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As Superintendent Emmett Lippe leads the way, Gov. Engler gets a student demonstration of Novi's technology center.

Engler lauds Novi schools for tech use

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

The band didn't play "Hail to the Chief" but Governor John Engler did get a rousing rendition of "The Invincible Eagle."

Windy weather threatened to blow the Novi Middle School Band's sheet music away as the governor arrived at the Instructional Technology Center Thursday, Feb. 26. But the students carried on and made it through a second song before the head of the state headed into the classrooms.

Engler stopped by the school that afternoon as a kudo to the district's commitment to technology.

"We're trying to capture all these wonderful ideas in all the schools and make them available to others," Engler explained.

Novi was among four schools chosen by the governor as an example of what Michigan schools should strive for. Since the voters approved a special bond issue for the ITC, the district has been designated an Apple Computer School District and was one of the

first 50 school districts in the nation to be a featured member of the Family Education Network.

The FEN is an Internet web site that links districts across the nation with articles, information and other schools. Novi has its own web page within the site where Novi parents can e-mail teachers and find out what's going on at each school. The address is <http://familyeducation.com/MI/Novi>.

Engler said Novi schools have "done it right" and suggested all leading edge schools should share their programs with other districts. He hopes to encourage it on a state level through providing access to schools and parents with grants and the Michigan Information Network.

"I'm thrilled to be in the Novi Community School District," Engler told a standing room only group of staff, parents and students. "Your state representative Nancy Cassis is a braggart. She brags about this school district all the time, so I knew I had to come."

Cassis is a former counselor

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Injured woman chairs Novi chamber auction

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Barbara Schoen, a sunny 36-year-old who loved to play softball, water ski and mountain bike, doesn't consider the Dec. 3 automobile accident that snapped her neck and left her a quadriplegic as the worst possible thing that could have happened to her young life.

She could be dead. She could be on a respirator. She could be

brain-damaged. She could have lost all use of her arms. Schoen pointed out last week.

So instead of wasting precious time on anger as she adjusts to her still-so-recent fate, she's weaving big plans for her future. Returning to school to prepare for a new career as a teacher. Traveling to Las Vegas in May. And on March 21, she'll serve as the honorary chair of the Novi

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Novi's athletic fields tattered by overuse

Novi Community Schools will ask voters to approve a \$17.3 million bond issue on March 28 in a special election. The money would be used to build a new elementary school, improve athletic fields and playgrounds and improve parking. This is the second in a series of articles to address the issues.

By JASON SCHMITT
Staff Writer

Last season's regular-season football finale on the gridiron pitted Novi against baseline rival Northville. The game was talked

The \$17.3 million school BOND

up as it is every year, but as game time neared, Mother Nature decided to shed some rain on the situation.

Due to the rain, the field was nearly impossible to play on. The pom pon presentation at halftime ended with several girls falling as they attempted to leave the muddy surface. The band had to alter its last performance by marching on

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DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OR PARENTAL DISCIPLINE?

It started with cigarette stealing and sneaking out in the middle of the night. Last July 18, it culminated in a fight between a mother and a daughter. From there, the mother's arrest and court trial on charges of domestic violence caught media attention nationwide. The result is ...

No happy ending

Family says court action hurt more than it helped

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

"Everybody missed the point," said Kathi Herren as she sat in her Novi Meadows mobile home earlier this month. Family photos perched on various tables show a smiling 10-year-old boy in a hockey jersey and a standard portrait of a mother, father and son.

The soft-spoken 32-year-old mother was convicted by a jury in November of slapping her then 14-year-old daughter last summer under the City of Novi's domestic violence ordinance, based on the state domestic violence act. Kathi is home serving two year's probation, not in jail. But she is still sorting out what went wrong, and what she can do to make it right.

"You have no idea the toll this has taken on our family," Kathi said. "People say you need to move on and get over it but it's not that simple."

Her daughter moved out to live with her father, Kathi said, and refuses to attend counseling. And her son can't understand the why or how of it all.

"Everything that comes out of Richard's mouth is Amber did this, Amber did that. He sees Amber getting everything from this," explained husband Jimmy Herren, married to Kathi for five years.

Between them, they have four children. Jimmy's kids are full grown. The younger two are Kathi's.

And they both say they are fighting to keep the family together - "to work on our own survival."

ROLLER COASTER

"It's a roller coaster," said Jimmy. "Sometimes we don't talk because of the tension."

"You always think about it," said Kathi. "You ask, 'What could I have done different?' You're stressed out and tired of constant-

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Kathi and James Herren at their Novi Meadows home where the incident took place last July.

Teen struggles to put life back on track

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

Although she's tried, 15-year-old Amber Russell still can't seem to move in a more positive direction since the trial which pitted mother against daughter, discipline against abuse.

"I just don't care anymore," she said. "Everything's gone downhill."

Kicked out of her house at Christmastime to live with her paternal grandmother in Redford, Amber said nothing makes her happy except being with her friends.

"I still fight with everybody else," she said.

Although peer counseling

"My life sucks more than it ever did."

Amber Russell

helped, she hasn't been back. They haven't returned her phone call, she said. "But I should probably call them again."

She said her grandmother tries to help, but life was better at her mother's house before the court trial began. Still, she feels she can't make amends.

"We still need to work things out," she explained. "But I kind of resent her now. When I still lived there, after the verdict went through, she was all moody and everything I did she flipped out for."

She said she gives herself the following advice, which someone just recently told her: "Do what's best for you and nobody else."

She also said she's concentrating on finishing school.

If she had it to do over again, it wouldn't have happened at all.

"I wish none of it ever happened," she said. "My life sucks more than it ever did."

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Warrant sought for school staffer

Novi police have requested a warrant for a Novi Community School District employee who allegedly exposed himself to a teacher Feb. 24.

According to police reports, the teacher was working late, about 6 p.m., at Novi High School and heard someone go past her open door several times. On the fourth time, a white male with blond hair stopped at her door, dropped his pants and grabbed himself. The teacher screamed and chased him down the stairs, where she lost sight of him.

When police arrived, they located an employee of the school who had the description and questioned him. He denied any involvement, police said.

BROKEN BREAD

A disgruntled employee is suspected of breaking into Panera Bread on March 1, leaving a mess of food on the floor, the emptied remains of a fire extinguisher and a two broken cash registers.

According to Novi police, a night employee had walked into the business about 10:30 p.m. that night and found a person behind the counter. Not an unusual sight, the man thought nothing of it until the person behind the counter ran into the back room. That's when he noticed the food on the floor and the back door open.

When police arrived, the suspect was nowhere to be found. Police found a fire extinguisher had been discharged and the cash registers pried open with kitchen knives.

Police News

JOINT PARTICIPATION

A Novi teen told police Feb. 27 that he had no idea how a marijuana pipe got in his car but he smoked it anyway.

Police said officers found four teenage males from Novi in a car in the Otis Hill Hills Place parking lot about 11:30 p.m. The car reeked of marijuana and after searching the vehicle, officers turned up two baggies with drug residue inside and a Mountain Dew bottle made into a smoking pipe.

Three of the teens refused to give a statement. The driver said he had no idea where the stuff came from. He was cited for possession of marijuana and released. Another teen was cited for possession of cigarettes.

A Novi Hillton security guard captured a man he saw breaking into an American van Feb. 27.

Police said the guard watched the man pull into the hotel parking lot and wander through it, a hammer in hand, appearing to stalk rows of cars. When he busted through a van window and grabbed equipment inside, the guard approached and tried to apprehend the man.

However, the 22-year-old White

lake man fled on foot across Haggerty Road into the gas station with the guard in pursuit. He was captured near the fence and held until Novi police arrived.

He was forced to stand close to the road. He waved his flashlight and his police lights were on, however, the car swept past him, missing him by about a foot.

Immediately, the officer jumped into his car, turning off the emergency lights, and pursued the vehicle. He noticed it speeding and swerving slightly on the road so he pulled it over near Main Street.

The 36-year-old woman appeared intoxicated and said she had a few drinks with dinner with friends. She slurred the alphabet during sobriety tests and was unable to count backwards from 97-83. A preliminary breath test indicated a 0.17 blood alcohol content, over the legal limit.

Police noted she had no prior convictions and was very cooperative.

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Police said the owners found the door kicked in about 8 p.m. The

CAR BREAK-IN

A 1998 Chevy was found pruned up on logs, it's tires and rims missing, the morning of Feb. 26. The unknown perpetrator unscrewed the light bulb from the garage light.

The car was parked overnight in the driveway of the Venice Drive home. The homeowner told police just last month her Blazer was found with its windows smashed out.

SPIRITED AWAY

A white and gray wedge runner on a white trailer was stolen from outside a Moorgate Street home Feb. 26.

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

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Novi Briefs

Fuerst Scholarship up for grabs

The Novi Educational Foundation is accepting applications for 1998 Fuerst Scholarships. Open to any Novi Community School District resident of any age who is going to college, university or trade school, the scholarships are awarded on financial need. The NEF awards up to \$20,000 a year. The deadline for applications is March 27. For more information, call Bob Schram 449-1200.

Shoe fetish

If you love shoes, a new shopping opportunity is on its way, involving browsing through 33,000 pairs.

That's how many the PR people say will be at the new DSW Shoe Warehouse at West Oaks I Shopping Center. On Thursday, the firm is opening what will be its third location in Michigan. The Columbus, Ohio-based retailer features 20 percent to 50 percent discounts on brand-name footwear for men and women, plus hosiery and handbags.

Need more shoes

As its first Michigan location, Chicago-based Clernit's Shoes, billed as the Windy City's largest privately-held shoe store chain, is moving into the Novi Town Center. The 40,000 square foot store will offer more than 50,000 pairs of casual and dress shoes for men, women and children.

Featured brands include Nine West, Rockport, Florsheim, Timberland and Stride Rite. A mid-March opening date is anticipated.

Talking about alcohol

A series of seminars for parents who wish to learn how to talk with teens about alcohol abuse begins March 16.

Talking with your Kids about Alcohol meets Monday evenings from 7-9:30 p.m. on March 16, 23 and 30. Morning sessions begin April 23 and continue the next two Thursday mornings from 9:30 a.m. to noon.

The program is jointly sponsored by the Novi Community That Cares Coalition, Novi Middle School PTO and the Waterford SAFE Center for Prevention Education for Oakland County Parents and Families. To register call Novi Community Education at (248) 449-1206 by March 10.

Bowled Over

The Novi Youth Assistance Annual Bowl-A-Thon is Saturday at Novi Bowl and there is still plenty of room for volunteers. The event, set for 1-4 p.m., is the community organization's main fundraiser for the year. With a goal of \$15,000, all the money goes to support summer camps, the Teen Center, scholarships and recreational and family programming.

Bowlers get pledges based on their score for three games. The bowling is free along with food, refreshments, door prizes, raffles and prizes for top money raisers. Anyone interested in bowling, bringing their team, sponsoring a lane or donating a prize can call the NYA office at 347-0410.

Local firm seeks DEQ permit

Rainbow Coatings, Inc. of Novi, at 24560 Novi Road, is seeking approval from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality for a renewable operating permit for the painting of architectural metal parts. The proposed permit is intended to simplify and clarify the facility's applicable requirements and will not result in any air emission changes at the facility. The DEQ notes in its announcement.

Comments on the proposed permit will be accepted at the DEQ Air Quality Division, Livonia District Office, 38980 Seven Mile Road, Livonia, Michigan, 48152, to the attention of Iramna Komantallu. If requested in writing by March 19, a public hearing will be held.

The Log Book

The following is a complete list of the emergency runs of the Novi Fire Department for the week ending March 1. Each incident is listed by type, location, time and the engine and squad number which responded to the call.

MONDAY, FEB. 23

Medical, 43455 Ten Mile, 7:34 a.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 45182 West Road, 7:48 a.m., Squad 2.
Fire alarm, 27790 Novi Road, 6:44 p.m., Engines 1, 2.
Medical, 21212 W. Glen Haven, 6:57 p.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 24500 Meadowbrook, 10:59 p.m., Squad 1.
Investigation, 39589 Romayne, 11:56 p.m., Engine 2.

TUESDAY, FEB. 24

Car fire, Novi Road and Twelve Mile, 1:04 a.m., Engine 2.
Stand by, Novi Department of Public Service, 8:20 a.m.,

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 25

Investigation, 1313 Marica, 1:12 a.m., Squad 4.
Medical, 45815 Grand River, 7:17 a.m., Squad 4.
Investigation, Fourteen Mile and Novi Road, 10:09 a.m., Engine 2.
Medical, 24067 Meadowbrook, 10:41 a.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 45182 West Road, 11:16 a.m., Squad 2.
Car fire, Market and Main Street, 12:15 p.m., Engine 1.

THURSDAY, FEB. 26

Medical, 24500 Meadowbrook, 9:44 a.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 22410 Plaisance, 10:38 a.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 26807 O'Justin, 1:10 p.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 43326 Little Falls, 12:48 p.m., Squad 3.
Injury accident, I-96 and I-275, 1:10 p.m., Squad 1.
Fire alarm, Village Oaks School, 3:01 p.m., Engines 1, 3.
Investigation, 23575 Broken Stone, 3:42 p.m., Squad 3.
Car fire, I-96 and M-5, 5:24 p.m., Engine 1.
Medical, 22511 Sheridan, 6:52 p.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 46200 Ten Mile, 7:47 p.m., Squad 4.

FRIDAY, FEB. 27

Truck fire, Twelve Mile and Haggerty, 3:17 p.m., Engine 2.
Medical, 23962 Chipmunk Trail, 5:45 p.m., Squad 3.
Fuel spill, Novi Road and Twelve Oaks, 10:57 p.m., Engine 1.

SATURDAY, FEB. 28

Medical, 45182 West Road, 2:30 a.m., Squad 2.
Fire alarm, 24505 Meadowbrook, 10:06 a.m., Engines 1, 3.
Medical, 312 Elm, 3:28 p.m., Squad 2.
Medical, 1127 South Lake, 9:43 p.m., Squad 2.

SUNDAY, MARCH 1

Medical, 45555 Timberlane, 11:05 p.m., Squad 2.
Medical, 43326 Little Falls, 2:13 a.m., Squad 3.
Grass fire, 22333 Tall, 7:56 a.m., Engine 3.
Medical, 22246 Crosswinds, 8:38 a.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 27000 Steraton, 10:38 a.m., Squad 1.
Investigation, 1-96 and Novi Road, 1:18 p.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 23486 Meadowbrook, 4:59 p.m., Squad 3.
Investigation, 24335 Lehigh, 5:18 p.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 22246 Edgewater, 5:45 p.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 24500 Meadowbrook, 10:45 p.m., Squad 1.

Disaster volunteers needed by Red Cross

The Southeastern Michigan Chapter of the American Red Cross is seeking disaster volunteers to help on local disasters - mostly single family home and apartment fires. Volunteers are fully trained by the Red Cross to visit disaster sites, serve refreshments, offer support to victims, assess damage and dispense vouchers for food, clothing and other necessities. Area of operation will not necessarily be in Wayne County. Call (313) 422-2787.

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Gunman robs Mai Kai Cleaners

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

A white man with a handgun robbed the Mai Kai Cleaners on Novi Road Feb. 20, taking with him less than \$100.

According to Novi police, it was about 8 a.m. when the man walked in the business and placed a dirty

plastic bag on the counter. He pulled out a gold plated handgun and said, "Do me a favor and give me the money." The female employee complied while he told her to stay calm.

He took the bag and walked out, scaling a brick wall next to the Oak Point Plaza building and escaping.

The Novi police came unit tracked the man but lost the scent.

Police also located a man of similar description walking along Nine Mile Road and brought him to the cleaners for a look. He was not the man and was released.

The man is described as about 5

foot 6 inches tall with a dark, stubby beard. He wore a black baseball hat and black leather coat. He also had an earring.

Police say the robbery may be linked to robberies in Livonia and Farmington Hills which happened the same day.

Arbor Hospice needs volunteers to aid patients

Arbor Hospice is seeking volunteers to help patients and their families.

Among the duties of hospice volunteers are providing a break for family members and friends who are caring for a patient; offering

transportation to a doctor's visit; writing letters and running errands; visiting with patients; helping prepare meals and assisting with other services to provide comfort to patients and their families.

Training program will begin on March 23, at the Northville District Library, covering the hospice concept, patient comfort and care and communication skills. Sessions will meet from 1 to 4 p.m. on Monday and Friday for five weeks.

Volunteers do not need to meet minimum time requirements and assignments can be worked around their schedules.

To register, call Jeanne Federspill, volunteer coordinator, at (248) 348-4980.

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DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OR PARENTAL DISCIPLINE?

No happy ending

Kathi Herren will head back to court with a new attorney looking for a rehearing



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ly thinking about it all the time."
 "Just last week I started going to sleep at night ... you just can't stop thinking about it. The judge has something against my wife. Maybe it was the media (attention) but he hates my wife," Jimmy said.
 "For us it's ongoing. It's so stressful, we're still waiting for this trial, then we have to do it all over again," Kathi said. "If we don't get this vindicated, this is not going to help my daughter."
 While Kathi admits it was not the perfect mother/daughter relationship before, their bond was "devastated" after the trial, Kathi said.
 In the weeks after the sentencing, things went downhill, Jimmy agreed. Amber began to provoke fights, egging her mother on.
 "The judge and whole system did that," he said. "Amber can do what she wants."
 "She can sit here and challenge Kat to a fight and (Kathi) can't do anything," he said.
 By Kathi's account, she's not an irresponsible or lazy parent. She works six days a week, 50 hours a week and takes her son, Richard, to basketball and hockey practices. She said she tried to get Novi Youth Assistance to intervene, but didn't have any direct contact with a case worker. She even took her son and daughter to the police station once, when she caught them in trouble, and a bad detective talk to the kids. Just months before the July incident, Kathi claims she called police to her house because her daughter became violent. But nothing came of it.
 "People say, 'You should have started disciplining your daughter sooner.' Well I wasn't just sitting there," Kathi said.
 While many people interpreted her discussions about her daughter's behavior as shifting the blame, she says it's about concern and frustration for her daughter's future.
 "Everybody let her slide. Maybe if she'd been caught at the beginning it wouldn't have gotten to this point," she explained.
 "Amber's just a very troubled child. Not a bad child. Just a child who does bad things," Kathi said.
 "I tried to talk to her, but I'm not a perfect parent. I did the best I could. I don't think the way others handled the case helped," Kathi said.
 "Every teenager, they don't know their limits. She's definitely taken advantage of it."

TRYING TO GET HELP
 Kathi said she was hoping the two could work things out in the therapy required under her probation, but the girl refuses to go. Kathi herself is finding the counseling hard to do.
 "She's still searching for a reputable counselor that she can afford, another condition of her probation, but a hard one to meet, she said. The one she went to at first, she didn't find helpful.
 "Everybody thinks it's so easy to get into but it's not," she explained. "If you don't have insurance then it's \$85 a session."
 "I'm sorry to getting what she thought would be help from the courts, she's pretty much on her own."
 "They tell you what you have to do and that's it," she said.
 Jimmy said they haven't found a counselor they can afford and who appears to be able to help.
 "If you're gonna go to a counselor it would be nice to see if it would help some," Jimmy explained.
 According to the court, Kathi made only one attempt at counseling before she was summoned back by the court for her apparent failure to follow instructions. Since the February hearing, she has made attempts to follow through.

GETTING A FAIR TRIAL
 The couple has big problems with the way the case was handled.
 When their daughter was placed in protective services, Kathi claims she was asked to supply cigarettes to Amber — the very thing mother and daughter argued about in the first place.
 "I thought that was absurd, that they allowed her to go ahead and smoke even though it's illegal," she said.
 A pre-sentencing investigation, however, revealed that the mother refused to send the girl to the a crisis

shelter for counseling until her lawyer advised her to do so. And after the 15-day period was over, she did not send her back for additional help as suggested by the organization.
 In addition, Kathi was left to believe she would testify during her trial and get to tell her side of the story.
 "I thought I was going to get up and testify after my daughter ... Maybe the jurors did what they thought was right but they never heard what really happened," she said. "I never called Amber a liar because there was so much media. I just let her tell her story."
 According to the Herrens, 52-1 District Court Brian MacKenzie's sentencing assertion that the couple drank all day is inaccurate. Kathi said she worked until 3:30 p.m. at a gas station in Whitom and Jimmy at a job in Nord until 8 p.m. The couple had a friend over and the three did have a couple drinks, she said.
 "We had a few beers with company in the privacy of my own home," Kathi said.
 This was not a drunken battery as he characterized it," said Kathi. "He had no evidence or proof."
 According to presentence investigation, Kathi quit her job in June to be home with her kids. Kathi said last week she went back to work after three weeks because they needed the money.
 And in police testimony, officers said she appeared to be intoxicated that night. In addition, the presentence investigation shows that on five occasions starting in 1994 and continuing to May 1997, police were called to Kathi and Jimmy's home on family trouble. In the last incident, the couple called police saying their daughter was out of control.

Kathi also claims she never hit her daughter in the face, only on the arm and the leg. She said she grabbed Amber by her pony tail when the girl would not stop punching the wall.
 "She's not going to sit there and slap me and think that's acceptable," Kathi said.
 Jimmy said Kathi doesn't go around hitting their kids. In five years, she's only raised her hand twice, he said.
 "It's a last resort," said Kathi. "Don't get me wrong. I don't go around hitting our kids. I love my kids dearly but she's under the impression she can do whatever she wants."
 "I just want something good to happen. I was hoping Amber would get counseling," Kathi explained.
 Jimmy believes the rest is up to Amber. She'd have to change her group of friends and make a complete turnaround.
 "She needs help," said Kathi. "They can say anything they want about me. But she's angry and mad about something. She hates everybody and thinks everyone owes her."
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 Since the trial began, the two have contacted state legislators to express their concerns and appeared on television shows, including the Montel Williams Show just last month.
 "Everybody interprets the law differently," Kathi said. "That's what's wrong."
 The court trial was a crash course in the criminal justice system that neither of them had been prepared for. But they learned several lessons, according to Kathi.
 Lesson 1: Courts cost. "People who don't have money wouldn't be able to afford this. They would have had to plead guilty."
 Lesson 2: "I would never let police in my house again. They can just assume anything."
 Lesson 3: "Your lawyer can make or break you. Period."
 Kathi's first lawyer, Lee O'Brien, did not return phone calls from The Novi News.

DIFFERING VERSIONS OF WHAT REALLY HAPPENED
 Novi resident Kathi Herren, 32, was found guilty of assaulting her 14-year-old daughter, Amber Russell, during a July 18 altercation.
 In November, Judge Brian MacKenzie sentenced her to two years' probation.
 He ordered her to attend family and outpatient substance abuse counseling, forbid the use of alcohol or other drugs, required her to submit to random drug testing, and ordered her to place any money she earned from telling her story to the media in an escrow account for use for counseling fees or her daughter's education.
 Here are varying sides to the story:
 • According to the July 19 Novi police report ... At about 10 p.m., the daughter and both parents got into another argument which allegedly involved swearing and the breaking of a stereo. Herren allegedly then began to hit her daughter who was on the floor near the stereo glass. The girl suffered two cuts on her legs, according to the report, and then was struck by Herren as she lay on her bed crying.
 Amber told police that, when her parents fell asleep, she climbed out her window and told a friend about the incident. The friend woke her mother, who called police.
 According to police, who arrived at the residence on Carolina at about 2 a.m., the daughter showed signs of swelling around one eye and had a scratch on her head. She also had a significant bruise on her leg. An officer said he could smell intoxicants on Herren's breath.
 • According to Kathi Herren ... Amber was a troubled teen who snuck out of the house at night, hung around the wrong crowd and disobeyed her parents.
 On the night of July 18, Herren said the two got in a fight about the teen's smoking habits and Amber was sent to her room. When Amber began punching the wall, Herren said she grabbed her by the pony tail and slipped her on the arm to make her stop. Herren said her hand slipped and may have ricocheted to Amber's face.
 When the girl turned up her stereo to drown out her mother, Herren said she knocked it over and left. The girl later snuck out of the mobile home without her knowledge.
 • According to Amber's testimony ... The girl, when on the stand, put a different spin on the night in question, saying she probably deserved it.
 • According to Judge Brian MacKenzie's comments during sentencing ... The night in question was not about discipline. He said Herren was intoxicated and, while under the influence of alcohol, battered her daughter.

DISCIPLINE MUST START EARLY, CHILD RAISING EXPERTS SAY
 By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
 Staff Writer
 "Most abuse begins as parental discipline," according to Marianne Kern, Children's Protective Services supervisor at the Walled Lake office. "It crosses the line when it leaves a mark or a bruise on the child."
 In general, Kern said she doesn't recommend physical discipline at all because it can easily cross the line, and it just doesn't work.
 "My belief is that you constantly discipline a child, you don't punish a child," she explained. "Just like the military you require someone to live by the rules so that you don't get so far as to punish."
 Part of the problem, she added, is that kids who become involved in alcohol or get to be discipline problems weren't getting that structure early in life. They just don't become problems when they turn a certain age.
 "When it gets to a point when a kids says 'Forget you' the only thing you can do is try to get into therapy," she said.
 But what if a child or teen just won't go? "It happens all the time. Then you have to go to counseling yourself and get some help," Kern said.
 The court system no longer accepts "incorrigible petitions" from parents unless they can prove they've tried several other options, she said. The petition is a document that puts it in writing that a child can't be disciplined or kept under control.
 The county youth assistance programs are a good place to turn. Kern suggests, and can help many kids with drug or alcohol use or early signs of criminal behavior before it gets too far.
 Concerns about relinquishing control of a child to protective services by requesting that help are not necessary.
 "Protective services only removes a child if we believe and the court believes a child is in danger," she explained. "We don't handle delinquent behavior. Only if the parents are ignoring the behavior."
 According to Kern, while not recommended as the first course of action, the child abuse laws allow for some flexibility by parents to discipline their child with physical force.
 "It is not illegal to physically discipline a child. It is not illegal to slap a child in the face, but it is illegal if you leave a mark ... Acts of restraint or removing a child from someone's care is not an act of abuse," she explained.
 However, if the discipline turns into an all-out battle between parent and child, then action must be taken.
 "If parent and child are swinging at each other, that's a family out of control and they need to get into therapy," Kern said.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OR PARENTAL DISCIPLINE?

Court fight is not yet over

With a new lawyer, Kathi Herren will argue conviction was incorrect



Flint attorney Frank Yianattji, shown above with Kathi Herren at her sentencing, will argue that the courts should not apply domestic violence laws to instances of parental discipline.

Recent court cases against Novi's Kathi Herren and a Brighton woman have parents around the community questioning their legal rights to discipline their children. What is the difference between legally acceptable discipline and outlawed abuse? Where is the line? And ...

What does the law say? Novi's version of the Domestic Violence Act

Novi's domestic violence ordinance is based on state law. City of Novi Ordinance, section 22-50, defines domestic assault or assault and battery in the following way:

A police officer may arrest an individual for violating section 22-46 (assault and battery), regardless of whether the violation was committed in his or her presence, if the police officer has reasonable cause to believe both of the following:

1. That the violation occurred or is occurring.
2. That the individual has had a child in common with the victim, resides or resided in the same household as the victim, or is a spouse or former spouse of the victim.

A police officer, without a warrant, may arrest and take into custody an individual when the police officer has reasonable cause to believe all of the following exist:

1. Personal protection order.
2. The individual named in the personal protection order is in violation of the order. An individual is in violation of the order if that individual commits one of more of the following acts the order officially restrains or enjoins the individual from committing:
 - a. Assaulting, attacking, beating, molesting or wounding a named individual.
 - b. Removing minor children from an individual having legal custody of the children, except as otherwise authorized by a custody or visitation order issued by a court of competent jurisdiction.
 - c. Entering onto premises.
 - d. Engaging in a conduct prohibited under the stalking or aggravated stalking acts.
 - e. Threatening to kill or physically injure a named individual.
 - f. Purchasing or possessing a firearm.
 - g. Interfering with petitioner's efforts to remove petitioner's children or personal property from premises that are solely owned or leased by the individual to be restrained or enjoined.
3. Any person arrested pursuant to this subsection (a) or (b) shall not be released on an interim bond or on his or her own recognizance but shall be held until he or she can be brought before a magistrate for arraignment. If a magistrate is not available or trial cannot be held within 24 hours of arrest the person shall be held for 20 hours after which the person may be released on his or her own recognizance.
4. After investigating or interviewing in a domestic dispute as described in the subsections (a) or (b) of this chapter, a police officer shall provide the victim with a copy of the notice in this section. The notice shall be written and shall include all of the following:
 1. The name and telephone number of the responding police agency.
 2. The name and badge number of the responding police officer.
 3. The following statement: "You may obtain a copy of the police incident report for your case by contacting this law enforcement agency at the telephone number provided."
 4. "The domestic violence shelter program and other resources in your area (include local information)."
 5. "Information about emergency shelter, counseling services, and the legal rights of domestic violence victims is available from these resources."

"Physical harm" means any injury to a child's physical condition or welfare that is not necessarily permanent but constitutes substantial bodily disfigurement, or seriously impairs the function of a body organ or limb.
 "Serious mental harm" means an injury to a child's mental condition or welfare that is not necessarily permanent but results in visibly demonstrable manifestations of a substantial disorder of thought or mood which significantly impairs judgment, behavior, capacity to recognize reality or ability to cope with the ordinary demands of life.
 "Person" means a child's parent or guardian or any other person who cares for, has custody of, or has authority over a child regardless of the length of time that a child is cared for, in the custody of or subject to the authority of that person.

Michigan's Child Abuse Law

The Michigan Penal Code, Child Abuse Law, section 750.136, reads as follows:

FIRST DEGREE - A person is guilty of child abuse in the first degree if the person knowingly or intentionally causes physical harm to a child. Child abuse in the third degree is a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than two years.

FOURTH DEGREE - A person is guilty of child abuse in the second degree if the person's omission causes serious physical harm to a child, or if the person's reckless act causes serious physical harm to a child. Child abuse in the second degree is a felony punishable by imprisonment for not more than four years.

This section shall not be construed to prohibit a parent or guardian or other person per-

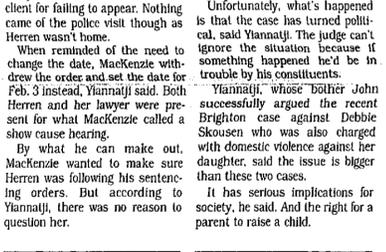
By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
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Although a jury ruled more than three months ago, the domestic violence/parental discipline case of Kathi Herren is far from over.
 The case, now being handled pro-bono by Flint attorney Frank Yianattji, is under appeal to 52-1 District Court Judge Brian MacKenzie for a new trial.
 Judge MacKenzie has scheduled a hearing on the motion for new trial March 11 at 1:30 p.m. Even if he declines the motion, Herren can appeal to a higher court.
 In an interview earlier this month, Yianattji cited many factors for the appeal, including his opinion that the verdict was against the great weight of the evidence, that the jury may not have received proper instructions, and that Herren received inadequate counsel. Her first lawyer, Yianattji claims, never advised her that she had the right to take the stand in her own defense. In addition, her husband, James, and a family friend who was present in the house at the time of the incident were not called to testify either.
 "This is a lady who should have been able to stand there and tell the jury what happened," said Yianattji.
 While Herren has never testified in the case, she has appeared in court at each hearing, most recently at a review to discuss the cost of counseling and other probationary requirements to which Herren is subject to as part of her sentence. MacKenzie said Herren had refused to attend counseling, but after learning she would give it another try, he dismissed the charge of violating her probation.
 However, Yianattji is still trying to figure out exactly what happened during the review. Originally set for Jan. 20, Yianattji's firm called the court to ask to reschedule because he was in the hospital, he said. After confirming the date would be changed, Yianattji found out police were sent to arrest his client for failing to appear. Nothing came of the police visit though as Herren wasn't home.
 When reminded of the need to change the date, MacKenzie withdrew the order and set the date for Feb. 3 instead, Yianattji said. Both Herren and her lawyer were present for what MacKenzie called a show cause hearing.
 By what he can make out, MacKenzie wanted to make sure Herren was following his sentencing orders. But according to Yianattji, there was no reason to question her.

"I left there wondering what was going on," he said. "I don't know what the fuss was all about."
 "I can't say it's unfair because the court has certain powers and he has the right," said Yianattji. "But we had not violated any orders the court issued. That was clarified on Tuesday. The actions that occurred of sending the police ... I found them to be a little unusual. Then (the review) was so anti-climactic. I left with a feeling of wonderment."
 Yianattji still feels the court applied the domestic violence law to the wrong situation.
 "When you're talking about parental discipline where a parent has the obligation to discipline a child and teach them right or wrong, you can't tie a parent's hands by giving the okay to charge you with something else because you don't like the way someone's disciplined a child," he said.
 "If there was abuse, where was the Oakland County Prosecutor with a felony child abuse charge," said Yianattji. "But it wasn't a child abuse matter. It wasn't a case where a mother beat her child senseless and sent her to the hospital."
 Yianattji said he can't blame MacKenzie entirely for the result of the case. In fact, he said, it is the state legislators who, in creating the domestic violence law, created a problem.
 "Why are they not looking at this law and saying, 'We should not be applying domestic violence laws to parental discipline?' I want to know where they are. I think it's time for them to go back to the drawing board, if it's parental abuse it ought to be over in probate court ... It's such a frustrating situation," he said. "Common sense dictates when you do things with little foresight."
 "I think they should have dismissed this case before it ever got to trial," Yianattji said.
 Unfortunately, what's happened is that the case has turned political, said Yianattji. The judge can't ignore the situation because if something happened he'd be in trouble by his constituents.
 "Yianattji," whose Biller John successfully argued the recent Brighton case against Debbie Skousen who was also charged with domestic violence against her daughter, said the issue is bigger than these two cases.
 It has serious implications for society, he said. And the right for a parent to raise a child.

What do state and local lawmakers say about the domestic violence law's application to an assault and battery between a parent and child?
 State Rep. Nancy Cassis, R-Novi: "The local domestic violence ordinance was utilized (in the Herren case). Apparently, the courts determined the local ordinance was an appropriate mechanism. I don't know of any other pending bills in the legislature."
 State Senator Willis Bullard, R-Milford: "In general, the laws that are passed are good, but sometimes they've went a little too far or maybe been interpreted (too broadly)."

What lawmakers say about abuse/discipline
 "I think we should be looking toward bringing the family, child and parents together when something like this does occur. Looking at what resources are available to help in a proactive positive way."



Nancy Cassis Bill Bullard

WRITE US
 The Novi News would like to hear what you have to say about the issue of domestic violence versus parental discipline. How far is too far? When should the police get involved? Write us at The Novi News, Parental Discipline, 104 West Main Street, Northville MI 48167; fax us at (248) 349-1050; or e-mail us at novinews@htonline.com.

Please sir, we want more

Cast of 95 kids and adults brings "Oliver" to Novi Theatres

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Abused walls picking pockets, street hustles on parade, what are your Novi neighbors up to?

Well, some 95 of them — 67 kids and 28 adults — are rehearsing for their roles in the upcoming musical "Oliver," based on Charles Dickens' "Oliver Twist."

For the first time, adults, many of them parents of young cast members, are part of a Novi Theatres production. And they're just as enthusiastic as the kids about being on stage.

Theater Coordinator Linda Wickert cast David Glick as the undertaker.

"I think Mrs. Wickert has a sense of humor. I'm a doctor in real life," he said.

"When they opened it up, I asked my son and daughter, what do you think I did tries out and I got a big, resounding, 'who cares?'"

His daughter, Shoshana, 16, and son Bryan, 10, are both in the chorus. This is exciting for Bryan because it's the first time he's played a person in three years; past roles have included a frog and a forest animal.

For those who doubt that the arts are alive and well in Novi, this is a success story that pretty much refutes that supposition.

In 1991, Wickert came to Marilyn Troshak, Deputy Director of the Novi Parks and Recreation Department and suggested that Novi get into the youth theater business.

"I didn't know how big it was going to get. Linda came in and convinced me that we needed a theater program. I'm not artsy, but I believe in the arts and this is a wonderful alternative to all the programs we offer," Troshak said. "It's one of my pride and joys."

The start-up budget was \$500, but that's now ballooned to \$60,000 annually and the program is entirely self-supporting through registration fees and ticket sales.

Room for the theater and a storage area for the growing costume wardrobe is provided by the city, as

well as other in-kind donations.

For this training in the theater arts, the session cost per child is \$125 per child in what is now the Parks and Recreation Department's most popular non-sports program.

It all began with Performance Plus for high school aged youngsters and three shows a year, then grew to include the Children's Annex for middle-schoolers and the Little People Players for the age seven to ten set.

Now, Wickert produces eight mostly sold-out shows a year, with about 40 to 60 kids in each cast.

Wickert has a master's in the theater from Wayne State University.

"When I was a little girl, I used to direct shows in the garage. I never performed," she said.

In "Oliver," the adult cast ranges from professional entertainers to former college theater majors to rank beginners who are having lots of fun portraying characters from the musical version of Dickens' expose of the seamier side of early Victorian London.

For the role of Nancy, the musical theater's original abused woman, Wickert recruited Kathryn Conrad, who first won the role 25 years ago as a high school student.

When Wickert was directing the show at Dominican Academy in Oxford, that was Conrad's first singing gig; she enjoyed it so much



Cast members from "Oliver" rehearse at the Novi Civic Center, as a Novi Theatres production.

Photo by HAL GOULD

NOW PLAYING IN NOVI: "OLIVER"

The Novi Theatre production of "Oliver" will run Friday, March 13 and Saturday, March 14 at 8 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center. On March 15, there's a 3 p.m. matinee. The role of Oliver is portrayed by 12-year-old Novi resident Hannah Niendorf.

Tickets are \$10 apiece and are available in advance at the Parks and Recreation desk at the Novi Civic Center. For information, call 347-0400.

she went professional, performing at supper clubs, on cruise ships and on commercials.

"This is so much fun to be working with kids who are learning the business. It's so well-organized.

They're so talented and it's really kind of thrilling for me," Conrad, a Milford resident, said.

In "Oliver," she gets to sing one of the show-stoppers, "As Long As He Needs Me."

Northville residents Tom and Renee Hoeg of Northville, were delighted when their daughter, Katie, 12, became interested in the stage.

They were both theater majors at Northwestern University. Katie, 12, is playing the Artful Dodger, while her mom is the Widow Corney and her dad is Mr. Bumble. Renee Hoeg's earlier roles were more ingenue types.

"It's just peachy to wake up in the morning and be the Widow Corney," Renee Hoeg laughed.

These days, they're pretty much living with "Oliver" and friends refer to them as the Von Hoeg family.

"It's the only music we hear in our house. The videotape is running all the time," Tom Hoeg said.

"These accents are tough. These kids have them cold, much better than the adults."

Katie admits it's kind of hard to get in character when her parents are in the cast.

"I have to see them as my parents. I've just looked at them too long," she explained.

So who are all those street hustlers of London? They're Grace Wilford of Novi, who's daughter, Dawn, 11, plays a street wif, Wilford used to sing with the Michigan Opera Theater. And Pam Gagnon. Her son, Kirk Jones, has

been with Novi Theatres since the beginning and has had a role in every show, playing characters from Scrooge to Raggedy Andy.

In the past, Gagnon was backstage, helping out in the dressing room while Kirk was before the footlights. Jones is now assistant director and stage manager — and Dr. Grinning.

"We are the bar sluts," said Novi High School student, Erika Alpert, 16, referring to herself and her mother, Paula Griselle.

Little sister Molly Alpert, 10, is in the workhouse in this, the ninth play she's been in over two years. The workhouse, Molly said, "is funky."

Ted Shively, father of two chorus members, Melissa, 15, and Marianne, 11, will portray a "hus-sar," or cavalryman.

"I was sitting here watching my kids audition, I said, 'I'm a better participant than I am a spectator,'" he explained.

In charge of getting those 95 adults and youngsters into costumes is Shelley Dzwonkowski. She's the one who will make these well-fed Novi kids look neglected and starving and unkempt, among them her daughter, Grace, 10, who's in the workhouse and Sara, 13, who's in Fagan's chorus. Teaching the kids how to lead a life of crime, theoretically speaking will be their dad, Ron Dzwonkowski, who plays the pickpocket Fagin.

"You design the costumes. Figure out what's required for each role. We have a whole roomful of costumes and more spilling out of it," Shelley Dzwonkowski said.

Before Susan Lewis could try out for a spot — she's in the street chorus, while her daughter, Betsy, 13 is in the Fagan chorus and Cameron, 10 is in the workhouse chorus — she had to promise not to embarrass her children.

Now, just try to pry her off the stage.

"I love this. I look forward to it every day," Lewis said.

"It's a nice group of kids."

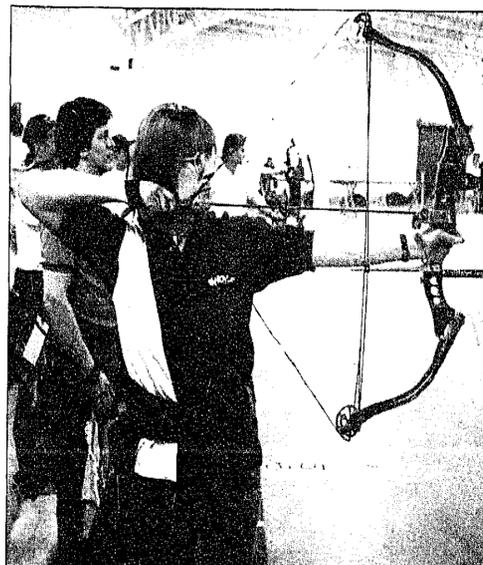
At the right, a 3-D archer takes aim during a competition at the at the Novi Expo Center.

Competitors took their turns at targets of deer, turkey, and feral pig at distances ranging from twenty to forty yards.

Below, large trophy buck whitetail deer mounts provide a backdrop to the informational booth of CatTrack Outfitters of Helena Montana during Sunday's Outdoorama at the Novi Expo Center.

Most guide and lodge services from the United States and Canada had a plethora of elk, deer, and caribou mounts near their booths at the just-finished Michigan United Conservation Corps-sponsored event.

Photos by JOHN HEIDER



Weekend show at Novi Expo draws a crowd

The great Outdoorama



Below, Ann Altemus of Howell, 9, works on her fly tying skills at the Expo Center show.

Photo by HAL GOULD



Boating show cruises into Novi Expo Center this weekend

Hundreds of boats will roll into town for the sixth annual Novi Boating Expo at the Novi Expo Center March 11-15. The show will span approximately 200,000 square feet and will feature new marine products including boats, motors, trailers, accessories, dockage, slip rental and more. But the Novi Boating Expo features more

than just boats — attendees can also participate in H2O Ski Fest '98 or the Bassmaster Casting Kids Contest.

H2O Ski Fest '98 (March 14 and 15) will feature visits from world famous waterskiers from all across the country. These pros will offer instruction in all waterski events including bare-foot, 3-event, hand-

icap, kneeboarding, slalom and jumping. This event also features a special appearance by pro tour wakeboarders Shane and Parks Bonlay. A special registration fee is required for this program which includes workshops, silent auction, and a Saturday evening beach party.

The Bassmaster Casting Kids

Competition is a free opportunity for kids ages seven to 14 to show their casting technique and win prizes. Competitors qualify for the National Championship level where more than \$25,000 in scholarships and prizes will be given away.

The live day Boating Expo expects to draw 20,000 enthusiasts. Dealers are offering bargains

prices on new 1998 models as well as new 1997 models still in inventory. Low interest rates and perfect timing for early summer delivery add to the appeal of this boating event. The Novi Boating Expo is owned and produced by the statewide marine trade association, the Michigan Boating Industries Association.

Admission is \$6.50 for adults, children under 12 are free with an adult. Hours are Wednesday-Friday, 2-9 p.m.; Saturday, noon-9 p.m.; and Sunday, noon-7 p.m. Parking: Paved, \$4 on-site. For information on Novi Boating Expo call: 1-800-224-3008. For information on H2O Ski Fest, call (313) 332-9146.

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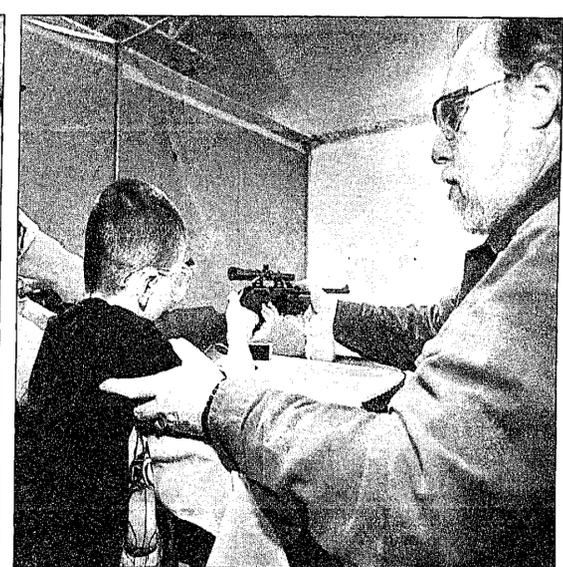
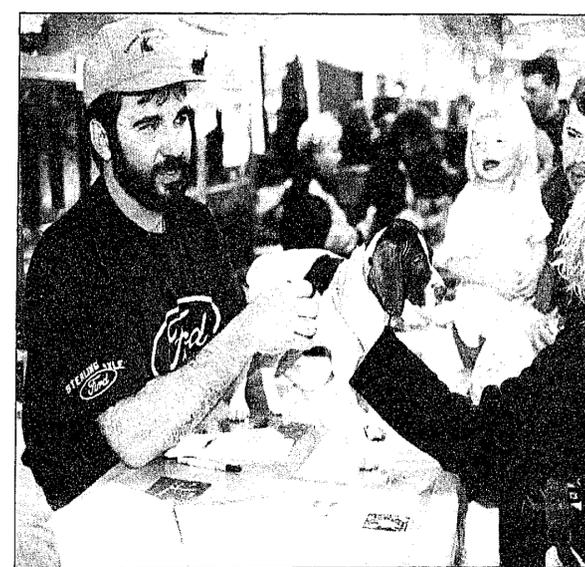
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Above, Robert Halley, 9, of Walled Lake gets tips from Don Hilton on how to use a pellet gun.

Above left, Tom Ballard of Farmland Pheasant Hunts in Brown City, MI, holds up a few-week-old German Shorthair Pointer puppy, Lisa, for adoring visitors.

At left, John Bueter, owner of Bueter's Outdoors in Northville, lends his fly-tying expertise to a couple of novices during Sunday afternoon's wrap-up of the MUCC Outdoorama. From left are Shane Galea and Justin Reed both of West Branch. Vounteering his time, Bueter was showing the kids how to tie a streamer fly.

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Obituaries

JOHN PAUL BELLMORE

John Paul (Jack) Bellmore, 78, of Northville, formerly of Plymouth, died Feb. 28, at University Hospital, Ann Arbor. He was born Sept. 11, 1919, in Houghton, Mich. Mr. Bellmore was employed as a manufacturer's representative from 1987 through 1998. He retired in 1987 from Ford Motor Co. after 50 years of service. Mr. Bellmore was an Army veteran of World War II.

He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Marie; son, Christopher (Laura Jane); daughters, Camille (Bazal) Elliott, Susan (Michael) Mikal, and Mary Lou Ely; brother, Ivan of Florida; sister, Olive Oldfield of Nov; grandchildren, Jeffrey, Molly, Max, Amanda, Carl, John, Christopher, Christine, and Zachary; and many nieces and nephews.

Services were held on Wednesday, March 4, at St. Colette Catholic Church in Livonia. Private interment was in Glen Eden Memorial Park, Livonia.

Arrangements were made by Vermoulen Funeral Home, Plymouth.

Memorials to Karmanos Cancer Institute, Plymouth Region, 744 Wing St., Plymouth, MI 48170-9990 or mass offering to St. Colette Catholic Church, 17600 Newburgh Road, Livonia, MI 48152 would be appreciated.

ELSIE C. COWIE
Elsie Colville Cowie, age 100, of Novi died Feb. 26 at Bortz Health Care in West Bloomfield. She was born May 26, 1897, in Australia.

She is survived by her daughter, Beryl Goldfeld of Novi; three grandchildren, Sharon, Paul and Sara; and five great grandchildren. Services were held on Friday, Feb. 27, at Ward Presbyterian Church, with the Rev. Neil Ellison officiating.

Arrangements were made by Heency-Sundquist Inc. of Farmington.

HELEN L. PEMBROKE

Helen L. Pembroke, 88, died Feb. 28, at her residence in Novi. She was born Dec. 24, 1909.

She is survived by sons, James C. and Thomas R. (Mary Anne); grandchildren, Kristen (Brian) Tallman and Daniel.

Services were held on Tuesday, March 3, at O'Brien Chapel/Ted C. Sullivan Funeral Home in Novi.

Memorial contributions to Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills would be appreciated by the family.

LILLIAN M. STEINECKER
Lillian M. (Zoch) Steinecker of Novi died Feb. 28 at Huron Valley Hospital in Commerce Township. She was 82. Mrs. Steinecker was born Dec. 4, 1915, in St. Paul, Minn.

A homemaker, Mrs. Steinecker was a former resident of Farmington Hills and New Port Richee, Fla. She received her education in Minnesota, and was a former member of Our Lady of Sorrows Church, Farmington.

She is survived by sons, Gary (Kimberly) of Milford, and Paul (Mary) of Farmington Hills; brothers, Norred and James Zoch; sisters, Faye Bombek, Valerie Kotasek, and Lorraine Sullivan, all of Minnesota; and two grandchildren, Julie and Matthew.

Mrs. Steinecker was preceded in death by her husband, William C., in 1980.

Services were held on Tuesday, March 3, at our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church in West Bloomfield. The Rev. Denis Theroux of Holy Family Catholic Church in Novi officiated.

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

Memorials to St. Vincent and Sarah Fisher Center, 27400 W. Twelve Mile Road, Farmington Hills, MI 48334-4200

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He was preceded in death by his wife, Leah "Gerri," in 1966.

Graveside services were held on Wednesday, March 4, at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield. The Rev. Denis Theroux of Holy Family Catholic Church in Novi officiated.

Arrangements were made by Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Home, Northville.

Memorial contributions to the Neighboring Senior Services Foundation, 13650 Stonybrook Drive, Clearwater, FL 33762 or the Pinellas County Senior Olympics, 1960 E. Druid, Clearwater, FL 33754 would be appreciated.

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Voice for Novi veteran is silenced

Robert Pohlman, a U.S. Marine veteran of World War II and a 43-year Novi resident, was known for speaking his mind and his good sense of humor.

Ten years ago, he lost his larynx to cancer and had to talk with the aid of an electric device. Still, he managed to remain outspoken, witty and a leading voice for veterans in Novi.

Mr. Pohlman died of a heart attack on Feb. 22 while on vacation in Maui, Hawaii. He was 74.

"He was one of the greatest friends I've ever had. We did a lot of work together for the veterans. He's going to be missed by the veterans here in Novi," said friend Duane Bell.

"He's going to be missed by an awful lot of people."

Mr. Pohlman is survived by his wife, Carolyn; daughters, Carol-Jo Pollino, Cheryl Groesbeck, Patricia Mayer, Sandra Kerr, Marjorie Touchette and Cynthia Abushikhedem; sons, Randy, Dale, and Duane; and nine grandchildren.

A past commander of the American Legion, Lloyd H. Green Post 147 in Northville in the 1960s, Mr. Pohlman went on to help start Novi's American Legion Post No. 19, as well as the Veterans Alliance of Novi. He was an active member of VFW Post No. 1519, AMVETS, the Forty-Eight Honor Society of the American Legion and the Marine Corp. League.

"Bob was a leader in everything he was involved with. He was a doer. He was a hands-on type of guy. It didn't matter if he was chairing a meeting, or part of work detail, or arguing an issue. Bob always gave 100 percent of himself," longtime friend Norbert Schollett said.

Mr. Pohlman was only 19 and living near Cincinnati when World War II broke out. He enlisted and spent 13 months in the Philippines as a Marine waltz fencer and radio/radar operator.

Mr. Pohlman came home with the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal and Victory Medal. His brother Jim Pohlman, also a Marine, was killed at two Jima.

After the war, he attended Xavier University in Cincinnati, while working full-time for Ford Motor Company. Mr. Pohlman retired from Ford Motor Co. in 1986, following 30 years of service.

He was a past president of the Willowbrook Homeowners Association and was active in pursuing Novi's incorporation from a township to a city. More recently, he served on the city's Police and Fire Needs Committee.

"I found Bob to be a forceful leader of the highest standards. He set high goals for himself and expected

the same from the people he dealt with," Schollett said.

Yet, he always had a sense of fun.

"When Bob would be in a public place like a restaurant and children would be attracted by his electric voice, he would stop and look at them and say, 'I'm a robot. I came from outer space,'" Schollett added.

"He always got a kick out of their reaction."

Funeral services for Mr. Pohlman were held on Saturday, Feb. 28, at Church of the Holy Family in Novi.

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OCC needs trustee candidates

Three Oakland Community College trustee terms expire on June 30. Voting to fill the positions will take place on Monday, June 8, the date of the annual school elections. All openings are for six-year terms ending June 30, 2004.

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partisan basis by voters living within the college district. Trustees serve as volunteers, and are not paid for their services.

Candidates must file petitions containing 50 to 200 signatures of registered voters of the Oakland Community College District, with Parnella Dorris, deputy secretary for

the 1998 board election, on or before 4 p.m., Monday, April 6.

File at the college's George A. Bee Administration Center, 2480 Opylke Road, Bloomfield Hills.

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Epilepsy drug inventor dies

Charles A. Miller, the inventor of three drugs to treat epilepsy and a Novi resident, died last week at the age of 78.

He and his wife, Margaret, were born and grew up in Louisiana but moved to Detroit because there were no pharmaceutical companies in the south when he became a scientist.

A graduate of Jesuit High School in New Orleans Miller went on to gain a bachelor of science degree in chemistry from Loyola University in 1943 and a masters degree from the University of Detroit in 1946.

Miller retired in 1980 from Warner-Lambert (Parke-Davis) where he was a chemist and direc-

tor of research planning for 35 years. He was a member of the American Management Association and was part of the speaker's bureau of the American Chemical Society. He was active in the Gusu Parish.

The couple had moved to Novi three years ago from Detroit and joined the Holy Family parish. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary last year.

"We were blessed with seven children and he did enjoy the children," said Margaret. "He was very active in the community and the church."

Miller is survived by his wife, Margaret, five sons Robert (Mary,

John (Tracey), Richard (Patricia) and the late Charles Jr. and a daughter Peggy. He also had 13 grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Visitation was held Sunday at the O'Brien Chapel/ Ted C. Sullivan Funeral Home in Novi. A memorial was held Monday morning at the Church of the Holy Family. Miller will be buried at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield.

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Students catch visit via fiber optic link

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

Novi Community Schools students used the district's technology last week to catch Governor John Engler's address. They also threw out a few questions while they had the chance.

Because the district is inter-linked with fiber optic cable, the students were able to teleconference with Engler, who visited Thursday, Feb. 26, to applaud Novi's use of technology.

During a live connection with Village Oaks school, Engler fielded questions from students, such as what was his favorite childhood book.

"The Hardy Boys," he replied. "Some of the older folks might remember that." He also enjoyed fairy tales as a youngster.

Village Oaks students also asked what was his biggest responsibility as governor.

Getting home to his three daughters, he explained. But that's more a life responsibility, he added. His biggest job, he said, is to work with elected officials.

Social studies students at Novi High also participated in the teleconference. How did Proposal A help make technology more affordable to poorer schools, they asked.

Engler said schools are getting better funding and including tech-

nology as part of the budget, just as they would textbooks.

How did he feel about teaching values and morality in schools, they queried.

Engler said he was impressed with the question and that it is an important topic to address. He said the community, state and nation have common views on many morality issues and suggested studying literature to expand horizons.

A student within the audience at the Instructional Technology Center asked the governor about the poor condition of the roads.

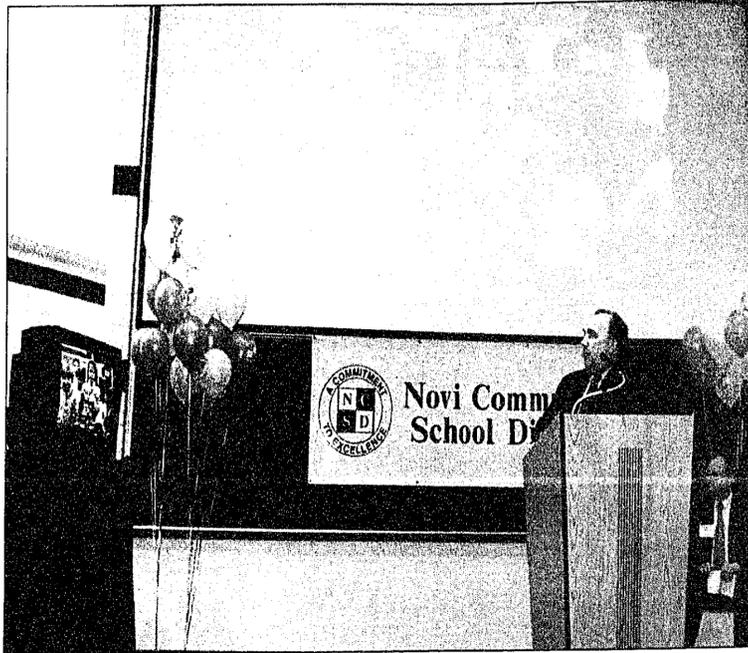
"You're going to see so much paving you're going to be irritated," he replied.

Another student asked how the state could help the inner city schools.

"It's not that they are less well-funded," Engler explained. It's more that the money doesn't get to the kids. A new group in Detroit, for instance, is working to oversee the budget better, he said. Another option is creating a variety of schools and making them safe.

Will Engler run for president, another girl asked.

No, was the answer. Engler said he would run for governor again but the presidency would be hard on his young family and he loves his little girls too much to do that.



Gov. Engler takes a video-conferenced question from a student at Novi Woods Elementary School during his visit to the ITC.



Melissa Baum, a student at Novi Middle School, explains the workings of the graphics animation program "Hyperstudio" to Gov. John Engler as he visited the Instructional Technology Center.



As Gov. Engler listens in, the Novi Middle School concert band plays him a musical welcome in the windy conditions outside the school.

Gov visits Novi tech center

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"We do have a lot to be thankful for. The students are fortunate indeed," said Superintendent Dr. Emmett Lippe.

Novi schools offer an average of one computer for each two and a half students, he said. "Not that we divide students in half here," he quipped.

While many of the students were more intrigued with what they were doing on the computers that after-

noon, some of the students were able to show the governor how the system worked.

"He was really nice," said Christina Maccio, an eighth grader. "We talked about how to get graphic objects into Hyperstudio and I showed him the different boats I was putting on it."

School board trustee Carol Ellring helped organize the FEN at Novi schools. The district has "truly taken to heart" the responsibility of providing tools for kids to be part

of a global community, she said.

"The truly rewarding impact, when you walk the halls of our schools, is seeing students of the youngest ages using these tools with an ease and a skill most of us don't have," she said.

Lippe encouraged all students to go home and express gratitude to their parents for passing the bond issue that brought the technology to their desks.

"Give them a big hug and say a big thank you to them," he said.

Gorcyka unveils proposal to deal with juvenile crime

By TIM RICHARD
Staff Writer

Oakland Prosecutor Dave Gorcyka's plan to use "teen courts" is one of many new options in the battle against juvenile crime.

"Teens are the prosecutor, judge and jury," Gorcyka said at Feb. 24 bipartisan, multi-level conference on how states are dealing with juvenile justice.

"It has two advantages. Teens accept it, and there is less recidivism," the first-term prosecutor said, adding he hopes to have the program going by December. Jackson County reportedly has used the idea for 10 years.

And what happens if a youngster thumbs his nose at the program? "He goes before the juvenile court," Gorcyka replied.

The Oakland conference was sponsored by state Sen. Gary Peters, D-Bloomfield Township. A member of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Peters said, "I worked on the get-tough package of new juvenile bills. But we need to do more with early intervention."

Michigan's new laws allow more juveniles to be tried and sentenced as adults. Meanwhile, Peters noted, Gov. John Engler has called for new prison space for 5,420 inmates. Currently, the state has 42,000 men and women behind bars and expects that population to grow in 10 years to 70,000.

The local conference included representatives of churches, city halls, probate court, police, public schools, and social service agen-

cies. Meeting in the Oakland Intermediate School District Office, the group watched a teleconference and heard legislators from Colorado, Connecticut and Texas discuss options to locking up more kids and throwing away the keys.

Guiding the hunt for new options is the National Conference of State Legislatures. Driving it is the fact that arrest rates for violent juvenile crime grew steadily from 1985-94 and, despite two years of decline, still are above the base year's level.

A dozen states have passed major juvenile justice reforms. They have moved toward what the NSL calls "a continuum that bridges child welfare and criminal justice as well as 'get tough' measures. Examples:

- Research to predict delinquency, based on such factors as child abuse, domestic violence, neighborhood violence, physical and mental health problems, Oakland officials, however, noted that mental health money, in particular, is drying up.

- Early childhood programs, such as Head Start (schools), Health Start (a home visit program for new parents pioneered by Hawaii) and "crisis nurseries" (Minnesota).

- Graduated sanctions. These range from local diversion and day treatment for first-time non-violent offenders; to intermediate sanctions, such as residential programs and electronic monitoring and boot camps; to prison-

type facilities for juveniles who have committed serious and violent crimes; to "aftercare" programs of surveillance and family treatment.

• Restorative justice. Maine, Maryland and Minnesota have work programs to bring restitution to victims of juvenile crime.

• "Get tough" programs, the most popular kind among lawmakers and the public as horror stories of 11-year-old murderers circulate. Large training schools are considered ineffective.

Other tough options are treating the most violent and chronic young offenders as adults; "third tier" or youth tracks within the adult system; "last chance" programs where a juvenile faces an adult prison sentence if he offends; and "reverse waivers" that allow youths offenders to be returned to the juvenile system for treatment.

Among Oakland Probate Court youth workers, there was a feeling that Michigan's laws are designed exclusively by police, prosecutors and judges with little attention to prevention programs.

"We're good at dealing with petty larceny and vandalism," said Pamela Howitt of the probate court staff. "We're not good at dealing with status offenders (runaways), truants, welfare needs and kids with multiple problems (physical and mental health)."

Peters promised a continued series of meetings on juvenile justice.

Forty-four Novi students named to National Honor Society ranks

On Sunday, March 8, 44 students will be inducted into the National Honor Society at Novi High School. To be accepted into the society, the students must meet four requirements in the areas of leadership, scholarship, service and character.

Applicants that have a 3.5 grade point average or better, participated in three extra-curricular activities, volunteered 40 hours of community service in the last year, and provided character letters were chosen by a faculty committee, headed by National Honor Society advisor Kristin Weinbeck. The traditional Tapping Ceremony, which notifies selected students of their acceptance, took place Thursday, Feb. 12.

The induction ceremony will take place in the high school's cafeteria at 1 p.m. Over 100 guests are expected to attend. The ceremony led by Kristin Weinbeck, will feature Brian Trost, area director of Young Life, as keynote speaker. Also, participating will be the 1997-98 officers: Carole Wineham, president; Brooke Albright, vice president; Erin Parker, secretary; John Milne, treasurer; Sophie Lalo, historian; Kristin Calandro, activities director; Jessica Kenny, activities director.

The membership of The National Honor Society will now include 149 students. Members are expected to maintain requirements of the National Honor Society, which include leadership, scholarship, service and character.

Although the end of the year is fast approaching, Novi High School has a few activities still to come. In April, members will participate in a skate-a-thon to raise money for the Senior Scholarship Fund and a local charity. Novi High School also will participate in the annual "Cleanup Novi" event.

Bullard recently served as chair of the Special Committee which recommended the expulsion of Henry E. Stallings from the Senate. As a result of the committee actions, Sen. Stallings resigned.

Bullard's Senate District includes the cities of Novi, Farmington Hills, Farmington, South Lyon, Wixom and Walled Lake; the villages of Wolverine Lake and Milford; and the townships of Novi, West Bloomfield, Commerce, Lyon, Highland and Milford.

The primary election is scheduled for Aug. 4, and the general election will be held Nov. 3.

State Sen. Bill Bullard Jr., R-Milford, recently announced that he will run for reelection to a four-year term in the state Senate. Bullard is serving his 16th year in the state legislature. He was elected to the state House of Representatives in 1982. After the resignation of Sen. David Honigman, Bullard won the special election to replace Honigman in the state Senate in June 1996.

Bullard is currently vice chair of the Senate Finance Committee, and while in the House was Chair of the House Tax Policy Committee for four years. He has sponsored four tax cut laws, which are part of Gov. Engler's list of 24 tax cuts. Among the Bullard-sponsored tax cuts, is the abolition of the inheritance tax and the creation of a minimum \$250,000 floor for the Single Business Tax.

Last year Sen. Bullard intro-

duced a bill to cut the income tax rate from 4.4 percent to 3.9 percent over five years, which, if enacted, would save Michigan taxpayers more than \$800 million over five years. Gov. John Engler recently endorsed Bullard's bill.

After being elected senator, Bullard met with the 14 city and village councils and township boards. He has held town hall meetings for the last two years in each area of his senate district, which according to current population estimates contains more than 300,000 residents.

"I pride myself on being accessible to my constituents and hearing their concerns," Bullard stated. "I re-elected, I will strive to continue to maintain his high level of service to my constituents."

Bullard has been named Legislator of the Year by the Michigan Townships Association

and the Michigan Association of Temporary and Staffing Services. He is also the recipient of the 1996 Michigan Guardian of Liberty Award by the National Federation of Independence Businesses, Michigan Chapter.

Bullard recently served as chair of the Special Committee which recommended the expulsion of Henry E. Stallings from the Senate. As a result of the committee actions, Sen. Stallings resigned.

Bullard's Senate District includes the cities of Novi, Farmington Hills, Farmington, South Lyon, Wixom and Walled Lake; the villages of Wolverine Lake and Milford; and the townships of Novi, West Bloomfield, Commerce, Lyon, Highland and Milford.

The primary election is scheduled for Aug. 4, and the general election will be held Nov. 3.

State Sen. Bill Bullard Jr., R-Milford, recently announced that he will run for reelection to a four-year term in the state Senate. Bullard is serving his 16th year in the state legislature. He was elected to the state House of Representatives in 1982. After the resignation of Sen. David Honigman, Bullard won the special election to replace Honigman in the state Senate in June 1996.

Bullard is currently vice chair of the Senate Finance Committee, and while in the House was Chair of the House Tax Policy Committee for four years. He has sponsored four tax cut laws, which are part of Gov. Engler's list of 24 tax cuts. Among the Bullard-sponsored tax cuts, is the abolition of the inheritance tax and the creation of a minimum \$250,000 floor for the Single Business Tax.

Last year Sen. Bullard intro-

AT&T asks for cell tower site at Civic Center

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

What will the neighbors think? As they ponder a request from AT&T to put up a 150-foot cell phone tower at the Novi Civic Center, that's the question, that kept popping up at the Novi City Council meeting on Monday.

What AT&T hopes to do is replace the existing 62-foot tall wooden softball diamond light pole behind the Novi Civic Center with a monopole with two or more antennae to serve the corporation, as well as other carriers who would rent a spot on the pole.

"We're dealing with a neighboring

community area, that when we deal with this area, we've learned dealing with a bubble (golf course), or a swimming pool or now a tower, this is a significant tower, it's going

to upset citizens of this particular area," Novi City Council Member Bob Schmidt said.

"I think you have to look at aesthetics before you look at dollars,"

Bob Schmidt
Novi City Council member

AT&T's lawyer, John Riley said. The council agreed to allow AT&T to do further research its proposal and provide data on the city's potential liability and whether the tower must be lighted to comply with

Federation Aviation Administration standards. Providence Park on Grand River Avenue has a heliport. Council members were concerned that the tower might have to be lighted because of the proximity of those flights. And the lights might make

it objectionable to surrounding subdivisions. A tower must be over 200-foot tall for a light to be required, AT&T's lawyer, John Riley said.

Along with \$20,000 upfront check, AT&T pays the Livonia school district a monthly lease of \$800 for a similar pole. Novi council members said they would want that much, or more.

"We would be compensated at least as much as what Livonia gets. Since it is a residential neighborhood, I would expect even better compensation than that," Mayor Pro Tem Hugh Crawford said.

AT&T was originally asking for a

150-foot monopole, but changed that to 180-foot on Monday. But the council directed the telephone company to stick with the lower height.

In December, the telecommunications company launched its cell phone service.

Riley said the Civic Center and Novi High School area was chosen to reduce the impact of the tower on the community.

"The issue of tower proliferation is one that is causing a great deal of consternation around the country," he said.

"The AT&T monopole would not interfere with other local services,

such as police communications, radios and local garage door openers, he told the council.

AT&T currently rents space from another carrier on a pole in the Novi Department of Public Works' yard. The Civic Center is seen as a desirable location because it's in the center of the developed city."

Riley said the technology of cell phone towers could be compared to a light bulb.

"If you want to light up a room, you put a light bulb in the middle. If you put a light bulb in the corner, you've got shadows on either side," he explained.

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Bond would repair threadbare fields

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The track instead of on the muddy field. Fans either had to arrive early and bring an umbrella, or wear an old pair of jeans to watch the game without ruining a good pair of pants. It just wasn't a good night for football.

"The Northville game may have been a warning sign that we are near the edge," Novi athletic director John Fundukian said. "We were barely able to make it and it limited the roles of all the supporting kids."

Those problems, along with several others at Novi High School and Novi Meadows, have coaches and administrators looking for solutions. Some of those solutions may come after the March 28 bond election for the Novi Community School District.

The district would use \$2.7 of the \$6.2 million designated for infrastructure improvements to perform a number of renovations and additions to athletic/activity fields at the high school and Novi Meadows. The owner of a \$200,000 home would see a \$66 increase in taxes each year for the next 20 years as a result of the bond.

"It's extremely important to have these improvements done," said Assistant Superintendent of Business Jim Koster. "We need to bring ourselves up to par with the surrounding school districts. It's long past their fields' time."

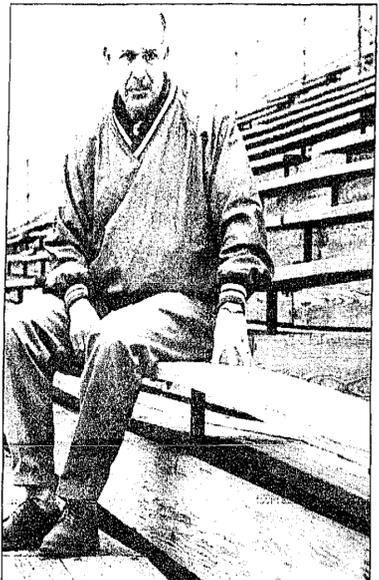
Supporters are looking to upgrade the stadium field with a new athletic/activity surface and a irrigation and drainage systems. If the bond passes, there will also be:

- New home bleachers for 2,000 spectators.
 - New disabilities area.
 - New visitors bleachers for 1,000 spectators.
 - Improved press box.
 - Improved scoreboard.
 - Improved lighting.
 - New storage facility.
 - Improved concession area.
 - A renovation of practice fields with new irrigation and drainage.
 - Improved baseball and softball fields.
- Additional improvements to be made at the Novi Meadows Athletic/Activity Facility include:
- Renovation of activity surface.
 - New bleachers for 1,200 spectators.
 - New disabilities area.
 - New press box.
 - New scoreboard.
 - New lighting.
 - New concession/rest room facility.
 - Existing track to remain as is.
 - Increased parking.

Novi High School soccer players kick a ball around the center field section of the stadium on Monday afternoon. The field, due to its almost constant use throughout the year, has many bare and chewed-up sections that cannot hold grass for long.



Novi High School soccer players Lydia Raburn, left, and Jessica Kenny pause near one of the school's practice fields that shows its continuing problems with soil erosion.



Novi High Athletic Director John Fundukian sits on some of the Wildcats' very warped bleacher benches — which the school hopes to replace with a more modern steel structure.

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Notice is hereby given that the Board of Review shall convene in its first session at 9:00 a.m. EST, Tuesday, March 3, 1998, in the Novi Assessing Department at 45175 W. Ten Mile Road for the purpose of reviewing and correcting the assessment roll.

Notice is further given that the second session of the Board of Review will meet for the purpose of hearing and considering assessment protests in the Novi City Council Chambers at 45175 W. Ten Mile Road on March 9, 10 & 11, 1998. All appearances before the Board will be by appointment only. If you or your representative want to appear in person, the appointment must be made on or before 5:00 p.m. EST, Friday, March 6, 1998. Appearances before the Board of Review are limited to live (5) minutes or less. Petitions are available at the Assessor's Office. NO APPOINTMENTS WILL BE GIVEN UNTIL A PETITION IS RECEIVED BY THE ASSESSING DEPARTMENT OFFICE.

Letters of protest will be accepted on or before 5:00 p.m. EST, Wednesday, March 11, 1998. Postmarks will not be considered. When submitting a letter of protest for the Board of Review's consideration, you must attach a completed petition (available at the Assessing Department), along with any supporting information.

All agents protesting values on property other than their own, MUST HAVE written authorization from each property owner they are representing.

Persons on fixed or limited income may be eligible for a reduction in property taxes due to poverty. Applications are available at the Assessing Department.

BOARD OF REVIEW SCHEDULE
Monday, March 9, 1998 — 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
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Schoen will chair charity auction

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Chamber of Commerce's Sixth Annual Charity Auction and Dinner Dance on March 21.

"It is the worst of times, it is the best of times. I have had such wonderful support from my friends, my family and my husband," Schoen, a White Lake Township resident, said last week.

"I just find everyone who comes into my path has a unique gift for me that no one else has. I have met so many people as a result of this who have given me so much, it really is tremendous."

For her sister, Peg Campbell, of Northville, there's a sad but true twist in the story.

Before the accident, Campbell, an active Novi Chamber member, was already working on the auction committee. A share of the proceeds from year's event will benefit the Michigan Chapter of the Paralyzed Veterans of America, located on Grand River Avenue.

Campbell just didn't expect she'd soon be calling the organization for information that would help her sister. The organization is a leader in working with victims of spinal cord injuries, even if the victims are not veterans.

On that December day that turned a family's lives upside down, Schoen, Campbell, their sister Cheryl Anipen and brother Jack Anipen were returning from their grandmother's funeral in Escanaba when they hit a patch of ice on I-75 near West Branch. All four seats belts but Schoen, who had unbuckled hers for a moment to adjust it.

Schoen remembers every minute of the accident that happened on her husband Michael's birthday. The weather was bad, the car began fishtailing, led the road and flipped twice.

"I remember rolling and it was the most fluid movement. It was just like I was in a fetal position rolling and going out of the window and hitting the ground and getting the dirt in my mouth and just lying there," she said.

"I knew I was hurt very badly." The car landed upright. Although Cheryl Anipen was temporarily blinded, no one but Schoen was seriously injured. A horrified Campbell realized her baby sister had been thrown out of the window of the car.

"She said, 'I love you guys. I don't think I'm going to make it,'" Campbell recalled.

Schoen immediately realized she was paralyzed, but felt strangely calm and at peace.

"The most amazing thing, when I was lying there I wasn't at all afraid. I thought about dying. If there was a heaven, it's a bonus and if there wasn't I wouldn't know anything. Either way, I'm okay. I

Today, Schoen has significant

wrist movement and can feed herself, although her fingers do not work.

Schoen is no sugar-coated, Pollyanna-type. She admits that the adjustment is hard, incredibly hard and her days are sometimes shot through with sadness, but no rage.

"I tell myself it's not going to be like this forever. I'm going to be stronger and have more endurance. That's the thing that is more aggravating for me. I'm a go person. What used to take ten minutes, takes an hour."

Three times a week, Schoen has physical therapy to strengthen her and occupational therapy to teach

her how to do everyday tasks, like eat popcorn.

Schoen, a former sales representative and records management consultant, plans to return to college and hopes to teach English or work in a literacy program. She's also working to strengthen her slot-machine pulling arm, because that trip to Vegas is coming up.

As she grows stronger, she will learn how to drive a van with special controls. That's the thing that is more aggravating for me. I'm a go person. What used to take ten minutes, takes an hour."



Barbara Schoen, shown with sister Peg Campbell, right, was recently injured in a car accident. She will be the honorary chair of the Novi Chamber auction.

Photo by HAL GOULD

had absolutely no fear," she said. The fifth cervical vertebra in Schoen's neck was broken and the first prognosis was grim. Her family was told she was as badly injured as Christopher Reeve, who needs a respirator to live.

But while in the hospital emergency room, Schoen already began to consider how she could take charge of the future that a slippery stretch of road hadn't succeeded in stealing from her.

"She said, 'You know, I've been thinking there's still a lot of things that I'll be able to do with computers and such,'" Campbell said.

Schoen was transported to the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor.

In the beginning, she had to blow on a straw to turn the hospital TV on or off, or summon a nurse. Initially, she had no feeling below the fracture in her neck. These days, she's aware of a sensation of pressure in her feet.

"They don't know what I'm going to get back or not. My original diagnosis was pretty bleak. What I've done since then has been phenomenal," she said.

"After three weeks, I was finally able to scratch the top of my head. You don't realize what it's like... Now, I can scratch the top of my nose."

Schoen and her husband celebrated their second wedding anniversary while she was still in the hospital. He gave her a china statue of two angels.

"There is no better test you can give someone than what I've given him. He has been so tremendous," she said.

"My sister Peggy, without her I don't think any of us would have gotten through this."

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Chamber auction raises funds for Paralyzed Vets

By JAN JEFFREYS
Staff Writer

Forget April in Paris. March is good.

On Saturday, March 21, the Novi Chamber of Commerce will celebrate this magic city as the theme of "A Night To Remember," the Sixth Annual Charity Auction and Dinner Dance.

The cost per person is \$50 and features dinner and dancing at the Novi Hilton Hotel.

In just a few short years, the auction has established itself as "a must" in the Novi social calendar.

"It's just an evening of elegance and fun and it's for a good cause too," said Diane Bisko, Past Chairman of the Chamber.

Both silent and live auctions — and raffles — will benefit the Novi Chamber and the Paralyzed Veterans of America, as well as spinal cord injury research.

Lots of fun stuff will be on offer, including a bow autographed by Ted Nugent, a basketball signed by Boston Joe Dumars and a Jersey signed by retired Red Wing Sid Abel. Those who dream of being on-air can take a chance by being the high bidder for a stint on the Dick Purtan Show on WOMC.

Getaways to be auctioned include packages at hotels and golf resorts, including at Hilton Head

and Mackinac Island, as well as jets in Las Vegas and Atlantic City. Goods going to the highest bidder will include jewelry from Diamond Castle, a shopping spree at Twelve Oaks, Waterford Crystal and wilderness TVs.

A lead auction item each year is the street sign at the Novi Civic Center, which was mostly recently won by a \$4,500 bid tendered by local Realtor James Kramer.

But Bisko said Kramer snatched the sign away from Ross Heslop, who held it for several years previously. Chamber members are eager to see who will walk away with the honors in 1998, she added.

The chamber is still looking for donations of prizes, including time shares at resorts.

On auction night, the doors open at 5:30 p.m., dinner's at 7 p.m., the live auction is at 8 p.m., raffle winners are announced at 9 p.m. and from then until midnight, it's dancing to the music of the band White Lace.

On the menu will be Tomatoes of beef, a salad of mixed greens with smoked Gouda and Cabernet vinaigrette, followed by a dessert of white chocolate mousse in a chocolate cup.

For tickets and more information, call the Novi Chamber of Commerce at 349-3743.

Photo by HAL GOULD

SPINAL CORD INJURIES

- Some 450,000 people in the U.S. have spinal cord injuries.
- About 8,000 spinal cord accidents occur annually. 82 percent of them happen to males between the ages of 16 to 30.
- Approximately 52 people per million will suffer a spinal cord injury, of these 32 will survive.
- Forty-two percent of the injuries occur in motor vehicle accidents, 24 percent due to acts of violence, such as gunshot wounds, and 22 percent from falls.
- Cervical or neck injuries usually result in quadriplegia.
- Spinal injuries at the thoracic or chest level result in a paraplegia, or impairment to the use of the legs.

(Source: The Paralyzed Veterans of America and the National Spinal Cord Injury Association.)

CITY OF NOVI

There will be a Public Information Meeting on Thursday, March 5, 1998 at 6:00 p.m. for the Eleven Mile Road & Beck Road Intersection. The meeting will be held at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 West Ten Mile Road, in Executive Conference Room. The public is invited to attend this meeting to discuss questions and/or concerns with this project.

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NOTICE OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT HEARING CITY OF NOVI COUNTY OF OAKLAND, MICHIGAN

TAKE NOTICE that the City Council of the City of Novi, Oakland County, Michigan, has determined it to be necessary to make the following described public improvement in the City of Novi:

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TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the City Council will meet on Monday, March 16, 1998, at 7:30 o'clock P.M., Prevailing Eastern Time, at the Novi City Hall, in the Council Chambers 45175 West Ten Mile Road in the City of Novi for the purpose of hearing objections to the making of such public improvement.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that appearance and protest at such hearing is required in order to appeal the amount of the special assessment to the State Tax Tribunal. An appearance and protest may be made by an appearance at the hearing to protest the special assessment, or by filing an appearance and protest by letter.

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As We See It

Here's hoping Summit lives up to its potential

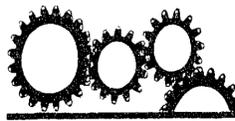
On March 14, the City of Novi and the Novi Chamber of Commerce will take up the issue of industrial and office development in a meeting being termed an Economic Summit.

The hope is to draw together all of the factions — city officials, planners, the business community, developers, industrialists and residents — to talk about what is needed to improve Novi's economic growth.

It is a truly important gathering. Out of it, hopefully, will come some ideas and a sense of direction about what the city can do to spur growth and where the city should head with this important sector of the local economy.

The summit is the brainstem of the chamber's Economic Development Committee. Chaired Bud Scott, of Steelcrete, the committee recently updated its "Novi at the Crossroads of Development" report from the original issued in 1995. Since then, the city has made progress, but the main findings remain the same. Industrial and office development is not growing here in Novi at the same pace as residential.

That's a problem because it could impact taxes. Forty-two percent of the city's tax base come from non-residen-



Development

tial property, but it makes up only 15 percent of the land area. Now if industrial/office development does not keep pace with residential, the burden of covering the cost of city services through taxes could shift to those homeowners.

Since 1995, the city has made progress. Among the steps the city has taken, it has revised its site plan process. It is working to adopt a new research and development (R&D) zoning ordinance.

But there is more to be done. And there should be an emphasis on updating the ball rolling.

We congratulate the Economic Development Committee, the Chamber and the city for their efforts.

We only hope the Summit can live up to its potential.

Discipline is different than abuse



Michael Malott

I have complained on these pages in the past about some of the inane things that come out of the mouths of so-called experts in the field of child rearing.

Case in point: when Marianne Kern, supervisor at the Walled Lake office of Children's Protective Services, was interviewed by reporter Wendy Piernan Mitzel about appropriate child rearing techniques, as part of our coverage on the Kathi Herren case this week, she gave the following statement.

"My belief is that you constantly discipline a child, you don't punish a child. Just like the military you require someone to live by the rules so that you don't get so far as to punish."

Is she suggesting that military style discipline is an appropriate model for raising a child?

"Drop and give me 20, you maggot!" Boot camp, PK duty, I certainly hope not, because any parents using military discipline to raise their kids, frankly, should have Protective Services knocking at their door fast than you can say, "Scrub these latrines with a toothbrush."

Or does she think military discipline is so effective it never has to go "so far as to punish"? What about Aberdeen? Tailhook? Aviano? Need I go on?

My point here is that no system of discipline is perfectly effective, at least none I've ever heard of. But what I really object to about Kern's statement is that it puts parents in a Catch 22.

On the one hand, she advocates a mild approach to parenting, "discipline" versus "punishment." But if it reaches the point where punishment is necessary, then it is the parents' fault. It shouldn't have gotten that far.

In fact, she said precisely that later in the interview. Kids don't just become a behavior problem at a certain age, she said. If they do, it is because parents

didn't provide structure earlier in life. That's a prejudice I've heard over and over again since Herren's trial and the issue of abuse versus discipline cropped up in our community. If a kid's in trouble and facing punishment, it is simply assumed that the reason is that mom and dad should have disciplined them earlier.

For every incident needing discipline, there is an earlier.

Yes, I agree parents who do not discipline their kids will have a bigger problem to deal with later on. And a child in trouble might be in trouble because of a lack of earlier discipline. But you can't jump to the conclusion. Kids, quite literally, do have minds of their own. And you can only say that whatever the parents have tried so far hasn't worked.

I loathe to think what kind of a parent could flawlessly correct behavior just by setting rules or from a single correction of a child's infraction. That parent would have to strike absolute terror in the hearts of his or her children to get such flawless compliance. And what kind of a way would that be to grow up.

Not that many years ago, our society trusted parents to raise their own kids. Then we learned about child abuse and what a horrible thing that is.

Today, because some of us have concluded, as Kerns says, that "most abuse begins as parental discipline," society cringes whenever a child gets disciplined. It's gotten to the point society seems to frown on discipline altogether.

It's time for the pendulum to swing back a bit. It's time we recognized the necessity of discipline in growing up. It's time for our society and government to again support parents who are trying to raise disciplined kids — note I say "disciplined" kids, not abused kids — because any kids that grow up without discipline will just become a problem for all the rest of us later.

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Caution needed with tower

Cell phones — ain't they great. We love 'em. You can pick up the phone and call anyone, anytime, anywhere you may be — in your car, outside, at the mall.

The only problem is that to use them you have to have all those dangled cell towers around. Some are downright ugly. Some, on the other hand, have been so well disguised that you don't notice them at all, like the towers atop the Twelve Oak Mall water tower.

Novi might make interesting case study in cell tower placement. For one, you have a low rise community here which has for years tried to keep the height of buildings down. No office or hotel skyscrapers for our city.

On the other hand, it's a well-off, highly-educated, on-the-go community, exactly the kinds of residents to which cellular phones are marketed, exactly the kinds of people for whom cell phones are most useful. With the number of folks living in town for which a cell phone makes sense, there is also a high need for more towers, so the system can handle all those calls.

The result could be that cell towers become the tallest, and most visible, structures in town.

We've seen other communities, like Southfield, that come to resemble an "antennae farm" because of all the radio and broadcast towers placed there. Unfortunately, Novi east of the town center is already looking too much like that for our tastes. And we've seen communities, like Northville, where antennas were put up with huge flashing strobes atop them, only to produce

a major outcry from the local residents, a quite understandable outcry given that these strobes split the night several times a minute.

Now AT&T is asking to place a cell tower in the Novi Civic Center. Of course, it would pay for the use of the land on which it was placed, but council is still concerned. Would the tower, at its proposed 150- to 180-foot height require a light to ward off air traffic? Would it be the tallest and therefore the most visible structure in the Civic Center?

Council is concerned about the aesthetics because other proposals for facilities in the Civic Center, notably a golf dome and a swimming pool, have generated a reaction from nearby residents.

But it isn't just those surrounding residents. Do Novi residents want to see a cell tower as the highest structure in the complex when they drive up to their Civic Center?

Council is right to be careful and cautious with this proposal. Before any pole gets approved, council members should be comfortable that it will not be an overbearing presence. They should strive to assure it goes as little noticed as possible. And there should be no need for lights, period.

Payment for the land use simply cannot be the only determining factor. And if council isn't comfortable that the structure will be nearly invisible to the casual onlooker, they should feel no hesitation at asking AT&T to look elsewhere.

City quick on traffic concerns

Congratulations to the city for jumping right on this problem and working to get a solution.

Gridlock and traffic congestion around the Novi Expo Center during the Spring Home & Garden Show spurred a number of resident complaints last month. And Monday, at the City Council meeting, Kriewall reported he and other city representatives had met with the Oakland County Road Commission to discuss what to do for next year's show.

The city is asking the road commission to approve closing northbound Novi Road from Grand River Drive to Crescent Drive from noon to 4 p.m. during that event in an effort to better manage that traffic.

Kriewall has argued that the home show is the Expo's biggest event, so the gridlock occurs only during that time. He said he's watched traffic flows in that area during other Expo events and

isn't seeing a similar problem. The home show lasts only two days, so the proposal to close roads is only needed for a short time.

Mayor Kathy McLallen has pointed out that residents shouldn't feel they have to avoid the town center area or Novi's malls during that show. And of course she's right. So the need really is for a temporary solution for those two days to get Expo traffic in and out while letting other drivers go about their business.

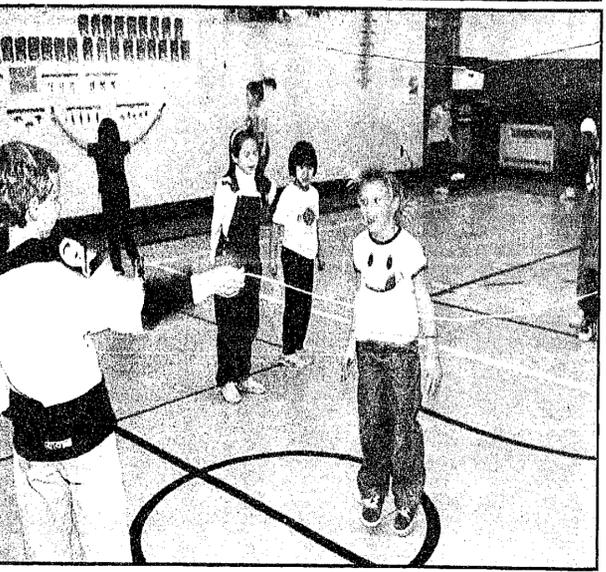
Of course, this is not a total solution. Growth in the area will spur more traffic in the future. And growth of Expo shows will spur more traffic.

But city is working on longer-term solutions.

In the meantime, it is good to see that city officials are doing their best to address these immediate concerns. They deserve credit for that.

In Focus

By John Heider



Putting their heart into it

Students jumped rope at Novi Woods Elementary School recently to raise money for the Michigan Heart Association.

Family has various stories to tell



Wendy Mitzel

As a reporter, I hate to take sides. Remaining objective is hard to do, but I strive for it as much as I can.

Which is why I was hesitant to tackle the story of Kathi Herren and her daughter. The two became caught in physical fight last summer and the result was the mother being charged and convicted of domestic violence against her daughter.

It was difficult to tackle the incident because I felt that in exploring the issue, people would think I was picking sides. The court claimed she was a mother who needed help. The mother claimed the court was out to get her.

Around the community, though, some people were taking sides. At the very least they were discussing how to discipline problem children. Or they were questioning where a parent should draw the line with physical punishment.

I realized during the several weeks I spoke to the family, the courts and reviewed documents that it wasn't a clear cut case of right and wrong.

What was surprising to me was how broad both the domestic violence law and child abuse law are. There is a lot of interpretation so you really need to trust the system to interpret them correctly. I tend to think the domestic law should apply only to adult battery situations, unless the legislature wants to address specifically parent and child or sibling against sibling. It does happen. It's just too bad the state of society has brought the issue to the court level.

Still the biggest question in my mind was if I should be giving this family any more publicity. Since the July incident happened, Kathi and Jimmy Herren have not been camera shy and even appeared on Montel William's talk show last month.

But as I spoke with them in their home, I realized that no matter whether anyone agrees with them, the story of how their lives have or haven't changed since the court trial is valid. Just like anyone else, they have a story to tell — if they want to tell it.

I think anyone who reads the articles in this week's paper will be able to see that. It's pretty evident this family is in dire need of help. It's also evident that the court system may not do the trick. Just like the Herren's said, their daughter will have to take control of her life and find her way. So will they.

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Tests are a necessary learning tool



Phil Power

The debate over our schools keeps taking fascinating twists and turns. Released last week, the results from the most comprehensive and rigorous international comparison of performance in science and math revealed that American high school seniors score

among the industrial world's worst. "This study has burst another myth," said Michigan State's William H. Schmidt, who coordinated the American part of the study. "Our best students and mathematics and science are simply not world class."

In January, the Detroit Free Press published an enormous series on the MEAP (Michigan Educational Assessment Program) tests that have become the main basis for comparing student achievement between schools. Relying on complex regression analysis, the Free Press concluded that simply comparing numerical scores between districts was inherently unfair because other factors — the number of single parent households, unemployment, students eligible for free lunch and school per pupil revenue — had a big effect on the results.

Quite possibly in response, The Detroit News last month ran its own analysis of the effects MEAP test results of per pupil spending, hiring more teachers and raising teachers' salaries. The News concluded that the relationship was "minimal," observing that school scoring "in the top half statewide on MEAP exams and HSPTs differed little from schools that scored in the lower half."

So a House Education subcommittee now holding hearings on the MEAP test has a lot to think about.

First question: Is the test as now designed a useful indicator of how our kids are doing in school?

Not entirely, says Earnest Bauer, a consultant for Oakland Schools, the county-wide intermediate service agency. There appears to be a disconnect between the scores kids actually get on the MEAP and the scores required to get a "proficient" ranking.

"The latest fourth grade reading results showed that just under 50 percent of the students were 'satisfactory,'" Bauer told the subcommittee. "Most educators and parents are amazed that the most common score in the state for those same fourth grade students on the narrative reading test is 19 out of 20 possible."

Second question: Can the tests be improved? Sure.

When the Legislature passed laws last year on the MEAP, it agreed on a bunch of bipartisan improvements. Time to take the test, for example, was cut from 505 to 370 minutes in 1998. The hated labels of results — "proficient," "novice" and "not yet novice" — will be scrapped. New labels, to be set by the State Board of Education next month, will appear on transcripts, not diplomas.

Fine tuning is required. That's why the Legislature keeps holding hearings on testing.

Third question: Other than the State Board of Education, a few in the Legislature, many school people who administer and are evaluated by test results, does anybody care?

Despite concerns about form and content, test results are turning out to be pretty good indicators of how well students per-

form in their freshman year at college, according Bauer.

Art Ellis, state superintendent of public instruction, told the State Board last year that it will take up to five years for employers and college admissions officers to ask consistently to see MEAP scores on student transcripts. That sounds about right, given how slowly employers and colleges react to change.

The main point, however, is that students are for the first time being tested to measure what they learn in school. The tests are not perfect, but they are being improved. They are setting a de facto standard of achievement that eventually will be adopted by employers and higher education institutions.

This is the way we will improve our education system. Not by a silver bullet, but row by row, classroom by classroom, school by school.

Liberals can grumble that there are lots of factors other than school effectiveness that affect MEAP scores. Conservatives can complain there doesn't seem to be much correlation between the amount spent on schools and what kids learn. Educators can pick holes at any test design.

But at the end of the day, the idea of testing kids to see what they are learning is an idea whose time has come and is becoming solidly entrenched in the realities of our schools.

That is the good news coming out of the debate over schooling in Michigan.

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@actonline.com.

Engler's next term will be great, too

To the Editor:

Phil Power's recent article titled "Engler Showing Signs of Wear" left me with, I'm sure, something of a confused facial expression. I too heard and read the governor's State of the State speech. However, unlike Mr. Power, I saw a speech full of vision and action.

I saw a Michigan in which unemployment is at a record low, crime rates have dropped for five straight years, K-12 funding is at a record high, and a record number of families have moved from a welfare check to a paycheck. The governor did an aggressive agenda for keeping Michigan on the right track: a \$3 billion income tax cut, a water needed third grade reading program, and a \$500 million investment in protecting our environment just to name a few of his initiatives.

Gov. Engler has done well for Michigan over the past seven years. I can only imagine how great a third term will be.

Matt W. Ikle

Fine education should continue

To the Editor:

We would like to express our support for the upcoming school bond proposal. Novi community schools have a wonderful tradition of excellent education. This bond proposal will ensure that these standards can continue.

We all see Novi's growth on a daily basis. There are new subdivisions popping up and traffic continues to increase. Whether we like

the changes or not, Novi is a prospering, growing community, and the current capacities of the schools, fields and facilities cannot handle the increased student population.

We have children in the schools and are involved in school activities. PTO, Parks and Recreation sports, etc., are as most families in Novi. We have spent considerable time reviewing the bond proposal and want everyone to realize that what the school board has proposed are necessities, not frills. Also, please remember that many other bonds and projects (such as roads, etc.) are City of Novi projects and are not connected to the school's needs or requests.

The district is growing by at least 250 students every year; that's over 1,000 additional students in the past five years. In the past ten years, the number of teams using the middle school and high school athletic facilities has doubled to 52 teams. In this time period, nothing substantial has changed in the quantity or quality of these fields that are so drastically over-used they can no longer be repaired or rejuvenated in time for the next game or season.

If you have children in the school district, I'm sure you have experienced tremendous problems with parking at school events and even on a daily basis with student drop-off or pick-up. This is not only inconvenient, but unsafe. You have seen the school population grow and grow and grow. You have watched the playgrounds become overwhelmed with students and the equipment being removed for safety reasons. If your children are

at the middle school or high school level, you're probably already aware of the field conditions, the unsafe bleachers, over-used fields and lack of restroom facilities.

At a recent school board meeting several high school students spoke about the conditions of the athletic fields. That night, we learned that there have been instances of opposing coaches pulling their team off our fields due to unsafe conditions and injuries. Our own teams are unable to host district games because our fields don't meet standards. Several students indicated that they spend more time dodging holes and rocks than concentrating on the sport.

If you don't have children in the school district, you may not be aware of these conditions and concerns. Please remember, though, that part of Novi's appeal is its excellent school system. We all benefit from a quality school district. Without it, our property value and the school district receive a discounted price. I'm sure that all parties exploring this idea understand that their proposal, if approved, would necessarily extend to all school districts to which Novi residents send their children. South Lyon and Walled Lake are two of the other districts involved. After all, it is our tax money that supports not only the schools, but the arena as well.

I'm all in favor of a discounted price for ice time to encourage this activity at not only a high school but possibly a junior high school level. But — if it's allowed for the Novi school district, the courtesy must be extended to the other districts our children attend.

Thank you for your input.

Discontinued ice time for all

To the Editor:

How interesting to read the article and editorial proposing the school district receive a discounted ice time. I'm sure that all parties exploring this idea understand that their proposal, if approved, would necessarily extend to all school districts to which Novi residents send their children. South Lyon and Walled Lake are two of the other districts involved. After all, it is our tax money that supports not only the schools, but the arena as well.

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Some random reflections on governor



Tim Richard

In an election year, we can expect a governor's budget to be as much a political document as a spending plan. The journalist, however, is under no obligation to make a case for or against i n c u m b e n t Republican John M. Engler. So here are some random reflections:

• Engler may indeed beat Democrat Jim Blanchard's job creation record by year's end. Blanchard boasted 600,000 new jobs during his tenure (1983-90). Engler, after seven years, boasted 550,000, and his economic outlook predicts 51,000 more jobs during calendar 1998. That would add up to 601,000 new jobs on his watch.

• Headline on Engler's news release: "FY 99 Budget Reflects Twin Goals of Tax Relief and Spending Priorities." He now counts 25 tax cuts, including some that you won't see until 1999 and one you won't see until 2000 that hasn't been enacted yet. "Tax burden continues to tumble," says the text in Chapter A.

• Meanwhile, the fine type in Chapter O gives us the other side of the coin. "Oil and gas regulatory fee increase. Wetlands permitting fee increase. Air quality fees — climate sunset. Court fee fund ... Diesel tax increase," the last with this footnote: "FY

98 initiative not yet enacted; passage built into budget assumptions for FY 99."

Sorry, there's no detail about how much new revenue he expects to collect from the fee hikes and diesel fuel tax hike. Just don't be fooled about the tax-cut talk when there are many, many fees that are still governmental revenue.

• Big winner in Engler's budget, as many media have pointed out, is the Department of Corrections, up 4.2 percent to \$1.45 billion. Prison population is 42,000, and the governor expects to expand it by 5,420, or 13 percent, in just four years.

Engler's message concentrates on locking 'em up and throwing away the key: "Now is no time to retreat. If you're serious about getting tough on violent criminals, then you'd better get serious about building the prisons to lock them away," said he.

His data: In 1989 we put away 51 percent of prisoners for violent felonies for an average of 7.2 years. Today, 60 percent are being committed for crimes of violence, and the average sentence minimum sentence is 8.1 years.

Parole is harder to get. In 1991, under the civil service parole board system, inmates had a 54 percent chance of being released after their minimum sentence. Today, their chances have shrunk to 42 percent.

I looked in vain for any mention of English as a second language (Spanish-speaking inmates need this) or more job training (it's practically non-existent). Remember, most of these guys and gals will

be back on the streets at some time, even if Engler wins a third term.

• State elected officials had little to applaud. Engler's budget proposes 0.5 percent for the executive office (his or his successor's), 0.5 for the Legislature and 0.4 for the judiciary. This is in an era where his economic forecasters see 2.3 percent inflation.

The judicial budget is particularly interesting. There are few line items. Engler is giving the judiciary a lump sum and letting the judges divvy it up. He's confident that the new local trial court system will result in efficiencies. The "user-friendly" system of creating a family division of circuit court, to replace the boundary-laden system of circuit and probate courts, is expected to save us money.

• Overall, Engler's general fund is up 18.5 percent since fiscal 1992, the first one for which he was totally responsible, to \$6.77 billion.

• Total state spending, which includes federal aid and non-discretionary funds like transportation and school aid, has soared more than 54 percent, from \$20.7 billion to \$32 billion. The transportation fund is fed by our new 4-cents-a-gallon fuel tax. The school fund is fed by our increased 6 percent sales tax.

Those tax cuts aren't all they seem, are they?

Tim Richard reports on the local implications of state and regional events. His Touch-Tone voice mail number is (734) 953-2047 ext. 1881.

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Arena is giving district best rate on ice time - Davis

Novi's new ice arena is already giving Novi schools a discount of sorts, according to Dan Davis, by offering it practice and game times during afternoon hours while charging off-primetime rates.

For the hours of 2:30 to 4:30 p.m., a Novi hockey team could practice for \$125 per hour as opposed to the \$160 charged for peak ice time, according to Davis, director of Novi Parks and Recreation and a trustee on the board of Community Clubs of Novi which sets policy for the new arena.

The Novi Board of Education will take up the issue of hockey tonight at its 7:30 meeting in the Educational Services Building on Taft Road.

The third in a series of discussions on forming a Novi High School varsity hockey team, trustees will review the costs associated with playing at the new ice arena, located off Novi Road between Nine and Ten Mile roads.

The plan calls for a 22-member varsity hockey team to play at the new Novi Ice Arena during the winter sports season. The school district would pick up all the costs, totalling approximately \$25,000, except certain hockey gear and practice ice time. In all, students would pay about \$500 out of their own pockets.

While many teens came to the board last month to express support of a team, the trustees were concerned about the cost and whether players should have to pay to play in their sport.

Some trustees suggested the arena should give the district a discount on ice time, noting that district shares district facilities such as fields and gyms with the city for recreation functions.

Any further discount would be unfair, Davis argues, unless it was also given to other school districts and other users who are Novi residents.

All those discounts might endanger the ability of the ice arena to pay off its revenue bonds at the end of the year. The \$125 rate is calculated on what ice arena management feels is necessary to meet those bond payments.

"We put together the proposal working cooperatively with (Athletic Director John) Fundukian to say this is what we think would be good for the community. This is what we can offer and still maintain the operational and the principal and interest debt payments," Davis said.

Davis said there is a big difference between this arena and the other facilities typically shared between the city and schools. That difference is that the arena was built with revenue bonds, which must be paid off by user fees. Those fees must be set at levels necessary to make the arena self-

sufficient. "We do share facilities," with the school district, Davis said. "But the difference that the revenue bond for the ice arena is not supported from general taxpayer dollars and it has to be self-sufficient from the users of the facility, that was all explained to the administration and the school board."

"Their main emphasis was that this was an arena-driven proposal to get the Novi High School hockey team into our arena," Davis said. "That's not what our desire is. Our only desire is that, if the Novi school board wants to have a hockey team as an interscholastic func-

tion, we want to offer to it the opportunity to do that. And we want to offer it the opportunity to have good practice times, which is very uncommon in the metropolitan Detroit area. Northville practices at 5 o'clock in the morning at Compuware. We don't want to see that happen."

Should there be a shortfall in what the fees charged for ice time raise, that shortfall would have to be covered by the city council out of general taxpayer dollars.

"Just for a simple number, if I come up \$20,000 short at the end of the fiscal year and I have to go to the city council, and the only way

that the council is going to make up that difference is by raising the millage rate for all the taxpayers in the city of Novi, now is that fair? If I don't use the facility, if my family doesn't skate, is it fair for me to support, no matter how minimally, that facility?"

Davis explained that ice time during peak hours, considered to be 5 to 11 p.m., will go for \$160 per hour at the new arena. Off times will be charged at the rate of \$125. The times selected for Novi High hockey practice, 2:30 to 4:30 p.m., would be considered prime time in some arenas where demand is high, he said.

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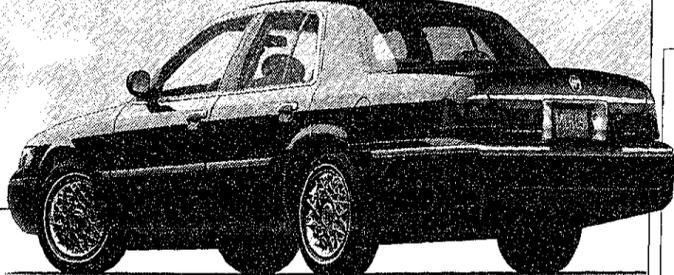
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Many cell phones now have features that make using them while on the road easier, and safer.

Phone Follies

There's a time and place to make or take a call. Do you know your cell phone etiquette?

By CAROL DIPPLE
Feature Editor

To ring or not to ring? That is the question nowadays.

Just because a cellular phone fits neatly into a pocket or purse doesn't mean it should be used any time or any place.

Etiquette has now moved from how to hold your fork and knife to when to take or make a cellular call.

"It's a pretty good subject because more and more people are beginning to use cellular phones. They are here, there and everywhere," said Cheryl Hawkins, manager of public relations for Ameritech Cellular which includes the Ameritech Cellular communication center on Grand River in Novi, one of 23 Ameritech centers in Michigan. "We encourage people to use their better judgment when using their cellular phones in various arenas."

One out of every six people now owns a cellular phone, according to Hawkins.

What is a convenience to a cellular phone user could be an annoyance to others.

"When cellular phones first came on the market they were basically used for business purpose," she said. "As they become more affordable people began using them for business and personal reasons, especially for safety. Many people say the reason they want

their phone is for emergency situations, so that they know they can be safe at all times. It remains a convenience and a helpful tool to have."

But what if you get a call or need to make a call when you are driving your car.

"Keep your mind on the drive," she said. "Driving should be the first and foremost thing on your mind."

Paul MacPherson, manager of Metro Cell at Novi and Ten Mile roads in Novi, recommends people who will be driving and talking at the same time consider using a hand-free option.

"It is the easiest way to get out of looking, dialing, and talking," MacPherson said. "Portable hands free adaptors can be plugged into the car's lighter and used like a speaker phone."

Ameritech encourages people, if you have to make the call and you are by yourself, to pull over to the side of the road. If you have a passenger in the car, let them take or make the call.

For people who are frequently on the road, there are other features which could be valuable such as voice activated dialing or program frequently called numbers into your cell phone.

"When they first get the phone they're excited and don't take the time to program their phone," Hawkins said. "Have the salesperson to walk

you through the different features on the new phone. Once they walk away from the store they will know how to use what they have available to them."

Cell phone users have to think about priorities.

"An important thing to remember is if they're in a meeting or at lunch and they are with other people," Hawkins said. "They are with those people for a reason, to have the phone ring during that time may not be considerate."

Accompanying their phone with a pager so that calls can be screened and the receiver can determine if the time is appropriate to take or return the call.

Some cellular phones have voice mail so that the call goes to the voice mail which the receiver can check periodically.

"The whole key is using your better judgment and being considerate of others around you," she said.

There are also cell phones from which you can receive a text or voice message which acts like a pager allowing the receiver to return the call when the time is more appropriate.

"Multiple wireless phones are becoming more popular," she said.

"Thirty-nine percent of cell users have more than one wireless phone in their household. The need is there, the demand is there and the usage is increasing."

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Cell Phone Etiquette

Today's technology is getting smaller and smaller, including cellular phones, enabling users to take them just about anywhere. Here are some common sense things to remember if you own a cellular phone:

- ◆ If you know you are expecting an important call, make sure your phone is easily accessible so that when the phone call comes through, it is not ringing constantly.
- ◆ Some cell phones have a vibrating feature so that no one has to hear the ringer.
- ◆ Turn the phone off before entering a

cinema, theater, concert, sporting event or any public performance.

- ◆ Turn off the phone when in a restaurant, especially during the evening. Voice mail was created for the purpose of taking a message when the receiver is unable to answer the phone.
- ◆ Turn off the phone before entering a meeting, seminar or anyplace where the ringing might be disruptive to those around you. If you are expecting an important call during a meeting, let the person conducting the meeting know and ask to be excused.

Cell Phone Safety

- ◆ When driving a car, think safety first. Pull off the road if you need to make a call. Some cellular phones have voice activated dialing and others have a speaker capability. Frequently called numbers can be programmed into some cell phones.

- ◆ Never use them on board an aircraft. The microwaves emitted by cell phones can actually disrupt aircraft operations.
- ◆ Be careful when talking about confidential information in public places. You never know who might overhear.

customers in this region, which includes Michigan, Ohio, Illinois, Indiana and Missouri, according to Hawkins.

When you're deciding on which

phone and options you need, it's important to remember when and where you'll be using the phone the most. Think about what features would be best for you.

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Which of the 273 eligible movies will win "Best Picture of the Year" according to the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences? You'll have to wait until the 70th Academy Awards is televised on March 23.

But in the meantime, if you had a chance to decide which movie of 1997 was a cut above the rest or which actor or actress gave an outstanding performance, how would you vote?

Now's your chance. Fill out the following People's Choice Academy Awards ballot and return it to *The Novi News/Northville Record*, 104 W. Main Street, Northville, MI 48167. All ballots must be received by Feb. 27.

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Engagements



Chris Marando/Noreen Lyall

Glen and JoAnn Lyall of Brighton announce the engagement of their daughter, Noreen, to Chris Marando, the son of Frank and Dolores Marando of Mt. Lebanon, Pa.

The bride-elect is a 1990 graduate of Northville High School and a 1994 graduate of Alma College, where she received a bachelor of arts degree in business and

English. She is currently employed as a consultant with James Martin & Co.

The groom-elect is a 1995 graduate of the University of Notre Dame, with a bachelor of science degree in chemical engineering. He is employed as a consultant with Andersen Consulting.

An October wedding will take place in Novi.



Christopher Pagel/Kimberly Kinsella

The parents of Kimberly Kinsella and Christopher Pagel announce their engagement.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Leo and Pamela Kinsella of Northville and a 1987 graduate of Novi High School. She received her bachelor of arts degree from Central Michigan University and her master's degree from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. Kimberly is currently employed as a speech/language pathologist at

Special Tree NeuroCare Center.

The groom-elect is the son of Marley Gannon Pagel and Jerry Pagel, both of Manchester. He is a 1987 graduate of Manchester High School and studied computer science at Central Michigan University. Chris is employed as co-owner of Tiger Digital Communications in Columbus, Ohio.

The couple met while students at Central Michigan University. A June wedding is planned.

Anniversary



Paul and Zella Daugherty

Paul and Zella Daugherty celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary in Hutchinson Island, Fla., at a party given by their daughter and son-in-law, Cathy and Michael

Reilly of Novi. Paul and Zella were married on March 8, 1958, in Feridale. They have been Novi residents for 22 years.

Seniors keep up with current events

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Mari Fishman, Ph.D., is also a psychologist. She works at the Northwestern Community Services where she deals with children and parents.

The cost of the workshop is \$30 and includes *Growing Through Divorce* by Jim Smoke, notebook, refreshments and child care. Make child care arrangements two days prior to each workshop.

For scholarship details call Jim Russell or for additional information, call the Northville First Presbyterian Church at (248) 349-0911.

The next Divorce Recovery Workshop has been scheduled for May 14 through June 25.

Judy Hennells is in charge of the monthly birthday cake.

Another program that is increasing in popularity with the residents is the monthly Crunchy Toast and Coffee, and perhaps the reason is the Cub Scouts who come and help. They include Kyle Storey, Hans Dietrich, Steven Jeffrey, Josh DeCrescentis, Joe Eichholz, and Jacob Huntley. Ron Curtis is the leader and also helping are the following mothers: Susan Storey, Debbie Jeffrey, Beth Hamley, Debbie Eichholtz, and Cheryl Kehres-Dietrich. The Cubs are a part of Pack No. 712, Bear Den No. 2, Silver Springs.

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

Pet of the Week



Meriah needs a special home

Meriah, a two and a half year old female white Labrador Shepherd mix, is the featured pet of the week.

When Meriah was rescued from a life of being tied up outside she was severely infested with fleas. She is housebroken and crate trained. The 45-50 pound Meriah is very playful. She seems to prefer women over men but that could be an adjustment period. She needs to be crated when left alone.

Also available for adoption this weekend will be Husky mix puppies and Doberman and lab mix puppies. Older dogs will include a one year old female Labrador mix, a 7-10 pound Chihuahua mix, and a two and half year old female Terrier Shepherd mix.

These and a variety of other dogs which the group has rescued will be shown by the Critter Connection at the Pet Supplies Plus store at 42660 Ten Mile Road in Novi on Saturday, March 7, and at Pet Pouch Pets & Supplies, 37592 West Twelve Mile near Halstead in Farmington Hills from 11:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m.

Adoption fees are \$125 for puppies and \$100 for adult dogs

which includes shots, neutering, worming and heartworm check. The fee is refundable if for some reason the adoption does not work out and the dog needs to be returned to Critter Connection.

For more information, call (313) 563-1823 or (248) 855-4136.

Church Notes

FOREST PARK BAPTIST CHURCH, 26805 Farmington Road, presents the Howard Payne University Players' Theater in the Square (Dinner Too!) on Monday and Tuesday, March 9 and 10, at 7 p.m.

Dinner and admission are free. A donation of \$1 is requested. For reservations, call (248) 476-0080.

Lenten Worship opportunities at **NOVI UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**, 31671 West Ten Mile Road in Novi, continue with Church Family Night Lenten Series Sunday Soup Suppers at 5:30 p.m. followed by a Lenten program at 8:15 p.m. On March 8, the Christian quartet from the First United Methodist Church in South Lyon, "Sings of Faith," will bring a variety of accompanying instruments such as guitars, electric bass, banjo, mandolin and hammered dulcimer for their performance. The Novi High School Jazz Band, under the direction of Scott Boerna, will perform on March 15.

For the youngsters, a 30-minute video on The Veggie Tales will be shown every week.

The Sunday Lenten Worship service topic will be "Lent Two: Fear & Courage" on March 8 at 10:30 a.m.

For more information, call (248) 349-2652.

CHURCH OF HOLY CROSS EPISCOPAL, 46200 West Ten Mile in Novi, continues its Lenten program with "The Last Words of the

Resurrected Christ" on Wednesdays, March 11, 18, 25 and April 1, at 7:30 p.m. at Holy Cross and on Sundays, March 8, 15, 22 and 29, at 7 p.m. at St. Anne's, which is located at 430 Nicolet in Walled Lake.

Botsford's Pathways to Parenting, New Mothers Club meets on the first Wednesday of the month at Holy Cross from 12:30 until 2 p.m. For details on the parenting group, call Botsford General Hospital at (248) 477 6160.

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

On Sunday, worship and church school are held at 9:30 and 11 a.m. at the **NORTHVILLE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**, 200 East Main Street. Child care is available at both services.

The Fine Arts Series continues with "Measure for Measure," the 80-voice men's chorus from Eastern Michigan University, on Sunday, March 8.

The Youth Logos Program meets on Wednesday at 4:15 p.m. for children in grades 1-5 and at 5 p.m. for middle school and senior high school students.

The Singles Place Ministry meets on Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

For more information, contact Rev. W. Kent Clise, senior pastor, or Rev. James P. Russell, associate pastor, at (248) 349-0911.

CHURCH OF TODAY, WEST is moving to Meadowbrook Elementary School, 29200 Meadowbrook Road in Walled Lake.

Sunday services are now being held at the new location and will remain at 9 and 11 a.m. The six-week series "What's Jesus Got to Do With It?" continues through March 29.

The church will have a First Anniversary and Relocation Party from 12:30 until 1:30 p.m. The community is invited to attend this potluck luncheon. Visitors should enter off Meadowbrook just south of Thirteen Mile Road.

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

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE, 777 West Eight Mile in Northville, has worship services on Sundays at 8, 9:15 and 11 a.m.

Sunday Lenten Seminars include "Sharing Our Stories" with Dr. Wesley Brun on March 8, "Learning About Sorrow in Scripture" with Rev. Marsha Wooley on March 15, "Loss From a Personal and Professional Perspective" with Dr. Bill Ritter on March 22, and "A Service of Healing" led by the church's pastors and Stephen Ministry leaders on March 29.

All seminars are at 6 p.m., except for March 29 when it will be held at 7:30 p.m.

For more information, call (248) 349-1144.

Looking for bargains? Be sure to check out the finds in the classifieds section of the Green Sheet.

Singles workshop to address starting over

If you're recently divorced or separated you may think the worst is behind you. But the immediate future has challenges of its own which can be a little overwhelming.

Single Place Ministry is presenting "Starting Over Single," a divorce recovery workshop on seven Thursday evenings March 12 through April 30 from 7 until 9 p.m. in the library/lounge of the

First Presbyterian Church of Northville, 200 East Main Street in Northville.

Topics to be covered include "Networking" with Jim Russell on March 12; "Stages of Grief" with Dick Todd on March 19; "Legal Aspects of Divorce" with Dave

Jerome on March 26; "Helping Children through Divorce" with Mari Fishman on April 2; a panel discussion on "Passage of Divorce" on April 16; "Church and Divorce: Spiritual Help and Forgiveness" with W. Kent Clise on April 23; and "Relationships Old and New" with Lynn Vaughn on April 30.

Workshop leaders have many years and a variety of professional experience between them.

Dr. Dick Todd is a clinical psychologist and a United Methodist minister and frequently speaks as single ministry functions throughout the Detroit area.

David Jerome is an attorney in Northville who has given a great

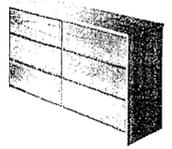
deal of support to the Divorce Recovery Program at the church.

Jim Russell has been a strong advocate for singles ministry and is one of the leaders in the Starting Over Single program. He has been a pastor for 25 years and is associate pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Northville.

W. Kent Clise is the senior pastor at the church and is also highly committed to its single ministry program.

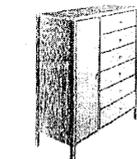
Lynn Vaughn, Ph.D. has been a practicing psychologist in Livonia for over 13 years. She specializes in working with individuals in transition and children. She is divorced and has a son who is 20.

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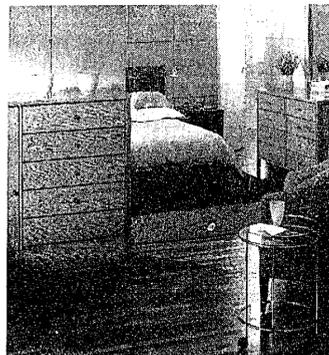
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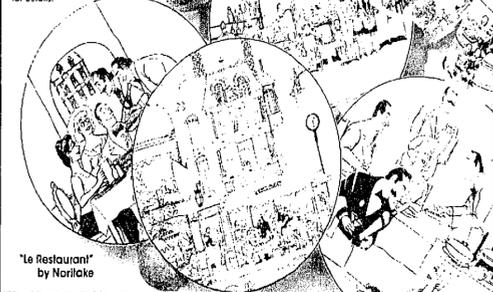
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Fleming has a degree in Culinary Arts and is currently employed with Schoolcraft College as the marketing and retail technician of the Professors Pantry. The Professors Pantry provides an outlet for the general public, college staff and its employees to purchase products produced by the students of the Culinary Arts Program. Fleming works daily with the five Master Chefs on staff, students, college staff and general public. During the summer of 1997, Fleming worked at the Oakland Hills Country Club and for two summers worked at The Farm Restaurant in Port Austin, which is owned by CMC Jeffrey Gabriel.

The cost for the two cooking classes is \$30 prepaid.

The class on March 22 will be an instructional non-hands on type evening called "All Salads are not Green" and will also cover hors d'oeuvres.

The second class will include instruction, menu planning, and cooking techniques explained and demonstrated by Fleming and will include hands-on cooking. At the end of the class everyone will sit down together and enjoy the beautiful dinner they have just prepared called "An Easter Buffet for Friends or Family."

For more information on the cooking classes which are sponsored by Single Place Ministries, call the First Presbyterian Church of Northville at (248) 349-0911. To register, send a check or money order payable to the church to 200 East Main Street, Northville, MI 48167-1679.

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AUDITIONS

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 Kopertik, 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.

AUTHENTIC BRITISH BRASS BAND: The Motor City Brass Band is conducting interviews for percussion and BB flat tuba (treble clef) musicians. Rehearsals are held Mondays from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. with engagements usually twice a month on weekends or in the evening. New members are welcome.

For more information or to schedule an audition, call founder John Aren at (248) 349-0376. The home page is: <http://members.aol.com/mcb-band/mcbb.html>.

SPECIAL EVENTS

ROSE PHOTOGRAPHY: The Roses-West Rose Society will meet on Thursday, March 5, from 7:30 until 9:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 West Ten Mile Road in Novi.

The topic will be "Rose Photography" with Dick Schmidt of English Gardens Nursery. Handouts and social hour. Guests are welcome. For more information, call (248) 347-0400.

MEASURE FOR MEASURE: The Fine Arts Series continues at First Presbyterian Church of Northville when "Measure for Measure: A Men's Choral Society" performs on Sunday, March 8, at 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$6 for seniors and students and \$25 for families. The First Presbyterian Church of Northville is located at 200 East Main Street in Northville. For more information, call (248) 349-0911.

OLIVER: The Novi Theatres' present Lionel Bart's "Oliver" (the musical) on Friday and Saturday, March 13 and 14, at 8 p.m. and on Sunday, March 15, at 2 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center Stage, 45175 West Ten Mile Road in Novi.

All seats are reserved. For ticket information, call (248) 347-0400.

BARNES & NOBLE: Upcoming events include The Science Fiction Book Club which will discuss "Star Wars, Dark Force Rising" by Timothy Zahn on Monday, March 9, at 7:30 p.m.; Amy C. Laundrie, author of The Kayla Montgomery Mystery Series for 12- to 18-year-old horse lovers on Friday, March 13, at 7:30 p.m.; and Zonya Foco, RD author of "Lucky-Split Meals for Health Conscious People on the Go" on Thursday, March 19, at 7:30 p.m. Weekly story times for children are on Tuesday at 11 a.m. and Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Barnes & Noble is located at Six Mile and Haggerty roads in Northville. For details, call (248) 348-0696.

BORDERS BOOKS: The author of the 1998 Newbery Honor will speak with local youngsters about "Lily's Crossing" on Wednesday, March 18, at 7 p.m. at the Novi store. Patricia Reilly Giff's newest book is a tenderly crafted tale set during WWII in Africa.

Other upcoming events include The Farm Lady, Margaret Schmidt on Thursday, April 23; Mrs. Frizzle catches the wave with an interactive performance of sound on Saturday, April 25; Dinetek brings dinosaurs to life with real fossils and a multimedia display on Sunday, April 26; and Stellar "Stellaluna" Storytime when The Organization for Bat Conservation visits with a live version of the bat Stellaluna on Tuesday, April 28.

The Novi store is located at 43075 Crescent Boulevard in Novi. For more information, call Bor-

ders at (248) 347-0780.

PERFORMER'S SHOWCASE: The public is invited to attend the Performer's Showcase performances, held prior to select Novi City Council meetings in the Novi Civic Center at 7:30 p.m. On occasion, performances may be taped by Time Warner and cablecast to residents.

Musicians, actors, poets and dancers are invited to submit application forms and audition tapes, if available, to the Novi Arts Council. For details, contact the arts council at 347-0400.

CARRIAGE RIDES: Northville Carriage Co. offers carriage rides throughout the year and packages for holidays and special occasions. For more information or reservations, call Northville Carriage Co. at 380-3961.

THEATER

MARQUIS THEATRE: To celebrate the upcoming spring season, the Marquis Theatre will present a musical adaptation of "Charlotte's Web" live on stage March 7 through April 26.

"Charlotte's Web" is the tale of a little girl named Fern, her pig Wilbur, and Charlotte the spider who weaves their lives together with lasting friendship and love.

Performance dates are Saturdays and Sundays, March 7, 8, 14, 15, 21, 22, 28, 29, April 4, 5, 18, 19, 25 and 26. During spring break, performances will be held on April 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17. All shows are at 2:30 p.m.

No children under the age of three will be permitted.

The Marquis Theatre is located at 135 E. Main Street in Northville. Tickets are \$65. Special group rates and times are available. For details, call (248) 349-8110.

GENITTI'S: The interactive comedy dinner theater now through April at Genitti's Hole-in-the-Wall is "Trial by Error".

Audience members may not find themselves called for duty if the jury box is full, but there are always other jobs available as, say, the defendant.

Soupy Sales has been booked for March 13 and 14.

All dinner theater presentations include the restaurant's famous seven-course, family-style Italian dinner.

For the kids there's the mini luncheon and show Beanie Baby Capers on Feb. 28, March 7, 14, April 18 and 25.

Genitti's is located at 108 E. Main Street in Northville. For reservations or more information, call (248) 349-0522.

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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. Call (248) 305-5856.

LIBRARY SPORTS PUB AND GRILL: The Library Sports Pub and Grill is located at 42100 Grand River Avenue in Novi. Call 349-9110.

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STARTING GATE: The Starting Gate Salon 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.

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

JAZZ NIGHT: DePalma's Dining and Cocktails, 31735 Plymouth Road in Livonia, offers live entertainment. Larry Nozoro and Friends perform intimate jazz from 8 to 11 p.m. on Mondays.

formers. Guest singers are welcome. Strolling musicians David and Francesco entertain diners on the sidewalk, mandolin and guitar from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. Thursdays. On Friday and Saturday Ron DePalma performs. For details, call (313) 261-2430.

Hennessey's Pub: Tommy D Band will perform on Friday and Saturday, March 27 and 28. Hennessey's is located at 49110 Grand River in Wixom. Call (248) 348-4404.

ART

DANCING EYE GALLERY: The gallery is located at 101 N. Center at Main. Call (248) 449-7086.

GATE VI GALLERY: An exhibit of nature and animal photography by Novi resident Craig Thompson runs through mid-March. 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 Main Street 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. 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 Sunday. For details, call 349-4131.

BACKDOOR GALLERY: Farmington's Backdoor Gallery, 37220 Eight Mile Road, specializes in unusual art dolls. The gallery is in the home of co-owner Kathy Landers. She and the other owners, Kathleen Bricker, are both artists. Gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays, and by appointment. Call (248) 474-8306.

PAINTER'S PLACE: Owned by Caroline Dunphy, Painter's Place, located at 140 N. Center Street in downtown Northville, is featuring original paintings done on site and from sketches of watercolors of European gardens, primarily the garden and water lily pond of Monet, as well as street scenes of European cities, while the Dunphy was visiting the world-famous gardens.

Gallery hours are Tuesday through Thursday from noon until 4 p.m. or by appointment. Call (248) 348-9544.

MUSEUMS

MOTORSPORTS: The Motorsports Museum and Hall of Fame features 75 racing vehicles of all types, covering a 90-year time span. Highlights include a 1965 Novi Indy Special, 1960 Miss US unlimited hydroplane, racing motorcycles, Indy cars, stock cars, sports cars and drag racers. The museum is located in the Novi Expo Center. Admission is \$4, \$2 for seniors and children. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Call 349-9110.

NEARBY

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB: J.R. Remick will perform at Joey's Comedy Club located in Kicker's at Plymouth Road east of Livonia Thursday through Saturday, March 5, 6 and 7. Showtimes are 8 p.m. on Thursday and 8 and 10:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday.

Remick has over 100 different character voices and impressions, and has performed roles in dozens of radio and television commercials. He has opened for Tim Allen, Jeff Foxworthy, Judy Tenuta and Reo Speedwagon. Call (313) 261-0555.

MOON OVER BUFFALO: The Schoolcraft College Theatre Department will present the hysterical farce "Moon over Buffalo" by

Ken Ludwig on Fridays and Saturdays, March 20, 21, 27 and 28 with dinner at 6:30 p.m., followed by the show at 8 p.m. Tickets for the dinner/theater are \$19 per person.

Theater only performances will be held on Friday and Saturday, April 3 and 4, at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$8 per person.

Schoolcraft is located at 18600 Haggerty Road between Six and Seven Mile roads, just west of I-275.

Tickets may be ordered from the college's bookstore at (313) 462-4409.

CLASSICS ON THE LAKE: Mexican pianist Myrthala Salazar will play "Gavotte" and "Mexican Bolero" by Manuel Ponce; "Ballade in G minor, Opus 23" by Fryderyk Chopin; "La Danza" and "Mephisto Waltz" by Franz Liszt and "Sonata No. 3, Opus 5 in F minor" by Johannes Brahms on Sunday, March 15.

The concert begins at 4 p.m. in the shrine chapel at Saint Mary's College campus at Orchard Lake and Commerce roads. Tickets are \$12 and \$20. Classics on the Lake concludes on Sunday, April 5, with "Two Flutes and a Piano" featuring flutists Ervin Monroe and Alexander Zanjic and guest Dave Wagner. Call (248) 683-1750.

POLISH DANCING: The 18th Annual Extravaganza Dance Recital featuring the Polish Centennial Dancers and the Radomian Polish Folk Dance Ensemble will perform on Sunday, March 29, at 2 p.m. at Clarencetown High School located on Middlebelt Road between Seven and Eight Mile roads. The Emil Zapalski Band will entertain during the Afterglow which will be held following the performance in the school cafeteria.

Tickets are \$6 in advance and \$7 at the door. For ticket information, call (734) 453-7161.

AROUND THE HOUSE: Trinity House announces the premier of "Around the House," featuring a variety of acts including comedy, dance, stand up, alternative to folk music, drama, storytelling and multimedia performance in a cabaret-style environment on March 6, 7, 13 and 14 at 8 p.m.

Gourmet coffees and homemade baked goods will be available. Visual art will be displayed on the walls and the furniture, as local artists change average tables into works of art for this event. Tickets are \$7.

Trinity House Theatre is located on the northwest corner of Six Mile Road and I-275 in Livonia. For reservations or more information, please call (313) 464-6302.

WOMEN TOGETHER: A day-long workshop focusing on education, empowerment and networking for women will be held at the Oakland Community College Highland Lakes Campus Student Center Arena, 7350 Cooley Lake Road in Waterford on March 28. Registration must be received by March 23.

The cost is \$35 and includes lunch. For details, call (248) 360-3186.

FUN RUN AND PANCAKE BREAKFAST: St. Mary Hospital and the Livonia Family YMCA will present the annual St. Pat's Fun Run and Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, March 14, at the Livonia YMCA, 14255 Stark Road. A one-mile begins at 9:30 a.m., a 3-mile at 8:30 a.m. and a 5 mile at 9:15 a.m. Entry fee is \$17. Preregistered runners are guaranteed a long sleeve T-shirt and breakfast - all the pancakes you can eat - plus sausage, juice and coffee. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. at Forst Middle School next to the YMCA. Non-runners are welcome. For details or a registration form call (734) 261-2161 ext. 314.

TOYS: The Plymouth Historical Museum has a special exhibit relating to the history of toys and other childhood memories, including antique dolls, teddy bears, pushing and pull toys, trains and rickshaws.

The museum is located at 155 South Main Street in Plymouth. Hours are Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday from 1-4 p.m. and Sunday from 2-5 p.m.

Admission is \$2 for adults and 50 cents for students ages 5 to 17. Children under 5 are admitted free. The family rate is \$5.

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Movies

Paul Newman heads cast in 'Twilight'

Paramount Pictures' "Twilight" starring Paul Newman, Susan Sarandon, Gene Hackman, Stockard Channing and James Garner, paints a portrait of present-day Los Angeles infused with blackmail, murder, sexuality, moral excess and the memorable characters that cloud its landscape.

In this witty and suspenseful drama, Harry Ross (Paul Newman), a retired shopworn Los Angeles private investigator, agrees to help long time friends, former screen legend Jack Ames (Gene Hackman) and his wife Catherine (Susan Sarandon), with favor and rapidly becomes enmeshed in the center of a dangerous and complex murder mystery.

"Twilight" reunites Academy Award winner Paul Newman with director/screenwriter Robert Benton, producers Arlene Donoyan and Scott Rudin, executive producer Michael Hausman and co-screenwriter Richard Russo with whom he previously worked on "Nobody's Fool."

"I liked working with Richard Russo during the making of 'Nobody's Fool,' and mentioned if he got the job to write a screenplay, I'd like to collaborate," says Benton. "Richard told me he wanted to do a private eye movie. In fact, I had shot a movie here about 20 years ago called 'The Late Show' with Art Carney and Lily Tomlin and it had been a particularly enjoyable experience for me. We knew right away we wanted to write for Paul."

Still, Benton continues to be fascinated by detective stories. "The private eye is kind of a romantic urban hero. He is caught between cynicism and idealism and by tradition, he's a complicated figure and that has always interested me."

The real story of the movie is the unraveling of peoples lives...how rich and complicated life gets. It's so beautiful here (in Los Angeles) and these are very extraordinary, beautiful people. Their sense of privilege, beauty, wealth and intelligence is such a part of their lives that they take it for granted. It's a gift given to them, it becomes like breathing for them. It must be deeply agonizing when you come to the end of the run after things have always gone right for you," notes Benton. "Within this movie there are all kinds of layers of love stories and things that happen in a mystery. And I think they mystery unfolds out of character in this, not from a set of traditional clues."

Newman concurs with Benton. "The film is nostalgic and bitter-sweet. It's really about gains and losses...what people gain in terms of their own insight. What they begin to lose to other people in terms of their own personality.



Harry Ross (Paul Newman) and Catherine Ames (Susan Sarandon) share an intimate moment in "Twilight."

Dreyfuss disappointing in 'Tribe'

By Kasey Evely
MOVIE PAGE EDITOR

Somewhere in the transition from Mr. Holland to Professor Kruppendorf, something went ridiculously awry. Laced with sexual quips and saucy innuendoes, the movie may be about a family, but certainly isn't for it.

Richard Dreyfuss ("Always," "Mr. Holland's Opus") tackles his second teacher role in Touchstone Pictures' latest comedy flick "Krippendorf's Tribe."

A stark contrast to his earlier role as dynamic high school music teacher Glen Holland in "Mr. Holland's Opus," Dreyfuss' new role as anthropology professor James Kruppendorf really doesn't

teach his students much of anything—except maybe how to make a dishonest buck.

In the movie, Dreyfuss is given a \$100,000 grant to take himself and his family to New Guinea in search of a lost tribe.

Sometime later he returns to the states without the wife, who has died, and without a lost tribe to report on. He spends what remaining grant money is left to support his three children.

Krippendorf's colleague Veronica (Jenny Elfman), shows up at his door to remind him that his presentation on the lost tribe is that evening.

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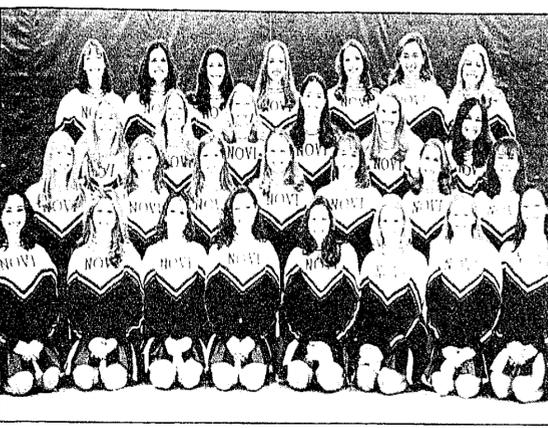
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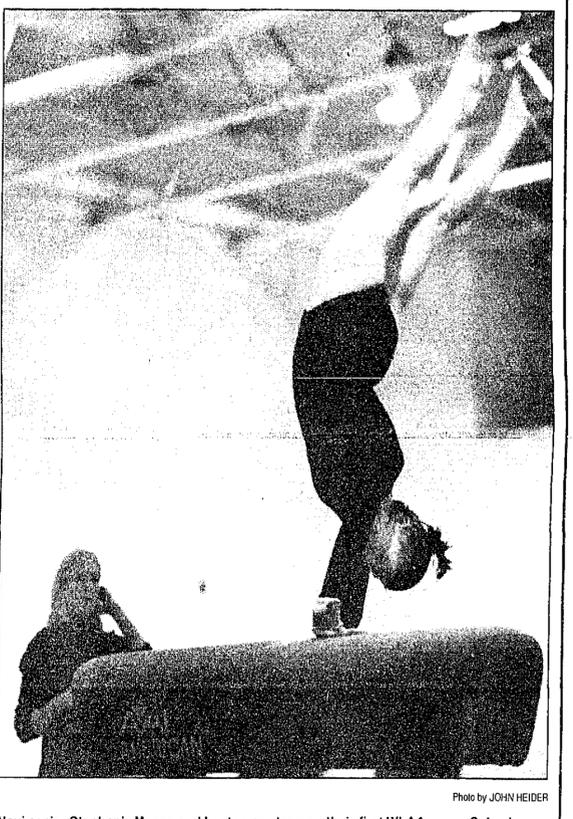
The 1998 Novi Varsity pom squad won the state championship Sunday afternoon.

Back at the top Pom pon team wins state championship

Once again, the Novi varsity pom squad showed off the fruits of its hard labor by winning its second state championship in three years Sunday afternoon at Grand Valley State University.

Gymnasts win first WLAA championship

The proverbial bump in the road has been removed as the Northville/Novi gymnastics team cruised to its first Western Lakes Activities Association (WLAA) championship ever last Thursday at Canton.



Novi senior Stephanie Manza and her teammates won their first WLAA crown Saturday.

Cagers knock Henson, Bulldogs out of KVC race

The Novi basketball team pulled off perhaps the biggest upset of the Kensington Valley Conference season when it topped Drew Henson and his Brighton squad 67-58 in the regular-season finale at Novi High School Friday night.



Guard Larry Drury (f) scored 25 points and hit 9 of 12 free throws in a win over Brighton.



Nate Plecha (top) advanced to the state meet at 189 pounds after placing second at the regional tournament at Bedford.

Cheer team finishes 2nd at regional

Novi's plans for a repeat trip to the Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) Competitive Cheer Tournament were spoiled last weekend when Brighton held off the 'Cats at regionals and earned its own spot at the finals Saturday in Grandville.

The Bulldogs totaled 660 points while Novi amassed 630 as runner-ups. South Lyon was third with 612 points.

Brighton was the favorite coming into the regional, which Novi won last year en route to an eighth-place finish at the state finals.

"Once again, I started four sophomores, two seniors and the rest juniors, so it's been huge

what they've been able to accomplish," said coach Amy Zyczynski. "I told the girls to look how far they've come this year. We started out as a bunch of girls from different areas, but these girls have really pulled themselves together."

Zyczynski said her team really improved in the stunt round this year. Novi scored 240, just behind Brighton (243).

"In the past that's always been our weakest round," the coach added.

Only one team advances from Novi's regional, and the Wildcats will not compete in the Michigan Cheerleading Coaches Association (MCCA) meet this year due to pressure from

the MHSAA.

Last year Novi finished sixth in the state at the MCCA meet, but the MHSAA has suggested that teams not compete in both this year.

"In the years to come more will be made of this decision," Zyczynski said.

Novi returns everyone except senior captains Erin Parker and LaChelle Mound next season, something that has the coach excited.

"We had a great team this year, but now that all these girls have floor experience, it should be real exciting," she said. "The girls had a wonderful season this year and they all worked so hard."

Jilg, three others advance to state wrestling tourney

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

Dan Jilg won a regional championship and three other Wildcats advanced to the individual state wrestling tournament after finishing in the top four at Temperance-Bedford this past weekend.

Seniors Mark Churella, Andy Kalk and Nate Plecha all advanced to compete in Battle Creek March 13-14. Jon Talbot and Brett Faulkner missed qualifying at 215 and heavyweight.

"I wanted all the kids to go, obviously, but Jon was a senior so I was sorry to see him lose," coach Brad Huss said. "With these four we could definitely be looking at four state placers and that hasn't happened at Novi in a long time."

Jilg will be one of the favorites for the state title after knocking off the last year's state runner-up in the regional championship. The sophomore beat Stevenson's Katsuhiko Sueda 4-3 in overtime in the finals.

"He's very, very strong and has quickness," his coach said. "He's going to take you down and ride you for back points. I've yet to see a kid at 112 that can match his strength."

Jilg finished eighth at 103 at last year's state meet, something he can build on this year.

"To be a regional champ is really special," Huss said. "If he wrestles again like he did this weekend, it's going to be an exciting weekend at states."

Plecha finished runner-up at 189 after losing to Teona Wilson of Plymouth Salem in the finals. Plecha lopped Joel Nagle of Flat Rock in the first round and John Ashiere of Detroit Catholic Central in the semifinals.

Churella was third at 140 after finishing 3-1 on the day. The senior topped Edsel Ford in the first round before falling to Temperance-Bedford 9-6 in the second round. He fought back to beat Wyandotte-Rosevelt's Scott Martin to set up a 10-0 win over Brandon Willich of Woodhaven in the consolation finals.

Joining those three will be one of Novi's hottest wrestlers, Kalk. The senior finished 2-2 for the day, but finished fourth to advance.

"Here's a kid that has improved so much over his four years," Huss said. "He's someone that, we as coaches, like to point out to the younger kids to show them that they don't have to be a Danny Jilg to get to the state tournament."

Kalk beat Jason Flatt of Southgate Anderson before losing to Brian Hinzman of Garden City 9-6 in the second round. He came back and beat Keith Gallardo to get to the consolation finals. He then fell to Jeff Hooper of Temperance-Bedford.

Faulkner finished 1-2 with a win over Sentt Monroe of Southgate Anderson. He was knocked out of the draw with a loss to William Lantime of Wayne Memorial.

Talbot lost two quick matches, but finished the season with a district championship and a 35-5 record.

"He really put a lot of pressure on himself," Huss said. "He has been one of our leaders this entire season and he's got a lot to be proud of."

"As a team, we have nothing to be ashamed of. We had a great season and now we have four kids going on to states."

NOVI ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Dan Lynch—Senior



The senior swimmer helped the 'Cats to the Swartz Creek championship last weekend. Lynch won three events and helped the 200 freestyle relay team set a pool record. Lynch has now qualified for three individual events and is on three relays that have qualified for the state meet next weekend.

Stacey Williamson—Senior



Williamson and her Northville/Novi teammates crushed the field at the Western Lakes meet and won their first coherency gymnastics championship. The senior finished fifth overall after scoring a 9.15 on the bars and seventh with an 8.75 on the beam. Williamson and her teammates are off to regional competition this week.

Relay teams qualify for states

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

The Novi 200 medley relay team had already broken the varsity record twice, but had yet to qualify for the state meet when it stepped up to the platform for the third time Monday night.

So instead of showing the fatigue it should have, Mike Kurttil, Dan Lynch, Jack Fischer and Jason LeRoy went out and broke the varsity record in a state-qualifying time of 1:43.13.

Coach Bill McCord took 15 kids to Royal Oak Deodoro High School to compete at the Second Shave meet, and the coach was pleased with his choice to do so.

"It was definitely a big goal of ours to get all three relays in," McCord said. "At the beginning of the season I thought the 200 medley team wouldn't get a state cut, but the further we went along, the more realistic it became."

The 200 freestyle relay team of Kurttil, John Jones, Lynch and LeRoy also qualified, but this time in their first attempt. The team swam a 1:31.94.

After the medley relay team wore themselves out, Lynch decided to enter himself in the 100 breaststroke. The senior captain got his state cut in an event he's only swam twice this season. He swam a time of 1:02.20.

NOVI WINS AT SWARTZ CREEK
The Wildcats do not compete in a swimming conference, so this is a

meet McCord said the team looks forward to each year.

Novi swam away with the championship, accumulating 414 points. Flint Powers was second with 235 points.

"For us it's our championship meet," the coach said. "This is what we aim for every year."

McCord's third relay team, the 400 freestyle relay team of Lynch, Bill Benton, LeRoy and Kurttil, made the state cut in a time of 3:22.39.

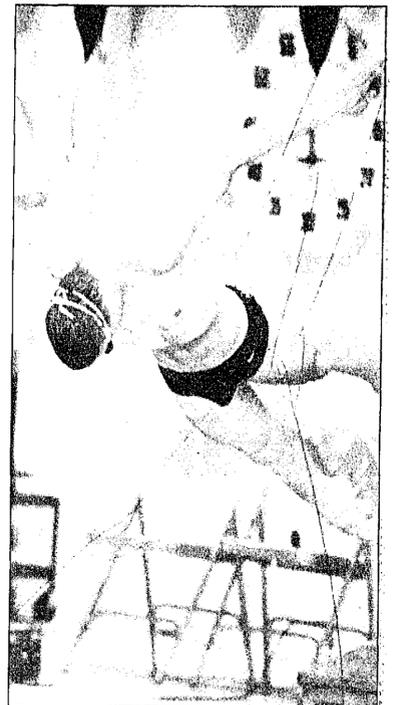
Other winners for Novi included Lynch in the 200 freestyle (1:48.96) and 500 freestyle (4:54.19), Kurttil in the 200 individual medley (2:07.71), LeRoy in the 50 freestyle (22.49), Mike Albery in diving (411.65), Dave Tardella in the 100 breaststroke (1:07.30) and the 200 freestyle relay team of Lynch, Fischer, Jones and LeRoy. Their time of 1:32.19 set a new pool record at Deodoro.

LeRoy's time in the 50 freestyle was his state cut and Albery set a school record for an 11-dive meet.

Benton was second in the 500 freestyle, as was Kurttil in the 100 backstroke and Matt Lafferty in the 100 breaststroke.

Jason Zanca was third in diving and Lafferty was third in the 200 individual medley.

Along with all three relay teams and LeRoy in the 50 freestyle, Lynch has qualified in the 200 and 500 freestyles and 100 breaststroke for the state meet March 13-14 at Eastern Michigan University.



Mike Kurttil and his 200 medley relay are off to states.

Expo hosts golf show

With El Nino providing southeastern Michigan with a better-than-expected winter season this year, golf fans have been seen on area courses trying to get a round or two in before March.

For those who have waited to step out on the course, the sixth annual Michigan Golf Show will again take place at the Novi Expo Center, offering enthusiasts an opportunity to experience the most comprehensive golf show in the country.

The show will hit the Expo Center Friday beginning with Stretching Exercises with Mark Dolence at 5:30 p.m. and will conclude with tips on *Improving Your Game*, *Improving Your Health* by Terry Corbett at 4:30 Sunday.

The show will also include golf clinics for women and children, specialty shops, resort and vacation areas, private clubs and golf collectibles.

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Health Column

Get the most out of summer



Chris Klebba

A couple of 50 degree days, seeing the sun again, hearing the birds and suddenly we begin to feel the urge to move again.

With about 15 days before the first day of spring, many of us are thinking about putting on our summer clothes and getting back to our favorite fair weather activities - golf, baseball, bicycling, swimming, etc.

This reaction usually triggers one of two responses. I better get in shape now. The crash diets begin and the workouts kick into high gear, or we jump into activity full speed after being basically inactive over the last 3-4 months.

Now is the time to prepare. The following hints will help you stay injury free and get the most out of our short Michigan summers:

- Set realistic goals for appearance improvements. Don't try to change what might have taken months or years to establish all in 30 days. There are no healthy short-cuts. Goals are all individual, but in general, we use about 3 to 6 percent body fat reduction and a 2- to 4-pound gain in muscle over a 12-week period as a guideline.

- Begin a cardiovascular conditioning program, there is nothing worse than finding yourself out of breath after walking the first hole or two on the golf course, or after throwing the baseball with your child. As one client stated, "I hate having to quite playing tennis so early." Don't have your cardiovascular fitness force you to quit an activity before your desire does. Cardiovascular conditioning is involved with most summer activities, as well as critical in lowering your risk for heart problems. Pick

an activity that is continuous, rhythmic, easily accessible, safe and low impact. The activity you choose should be enjoyable so that you will keep consistent. Walking, treadmill, and bike are all options. Start slow and work your way up to at least 20 minutes, 3-4 times per week. The range of intensity will vary according to your fitness level and genetic factors. Use your target heart rate as a guide. To calculate your target heart rate, subtract your age from 220, multiply either 65 percent for lower level of intensity or 85 percent for a higher level. Lastly, multiply 1.10 to the final number for your target heart rate per minute. Include a 3-4 minute cool down.

- Stretch. The ability of the joints and muscles to move in a full range of motion is key. To pick up your golf clubs, a baseball bat or tennis racket after a time of inactivity without flexibility could cause injury. Basic static stretching which consists of slow movements that are held for a mini-

mum of 15 to 30 seconds without bouncing are fine to start with. There are many stretching charts and guides available at the library.

- Start or continue some resistance training. Strong muscles always perform better in all functions from sports to moving your fishing boat into the lake. Consider a simple basic two day-a-week program, and continue all year round.

Summer activities are wonderful and we always encourage people to get outside, but keep a maintenance program to assure you do not lose your valuable muscle mass and bone density.

Start applying these few steps today for a quality, fun, health summer full of activity. Don't forget to bring your kids along.

This article was written by Chris Klebba, owner and operator of the Water Wheel Health Club in Northville and a Certified Personal Fitness instructor. For more information call (248) 449-7634.

Spring berries provide delicious dessert

This unseasonably warm mid-winter weather has many of us taking the opportunity to get a jump-start on summer. As we brush off our grills for the first cook-out, we're greeted by spring bulbs bursting their new shoots through the ground and excited by the anticipation of the feasts of color which follow. When big bunches of ruby red rhubarb and mounds of fresh strawberries suddenly appeared in our local market, that was all I needed to make one of my favorite low-fat summer desserts. This tangy sweet dessert with its marvelous crunchiness is the perfect choice to follow Grilled Norwegian Salmon with steamed fresh asparagus.

Along with the excitement of warmer weather comes the opportunity to take a family excursion through the neighborhood fueled by your own power (instead of in an automobile).

Ah, the joys of warmer weather ... it brings on not only the urge to cook on the lighter side, but also to meet that New Year resolution to get more exercise.

It was quite a trip to see families on bike rides and walks, and dining al fresco downtown the last weekend in February. Roll on summer with its even warmer weather and greater abundance of locally grown produce.

The following recipes were taken from the High Fit-Low Fat cookbook series co-authored by Lizzie Burt and Nelda Mercer M.S., R.D. in

the University of Michigan M-Fit Community Nutrition Department.

Strawberry Rhubarb Crumble

- Filling:
 - 1 pound rhubarb, washed and cut into 1-inch lengths
 - 1 pound strawberries (1 quart) cleaned, hulled and halved
 - 1/4 cup tapioca
 - 1 cup brown sugar
 - Vegetable cooking spray
- Crumble:
 - 1/2 cup oatmeal
 - 1/4 cup oat bran
 - 1/2 cup barley flour (available at food cooperatives)
 - 1/4 cup brown sugar
 - 1 teaspoon baking powder
 - 2 egg whites
 - 1/4 chopped pecans (optional)
 - 1 teaspoon cinnamon

Preheat oven to 350 F. Combine all the filling ingredients in a large bowl and mix well. Pour into a 10-inch pie dish or a 8x10x2-inch baking dish coated with vegetable cooking spray.

In the same large bowl, combine the crumble ingredients, except the pecans and cinnamon, and spread on top of the filling.

Sprinkle with the pecans and cinnamon, and bake in a preheated oven for 45 minutes or until the filling is bubbly and the crumble

is golden.

Makes 8 servings.
Per Serving: Calories 257, Protein 4g., Fat 3g., 11 percent fat (1 percent saturated fat), Carbohydrates 55g., Dietary fiber 5g., Cholesterol 0 mg., Sodium 79 mg., Calcium 121 mg., Iron 2 mg.

Broiled Norwegian Salmon
Two 8-ounce salmon filets, halved
1/2 teaspoon extra virgin olive oil
Hungarian paprika
Freshly ground black pepper
4 lemon wedges
Brush fish with oil, sprinkle with paprika and pepper.
Broil 10 minutes per inch, no need to turn. Squeeze lemon over the fish and serve.

Makes 4 servings.
Per Serving: Calories 200, Protein 24g., Fat 10g., 45 percent fat (8 percent saturated), Carbohydrates 2g., Dietary fiber trace, Cholesterol 71 mg., Sodium 54 mg., Calcium 16 mg., Iron 0.8 mg.

The University of Michigan M-Fit Community Nutrition Education department provides nutrition education to the community. Services include: grocery shopping tours, cooking demonstrations, supermarket and dining facility programs. For more information or to inquire about ordering a "High Fit-Low Fat" cookbook please call 1-800-758-MFIT.

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• Arthritis Self-Help Group. A six-week series co-sponsored with the Arthritis Foundation will meet at 2 p.m. There is a \$20 fee and preregistration is required. For more information or to register, call (248) 477-6100.

March 12
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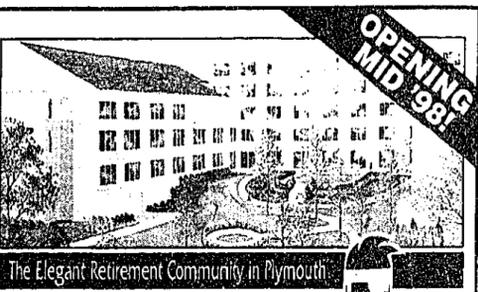
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