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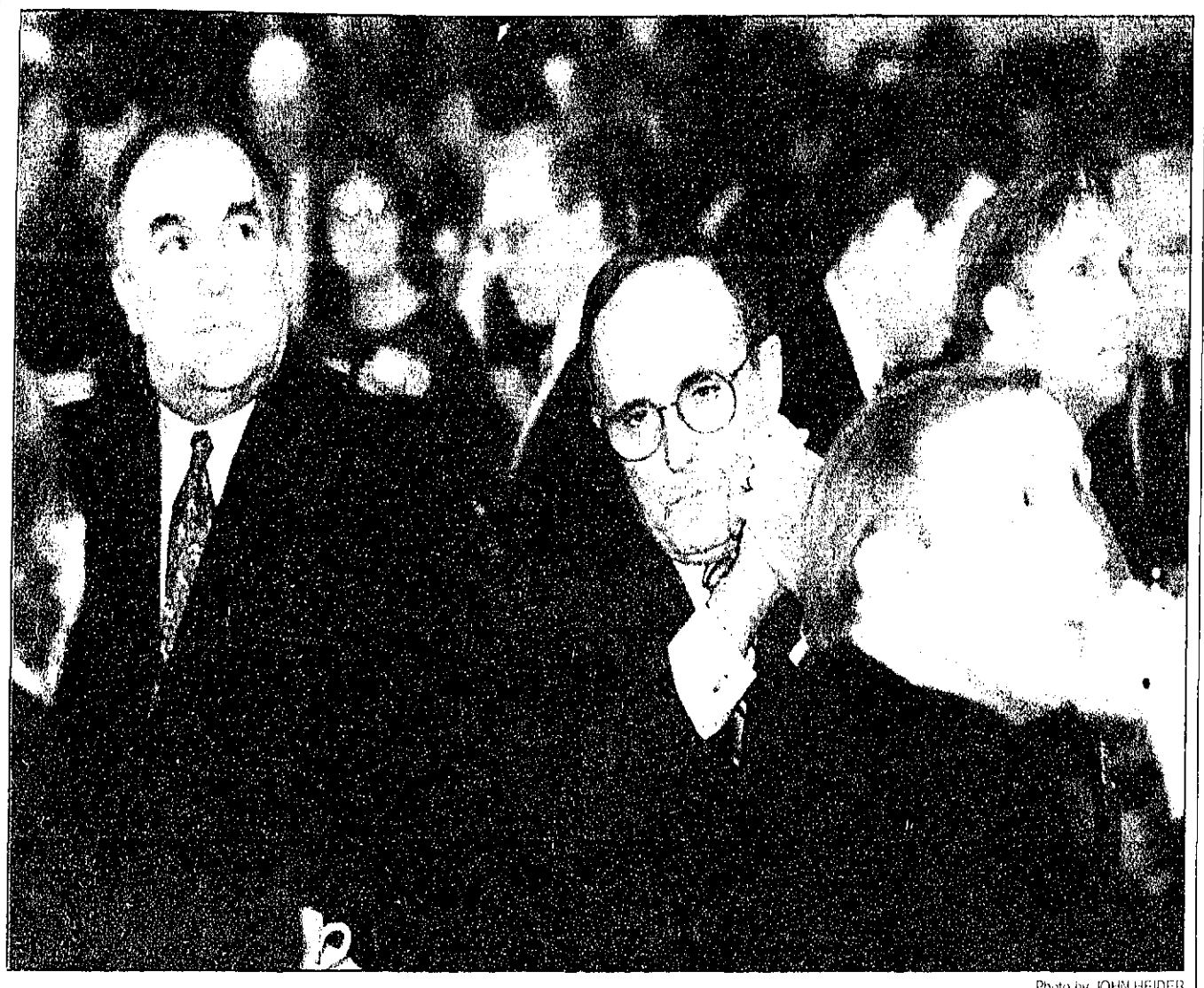

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Gov. John Engler listens as keynote speaker and New York City Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani is introduced to a gathering of Republican State Representatives in a fundraiser at the Novi Hilton Monday night.

GOP holds Spring bash in Novi

New York comes to Novi for Republican soiree

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

When New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani found out State Representative Nancy Cassis had also been born in Brooklyn, his first thought was, "Where's your accent?"

"I told him it comes out every time I say 'quarter' and 'water,'" explained Cassis. "It gives it away every time."

Cassis was on hand at the Hilton Monday night to welcome the Big Apple Mayor to Novi. Giuliani was the keynote speaker for the House Republican Spring Dinner and fundraiser.

More than 500 supporters attended the event, generating $500,000 for the Republican party, according to Cassis' statistics. It topped previous dinners, she added.

Cassis presented Giuliani with a bag of Novi goodies pulled together by Novi Public Information Director Lou Martin and council member Laura Lorenzo.

"We wanted to be sure he remembered, when he got back to New York, that he was in a city called Novi," Cassis said.

Cassis has been responsible for helping to put Novi on the political map since she was elected to the house in 1996.

"It's important to recognize this area is so important to what's going on in the state in general. We're gaining our own reputation," she said.

Giuliani was invited for his reputation and success at turning around the City That Never Sleeps, she said.

Governor John Engler, also on hand, held up the mayor as inspiration.

"If we can put a Republican in Gracie Mansion in New York City, then we can put a Republican back in the Speaker's chair in Lansing," he said.

"Together we've built a foundation, we've turned this state around and now Michigan is on the right track," Engler said. "I want to put more people to work, and I want to begin by putting more Republicans to work in the state legislature."

"[illegible] party when it comes to results," said Engler, "... when it comes to new ideas, solving problems and creating opportunities ... Like drug testing new welfare recipients to help them beat the scourge of drugs, move off welfare and achieve independence for themselves and their family."

Monday's appearance in Novi marks the first for Giuliani, but the second by Engler in less than two weeks. On Feb. 26, the governor stopped by Novi Community Schools to applaud their use of technology in day-to-day academies. He spent two hours that afternoon in the Instructional Technology Center and student classrooms exploring computer programs and the school district's Internet Web site on the FamilyEducation Network.

In addition, First Lady Michelle Engler was the guest speaker at the Novi Youth Assistance recognition breakfast last fall.

Hockey team nets school board approval

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

After several shots, proponents of a Novi High School hockey team finally slid one in the net.

The Novi Board of Education voted 5-2 March 5 to approve plans for a 22-member Varsity ice hockey team at the high school. President Ray Byers and Trustee George Kortlandt opposed the plan because it called for students to pick up the cost of ice time and some equipment.

"If it were a totally [district] funded program I'd feel different, but it's not," said Byers, who also voted against a pay-to-play lacrosse team several years ago.

Supporters of the team, however, were ecstatic and applauded the board for voting their way.

"I'm very happy," said Glen Kummer, who has a hockey-playing son in the Middle School. "I've wanted this for a long time."

The team will play at the new Novi Ice Arena during the winter sports season. The school district would pick up most of the costs, totaling approximately $25,000. Certain hockey gear and practice ice time will cost students about $500 out of their own pockets.

That's not too much to pay, said parents, who spend thousands on travel teams. But trustees, wary of setting an approving tone for pay-to-play sports, discussed the plan in three meetings to try to cut down on the costs. Some trustees pushed for a break in ice time.

As a compromise, the board of Community Clubs of Novi, which sets policy for the new arena, voted to donate try-out ice time to the district at no-charge.

"This takes us out of the busi-

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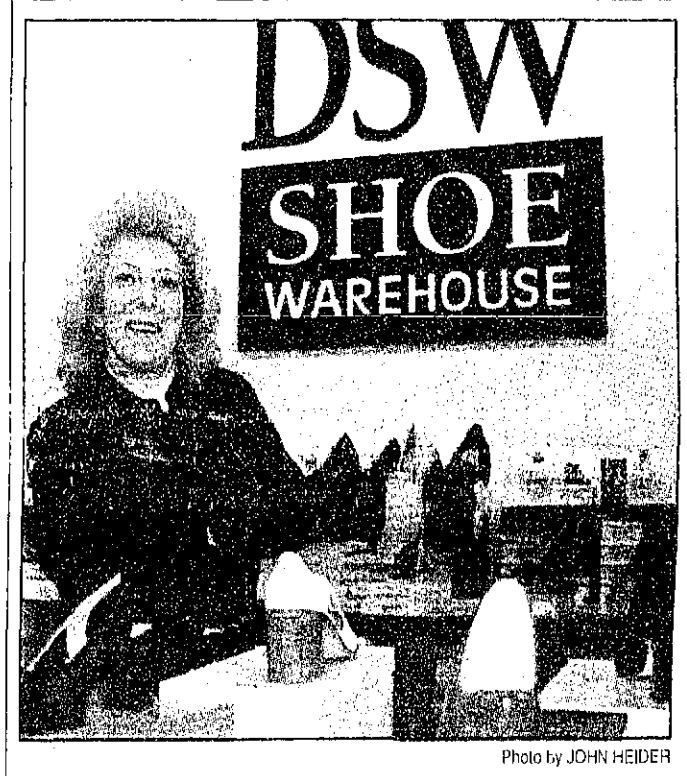

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Novi Designer Shoe Warehouse manager Maggie Crouch holds two pair of hot-selling Mootsies Tootsies at her recently-opened West Oaks II shop. The loafers go for about $25.

Try these new stores on for size

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Some women buy shoes to protect their bare feet from the elements.

Others buy shoes as a gleeful form of self-expression and entertainment, a way to brighten an outfit, or a day.

Squeezing without a pinch into that second category is Kelly Marrs.

"I'm a shoe person, but my daughter is a big shoe person. We call her Imelda," said her mother, Northville Chamber of Commerce Director Laurie Marrs.

"She collects them; she easily has 54 pairs."

Reality check, that's only 52 pairs. Kelly Marrs recently tallied up her shoe wardrobe.

And Marrs has nothing on Wixom resident Maggie Crouch, who estimates she's accumulated 100 pairs. Of course, Crouch has a competitive advantage, she's the

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Who's who of tattoos

Dressed in a tight, faux-snakeskin dress, Willow Kirk displays the tattoos on her right arm and shoulder at last weekend's Motor City Tattoo Convention in the Novi DoubleTree Hotel. Kirk was at the event to show off the work of the Route 66 tattoo salon of Albequrque, New Mexico. Promoters are hoping the annual show will become a premier event on the tattoo circuit. More photos of the skin art festival appear on page 5A of today's edition.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Flashers hit local high schools

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

Students at Novi High School are being told to use common sense and caution after the occurrence of three indecent exposures in the last few months.

Just this weekend a man exposed himself to two females during practice for the high school musical.

"In November we thought it was an isolated incident," said Principal Dr. Jennifer Cheal. "Then it happened in February and we realized it wasn't isolated... I addressed the entire school over the television and talked with staff and students."

Composite sketch of suspect

Students and staff were told to

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Safe place to play requires more funding

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 third in a series of articles to address the issues.

The $17.3 million school BOND

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

After a failed bond proposal last year, the Novi Community School District did what it could to make school playgrounds safer.

Several metal playstructures were removed. Bags of wood chips strewn around much of the equipment to make safer fall zones. And at Village Oaks, the PTO purchased a new playstructure.

"We did the best we can with what we had, with the drainage and equipment the way it is," said Assistant Superintendent for Business Jim Koster.

The problem, say school offi-

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Community Calendar

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

Thursday, March 12

Parks meeting

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

Monday, March 16

City Council

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

ACTION!

A Coalition for the Improvement of Nursing Homes will hold a community meeting and workshop on the need to increase nursing home required staffing levels at 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Novi Public Library, 45245 Ten Mile Road.

State Rep. Nancy Cassis, R-Novi and State Sen. Bill Bullard, R-Milford will be speaking about pending legislation.

ABWA

The Novi Oaks Charter Chapter of the American Business Womens Association meets at the Wyndham Garden Hotel, at 42100 Cresent Blvd. Social hour is set at 6 p.m. and dinner is served at 7 p.m. Meetings are open to all working women. For reservations, call Carol Emsley at (313) 462-0588. For membership information, call Bettie Johnson at (248) 960-9559.

Cholesterol Screening

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

Arts Council

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

TOPS

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

Toastmasters

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

Tuesday, March 17

Novi Concert Band

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

Optimist Club

The Novi Optimist Club meets at 7:30 a.m. at the Big Boy Restaurant on Novi Road, across from the Novi Town Center.

Garden Club

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

Civil Air Patrol

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

Chess Club

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

Bereavement Support

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

Wednesday, March 18

Planning Commission

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

Saturday, March 21

A Night to Remember

The Novi Chamber of Commerce will host its sixth annual charity auction and dinner dance beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the Novi Hilton Hotel. There will be entertainment, raffles, a silent auction and a live auction. Tickets are $50. For information, call the chamber office at (248) 349-3743.

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Optimist Club

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ZONTA

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

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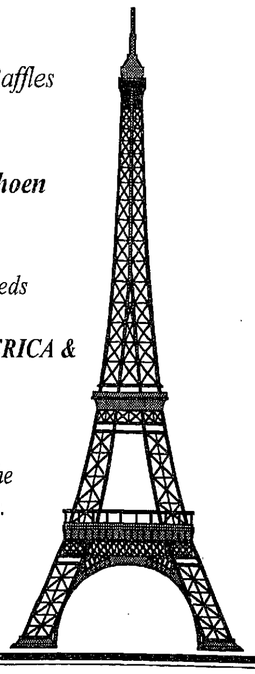

New Novi middle school begins to take shape

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

The walls of the new Novi Middle School on Eleven Mile Road will begin to rise out of the ground within days, say school district officials.

After nearly six months of preparation work, including the grading of the land and laying of plumbing, electric and cable, the 370 tons of steel ready to create the building are on their way.

"Since we acquired the property, there's been a lot of work on this site that you don't see," said Jim Koster, assistant superintendent of business.

Architects and engineers gave the Novi Board of Education a construction update March 5.

The process will begin with the masonry walls first, then the steel will go in around it, according to Mike Hall with Fanning/Howey & Associates. This will allow workers to begin work inside. The outside brick will be one of the last steps to take place in the Spring of 1999. The school will open that fall.

Koster explained water and sanitary sewer lines will be brought in by the City of Novi later this year. The district is also busy creating soccer and baseball fields for the city property right next door as part of the land purchase agreement.

Last year, the City of Novi finalized an agreement with property owners Delta Trucking to buy the 93 acres for $1.67 million, or about $18,000 per acre. The City sold 50 acres to the school district for $820,000 in June as well as exchange for the Fuerst Property at Ten and Taft roads and the creation of the fields for city use.

The originally budgeted $23 million school is now more than $26 million because of delays in construction and was supposed to open in 1998.

State settlement money from the Durant case will go to fund cost overruns pending a public hearing on the matter, Koster has said.

With a dedicated group of skilled workers, Koster said he expects a top-notch building.

"This is a good group of people. They are thoroughly committed to give to the board and community a fine school," he said. "This is the finest group I've had to work with so far."

Also in the works is the redesign of the Novi Meadows and current Middle School building connected by the Instructional Technology Center. After a vote by the school board, the two buildings will be combined into one school for the more than 1,000 fifth and sixth graders in the district.

Architects from Fanning/Howey are busy reworking the classrooms to include shared project rooms, enlarging the administrative area, designing a commons area and making the band and choir rooms larger. In addition, the gymnasium's warped floor will be redone.

The middle school portion of the building should be complete in January 2000 and the Meadows portion done in the Fall of that year. The district has monies from a $33.4 million bond proposal to pay for the renovations.

Fanning/Howey, which has won numerous awards for school design, told the school board is will take models of the new middle school to seminars and conferences to display and is working to find space at Detroit Metro Airport to display the model.

Nursing home reforms discussed at meetings

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Cathie Wallace became concerned about the quality of nursing home care when she had to move her own grandfather, who lived almost 102 years, in and out of several facilities.

Today, Wallace, a Westland resident, is director of ACTION! A Coalition for the Improvement of Nursing Homes.

Now under consideration in Lansing is legislation that would require nursing homes to increase their staff to patient ratio for the first time in over 40 years. Although the issue has been discussed by the state legislature for 12 years, Wallace said she's afraid it will never pass.

"Realistically, a lot of us think that it doesn't look real good," she said.

Anyone interested in the nursing home care is invited to meet with ACTION! at two upcoming sessions, one in Novi.

The Sunday, March 15 community meeting is set for 2 p.m. at the Farmington Library at 23500 Liberty and a Monday, March 16 a meeting will run from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Novi Public Library.

"Our main thrust will be to tell people how it is now and what could change," Wallace said.

Wallace explained that the group aims to influence legislation and build public awareness, with the goal of improving nursing home conditions.

State Rep. Nancy Cassis, R-Novi and State Senator Bill Bullard, R-Milford will speak at the Novi community meeting. Cassis is a member of the Republican Task Force on Senior Citizens.

Pending in the House of Representatives, House Bill 4176 if passed, would raise the overall daily ratio of 2.25 hours of nursing staff per resident per day to 2.65 hours. The existing law counts aides and nurses together in each of three daily shifts.

Currently before the House Committee on Health Policy, the bill has not been taken up in a hearing, Cassis said.

"They hope to have some new changes and read those changes shortly," she added.

The bill would require nursing homes to have one aide for every eight residents during the day shift, one aide for every 12 residents during the afternoon shift, one aide for every 15 residents on the midnight shift. Today, the ratio is the same, but licensed nurses, supervisors who are licensed nurses and nurses aids are included in the count.

The legislation would require a separate set of shift ratios for licensed nurses, calling for one licensed nurse for every 30 residents during the day and afternoon shifts and one licensed nurse for every 50 residents on the midnight shift.

It's ACTION!'s position that nursing home care is more technical today than it was in the 1950s, with residents requiring treatments such as respirators and feeding tubes. In addition, shorter hospital days shifts some patients into nursing homes when they can't be cared for at home.

In 1994, the bill was first passed by the house, but never made it through the senate. In 1997, a similar bill was introduced into the state senate and ACTION! is pushing to get that through.

Wallace said she believes the biggest roadblock is that the state is cutting back on Medicare and Medicaid and the costs of increasing staffing in nursing homes would partly be paid by the state.

ACTION! can be reached at (248) 988-7139.

ACTION! MEETING

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Council talks futuring Monday

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Further discussion on Futuring in Novi is coming up in the near future.

At the March 16, Novi City Council meeting, to be precise.

Assistant City Manager Craig Klaver said Tuesday that a proposal is coming forward that Traffic Consultant Rod Arroyo will be commissioned to lead the project for the city, rather than a municipal employee.

Klaver said he thinks Arroyo will keep the project firmly on track.

"The original program was a little light on specifics and open-ended," he explained.

"Rod's got a slightly different spin on the process. He's got it scheduled over a three-month period."

In January, Council Member Craig DeRoche asked that 20/20 Focus On The Future be resurrected and won a vote of support from the council.

Several months earlier, the project had been shelved until fall 1998, because the city's planning staff was too busy to take it on.

Klaver said Arroyo had conducted similar programs in other communities.

The council will be asked on March 16 to approve a proposal to hire Arroyo to lead the effort for $9,900.

An additional $3,000 would be allocated for printing flyers of the final proposal. This would come in lower than the $13,874 remaining the project's original $30,000 budget.

A committee of Klaver, Novi Community Development Director Jim Wahl, Novi community development specialist Khanh Pham, Arroyo and his assistant Victoria Georgeau worked on the current proposal with DeRoche.

DeRoche was head of the Futuring steering committee prior to being elected to the council and has said he'll step down from the job once the program's back on track.

The aim is to recruit about 200 citizen-volunteers for Novi 20/20 Focus on the Future.

They'll break into seven or eight focus groups on areas such as the environment and public safety. The groups will each meet about five times, cutting down the amount of time volunteers must commit to the job, Klaver said.

Arroyo will make a presentation on the proposal shortly after the council meeting begins Monday at 7:30 p.m.

In February 1997, some 100 residents turned out to volunteer for Novi 20/20 Focus on the Future. Using input from the full group, a smaller committee drafted a Vision Statement for the city.

FUTURE CHANCES

■ The City of Novi is looking for volunteers to help create a vision for the community. The Novi City Council will discuss the plan at the March 16 meeting beginning at 7:30 p.m. Consultant Rod Arroyo will make a presentation.

Novi hosts Beautification bash

People who aim to brush up the appearance of the region will convene in Novi on March 19 for the Beautification Council of Southeastern Michigan's quarterly meeting.

The Novi Beautification Commission is hosting the event at the Novi Civic Center, which is expected to draw a crowd of up to 150.

By joining at the quarterly meetings, members of local-level Beautification groups are able to network, as well as share ideas and plans, explained Pam Superfisky, vice chair of the Novi Beautification Commission.

Increasing, people interested in historical preservation realize that this extends from the home into the garden. Speaking at the event will be Scott Kunst, who will discuss "Antique Gardens: American Home Landscapes 1800 to 1940."

From the garage of his Ann Arbor home, Kunst runs Old House Gardens, a mail-order catalog company featuring varieties of bulbs from the late 1800s to early 1900s. As the business got off the ground, Kunst quit his job as a middle-school teacher and now employs seven to fill orders.

Mayor Kathleen McLallen will welcome everyone to Novi and Assistant City Manager Craig Klaver and Parks and Recreation Director Dan Davis will give an overview of Novi's own efforts in the Beautification field. Klaver will focus on plans to restore the Fuerst farmhouse and its landscaping, the Old Town Hall and rescue of the old Novi Methodist Church.

Davis will discuss projects such as the Tim Pope Memorial Playstructure, Rotary Park, the Novi Ice Arena and Main Street.

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Bad luck strikes Westland woman

The morning only got worse for a 33-year-old Westland woman March 7.

After her coat, with keys in pocket, was stolen from Frigate's Inn the previous evening the woman's car was broken into in the parking lot.

The woman told police she had stopped a tall man with dark hair from mistakingly taking her coat earlier in the night, but found it missing a little while later.

An officer arrived at the bar to get into her car to get her medicine, but she was unable to drive the 1966 Pontiac home.

She left it in the parking lot and came back later that day, only to find it was broken into. Several compact discs, a radar detector, sunglasses and a miter saw were stolen.

Police News

BARRED

Two security bars proved successful in keeping a would-be burglar from getting in a Beachwalk Apartment window March 4.

Police said the female resident called police upon arriving home that night. She found the bars tampered with and screen gone, but no access was gained.

She told police another residence had been broken into recently and just a week ago she found her doorwall tampered with.

BUSTED

Two men smoking marijuana in the Thomasville Plaza parking lot March 4 were arrested for possession by Novi police. The 26-year-old White Lake man and 25-year-old Canton man were smoking in a parked truck about 9:30 p.m. Police said the smell emanated from the vehicle.

Police found marijuana roaches, rolling papers, and two small bags of the drug in the car. Upon arrest, the officer also found an illegal knife. The men were cited and released.

BACKWARDS ABCS

Novi police arrested a 22-year-old Walled Lake man for drunk driving after he was clocked doing 55 in a 40 mph zone about 2 a.m. After being pulled over on Novi Road near Main Street, the officer asked if he could recite the alphabet.

"Yes, but not very good backwards," he replied and proceeded to repeat several letters. He also failed several other sobriety tests and registered a 0.19 blood alcohol level, nearly twice the legal limit. Police found marijuana in his pants pocket.

A passenger in the car, a 20-year-old Wixom man was also arrested for underage drinking.

STOLEN

A burgundy Ford Thunderbird was reported stolen from the Charter House parking lot, March 2, police said.

SLIPPED UP

A 16-year-old West Bloomfield girl was arrested for shoplifting a piece of lingerie, a slip, March 4, police said. J.C. Penney security personnel watched as she took four slips into the dressing room and exited with only three.

TIRED

A Maples of Novi resident found two tires to his car punctured and ruined March 5. Police said the car, parked on Independence, was the victim of a similar crime recently.

CAR BREAK-INS

According to police reports, the following break-ins to automobiles occurred in recent weeks:

A cell phone was taken from a car on Simmons Drive the night of March 2.

An opened garage and two unlocked cars on Katie Drive made it easy for thieves who took a camera, cell phone and pocket change the night of March 2.

A Scarlet Drive woman's purse was rifled the night of March 2 after her car was left unlocked in a garage accidentally left open. Only one credit card was taken.

The window of a Ford Splash was busted out overnight, March 2 and the door lock punched to gain access to a CD player and wallet. The truck was parked in the Portsmouth apartments.

A briefcase and car phone were missing from a E. Ridge Road resident's car the morning of March 3. The car was left unlocked in the driveway.

An unlocked car on Siegel was the target of thieves who took several compact discs the night of March 4.

Two bags of cellular phones were stolen from the car of a cell phone salesperson March 5. Police said it is the second incident for the woman on Sagebrush. This month, she left the items in the car when she came home late and was tired. The lock on the car was removed and a laptop computer and briefcase were also taken.

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

Police say holidays were safe

Novi Safety Tips — Police

The Novi police department made 27 arrests for drunk driving, four arrests for underage drinking and issued 98 seatbelt violations while participating in the Safe and Sober Holiday campaign. The department was proud to have made the past holiday season a safe one and reminds drivers to Buckle Up.

Novi police are asking for information in an armed robbery which occurred at Red Robin Restaurant on Dec. 30, 1997. The restaurant is offering a $2,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person(s) responsible. If you have information please call the Novi Police at (248) 348-7100

Novi student makes the grade

Mark Wagner, of Novi, was chosen as a finalist in the 1998 National Merit Scholarship Competition.

The young man who attends Novi High School and home-schooling will compete against 14,000 other students around the nation for a chance to be one of 7,400 students to receive Merit Scholarship status and $28 million in scholarships.

The process began with the 1996 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test students take as juniors, which served as a screen representing less than one percent of the state's high school graduating class, according to the National Merit Scholarship Corporation.

To advance onto the Finalist level, the students must maintain an outstanding academic record throughout high school, be endorsed and recommended by their high school and submit SAT I scores.

The semifinalist also fills out an extensive application with a self-descriptive essay and information about participation and leadership in school and community activities.

Novi Briefs

Mt. Everest survivor talks to Rotary

Eight climbers died in May 1996, on Mt. Everest, the highest mountain in the world. It was the worst disaster in Mt. Everest history. Lou Kasischke survived - even after being trapped near the top snow-blind and frostbitten for two days.

Kasischke will be at the Northville Rotary lunch meeting on March 24, to tell the story. It's not just about death and climbing but about people – human suffering and survival, ambition and values, mistakes and judgment, team work and individuality. The story is both sad and triumphant.

Kasischke will share the events of his six week climb striving for Everest's 29,028 foot summit. He will explain why 400 feet from the top he decided to turn back while other team members pressed on to be forever entombed in Everest's ice and snow.

The 54-year-old Bloomfield Hills corporate lawyer, father and husband has become somewhat of a celebrity. Universal Pictures purchased the film rights to his story and a number of publishers have approached him. He's on the speaker circuit telling what he learned and hopes that by sharing, some good can come from the tragedy.

Reservations are required by March 17. Lunch is $10 and will be served at 11:30 a.m. The program runs until 2 p.m. For a reservation call 348-4246.

Regis, but no Kathy Lee

Coming into Novi city hall recently was an e-mail from Regis Novi, a native of France of Italian ancestry now living in Vancouver, Canada. It seems Mr. Novi was cruising the web and found the city's site.

"My last name is Novi and I just found out that there is a city in the states with the same name ... I hope to come and visit your town one day," he e-mailed Novi Public Services Director Tony Nowicki.

Passers by

While the Dallas-based Dave & Buster's Inc. was once eying Novi for a family entertainment center, City Manager Ed Kriewall said in a recent memo, that doesn't seem to be happening now. The company is building a $1.2 million center in Utica. About a year ago, the firm was "seriously" looking at Novi site, Kriewall explained.

Kids know their numbers

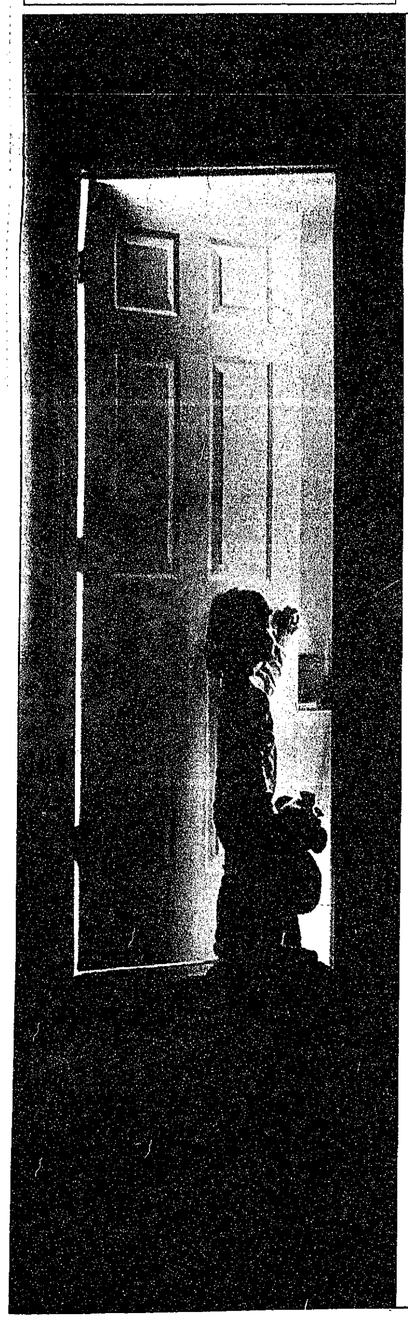
Three Novi High School students placed in the top 100 of 15,749 high school students who participated in the 41st Annual Michigan Mathematics Prize Competition.

John Szwast, Chris Wagner and Sophie Liao were honored for their accomplishments by the Michigan Section of the Mathematical Association of America at Michigan State University on Feb. 28.

Teacher Linda McAleer, the mathematics department chair at Novi High School, served as supervisor for the students.

Eye on the sky

Maybury State Park is holding a free, guided bird identification hike on March 14 at 8 a.m. Bring binoculars if you have them. The hike departs from the riding stable parking area. For information, call 349-8390.



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Find a good insurance agent who has served you well in the past, or ask friends or relatives for referrals. In shopping for the best rate, give each agent the price of your home and the value of your personal property. Let the agent know if you have furs, jewelry, musical instruments, or any other equipment that may need a special rider. You should also discuss the availability and advantages of replacement coverage. There are differences among policies and prices, and you can get more coverage for your money by planning ahead.

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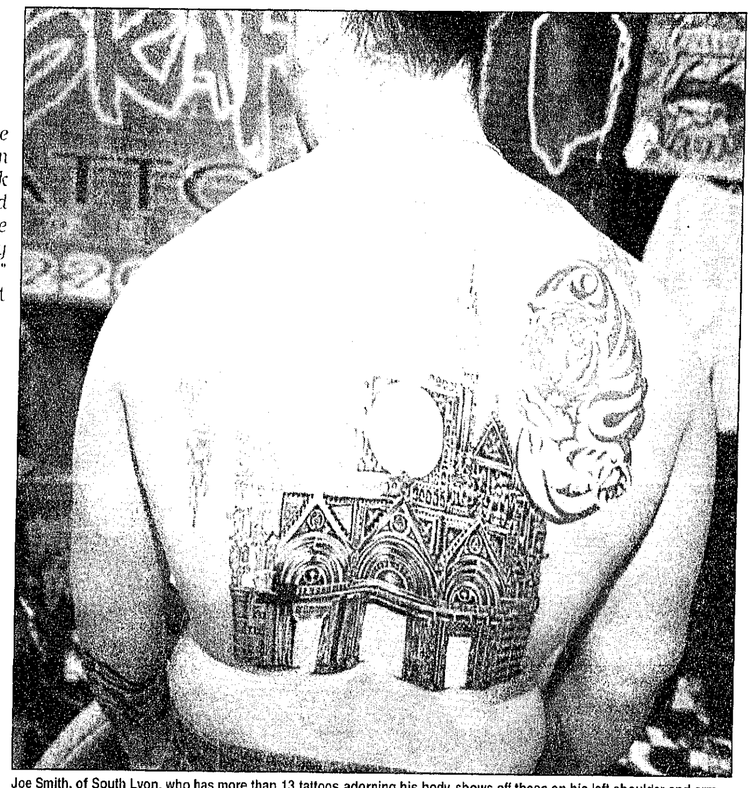
Body Art



Joe Smith, of South Lyon, who has more than 13 tattoos adorning his body, shows off those on his left shoulder and arm last Friday night at the Motor City Tattoo Convention held at the Novi DoubleTree Hotel.

DoubleTree plays host to tattoo festival

By WENSDY WHITE
Staff Writer

Every artist has a preferred medium. For some, it's flesh.

Some of the country's best tattoo artists plugged in their needles at the Novi DoubleTree Hotel last weekend to create spontaneous works of art on visitors' bodies.

"I think some people have an urge to get a tattoo, it's like a hidden desire. They want to have that mark on them. It's something personal and discreet," said Brian Everett, co-sponsor of the 1998 Motor City Tattoo Expo. "A lot of time they're lawyers or doctors. These days, only your tattoo artist knows for sure."

Born in Michigan, Everett now runs a tattoo shop in Albuquerque, New Mexico. He flew to Novi to help his partner, Terry "Tramp" Welker of Eternal Tattoos, organize the show.

Everett specializes in realistic portrait tattoos, and displays photographs at his booth of detailed faces he has recreated with needles and ink.

Jimi Hendrix and B.B. King are among the portraits of famous people he has done, but the majority are tattoos of loved ones. One man had his parents' wedding photograph emblazoned on his back, complete with the car they were emerging from and the wedding bouquet.

"It's almost the ultimate show of affection," Everett said. "Getting someone's face on your body."

Although a portrait can cost up to $700 and take more than ten hours to complete, tattoo enthusiasts will pay the price to get the art they want.

"Some of them charge pretty steep fees but it's worth it. Some of their work is better than paintings," said Matt Kester, 30, who works at Novi's Local Color Brewery. Kester already has two small tattoos on either side of his neck, plus one on his hip and another across his lower back.

"I've been waiting for this show for over a year. I missed the last one. I was thinking about getting work done too, but I'm looking for something different," he said. "If I found it, I'd get it."

Although it's the third year of the Tattoo Expo, it's the first time the show was held in Novi.

An estimated 2,500 visitors passed through the Doubletree pavilion during the three day event, baring tattoos that they otherwise wouldn't get to show off. Holes cut in one woman's jeans exposed tattoos on her legs. Men removed their shirts to show designs across their chests, stomachs and backs.

Photographers from national tattoo magazines snapped photographs that Tramp said will appear in magazines like Skin and Ink and International Tattoo this July.

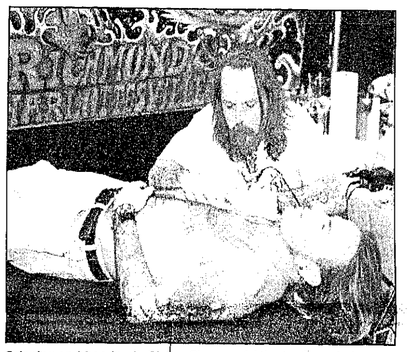
"The purpose of the show is to promote the art of tattooing in a professional way. These are great artists, hand-picked from around the world," Tramp said.

Tramp said he hopes to stage the show in Novi next March.

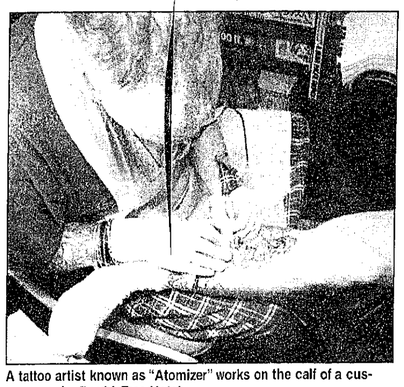
"It was a great turnout. It was packed. We booked the whole hotel."

Everett agreed.

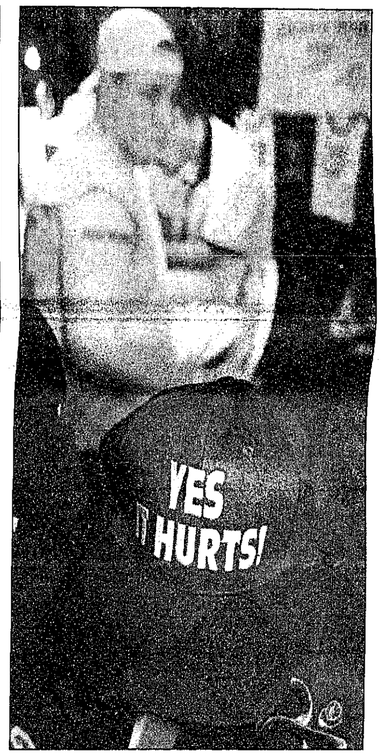
"We want to make this the biggest tattoo show in the country. That's what we hope to do," he said.



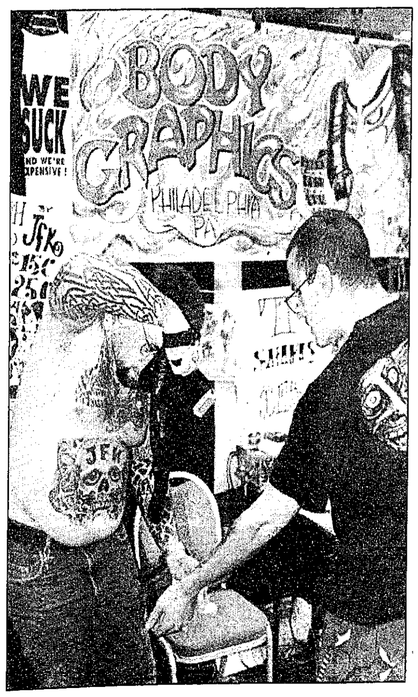
Grinning and bearing it, Chase Chovan of Atlanta, Georgia has tattoo artist "Reno" work on an intricate design on his chest.



A tattoo artist known as "Atomizer" works on the calf of a customer at the DoubleTree Hotel.



A frank admission shown at the tattoo convention.



Above, more than 40 artists from all over the United States had tattoo booths set up in the ballroom of the Novi DoubleTree Hotel last Friday evening for the Motor City Tattoo Convention. At left, a tattoo artist from Philadelphia takes a photograph of his artwork on a customer's arm during the event. Tattoo artists from all over the United States were on hand to work their craft on the skin of attendees from Friday to Sunday.

PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER

The Log Book

The following is a complete list of the emergency runs of the Novi Fire Department for the week ending March 8. Each incident is listed by type, location, time and the engine and squad number which responded to the call.

MONDAY, MARCH 2

Medical, 25133 Fountain Park, 5:02 a.m., Squad 1.

Medical, 45182 West Road, 7:54 a.m., Squad 2.

Medical, 41422 Moreau, 10:57 a.m., Squad 2.

Medical, 25655 Jackson, 11:43 p.m., Squad 1.

TUESDAY, MARCH 3

Injury accident, Novi Road and Crescent, 12:47 p.m., Squad 1.

Medical, 45092 Byrne Drive, 3:07 p.m., Squad 3.

Injury accident, Novi Road and Ten Mile, 4:10 p.m., Squad 1.

Medical, Novi Middle School, 4:29 p.m., Squad 4.

Medical, 40969 Hollydale, 6:17 p.m., Squad 3.

Injury accident, Beck and Grand River, 7:55 p.m., Squad 4.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4

Medical, 23792 Harvest Drive, 12:31 a.m., Squad 3.

Injury accident, Eight Mile and Beck Road, 7:28 a.m., Squad 4.

Medical, Fire Station No. 1, 9:30 a.m., Response 510.

Fuel spill, Grand River and Meadowbrook, noon, Engine 1.

Medical, Police Department-Ten Mile, 12:48 p.m., Squad 3.

Medical, 29433 Fountain Park, 5:01 p.m., Squad 1.

Injury accident, I-96 and Beck Road, 5:04 p.m., Squad 4.

Medical, Pavilion and Mansion, 5:06 p.m., Squad 3.

Service, Grand River and Market, 5:40 p.m., Squad 1.

Medical, 24441 Willow, 6:15 p.m., Squad 1.

Fire alarm, 22135 Beck Road, 8:22 p.m., Engine 4.

Medical, 25729 Lincoln, 8:57 p.m., Squad 1.

THURSDAY, MARCH 5

Fire alarm, 49700 Ten Mile, 10:01 a.m., Engines 1, 4.

Wires down, 21700 Novi Road, 3:25 p.m., Engine 3.

Medical, 45182 West Road, 4:27 p.m., Squad 2.

Medical, Ten Mile and Novi Road, 6:14 p.m., Squad 1.

Medical, 41836 Hempshire, 7:16 p.m., Squad 3.

Medical, 45700 Grand River, 9:33 p.m., Squad 4.

FRIDAY, MARCH 6

Service, 42800 Grand River, 10:40 a.m., Squad 1.

Investigation, 41115 Jo Drive, 2 p.m., Engine 1.

Injury accident, Thirteen Mile and Haggerty, 3:23 p.m., Squad 2.

Medical, 42019 Liberte, 3:46 p.m., Squad 1.

Medical, 20800 Woodland Glen, 5:51 p.m., Squad 3.

Trash fire, 44063 Brookwood, 6:51 p.m., Engine 3.

Medical, 45182 West Road, 11:07 p.m., Squad 2.

SATURDAY, MARCH 7

Medical, 48601 Eleven Mile, 11 a.m., Squad 4.

Medical, 27466 Novi Road, 12:55 p.m., Squad 1.

Medical, 27000 Sheraton, 1:09 p.m., Squad 1.

Medical, 42104 Gladwin Court, 7:07 p.m., Squad 3.

Medical, 45182 West Road, 10:05 p.m., Squad 2.

SUNDAY, MARCH 8

Medical, 42088 Liberte, 3:01 a.m., Squad 2.

Investigation, 520 Eckschtay, 5:12 a.m., Engine 4.

Fuel spill, Nine Mile and Novi Road, 7:50 a.m., Engine 3.

Medical, 24505 Meadowbrook, 7:54 a.m., Response 507.

Investigation, 31091 Woodstone, 9:48 a.m., Engine 2.

Medical, 45724 White Pines, 10:35 a.m., Squad 3.

Fire alarm, Apple Crest and Highland, 10:19 p.m., Engine 1.

Kroger deal sweetened with elderly living center

Nine and Haggerty site still eyed for store

To make a supermarket proposal at Nine and Haggerty Roads easier to swallow, a developer is adding an assisted living center to the plan.

The question is: Will nearby homeowners and the city bite?

Selective Development Co. and the City of Farmington Hills are in court over the plan, which called for 126,000-square-foot commercial development on Haggerty Road, north of Nine Mile. A 63,000-square-foot Kroger supermarket is the cornerstone of the development.

Residents next-door in Novi turned out to oppose the grocery store as it went through the Farmington Hills site plan process. The rezoning request was denied.

"Not withstanding the legalities, we think this is a good site for commercial use," said Mike Horowitz, Selective Development Co. president.

"As in any situation, we're hoping there is an intersection where everybody can agree, short of a lawsuit."

Development officials pitched the idea to Farmington Hills City Council members at a study session Feb. 23. Council members suggested the developer involve residents, who are also worried about a new supermarket clogging traffic.

An assisted senior living center won't change the mind of one Meadowbrook sub resident, who spoke out against the initial rezoning request.

"We're so close to Eight Mile and Haggerty and we see what goes on there and the difficulty of getting through that intersection," said Daniel Belanger, Parkwood Street resident.

The council should take the lead, the developer said.

"We think the council needs to make a decision," Horowitz said. "We want community input, but we can't negotiate with five homeowners' associations where only people who are opposed tend to show up."

Resident reaction was mixed towards the initial proposal at a public hearing September 1996.

Some want to maintain the rural feel of the area; others favored having a supermarket.

The Meijer store on Eight Mile and Haggerty is nearby while another Kroger supermarket is on the south side of Eight Mile, west of Farmington Road. "I don't need another grocery store," Belanger said.

The area south of Nine Mile is lined with office buildings, including Masco Tech. The area north of Nine Mile is residential.

An office development – which the land is zoned for – would increase bottlenecks during morning and afternoon rush hours, whereas a supermarket would generate a continuous stream of motorists, Horowitz said.

Office workers do create traffic peaks during the morning and afternoon, Belanger said, but he added "It's resolved in 20 minutes."An assisted senior facility on the north side could reduce commercial development by 25-30 percent, which would help ease nearby resident worries about "domino" zoning, the developer said.

The land is zoned office, but is listed as commercial in the city's master plan, which is how city planners view the area being developed in the future.

When the zoning doesn't match the master plan, the developer must file a rezoning request.

Train show comes to Expo

See model railroads including three N scale layouts when Greenberg's Great Train, Dollhouse and Toy Show comes to the Novi Expo Center, April 4 and 5.

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Dealer tables filled with toy and model trains, train parts and accessories, dollhouses, miniatures, collectible toys and a selection of hobby books offer one-stop competitive hobby shopping.

The show will run from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday.

Admission is $6 for adults (includes parking); $2 for children 6-12; admission is good for both days.

For additional information, call (248) 348-5600 or (410) 795-7447.

Employment tips available at OCC

Oakland Community College's Southfield campus will host a free day-long workshop on employability strategies for current and prospective college students on Friday, March 27. Workshop topics and presenters include:

- Interview Techniques and Follow-Up, Gabriel Barthlow, Employment and Training Consultants.
- Resume Writing, Patricia Chapman, Choices Supported Employment.
- Effective Interpersonal Communication, Winnie Kidd, UAW-GM Center for Human Resources.
- Professional Image, Attitude and Dress, Peg Pierce, Southfield Employment and Training Career Center.
- Conflict Resolution in the Workplace, Gabriel Barthlow, Employment and Training Consultants.
- Leadership and Team Skills, Adelaide Huguley, Denby High School.

Although admission is free, participants must pre-register by calling (248) 552-2644.

As a follow-up to the March 27 workshop, the Southfield campus will host a job fair featuring local employers on Friday, April 17, from 3:30 to 7:30 p.m. The job fair is open to the public. No registration is required.

The Southfield campus is located south of Nine Mile Road between Greenfield and Southfield roads. Ample free parking is available. For more information call (248) 552-2644.

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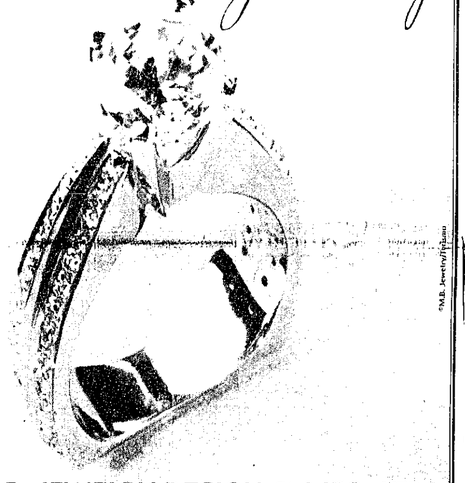

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Teen makes mark on the world

Compassion, committment part of success

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

Sophie Liao takes forever to eat.

"She's always the last one at the lunch table," said Julie Nanna, her friend since sixth grade. "She's also a crazy driver."

She puts homework off until the last minute and makes up her own rules to weekend tennis games with friends. She rolls her eyes when her parents talk about her too much.

While the 18-year-old Novi High School student is in many ways an ordinary teen, in just as many other ways she is extraordinary.

Recently announced as Novi High School's only Presidential Scholar candidate, the small girl with a big smile has a two-page resume filled with honors, awards and extracurricular activities.

But the pressure doesn't phase her.

"I never really thought about how hard I have to study," she said, sitting on her parent's couch, her feet tucked under her. "I study as hard as I need to to get things done ... I procrastinate, maybe too much ... I put everything off until the last minute so I don't have time to think about it."

An accomplished piano player with many awards and honors to her credit, Sophie was able to travel to Russia to study, and do a little sight seeing.

"It gives me a more multicultural perspective," she said. "It's different than being in the sheltered community of Novi. You realize (people) come from all different backgrounds."

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>
> Sophie Liao, senior

Since her parents are originally from Taiwan, she's also been to that country to visit relatives.

"It's kind of like a shock to reality. I don't speak Taiwanese or Chinese but every time I go there I think I'm going to pick it up to talk to my family," she said.

When not jet setting around the world, the teen spends time honing her skills on the keys of the family's piano.

"It's a big part of my life, not just because I enjoy it. I compete," she explained. "It's not just that I want to practice, I have to in order to perform well. I used to play the violin but I had to drop it because I was too busy."

Playing, for her is like interpreting a story.

"It's not just playing notes on a page, you have to find the theme of a story," she said. "I like the more emotional stuff."

Sophie said most of her activities she does because she wants to, but there is pressure to build up a list for college applications. "But a lot of the pressure comes from yourself. You're filling out applications and there's always spaces to fill out," she said.

The teen helps tutor middle school students, is a University of Michigan Hospital volunteer, and works through the high school's Interact Club visiting senior citizen homes.

"She has sympathy for everybody, even little animals," said her mother, Karen. "When she was little she'd go outside and say, 'I don't want to step on the little ant.' She's very helpful to other people. When classmates call she helps them first."

The daughter's easy going attitude and empathy for others is what sets her apart from her older sister, Peggy, and younger siblings, Janice, 15, and Eric, 13.

"She's more gentle. The oldest and third one are more quick-tempered. She's more the take-it-easy type," her father, Ken, explained.

The couple said they've tried to encourage their kids to contribute to society.

"Instead of thinking about themselves they can think about poor people and give other people a hand," Ken explained.

"After college and this crazy get-things-done thing, I'll have the time to pursue things I want to do," said Sophie. "College can be a little freer than high school can. You can start new activities."

"I want to go scuba diving."

Photo by SUE APILLANE

Sophie Liao, a senior at Novi High, is an accomplished pianist who has travelled to Russia but she still hopes try new things when she goes away to college to study medicine.

Student's resume lists community work, scholarships

Sophie Liao's most recent accomplishment was becoming a candidate for the United States Presidential Scholars Program. She was one of 2,600 candidates chosen and will move to the next level where 500 semifinalists will be chosen.

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- Academic letter and bar.
- Honor Roll.
- Debate – First place Varsity speaker and top Varsity team in the Kensington Valley Conference.
- Citizen's Scholarship Foundation of America Award.
- Participation and honors in MMTA conventions, Livonia Area Piano Teacher's Forum competition, Schoolcraft College Competition, Michigan Youth Arts Festival and Ann Arbor Bach and Sonata Festivals.
- Received Tuesday Musicale scholarship for piano excellence.
- Renaissance Gold Card member.

COURSE LOAD

- Currently taking Advance Placement physics, biology, English and calculus BC.
- Previously completed Advancement Placement chemistry, calculus AB and European history.

LEADERSHIP

- President of Interact Club, International Club.
- Treasurer of National Honors Society.
- Co-captain Debate Team.
- Member of Student Congress.
- Elected to Appellate Court Judgeship and County Board at Girl's State.
- Member of Students Against Drunk Driving.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

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11:00 a.m. - Christian Singles
11:30 a.m. - Cosby and Company
12:00 p.m. - Novi City News
1:00 p.m. - Adventures with Pirate Pete
1:30 p.m. - A Culinary Adventure
2:00 p.m. - Financial Strategies
2:30 p.m. - Fantastic Musical Memories
4:00 p.m. - Speak Out at Novi Chili Willi Fest
4:30 p.m. - Turning It Around, Good News, Good Views
5:00 p.m. - Who, What, Where, Y
5:30 p.m. - Lawyers Roundtable
6:00 p.m. - Home for Life
6:30 p.m. - Bagels and Talk with Tracy
7:00 p.m. - Critter Connection
7:30 p.m. - INFO TV-12 News
8:00 p.m. - In the Studio with Bry
8:30 p.m. - Inside the Mind of a Ski Racer
9:00 p.m. - Lansing Connection
9:30 p.m. - Groove Session

TUESDAY, MARCH 17
10:00 a.m. - Legislative Forum,
10:30 a.m. - Specs Profile
11:00 a.m. - Law Talk
12:00 p.m. - 1998 Detroit St. Patrick's Day Parade
2:00 p.m. - Lansing Connection
2:30 p.m. - A Touch of Ireland
3:30 p.m. - A Bit O' Ireland in Farmington Hills
4:00 p.m. - In the Studio with Bry
4:30 p.m. - Special Blend
5:00 p.m. - INFO TV-12 News Magazine
5:30 p.m. - People Who Make Things Happen
6:00 p.m. - A Touch of Ireland
7:00 p.m. - Fitness Motivators
7:30 p.m. - Financial Strategies
8:00 p.m. - Irish Jigs and Tunes Performed by Dusty Rhodes
9:00 p.m. - Let's Talk with Ben Marks

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18
10:00 a.m. - Life Matters
10:30 a.m. - mdot Today
11:00 a.m. - Huntington's Disease Update
11:30 a.m. - The Capitol Report
12:00 p.m. - Headwaters: The Lifeline of a River
12:30 p.m. - The Way, The Truth, and The Life
1:00 p.m. - Study in Scripture
1:30 p.m. - AMVETs
2:00 p.m. - Restoration Now
2:30 p.m. - Christian Singles Today
3:00 p.m. - Light to the Nations Broadcast
3:30 p.m. - Groove Session
4:00 p.m. - Critter Connection
4:30 p.m. - INFO TV-12 News Magazine
5:00 p.m. - The Show Me Show with Tattana
5:30 p.m. - Motorsports: Racing for Kids
6:00 p.m. - Watermark
7:00 p.m. - Adventures with Pirate Pete
7:30 p.m. - Cosby and Company
8:00 p.m. - Novi Street Beat Live
8:30 p.m. - Who, What, Where, Y
9:00 p.m. - Speak Out at the Novi Chili Willi Fest
9:30 p.m. - Rock Soup

THURSDAY, MARCH 19
10:00 a.m. - Fitness Motivators
10:30 a.m. - The Happiest People Alive
11:00 a.m. - Abundant Life Arabic Ministries
11:30 a.m. - People Who Make Things Happen
12:00 p.m. - Bagels and Talk with Tracy
12:30 p.m. - Madonna Magazine
1:00 p.m. - Praise, Praise, Praise
1:30 p.m. - That's Italian
2:00 p.m. - Rock Soup
2:30 p.m. - Who, What, Where, Y
3:00 p.m. - The Secret Place
3:30 p.m. - Adventures with Pirate Pete
4:00 p.m. - Law Talk
5:00 p.m. - Shaarey Zedek Productions
6:00 p.m. - The Scholars of Louden
7:30 p.m. - Farmington Hills Police Journal
8:00 p.m. - People Who Make Things Happen
8:30 p.m. - Christian Singles
9:00 p.m. - Law Talk

FRIDAY, MARCH 20
10:00 a.m. - 1998 Detroit St. Patrick's Day Parade
3:30 p.m. - The Show Me Show with Tattana
4:00 p.m. - Fitness Motivators
4:30 p.m. - Let's Talk
5:30 p.m. - Cosby and Company
6:30 p.m. - Groove Session
7:00 p.m. - Financial Strategies
7:30 p.m. - People Who Make Things Happen
8:00 p.m. - Bagels and Talk
8:30 p.m. - INFO TV-12 News
9:00 p.m. - Law Talk

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Clownin' around

"Candy" the Clown, Richard Roberts, visited Denise Grabowski's classroom at Orchard Hills Elementary School last month as a "thank you" for classmate Adam Buccilli's corresponding with the Novi Senior Center. Candy made balloon animals for the kids, did a few magic tricks and told some jokes. Grabowski's class had been writing their senior pen pals at the Novi Senior Center, and Roberts, who clowns around with the Shriner Circus and is a member of the NSC, decided a visit would be a nice reward for their efforts.

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Obituaries

WILLIAM J. ROBERTSON

William "Dune" J. Robertson of Farmington died Feb. 28 in Arizona. He was 70.

Mr. Robertson was born April 25, 1927, in Houghton, Mich., to William D. and Rose Marie (Kutchied) Robertson.

Mr. Robertson was a lifelong member of the community. He was a graduate of Michigan Tech and retired as president of Paddock Pools of Southern Michigan. His memberships included the A.L.S. Foundation and the Farmington American Legion. He was a veteran of World War II and the Korean Conflict. Mr. Robertson was an active golfer.

He is survived by his wife, Marylyn; sons, William J. Jr. of Northville and John Duncan R. of Wolverine Village; daughters, Mary Christine Keane of Saginaw, Nancy Ann Raymond of Novi, and Patricia Jean Gallant of Farmington; brother, Charles E. of West Bloomfield; sisters, Mary Bell Hickey of Kansas and Rose Kelly of Northville; 11 grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Private services were held at Casterline Funeral Home Inc. of Northville, with the Rev. Gerald McEnhill, St. Gerald's Church, Farmington, officiating. Interment was in Oakwood Cemetery in Farmington.

Memorials to the Muscular Dystrophy would be appreciated by the family.

PAULINE V. NORTON

Pauline Veronica Norton, 81, of Novi died March 2 at Huron Valley Hospital in Commerce Township. She was born Oct. 30, 1916, in Hamtramck, Mich.

She is survived by daughter, Dolores P. (Tony) Gallina of Novi; sisters, Bernice Garczewski and Stella Green; brothers, Bruno and Edward Dolot, and Gene Drozd; four grandchildren and one great granddaughter, Jaye.

Mrs. Norton was preceded in death by her husband, Lawrence, and a sister, Lottie Flannigan.

Services were held on Saturday, March 7, at Our Lady of Sorrows in Farmington, with the Rev. Douglas Bignall officiating. Interment was in Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens, Novi.

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

GILBERT R. NORDSTROM

Gilbert Roger Nordstrom, 70, of Novi died March 4 at Huron Valley Hospital, Commerce Township. He was born Nov. 11, 1927, to Elmer and the late Ann Nordstrom.

Surviving Mr. Nordstrom are: wife, Lydia; daughter, Jarquelne (John) Pringle; father, Elmer Nordstrom; grandchildren, Ronald Sr. and Shirley Arroyo.

Services were held on Monday, March 9, at St. Valentine Church in Redford. Interment was in United Memorial Gardens, Plymouth.

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

EVELYN M. CORY

Evelyn M. Cory of Novi died March 3 at the Greenery Nursing Home in Howell. She was 92. Mrs. Cory was born July 18, 1905.

She was survived by son, Dennis Lee; daughter, Claire Hayes; sister, Ellen M. Wickman; seven grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Services were held on Thursday, March 5, at O'Brien Chapel/Ted C. Sullivan Funeral Home, Novi. Interment was in Glen Eden Cemetery in Livonia.

Memorials to St. Alexander Church, 27835 Shiawassee, Farmington Hills, MI 48336 would be appreciated by the family.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Talking head

With her main puppet "Bisquit" on her hand, Areatta Baumgartner of Madcap Productions Puppet Theatre in Cincinnati, Ohio, talks to her puppeteering proteges Friday afternoon at Village Oaks Elementary School. Baumgartner was at the school for an entire week offering an extensive artist-in-residence program for the students and teachers on puppeteering and theatrical productions, and had a traveling puppet museum. The programs were funded by a grant from the Novi Educational Foundation, as well as Village Oaks PTO.

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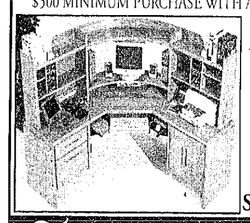

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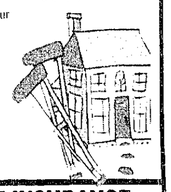

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Planning city means following rules, heart

Commissioners eye details

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

With the specific charge of creating the city's visionary Master Plan, the Novi Planning Commission does have influence over the way the city looks.

But in many respects, commissioners hands are tied.

They can't require developers to improve roadways and they can only require what the city ordinances spell out by law.

"We don't have a lot of discretion," explained Commission Chair Eda Weddington. "As long as the applicant meets all of the standards set forth in the ordinance we have to approve whether we like it or not."

The only leeway they possess is the ability to impose certain conditions, like landscaping improvements, within reason.

The main function of the planning commission is to be the advisory body to the Novi City Council. Commissioners can recommend approval of a project, a change to an ordinance or a rezoning. But the actual action is taken by the council.

"In those cases hopefully we have some influence and they take into account our recommendations but they don't have to. Sometimes they don't," Weddington said.

The commission is made of nine appointed citizens from the community. A planning or political background is not a requirement.

"Most of us don't have a technical background in planning," Weddington explained. "We're just plain old residents. We live here, have businesses here. We volunteer to do this because we have an interest in our community."

The members serve three year terms.

"With nine people and nine different points of view, hopefully by having a variety of skills and experiences that everybody brings to the table, you get good decisions," Weddington added.

The Master Plan, which looks at many factors, is designed by the commission every five years. The plan is currently under review to be finished in 1999. Although not enforceable like the zoning ordinance, which legally sets out what property owners can do with their land, it is more a future concept plan for the city. The commission is looking at trying to align both maps this year.

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>
> Eda Weddington, commission chair

Weddington points out that besides the master plan, the commission is fact finding body and holds public hearings to gather resident input. Through reviews of site plans of developments the commission can try to make small changes, but it cannot make sweeping changes.

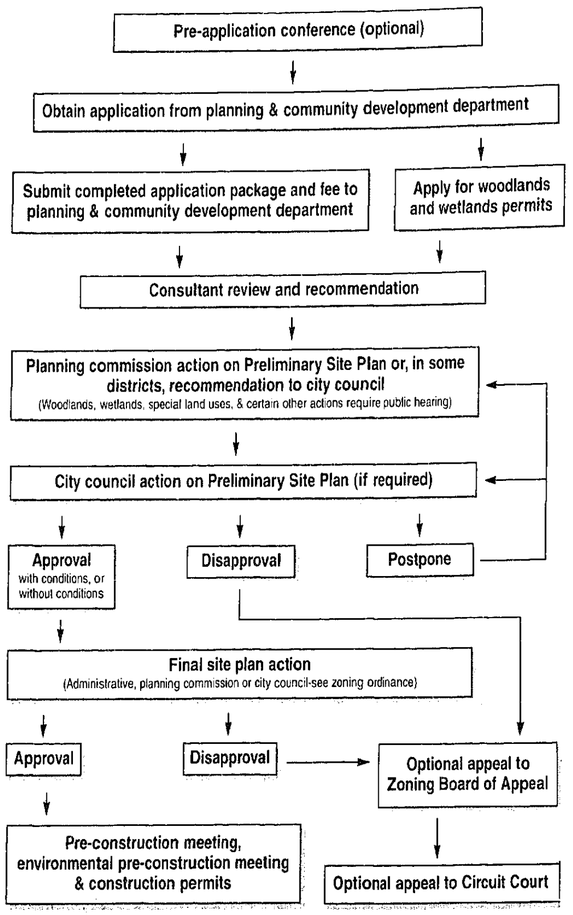
She cited her frustration over the recent community discussion on traffic congestion in the city, and added the commission has little power. The law does not allow cities to require road improvements as a condition of approval.

"It's one of our frustrations. We drive on these roads too," she said. "It's difficult to get funding (for infrastructure) until you have development in place but by allowing development to be built we've got problems."

"The hardest part is balancing all the interests. There's so many factors to consider, sometimes seems like it's a no-win situation. The individual property owner has certain rights and we want to make sure there are no adverse impacts on neighbors," she explained.

"The commission has the best interests of the city at heart," she added. "We work hard and put a lot of time in. Sometimes it's difficult to make everyone happy."

City of Novi Site Plan Review Process



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New planning department book guides developers through process

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

It can take years and thousands of dollars to get through the development process in the City of Novi. Hard to understand ordinances are some of the most stringent in the area.

"It's not the most readable or understandable (document)," said city consultant Rod Arroyo, about the site plan manual.

However, the Novi Planning Department is hoping a new Development Review Guidebook will help first-time users of the ordinances find relief.

Meant only as an introduction to the ordinances which govern building and development in Novi, the 50-page booklet is a kind of a map of the process.

"We wanted to put the process in a more user-friendly format," Arroyo explained.

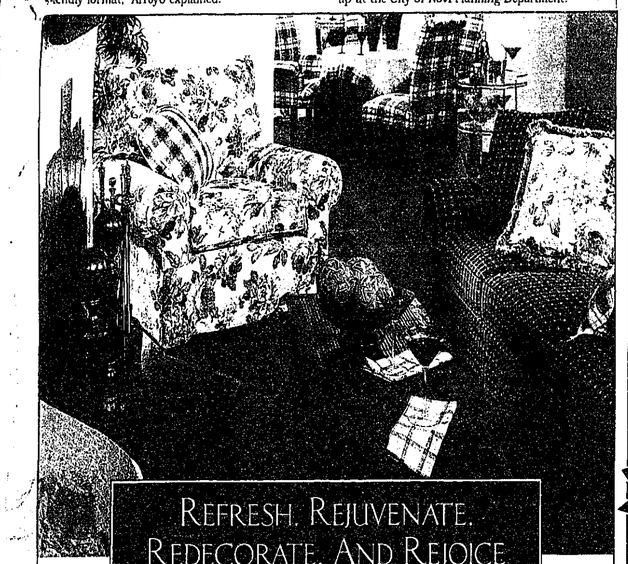
The booklet doesn't supersede the approximate 120 page site plan manual (including fee schedules and forms) and 300 page-plus zoning ordinance manual.

The ordinances in Novi rule, among other things, where buildings can be placed on a piece of property, what kind of construction materials must be used, what a sign can look like and what can be done with woodlands and wetlands.

The creation of the new book was in part a response to the Novi Chamber of Commerce's concerns about the hard to read information.

Planning Commissioner Robert Churella said the book helps "clean up some of the gobbledygook."

The guidebook is available to residents as well as interested developers free of charge and can be picked up at the City of Novi Planning Department.



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Playground safety will require more cash

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cials, is the tall slides of yesterday that took forever to climb are no longer sanctioned by consumer safety advocates. Slides, swings and monkey bars are the biggest culprit of child injuries, say statistics from The National Program for Playground Safety out of the University of Northern Iowa.

In fact, according to certified playground specialist Nancy Christoph with the district's architectural firm Fanning/Howey & Associates, the State of Michigan recently adopted legislation that requires school districts to be in compliance with state and federal safety guidelines.

Non-compliance could mean fines and other penalties, she said.

But if a $17.3 million bond proposal on the ballot March 28 succeeds, $1.8 million will be spent to improve the playgrounds at Novi elementary schools. The increased millage would cost voters about $68 a year and cover the cost to:

- Develop a schematic plan for all playgrounds.
- Correct drainage and grading problems.
- Correct fall zones and resilient surfaces.
- Purchase new equipment that meets all federal standards.
- Improve landscaping, fencing.
- Improve hard surface play areas.

Local proponents of the improvements say the more equipment there is the safer the children will be.

"There aren't quite the number of safe units to keep the kids divided the more you keep kids spread out the safety factor is much better," said Tom Workman, interim principal at Village Oaks Elementary.

Even the kids say there is a safety problem.

"There's been a lot of accidents because the wood chips aren't wide enough," said Khristen Flennoy, a third grader at Novi Woods. "A girl fell off onto the sidewalk and chipped her tooth."

While equipment is a top priority, bond proponents say it won't be effective unless the drainage systems in the playground areas are corrected.

Village Oak's Workman said the school has enough playground space, but it's not always usable. The clay underground makes for poor drainage and soggy conditions on much of the grassy areas, pushing kids onto the pavement or back indoors.

Orchard Hills Elementary is the worst of the bunch, Koster said.

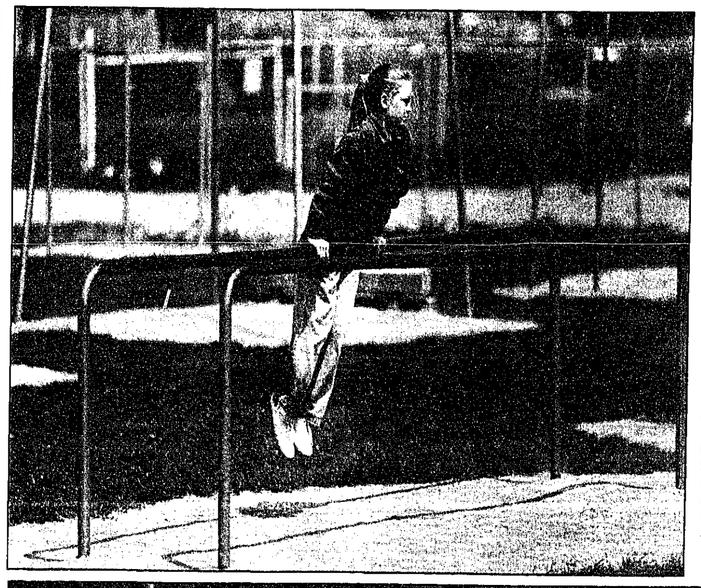
"It needs the most help in terms of drainage, playstructures and resilient surfaces," he explained.

Some students, though, don't see much of a problem with their playgrounds.

"I think it's pretty cool now," said third grader Jamie Colcer at Novi Woods. "I would put in a seesaw."

MEETING SET

■ The Citizens for Novi Schools organization will hold a community meeting at the Novi Library on Wednesday, March 18, at 7 p.m. All residents are invited to attend. For more information, call Novi Community Schools at 449-1200.



The fall zones underneath this structure at Novi Middle School should be woodchips, not hard dirt, say officials.

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Sing Along

Third grade students of Orchard Hills Elementary present their annual late winter song performance last Wednesday night at the school. The entire third grade class sang a number of songs including Zip-A-Dee-Doo-Dah, Polly Wolly Doodle, Let There Be Peace On Earth and Old Texas.

Youngsters may face watercraft tests

By TIM RICHARD
Staff Writer

Young boat and personal watercraft operators will have to pass tests, be closely supervised and obey stricter safety laws under a package of bills heading to the House of Representatives.

Details aren't final. After a three-hour meeting March 4, the House Conservation Committee moved the bills to the House floor with the possibility that many amendments still could be made. Chairman Tom Alley, D-West Branch, explained why.

"We have an agreement with the Senate (committee). They won't let our bills go through unless there's action on theirs."

The bills are on the calendar and could be voted on this week.

The Michigan Boating Industries Association opposed the bills, arguing that "the need to create a license for operation has never been statistically substantiated or proven to increase safety."

But Rep. Jessie Dalman, R-Holland, sponsor of two of the bills, prevailed when she argued: "Of the U.S. boating fatalities in 1992, 40 percent involved operators with no formal boating safety instruction." Her bills would require young motorboat operators to pass a course and carry a certificate.

Patrick McCullough, former state senator from Dearborn, favored use of videotape instruction for youngsters in rural areas who can't get parental transportation to formal boat safety classes.

Dalman's House Bills 4247 and 4248 cover motorboats. Here are some main provisions as of March 4:

• Effective this May 22, a person 19 or younger would have to pass a mandatory safety course. (The bill's earlier version placed the age at 30 and younger.)

• No fee may be charged for the course or certificate. (McCullough argued for a small fee.)

• A person under age 14 may not operate a motorboat without a boating safety certificate and supervision of someone 16 or older, and the motor is under 35 horsepower.

• Persons 14-17 may operate a motorboat if they possess a boating safety certificate issued after taking a safety course. The operator must carry the certificate and present it on demand to a peace officer. Peace officers may stop an operator for "probable cause" but not just to check for safety certificates.

• Youngsters 7 and under must wear type I or II life jackets that will hold their heads above water even if they are unconscious.

A separate bill, HB 5426, governs personal watercraft, or "jet skis," and is sponsored by Rep. William Callahan, D-St. Clair Shores. Its main provisions:

• Persons 19 and under must complete a boating safety course and carry a certificate. Operators, passengers and persons they tow must wear life jackets.

• Hours are confined to 9 a.m. to one hour before sunset.

• PWC operators may not cross within 150 behind another vessel, operate in waters less than two feet deep, weave through traffic, jump the wake of another vessel, or play "chicken."

• PWC operators must observe a "slow,– no wake" speed limit within 100 feet of a dock or raft

• They may not operate within 200 feet of a submerged diver or underwater diving activities that display the international diving insignia.

Refer to House Bills 4247, 4248 and 5426 when writing to your state representative, State Capitol, PO Box 30014, Lansing 48909

Capitol Capsules

Scrap tire grants

Livingston and Washtenaw counties are among 18 local units receiving state Department of Environmental Quality grants to help clean up more than one million scrap tires.

Livingston is to receive a $10,010 cleanup contract and Washtenaw will get $177,000, second largest in the state. Largest grant in the state is $288,56 to Allegan County.

More than $4 million in cleanup funding requests were received by DEQ for this fiscal year. Tires must be reused with the proposed use identified before the grant is awarded. "The tire piles get cleaned up, and the business climate gets a financial boost to help foster development of a healthier scrap tire end-use market," said Gov. John Engler.

Road grants

The State Transportation Commission has announced 42 Economic Development Fund road grants. The EDF grants will provide $24.7 million, a bit more than half, of projects totaling $47 million.

The fund was created by then-Sen. Rick Fessler, R-Commerce, in the late 1980s to help communities whose roads were impacted by economic growth.

Among area communities, the projects and state shares are:

• Potterville, Eaton County – add a center left-turn lane on Old US-27 to provide safer turns into the new Alro Steel Corp. plant, which is adding 80 new jobs – $258,400 state grant for a total project of $323,000.

• Holt, Ingham County – widen Holt Road and install traffic signal and turn lanes for employee traffic at RSDC of Michigan, which is adding 222 jobs – $1.29 million state grant for total project of $2.145 million.

• Milford, Oakland County – reconstruct Oak Street, to improve access to Milford Manufacturing, which added 110 jobs – $105,000 state grant toward $140,300 project.

• Novi, Oakland County – widen and resurface the Nine Mile-Novi Road intersection, for trucks accessing local firms, including Ingersoll-Rand Co., which is adding 75 jobs – $500,500 state grant toward $1.32 million project.

• Westland, Wayne County – widen Newburgh Road from two lanes to five to improve traffic flow to developments supporting 426 new jobs at various firms – $570,825 state grant to support $1.14 million project.

• Canton Township, Wayne County – widen Haggerty Road from two lanes to five to reduce congestion and allow truck and employee access to Yazaki North America Inc., adding 295 jobs – $972,800 state grant toward $1.52 million total project.

Appointments

Gov. Engler has appointed:

• Mark Hilpert of Novi as chair of the State Tax Commission, which supervises property tax administration. Hilpert is director of the Treasury Department's bureau of local government services. He has two degrees from Wayne State University and came up through the Senate Republican Office ranks.

Hilpert also was appointed to the State Assessors Board, which reviews assessment courses taught in schools, colleges, universities and local governments. He serves at the pleasure of the governor.

• Gail Duncan, Rochester resident and president of Jerome Duncan Ford, to the State Child Abuse Neglect and Prevention Board, which develops criteria for the Children's Trust Fund grants. Her term expires Dec. 19, 2000.

• Kenneth Nobis, St. Johns resident and partner in Nobis Dairy Farms, to the Michigan Dairy Market Program Committee, which is responsible for promoting the dairy industry. He represents the Michigan Milk Producers Association for a term expiring Dec. 31, 2000.

• Marcella Colling, Northville resident and director of environmental health and safety at Kettering University, to the Michigan Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Commission. The group ensures state planning and response for hazardous materials planning. Her term ends April 11, 2000.

• Michael Heimer of Bloomfield Hills to the state Board of Osteopathic Medicine, which is responsible for licensure and examination of persons entering osteopathic medicine and surgery. Heimer is president of the Patrick Foundation and corporate development director for Henry Ford Health System. He will represent the general public for a term ending Dec. 31, 2001.

• William J. O'Neil of Walled Lake to the Board of Mechanical Rules, which recommends rules for heating, cooling and refrigeration systems. He is president of W.J. O'Neil co. of Livonia and vice president of the Metro Detort Plumbing & Mechanical Contractors Associatioin. His term expires Oct. 1, 1999.

• Gary L. Sanchez of Westland, also to the Board of Mechanical Rules. Sanchez is president of Motor City Ventilation, Inc. His term ends Oct. 1, 1999.

Reddy for retirement

VP John Reddy says goodbye after 30 years at suburban newspapers

By TIM RICHARD
Staff Writer

His turning point came when he was a 26-year-old Chicago cab driver sitting in a Halsted Street bar with a pal. The pal advised John Reddy to go to college.

"I'll be 30 by the time I get out!" Reddy objected.

"You're going to be 30 anyway," said the friend, and that settled it.

"I went down to the University of Illinois at Navy Pier. I majored in journalism," Reddy recalled. "Why? I had a difficult time expressing my opinion and communicating with people. I truly enjoyed knowledgeable and stimulating people. I would have to offer them something of interest in return."

At 30, married and with one child, Reddy earned a U-I degree and got a job on the Sterling (Ill.) Daily Gazette. The one-time Navy carpenter and cab driver had launched his career in people-oriented journalism.

The working part of his career will end March 31 when he retires at 64 as vice president for editorial of HomeTown Communications Network Inc., the company that owns this and more than 60 other weekly and semi-weekly newspapers in Michigan, Ohio and northern Kentucky. He'll spend the month of March breaking in his successor, Jeanne Towar.

WHY PEOPLE GRIPED

Reddy wanted to make a difference. Many agree he has.

"I used to get the bulldog edition of the Chicago Triune. People always bitched about papers," he said. "Many Republicans thought that flaming young liberals were running the papers. My view was that anyone has a right to have a position fairly and well represented."

Rich Perlberg, now general manager of the HomeTown Newspapers headquartered in Howell, was among many who absorbed Reddy's message

"There is one overriding dogma of John's," said Perlberg. "When someone is upset about our news coverage or editorial position of a particular issue, we should be able to ask, 'Was your position fairly and accurately reported in the paper?'

"If we are doing our jobs, the answer has to be 'yes.' And most fair-minded people, even if they disagree with our overall coverage, will eventually concede that we have done our job if we have hit that standard," Perlberg said.

Next Reddy became a community editor in Palatine, Ill., for Paddock newspapers in the northwestern Chicago suburbs, then moved to the Chicago Sun-Times' suburban and city desks. He was impressed by the fact that the woman who interviewed him for the job had helped make journalism – and film – history by spotting a cleaning woman's classified ad that said "Call NOrthside 777." The paper's investigation freed an innocent man from prison.

"I came here (to Michigan) 30 years ago this month. The National Newspaper Association put my resume in the hands of Henry Hogan (then publisher of the Birmingham Eccentric). By then I had changed my mind about looking for a new job, but Hank said, 'Don't say no until you come over and look.'

"Joan (his wife) encouraged me. We drove over here with four kids and looked. There was a sense of community here.

"That was the time of the fair housing ordinance fight (following the 1967 Detroit riot). I told him he had to support the fair housing ordinance or I wouldn't come. Hank was very supportive of the editorial department and of me as an editor.

"I was managing editor. We created the Troy edition, then West Bloomfield, Rochester and Southfield. I was managing editor while all that went on

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>
> Phil Power, Chairman of the Board

John Reddy

"Then Hank bought paper in Cincinnati and needed someone to run it. I was there from 1972 to '75," he said.

Reddy deprecates his own work as a general manager, but others don't. HomeTown's Perlberg recalls how Reddy stepped in as manager of that group of six weeklies after Rolly Peterson's sudden death on Christmas Eve of 1989.

"Rolly's death was traumatic," Perlberg said. "John walked into a shell-shocked division and provided the leadership and guidance necessary to keep operations stable.

"He wisely let those with experience lead the way when appropriate, but he was far from a caretaker GM. He implemented marketing strategies and directed operations. Then he helped the new GM during a 90-day transition period and gracefully stepped aside."

But that's getting ahead of the saga.

HEADING THE MERGER

In 1975 Reddy was brought back from Cincinnati to be executive editor of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, formed a year earlier by the merger of Hogan's Eccentric group with Phil Power's Observer group.

"When John was in charge," said board chair Power, "the company's newspapers won more state and national awards for editorial excellence than any other group of community newspaper in the country."

Reddy likes to tell reporters – young and old – to observe people browsing in a bookstore. "If they see dialog, they'll read it. If they see long, gray paragraphs of prose, they'll skip it or put it down. Dialog is people." The moral: Use direct quotes to tell a good news story.

Another lesson is to make use of graphics – charts, pictures and graphs that tell the "what" of a story. "That frees up the writer to explain the why and how and the implications."

While media critics often deplore USA Today as "McPaper," Reddy praises it for use of charts. "Charts were slow to come into newspapers because no one is driving it. It takes senior management and well-trained young professionals to drive it."

So part of the business is listening to people.

MORE THAN BOOSTERS

And part is building communities.

"We're building communities, not as blind boosters (a 19th century term used on papers that flacked for real estate interests), because they suffer from failed credibility.

"There's an implied social contract. We have to fulfill our readers' expectations," he said, only hinting at the heck an editor will catch if he or she fails to display changes in the trash pickup schedule on page 1 or the rites of passage such as marriages and deaths.

The reward: "They (readers) will give you license to talk about the prickly things that disturb their consciences and make them uncomfortable. The single most important distinguishing characteristic is its editorial page and its editorial voice."

Oh, and a good paper should be "predictably unpredictable."

At O&E Reddy moved up the ladder to general manager (1977-82) and corporate vice president for editorial (since 1982), with fill-in stints, as Perlberg noted, managing various divisions.

Reddy is blunt about the sometime adversarial role of editorial and advertising people within newspapers.

"There are not enough good editorial people in senior management. The reason is that they refuse to learn anything about management. The only way you can have a free press is to have an economically sound press.

"There's really a strong need for senior management to have an advocate for the editorial department. It's easier for them (management) to remember that if it's personified in their midst

"I'm not sure how well I did, but at least they had to look at me before they walked all over the editorial department."

Power is sure Reddy did well. "He used the position as a bully pulpit from which to preach the special role and notable successes of community journalism.

"We will miss his constant wise counsel and his unfailing attention to making our craft as community journalists better," Power said.

A PLAYWRIGHT?

And soon retirement.

"I saw a couple of people retire, and they were like fish out of water. That's not going to happen to me," vowed Reddy, relating how he arose at 4 that morning to practice on the piano (Albeniz and Chopin).

"Joan has always wanted to go on an archeological dig. I can sit and do water colors while she does that.

"My goal is to write some plays. It's an extension of (a reporter's use) of quotes. There needs to be a chemistry between the playwright, the director and actors. You have to construct it so they (director and actors) have some ownership in a way that won't distort it."

So far he has written three vignettes, but details must wait until opening night.

There was something he failed to appreciate as an 18-year-old in the Navy that he has been correcting – foreign travel. This year he and Joan will see the cave art in Spain.

After studying Spanish in high school and French in college, he is working on Chinese. "I'm listening to tapes. If anybody wants to help me talk Chinese, I'd be glad to hear from them," he said.

It's more than just knowing the words. It's understanding how other people think because, said Reddy:

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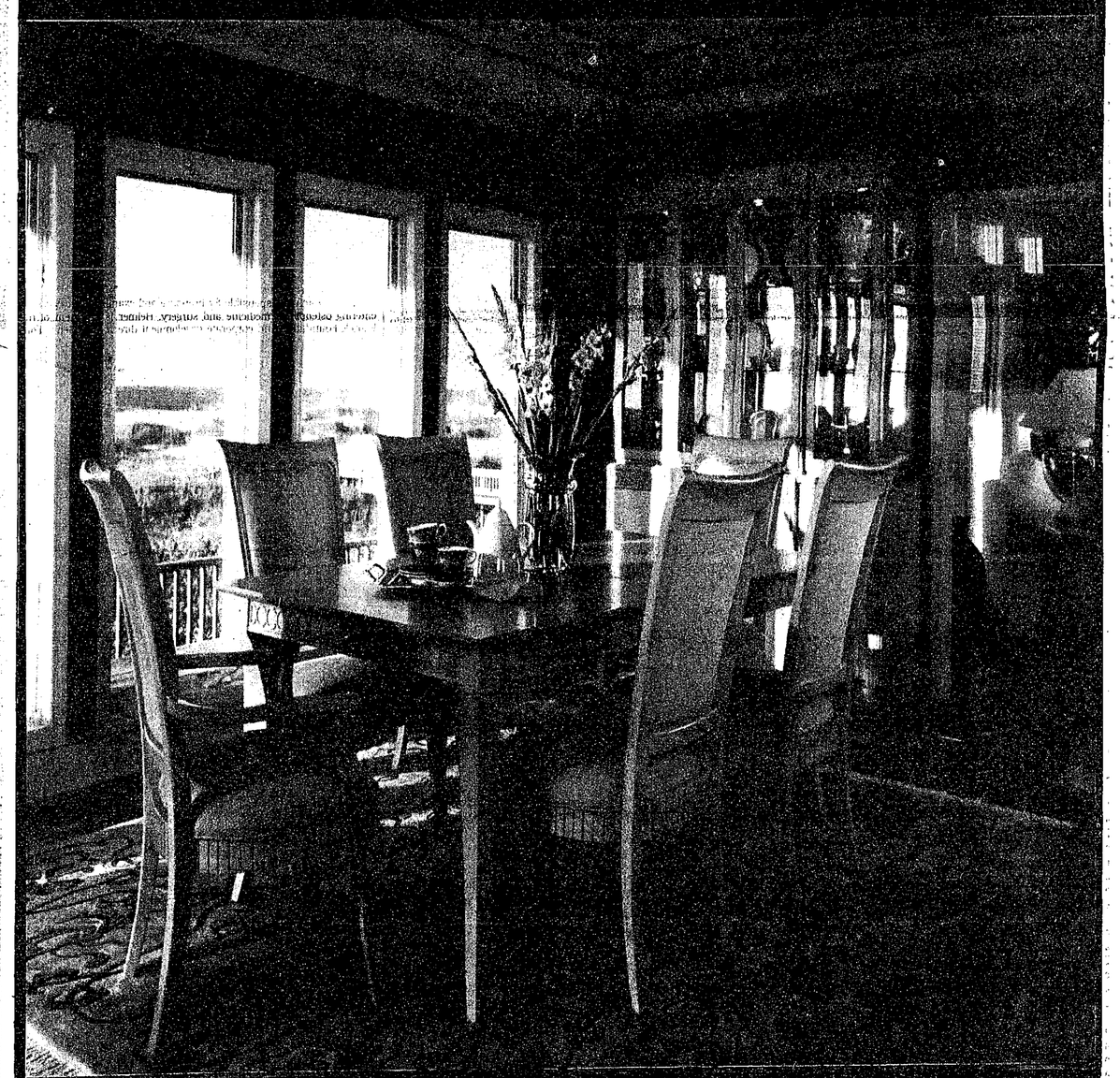

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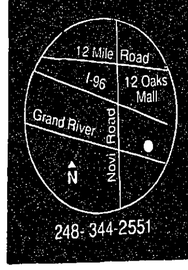

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Shoe shops open downtown

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manager of the new Designer Shoe Warehouse that opened at West Oaks I shopping center last week.

If 30,000 pairs of men's and women's shoes from 165 manufacturers on discount at DSW aren't enough of a lure for shoe fanciers, also opening last week was the Chicago-based Chernin Shoe's across the street at Novi Town Center.

This is the first Michigan location for Chernin's, which offers 50,000 pairs in brand-names such as Nine West, Rockport, Florsheim, Timberland and Stride Rite for men, women and children.

Chernin's plans four more Michigan stores, with the next one in Troy. Not a discounter, the retail chain prides itself on service and amenities such as an interactive wide screen TV and computer play area to occupy the tots while the parents shop.

"We've got shoes for the entire family. We sell all the latest fashions," said Keith Maladra, Chernin's vice president of marketing.

At Chernin's the emphasis is on helping customers find a pair of shoes that's right for them, he explained.

"We're a full-service shoe store. We actually have people who know what they're doing and give you the right fit," Maladra added.

"The sales people kind of put on a shoe show ... The secret of a good fit is having someone who knows how to measure your foot the right way."

Brands vary, he explained. A size five in 9West may be a 5.5 in Enzo.

Both Kelly and Laurie Marrs plan to hit the new Novi DSW, as they're already fans of the Columbus, Ohio chain's locations in Southfield and Troy.

"I'm elated to see it this way. It's great. I will be visiting that place very shortly," Laurie Marrs said.

With 25 pairs of shoes in her closet, she's got a long way to catch up with her daughter. The younger Marrs goes for fun looks in basic colors like black and brown.

"I don't go crazy with colors. I love all the different styles, like knee boots, go-go-ish boots. My mom and I will go shopping and she says, don't even go in that shoe place. You'll come out with two pairs," Kelly Marrs said.

"I hate trying clothes. It's so difficult undressing and dressing again to go get a different shoes. Shoes you can just try on, as long as you don't have a hole in your sock."

Most women customers at DSW are going in for comfort these days, Crouch said. She came from the Troy store to the new Novi site, which employs 22.

"It seems to be comfort flats, basic loafers. Lots of navy. I think we probably haven't had navy good for a couple of years, so it's time again," she said.

"Fabrics are selling well now."

Women are still buying high heels, but for many, the look is reserved for a special occasion.

"We do get in a selection of the skinnier heels. Women still like to wear them. We probably don't sell them like we used to," Crouch said.

"I can put up with them on Saturday night, but I don't wear them to work."

She admits she tries to conceal her latest shoe acquisitions from her husband, Gary.

"I wear flats because I'm on my feet all the time. I probably have six pairs of just plain black flats, three to four in brown," she said.

"I hide them in my closet in boxes. He always thinks every time I buy a pair, I should throw a pair away."

But men are becoming more interested in acquiring a shoe wardrobe, Crouch said.

"I think they've come a long way. It used to be men just had a black pair and a brown pair of wing tips. I think men are getting to be a little more fashion conscious," she added.

For men willing to make a statement when they step out, DSW offers a snakeskin number that comes in either mustard or purple. Also available for the male pacesetter are two-tone Hush Puppies in purple and green.

Prices at DSW range from $20 to $200.

But Maladra, despite the discounts he gets working at Chernin's, only owns about eight pair of shoes.

"To be honest with you, most men buy shoes as they wear out. They know the name brands, they ask for Florsheim's or Johnston & Murphy," Maladra added.

"Men like service, just as much as women do."

Crouch's personal collection includes a pair of original platform shoes from the 1970s, which she still wears occasionally. She'd probably find Kelly Marrs a solemate.

Marrs, a research coordinator at Marx Layne and Company in Farmington Hills, has a pair of platforms that friends call her KISS shoes. She loves "big, chunky and obnoxious Spice Girls shoes."

"It makes me taller," she explained.

Hockey team wins approval from board

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ness of charging youngsters for try-outs," said the district's Athletic Director John Fundukian. He expects 60-80 kids to try out. The agreement will also lower student pay costs about $25.

The city could only do so much for the district and still be able to pay the arena's bills, said Dan Davis, director of Novi Parks and Recreation time and again. Already the arena board is giving the team the lower rate of $125 an hour to practice between 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. That's opposed to the $160 charged for peak ice time.

Davis explained earlier 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.

Trustee Julia Abrams said she was fully behind the plan.

"I want to go see a Novi High hockey team, not go to the arena and see Northville and have people saying 'Why isn't Novi playing here,'" she explained.

Northville High School's hockey team is also expected to play at the Novi Ice Arena.

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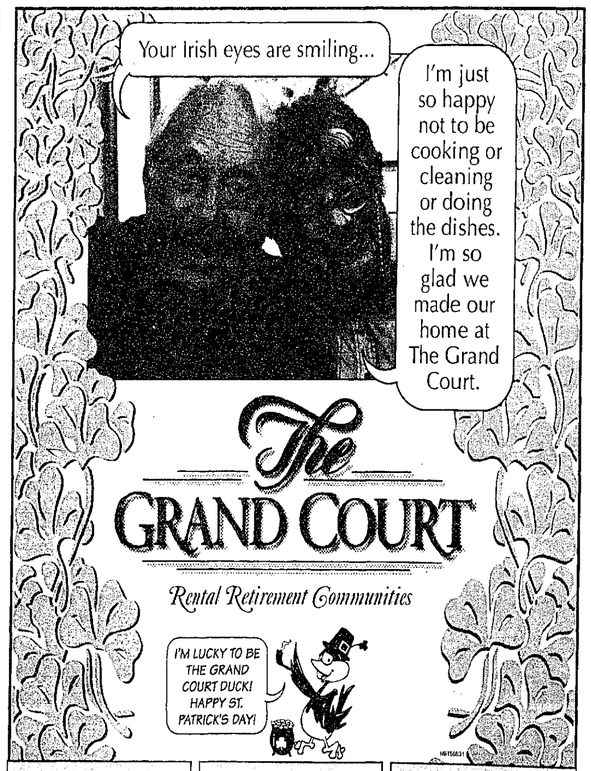

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State HSPT sees some changes

By TIM RICHARD
Staff Writer

Eleventh graders in public schools will find their standard state tests have a new name this year - "MEAP High School Tests in Math, Science, Reading, Writing and Social Studies."

Tests will be shorter, and testing time will be two hours less.

"That will place all assessment test under the name of Michigan Educational Assessment Program," Dr. Christine Schram told the House Education Committee in Lansing Feb. 11.

Previously, "MEAP" was the term used for tests given to grades 3-8. The 11th grade tests had been called "HSPT," for High School Proficiency Tests.

Although tests will consume less class time, as the public and Legislature demanded, the state can't force students to take them, said Dorothy Beardmore, R-Rochester, vice president of the State Board of Education.

"Our expectation was that everyone would be eager to take the high school tests," she told lawmakers. "An endorsement (proficiency grade in a subject) would be a badge of honor. But if the parents don't want their children to take that test, I don't know how you can force them to do it."

Beardmore said that the idea of allowing exemptions was to allow the disabled and those with limited English language proficiency to skip them. Instead, many upper middle class parents - notably in Birmingham, Troy and Monroe - exempted their offspring.

"Did you consider dropping the tests entirely, since colleges and employers weren't using them?" asked Rep. Alan Cropsey, R-DeWitt.

No, Beardmore replied. "Stories of high school valedictorians not being admitted to college started before the valedictorians were even designated," she said.

Michigan moved toward standard statewide tests in the mid-1980s when employers insisted that high school diplomas showed only how many hours a graduate sat in a classroom, what what he or she had learned.

Those who skip the state tests will have blank spots on their academic transcripts, Department of Education officials said.

In the cases of special education students, Beardmore added, a student's individual advisory committee, which includes parents, will decide whether to seek an exemption for that child.

The Legislature asked for changes in 1997 after parents complained at public hearings. Here's what Beardmore and department officials Schram, Diane Smolen and Peter Bunton reported back:

• **Security** - Schools may choose any of four two-week "testing windows" to administer the tests. The 1998 periods are April 22 to May 6, May 4-15, May 18-29 and June 1-12.

Confining tests to those dates will "maintain test security, minimize the time tests materials are in each school district, and maximize flexibility in scheduling," said a department report.

• **Shortening** - In 1997, the total test time has been 505 minutes. By winter of 1998, it will be cut to 370 minutes.

The math test will be cut from 100 minutes to 80 and from 46 items to 37; science from 120 minutes to 90 and from 46 items to 42; reading from 100 minutes to 80 and from 35 items to 29; and writing from 185 minutes to 120 and from three items to two.

• **Labels** - The labels "proficient," "novice" and "not yet novice" were abhorred by parents. The State Board of Education will approve new labels at its April 2 meeting in Lansing. Labels will be noted on the transcript, but not the diploma.

• **Feedback** - The department is working on providing faster feedback to teachers and students.

• **Scoring** - Portions will be scored only by in-state graders.

Flashing incidents occur at schools

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walk in groups and alert administrators if anything suspicious occurs.

"Wherever you are you're going to have to use common sense," the principal told them.

"Kids are so trusting but we are an educational community and need to take precautions," she added.

Cheal said she is meeting with the Novi Police Department crime prevention officers and the City of Novi Fire Marshall to discuss safety measures and ways to cordon off sections of the high school.

"We want to leave it open for community access but it's so large we can't be everywhere at all times," she explained.

In addition, all night custodial staff will receive hand-held radios to aid in keeping an eye on the school.

The precautions stem from three separate incidents at the school.

Most recently a 40ish looking man exposed himself to two women in a room during Novi High School's musical practice. Students said the man had been wandering around the area about 6:45 p.m. on Sunday, talking with participants. They thought nothing of it, according to witness statements.

"They were shocked because he'd been wandering around chatting with them," Cheal said.

But then he walked in on a student and a musical assistant and exposed himself to them. The assistant told him to get out and shoved him out of the room.

The man is described as in his mid-40s with curly gray hair standing about five foot eight inches to five foot 11 inches, according to police. He weighed about 250 pounds and had a large belly.

Novi detectives said the man bears no resemblance to the perpetrator of an indecent exposure which happened at the high school, Feb. 24. A white male with blond hair stopped at a schoolteacher's door about 6 p.m., dropped his pants and grabbed himself. The woman chased him down the hall but lost sight of him as he ran down a set of stairs.

Police interviewed an employee of the school who matched the description but denied any involvement and are still investigating.

Yet another incident occurred Nov. 26 when a man was seen masturbating in front of the school wrestling room window where a group of cheerleaders practiced. The man was described as a 5-foot -7 white male, approximately 30 years of age wearing navy pants and leather jacket.

Novi High School isn't the only place encountering exposures.

Just across the border, a Northville High teacher was the target of an exhibitionist, who entered the school around 6:30 p.m. on Feb. 13 and exposed himself at her classroom door.

The teacher told Northville Police she was working late and heard a soft knock at the door. That's when she turned around to find a man standing with his pants pulled down, masturbating.

According to police, the man pulled up his pants and fled down the hall. She described the man as 5 feet 10 inches tall and chunky, wearing blue sweatpants and a green shirt with a collar and an open neck. The teacher told police she didn't recognize the man and doubted that he was a student.

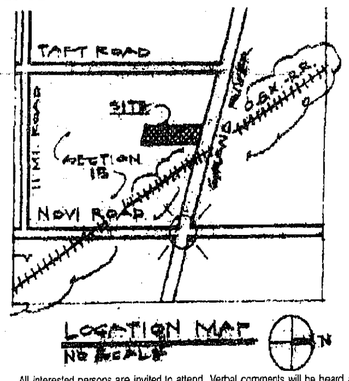
Security at the high school has been tightened in reaction to the incident and the teacher was instructed to contact police if anything unusual occurs.

Anyone with information about the incidents is asked to call the Novi Police Department Detective Bureau at (248)348-7100 or the Northville Police Department at (248) 349-1234.

Staff writer Wendy White contributed to this report.

CITY OF NOVI NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, March 18, 1998 at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider **MANSFIELD CABINETS — NEW BUILDING, SP97-39B,** located on the south side of Grand River between Novi and Taft Roads, seeking **Preliminary Site Plan and Wetland Permit Approval.**



All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments will be heard at the hearing and any written comments may be sent to the Planning & Community Development Department, 45175 West Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 until 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 18, 1998.

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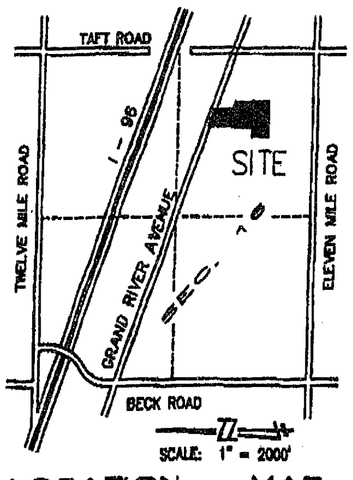

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CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF MEETING OF BOARD OF REVIEW

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 five (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.
Tuesday, March 10, 1998 — 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, March 11, 1998 — 12:00 noon to 9:00 p.m.

Any questions should be directed to the Assessing Department at (248) 347-0485.

TONI BARTHOLOMEW,
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(2-26-98 NR/NN 820806)

CITY OF NOVI NOTICE FOR PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

There will be a Public Information Meeting on Tuesday, March 17, 1998 at 6:00 p.m. for the Crescent Boulevard Phase III Project. The meeting will be held at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 West Ten Mile Road, in the Executive Conference Room. The public is invited to attend this meeting to discuss questions and/or concerns with this project.

(3-12-98 NR/NN 822030)

NOTICE — CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR BIDS SALE OF 1983 GMC RESCUE TRUCK

The City of Novi will receive sealed bids for the **Sale of 1983 GMC Rescue Truck As Is** according to the specifications of the City of Novi. Bid Packages are available at the Office of the Purchasing Director.

Bids will be received until **3:00 P.M.,** prevailing eastern time, **Monday, March 30, 1998,** at which time proposals will be opened and read. Bids shall be addressed as follows:

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CAROL J. KALINOVIK, PURCHASING DIRECTOR
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(3-12-98 NR, NN 822033)

SPECIAL SCHOOL ELECTION

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION OF THE ELECTORS OF NOVI COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN TO BE HELD MARCH 28, 1998

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT:

Please Take Notice that a special bond election of Novi Community School District, Oakland County, Michigan, will be held in the school district, on Saturday, March 28, 1998.

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

The following proposition will be submitted to the vote of the electors at the special bond election:

BONDING PROPOSAL

Shall Novi Community School District, Oakland County, Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed Seventeen Million Three Hundred Thousand Dollars ($17,300,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds therefor, for the purpose of erecting, furnishing and equipping a new elementary school; and constructing, equipping, developing and/or improving elementary school playgrounds, outdoor physical education/athletic facilities, fields and structures, and developing and improving sites?

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

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PRECINCT NO. 1
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PRECINCT NO. 2
Voting Place: Orchard Hills Elementary School, 41900 Quince, Novi, Michigan.

PRECINCT NO. 3
Voting Place: Village Oaks Elementary School, 23333 Willowbrook, Novi, Michigan.

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

This Notice is given by order of the Board of Education of Novi Community School District, Oakland County, Michigan.

CAROL ELFRING
SECRETARY, BOARD OF EDUCATION

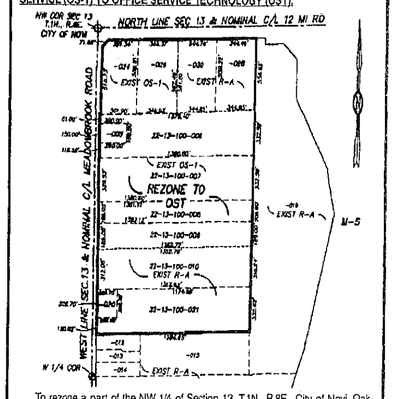
(3-12-98 NN 822029)

CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a Public Hearing, on April 1, 1998 at 7:30 pm. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider the following:

ZONING MAP AMENDMENT 18.573

Property located south of Twelve Mile Road and east of Meadowbrook Road for **POSSIBLE REZONING FROM RESIDENTIAL ACREAGE (R-A) AND OFFICE SERVICE (OS-1) TO OFFICE SERVICE TECHNOLOGY (OST).**



To rezone a part of the NW 1/4 of Section 13, T.1N., R.8E., City of Novi, Oakland County, Michigan being parcels 22-13-100-005 thru -010, -020, -021, -024, -026, -028 and -030 more particularly described as follows:

Parcel 22-13-100-005

Beginning at a point on the West line of Section 13 (nominal C/L of Meadowbrook Road) said point being S02°26'00"W 720.04 feet from the NW corner of Section 13; thence S89°44'35"E 260.00 feet; thence S02°26'00"W 150.00 feet; thence N89°44'35"W 260.00 feet to the West line of Section 13 (nominal C/L of Meadowbrook Road); thence N02°26'00"E 150.00 feet along said West line to the point of beginning. Containing 0.89 acres.

Parcel 22-13-100-006

Beginning at a point on the West line of Section 13 (nominal C/L of Meadowbrook Road) said point being S02°26'00"W 659.04 feet from the NW corner of Section 13; thence S89°44'35"E 1379.40 feet; thence S02°18'37"W 332.59 feet (recorded as S02°19'48"W 332.62 feet); thence N89°36'52"W 1380.00 feet to the West line of Section 13 (nominal C/L of Meadowbrook Road); thence N02°26'00"E 118.52 feet along said West line; thence S89°44'35"E 260.00 feet; thence N02°26'00"E 150.00 feet; thence N89°44'35"W 260.00 feet to the West line of Section 13 (nominal C/L Meadowbrook Road); thence N02°26'00"E 61.00 feet along said West line to the point of beginning. Containing 9.58 acres.

ORDINANCE NO. 18.573
ZONING MAP AMENDMENT NO. 573
CITY OF NOVI, MICHIGAN

Parcel 22-13-100-007

Beginning at a point on the West line of Section 13 (nominal C/L of Meadowbrook Road) said point being S02°26'00"W 988.56 feet from the NW corner of Section 13; thence S89°36'53"E 1380.00 feet; thence S02°18'42"W 332.59 feet (recorded as S02°19'48"W 332.62 feet); thence N89°29'10"W 1380.50 feet to the West line of Section 13 (nominal C/L of Meadowbrook Road); thence N02°26'00"E 329.52 feet along said West line to the point of beginning. Containing 10.48 acres.

Parcel 22-13-100-008

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Parcel 22-13-100-009

Beginning at a point on the West line of Section 13 (nominal C/L of Meadowbrook Road) said point being S02°26'00"W 1476.40 feet from the NW corner of Section 13; thence S89°23'09"E 1382.12 feet; thence S02°14'59"W 188.00 feet; thence N89°23'07"W 1382.72 feet to the West line of Section 13 (nominal C/L of Meadowbrook Road); thence N02°26'00"E 189.00 feet along said West line to the point of beginning. Containing 5.99 acres.

Parcel 22-13-100-024

Beginning at a point on the Easterly R.O.W. line of Meadowbrook Road, said point being S02°26'00"W 659.20 feet along the West line of Section 13 (nominal C/L of Meadowbrook Road) and S89°41'12"E 43.03 feet from the NW corner of Section 16; thence N02°26'00"E 518.73 feet along the Easterly R.O.W. line of Meadowbrook Road; thence N48°38'02"E 71.69 feet along said R.O.W. line; thence S89°07'58"E 251.34 feet along the Southerly R.O.W. line of Twelve Mile Road; thence S02°23'13"W 565.81 feet; thence N89°41'12"W 301.90 feet to the point of beginning. Containing 3.90 acres.

Parcel 22-13-100-026

Beginning at a point on the North R.O.W. line of Twelve Mile Road, said point being S89°59'26"E 344.47 feet along the North line of Section 13 (nominal C/L of Twelve Mile Road) and S02°23'13"W 95.18 feet from the NW corner of Section 13; thence S89°07'56"E 344.37 along the Southerly R.O.W. line of Twelve Mile Road; thence S02°20'28"W 582.46 feet; thence N89°41'12"W 344.93 feet; thence N02°23'13"E 565.81 feet to the point of beginning. Containing 4.46 acres.

FROM: OS-1 OFFICE SERVICE DISTRICT
TO: OST OFFICE-SERVICE-TECHNOLOGY DISTRICT

Parcel 22-13-100-010

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Parcel 22-13-100-020

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As We See It

Use laws only for purpose for which they were intended

Government

A law ought to be used the way it was intended.

That might seem fundamental, as if it goes without saying, but in the real world things aren't always quite so simple.

For one, the cops who are given the responsibility of enforcing state laws rarely read House and Senate Journals, which contain the debate over legislative proposals, in order to decipher "legislative intent." Instead, that job is left to their departmental managers and attorneys, who issue briefings to police officers advising them of how they should go about their job.

In the case of Michigan's Domestic Violence Act and how it is enforced in Novi, the issue is more convoluted yet because the state law was redrafted into a city ordinance.

So you might be surprised to learn that when state lawmakers debated the Domestic Violence Act a few year back, they never dealt with the issue of parental discipline. They never defined, in debate or in the written law, where or when discipline turns from acceptable forms of corporal punishment – spanking for instance – into domestic violence aimed at a child.

That's because they were trying to deal with an entirely different problem. Michigan already had a perfectly good child abuse law on the books. What it did not have was a good law to deal with domestic violence, spouse-on-spouse abuse.

Wife-beating (sorry if that sounds sexist, but the vast majority of these cases are indeed male-against-female aggression) had long been illegal, but the law at the time depended on the victim to file charges against the abuser. What cops, courts and domestic violence counselors were finding was that in many cases the victim was so dominated by the abuser, she would not follow through in court. In many cases, the very pattern of intimidation that allowed the abuser to dominate the spouse also served to help the abuser get off when a case did come to the attention of police or landed in the courts.

So the Domestic Violence Act was designed to allow police to arrest and charge abusers with or without the cooperation of the victim. And the standards of what counted as violence were really tighted down. It allowed police to arrest if they could find evidence of "an assault."

Appropriately so too, because if the law depended on police spotting the signs, they were likely to see only bits and pieces. They were unlikely to see the entire pattern of abuse. Besides, we can think of no good reason why any adult should strike another adult. When it occurs, an arrest should happen.

Mind you, the Domestic Violence law was broadened to also take care of abuse occurring in couples who are not married, just living together. It was broadened to address the occasions in which adult children abuse their live-in parents. Abuse between roommates sometimes occurs, and lawmakers wanted the act to address that too.

In broadening the law to cover any two people living in the same household, it was also seen as covering the parent-child relationship.

But with children, there is a difference. Children do have to be raised with discipline, and frankly the legal system expects parents to do that. But you should note that a spank and "an assault" bare a striking similarity in that it involves one person hitting another. Read literally, it is entirely possible to interpret Michigan's Domestic Violence law as banning physical punishment like spanking.

Now, you may be among those who believe parents should never spank or strike their children. You might be among those who believe there are always better ways to discipline children. You may be among those who think Deborah Skousen, the Brighton mom aquitted of slapping her daughter, went too far. Or you may think that Novi's Kathi Herren did not handle well the confrontation with her daughter last July, for which she has been convicted of domestic violence. That verdict is now being appealed.

But we think it would be ill-advised to outlaw spanking. Remember this law applies statewide, not just to the well-educated, high-income parents of a community like Novi. It applies equally to inner city parents and those living in remote rural areas outstate.

Not all parents have the skills to effectively discipline children without occasionally resorting to corporal punishment. Since the '60s and '70s sociologists have known that working class parents, those with no more than a high school education tend to be more physical when disciplining their children. And it is arguable that the middle class's less physical style of punishment by "threatening withdrawal of love" is a more humane form of discipline.

Regardless, society has an interest is seeing that children are raised in a disciplined fashion. And lawmakers ought not strip parents of their ability to use corporal punishment, because in many cases, the result will be no discipline at all.

Michigan's Child Abuse law was specifically designed to cut the distinction between discipline and abuse. Keying not on whether a strike occurred, but on whether the child is hurt, the law gives parents a margin for error as they attempt to raise their kids. It does protect against abuse. It protects also against mental abuse. But it specifically allows for parental discipline.

Much better to use that law in dealing with the parent/child relationship than to bring in another law, written to address a different problem, like the Domestic Violence Act.

If officials want to argue that the Herren and Skousen cases could not have been made under the Child Abuse Act, we'd say there's probably a good reason for that.

Ultimately, what is happening here is that law enforcement is misapplying the Domestic Violence Act to cases of parental discipline. That law was designed to deal with abusive spouses. The Child Abuse law was fine tuned to deal with parents and their children.

The Domestic Violence doesn't need to be trashed. It is in many ways an excellent law, for what it was intended to do.

But the misuse needs to stop. And if cops and judges can't cut that distinction, then lawmakers should go back and make the law more clear, that it was intended to regulate adult behavior between adults. When the parent/child relationship comes into play, the law should refer cops and judges to the Child Abuse Act.

NEWS TO SHARE

Have you recently become engaged? Newly betrothed? Or are you proud new parents? Are you celebrating a big anniversary?Send the information and picture if you have one to *The Novi News/Northville Record*, 104 W. Main Street, Northville, MI 48167, or stop by the office and pick up a birth, engagement or wedding announcement form and we'll see to it that your happy news appears in the paper.There is no charge.

Kudos again to Novi Jaycees

Michael Malott

This is the time of year I hand out my annual kudos to one particular group for doing something that I think is very special to the Novi community. And if I'm repeating myself, frankly, this is a topic worth repeating.

I'm referring of course to the Novi Jaycees and the Distinguished Service Award which it hands out every year. The Jaycees will be handing out their 26th DSA this Saturday morning in the Alcove of Vic's World Class Market.

The DSA is given to an individual whose dedication to service over the previous year will serve as a lasting reminder and an inspiration to others.

Just being nominated for a DSA award should be considered a real honor, but winning one is extraordinary. And, as has been said by myself and many others, the list of those the Jaycees have awarded the DSA to has virtually become a "Who's Who" of the city of Novi.

Over the years, those winners have included Tom Marcus, Pam Superfisky, Gerry Stipp, Rob Mitzel, Robert Pheiffer, Kathy Mutch, Margaret Schmidt, Victor Cassis, Charles Kureth, Patricia Gilberg, Rev. Leslie Harding, Ernest Aruffo, Dr. Terry Nielson, Joseph Toth, Joseph Brett, Diana Canup, Carol Anne Donnelly, Jeanne Clark, Rev. Karl Ziegler, Gil Henderson, Kathy Crawford, Don Grevengood, Richard Faulkner, Don and Laureen Burch and J. Fred Buck.

To me, the key to the DSA is that it acknowledges and celebrates the efforts of those who volunteer to help the community. If Novi is an exceptionally good town when it comes to volunteer involvement on the part of its citizens, and I believe it is, then the Jaycees' DSA award has had a great deal to do with that.

If you think about it, a community's greatest resource is its people. And the best of that resource comes in the form of volunteer service.

Honoring the commitment of those volunteers in Novi is a responsibility the Jaycees have taken on and made their own.

Now, the Jaycees, like any other group, has had its ups and downs. Tough times come to everyone. But the Jaycees have continued with their commitment to honoring volunteers through the DSA, and they have continued their commitment regardless of whatever difficulties have come along. That commitment has made the DSA a 26-year long program. That kind of longevity with such a worthwhile program is truly notable.

I'd like to say congratulations ahead of time to whomever is chosen as the winner of this year's DSA.

But I especially want to say "bravo" to the Jaycees for their continued effort in handing out the DSA each year.

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In Focus

By John Heider

Just saying 'hi'

Village Oaks students get up close and personal with "Bisquit," puppeteer Areatta Baumgartner's main character

Random thoughts on and off the job

Chris Davis

Random thoughts and observations on life...

• For the last three weeks, we've seen all kinds of pictures of the Red Cross and Salvation Army pleading for public money to help victims of the central Florida tornadoes. I saw a piece in another newspaper about a homeless woman who rolls cigarettes to sell for a nickel. All the while, Sergei Fedorov holds out for a $38 million contract because he didn't felt like he was appreciated. Golly. Life can be so cruel.

• Looks like teachers will need to find another memory device for their kids to remember the Great Lakes now that the senate labeled Lake Champlain a Great Lake, which means the lake will be able to qualify for federal aid. Since we're apparently on a hot streak for loosening the qualifications for being called a Great Lake, allow me to offer up the idea of having the Mill Pond and the Quail Ridge drain nominated.

• Another excerpt from the Bachelor's Guide to Living: an otherwise well-behaved house dog will discover innovative ways to ruin clean carpeting, but only when a guest is due at your place in five minutes.

• The folks over at Poole's Tavern in Northville have started something good by allowing groups to work to raise proceeds for charity on Wednesday nights. It's safe to say my future isn't in pouring drinks, but I had a blast being on the other side of the bar and allowing the pros to show me the difference in pouring a Miller Lite versus a Guinness.

• It's true what they say — all politics is local. Sad but true, if people were really honest, they'd tell you they couldn't care less if we bombed Iraq or if Monica Lewinski got friendly with the president. But watch them come out in droves if their cable TV picture isn't sharp or if the trash isn't picked up on time.

• Far be it from me to claim any sort of worldly knowledge of education, but it would seem to me as if the Test Formerly Known as the HSPT is completely counter to the essence of education. All this time I was under the belief that educators (not legislators) first determined what they wanted to teach, then develop an instrument to measure whether the material has been learned. But that's not happening here. Instead, we've got the cart before the horse. With all due respect to the folks in Lansing who no doubt agonized over this one for hundreds of hours, the HSPT is, as they say, "not yet proficient."

• I'm almost certain I overheard someone at 35th District Court tell a clerk he was late in making a payment to a fine because the calendar page had changed before he had been able to speak to a court employee. Funny — the court will issue a bench warrant for your arrest if you're two minutes late to your hearing, but has no problem making you wait for hours in a packed courtroom or standing in line that moves at the speed of ice-cold molasses.

• Courts, Part II: I was just floored by the number of people who addressed the court with tattered clothes or wearing baseball caps. Folks, a court is a place that commands respect. Armani suits aren't mandatory, but standing up straight and stopping the gum-chewing wouldn't hurt, either.

Newspapers can make a difference

Phil Power

From time to time, I devote this column to examples of how home town newspapers make a big difference in the daily lives of our readers in ways that other news media can't. Here's another example:

Last December, the 30-odd senior citizens who for some 20 years have been playing pinochle every Monday morning in Fire Station No. 4 in West Bloomfield faced eviction. The township Parks and Recreation Department told the group it would have to move its weekly game to the Recreation Activities Center.

Enter the West Bloomfield Eccentric, part of the HomeTown Communications Network. Staff writer Greg Kowalski heard about the problem and started asking questions.

How come the senior pinochle group had to move? Since 1990 the township has had a policy of not renting space to groups not directly associated with township operations. (Rent, in this case, was $7.50 a week.)

Did the seniors want to move? Certainly not. The Recreation Activities Center, near Town Hall, is a long way, according to Joan Feldman, spokeswoman for the group. "Many of us are unable to drive that far. And none are adjacent to where they can be picked up by buses."

So the matter went to the West Bloomfield Township Board. Kowalski covered the meetings.

Renting space to the pinochle-playing seniors could force the township into renting space to all kinds of terrible groups.

"I'm not willing to open up that policy. It could snowball," said one township trustee. "If we set a precedent to allow a private group to use township facilities, we have a number of groups who want to use Town Hall. It would be difficult to deny them," said another. To such minds, proper public policy is to be determined by precedent, not by common-sense fairness.

Like elected officials the world over, others disagreed. "Why couldn't an exemption be allowed?" asked another trustee.

"This group has been in existence since prior to the policy. I think it's an isolated group, and I don't see it coming back to bite us. They're even willing to pay rent."

And like program managers the world over, township parks and rec officials averred consolidating the pinochle game into the Recreation Activities Center was good for the seniors. "It's always been our goal to have senior citizen programs under one roof. For the good of the senior program, they are much better off centrally located," explained one official.

Late in December, the township board decided that the Monday morning pinochle game could stay in Fire Station No. 4, at least until the next March. But a power struggle broke out on the township board, paralyzing most local business, including where the pinochle game was to take place.

So in February, the pinochle players went on the offensive. As Kowalski's story put it, "The 30 or so club members have been going door-to-door and standing at shopping centers collecting signatures of support. They have 300 so far and expect to have 600 by the March meeting of the West Bloomfield Parks and Recreation Commission."

And what happened? Ta, da!

The commission decided the Monday morning pinochle club could stay put in Fire Station No. 4 for the duration. Parks and rec will pay the $7.50 a week rent for use of the space. But the authorities will not have a program coordinator on site, and the seniors will be responsible for providing their own refreshments and for set up and clean up.

As in the world over, the combination of a bunch of citizens grumpy at pettifogging governmental rules, hundreds of petitions and extensive coverage in the local newspaper got results.

Is this a big deal, the kind that will change for ever the course of Michigan history? Of course not.

But the course of history ultimately is determined by the outcomes of millions and millions of little deals just like this one. Certainly, for the 30-odd seniors who have been playing pinochle on Monday mornings in Fire Hall No. 4, staying put was a big deal.

And it's exactly the job of home town newspapers like this one to contribute to countless deals – whether you think them big or little – because they are relevant and therefore important to the daily lives of our readers. It's a wonderful job!

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@oeonline.com.

Are all the facts out on the table?

Letters

To the Editor:

As a Novi school district taxpayer for well over 20 years, it was interesting to note that the proposed district's ballot issue for $17.3 million in 20-year bonds would allocate 72 percent for construction of a new school building and 28 percent for "repairs and maintenance."

This "one lump sum" take it or leave it ballot issue looks like heavy-handed bureaucratic blackmail. If you want and think the district needs the new school, a vote for "repair and maintenance" is automatic, no choice. Spending $4.8 million to make property drainage repairs, pave parking slots, and repair/replace playground equipment suggests that the school administration simply did not fund/enforce proper yearly maintenance and now the voters are being asked to pick up the tab.

This special election on March 28, a Saturday, also seems rather devious. Municipal, state and federal elections normally take place on a Tuesday. What's wrong with a school bonding proposal vote on a Tuesday? What kind of shifty shenanigans are taking place? Do we get fewer voters out on a Saturday?

According to your page 1 article, Novi taxpayers/voters passed a 20-year, $6.5 million bond issue in 1987, a 20-year, $5.2 million bond issue in 1990, and a 20-year, $31.2 million bond issue in 1992. A total of $42.65 million which the Novi taxpayers/voters are still paying. Add to that the proposed 20-year, $17.3 million bond issue and the total would be $59.95 million. If this trend continues for the next ten years, the school district (a.k.a Novi taxpayers/voters) debt will grow to $120 million or more.

Now when you and I apply for a loan or mortgage, the lender wants to know all our outstanding debts and obligations, and our incomes. This newspaper should, for the benefit of its readers and the voters, include a summary table of what debt the school system has outstanding, when it was incurred, when it will be paid off, and how much is it costing each taxpayer. This way each voter has all of the facts and figures needed to make an informed decision when they go to vote. In my opinion, not disclosing all of the facts and figures on the school district's debt is not balanced journalism.

This proposed 20-year, $17.3 million bond issue may be too expensive, or considered heavy-handed bureaucratic blackmail, or it may be acceptable for the Novi taxpayers (if we have all of the facts and figures). Furthermore, the scheduling of "Saturday elections" is not a pleasant political course for our school officials to sponsor and frankly, looks dishonest to the Novi taxpayers/voters.

Joseph G. Toth

Not equivalent normalcy

To the Editor:

The liberal mentalities would like to put words in our mouths and claim we conservatives have an irrational disdain for the homosexual's behavior. Disdain, yes. Irrational disdain, no.

C-span and other cable stations have aired programs regarding the anomalous and aberrant sexual activities of the so-called gay; the print media doesn't seem to want to write about their strange behavior patterns. I haven't read a word about their fisting proclivities or that tens of thousands celebrate the event called the golden shower.

Nobody I know would deny the homosexual his inalienable rights, our democratic freedoms, food, clothing, shelter or a job. No one I know bashes the same-sex advocate or suggests that others should batter the lost soul. Some of us believe, however, that the gay men practice some very weird cohabitation. The straight position we profess is only that we do not regard the gay lifestyle as equivalent normalcy and morality.

Neil Goodbred

Put first things first

To the Editor:

Maybe Al Gore is right to be worried about warming. I wonder what the ozone layer has to do with the warming in the White House. It may become too hot in the kitchen for Bill Clinton to keep focused on the hot situation in Iraq.

Unilaterally cutting emissions and strapping industry with many other environmental directives and restrictions to accomplish no-carlet's-walk-to-the-store conditions Al Gore would love to see reality promises to decrease our production, our revenues, and jobs. Talk about tilting the playing field.

But first things first. It is hoped we can cool the situation with Saddam. Then maybe we can take a more responsible look, consider the facts, and determine truthfully whether warming is detrimental to our welfare.

Neil Goodbred

School bond not a luxury

To the Editor:

I am writing concerning the school bond issue. As a parent in the community, it only makes sense to support this issue. The reason most parents move to Novi is because of the "excellent" school system. We must support having lower classroom sizes, well maintained parking facilities, safe playground equipment and decent athletic fields. I know everyone instinctively looks at the dollar amount in taxes that they have to pay. I know this is a burden to many. I, for one, did not vote on a lavish waterpark/pool which can only be used two-three months a year. This to me was a luxury my family could afford to do without. A school issue is totally separate. A well-respected, good school district will increase your property value alone.

I also understand that our senior citizens are "taxed-out." But, I am sure their children and possibly grandchildren went through the Novi school system because of its reputation. Those citizens had the vision then to support children's needs. We need to look toward the future and support the needs of students for the 21st century. After listening to some high school students plea to the board of education to solve the problem with their athletic fields, broken bleachers, safety issues, I can't help but wonder why we wouldn't support their needs. Most of these students were seniors and will never see the positive outcome this bond issue would provide. They were speaking out of pure embarrassment because our fields do not meet state regulations.

Sure, academics is a first priority, but we also need to keep our kids active with outside activities as well. Being well-rounded with both academic and extra-curricular activities is the key to a successful individual. We need to help our students achieve both. Please support the bond issue on Saturday, March 28. Do it for your kids.

Dina Ascenzo

Needs of our children are real

To the Editor:

I am writing to urge voters in the Novi Community School District to vote yes on the upcoming bond issue. As a community member who volunteered to serve on the district's Grounds and Infrastructure Committee last year, I visited all the elementary schools to inspect the playgrounds and observe traffic flow at peak student drop-off and pick-up times. I also toured all the athletic fields and facilities. It was certainly an educational experience, with some very unexpected and troubling findings. While Novi schools offer the finest in academic instruction, technology and staff, our infrastructure (playgrounds, parking and traffic, and athletic fields) is in great need of repair and improvement. Articles in this paper and previous letters to the editor have detailed the specific problems and needs. I encourage anyone who doubts what they have read to go out to the schools and inspect the facilities and conditions for themselves.

The need for a new elementary school to ease overcrowding is also urgent. Since there is no such thing as "capacity" in public schools, our elementary schools will soon be forced to use portable classrooms to accommodate all the children. School overcrowding also poses numerous other problems, including access to gym, art and music classes, and scheduling lunch and recess for all the children.

The needs of our children and the district are real and are growing greater everyday. To delay any longer in addressing these problems will hurt our children, our schools and our property values. The costs to fix the problems at a later date will only be higher. The proposal before us is based on community and professional needs assessments and reasonable financial planning. While none of us should vote to increase taxes without careful scrutiny, this proposal is a good investment in our children and our community. Vote yes on March 28.

Kathy Hagenian

Vote yes for school bond

Dear Editor:

On Saturday March 28 there will be a special bond election for Novi Community Schools. As chairperson of the Novi Community Education Advisory Council , i can see where this bond will benefit many citizens of our community. Community Education runs classes in the afternoon, evening and on weekends. Common complaints have concerned lighting and parking – two of the issues addressed in the bond election.

There will be better entrances and exits at Parkview, Novi Woods, Orchard Hills and the current Meadows/Middle School/administration complex. In addition, there will be better lighting and increased parking. I have also noted that handicapped access will be improved. Every citizen who has used our facilities recognizes the need for these improvements.

Our new preschool building behind Novi Meadows will have better parking. The playgrounds at our elementary schools serve an important function in our community – they are used by families year round. It is very important that they will be irrigated and that equipment will be brought up to current safety standards.

I, for one, am very happy that our district has finally recognized this need. From senior citizens to parents with young children, all will be happy to avail themselves of these much needed improvements.

I urge all citizens of our community to join me in voting yes for the March 28 school bond election.

Paul R. Hendricks
Chairperson
Novi Community Education Advisory Council

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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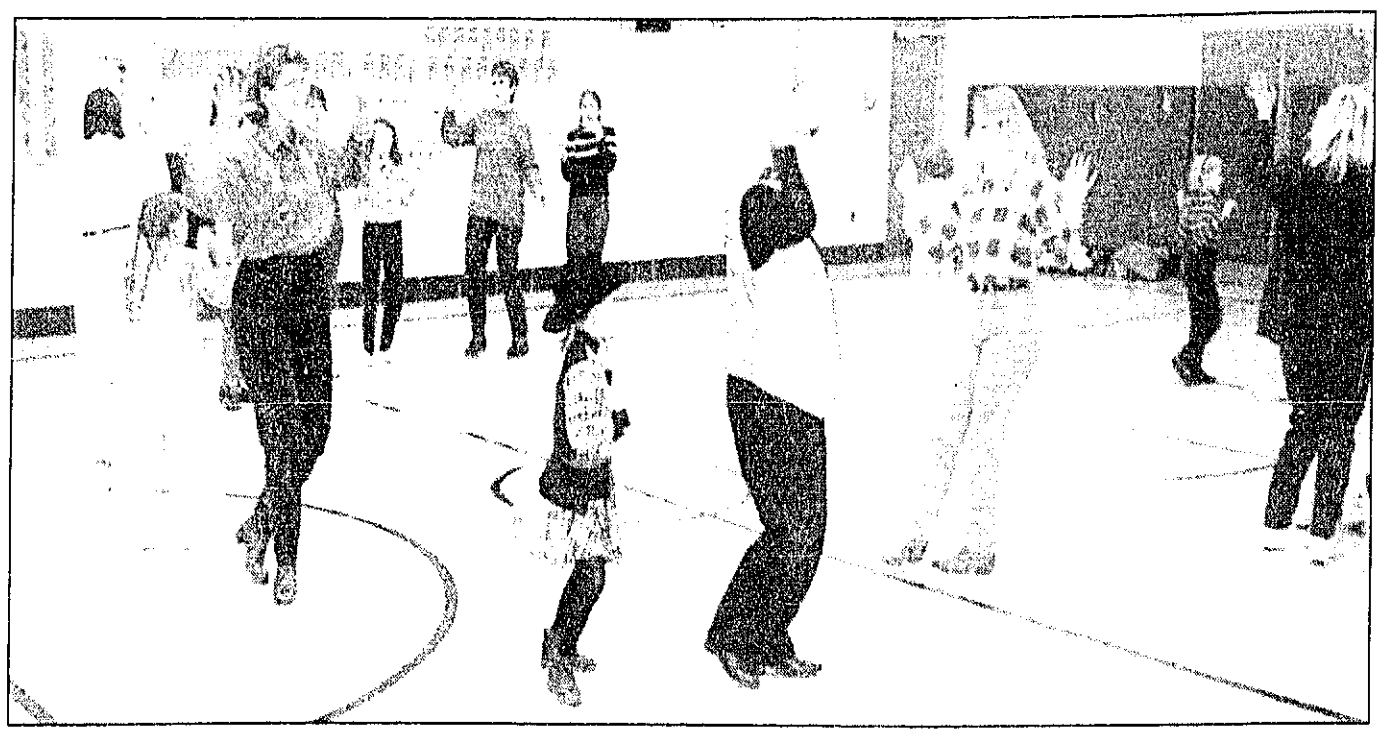
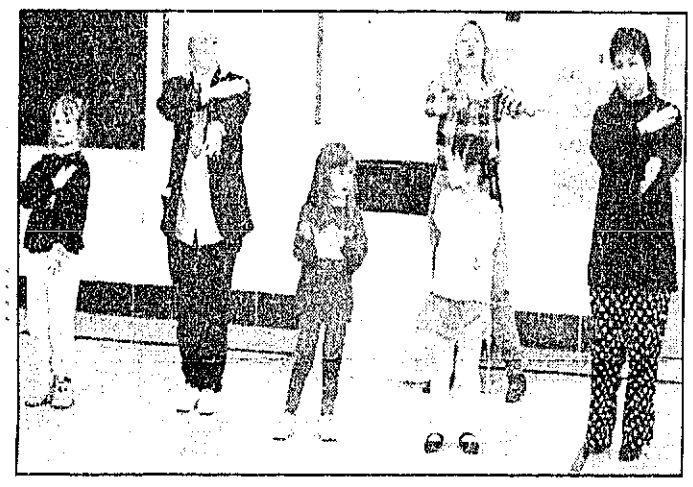


Dance fever epidemic strikes moms

During a Thursday evening mother/daughter Line Dance class at Novi Woods Elementary, Moms and daughters only were taught a few basic line-dance steps including the Macarena, the Hustle, the Chicken Dance and the Tush-Push. Clockwise from upper left: Jo Ozimek playfully nudges her daughter, Jessica, 7, during a turn on the dance floor. Above, instructor Holly Belaire, right, leads a group in the infamous "Hokey-Pokey." At right, it's their turn now, as a line of moms perform the Macarena dance for their daughters. Below, Diane Colwell lets her daughter Nina, 7, borrow her cowboy hat during a Country-Western line dance. Bottom left, Belaire, rear, leads a group in the hand gestures for the Macarena.



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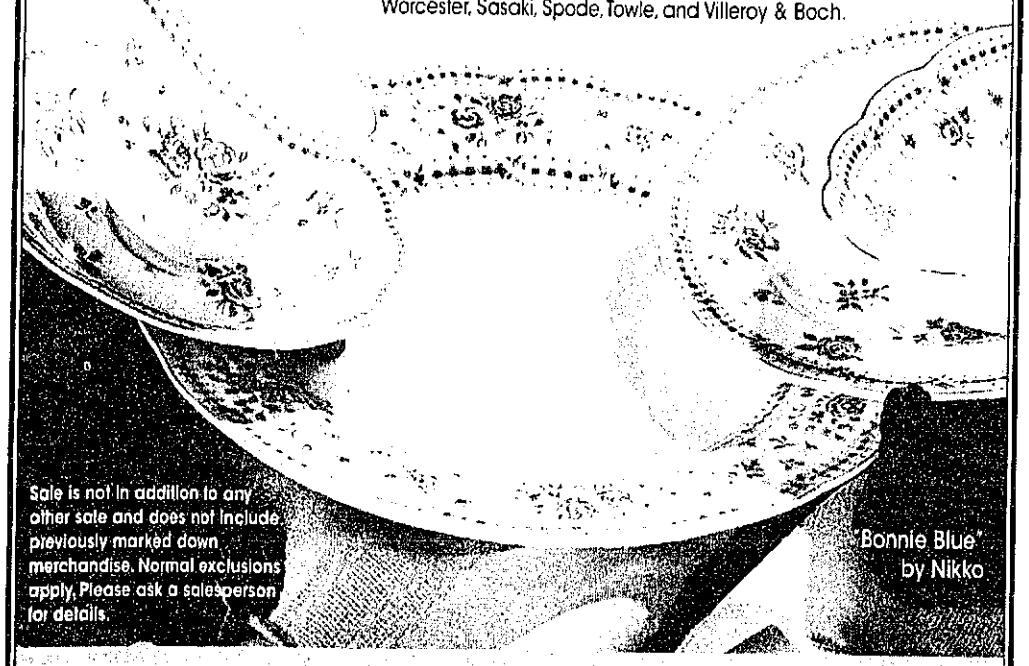

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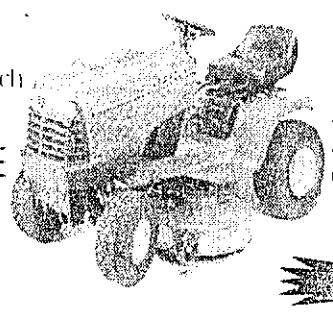

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Sight Aid

Novi Lions Club endeavers to provide tools to aid those with vision problems

By CAROL DIPPLE
Feature Editor

Got an antique document you've been squinting at for years? Do you have a vision problem which makes any reading or writing task a tedious chore?

The Novi Library, thanks to a generous donation by the Novi Lions Club, now has the Optelec Spectrum Color Video Magnifier.

Novi resident, Tony Lolli, who came to the library last week to demonstrate the machine's functions, knows all too well how important it is to those with vision problems.

Lolli, 72, uses a black and white model of the Optelec video magnifier for his checkbook, for recipes, and of course, reading.

"I use this machine for just about everything," Lolli said.

Before he received the video magnifier on loan from the Novi Lions two months ago, Lolli used two magnifying glasses and his reading glasses to do what he can do on this machine.

With a magnification level of up to 70 times, Lolli no longer needs the two magnifying glasses as well as reading glasses he previously used to accomplish the same tasks he can perform with the video machine.

"I used to read the newspaper front to back every day," Lolli said. "I miss it. The machine helps me."

Reading material is placed on the movable platform. Among the many uses Lolli has for the machine include filling out forms, working in his checkbook, and reading recipes.

"When the Lions got the black and white version it really increased his capacity towards self sufficiency," said Pauline Druschel, assistant director and head of Outreach Services.

Reading old documents as well as looking at photographs are some other uses for the video machine. There are half a dozen knobs which control the console, image, color, size, focus and power. Background colors can also be changed.

The black and white model on loan to Lolli costs about $2,000 while the color Optelec magnifying machine which the Novi Lions donated to the library in the fall costs about $3,400.

"When we go out and do a fund raiser, we collect these monies from the community what we want to do is put it back into the community," Dick Faulkner of the Novi Lions.

The Optelec is available for the public to use in the senior section of the library area.

"It fits in with the library's overall effort to provide large print material for people who have vision problems such as special books and equipment to read any kind of reading material," said Brenda Evans, director of the Novi Library.

Also in the senior section of the Novi library, there are four aisles of large print books, an informational corner which includes two topical bulletin boards, handouts, and periodicals including the large print edition of the Reader's Digest.

An eyeglass collection box for the Novi Lions is also kept in the senior section of the library. Eyeglasses in reasonable condition may be dropped into the collection box. Children's glasses and nonprescription sunglasses are desperately needed.

"Most people don't understand there's a real need out there. They are reluctant to drop them in the box instead they just trash them," said John Chambers, Novi Library board of directors. "It's in the small things like that that a lot of people can make a big, big difference."

The Northville Library has about 10 Braille books for children, 100 adult and 50 children's audio books, 20 descriptive videos and up to 100 large print books. They do not have magnifying glasses or machines.

Donate Your Used Eyeglasses

Anyone interested in supporting the Lions Clubs in the vision projects can give his or her used eyeglasses in reasonable condition to any Lions Club. Children's glasses and nonprescription sunglasses are desperately needed. For information on making a tax deductible cash contributions call either the Northville Lions, Luis Mejia, president at (248) 349-1022 or the Novi Lions, Jerry Coonce, (248) 348-0531 or mail to the Novi Lions, P.O. Box 461 Novi, 48376.

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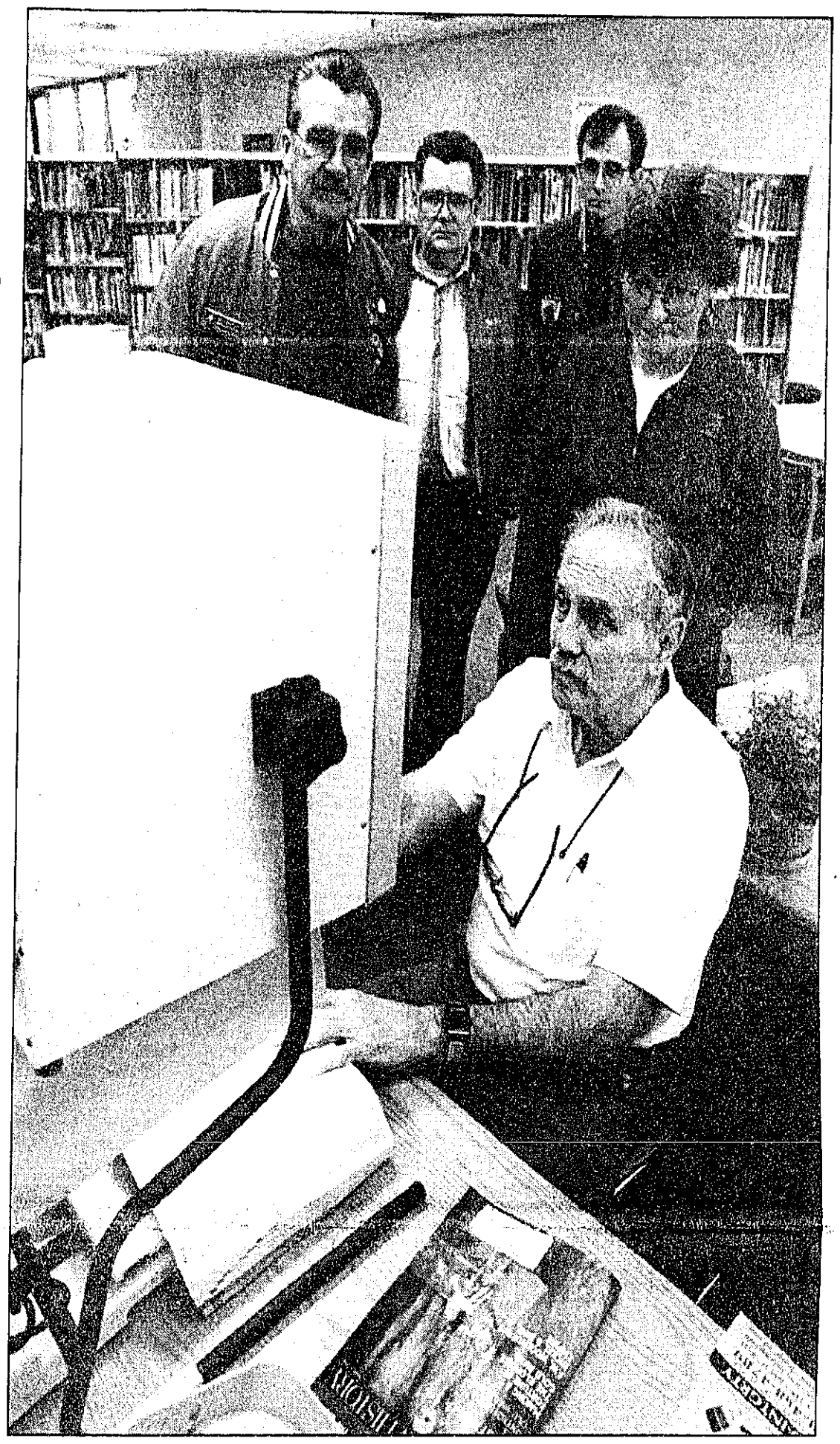

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Tony Lolli demonstrates the use of the magnifying text reading machine the Novi Lions donated to the Novi Library to Public Services Librarian for Outreach Services Georgia Grovesteen. In the background are Novi Lions members Dick Faulkner (from left), Tom Marcus, and Joe Rackov.

LSCA grant and Novi Lions donation enable library to purchase a variety of magnifiers

By CAROL DIPPLE
Feature Editor

The Novi Library became a preview center for magnifiers thanks to a one-year grant from the Library Services and Construction Act (LSCA) in 1995. With the funds, the library purchased seven magnifying glasses.

"I saw those seven magnifiers, it was like one drip in a huge bucket as far as the potential for the variety of magnifiers and the kinds of needs," said Pauline Druschel, assistant director and head of Outreach Services.

With the grant, they also purchased the Reading Edge, a voice synthesized machine that scans the printed text and reads it back.

When the Novi Lions heard about what the library was doing they donated $1,000 which enabled the library to purchase about 30 additional hand-held magnifiers.

"That's what really got us up and moving," Druschel said.

The library's preview center now includes round and rectangle magnifiers in many magnifications. Some have stands or can be clamped onto a table. There are also sheet and bar magnifiers. Others can be combined for double magnification.

It takes Georgia Grovesteen, public services librarian of Outreach Services or Druschel at least a half an hour of working with an individual to find out what they need.

"Some people like rectangular, others prefer round," said Druschel.

Magnifiers can be checked out for preview for a month.

"Georgia and I both encourage (people) not to immediately buy something, try two or three different varieties, find out what's really best because you have changing light environments," Druschel said.

What works in the library may not be good at home because of the different light and time of day.

"It gives them a chance to experiment with a magnifier before they make a purchase because they can be pretty expensive," Druschel said.

The other option for people wishing to preview magnifying glasses is to go to The Library for the Blind and Handicapped in Pontiac.

Volunteer

Photo submitted by Phyllis J. Heckemeyer

Chet Heckemeyer mans the dumb waiter used in project.

Lions participate in eyeglass project

By CAROL DIPPLE
Feature Editor

Three Northville couples were not prepared for what they experienced when they arrived at dawn at the Melvin Jones School in Lima, Peru, on Feb. 16.

John Morgan, a member of the Northwest Lions Club and his wife Barbara, of the Northville Lions Club, along with Phyllis and Anthony Heckemeyer and former residents Charles and Maria Poindexter, all also of the Northville Lions Club, had flown to Peru as volunteers in an eyeglass distribution project in connection with the 25th anniversary of the establishment of the San Felipe Lions Club in Lima.

The Morgans had applied for a $30,000 grant from the Lions Club International Foundation to fund the shipment of 10,000 pairs of eyeglasses together with two new automatic refractors costing over $12,000 to Lima and to pay the cost of food and local transportation for the eyeglass distribution project. Volunteers paid for their own lodging and air transportation and miscellaneous expenses.

People seeking eye exams and glasses had already extended for blocks by the the team arrived on Monday morning at dawn.

There were 26 members on the examinations team including former Novi resident and ophthalmologist Dr. Martin S. Arkin, optamologists, dispensers, pickers, fitters and computer operators. Dr. Arkin also performed 12 cataract operations and one cornea transplant with a cornea provided by the Michigan Eyebank in Ann Arbor.

The volunteers were responsible for patient registration, crowd control, dispatching prescriptions from the first floor examination room to the second floor picker room, and for escorting patients between the examination and fitting rooms.

Anthony (Chet) Heckemeyer was assigned to work the dumb waiter system which had been rigged between the first and second floor for dispatching prescriptions. The prescriptions were placed in a cardboard dispatch box which was tied to a rope on all four sides. With a tug of the rope, the box was pulled up to the second floor where computer operators and pickers filled the prescriptions. The orders were placed back in the box and sent over the half-wall overlooking the staircase to the first floor. Heckemeyer, who has been legally blind since he was 48 years old, was at the bottom waiting for the dumb waiter.

"He was an inspiration to all of us," Morgan said of Heckemeyer.

Heckemeyer lost his vision to retinitis pigmentosa, a disease causing the death of the light receiving cells in the retina at the back of the eye. His wife, Phyllis, was assigned crowd control and helping select sunglasses, which are not included in the total count of prescription glasses.

"People are just desperate," Phyllis said. "Some of it was very sad."

Barbara Morgan was assigned to the registration desk while her husband John worked crowd control.

"He kept the lines in line," Barbara said.

With temperatures ranging in the 80s and 90s, it was only possible to seat 10 people in the school building at a time. Windows had to be blacked out and remain closed in the examination room which did not allow for ventilation.

The team worked 13 hours on the first two days, 12 on the third and eight on the last day of the project with 20 minutes lunch breaks which they took in shifts. Luncheons were provide by the local Lions Club and included three Peruvian dishes.

In all, 3,000 people received eyeglasses during the distribution project. With a official population of 8 million according to the latest census, the project was described by Dr. Dennis Cobler, who headed the Visions group, as "spitting in the ocean." The remaining eye glasses were left with local opticians for distribution to needy cases.

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Newcomers and Neighbors plan general meeting

By JEANNE CLARKE
Special Writer

The Novi Newcomers and Neighbors Board held their March meeting at the Civic Center. Their agenda included a civics project, participation in the Novi Youth Assistance Bowl-a-thon.

The board will conduct a general meeting at 7 p.m., on March 25, at the Civic Center. Guest speakers for the evening will be Cindy Elliott R.N. and Pam Superfisky.

Elliott will speak about children's health care. She will also discuss the opening of the new pediatric Urgent Care Clinic in Novi. (The clinic's location is directly north of Twelve Oaks Mall on Twelve Mile, and plans to be open 365 days a year.)

Superfisky will discuss the proposed bond issue and will do an informal presentation along with an artist's renderings of the proposed improvements.

The 1998-99 new slate of officers will be presented at this meeting: Robbi LeRoy, president; Karen Rusiska, first vice president; Diann Graf, second vice president; Theresa Docherty, secretary, and Maureen Nakonek, treasurer. Board positions include Carla Hall, interest group chairperson; Civic Committee members, Alice Bergeson, Lisa Roach, and Cindy Dillon; Ways and Means Committee, Sarah Clark, Karen Ray, Loraine Eastham, and Dodie Varhol. Some of the committee positions include Lynn Scheib, advisor; Chris Hutchinson, historian; and Robin Lori, publicity.

Nominations deadline for the 1997-98 Outstanding Member of the Year Award is Tuesday, April 21. Recipient of the award will be announced at the Installation Dinner on May 13; special gifts from the club and the name of the recipient will be engraved on a plaque that will hang in the Novi Library.

A couples event will be held on Saturday, March 28, at the new Steve & Rocky's Restaurant. A dessert and coffee get-together will follow at a member's home.

MICHIGANDERS SMOCKERS

This group is a chapter of the Smocking Arts Guild of America (SAGA) and meets twice a month at the Novi Library. For interested community members who can attend evening meetings only - the group meets on the first Monday from 7-9 p.m. at the Novi Library. For daytime meetings, the group meets on the third Thursday, from 10 a.m.-noon. Guests are welcome to attend one meeting without charge; there is a $2 charge per person for every subsequent meeting. Guests may attend six meetings per calendar year. Membership is $12 per year and all members of the Michigander Smockers must be members of the SAGA.

The group recently made a smocked Easter egg with Lois Nelson. At the 10 a.m. meeting on March 19, they will be working on their community service project - wee care gowns donated to Hutzel Hospital. Gene Bowman is director of this project. The group will be smocking the gowns at the April 16 meeting.

Earlier that month, April 6, the evening group will be smocking a tea cozy with Wendy Wylder, and also included in the evening will be Part 1 of a smocking a pillow with Lois Nelson.

Officers for this year include: Janet Rost, president; Genie Bowman, first vice president-morning programs; Lois Nelson, first vice president-evening programs; Sue Ackman, membership; Pat Cousins, secretary and newsletter; Bunny Fortier, treasurer; Kelly Nawrocki, librarian; Pat Haxton, hospitality; Nancy Young, publicity; Peggy Peterson, historian; and Lois Nelson, past president.

A "Show and Share" is presented at each meeting. Recently, Janet Rost brought in a wall quilt she made for her son's Eagle Scout troop. The names of all troop Eagle Scouts, past, present and future, were displayed in the Quilt.

Novi Highlights

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The Spring Arts and Crafts Show will be held from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on Saturday, March 28. In addition, there will be food and beverages available. The Outreach Committee will sponsor a bake sale and door prizes.

The Youth Group will meet on the first and third Sunday of each month. The only exceptions will be if there is another type of activity, such as a concert, etc. The times will stay the same, from 4:30-6 p.m. except during Lent. The group will meet from 4:30-5:30 p.m. during the Lenten season.

These meetings are open to any sixth through 12th graders; visitors are encouraged to attend. Meetings will be held in the new youth room and Middle School Sunday School room.

The young people planned a 30-hour famine this past week. The program, sponsored by World Vision, was to help children in third world countries that go without food daily. Those involved were asked to go 30 hours without food, starting their fast after lunch on Friday, March 6, and meeting at the church at 7 p.m. for activities. Breakfast was held the following day at 7 p.m. The money collected from pledges will be used for hungry children in third world countries.

The regular bimonthly meeting will be held on March 15, from 4:30-5:30 p.m. Sledding and "warm-ups" afterwards, weather permitting, will be held on March 29.

The Outreach Committee is in need of Campbell Soup labels. The labels are redeemable for supplies, athletic/playground equipment, etc., for the Red Bird Mission School in southeastern Kentucky. In addition, a collection of toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, combs, shampoo, personal items, will be used in packs for Cass Community Center. This is an ongoing project; items can be dropped off at any time.

April 26 is Invitation Sunday. Members will be asked to invite someone from their neighborhood to worship with them at church.

NOVI COMMUNITY EDUCATION

"Focus on Families Parenting Workshop" will be held on Saturday, March 21, at the Instructional Technology center, Novi schools. Friday, March 13, is the deadline date for making registrations. Forms are available at several locations. Please submit your reservation(s) at $2 per person/couple; $4 per person/couple on the day of the event.

Check-in will be from 8:30-9 a.m. At 9-10:30 a.m., Dr. Ray Guarendi, a clinical psychologist, will make a presentation titled "Laughter: The Sanity of Discipline." Those attending will also sit in on two small group breakout sessions. These include "Attention Deficit Disorder"; "Communities That Care"; "Conflict Management"; "Developing Good Homework Habits"; "Family and Child Safety"; "Family Education Network"; "Managing Stress In Our Children"; "Parenting a Teen"; "Parenting with Love and Logic"; "Step and Blended Families"; "Success and Our Children - Achieving Optimal Performance"; "What is a Glasser Quality School?"

The sessions will run from 10:45-11:40 a.m., 11:50 a.m.-12:45 p.m., and a question and answer session, from 12:45-1:15 p.m.

In addition, there will be free child care, parenting resources, entertainment and fingerprinting for children. For additional information, call 449-1200. The Novi Public Library will have parenting books available to check out at the site.

Other classes offered in the brochure include a baby sitting clinic, March 8 and again on April 29, for grades 5-8. Spring break classes are also available in the brochure: Cyber Net Masters Internet Camp and Spring Break Variety Camp.

ACT Preparation workshop is being offered on March 21 for students in grades 11-12; several soccer clinic and camps are offered, in addition to a coed baseball camp, plus many more activities.

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

Church Notes

MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, 21355 Meadowbrook Road in Novi, continues it's "Faith and Reason: Lenten Series" on Wednesday evenings from 7:30 until 9 p.m. with "What is the Kingdom of God?" on March 18; "Was Jesus Really Raised from the Dead?" on March 25 and "The Nature of Christ" on April 1.

For more information, call the church at (248) 348-7757.

The Bloodmobile will come to **HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH**, 39200 West Twelve Mile Road in Farmington Hills, on Friday, March 27, from 2 until 8 p.m. If you are in good health, weigh a minimum of 110 pounds and are between the ages of 17 and 70, you may be eligible to donate. To register call (248) 478-3544.

The Lenten Soup and Supper series continues beginning at 6:30 p.m. Evening worship featuring Holden Evening Prayer begins at 7:30 p.m. This is a 40-minute service featuring music, brief readings from the Bible, prayer and time for meditation.

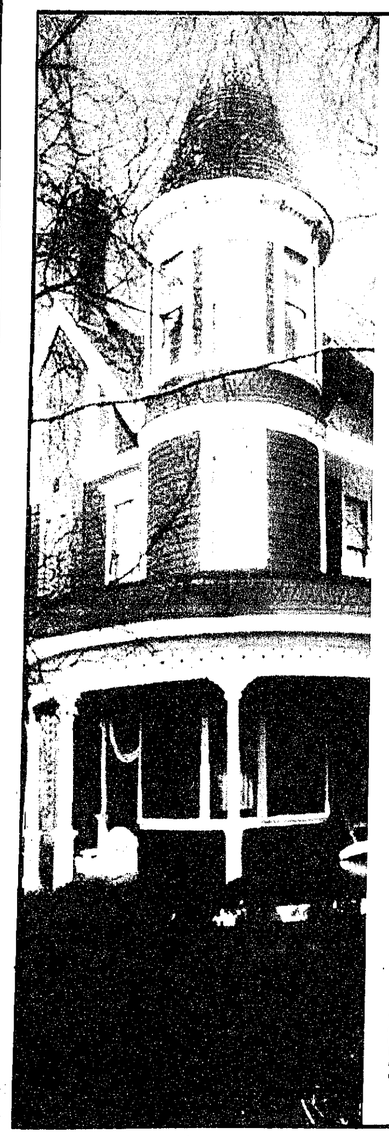
The Lost and Found musical duo will perform on Friday, May 1, at 7:30 p.m. Michael Bridges and George Baum share the Good News of God in Christ through music and stories. Tickets are $5.

For more information, call the church at (248) 553-7170.

Lenten Worship opportunities at **NOVI UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**, 41671 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 6:15 p.m. The Novi High School Jazz Band, under the direction of Scott Boerma, will perform on March 15.

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

For more information, call Novi United Methodist Church at (248) 349-2652.



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Library luncheons began 12 years ago

For 12 years, Friends of the Northville and Novi libraries have been presenting a book and author luncheon to benefit their libraries.

This year, the guest speaker will be Mort Crim, former WDIV-TV anchor and author of "Second Thoughts with Mort Crim" on Wednesday, April 22, at the Fox Hills Country Club. Tickets are $20 and may be purchased by mail to the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main, Plymouth 48170, Attention: Diane Geddes.

This is the third year the annual luncheon has been sponsored by the Observer and HomeTown newspapers, along with the Friends of the Northville, Novi, Canton and Plymouth libraries.

In 1987, the Friends of the Northville Library Board of Directors, with Betty Griffin as its president, first discussed sponsoring such a luncheon. They contacted their neighboring Friends group from the Novi Library, whose president at the time was Barbara Pipas, to discuss a joint venture.

The kick-off benefit luncheon was held in the Novi City council chambers then located in the Novi Library.

The guest speaker was romance author Linda Lang Bartell because the luncheon was held near Valentine's Day.

The room seated 80 comfortably. But the event was not without a few glitches.

The cable company that came to tape the event was such a drain on the power that the food and the coffee did not get hot.

Undaunted, the two groups planned the next luncheon for 1988. Once again using the city council chamber whose seating had increased to 88 persons because the eight council members chairs had been moved to their chambers in new Civic Center. Everything was going pretty smoothly until the guest speaker, Neal Shine, didn't show at the scheduled time. A call to the Detroit Free Press publisher's downtown office indicated that he had left the office a bit late but that he was on his way. Many women were anxious to get started because a dreadful snowstorm had begun and they were getting worried about the drive home. Turns out Shine had a one-car accident on the way to the luncheon.

Things began to turn around for the groups when in 1989 they moved their luncheon to the new Civic Center. Steve Romanik of the former Home Sweet Home restaurant in Novi catered the luncheon, completed with table linen, silver, china, glassware, waitstaff and food, gratis. The speaker was Tony Spina, photographer for the Detroit Free Press who had brought two assistants to help him with projectors to show slides of his many award-winning photos of local and world figures. Gretchen Pugsley from Novi created the stunning centerpieces in black and white, in keeping with the photography theme.

The following years' speakers included S.K. Wolf in 1990 and Lucy Taylor in 1991.

The Friends of the Plymouth Library joined the venture in 1990 followed by the Friends of the Canton Library in 1991.

Farmington Hills resident and author of over 40 books, Ruth Ryan Langan addressed the attendees in 1992.

In 1993, James Hynes was the guest speaker. The sound of cloggers dancing in the next room at the Novi Civic Center during the event led the groups to begin thinking about relocating the author and book luncheon.

In 1994, Charles Baxter addressed the attendees of the luncheon for the last time at the Civic Center.

The luncheon relocated to the Fox Hills Country Club in Plymouth in 1995 when the guest speaker was Jillian Karr. Nicholas Delhanco was invited to speak in 1996 and last year 325 attendees listened to guest speaker Judith Guest, author of "Ordinary People."

Former TV anchor, author to address benefit event

Mort Crim

When Mort Crim describes his father, a minister, it is with admiration.

"If my dad fell into a pond, he would come up checking his pockets for fish," said the former WDIV-TV anchor.

Being positive in the face of reality. That's what Crim's father taught him. And to this day, Crim, who retired from WDIV in 1997, travels the country with his motivational essays and positive spirit.

"People equate optimism with unrealism. But as a newsman I've seen my share of tragedy. I know about the negative," Crim said. "We can face things realistically, yet still be positive."

This is the message that Crim will bring to guests of the Third Annual Observer-HomeTown Friends Book & Author Luncheon Wednesday, April 22, at the Fox Hills Country Club. Tickets are $20 and may be purchased by mail to the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main, Plymouth 48170, Attention: Diane Geddes.

Proceeds from the Observer and HomeTown newspapers-sponsored luncheon benefit Friends of the Library organizations at the Northville, Novi, Plymouth, and Canton libraries.

SECOND THOUGHTS

Crim will discuss his book, "Second Thoughts with Mort Crim," which includes his motivational and inspirational essays. "Mort Crim's Second Thoughts" also are heard on radio across the nation and sponsored by K mart. His radio feature is heard in Detroit on WNIC and is also heard around the world on the Armed Forces Radio Network.

Crim believes people should ask themselves two important questions: What can I do to make a difference and will it matter?

In his book and radio features, Crim says he uses humor and personal anecdotes to emphasize his belief in the positive aspects of human nature.

Crim also draws on his knowledge of the human condition from his 30 years of news broadcasting, journalism, especially broadcast, is also one of Crim's topics. But maybe not the way you think a veteran newsman would speak of it.

JOURNALISTIC OPTIMISM

His goal is to bring optimism to the world of journalism, calling for more balanced and positive news reporting. Crim says he is disappointed and disenchanted with what he calls a growing trend of sensationalizing and exploiting of the news.

"The line between news and entertainment has been obliterated," said Crim, who was a national correspondent for ABC Radio. His was the voice that described Neil Armstrong's landing on the moon. His resume also includes coverage of Robert Kennedy's funeral, the Yom Kippur war in the Middle East, as well as the Vietnam War with President Lyndon Johnson.

While Crim concedes that part of the responsibility lies with the media's audience, it's not a good enough answer.

"If our ethic is to give audience what it wants, than the same justification can be used by bookies and prostitutes," Crim said.

Journalists are trained to determine what is news and what information is essential for the public. While some might say that such an attitude in journalists is arrogant, Crim disagrees.

"It's no more arrogant than a doctor telling you he knows what's best for your body. We have to educate the public. It sounds elitist, but I don't mean to. It's like politicians who need to educate the public. The public needs leadership.

"Journalists have to do the same thing. Present the facts, expose things. Generally, people will respond to that positively."

LENGTHY RESUME

"Second Thoughts with Mort Crim" is not his first book. "One Moment, Please" is a collection of radio scripts, which aired on more than 350 radio stations in the 1970s. Crim describes the book and radio features as similar to Charles Osgood's current radio features. Crim is also the author of "Take Off and Fly: Living Positive in a Negative World."

Crim has been a broadcaster for stations from California to New York City. He also was the permanent vacation substitute for Paul Harvey from 1980 to 1984.

After spending a good amount of time in radio, Crim decided he wanted a change.

"I really thought at that age I should try TV," Crims said. "Harry Reasoner wasn't able to move over so I went to Louisville, Kentucky."

Three years later he went to Philadelphia where he worked with the late Jessica Savitch. He also did a stint in Chicago.

WDIV-TV became home to Crim as the senior editor and anchor of the evening news from 1978 to 1997 and remains with the station as vice president of community affairs.

"I miss the people, but not anchoring. We all still stay in touch, Carmen (Harlen) and Chuck (Gaidica). I really don't miss the work. I have moved into something that's more exciting for me at this stage of my life."

AFTER RETIREMENT

In addition to flying around the country in his own twin engine plane Crim also owns a production company with 18 employees. The company produces specials for PBS, as well as videos for companies, such as Standard Federal, and work for nonprofit organizations such as the Henry Ford Health Systems.

Crim's resume also includes a number of awards, including twice being named by the United Press International Best Local TV Newscast in America, as well the Gold Medal as Best Radio Personality at the New York Festivals International Radio Awards and the festival's Silver Medal for Best Humor Writing. That's not to mention more than a dozen Emmys, as well as his alma mater Northwestern University's Alumni Merit Award, and induction as the first distinguished alumnus in Medill's Hall of Achievement.

On Campus

CASEY J. BEAR and **KELLY KEARNY**, sophomores at Kalamazoo College, will participate in the college's short-term study abroad program. Students must be sophomores in good academic standing (juniors are admitted if space permits).

Bear and Kearny will leave this month for Madrid, Spain, each living with a host family which has been selected by the college's on-site cultural coordinator. Students take three courses during the term: two units of intensive Spanish language and a unit of Spanish culture.

Bear is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth James Bear of Novi and Kearny is the daughter of Patricia J. and Myles P. Kearny also of Novi.

Both students are graduates of Novi High School.

David Kovacs of Novi was accepted into Michigan State University's Honors College. He was admitted on the basis of a strong academic record, letters of recommendation from teachers, and a written statement on why he wished to participate in the honors program.

Kovacs is a sophomore majoring in environmental science and management.

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

A Lenten dinner of soup, break and beverage is being offered on Wednesdays during the Lenten at 6:30 p.m.

On Thursday, March 12, Single Place will featured Light n' Lively at 7:30 p.m. The following Thursday, March 19, speaker Fran Gunderson will discuss "Differences in Communicating Language between Men and Women"; or there is an open forum on "Where Did They Get That? with speaker John Landis. The cost for each is $4.

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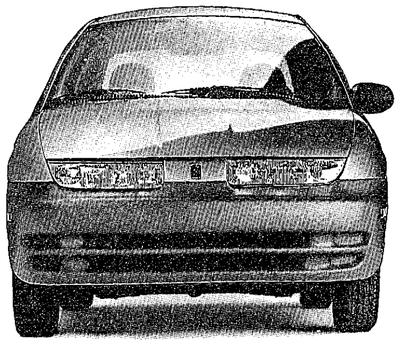

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Wedding

Wendi and Gregory Southwick

Wendi Michelle Naumann and Gregory Bernard Southwick were married on June 28, 1997, at Sacred Heart Church in Webster, Mass. Following the ceremony, a reception was held at Indian Ranch.

The bride is the daughter of Roy and Terri Naumann of Novi. Attending as matron of honor was her sister, Dawn-Marie Schull of Seattle, Wash. Serving as bridesmaids were friends of the bride, Jackie Hamed of Owego, N.Y., Kristin Puccio of Buffalo, N.Y., and Kim Steglitz of Webster, Mass.; cousin of the groom, Molly Waterman of Red Creek, N.Y.; and cousin of the bride, Jenn Napierata of Webster, Mass. Friend of the bride, Jennifer Knockeart of Novi, served as junior bridesmaid.

The groom is the son of Paul and Cheryl Southwick of Red Creek, N.Y. Friend of the groom, Brian Harrington of Red Creek, N.Y., served as best man. Ushers included Mathew, Nathan, and Mark Southwick, brothers of the groom; Randy Naumann of Novi, brother of the bride; and friend of the groom, Joel Strong of Bloomfield, Conn. Serving as usher was Jim Knockeart of Novi, a friend of the bride.

Wendi and Greg began their courtship at Buffalo State College, from where they both graduated. They currently live in North Carolina where Wendi is a kindergarten teacher and Greg is a carpenter.

The couple honeymooned on the Outer Banks in North Carolina.

Engagement

Joanna Pascucci/Curtis Stotler

Tony and Mary Kay Pascucci of Novi announce the engagement of their daughter, Joanna Catherine, to Curtis Neal, the son of Ronald and Margaret Stotler of Novi.

The bride-elect is a 1991 graduate of Novi High School. She earned her bachelor of arts degree from Michigan State University in 1995, and a master of science degree from Eastern Michigan University in 1997. She is presently employed with Little Caesars Enterprises in Detroit.

The groom-elect is a 1989 graduate of Novi High School. He is currently pursuing a computer science degree, and is employed with G.L.A. Surveyor Inc., in Plymouth.

A summer wedding is planned.

Anniversary

Betty and Glen House

Glen and Betty (Fink) House of Novi will celebrate their 30th wedding anniversary March 17. Family members are son, Chris (Sherry) of Novi and daughter, Stacey House of Charlotte, N.C.

Glen and Betty were married March 17, 1968, at Grace Lutheran Church in Eaton, Ohio. They were residents of Northville from 1974 to 1996, at which time they moved to Novi.

Glen was born in Richmond, Ind., and grew up in Eaton, Ohio. He is employed at Chrysler Corp.

Betty, also born in Richmond, Ind., grew up in West Manchester, Ohio, and is currently employed at Providence Home Care.

Glen and Betty are members of Holy Cross ELCA in Livonia, and enjoy playing Bridge and golfing together in their spare time.

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GARDEN CITY HIGH SCHOOL: Class of 1988, 10-year reunion, Saturday, Sept. 12, at Roma's of Garden City. Call (248) 360-7004.

NORTH FARMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL: Class of 1988, 10-year reunion, Saturday, Oct. 3, at Best Western in Farmington Hills. Call (248) 366-9493.

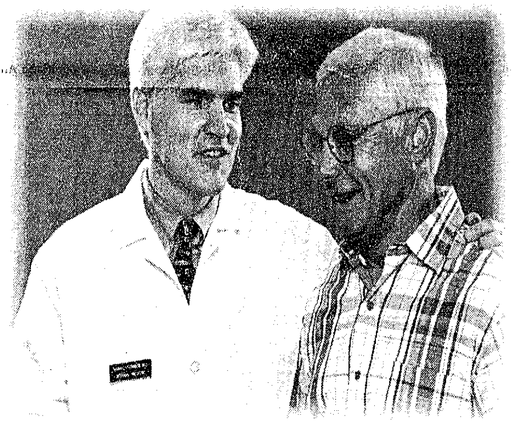
JOHN GLENN HIGH SCHOOL: Class of 1973, 25-year reunion, Saturday, Oct. 10, at St. Aidan's Banquet Center in Livonia. Call (248) 360-7004.

JOHN GLENN HIGH SCHOOL: Class of 1978, 20-year reunion, Saturday, Oct. 24, DoubleTree Guest Suites in Southfield. Call (248) 360-7004.

JOHN F. KENNEDY HIGH SCHOOL: Class of 1978, 20-year reunion on Saturday, Nov. 7, at Oak Hall in Wyandotte. Call (248) 360-7004.

WOODHAVEN HIGH SCHOOL: Class of 1988, 10-year reunion on Friday, Nov. 27, at Marriott Hotel in Romulus. Call (148) 366-9493.

FERNDALE HIGH SCHOOL: Class of 1973, 25-year reunion, Saturday, Nov. 28, at the DoubleTree Guest Suites in Southfield. Call (248) 360-7004./



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Gettin' into the beat

Marie Kennedy, operator of Play and Make Music, tries to interest 18 month-old Taylor Branum-Campbell in a little drum play as Taylor's mom, Michelle Branum, left, gets him into the rhythm. Play & Make Music will have a "Friend's Day" on March 19 at 10:15 a.m. for children 18 months to 2 1/2 years and at 11 a.m. for children 2 1/2 to 4 years old at the Soccer Zone on Grand River just west of Haggerty in Novi. Parents and their children are welcome to participate in the 45-minute music and movement program. There is no cost to attend Friend's Day. Call (248) 477-1525 for details.

Northville Lions enjoyed 'working' trip

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"I did appreciate the friendliness and the demonstrations of gratitude that the people gave us," said Heckemeyer who relied on verbal and physical displays of appreciation. "This one elderly gentlemen came up and shook the hands of just about everyone on the project thanking them for their work."

Many local residents also volunteered to be interpreters during the four day project.

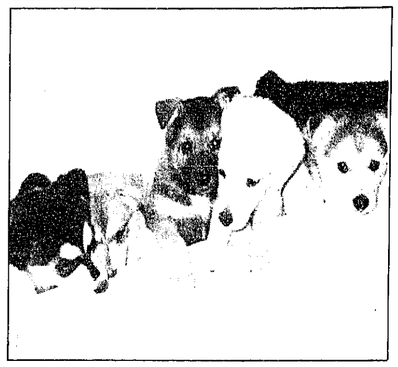
Arrangements for the eyeglass distribution were made by Charles Poindexter, who is also Barbara's brother.

About 100,000 pair of used eyeglasses are donated each year in Michigan which in turn are given to the Muskegon Lions Club where they are sorted and cataloged during the group's Saturday meetings.

The Michigan Lions attended a banquet celebrating the San Felipe Lions Club's 25th anniversary after the project concluded which included a nine-course Chinese dinner including pressed duck with the head still on and a battered fish and chicken with asparagus.

The couples enjoyed a short sight seeing excursion to Cuzco and Machu Picchu before the return trip home.

Pet of the Week



These 14-week-old Husky mix puppies need homes.

Several 14-week old male and female husky mix puppies will be among the variety of adult dogs to be shown by the Critter Connection at the Pet Supplies Plus store at 42660 Ten Mile Road in Novi on Saturday, March 14, and at Pet Pourri Pets & Supplies, 37592 West Twelve Mile near Halstead in Farmington Hills from 11:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m.

The puppies were saved from the kill list at a shelter by the Critter Connection.

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.

In Service

Nicholas Schoenborn

Air Force Airman **NICHOLAS J. SCHOENBORN** has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During his training, Schoenborn studied the Air Force mission, organization, and customs with special training in human relations.

Airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Schoenborn is the son of Lyn M. and Earl W. Miller of Novi.

Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class **ROBERT W. NELSON** recently departed on a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea aboard the guided missile cruiser USS San Jacinto.

Nelson's ship is one of the most powerful warships ever put to sea. The computer-based AEGIS weapons system is the heart of the ship's war-fighting capability.

Nelson, a 1985 graduate of Novi High School, joined the Navy in May 1989.

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Can I have more please!

Northville residents Tom Hoeg (left) who has been cast as Mr. Bumble and his daughter Renee (right) who will play the role of the Widow Corney, along with Novi resident Hannah Niendorf as Oliver, are among the 95 cast members in this weekend's Novi Theatre's production of the musical "Oliver," based on Charles Dickens' "Oliver Twist." Performances are scheduled for March 13 and 14 at 8 p.m. and 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.

Borders hosts author

Patricia Reilly Giff

The author of 1998 Newbery Honor will be at Borders Books and Music on Wednesday, March 18, at 7 p.m.

Patricia Reilly Giff will talk with youngsters about her book "Lily's Crossing," her love of reading, and her passion for writing.

A tenderly crafted tale set during WWII in America, "Lily's Crossing" explores powerful themes, friendship, family, separation and loss.

Many young readers are familiar with "The Kids of Polk Street School," "Polka Dot Private Eye" and "Friends and Amigos." For Giff's readers, "Lily's Crossing" presents more of a challenge. For Giff, the story represents memories of her childhood.

Writing has always been an important part of Giff's life. She knew she wanted to be a writer from the first time she picked up a book and read.

Giff has spent her entire life surrounded by books. To get her attention, her sister had to grab books out of her hand while they were growing up. Her three children discovered the same thing when they wanted their mom's attention. She has been a reading teacher for 20 years, the educational consultant for Dell Yearling and Young Yearling books, an advisor and instructor to aspiring writers, and the author of more than 60 books for children.

Her books are based in some way on her personal experiences, or the experiences of members of her family or the stories kids would tell her in school.

"Lily's Crossing" is also a 1997 Boston Globe-Horn Book Honor Book and ALA Notable Book for Children.

Borders Books and Music is located in the Novi Town Center in Novi.

Soupy is back in town

Soupy Sales

Genitti's is dishing up soup this weekend. Soupy Sales will perform at four dinner shows on March 13 and 14 at the restaurant located at 108 E. Main Street in Northville.

A showing of bloopers and outtakes including the "Naked Lady" will be shown before each of Soupy's performances.

With more than 50 years in show business, many baby boomers remember Soupy from the mid-1950s to mid-1960s and his madcap grab bag of puns, pratfalls and pies in the kisser.

Tickets are $50 per person and include Genitti's famous seven-course Italian dinner. Shows on Friday, March 13, are at 7 and 8:15 p.m. On Saturday, March 14, performances are scheduled for 6 and 7:30 p.m.

For reservations or additional information, call (248) 349-0522.

Entertainment listing

Submit items for the entertainment listings to The Northville Record/Novi News, 104 W. Main, Northville, MI 48167; or fax to 349-1050.

SPECIAL EVENTS

BARNES & NOBLE: Upcoming events include Zonya Foco, RD author of "Lickety-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 information, call (248) 348-0696.

BORDERS BOOKS: 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; Dinotek brings dinosaurs to life with real fossils and a multimedia display on Sunday, April 26; and Stellar "Stellaluna" Story time 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.

Call Borders at (248) 347-0780.

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 pet pig Wilbur, and Charlotte the spider who weaves their lives together with lasting friendship and love.

Performance dates are Saturdays and Sundays, March 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 $6.50. Special group rates and times are available.

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 March 14, April 18 and 25.

Genitti's is located at 108 E. Main Street in Northville.

Call (248) 349-0522.

NEARBY

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 Ballade" by Manuel Ponce; "Ballade in G minor, Opus 23" by Fryderyk Chopin; "La Danza" and "Mephisto Waltz" by Franz Liszt and "Sonata N. 3, Opus 5 in F minor" by Johannes Brahms on Sunday, March 15.

The concert begins at 4 p.m. in the shrine chapel on 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 Zonjic and guest Dave Wagner.

Call (248) 683-1750.

POLISH DANCING: The 18th Annual Extravaganza Dance Recital featuring the Polish Centennial Dancers and the Radominie Polish Folk Dance Ensemble will perform on Sunday, March 29, at 2 p.m. at Clarenceville 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.

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 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.

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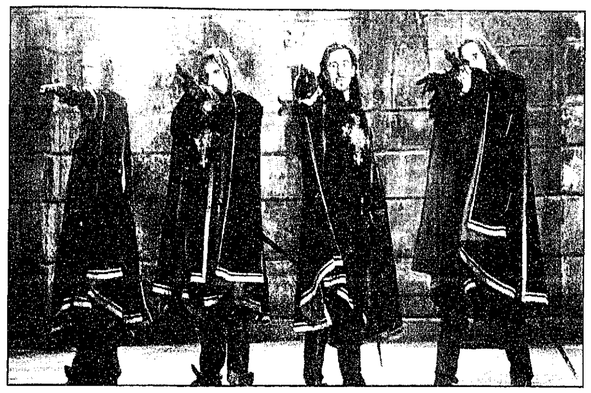

John Malkovich, Gerard Depardieu, Gabriel Byrne and Jeremy Irons (above, left to right) are cast as the Three Musketeers and d'Artagnan in "The Man in the Iron Mask."

Leonardo DiCaprio stars in the dual roles of King Louis XIV and the Man in the Iron Mask.

'Mask' premieres with all-star cast

When the rioting citizens of France destroyed the Bastille, they discovered within its records this mysterious entry: 'Prisoner number 64389000: the Man in the Iron Mask.' The identity of this prisoner has forever remained a mystery."

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Athos (John Malkovich) lives a simple life raising his son Raoul.

Porthos (Gerard Depardieu), though thicker and older, still eats lustily of life, though he misses the great battles of the past.

Aramis (Jeremy Irons) has followed his faith and become a priest.

Only d'Artagnan still serves the King as Captain of the Musketeers.

It is 1660 and France is starving. Louis XIII, the great king whose throne the Musketeers served, has died and been succeeded by his arrogant and cruel heir, King Louis XIV (Leonardo DiCaprio) ... while at the Bastille a mysterious prisoner has lived for nearly a decade encased in an iron mask.

To save a nation, the Musketeers must reunite and embark on their most dangerous mission ever: to free the prisoner and unlock the secret of his identity. Only through this act of mercy will they realize their dream of finding and serving one great king—for the enigmatic prisoner, for the kingdom that was and will be again, and for each other.

One for all, all for one.

Academy-Award nominated screenwriter Randall Wallace ("Braveheart") makes his directorial debut with "The Man in the Iron Mask," which he also scripted inspired by the daring escapades of the three Musketeers as conceived in the classic novel by Alexandre Dumas.

Leonardo DiCaprio ("Titanic", "William Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet", "What's Eating Gilbert Grape?") takes on the dual role of wickedly tyrannical French King Louis XIV and the enigmatic title character, the Man in the Iron Mask.

Academy Award winner Jeremy Irons ("Reversal of Fortune") and Academy Award nominees John Malkovich ("In the Line of Fire") and Gerard Depardieu ("Cyrano de Bergerac") play the legendary, now-seasoned Three Musketeers, Aramis, Athos and Porthos, with Gabriel Byrne taking on the role of their famous friend and Captain of the Musketeers, d'Artagnan.

"The more you do, the more you dare," explains director/screenwriter Randall Wallace, the Academy Award nominated screenwriter of "Braveheart" who makes his feature film directorial debut with "The Man in the Iron Mask."

Wallace describes "The Man in the Iron Mask" as a tale of "men who lived in an age of glory— of their own personal glory. Their best days are behind them and they have lost the feeling that they had when they were young and full of idealism—the feeling that they could change the world.

Now, they are successful yet disenchanted, cynical and involved with their own personal problems. Now they are forced to recapture a sense of the excitement and passion for honor that they once had."

The evocative combination of adventure and honor lured a powerful and celebrated cast of some of today's finest performers. "I wanted the Musketeers to be lions, and I wanted them to be real," Wallace notes. "When the Musketeers have been rendered in the past, there has always been an element of farce associated with them, a bit of common fantasy, and it was crucial to me to tell the story in a way that made the Musketeers real people who were in situations that were not farcical or laughable."

Leonardo DiCaprio stars in the dual roles of King Louis XIV, who has been raised to be King, and Philippe, who has spent the last seven years in a barren cell, his identity locked up in a dehumanizing mask.

"Louis has been brought up on the throne and is tainted in his view of life and how to treat people," the young actor says. "He has turned into a menace and is making the people of France starve. Philippe has spent a lot of time alone and has had a lot of time to think about his situation. He's also had a life of complete mystery because he really has no idea where he came from, what his background is or why he's been put in this mask for his whole teenage life."

Despite his own considerable accomplishments, including starring in "Titanic," which recently was nominated for 14 Oscars and is well on its way to becoming the highest worldwide box office earner of all time, DiCaprio was apprehensive about working alongside such high caliber performers. "I was expecting the worst because you have all these world-class actors who have been nominated for Oscars and are all highly acclaimed and I had to see how they would all mesh together," he recalls.

"But as soon as we got there it was a totally relaxed environment, which I didn't expect. All of them joke around like schoolboys and I was definitely included in that."

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GET TO KNOW ME
SWCM, 40, 6'1", 205lbs., brown hair, blue eyes, outgoing, humorous, enjoys dining out, children, movies and church activities, seeks a SF, 35-45. Ad#.6816

ATTRACTIVE
SWM, 28, 6', medium-build, dark hair, blue eyes, enjoys sports, movies, music and dancing, seeks SWF, 18-38. Ad#.7777

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Career-minded SWM, 32, 5'8", long blond hair, outgoing, friendly, never married, seeking fit, cute, bright SF, under 38, for possible relationship. Ad#.2112

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BELIEVE IN LOVE
DW dad, 35, 5'10", dark brown hair, brown eyes, outgoing, honest, caring, enjoys evening cuddling, the outdoors, long walks, sports, dining out and family time, seeks SWF, 18-34, with similar interests, for possible relationship. Ad#.3149

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SWM, 38, 5'8", outgoing, enjoys dancing, volleyball, biking, seeks fun-loving, SF, under 49, who is young-at-heart. Ad#.3037

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PRINCE CHARMING
DW dad , 39, 6', outgoing, enjoys fishing, camping, seeks SWF, 30-39, to spend quality time with. Ad#.1706

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BACK TO BASICS
DW dad, 40, 5'8", smoker, social drinker, friendly, enjoys boating, camping, dancing, seeks SWF, 35-45, with same interests. Ad#.1056

SOMEONE SPECIAL
Catholic SWM, 24, 5'6", outgoing, friendly, enjoys going to church, fishing, the outdoors, traveling, seeking SWF, 21-25, to spend time together. Ad#.1151

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APPRECIATES HONESTY
DWM, 39, 5'11", 170lbs., handsome, romantic, outgoing, seeks attractive, honest, slender, SBF, 30-39, for friendship, laughter, possibly more. Ad#.5678

GET TO KNOW ME
SWM, 36, 5'11", outgoing, kind-hearted, handsome, enjoys outdoors, animals, movies, seeks SWF, under 37, to share same interests. Ad#.4735

MAN OF INTEGRITY
Catholic SWM, 34, 5'6", N/S, friendly, employed, likes road trips, movies and dining out, seeks never-married Catholic SWF, 30-37, without kids, for nice relationship. Ad#.2263

RETIRED PROFESSIONAL
Protestant DWM, 63, 6', N/S, light drinker, energetic, fit, caring and romantic, likes sports and traveling, seeking N/S SCF, under 64, to share a possible relationship. Ad#.2358

SOMEONE TO SHARE WITH
DWCM, 27, 6', 160lbs., sandy brown hair, blue eyes, talkative, personable, extroverted, from Saginaw, participates in Youth ministry, enjoys music, seeking down-to-earth SWCF, 21-32. Ad#.4224

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SWCM, 45, 5'9", medium build, from Brighton area, likes dancing, bowling, dining out, seeking a SWCF, under 55, N/S, for possible relationship. Ad#.1469

ANYTHING IN COMMON?
Professional, easygoing DWC dad, 52, 5'10", employed, enjoys sports, playing cards, dining out, seeking SWCF, 42-53. Ad#.8787

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Catholic DW dad, 40, 6', 175lbs., brown hair/eyes, enjoys rollerblading, biking, golfing, fishing, snow skiing and reading, seeks active, spontaneous Catholic SWF, under 45. Ad#.7126

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SWM, 38, 5'10", 170lbs., blue eyes, interests include tennis, golf, bowling, seeking compassionate, humorous SF, 25-40, for loving relationship. Ad#.5921

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DW dad, 27, 6'5", 200lbs., hobbies are outdoor activities, snowmobiles, movies, shooting pool, horses, stock cars, seeks fun SWF, 22-32. Ad#.4240

STRONG FAITH IN GOD
Church-going DWCM, 29, 6', open-minded, good listener, easy to get along with, loves the outdoors, pets, working out, seeks SCF, 22-34 Ad#.4425

ON COMMON GROUND
Catholic DWM, 42, 6'1", from Brighton, enjoys camping, boating, fishing, biking, animals, seeking sincere, honest, caring Catholic DWF, 35-46, no children please. Ad#.1954

HOPING TO HEAR FROM YOU
SWCM, 36, 5'9", shy and reserved, enjoys Star Trek, bicycling, seeking humorous SWCF, with same interests. Ad#.1701

HE'S PERFECT
Protestant DW dad of two, 39, 6'1", brown hair, green eyes, nice person, lives in Plymouth area, likes walking, coaching sports, singing in choir, seeks DWCF, 21-48, kids okay. Ad#.3121

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Catholic SWM, 39, fun-loving, happy, enjoys remodeling, gardening, biking, rollerblading, seeking honest, sincere, kind, caring, considerate SF. Ad#.7100

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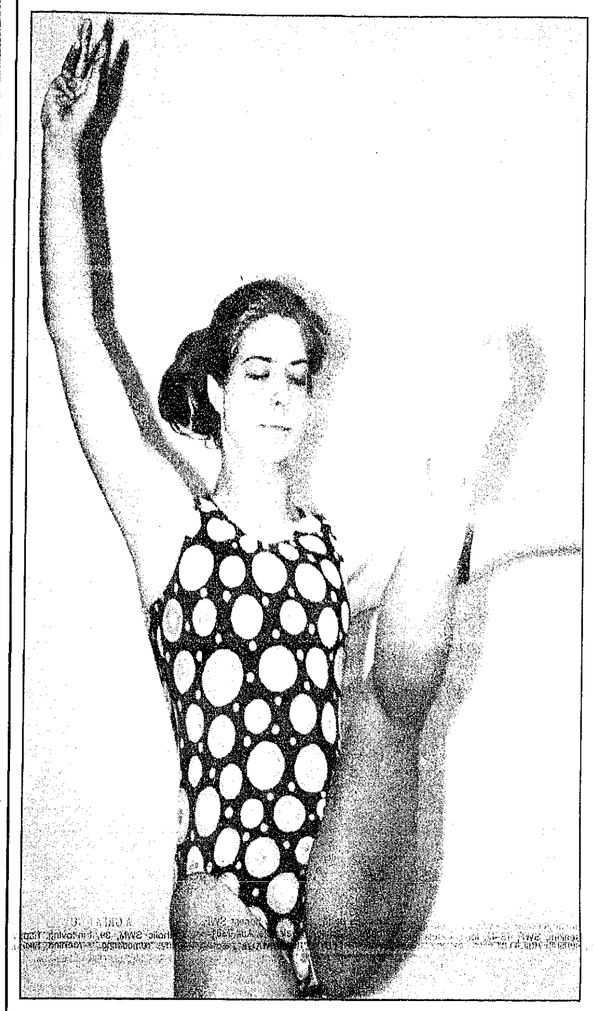

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Senior Stacey Williamson finished fourth overall at the regional Saturday afternoon.

Gymnasts tumble into state finals

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

One more step.

That's all the Northville/Novi gymnastics team needs to achieve its season-long goal of becoming state champions.

The Wildcats breezed through the Plymouth Canton regional Saturday and advanced to the state finals tomorrow and Saturday at Rockford High School.

The gymnasts totaled 146.10 points, well ahead of second-place Canton (136.35) and third-place Hillsdale (134.95). All three teams advanced to the team meet tomorrow.

Northville/Novi is looking to better its third-place finish of the past two seasons and are the clear favorites to win the championship.

Saturday's meet was just a formality for the team, which concentrated on qualifying as many girls as possible to the individual meet Saturday.

"They take the top eight in each event at the regional and the top six all around," coach Laura Moyers explained. "I think we did a good job of getting a lot of girls through."

The regional meet was broken into two divisions, I and II, based on club experience. Northville/Novi had 17 girls place in the top eight in the four events in division I and eight more in division two.

The team won every event in division I and took home a first place in division II as well.

Senior Missy MacRae won the overall competition after winning two events and finished second and third in the others. She won the floor exercise in division I with a score of 9.6, outdistancing teammate Erica Winn, who finished second (9.3). Kristen Levin was fourth (9.2) and Stacey Williamson was seventh (8.85). Gina Spinazze took the division II floor crown with a 9.65, the best score of the day. Nicole Pelletier was second (9.45) and Jennifer Rohlfs was fourth (9.15).

The Wildcats placed seven more on the bars, where MacRae won division I with a 9.5. Winn was fourth (8.85), Williamson sixth (8.75), Dancan Pazdan seventh (8.7) and Monica Fink eighth (8.65). In division II, Rohlfs was second with a 9.3 and Spinazze took third with a 9.1.

Six more Wildcats placed in the vault, and Winn won division I with a 9.0. MacRae was third (8.8), Williamson sixth (8.4) and Levin eighth (8.05). Pelletier was second in division II (8.95) and Rohlfs third with an 8.85.

The beam proved to be somewhat of a trouble spot for Northville/Novi, but five girls placed and Williamson took first in division I with a 9.3.

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>
> Laura Moyers,
> Northville/Novi gymnastics coach

MacRae was second with a 9.25, Levin sixth (8.6) and Winn seventh (8.5). Spinazze finished fifth in division II with an 8.6.

"Obviously our focus is on the balance beam," Moyers said. "I've said that all along. But we need to improve on the beam if we want to have a chance. I'm pleased with the bars and floor and our vaulting is coming along."

Overall MacRae topped the 37-point mark with a 37.15 to grab first in division I. Winn was third with a 35.65 and Williamson fourth with a 35.3.

Spinazze was second overall in division II with a 35.4. Rohlfs was fourth with a 34.95 and Pelletier sixth with a 34.25.

With little pressure from the competition at a relatively weak regional, Moyers said her team had to compete against itself once again.

"Besides the Canton and Hartland Invitationals, we've had to compete against ourselves all year," the coach said. "At the state meet there's going to be more pressure on us, which is good."

The Canton regional was one of the weakest in the state, and Moyers said that after looking at the scores from the other three regions, seven teams are now scoring in the 140s.

"The other schools were scoring in the 141-143 range," she said. "In our region we had a lot of room to breath."

Fortunately for Moyers, injuries will not be much of a problem this weekend for the team.

"I think they're sore, but no one is real seriously hurt," she said. "I told them to stick it out for one more week and they'll have an entire year to rest."

With senior leadership and a solid supporting underclass, the Wildcats hope their past experiences and confidence will pull them through at the state meet.

"They've all been here before, so I think they're really ready for this," Moyers said.

Salem ends cagers season in district action

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

For awhile there, Novi looked as if it might lure Plymouth Salem into its type of basketball game Monday night in the district opener at Novi High School.

But the Rocks picked up the tempo and used a 13-5 run to end the third quarter running away with a 47-34 win over the 'Cats.

Novi held Salem scoreless for over three minutes in the second quarter and took a 17-12 lead thanks in part to a Dan Colligan three pointer. But the Wildcats didn't score again and Salem took an 18-17 lead into the half.

The Rocks wasted no time getting things going in the third quarter, pushing the ball up the court and forcing several turnovers with a tight half-court defense.

A layup by Kyle Snearly two minutes into the third quarter pulled Novi to within one at 22-21, but that's as close as the host would get. Salem scored the next five points and Matt Mair's layup with 1:22 left in the third quarter gave the Rocks a 34-24 lead.

Salem built a 15-point lead midway through the fourth quarter. Novi retaliated with five straight free throws from Brent Dicken, Larry Drury and Snearly, but the Rocks hit their free throws down the stretch and advanced to play Canton yesterday in the district semifinals.

Northville faced Livonia Churchill in the other half of the bracket.

"I thought in the first half we did a good job of being patient, but that got away from us in the second half," Novi coach Pat Schluter said. "This was a real physical game, which I think helped them. But I thought we played hard and we were in this game."

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>
> Pat Schluter,
> Novi basketball coach

Snearly led the 'Cats with 11 points and Drury and Colligan added seven and six points, respectively.

Mair scored a game-high 17 points for Salem. Jeff McKian added 14. Salem upped its record to 18-3.

Novi ends the season with a 7-14 record. The 'Cats finished fourth in the Kensington Valley Conference at 6-6. The team will lose three seniors (Colligan, Ben Cunningham and Paul Tyll,) but return eight juniors next season.

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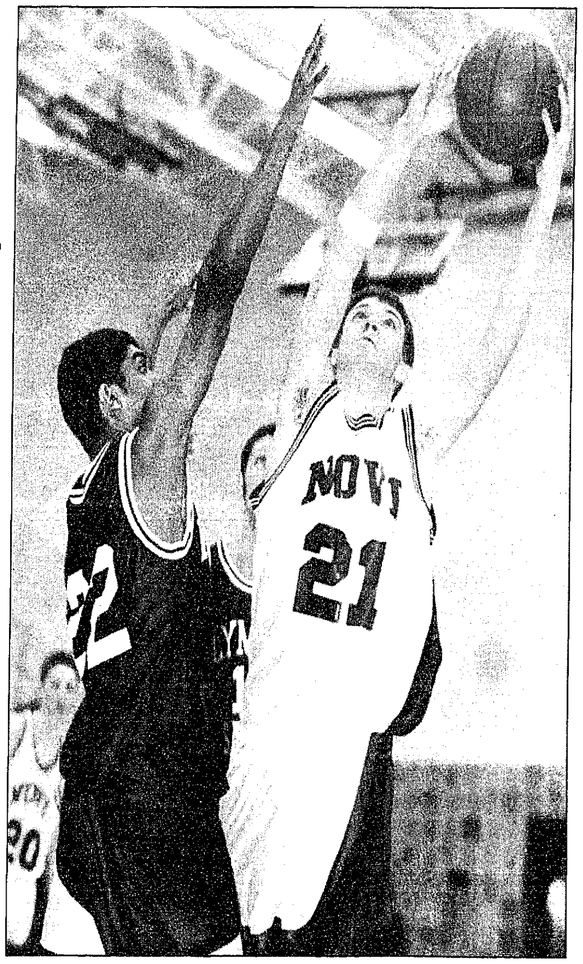

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Junior Kyle Snearly goes up for two of his 11 points in Monday night's loss to Salem.

Novi looks for title

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

When you have a team as strong as Northville/Novi, there's not a lot to complain about.

But like any team, this one has its strengths and weaknesses that will likely decide whether or not the Wildcats win the state championship at Rockford High School this weekend.

"The one thing we really have going for us is depth," coach Laura Moyers said. "The key for us is to stay healthy and figure out what didn't work last year. We don't want to go in their over-confident, but we do want to be confident."

The last two years the Wildcats have finished third. Holland is the four-time defending champion, but the Dutch lost several seniors and shouldn't make too many waves this year. Rochester Adams finished runner-up last year and should prove to be the biggest thorn in Northville/Novi's side. Freeland, Portage and Hartland should also turn some heads tomorrow.

"There are seven team that are scoring in the 140s, so it should be interesting," Moyers said.

The Wildcats have seen all of the top teams at invitationals this season. The Canton Invitational included the entire top 10 and the Hartland Invitational was very competitive as well. Northville/Novi won both invites and is undefeated in all of its dual meets and conference competition. Possibly the best team Northville/Novi faced this year was itself during an intrasquad meet back in December.

As far as individual events, the Wildcats are particularly strong

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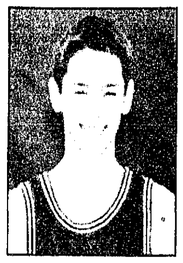
NOVI ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Ben Cunningham—Senior



Cunningham, a senior guard, led his team to a fourth-place 6-6 record in the Kensington Valley Conference this year including a season-ending victory over Brighton. Cunningham was one of just three seniors on this young squad. The other two seniors were Paul Tyll and Dan Colligan.

Nicole Pelletier—Junior

Pelletier and her Northville/Novi teammates won the regional championship Saturday at Canton. The junior finished sixth overall in division II, including a second-place finish on the vault and a second-place finish in the floor exercise.

'Cats knocked out of playoffs

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

The Novi volleyball team's season came to an abrupt end with a 5-15, 12-15 loss to Livonia Churchill in the district opener Saturday morning.

Churchill jumped out early, and Novi got down on itself and couldn't get back in the match.

"We just didn't play the way we typically play," coach Julie Fisette said. "It was disappointing to lose, but you could just tell the girls weren't ready to play."

The Chargers picked their spots and found Novi off guard and out of position.

"They are an excellent defensive team," Fisette said. "Everything we hit, they dug. They played to our middle where we are vulnerable.

"It was kind of a discouraging way to end the season."

The 'Cats finish with a 19-12-9 record and a second-place finish in the Kensington Valley Conference.

"Even though it doesn't seem like it, it was a very successful season," Fisette said. "We played a lot of tough teams and I'm not really disappointed with our season."

Novi's regular season almost came to a fine end, but it lost to Brighton in three games Feb. 23.

The Bulldogs won 10-15, 15-11, 15-8 to finish undefeated in the KVC. Novi finished 9-3.

"We were really excited coming in against Brighton," the coach said. "We came in ready to beat this team. After the first game, we started making some errors and getting down on each other."

Jessica Roemer and Sara Heusel led the way with six kills each and Katie Copp had 13 blocks.

Novi will lose five seniors (Copp, Erin Spindler, Emily Waller, Roemer and Heusel) but return five juniors and one sophomore next season.

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Emily Ernst (left) and Jessica Roemer both go up for a block in Saturday's loss to Churchill.

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Stockroth (Hartland) 42-9
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McCracken (Northville) 21-7
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171 POUNDS
J.Wellman (Fowlerville) 41-2
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Fuller (Brighton) 36-15

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Tyle (Fowlerville) 40-1
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Posey (Hartland) 41-3
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Faulkner (Novi) 30-13
Nelson (Fowlerville) 24-15
Shah (Howell) 23-16

VOLLEYBALL

KILLS
Skrzalkowski (Fowlerville) 363
Kern (South Lyon) 341
Hover (South Lyon) 294
Voshell (Brighton) 268
Maithaner (Brighton) 209
Ossola (Northville) 185
Massengale (Pinckney) 182
Boss (Brighton) 171
E. Cook (Pinckney) 172
Jourden (Howell) 145

Novi is on the verge of state title

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on the bars and on floor. Their vaulting has improved throughout the season and is now a strong point. The beam is what concerns Moyers most. Northville/Novi has a lot of talent here, but the team has had too many falls lately.

"This event will win the meet for us," Moyers said. "I can't emphasize this event enough. This is the event that either makes or breaks you."

Missy MacRae and Stacey Williamson will compete in this event for Moyers and Kristen Levin will most likely join them. The coach said the other two positions are still up for grabs.

Only five girls per team are allowed to participate in each event. The top four scores are then taken to total a team's points for that event.

The floor is the team's strongest event and Moyers has two spots filled for sure and three more who she has in mind. MacRae and Gina Spinazze are on the team and may be joined by Erica Winn, Williamson and Levin.

"We have so many girls consistently scoring a 9.0 in this event that is a hard decision for me to make," the coach said.

The bars is also an event that Moyers feels could be key in Northville/Novi's chances.

MacRae is the Western Lakes champion in this event and has only fallen once this year. She will be joined by Jennifer Rohlfs and Spinazze while the other two spots have yet to be determined.

Moyers said vault will be an event that will neither help or hurt the team.

"We consistently score a 36 and I'll be satisfied with that. This is not a make or break event," she said.

Nicole Pelletier, Winn, Rohlfs and MacRae will comprise the team and Williamson may be the fifth.

Moyers said she isn't sure how many girls will score all-around because she has set a lineup that will best benefit her team's chances to win. MacRae, however, is a strong candidate to win the all-around in the team competition and should vie for the individual state championship Saturday.

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Health Column

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Currently, more than 10,000 people in Michigan require kidney dialysis or a transplant to continue life. The state of Michigan is 45th in the nation for organ donation, so those hoping for a kidney transplant face a three-year wait or longer.

About 71 percent of people in Michigan with chronic kidney failure had their kidneys fail because of two diseases: diabetes and hypertension. These diseases, long known as "silent killers" are especially devastating to African Americans. Yet, early medical attention for those with diabetes or hypertension can preserve kidney function for years, delaying or even preventing the need for dialysis.

Dialysis care itself continues to evolve so that people can return to work and active family life and hobbies, along with dialysis. Some forms of dialysis can be performed at home, on vacation, or nearly anywhere. Newer medications continue to increase the success of transplantation.

Improved treatments, wider community awareness, and renal consumer advocacy can better the lives of all those affected by this serious chronic illness. People with diabetes or hypertension can seek out preventive treatment for kidney disease. Religious and community groups can join efforts to promote organ donation.

The National Kidney Foundation in Michigan continues to work to increase organ donation, to educate for those at risk for kidney failure and to provide information, support and assistance programs for those with kidney disease.

Marcia Sawyer ACSW is a renal social work supervisor at the Botsford Kidney Center, which offers all available outpatient options for chronic kidney failure, including center hemodialysis, home dialysis, and kidney transplant referral. It is affiliated with the University of Michigan Medical Center Transplantation Program.

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Health Notes

Focus on Living

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Co-sponsored by the American Cancer Society, "Focus on Living" is a self-help group that gives participants an opportunity to discuss their concerns, obtain answers and gain support from others who share the same experiences.

The goal is to improve the quality of cancer patients' lives through this sharing of information and experiences. Registration is not necessary, and there is no charge to attend the meeting.

For more information, call (313) 655-2922 or toll free 1-800-494-1650.

Infant Care

Learn about caring for newborns at St. Mary's new infant care class on Thursday, March 12, from 7 to 9 p.m. Participants can attend one or both classes.

Taught by a registered nurse, the first class, "Getting to Know Your Newborn," focuses on the care of your well infant, including feeding, bathing, sleep and activity habits. This will be held in the West Addition Conference Room A. The second class, "Caring for the Sick Infant," features infant safety, such as how to child-proof your home, immunizations and signs of illness. This class is not just for parents but anyone who cares for an infant and will be held in Pavilion Conference room A. Cost of the class is $18 for one session or $35 for both. For more information or to register, call (734) 655-1100 or toll free, 1-800-655-1615.

Cancer Education

St. Mary Hospital will offer a free six-week cancer education program, "I Can Cope," from March 17 through April 21. The program meets for two hours one day a week and is designed to help newly diagnosed cancer patients, their families and friends, learn how to take an active role in their treatment and recovery. The program will meet in the auditorium, near the main entrance off Five Mile Road, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Sponsored by the American Cancer Society, "I Can Cope," focuses on a different aspect of cancer treatment each week. Speakers include a social worker, pharmacist, registered dietitian, registered nurse, an oncologist and a radiation oncologist.

Healthy

Weight gain is on the rise with one-third of Americans 20 percent over their ideal weight. If you are over weight and want to lose those extra pounds, a new course offered by St. Mary Hospital can help. "A Holistic Approach to Healthy Living and Weight Control," will be held on Tuesdays, March 17 through May 18, from 7 to 8 p.m. in the St. Mary Hospital Center for Counseling Services. The new program, sponsored by the Behavioral Medicine Department, will be presented by a licensed psychologist on staff at St. Mary Hospital.

This innovative program will focus on changing behavior that causes weight gain. Since about 75 percent of those who achieve weight loss regain the weight in three to five years, the program will also stress how to control weight permanently. For fee information or to register, call the St. Mary Hospital Center for Counseling Services at (734) 655-2936 or 1-800-494-1654.

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Oakland County Health Division's Child Health Clinics provide free ongoing well care for children from birth to school entry. Families who do not have an HMO or Medicaid may be eligible. Clinics are held at 12 locations throughout Oakland County.

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An appointment is required. For more information, call the North Oakland office, Pontiac, (248) 858-1311 or 858-4001; South Oakland, Southfield, (248) 424-7066 or 424-7067; or West Oakland, Walled Lake (248) 926-3300.

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Tee Off with TRACC is designed to help players, novices and veterans alike, to avoid golf-related injuries as well as improve their games. This six-week program, presented on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, March 17-April 24, includes informative insights as well as practical demonstrations on cardiovascular conditioning and endurance exercises, strengthening to tone the muscles used in the golf swing, learning safe stretching routines to improve muscular flexibility, and honing the proper practice techniques at the driving range.

Two of the three weekly sessions will be held at TRACC, 39750 Grand River Ave., Novi, and will emphasize conditioning and strengthening muscles and improving the flexibility of muscles. The third session will be taught by a golf pro at the Oasis Driving Range in Plymouth, who will give valuable tips on how to improve your game.

In addition, the fee of $125 includes a theraband and take-home exercise program. Due to limited capacity, preregistration and prepayment is required. For more information or to register, call Shel Levine at (248) 473-5600.

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March 12

• Healthy Cooking Demos: "Best Beef Recipes." Tired of the same old recipes? This session will give you just the right seasonings. Meets at 7 p.m. There is a $6 fee and preregistration is required. Botsford's Health Development Network on Grand River, Novi. Call (248) 477-6100 for information or to register.

March 18

• Botsford's Livonia Mall Walking Club: Free March Blood Pressure Screening. "Walk the mall" for enjoyable, low-impact, climate-controlled exercise and then have your blood pressure checked (available the third Wednesday of every month, 8-10 a.m.). No charge. Livonia Mall opened to walkers 7:30 a.m.-9 p.m., Monday-Saturday; 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday. Located on Seven Mile Road (at the corner of Seven Mile and Middlebelt roads). For more information, call (248) 477-6100.

March 19

• Why We Eat Too Much. Is it just temptation, or something more? Everyone overeats – yet for some, overeating takes on a more powerful role. Food can become a comfort, a reward, or an escape. Learn why you use food in your life, and how to put eating back under your control. Meets at 7 p.m. Preregistration and a $5 fee is required. Botsford's Health Development Network. For more information or to register, call (248) 477-6100.

March 23

• Botsford's Laurel Park Walking Club: Free March Blood Pressure Screening. "Walk the mall" for enjoyable, low-impact, climate-controlled exercise and then have your blood pressure checked (available the fourth Monday of every month, 8-10 a.m.). No charge. Laurel Park is open to walkers 8 a.m.-9 p.m., Monday-Saturday; 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday. Located on Six Mile Road in Livonia (at the corner of Six Mile and Newburgh roads). For more information, call (248) 477-6100.

March 26

• Healthy Cooking Demos: "Tofu: Hot, Spicy, Creamy and Sweet and Sour." The wonderful world of ... Tofu? Trust us. This fun, informative session which meets at 7 p.m. will make you a true believer. There is a $6 fee and preregistration is required. Botsford's Health Development Network, Novi. For more information or to register, call (248) 477-6100.

• Breathe Free Stop Smoking. Learn how to successfully quit smoking by joining this group at 7 p.m. There is a $25 donation and preregistration is required. For more information or to register, call (248) 477-6100.

Referral service

Are you new to the community? Do you need to find a doctor and can't determine the best way to start your search?

The Physician Referral Service of Providence Hospital and Medical Centers is available to assist individuals in finding a physician who can meet the specific needs or criteria of the individual. The service is free of charge and can be reached by calling 1-800-968-5595.

The staff of Physician Referral Services can help locate physicians by specialty or location, finding an office close to your home or work. They can even match individuals with physicians who participate in particular insurance plans. Callers can also receive information on support groups, health education classes and lectures. For referral services, call 1-800-968-5595.

Prostate Cancer Meeting

These meetings are held at 6:30 p.m. on the last Thursday of each month at the Brass Pointe Restaurant in Farmington Hills. For information call (248) 424-5543.

Body Fat Analysis

Have your body fat analysis done by a registered dietitian. Full printed report with recommendations for exercise and diet to promote health. Please Call (248) 424-3903 for appointment and fee.

The program will be held at Providence Medical Center-Farmington Hills/NW, Mission Health Medical Center-Livonia, Providence Medical Center-Providence Park in Novi, and Providence Hospital in Southfield.

Baby Beepers

Monthly beeper rentals available. Stay in touch with your labor partner. Call (248) 424-3332 for information and fee.

Managing Your BP

Free blood pressure checks, open to the public, are being held in the emergency room of Providence Medical Center-Providence Park in Novi, Monday-Friday, from 9-11 a.m. No appointment necessary.

Parish Nurse

The Parish Nurse Ministry strives to build relationships with local congregations. This service is offered to all fathers to meet the holistic health needs of your members. To learn more about the Providence Parish Nurse Ministry, please call (248) 424-2763.@Briefhead:Weight on the Run

Conducted by an exercise physiologist and a nutritionist, this 12-week program starts with a fitness assessment and nutritional consultation, followed by three weekly monitored workouts and weekly nutritional support.

Day and evening classes available. A $300 fee includes enrollment in the class "ABC of Weight Loss." Botsford Center for Health Improvement-TRACC, 39750 Grand River Ave., Novi. For more information and to register, call (248) 473-5600.

Latest news on breast cancer

Botsford physician Robert Boorstein D.O., and Botsford Health Development Network Project Manager Mary Kors R.N., B.S.N., discuss breast cancer and the latest news on treatment options.

This monthly forum for women ages 40-60, presents issues and concerns dealing with mid-life changes. Meets from 7-8:30 p.m. Oct. 23. There is no charge. Botsford General Hospital's 3 West Conference Room, on Grand River in Farmington Hills. For more information, call (248) 477-6100.

Laurel Park Walking Club

"Walk the mall" for enjoyable, low-impact, climate-controlled exercise – and then have your blood pressure checked (available the fourth Monday of every month, 8-10 a.m.). Free. Laurel Park is opened to walkers 8 a.m.-9 p.m., Monday-Saturday; 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday. Located on Six Mile Road in Livonia (at the corner of Six Mile and Newburgh roads). For information, call (248) 477-6100.

Aerobic Weight Training

A 55-minute workout with emphasis on both cardiovascular fitness and muscle strengthening. Meets for seven weeks. Mondays and Wednesdays 5-6 p.m. $55. Preregistration required. Botsford Center for Health Improvement-tracc, 39750 Grand River Ave., Novi. For more information and to register, call (248) 473-5600.

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