI UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**, 41671 West Ten Mile Road in Novi, has been selected to attend the Knights Templar Holy Land Pilgrimage Program.

Within the Mason Organization is a Christian Organization called the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar. It is a national organization with Commanderies in all 50 states. Twenty one years ago, the Grand Commandery of Michigan instituted the Pilgrimage Program which is intended to provide funds to send young Christian clergy early in their ministry on 10-day visits to the Holy Land at no cost to themselves.

Each Knight Templar is urged to nominate his pastor for this visit. Pastor Ott was nominated through the Northville Commandery Nov. 39 K.T. by Bob Erickson who is also a member of Novi United Methodist Church.

Pastor Ott will be among 14 clergy selected from Michigan to make the Pilgrimage in February. To date, nearly 1,000 clergy have been chosen - nearly 100 from Michigan.

This past Sunday, a number of Sir Knights attended the regular 10:30 a.m. service attired in their full dress uniforms to honor Pastor Ott and make a presentation to her and to inform the congregation in more detail about this honor.

CHURCH OF HOLY CROSS EPISCOPAL, 46200 West Ten Mile in Novi, hosts the Botsford Pathways to Parenting, New Mothers Club, on the first Wednesday of the month at Holy Cross from 12:30 until 2 p.m. with a variety guest speakers which offers the opportunity for new mothers to network, share and make new friends.

Guest speakers include nurses, physicians, exercise physiologists and dietitians speaking on subjects pertaining to new mothers such as post partum depression, keeping your sense of humor, getting into shape and traveling with a newborn. Light refreshments are served.

On Feb. 4 the topic will be "How to Develop a Financial Plan to Stay at Home with Baby" with Kae Trojanowski.

For details on the parenting group, call Botsford General Hospital at (248) 477-6100.

For more information, call Holy Cross at 349-1175.

CHURCH OF TODAY, WEST, which meets at Village Oaks Elementary School, 23333 Willowbrook in Novi, has services at 9 and 11 a.m. on Sunday.

The lesson for Jan. 18 the topic will be "Tithing your Time, Talent and Treasure."

Church of Today, West, also offers youth education at both services.

Opportunities are available for participants, ranging from drama to singles activities.

A course in miracles is taught year-round on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. Other courses include 4T, Meditation and Unity Basics.

For more information, call the church at (248) 449-8900, or check out its web site at: http://www.cotw.com

FAITH COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 4440 West Ten Mile in Novi, has Sunday worship services at 9 and 10:30 a.m.

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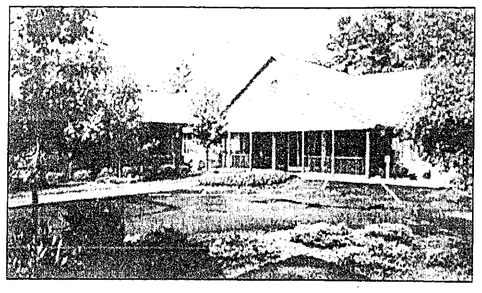

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SINGLE PLACE, an adult ministry for single people at First Presbyterian Church of Northville, meets Thursday evenings in Fellowship Hall at 7:30 p.m.

Every Sunday, the group worships at 11 a.m. in the sanctuary followed by brunch at the Northville Crossing Restaurant, 18900 Northville Road, at 12:30 p.m.

On Sunday evenings, Single Place meets for coffee and cards at 6 p.m. at Tuscan Cafe, 150 N. Center Street in Northville.

On Jan. 15, Single Place presents "Gratitude and the Three I's" with speaker Dick Esley at 7:30 p.m. or an open forum on "Yellow Flags of Dating" with speaker Darlene Sweeney. On Jan. 22, the Single Place presentations will be "When Relationships are Healthy and When Relationships Can Become Abusive," with speaker Karen Porter" or an open forum on "Tax Preparation in 1998" with Dave Johnston.

The cost for Single Place presentations are $4.

On Fridays, the group meets at 5:30 p.m. at Mulligan's of Northville, 18730 Northville Road in Northville.

A Walk in the Park is scheduled every Saturday at 10 a.m. in Heritage Park between Ten and Eleven Mile in Farmington Hills.

A seven-week Divorce Recovery workshop continues through Feb. 19 from 7 until 9 p.m. The cost is $30.

A Growth Workshop on "Relationship Building" with speaker Dr. J. Harold Ellens begins Jan. 15 and continues on Jan. 22 and 29 from 7 until 9 p.m. The cost is $27.

A Contra Dance Class with Karen Missavage will be held on Jan. 18, 25, Feb. 1, 8 and 15 from 7 until 9 p.m. The cost is $25.

A Cross Country Ski Weekend has been planned for Jan. 31 through Feb. 1 at the Holiday Inn in East Tawas. The cost is $55 for a semi private room and $110 for a private room. Ski costs are $3.50 for the weekend and $10 day for ski rental.

A Dinner and Jazz Blues Night is scheduled for Jan. 17 at the Oxford Inn, 43317 Grand River in Novi. Dinner will be at 8 p.m. Entertainment begins at 10 p.m. There is a $5 cover charge. The cost is on your own.

For more information about any of the Single Place programs or to register, call (248) 349-0911.

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

Rev. Paul Clough delivers messages to help singles in their life struggles. Coffee, donuts, conversation and Christ are always present.

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

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

The Uniquely Single Group for those who have never been married meets the fourth Tuesday, also in the Calvin Room, from 7-9 p.m.

New Start for widows and widowers meets every other Thursday in Room A-15 from 7:30 to 9 p.m.

Upcoming speakers and topics during Talk Talk Talk it Over at 7:30 p.m. in Knox Hall include Linda Limbers Mitchell on "Goal Setting - How Many Resolutions Have We Made and Not Kept but Would Like to Keep?" on Jan. 23.

On Third Friday this month, Jan. 16, there will be a game night at 7 p.m. in Knox Hall. Bring your favorite game and pay $1 at the door for snacks and a beverage. Free child care will be available.

For details about Single Point Ministries call (313) 422-1854.

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

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

A cross country ski weekend for both skiers and non-skiers alike has been planned at the Double JJ Resort on Jan. 16, 17 and 18.

A Ski-the-Soo Trip for downhill and/or cross-country skiing is scheduled for Feb. 13, 14, 15, and 16.

For details call the FSP hot line at (248) 851-9909 or www.fsp.org

Scout earns lifesaving award

By CAROL DIPPLE
Feature Editor

Quick thinking led an eight-year-old Northville resident to receive a Boy Scout life saving award.

This past summer Max Moylan, his two-year-old sister Hannah and their mother, Pat Moylan, were attending a family reunion at Max's uncle's Farmington Hills home.

A beautiful sunny afternoon had many family members in and out of the built-in swimming pool, including five-year-old Casey.

Max, a Cub Scout with Our Lady of Victory's Pack 721, grew concerned as he watched his second cousin Casey who was also standing by the pool, and Max had a premonition that something was about to happen.

Casey jumped into the pool without the water wings he had been wearing all morning. When Casey went under and begin to struggle Max went in after him.

"The water was just over Casey's head. Max, who had been taking swimming lessons for two years, pulled Casey up on his back and swam over to the side and pulled him to safety.

"We're all just standing around like we're having a picnic," Moylan said. "Several of us were standing right there and didn't even notice this kid was under."

Casey's dad was about four feet away from the pool with his back turned and didn't even notice.

"Max is a very good swimmer," Moylan said.

Max said it did not occur to him to get a parent before jumping in. He just thought quickly and went in to get Casey.

Afterwards Max walked up to his mom and matter-of-factly told her what had happened. Moylan contacted Max's Den 4 Leader Cathie Powell, who called the Pack's Cubmaster Art Greenlee who got the award process started at Scout headquarters.

Three representatives from different area councils met with Max. After the interview they made a recommendation to the national headquarters who turned around and made a decision as to what level award Max should receive.

Photo by HAL GOULD

Max Moylan was awarded the Lifesaving Medal of Merit for pulling his second cousin to safety during a family reunion pool party.

The Boy Scouts have 17 different life saving awards, according to Moylan. Three levels just for water safety – extreme threat to life; some risk to personal safety; or no risk to personal safety.

Max was presented with the Lifesaving Medal of Merit, which can be worn only at special occasions like the Blue and Gold Dinner, at the Sunset District Roundtable in early November. He will also be recognized at his Pack's Blue and Gold Dinner. For other occasions, Max can wear a knot on his shirt.

"That's why they want to recognize him at the Pack meeting to show that guys this age can do things to," Moylan said.

Although Max has not completed any of the Scout lifesaving requirements yet, he is a big fan of the *Boy's Life* True Adventure stories, which are published in the monthly magazine.

"Every time he gets a *Boys' Life* it's the first thing he goes to," Moylan said. "We discuss them at length."

Max has an interest, almost a preoccupation with disasters, according to Moylan, who is a pediatric neuropsychologist in the Department of Neurosurgery at Children's Hospital of Michigan. The two have had many talks about safety in the case of tornadoes, floods and other disasters.

"He's always been interested in things being safe," said Moylan, whose specialty is head injuries in the hospital's trauma center. "Since he was three, he would stop people (riding bikes) on the streets and ask them where their helmet was."

Max, an upper elementary level student at Northville Montessori Center in Northville, enjoys rollerblading and hockey.

Born in Paraguay, Max was adopted by Moylan, a single mom, when he was 7 months old. Hannah was also born in Paraguay and became a member of the Moylan family when she was 6 months old.

"Cub Scouting prepared him for just being more in tune to looking out for people," said Moylan who has been a resident of Northville for 10 years.

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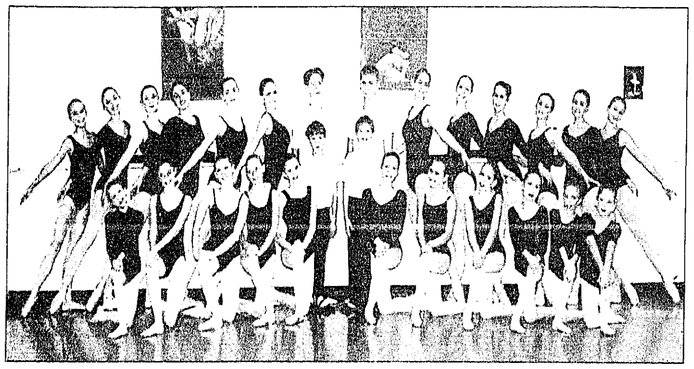

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The Contemporary Ballet Theater, which includes dancers from Northville and Novi, will perform 'Cinderella' on Jan. 24 at Clarenceville High School in Livonia.

Area youth to dance in classic tale

Cinderella and her Prince will be arriving at Clarenceville High School on Saturday, Jan. 24, at 7 p.m.

Many Northville and Novi dancers of the Contemporary Ballet Theater (CBT) will be among those performing the classic *Cinderella* ballet by Sergei Prokofiev under the direction of its founder and ballet mistress, Norma Jean Fowler.

Northville residents in the production are Emily Benish, Sarah Benish, Kaitlyn Buttery, Adam Crain, Samantha Crain, Pamela Lawrie, Beth St. Thomas and Rachel Ward. Novi residents include Allison Andrews, Nicole Niffin, Eric Resonich and Julie Stevens.

Gretchen Esch and Dean Sheremet will be performing the roles of Cinderella and the Prince.

Esch was crowned Miss Dance Michigan, 1996 and has recently performed with the Rockettes Christmas Extravaganza at the Fox Theater.

Sheremet is the reigning Mr. Dance of Michigan, 1997 and was a finalist at the Mr. Dance of America competition last summer.

The CBT, based at Ilene's Dance Electric, includes dancers from many surrounding communities of Detroit including Northville and Novi, Farmington Hills, Auburn Hills, Clarkston, Wixom, White Lake, West Bloomfield and Livonia.

Advance general admission tickets are $10. Tickets will be $12 at the door on the night of the performance.

Advance tickets and more information is available at Dance Electric (248) 477-3830; Gayle's Dance Phase in Wixom (248) 305-5600; at Bodies in Motion at the Novi Town Center (248) 305-5590 and at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 West Ten Mile Road, (248) 347-0400.

The non-profit ballet corps which is comprised of young local athletes ages eight through adult, will be presenting a special performance for local school children on Friday, Jan. 23 at 10 a.m.

"One of the goals of CBT is to provide children the opportunity to experience live ballet performances," Fowler said. "Often times, this is their first introduction to the stage performance of ballet."

"When the production is a popular story like *Cinderella* and the children recognize friends and school mates among the dancers, it really makes for a fun and exciting event."

Clarenceville High School is located at 20155 Middlebelt in Livonia.

Entertainment listing

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

AUDITIONS

Marquis: The Marquis Theatre will be holding auditions for professional adult actors for *Charlotte's Web* on Monday, Jan. 19, from 7 until 8:30 p.m. at the theatre at 135 E. Main Street in Northville.

Actors will be asked to do a cold reading from the script.

For more information, call (248) 349-8110.

SCHOOLCRAFT: Open auditions for Schoolcraft College's winter theatre production of Ken Ludwig's hysterical farce, *Moon over Buffalo*, will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday, Jan. 20 and 21, at 7 p.m. in the Liberal Arts Theatre on the college's main campus located at 18600 Haggerty Road between Six and Seven Mile roads in Livonia.

There are roles available for four men and four women.

Auditions are open to the public and no experience is necessary.

For details, call the Theatre Department at (313) 462-4400, ext. 5270.

PCC: The Plymouth Community Chorus is holding auditions for its Spring Concert on Tuesday, Jan. 20 and 27 at 7 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth, 45000 N. Territorial Road, west of Sheldon.

Male voices are especially needed, particularly tenors, but openings for female voices are also available.

Rehearsals for the annual Spring Concert began Jan. 13.

Call (313) 455-4080 for appointments or more information.

COMMUNITY CHOIR: Schoolcraft Community Choir will hold auditions for experienced singers of all voice parts for new members on Tuesday, Jan. 20, at 7:30 p.m. at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile in Livonia.

The 50-voice choir, under the direction of Donald Stromberg, includes both Schoolcraft College students and experienced singers of all ages from communities throughout the metropolitan area. Participants may elect to receive regular academic credit through the college for participation in the choir.

To schedule an audition, contact choir president Shari Clason at (248) 349-8175 or Schoolcraft's Liberal Arts Department at (734) 462-4435.

Schoolcraft College is located at 18600 Haggerty Road in Livonia between Six and Seven Mile, just east of I-275.

VOICES IN TIME: Based in Northville, there are still openings in this mini-chorus. For more information, call Ed Meade at (248) 449-6540.

CONCERT BAND: The Novi Concert Band, directed by Jack Kopnick, invites any adult who plays a band instrument to join the band for the 1998 concert season. Rehearsals take place Tuesdays from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. and there are no auditions.

For details, call (248) 932-9244.

SPECIAL EVENTS

BARNES & NOBLE: Visible Ink Press editors Gary Graff and Jim Mefarlin along with multi-award winning blues band Mudpuppy will be at the store to promote the newly released books *Music Hound Blues* and *Music Hound Rhythm & Blues* on Friday, Jan. 16 at 7:30 p.m. "Internet-Gateway to the Future" will be the topic of Cassandra Taylor-Sims, an Internet instructor, on Friday, Jan. 23, at 7:30 p.m.

Barnes & Noble is located at Six Mile and Haggerty roads in Northville.

For details, call (248) 348-0696.

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MR. B'S FARM: Mr. B's Farm is located at Novi Road north of Ten Mile. For details, call 349-7038.

OXFORD INN: The Oxford Inn is located at 43317 Grand River in Novi.

For details, call (248) 305-5856.

LIBRARY SPORTS PUB AND GRILL: The Library Sports Pub and Grill is located at 42100 Grand River Avenue in Novi. For details, call 349-9110.

TUSCAN CAFE: Tuscan Cafe presents a variety of entertainment acts nightly except Sundays.

Weekday performances are from 8:30 to 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday performances are from 9-11 p.m.

Tuscan Cafe is located at 150 Center Street in Northville. For details, call 305-8629.

BRADY'S FOOD & SPIRITS: Live entertainment is offered from 7:30 to 11 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, and from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. on Friday and Saturday.

Brady's Food & Spirits is located at 38123 West Ten Mile in the Holiday Inn in Farmington Hills. For details, call (248) 478-7780.

FRIGATES INN: Frigates offers live music every Wednesday at 9 p.m. featuring either the 2XL Band or John D Lamb. The Tim Flaherty Trio with emcee Dan McNall will host an open blues jam every Thursday from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. All musicians are welcome. Dance with The Globe at 9 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays.

Frigates Inn is located at the corner of Fourteen Mile and East Lake Drive in Novi. For details, call (248) 624-9607.

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

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

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

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

SUNSET GRILL: Every Tuesday from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. the Sunset Grill hosts an open blues jam. Rock 'n' roll is featured on Saturdays during the summer from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

The Sunset Grill is located on the corner of Thirteen Mile and Novi roads.

For details, call (248) 624-8475.

ART

DANCING EYE GALLERY: The gallery is located at 101 N. Center at Main.

For more information, call (248) 449-7086.

GATE VI GALLERY: Month-long exhibits of local artists are held in the atrium of the Novi Civic Center, 45175 West Ten Mile in Novi. Viewing of the exhibit is possible during the hours the Civic Center is open.

Local artists interested in exhibiting at the Civic Center should call 347-0400.

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

For details, call 348-1213.

ATRIUM GALLERY: Atrium Gallery is located at 109 N. Center in downtown Northville.

Hours are Monday through Thursday 10 a.m. until 5:30 p.m.; Friday 10 a.m. until 8 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. and noon until 4 p.m. on Sundays.

For details, call 349-4131.

PAINTER'S PLACE: Owned by Caroline Dunphy, Painter's Place is located at 140 N. Center Street in downtown Northville. The new colored print of Northville is now available.

Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday from noon until 5 p.m. or by appointment. Call 348-9544 for details.

NEARBY

PLYMOUTH ICE FESTIVAL: On Saturday, Jan. 17, acoustic musicians Betsy Beckerman and Tom Hall, accompanied by with Neil Woodward on mandolin and fiddle, will be performing in the lobby of the Arbor Health Building at 990 West Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth from 1 until 5 p.m.

Beckerman and Hall will perform again on Sunday, Jan. 18, from 1 until 5 p.m.

The concerts are free and open to the public. Arbor Health volunteers will be serving free hot cider.

For additional details, call (734) 663-4092.

VALENTINE DINNER/DANCE: Schoolcraft College's Valentine's Day dinner and dance on Saturday, Feb. 14, will include tomato bisque, artichoke hearts and watercress salad, roasted beef tenderloin with Bordelaise sauce, heart shaped potato leek pie, asparagus and cheesecake with raspberry sauce. The evening's entertainment will be the music of Johnny Trudell. Tickets are $37.50 per person.

Proceeds benefit the School College Foundation and the Continuing Education Services Physical Education programs.

Schoolcraft College is located at 18600 Haggerty Road in Livonia between Six and Seven Mile roads.

For more information, or to order call (313) 462-4417.

RECITAL: Madonna University in Livonia will hold a music recital on Sunday, Jan. 25, at 3 p.m. in Kresge Hall. Admission is by donation to the music scholarship fund.

Barbara Willsie, a mezzo-soprano, will be accompanied by Linette Popoff-Parks, chair and associate professor in the music department at Madonna University, on piano. A program that was recently performed at Carroll College in Helena, Montana, the recital will feature works from Bach to Barber.

Willsie recently won both the National Opera Association Vocal Competition and the Friedrich Schorr Memorial Performance Prize.

Madonna University is located at I-96 and Levan Road in Livonia.

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Non-stop action is thigh-deep in 'Hard Rain'

The small town of Huntingburg is forced to evacuate when torrential rains bring rising flood waters. The local sheriff (Randy Quaid) and town residents, having been through this before, are all too familiar with the looting and petty thefts that take place in an abandoned town. What they are not aware of, however, is the planned heist of an armored car sent to transport the $3 million in tow.

Jim, smart and determined, begins the campaign to find Tom and the money. The chase is on, the plot is twisting and the action non-stop.

"Hard Rain" features Tom (Christian Slater), a young man who has taken a job as an armored car courier alongside his Uncle Charlie (Ed Asner), a veteran of the money delivery business. Come hell or high water, Tom is determined to deliver safely the $3 million that have been entrusted to him. High water comes — plenty of it — when his armored car is caught in the rising waters of an immense Midwestern river flood.

Jim (Morgan Freeman) is equally determined to get his hands on those $3 million. A career thief who's growing weary of the criminal life, he seizes on the flood as his chance to pull off one last daring job — an armored car robbery that will bag him enough cash to retire to a tropical island forever.

His plan goes terribly awry when Tom, stubbornly determined to protect the cash, refuses to do the easy thing and give up the money.

Karen (Minnie Driver, left) is questioned by the sheriff (Randy Quaid), in "Hard Rain." The movie, a Paramount Pictures presentation in association with Mutual Film Company, is directed by Mikael Salomon, based on a screenplay by Graham Yost.

Tom (Christian Slater) flees the scene of the heist in the high-action crime thriller "Hard Rain."

With a miffed, overburdened sheriff (Randy Quaid) trying to patrol the town with a handful of deputies, Tom relies on help from a courageous young woman (Minnie Driver) to protect the money and his life from the very determined and gun-wielding thieves. Nothing — not the rising flood, nor a ruthless pursuit, nor a spectacular jet-ski battle in the hallways of the half-submerged high school — will stop Tom from fighting to save the fortune that's been placed in his charge.

Jim and his gang are equally determined to make sure they get what they came for.

Ultimately, they all face a sheriff who has plans of his own. What follows is a desperate chase amid the rising waters, and a struggle that shows people are not always who they seem to be.

Producer Mark Gordon, who also produced the blockbusters "Speed" and "Broken Arrow," comments on the distinctive quality of this film: "So many films that depict disasters — which this is not," says Gordon, "are stories about how the natural elements like the twister, like the flood, like the volcano, are the antagonist. In our picture, Morgan Freeman is the antagonist, Christian Slater is the protagonist, and we play the action out against the flood."

Describing his experience with "Hard Rain," producer Gary Levinsohn notes, "There's an enormously experienced technical crew involved in bringing this film to the screen. Our director, Mikael Salomon, pioneered some of the major effects we see in the movie when he was working on 'Backdraft' and 'The Abyss.' In addition, people like John Frazier, our special effects supervisor, did the special effects for 'Twister' and 'Speed.'"

Producer Ian Bryce emphasizes that "Hard Rain" is not just a big stunt movie but actually "a great thriller that keeps the audience guessing, with a good deal of terrific action throughout."

Director Mikael Salomon explains that "one of the things that attracted me to 'Hard Rain' is that it wasn't about a disaster. It's an action movie, it's a thriller. It's about a heist and the choices people make.

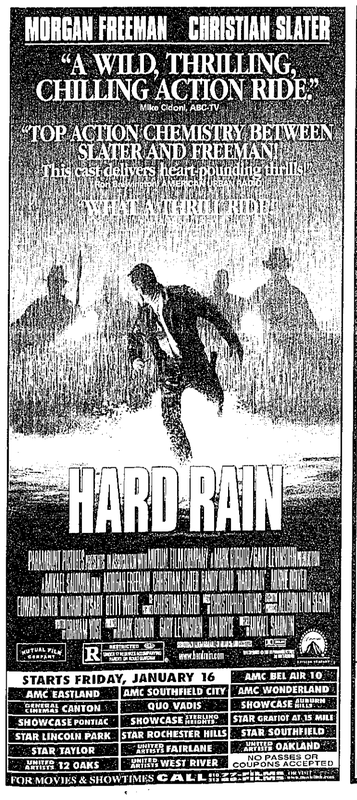
Sometimes they make the right choices, sometimes they make the wrong choices. It's about redemption, when it comes down to it."

Screenwriter Graham Yost was inspired to write "Hard Rain" during pre-production of his previous screenwriting effort, "Speed." While watching news coverage of the disastrous Mississippi River floods of 1993,

Yost was struck by the image of relentless floodwaters, rising inch by inch, second by second. "I thought, wait a minute," says Yost, "what if this was going on throughout a whole movie? What if this water just kept rising and everything kept changing?"

However, continues Yost, "I didn't want to do just a disaster movie. It needed some kind of story. And so I thought, everyone in these towns are talking about looting.

What if the banks were to clean out all the money from their branches? And what if it were in an armored car, and it got stuck? That's how the story started."



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DW mom, 28, 5'10", red hair, green eyes, enjoys being outdoors, sports, animals and much more, seeking honest, outgoing, stable S/DWM, 25-40, with similar interest, who likes children, would be interested in friends first relationship. Ad#.5514

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DW mom, 33, 5'5", Catholic, participates in youth ministry, professional, seeks marriage minded Catholic, SWM, 30-42. Ad#.3399

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SWF, 54, 5'2", 135lbs., outgoing, enjoys being with family, camping, dancing, sports, music, boating, dining out, seeks N/S, active, SWM, 50-58. Ad#.7411

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SWF, 35, 5'3", outgoing, employed, enjoys nature, dining out, dancing, quiet times with someone special, seeks SWM, 35-45, who is honest, caring and giving. Ad#.5683

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SWF, 31, 5'4", brown hair, hazel eyes, professional, caring, outgoing, very positive outlook on life, interests are church, outdoor activities, seeks dependable, considerate, SWM, 30-38. Ad#.9999

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ONLY THE BEST FOR YOU
SWF, 19, 5'7", shy, enjoys spending time with children, sports, hunting, long walks, movies, seeks SWM, under 27, for friendship. Ad#.3651

FRIENDS FIRST
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SWEET HONESTY
SWF, 31, 5'1', shy, single mom, enjoys outdoors, concerts, hockey, seeks DWM, under 40, to share same interests. Ad#.2394

EASY TO TALK TO
Pretty, full-figured DW mom, 32, 5'9", blonde hair, blue eyes, one child, home owner, seeking SWM, 25-40, who has a good sense of humor and appreciates country living. Ad#.8154

A LOT TO OFFER
Professional DWC mom, 40, 5'6", 190lbs., shy, reserved, financially secure, lives in Northville, N/S, enjoys sports, soccer, the outdoors, dancing, movies, quiet nights, seeks SCM, 34-47. Ad#.9876

ANYTHING IN COMMON?
Catholic SWF, 26, 5'7", N/S, from Brighton, enjoys movies, hockey, reading, long walks, quiet times, seeks honest, caring, humorous SWM, 25-35. Ad#.5769

SPEAKS HER MIND
SWF, 37, 5'6', blonde hair, hazel eyes, employed, enjoys sports, car racing, movies, bowling and dancing, seeks sincere S/DWM, 35-40. Ad#.6087

ACTIVE LIFESTYLE
Self-employed DWCF, 60, 5'2", from Brighton, enjoys travelling, animals, sports, being outdoors, seeks friendly SWCM, 55-65, for friends-first relationship. Ad#.1924

ALL THIS AND MORE!!!
Attractive DW mom, 29, 5'5", blonde hair, green eyes, enjoys fishing, bowling, golfing, dogs, dancing, seeks honest, hard-working, handsome SWM, 31-40, who wants to settle down. Ad#.1222

JOYS OF LIFE
WWWCF, 39, 5'4", outgoing, friendly, likes bowling and horseback riding, taking walks, seeks honest SWM, 36-43 who has a strong belief in God. Ad#.1030

SINCERELY
DWF, 58, 5'3", enjoys choir, crafts, cooking, dining out, movies, seeks SWM, 60-75, for companionship. Ad#.1221

GIVE ME A CALL
DWC mom, 28, 5'5", employed, lives in Grattan, enjoys camping, bowling, fishing with children, seeks SWM, 25-33, for friendship first, possibly more. Ad#.5910

ADORABLE
Full-figured, employed DW mom, 36, 5'2", who enjoys camping, planting flowers and reading books, seeking honest, sincere and non-judgmental SWM, 30-45, who likes children and quiet time. Ad#.1234

ATTENTION GENTLEMEN...
DWC mom, 48, 5'9", blonde hair, brown eyes, outgoing, friendly, enjoys reading, movies, walking, basketball, seeks humorous, honest DWCM, 45-55, with similar interests. S. Lyon area. Ad#.1004

GOD LEADS MY LIFE
Born-Again DWC mom, 41, 5'4", slender, blonde, professional, lives in Brighton, likes youth ministry, Bible study, art and a little of everything, seeks SWCM, 39-55, with same interests. Ad#.1985

GOOD VALUES
DWCF, 50, 5'3", loves the outdoors, golf, swimming, fishing, biking, walking, movies, dancing, picnics, tobogganing, skating, seeks moral, honest SWM, 45-57. Ad#.1727

CELEBRATE LIFE
Professional, full-figured DWCF, 52, 5'6", brown hair/eyes, enjoys country music, dancing, theater, bowling, traveling, seeks SWCM, 50+, with similar interests, for companionship. Ad#.1859

A POSITIVE ATTITUDE
Catholic DW mom 41, 5'3", resides in the Ann Arbor area, desires more children, enjoys an active lifestyle including boating, seeks SWM, 38-45. Ad#.8760

INTELLIGENT
Friendly, professional DW mom, 33, 5'9", enjoys children, animals, the outdoors, seeking family-oriented, Catholic SWM, 32-40. Ad#.5228

THE BRIGHT SIDE
Personable SWF, 37, 5'7", from South Lion, employed, seeking SWM, for friendship, possibly more. Ad#.4144

ONCE IN A LIFETIME
Professional, fun-loving SWCF, 30, 5'2", N/S, humorous, enjoys rollerblading, swimming, water skiing, the outdoors, walks, looking for an active, intelligent, outgoing, childless SWCM, 25-35. Ad#.1515

YOU JUST MAY BE THE ONE
Catholic SW mom of three, 22, 5'10", outgoing, down-to-earth, lives in Howe, seeks marriage-minded Catholic SWM, 22-35, who loves children. Ad#.2221

AVID READER
Protestant SWF, 22, 5'5", participates in Bible study, enjoys walks, concerts, movies, collecting unicorns, seeks Protestant SWM, 25-33, with mutual interests Ad#.1997

DINNER AND A MOVIE?
Catholic WWWF, 65, 5'2", from Oakland County, enjoys the theater, dancing, crafts, home life, swimming, seeks SWM, 64-70, for companionship. Ad#.8439

HEART OF GOLD
Kind-hearted SWCF, 50, 5'5", from Ann Arbor, enjoys dancing, camping, family and friends, spectator sports, wants to meet SWCM, 45-52, N/S. Ad#.7473

FALL IN LOVE
Outgoing, honest SWCF, 38, 5'2", blue-eyed blonde, enjoys soccer, sports activities, seeking SWCM, 35-45, for friendship. Ad#.8910

ARE YOU MY TEDDY BEAR?
DWCF, 48, 5'1", full-figured, hardworking, professional, from Plymouth, enjoys fishing, hunting, motorcycling, moonlit walks, seeks faithful, loving SCM, under 52. Ad#.1949

A LASTING LOVE
Cheerful SWCF, 38, 5'4", full-figured, never married, participates in choir, Bible study, enjoys golf, bowling, walking, bike riding, animals, seeks warm, caring SWCM, 34-49. Ad#.1339

SINCERE HEART
Catholic DWF, 48, 5'5", honey blonde, green eyes, fun-loving, from Brighton, seeks faithful S/DWM, 45-53, to enjoy life with. Ad#.2149

LOVES ANIMALS
SWF, 49, 5'3", blue-eyed blonde, sincere, down-to-earth, intelligent, likes the outdoors, nature, the mountains, beaches, cooking, movies, seeks kind-hearted, honest, handy SWM, 45+, for friendship, possibly more. Ad#.5111

LIFELONG RELATIONSHIP
Outgoing DWC mom, 32, 4'10", full-figured, N/S, employed, interests include country music and hockey, seeks honest, caring SWCM, 30-45, N/S. Ad#.9420

WAITING TO HEAR FROM YOU
Protestant DWF, 53, 5', 110lbs., N/S, educated, warm, fun, witty, enjoys dining out, cooking, day trips, music, seeks professional SWM, N/S, for possible long-term relationship. Ad#.3334

LET'S GET AWAY...
DWCF, 45, 5'4", blue-eyed blonde, hobbies include bowling, golf, rollerblading, casinos, dining out, movies, seeking honest, loyal SWCM, 43-53, for monogamous relationship. Ad#.5485

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WWWCF, 64, 5'2", pretty, talkative, honest, loyal, sincere, lives in South Lyons, likes drives, walks, TV, movies, dining out, cards, seeks compatible, trusting, humorous SWCM, 62-70. Ad#.4000

STILL SEARCHING
DWCF, 42, 5'2", 100lbs., blue-eyed blonde, bubbly, financially stable, has no children at home, great sense of humor, seeks DWCM, 38-44, who is nurturing, kind, sensitive and honest, to have fun with. Ad#.4567

KNOW HOW TO SHARE?
Chipper SWF, 25, 5'1", long black hair, shy, likes movies, dancing, family times, good friends, seeks SWM, 24-28, no kids, preferably never married. Ad#.7557

MUTUAL RESPECT
Born-Again SWCF, 45, 5'6", shy and reserved, earth, caring, from Brighton, enjoys camping, fishing, walks, nature, animals, seeks warm, sincere, honest SWCM. Ad#.1951

NO HEAD GAMES
Easygoing Lutheran SWF, 35, 5'2", N/S, enjoys cooking, collecting cook books, seeks fun-loving, caring, honest SWM, 35-40, for friendship first. Ad#.1142

ONE SPECIAL PERSON
SWCF, 27, 5'3", blue-eyed blonde, cheerful, professional, lives in Novi, likes sports, crafts, flowers, biking, seeks upbeat, confident WWWCM, 25-33, with similar interests. Ad#.2570

ANY CHEMISTRY?
Catholic SWF, 35, 5'8", tall, slender, educated, active, N/S, likes travel, dancing, fitness, elegant evenings, seeks lively, humorous SWM, 30-43. Ad#.2213

A BRAND NEW START
Bashful DW mom, 34, 5'6", blue-eyed blonde, enjoys movies, going out, being outdoors, seeks nice SWM, to share thoughts and interests with. Ad#.5560

LOVES TO CUDDLE
Baptist SWF, 50, 5'3", brown eyes, warm, caring, cheerful, enjoys traveling, dining, plays, walking, reading, movies, seeks honest, sensitive, educated SM, with similar interests. Ad#.6283

LET'S MEET
Non-denominational DWF, 26, full-figured, friendly, extroverted, likes walks in the park, picnics, movies, seeks understanding, affectionate SM, with a good sense of humor. Ad#.1011

QUIET AT FIRST
Catholic SWF, 33, shy, outgoing, enjoys reading, collecting dolls, walking, bike riding, looking for outgoing, humorous, caring, loving SM, N/S. Ad#.9863

SPOIL ME!
SWCF 47, caring, fun-loving, attends Christian activities, enjoys golfing, reading, boating, sewing, traveling, seeks kind, honest SM, to spend time together. Ad#.6635

HAS COMMON SENSE
Catholic SWF, 38, humorous, friendly, enjoys playing hockey, hunting, fishing, rollerblading, tennis, seeks attractive, enjoyable SM, who is fun and serious-minded. Ad#.2229

CARING HEART
SWF, 24, sensitive, emotional, enjoys reading and writing poetry, picnics, long walks, movies, seeks honest, loyal, faithful, goal-oriented SM. Ad#.3333

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STEAL MY HEART
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GENUINE LOVE
SWCM, 21, 6'1", 200lbs., brown hair, quiet, enjoys basketball, baseball, volleyball, movies, dining out, long walks, seeks a faithful, honest, caring SWCF, 19-25, to develop a serious relationship. Ad#.1964

PRINCE CHARMING
DW dad , 39, 6', outgoing, enjoys fishing, camping, seeks SWF, 30-39, to spend quality time with. Ad#.1706

HELLO SUNSHINE
DWM, 41, 6', light smoker, romantic, loving, employed, enjoys Bible study, movies, nature, gardening, music and family activities, seeks SWF, under 46. Ad#.1297

SOMETHING TO REMEMBER
SW dad, 34, 6'2", hardworking, outgoing, enjoys children, the outdoors and bowling, seeks a SWF, 27-37, with similar interests, for possible relationship. Ad#.3006

RARE FIND
Shy, reserved SWM, 19, 6'4", enjoys cook, movies, dining out, spending time with friends and more, in search of SWF, over18, for long-term relationship. Ad#.8149

EMOTIONAL MATURITY
Professional DWM, 41, 6', 200lbs., enjoys flying, antique cars and romantic dinners by the fire, seeks honest SWF, under 45, children welcome. Ad#.9381

EXTRAORDINARY
Handsome SWM, 36, N/S, attentive, creative, honest, witty, enjoys animals, birding, cooking, country life, fishing seeks adorable, genuine, metaphysically minded SWF, for friendship & more. Ad#.4321

TEDDY BEAR IMAGE
SW dad, 71, 5'11", N/S, outgoing, enjoys playing cards, big band music, traveling, cuddling, seeks honest, SWF, 65-78, to spend quality time with. Ad#.8550

BACK TO BASICS
DW dad, 40, 5'8", smoker, social drinker, friendly, enjoys boating, camping, dancing, seeks SWF, 35-45, with same interests. Ad#.1056

TRADITIONAL
Catholic SWM, 55, 5'7", blue eyes, romantic, employed, enjoys picnics, sports, history, church choir, poetry, family activities, seeks Catholic SWF, under 56. Ad#.9411

HAS TIME FOR YOU
DWC dad, 41, 5'9", friendly, professional, enjoys sporting events, spending time with his children, movies, music and more, seeks stable SWCF, 30-41, to share his life with. Ad#.2856

SOMEONE SPECIAL
Catholic SWM, 24, 5'6", outgoing, friendly, enjoys going to church, fishing, the outdoors, traveling, seeking SWF, 21-25, to spend time together. Ad#.1151

EARN MY TRUST
DWM, 37, 5'10", 185lbs., N/S, outgoing, enjoys bike riding, hiking, outdoors, rollerblading, seeks SWF, 30-38, to share same interests. Ad#.2167

APPRECIATES HONESTY
DWM, 39, 5'11", 170lbs., handsome, romantic, outgoing, seeks attractive, honest, slender, SBF, 30-39, for friendship, laughter, possibly more. Ad#.5678

GET TO KNOW ME
SWM, 36, 5'11", outgoing, kind-hearted, handsome, enjoys outdoors, animals, movies, seeks SWF, under 37, to share same interests. Ad#.4735

MAN OF INTEGRITY
Catholic SWM, 34, 5'6', N/S, friendly, employed, likes road trips, movies and dining out, seeks never-married Catholic SWF, 30-37, without kids, for nice relationship. Ad#.2263

RETIRED PROFESSIONAL
Protestant DWM, 63, 6', N/S, light drinker, energetic, fit, caring and romantic, likes sports and traveling, seeking N/S SCF, under 64, to share a possible relationship. Ad#.2358

SOMEONE TO SHARE WITH
DWCM, 27, 6', 160lbs., sandy brown hair, blue eyes, talkative, personable, extroverted, from Saginaw, participates in Youth ministry, enjoys music, seeking down-to-earth SWCF, 21-32. Ad#.4224

GOOD CHOICE
Handsome DWCM, 55, 5'11", slim, brown hair, blue eyes, seeks thin, adventurous SWC 40's gal, under 50, for flying, romance, travel and more. Ad#.3303

TRUE BELIEVER
Catholic DWM, 49, 5'10", 170lbs., likes dining out, relaxing at home, participating in sports and going to church, seeking moralistic SCF. Ad#.2813

A MUSIC LOVER
SWCM, 45, 5'9", medium build, from Brighton area, likes dancing, bowling, dining out, seeking a SWCF, under 55, N/S, for possible relationship. Ad#.1469

ANYTHING IN COMMON?
Professional, easygoing DWC dad, 52, 5'10", employed, enjoys sports, playing cards, dining out, seeking SWCF, 42-53. Ad#.8787

ALWAYS ON THE GO!!
Catholic DW dad, 40, 6', 175lbs., brown hair/eyes, enjoys rollerblading, biking, golfing, fishing, snow skiing and reading, seeks active, spontaneous Catholic SWF, under 45. Ad#.7126

HOPE YOU'LL CALL!
Catholic SW dad, 28, 6', South Lyons resident, enjoys romance, camping, fishing, hunting, family, seeks Catholic SWF, 22-34. Ad#.2869

ALL THAT AND MORE
DWCM, 40, 5'11", outgoing, friendly, lives in Highland Township, enjoys boating, water skiing, horseback riding, seeking adventurous SF, 25-44, with similar interests. Ad#.7329

MORAL & MODEST
DWCM, 49, 5'9", easygoing, honest, lives in South Lyons, likes working out, animals, raising pigeons, dancing, walking, dining out, seeks SWCF, under 52, with similar interests. Ad#.8844

HAPPY WITH LIFE!
Catholic DWM, 52, 5'10", 170lbs., open, honest, enjoys biking, dancing, animals, being outdoors, from Brighton, seeks athletic SF, under 45, who is young-at-heart. Ad#.4898

A SOUL MATE
Catholic WWWM, 56, 5'8", resides in Brighton, enjoys choir, sports, music, exercising, quiet times, good conversation, good friends, seeks WF, age unimportant, for a lasting relationship. Ad#.6699

FOLLOW YOUR HEART
Never-married, Catholic SWCM, 33, 5'9", animal lover, from the Livonia area, enjoys movies and sporting events, seeks Catholic SWCF. Ad#.8978

CONTACT ME
DWC dad, 37, 6', laid-back, reserved, secure, employed, lives in Fenton, seeks genuine, employed, stable SWCF, 33-43. Ad#.3700

LET'S TALK OVER COFFEE
SWM, 25, 5'7", dark hair, blue eyes, N/S, enjoys movies, camping, hunting, travel, seeks honest, slender SWF, 19-27, with similar interests. Ad#.7900

PICK ME!
SWM, 20, 6', enjoys sports, movies, seeking humorous, easygoing, dependable SF, for possible relationship. Ad#.7060

THE SEARCH IS OVER
SWCM, 31, 6'2', dark hair, blue eyes, easygoing, great sense of humor, lives in South Lyons, interests include the movies, sports, concerts, seeking physically fit, muscular SCF, 18-44. Ad#.3718

HERE'S TO NEW BEGINNINGS
Protestant DW dad, 41, 6'2", 205lbs., brown hair, hazel eyes, good-looking, enjoys sports, camping, the outdoors, seeking Protestant SWF, under 41, who is caring and family-oriented. Ad#.1212

BEST THERE IS
Young-at-heart DW dad, 41, 6', 180lbs., red hair, outgoing, friendly, enjoys conversation, fishing, camping, seeks SW mom, 25-41, for possible relationship. Ad#.4373

MR. NICE GUY!
SWM, 19, 6'5", redhead, hazel eyes, enjoys dining out, dancing, going to the beach, seeks SWF, 18-24, with mutual interests. Ad#.5495

SERIOUS ONLY
Catholic SWM, 34, 5'10", 180lbs., brown hair, green eyes, employed, enjoys traveling, dining out, movies, music, would like to meet Catholic SWF, 22-35, N/S, who is marriage minded. Ad#.9753

ALL ALONE
Warm-hearted SWM, 32, 6'1", 175lbs., never married, likes kids, having fun, seeks SF, 18+, with a good sense of humor. Ad#.1111

IRRESISTIBLE YOU
SWCM, 20, lives in Whitmore Lake, looking for SWCF, 18-35, who is outgoing, fun-loving and employed. Ad#.5237

ROMEO AND JULIET
Protestant DWM, 34, 5'7", reddish-brown hair, green eyes, attractive, employed, seeking loyal, compassionate, caring SWF, 26-37, with inner and outer beauty, for friendship first. Ad#.5934

ALL TOGETHER NOW?
DWC dad, 32, 5'8", 140lbs., dark hair, hazel eyes, fit, goal-oriented, sincere, respectable, loving, likes fishing, motorcycles, seeks loyal, mature SHCF, 28-36. Ad#.3800

NEVER MARRIED
Friendly, humorous SWCM, 20, 5'10", enjoys sports, rollerblading, seeking SWF, 18-25, for friendship first. Ad#.5664

ALONE TOO LONG
Personable SWCM, 40, 5'10", from Hamburg, enjoys movies, watching TV, golfing, biking, seeking sincere, honest SWCF, 32-38. Ad#.6633

LIFETIME OF SMILES
Active, optimistic DWCM, 51, 6', reddish-brown hair, blue eyes, employed, participates in Bible study, enjoys biking, reading, travel, working out, seeks adventurous, romantic, fun-loving S/DWF. Ad#.2020

CALL & WE'LL TALK
SWM, 30, 5'10", 165lbs., N/S, trustworthy, caring, romantic, employed, enjoys most sports, seeks SWF, 19-32, who is physically fit. Ad#.2929

INCURABLE ROMANTIC
SWM, 38, 5'10', 170lbs., blue eyes, interests include tennis, golf, bowling, seeking compassionate, humorous SF, 25-40, for loving relationship. Ad#.5921

CHARMING
DW dad, 27, 6'5", 200lbs., hobbies are outdoor activities, snowmobiles, movies, shooting pool, horses, stock cars, seeks fun SWF, 22-32. Ad#.4240

GOOD MORALS
Outgoing SWCM, 45, 5'10', blue-eyed blond, beard, from Howell, enjoys simple things in life, music, golf, hockey, motorcycle riding, seeking sincere, honest SWCF, 42-53. Ad#.1976

STRONG FAITH IN GOD
Church-going DWCM, 29, 6', open-minded, good listener, easy to get along with, loves the outdoors, pets, working out, seeks SCF, 22-34 Ad#.4425

THINK ABOUT IT
Protestant SW dad, 19, 6'1", shy, likes sports, movies, time with his daughter, seeks compatible SWCF, under 27, for friendship, maybe more. Ad#.2025

ON COMMON GROUND
Catholic DWM, 42, 6'1", from Brighton, enjoys camping, boating, fishing, biking, animals, seeking sincere, honest, caring Catholic DWF, 35-46, no children please. Ad#.1954

TO THE POINT
Intellectual, nice, caring DBCM, 33, 5'11", from Pontiac, seeking SCF, 23-36, with same traits, to enjoy life with. Ad#.6385

MARRIAGE-MINDED
Protestant SWM, 44, 6', trustworthy, lives in Highland, employed, attends Bible study, enjoys fishing, camping, sports, seeking SWCF, 38-46, with the same values. Ad#.9952

LEAVE YOUR NUMBER
Easygoing, down-to-earth SWM, 37, 5'8", enjoys volleyball, biking, music, movies, roller coasters, video games, seeks open-minded, adventurous, physically fit SWF, under 52. Ad#.6550

PRIORITY AD
Catholic SWM, 40, 6', fun-loving, friendly, lives in Garden City, enjoys parties, water-skiing, looking for an outgoing Catholic SWF, 38-40, who has never been married. Ad#.8025

A COUNTRY BOY
Protestant DWM, 46, 5'7", 160lbs., honest, energetic, good sense of humor, enjoys the outdoors, skiing, walks, lives in Milford, seeks Protestant SWF, 37-50, for possible relationship. Ad#.9672

HOPING TO HEAR FROM YOU
SWCM, 36, 5'9", shy and reserved, enjoys Star Trek, bicycling, seeking humorous SWCF, with same interests. Ad#.1701

ADVENTUROUS
SWM, 43, 6', 230lbs., lovable, spontaneous, sensitive, enjoys camping, movies, dancing, seeks SF, 30-45. Ad#.1153

WHAT ABOUT ME?
Romantic SWM, 23, 6'4", 165lbs., dark hair, quiet, shy, enjoys sports, music, family, friends, seeks commitment with SWF, 19-25. Ad#.6369

TALENTED & SENSIBLE
Upbeat SWCM, 29, 6', employed, enjoys music, sports, working out, writing songs, guitar, seeks fun-loving SWF, to share quality time with. Ad#.7677

ATHLETIC BUILD
Protestant SWM, 23, 6', reserved, shy, enjoys movies, video games, long walks, seeking easygoing SWF, 20-35, with similar interests. Ad#.7846

HE'S PERFECT
Protestant DW dad of two, 39, 6'1", brown hair, green eyes, nice person, lives in Plymouth area, likes walking, coaching sports, singing in choir, seeks DWCF, 21-48, kids okay. Ad#.3121

HAPPY AGAIN
Sincere SWM, 58, enjoys bowling, golf, camping, walking, seeking honest, dependable SF, with similar interests. Ad#.7514

A GREAT GUY
Catholic SWM, 39, fun-loving, happy, enjoys remodeling, gardening, biking, rollerblading, seeking honest, sincere, kind, caring, considerate SF. Ad#.7100

MIND BASHFUL?
Baptist SWM, 38, quiet-natured, enjoys fishing, woodworking, gardening, hunting, the outdoors, seeks truthful, responsible SF, to relate with. Ad#.1652

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Wildcats grow with pair of tough losses

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

Despite a pair of setbacks on the basketball court last week, Novi coach Pat Schluter thinks his team may have gained confidence.

Novi lost to Walled Lake Central 37-31 Jan. 6 and again to league foe Milford last Friday 44-31. But both games were against tough teams and the Wildcats played well despite the losses.

"I wasn't disappointed in the way we played," coach Pat Schluter said. "If you hold a team to 44 points you would expect to win. We just need to score more.

"We're the type of team that's going to hold a team down. But for us to win we need to cut down on our mistakes and turnovers. For us, every possession is important."

Coming into the game Milford was averaging 70.6 points a game, one of the highest scoring teams in the Kensington Valley Conference (KVC).

"This was a cat and mouse type of game," Milford coach Don Palmer said. "They (Novi) are kind of young. They struggled to score, but to compensate for that they tried to slow the game down and they've done pretty well in regard to that with everybody.

"We didn't play as competitively as we'd have liked, but I think Novi had a lot to do about that."

Milford built a 10-point halftime lead and extended it to 16 after three quarters. The Wildcats did outscore the Redskins 11-8 in the fourth and were down by just three with two minutes to play, but couldn't hold Milford in the end.

"They've got the type of team that can play fast or slow, that's why they are 6-0. They were quicker and stronger than us and they also have more experience," Schluter said. "We just played a better team."

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No Wildcats scored in double figures, but Brent Dickin had eight points to lead the team.

CENTRAL 37, NOVI 31

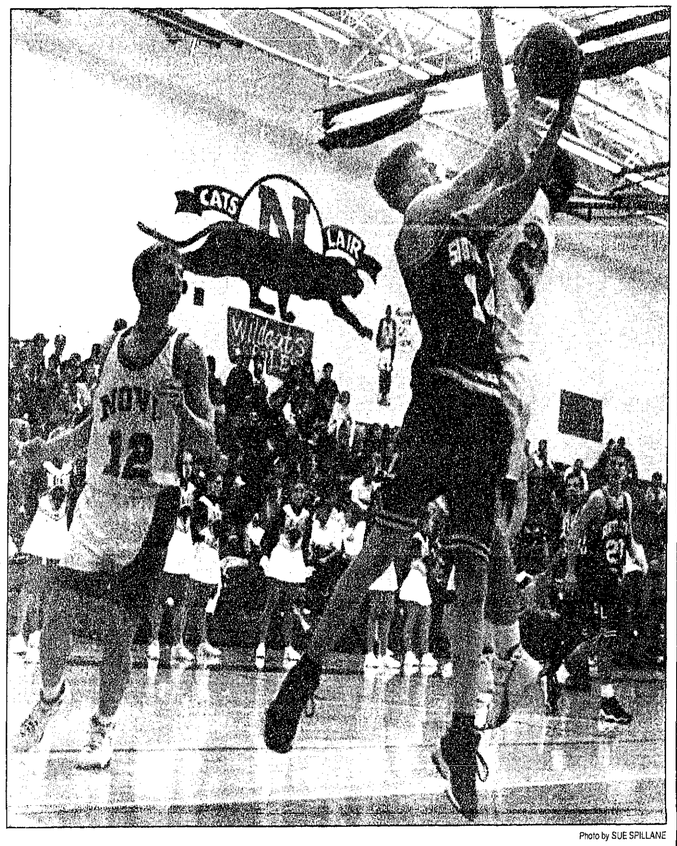
Central came back from an early-game deficit and Novi missed several key free throws down the stretch as the Vikings won this home game.

Trailing just 24-31 with 2:30 left the Wildcats had a chance to win the game, but they missed seven of their last eight free throws and the Vikings hit theirs en route to the win.

Novi jumped out to a 12-2 lead early, but Central scored the next 14 points to take the lead for good.

Junior Kyle Snearly led the team with 10 points and Larry Drury and Ben Cunningham added eight and seven in the loss.

The Wildcats played Livonia Franklin Tuesday (after the Novi News' deadline) and play Howell tomorrow in a KVC contest. Tuesday the Cats host Northville.



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Novi dropped two games last week, but coach Pat Schluter thinks his team is mentally tougher because of the losses.

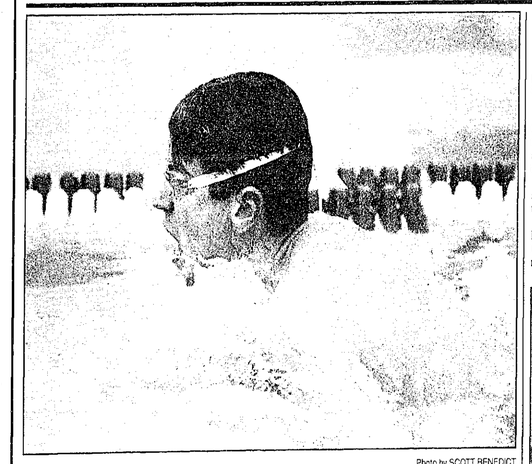

Photo by SCOTT BENEDICT

Wildcat Dave Tardella swims the breaststroke in recent competition in the pool.

Tankers have great week

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

In swimming, athletes can only do so much before they begin to tire.

This was the case this past weekend at the West Bloomfield Invitational where Novi finished third out of six teams at the unusual meet.

The invite consisted of four heats of each event, with the teams' best swimmer(s) competing in heat one and the next best in heat two and so on. West Bloomfield won the meet and North Farmington finished second.

The Wildcat divers experienced the most success on the day, with Mike Alberty, Jason Zonca and Derrick Zonca all finishing high.

Alberty finished runnerup in heat one, as did Jason Zonca in heat two. Alberty scored 385.7 points, higher than last year's regional score that was a few points shy of qualifying him for the state finals. Zonca accumulated 359.8 points.

Derrick Zonca amassed 120.9 points in just six dives to win the fourth heat.

Dave Tardella finished second in the 100 breaststroke in a time of 1:07.70. Bill Benton had second best times in both the 200 individual medley and the 100 butterfly.

"This type of meet really helped me get a look at all my kids," coach Bill McCord said. "We didn't swim as well as we did Tuesday and Thursday. We kind of ran out of gas."

Novi lost much of its energy in a pair of dual meets last week. The Wildcats fell to Salem, just two days after beating Walled Lake soundly.

In the 102-84 loss to Salem, senior Dan Lynch qualified for the state meet in the 200 freestyle. The co-captain swam the event in a time of 1:48.74.

"I didn't expect him to do that this early," McCord said. "That is a real difficult event which takes speed and strength. He was really geeked to be up against Salem."

Novi continued to impress in diving, with Alberty winning with a score of 238.70. Jason Zonca was second with 213.5. Lynch also won the 500 freestyle in 5:00.77.

The Wildcats finished 1-2 in the 100 breaststroke. Tardella came in at 1:08.67 and Matt Lafferty was right behind him in 1:08.87.

"I told them going in it wasn't going to be easy to get any firsts," the coach said. "We were just hoping to earn their respect and we did that."

The Wildcats really put it to Walled Lake on Jan. 6.. Novi had numerous best times in a 106-77 romp.

Bringing home firsts were: Lynch in the 200 individual medley in a time of 2:06.48.; Mike Kurtti in the 50 freestyle (:23.62); co-captain Jason LeRoy in the 100 freestyle (:52.39) and 200 freestyle (1:57.08); Benton in the 500 freestyle (5:06.49); the 200 medley relay team of Kurtti, Tardella, Benton and Lynch (1:48.20); and Tardella in the 100 breaststroke (1:08.88).

Gymnasts top Hartland

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

There's no hiding the fact that the Northville/Novi gymnastics team is good. The coaches association has them ranked No. 1 in its first poll of the new season.

Now the Mustangs must go out and prove that they are the team to beat.

Getting off to a good start, Northville topped Brighton 141.25-134.70 Jan. 8 on the road.

The Mustangs took the top three spots in both the beam and floor exercise and also in the all-around competition.

Missy MacRae had the day's highest score, a 9.25 in the floor exercise. That score, along with her first-place finish in the bars and second on the beam helped her win the all-around competition with a 35.70. She earned gymnast-of-the-week honors.

Stacey Williamson, who won the beam competition with an 8.75, finished second overall with 35.05 points. Williamson scored a 9.1 in the floor to take second there.

Gina Spinazze, who finished third on the bars, beam and floor exercise, wound up third overall with a 34.75.

"Each of them were solid in every event," coach Laura Moyers said of her top three.

Nicole Pelletier finished second

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Stephanie Manza and her Novi/Northville teammates are currently ranked No. 1.

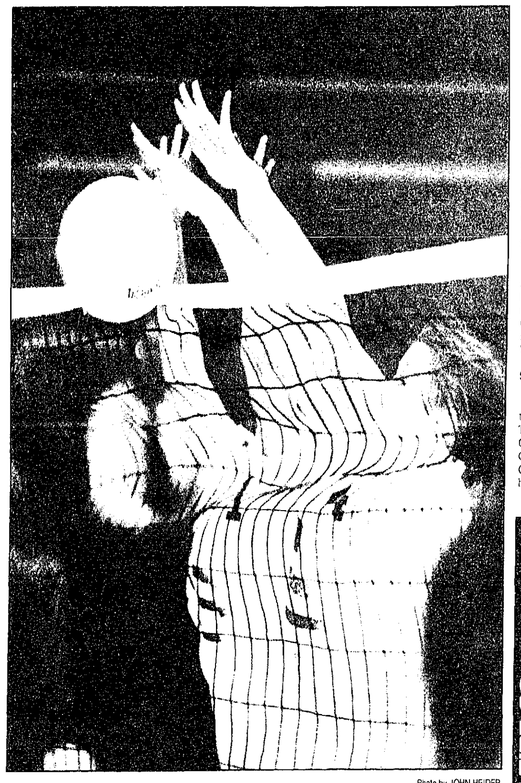

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Erin Spindler (l) and Emily Ernst go up for a block against South Lyon last week.

Netters fall just short

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

Needing two wins against a previously undefeated team to get out of pool play proved to be too much for the Novi volleyball team at the Madonna Invitational Saturday afternoon at Madonna University.

The Wildcats topped Livonia Franklin 15-13 in the first game, but fell 9-15 in the second and failed to qualify for the championship draw. But it wasn't just the Franklin match which hurt Novi's chances. The 'Cats split their first three matches against Lincoln Park, Livonia Churchill and Garden City.

"We shouldn't have lost any of those games, we just played poorly," coach Julie Fisette said. "It's just going to take a little time before we work out our problems."

Middle hitter Emily Ernst did her best to get her team to the finals, collecting six blocks in the first game against Franklin.

"Emily had a very good day," Fisette noted. "If I had to pick a most valuable player for the tournament it would be her."

Katie Copp had five blocks of her own in the second game, despite the loss.

Novi opened up the day with a 15-11, 13-15 split with Lincoln Park before splitting again with Churchill 15-13, 8-15. Ernst had 10 blocks in the first game alone, five solo.

The 'Cats took the first game against Garden City 15-8 only to fall in the second 12-15. Copp had four kills in the first game and Sara Heusel five in the second.

"Our middle hitters played well all week, and my setter, Erin Spindler, played extremely hard," Fisette said.

For the tournament, Ernst had 27 blocks and 10 kills. Copp had 19 blocks and 18 kills and Jessica Roemer and Heusel had 16 and 14 kills each.

The results were a little upbeat for Novi earlier last week. The Wildcats beat Hartland in a Kensington Valley Conference (KVC) match up 15-6, 15-11. Heusel had five kills in the first game and Emily Waller collected three aces. In game two, Kristen McGlinnen had three kills and four solo blocks.

"They (Hartland) are a rebuilding program and they just didn't look like they were all together," Fisette said. "We'll still prepare for them the next time around because they do have a lot of talent."

The win moves Novi into first place in the KVC at 2-0. The Wildcats hosted Milford Monday (after *The Novi News'* deadline) and will compete in the Salem Invitational Saturday. Monday the team will travel to Howell to take on the Highlanders in a conference match up.

Sports shorts

HAWKS DOMINATE FALL SCHEDULE

The Michigan Hawks-Black U-10 girls' soccer team completed a successful fall season with an 8-0-1 record, which included winning the U-10 WSSL Select Division. It also went undefeated in the first indoor session at Southfield in the U-10 division.

The team finished second in the Fall Ball Tournament in Cincinnati in the gold division. Girls from Novi on the team include Kelli Corless, Lauren Marchioni, Lauren Perlin and Erin Szczypka.

SHARKS WIN "COMPUHARDWARE"

The Plymouth Canton Mighty Sharks Mite B (seven and under) hockey team won the 1997 Compuware Holiday Classic. The team went undefeated through the five-game tournament, which was held at the Compuware Ice Arena. Novi residents on the team include Andrew Haggerty, Drew Vandermale and Nick Vitale.

SOCCERZONE TOURNAMENT RUNNERUPS

A pair of Novi teams recently finished runnerup in the SoccerZones' first annual Holiday Blast Soccer Tournament. The Novi Jaguars fell to the Canton Cougars in the finals of the U-10 boys bracket 8-3. Olsen's Force of Novi dropped a close 5-4 game to the Croatia Team of Windsor in the Men's Division I bracket.

SOCCERZONE HAS JOB OPENINGS

SoccerZone, located in Novi, is in need of two part-time office managers to work from 5-10 p.m. Monday through Friday. The position is ideal for college students or soccer moms. Starting pay is between $6 and $7 an hour. Good phone, interpersonal and organizational skills are a must. For more information please call Tom Faro at (248) 374-0500.

WOLVES TO HOLD TRYOUTS

The Wren Wolves, a 10 and under travel baseball team playing out of the Little Caesars Baseball League, will be holding tryouts for the team.

The Wolves will play 45-55 games with five to six tournaments including two out of state. They will also participate in the Field of Dreams tournament in Cooperstown, N.Y., June 20-28.

For tryout information, contact Bill Hardin at (313) 562-4667.

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Novi resident Bernie Fratto has his own sports feature, "One Fan's Perspective," which is broadcasted everyday at 4:15 p.m. on FM Oldies Station Kool 107.1 and later in the evenings on WTKA 1050 during the Sportsbeat Show between 6 and 7:30 p.m. The show features some unique views from the world of sport you may find entertaining and informative.

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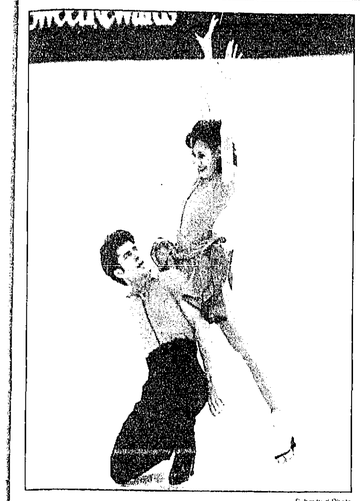

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Northville grad Jerod Swallow and wife Elizabeth Punsalan

Swallow, Punsalan win 5th U.S. Title

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

Northville High School graduate Jerod Swallow and wife Elizabeth Punsalan won their fifth dance championship at the U.S. Figure Skating Championships last weekend in Philadelphia.

In what was a surprise to no one, the couple qualified for their second-straight Olympics. Punsalan and Swallow led throughout the competition which they were heavily favored to win coming in.

The pair beat out Jessica Joseph and Charles Butler, a first-year senior team who most likely qualified for the Olympic Team by placing second at the Championships. Naomi Lang and Peter Tchernyshev finished third and Eve Chalom and Mathew Gates were fourth overall. All of the top four teams skate out of the Detroit Skating Club and are coached by Igor Shpilband and Elizabeth Coates.

Punsalan and Swallow will now compete in Nagano, Japan in three weeks before they compete in their last competition at the 1998 World Championships in Minneapolis in March.

Swallow is the son of John and Gayanne Swallow of Northville.

"I think being an Olympic year you get all nostalgic thinking about your previous championships," Swallow said. "Four years ago we won it at home in Detroit and there was a lot of emotion involved there. Anytime you make the Olympic team it's very emotional. We couldn't be happier. Five titles, it's just great."

The team received scores of 5.7 to 5.9 in technical merit and all 5.8 and 5.9's in presentation, easily outdistancing the rest of the field.

The win caps off an impressive three-month stretch which saw the couple win the Skate America competition in Detroit in October and finish second at Skate Canada in November.

Best beats 2nd best

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in the vault with a 9.2 and Erica Winn and Jenny Rohlff tied for third with a 9.1.

Moyers was pleased with the score of 141.25, but said she expects her team to improve on it.

"We do have some room to grow," she said. "We only scored over 9.0 a few times and our scores in the beam were pretty low.

"I think if we can score between 143-144 we'd be standing pretty good. I was very pleased with our performance, but we still had some mistakes."

Despite its new-found No. 1 ranking, Northville/Novi is not ducking the tough competition. Monday they faced No. 2 ranked Hartland. Saturday it will compete in the Hartland Invitational before visiting No. 8 ranked Canton to take on the Chiefs Wednesday.

SCOREBOARD

BASKETBALL

KVC STANDINGS

Milford	2-0-6-0
Howell	3-0-4-2
Brighton	1-1-2-3
Novi	1-2-2-5
South Lyon	1-2-1-5
Hartland	1-2-1-5
Lakeland	0-2-1-5

SCORING

Henson (Brighton)	23.4
Terakedis (Northville)	17.4
Taylor (Pinckney)	16.5
Kennedy (Howell)	16.2
Kington (Howell)	15.6
Williams (Milford)	15.2
See (Hartland)	14.8
Martin (Lakeland)	13.3
Bair (Lakeland)	12.7
Command (Brighton)	12.2
Olink (Brighton)	11.4
Houck (Lakeland)	10.8
Drury (Novi)	10.0

TRIPLES

Williams (Milford)	16
Kennedy (Howell)	15
Terakedis (Northville)	11
Bingley (Northville)	10
Keppen (Howell)	10
Houck (Lakeland)	8
Command (Brighton)	8
Henry (Pinckney)	7
Moertz (Milford)	7
Carroll (Northville)	6
Nase (Milford)	6
Henson (Brighton)	5
Miller (Brighton)	5
Porter (Hartland)	5
Nance (Pinckney)	5
Drury (Novi)	4

REBOUNDS

Martin (Lakeland)	11.0
Henson (Brighton)	10.6
See (Hartland)	9.3
Mates (Lakeland)	8.0
Olink (Brighton)	7.2
Keppen (Howell)	6.5
Reel (Northville)	6.2
Crawford (Pinckney)	5.8

ASSISTS

Bingley (Northville)	6.2
Harris (Hartland)	4.0
Taylor (Pinckney)	4.0
Carroll (Northville)	3.8
Henson (Brighton)	3.6
Drury (Novi)	3.5
Houck (Lakeland)	3.5
Williams (Milford)	3.5
Vincent (Howell)	3.4
Nance (Pinckney)	3.0
Cunningham (Novi)	3.0

STEALS

Henry (Pinckney)	6.0
Taylor (Pinckney)	5.7
Terakedis (Northville)	4.6
Nance (Pinckney)	3.5
Bingley (Northville)	3.2

FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE

G. Hix (Milford)	78.0
Keppen (Howell)	57.0
Knapp (Northville)	55.9
Daniels (Pinckney)	53.6
Olink (Brighton)	51.1
Walters (Howell)	50.0
Command (Brighton)	48.9
Henson (Brighton)	48.8
See (Hartland)	48.0

FREE THROW PERCENTAGE

Kennedy (Howell)	92.0
Miller (Brighton)	85.7
Olink (Brighton)	84.6
Terakedis (Northville)	80.0
Vincent (Howell)	80.0
Maj (Howell)	80.0
Carroll (Northville)	80.0

WRESTLING

KVC STANDINGS

Brighton	0-0-13-4
Novi	Unavailable
Hartland	0-0-11-1
Milford	Unavailable
South Lyon	Unavailable
Howell	Unavailable
Lakeland	Unavailable

103 POUNDS

Tarrow (Northville)	6-1
R. Churella (Novi)	17-7
Scannell (Hartland)	12-8
Blumenshel (South Lyon)	8-8

112 POUNDS

Hill (South Lyon)	13-4
Kleinschmidt (Fowlerville)	8-3
Nuhn (Hartland)	9-4
Arbuckle (Northville)	5-3
Dodds (Novi)	11-8

119 POUNDS

Ricky Torrence (Northville)	10-0
Jilg (Novi)	18-2
Olson (Brighton)	17-6
Pottpren (Hartland)	11-8

125 POUNDS

Saran (Northville)	11-0
Cowan (Pinckney)	19-3
Kushner (Brighton)	19-5
Raudszus (Novi)	7-3
B.Dorenzo (Hartland)	6-4
Mitchell (Novi)	14-10
Watson (South Lyon)	7-7

130 POUNDS

Bordenkircher (Brighton)	5-1
Reggie Terrence (Northville)	9-2
Kowal (Hartland)	11-3
Chandler (South Lyon)	12-7
Reitzer (Novi)	10-5
Brantley (Pinckney)	13-9

135 POUNDS

Newman (Northville)	7-3
Fry (Pinckney)	12-6
Glynn (Hartland)	11-7
S.Dorenzo (Hartland)	6-4
Wood (Brighton)	7-5
Quamruzzaman (Novi)	11-9

140 POUNDS

M. Churella (Novi)	22-2
Scappaticci (Northville)	10-3
D.Call (Fowlerville)	11-5
Lambert (Brighton)	9-5
Jakob (Hartland)	11-6
Ferich (Fowlerville)	12-8
Downs (South Lyon)	9-8

145 POUNDS

B.Wellman (Fowlerville)	9-1
Dumeske (Hartland)	6-2
Maskill (South Lyon)	10-6
Borastko (Novi)	14-8

152 POUNDS

Steckroth (Hartland)	15-4
Christoff (Novi)	10-5
Yurkunas (South Lyon)	10-7
J.Call (Fowlerville)	5-4

160 POUNDS

Lusk (Hartland)	17-1
McCracken (Northville)	7-4
Servi (Novi)	10-6
Clark (South Lyon)	7-7

171 POUNDS

J.Wellman (Fowlerville)	9-2
Giles (Northville)	9-2
Fuller (Brighton)	15-7
Kalik (Novi)	17-8
Ferris (Hartland)	9-9
Gioga (South Lyon)	5-5
Perkins (Hartland)	4-4

189 POUNDS

Tyle (Fowlerville)	14-1
Sheehan (Pinckney)	12-1
Ginder (Northville)	9-1
Piecha (Novi)	18-5
Baier (Hartland)	5-5

215 POUNDS

Talbot (Novi)	19-4
Livanos (Northville)	6-2
Wilson (South Lyon)	4-2
Woods (Fowlerville)	3-3

Heavyweight

Posey (Hartland)	16-1
D'Agostino (South Lyon)	11-4
Bowerson (Northville)	5-3
Faulkner (Novi)	16-8

VOLLEYBALL

KVC STANDINGS

Brighton	2-0/8-3
Novi	2-0/4-4-4
Lakeland	10-5-3
Milford	Unavailable
Howell	1-2/4-4-1
South Lyon	1-1/12-6-5
Hartland	1-2/2-5-1

KILLS

Kern (South Lyon)	197
Hover (South Lyon)	171
Voshell (Brighton)	70
Ossola (Northville)	69
Jourden (Howell)	57
Mailthaner (Brighton)	44
Massengale (Pinckney)	44
Matej (Northville)	40
Copp (Novi)	39
M. Hasse (Northville)	38
J. Hasse (Northville)	36
E.Cook(Pinckney)	34
Housel (Novi)	28
Smith (Howell)	18

SERVICE ACES

Roth (South Lyon)	51
Hover (South Lyon)	41
Williams (South Lyon)	24
Teschendorf (South Lyon)	23
Durand (Brighton)	20
Smith (Howell)	17
Sievers (Pinckney)	17
C.Cook (Pinckney)	16
Milosek (Brighton)	14
J.Mason (Howell)	13
Spindler (Novi)	13
Corless (Novi)	10
Waller (Novi)	9

BLOCKS

Durand (Brighton)	39
Copp (Novi)	30
Hanson (Brighton)	29
Mathaner (Brighton)	28
Ernst (Novi)	28
L.Mason (Brighton)	16
Voshell (Brighton)	15
McGlinnen (Novi)	13
Sutton (South Lyon)	11
Stevens (Pinckney)	8
Fendon (Pinckney)	7
Spindler (Novi)	7
Kern (South Lyon)	7
Hamilton (South Lyon)	5

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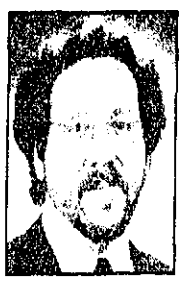
Stroke symptoms may be vague



Martin Harris

In the U.S., stroke is the third leading cause of death. In many of those cases, death occurred because the individual waited too long to seek treatment. The reasons for this hesitation are not difficult to understand.

First, a significant portion of the population is not aware of the signs and symptoms of stroke. Second, some stroke symptoms are vague and can be mistakenly attributed to other, less serious illnesses. However, because there are some treatments available that can lessen the damaging affects of stroke, it's important to be aware of the symptoms and get medical treatment as soon as they begin.

There are two types of stroke, both of which disrupt blood flow to the brain. The most common is an Ischemic stroke that is caused by a blood clot in the brain or arteries that lead to the brain. The other type of stroke occurs when a blood vessel ruptures in the brain.

Both types of stroke cause the same symptoms which include:

- Loss of speech.
- Sudden, severe headache.
- Dizziness.
- Unexplained weakness or numbness of an arm or leg.
- Difficulty talking or understanding others.
- Blurred vision.

Keep this list of symptoms inside your medicine cabinet or night stand drawer for easy reference. If you experience one or more of these symptoms you should seek medical attention immediately.

This column was prepared by Martin Harris M.D., chairman of the Department of Emergency Medicine at Providence Hospital and Medical Centers.

Antibiotics can help rid of ear infections

By JEFFREY WEINGARTEN, M.D.
Special Writer

Sleepless nights and the sad sounds of a child sobbing punctuate the realization that winter and early spring, the prime seasons for ear and tonsils infections, are upon us.

Children at the age of one to five are especially at risk for ear infections which are the most common childhood illness other than the common cold. Nearly one child in seven has multiple ear infections by age five.

At any one time 17 percent of youngsters may have fluid in their middle ears which may predispose them to ear infections. This fluid may also cause hearing loss and result in speech delay, diminished attention span, poor school performance and difficulties with friends or family.

Ear infections are frequently associated with the common cold. They are caused by bacteria and poor functioning of the eustachian tube which allows air to pass from the back of the nose to the ear. Adults frequently use the eustachian tube to equalize ear pressure when riding in an elevator or an airplane.

In children, when a nasal infection causes irritation of the eustachian tube, the tube swells shut, trapping fluid and bacteria in the middle ear. Within a matter of hours, the hearing loss, pain or fever begins.

For a fortunate few children there may be no symptoms at all, but an infection that is located amid the bones and nerves of the middle ear can still be a problem.

The primary treatment for ear infections is a prescription for antibiotics, sometimes in conjunction with a decongestant to dry up nasal secretions. In some situations, when antibiotics do clear the infection, the physician may prescribe a daily dose of antibiotics to prevent further infections.

On occasion, the bacteria causing the infection may be resistant to some of the prescribed antibiotics. If antibiotics fail to control the ear infections or if a child has three ear infections in six months or four infections in a year, the physician may recommend the insertion of ventilatory tubes into the eardrums.

Another case where tubes might improve the ears is when the fluid from the infections persists for more than 10-12 weeks, long after the infections have been eradicated. In these situations a very brief surgical procedure, the insertion of tubes, will almost always solve the problem.

Placing these "ear tubes" requires a brief anesthesia and is painless. Using a microscope and special micro-instruments, the physician makes a tiny incision in the eardrum and inserts a small plastic tube no bigger than a pen tip.

Early parental detection of ear infections, along with appropriate medication, can prevent the pain, fever, and hearing loss frequently associated with this common childhood illness.

Tonsillitis is another common childhood illness. It is an infection of the lymph nodes or glands located in the back of the throat. The adenoid is a third tonsil located behind the nose and is usually infected along with the tonsil.

The main treatment for tonsillitis is antibiotics. Tonsillitis is normally accompanied by fever, discomfort, swollen glands, and missed school days. Children with more than five episodes of tonsillitis a year, four episodes two years in a row, or three episodes annually for several years should have their tonsils and adenoids removed.

Abscesses and chronic sore throats that persist for months are also indicators that tonsil and adenoid surgery may be necessary. Tonsils and adenoids are so large they can cause nighttime snoring (very loud), gasping, and struggling for air. This can potentially be a dangerous situation.

As good parents we should all protect our children from these common childhood problems. Your physician looks forward to discussing these matters with you.

Health Notes

Referral service

Are you new to the community? Do you need to find a doctor and can't determine the best way to start your search?

The Physician Referral Service of Providence Hospital and Medical Centers is available to assist individuals in finding a physician who can meet the specific needs or criteria of the individual.

The service is free of charge and can be reached by calling 1-800-968-5595.

The staff of Physician Referral Services can help locate physicians by specialty or location, finding an office close to your home or work. They can even match individuals with physicians who participate in particular insurance plans. Callers can also receive information on support groups, health education classes and lectures.

For referral services, call 1-800-968-5595.

Prostate Cancer Meeting

These meetings are held at 6:30 p.m. on the last Thursday of each month at the Brass Pointe Restaurant in Farmington Hills. For information call (248) 424-5543.

Immunization Clinic

Providence Medical Center-Farmington Hills is sponsoring a series of community immunization clinics. The clinics will offer DPT, DT, HIB, Hepatitis B (for those 19 years and under), and MMR vaccinations. The varicella vaccine will not be available at these clinics.

There will be a $5 facility fee charged per child, but all immunizations will be free of charge. All clinics will run from 4 to 8 p.m. on a walk-in basis. For more information call (248) 865-4000. The last Clinic date is Tuesday, Dec. 16.

Body Fat Analysis

Have your body fat analysis done by a registered dietitian. Full printed report with recommendations for exercise and diet to promote health. Please Call (248) 424-3903 for appointment and fee. The program will be held at Providence Medical Center-Farmington Hills/NW, Mission Health Medical Center-Livonia, Providence Medical Center-Providence Park in Novi, and Providence Hospital in Southfield.

Baby Beepers

Monthly beeper rentals available. Stay in touch with your labor partner. Call (248) 424-3332 for information and fee.

Managing Your BP

Free blood pressure checks, open to the public, are being held in the emergency room of Providence Medical Center-Providence Park in Novi, Monday-Friday, from 9-11 a.m. No appointment necessary.

Parish Nurse

The Parish Nurse Ministry strives to build relationships with local congregations. This service is offered to all fathers to meet the holistic health needs of your members. To learn more about the Providence Parish Nurse Ministry, please call (248) 424-2763.@Briefhead:Weight on the Run

Conducted by an exercise physiologist and a nutritionist, this 12-week program starts with a fitness assessment and nutritional consultation, followed by three weekly monitored workouts and weekly nutritional support. Day and evening classes available. A $300 fee includes enrollment in the class "ABC of Weight Loss." Botsford Center for Health Improvement-TRACC, 39750 Grand River Ave., Novi. For more information and to register, call (248) 473-5600.

Latest news on breast cancer

Botsford physician Robert Boorstein D.O., and Botsford Health Development Network Project Manager Mary Kors R.N., B.S.N., discuss breast cancer and the latest news on treatment options. This monthly forum for women ages 40-60, presents issues and concerns dealing with mid-life changes. Meets from 7-8:30 p.m. Oct. 23. There is no charge. Botsford General Hospital's 3 West Conference Room, on Grand River in Farmington Hills. For more information, call (248) 477-6100.

Laurel Park Walking Club

"Walk the mall" for enjoyable, low-impact, climate-controlled exercise – and then have your blood pressure checked (available the fourth Monday of every month, 8-10 a.m.). Free. Laurel Park is opened to walkers 8 a.m.-9 p.m., Monday-Saturday; 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday. Located on Six Mile Road in Livonia (at the corner of Six Mile and Newburgh roads). For information, call (248) 477-6100.

A Life Is In Your Hands ...

Community EMS, 25400 Eight Mile Road, Southfield. Fees: $20 for CPR; $35, BCLS. For more information and to register, call (248) 356-3900, ext. 258.

Aerobic Weight Training

A 55-minute workout with emphasis on both cardiovascular fitness and muscle strengthening. Meets for seven weeks. Mondays and Wednesdays 5-6 p.m. $55. Preregistration required. Botsford Center for Health Improvement-tracc, 39750 Grand River Ave., Novi. For more information and to register, call (248) 473-5600.

Asthma Education

Individual sessions with a registered nurse provide the tools to better understand and manage asthma. Day and evening sessions available. Families are welcomed. $20 fee and appointment required. Botsford's Health Development on Grand River., Novi.

For more information and to register, call (248) 477-6100.

Breastfeeding Basics

Workshop covers the "how to's" of breastfeeding: How to start and maintain successful breastfeeding as well as the answers to questions and concerns of women who are already breastfeeding. $20. Classes are held at Botsford's Health Development Network in Novi. For information and registration, call (248) 477-6100.

Circuit Training

A multi-stationed exercise and education program designed for the individual with limited experience using fitness equipment. Participants will be instructed on the proper use of weight and cardiovascular machines. Mondays and Wednesdays, 7-8 p.m. $70. Preregistration required. Botsford Center for Health Improvement-tracc, 39750 Grand River Ave., Novi. For registration and information, call (248) 473-5600.

Childbirth Education

A six-week series designed to prepare the pregnant woman and her support person for the birth experience is being offered at Providence Medical Centers throughout Oakland and Wayne counties. A tour of the birthing area is included. Childbirth refresher and Caesarean birth classes are also offered.

Cost: $65. For more information or to register, call 1-800-968-5595.

Diabetes Education

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

Date: Continuously revolving six-week program held on Monday evenings. From 6-8:30 p.m. at Providence Medical Office Center in Novi, Ten Mile and Haggerty roads. Fee: $20. To register call (248) 424-3903.

Martial Arts for Children

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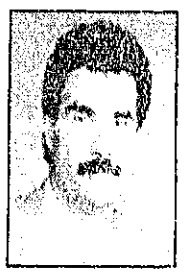

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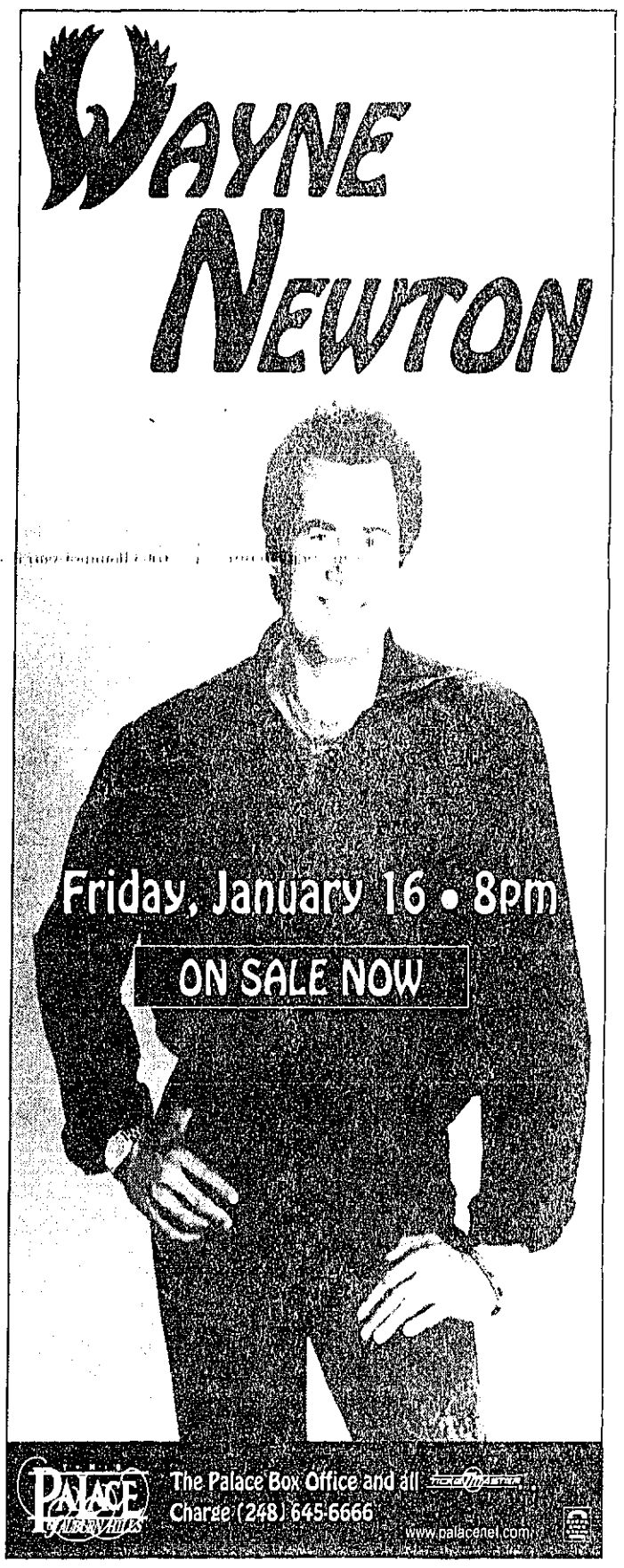

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Change the batteries in your smoke detector

Change the batteries in your smoke detector before the old ones run out. That way, your smoke detectors can warn you and your family to escape in the event of a fire.

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- Test your smoke detectors monthly and put in new batteries at least once a year;
- Vacuum over and around detectors to keep them free from dust and debris.

When it comes to smoke detectors, a little change makes all the difference.

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