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Novi readies for bond vote

Novi Community Schools will ask voters this Saturday, March 28, to approve a $17.3 million bond issue in a special election. The money would be used to build a new $12.5 million elementary school, improve athletic fields and playgrounds and improve parking. It would cost the owner of a $200,000 home about $67 a year for the next 20 years. The polls open at 7 a.m. and close at 8 p.m.

The $17.3 million school
BOND

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

After months of community discussion, Novi Community School District voters will go to the polls Saturday to decide the fate of the district's $17.3 million bond proposal.

And proponents of the spending plan hope a low turnout at the final community bond information meeting last week means residents understand the proposal well enough to make an informed decision in the voting booth.

"If it were the only time we were out here it would be pretty dismal," said John Calandro, sitting in an empty Novi Library meeting room March 18. Only one person showed up to hear three Citizens for Novi Schools members speak on the topic.

"We hope what it suggests is everyone has all their questions answered," Calandro explained.

The committee spent the last month appearing at PTO meetings, city functions and parent conferences and popping up at every school function possible to encourage a yes vote. They've handed out pins, distributed fliers and put up signs.

"We've tried to be present and visible at every activity," said Pam Superfisky.

Informational board and architectural renderings of the improvements posted at all the schools in the district are succeeding in helping parents to understand the issues, according to committee members. What they show is the district is at 93 percent capacity for elementary enrollment and growing beyond previous projections. In the past six years, 477 new elementary students joined the district.

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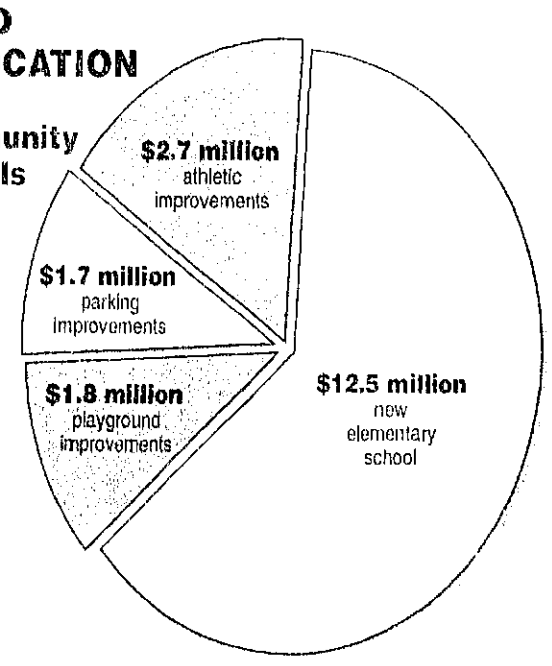

The Buck may stop in Novi

By CHRIS C. DAVIS and
WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writers

Management for Gaylord-based Big Buck Brewery & Steakhouse said Friday they have a tendered site for a new location in Novi somewhere in the vicinity of Novi Road and I-696.

Company president Bill Rolinski said management has identified a total of three possible locations in Novi and one in Wixom, though he declined to specify the exact site. That information, he said, would be released sometime in the next two to three weeks, pending receipt of the necessary paperwork from Novi city officials.

"The biggest challenge for us is the land," Rolinski said. "We need six acres of land for the kind of property we have in mind."

The City of Novi planning department, however, said the deal is far from done, and no paperwork has been submitted.

"I think they're a little ahead of the game," Khanh Pham explained. "We've had preliminary discussions and the market will support both but it's up to them to find an appropriate place."

The property along the freeway is zoned Office-Service, Pham explained, and would need to be rezoned to a Town Center zoning. Either that or the ordinance could be amended.

In addition, it may be too close to Novi's newest (and only) micro-brewery, Local Color. The current micro-brewery ordinance has a proximity restriction of 2,500 feet. The city made an investment with Local Color, said Pham, and may not want to pit one business against the other.

Greg Capote, the city's economic development coordinator, said he's had very informal discussions with Rolinski, who is looking at many properties along the freeways in Farmington Hills, Novi and Wixom.

Big Buck has set up shop in Auburn Hills and Grand Rapids.

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Novi Mayor Kathleen McLallen said she was a sucker for this "Live" auction item and took him home to meet her four-year-old Labrador Retriever Willy,

Puppy love strikes at charity auction

By JAN JEFFRES and
WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

The Novi Chamber of Commerce billed their annual auction as "A Night To Remember."

It will be for Novi Mayor Kathleen McLallen and her husband, Peter, who left the Novi Hilton with a new, $575 addition to their family.

"It's the official dog of Novi," said McLallen, while auction-goers fawned over the 7-week-old soot-black puppy, a mix of Labrador Retriever and Bouwier des Flandres.

"He knows we're dog people," James McLallen said, as the puppy snuggled close in his arms.

It was virtually a sell-out event; all but seven of the 450, $50 per person tickets were purchased. The final tally isn't in on how much the chamber made in this, its largest fundraiser of the year, said Novi Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Lisa Willard on Monday. Some of the proceeds will benefit the Michigan Chapter of the Paralyzed Veterans of America, which has a Grand River Avenue office.

"People were really getting into bidding for the Silent Auction. The Live Auction didn't go as high as previous years," Willard added.

"But the Live Auction is exciting, it's fun and I think everybody enjoys seeing who gets what."

No dollar counts were available yet on the raffles or Silent Auction. About $20,000 was bid on merchandise in the Live Auction. Big ticket items included: "A Day In Lansing With State Representative Nancy Cassis, R-Novi," which went for $400; a Detroit Red wings Limited Edition Stanley Cup golf bag, to be signed by the team, for $1,000; a full page, color ad in *The Novi News* for $800; and a bow and arrow autographed by Ted Nugent for $350.

For the second year, Jamey Kramer will have his name on a street sign at the Novi Civic Center. This year, Kramer agreed to pay $3,600 for the honor, less than the $4,500 he shelled out last year.

An autographed jersey from former Red Wing and Stanley Cup winner, John Wilson was auctioned off for $575.

"Stretch that almighty dollar," Wilson said that night, urging on the bidders.

Weekend getaway and golf packages were best sellers, too, Willard said.

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Canton man arrested for flashing teacher

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

A substitute custodian for the Novi Community School District was arrested and arraigned in 52-1 District Court in Novi on one count of indecent exposure this week.

Todd Andrew Johnson, 20, faces a May pretrial hearing on the misdemeanor, which carries a one year jail sentence or a $500 fine.

The man is no longer working for the school district.

The charge stems from a Feb. 24 incident at Novi High School.

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

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

But police had reason to investigate further based on the description of an earlier alleged incident at Parkview Elementary School.

According to the original police report, Johnson told police he "was found masturbating with a vacuum" while he worked there.

School officials say no one actually saw him in the act and that he had denied the incident occurred.

"At the time there was no evidence to sustain what he was accused of," confirmed Superintendent Dr. Emmett Lippe. "It was one person's word against another."

Johnson worked from time to time in the district since around the beginning of the school year, administrators say.

Johnson was also picked out of a photo line-up, police said.

The arrest comes after two other incidents at Novi High.

In the most recent occurrence, March 8, a 40ish looking man exposed himself to a student and staff member after school.

Northville High School, too, has experienced a similar incident.

Todd Johnson

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Opening Night

The cast of the Novi High School Musical "Carousel" give it a run-through during dress rehearsal Monday. Tonight is Opening Night beginning at 7:30 p.m. in Fuerst Auditorium. Tickets are on sale at the door.

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.

Tuesday, March 31

Novi Concert Band

The Novi Concert Band rehearses at 7:30 p.m. Novi Meadows School.

Wednesday, April 1

Athletic Boosters

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

Thursday, April 2

Novi Rotary

The Novi Rotary Club meets at noon at the Novi United Methodist Church at 41671 Ten Mile Road. For information, contact Bob Limbright at 380-6500.

Monday, April 3

TOPS

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

Motor City Speak Easy Toastmasters

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

Tuesday, April 7

Seniors meeting

The Novi Center Seniors will hold their general meeting at 11 a.m. in the Community Center of 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.

Menopause Support Group

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

Chess Club

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

Amateur Radio Club

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

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.

Wednesday, April 8

Seniors potluck

The Novi Senior Social Club will gather at noon in the Novi Civic Center for their monthly potluck luncheon.

Lions Club

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

SPARK

The Society for the Preservation of American Racing Knowledge, the all-volunteer support organization for the Motorsports Hall of Fame of America, meets at 7 p.m. at the Novi Expo Center. The meeting is open to anyone interested in supporting the Hall of Fame and Museum.

Youth baseball

The board of directors of Novi Youth Baseball meets at 7:00 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center. The meeting is open to the public.

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

The Novi area Formerly Employed Mothers at the Leading Edge Chapter meets at 7 p.m. at the Providence Mission Health Center, 39500 W. Ten Mile Rd., Conference Room A. The purpose of the organization is to offer support for mothers who have chosen to interrupt their careers to care for their children. For more information call Janet at (810)476-5934.

Thursday, April 9

Novi Rotary

The Novi Rotary Club meets at noon at the Novi United Methodist Church at 41671 Ten Mile Road. For information, contact Bob Limbright at 380-6500.

Monday, April 13

Library Board

The Novi Library Board will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi library building.

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Tuesday, April 14

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Beautification Commission

The Novi Beautification Commission meets at 7:15 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center. Audience participation is welcome. For additional information contact Ernie Aruffo at 348-9136.

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Mr. B's Farm celebrates ten years tonight

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

Formerly known as the Goat Farm, the long-thin bar on Novi Road is celebrating it's 10 year anniversary today under the ownership of Adele and Iain Alexander.

Now called Mr. B's Farm, the Alexander's don't take offense when people refer to it by the former moniker because the property was literally a goat farm at one time.

"As far as anybody cares it's still The Goat Farm," said Iain.

The couple bought the farm in 1988 and incorporated it as part of the Mr. B's restaurant chain. After retiring from Chrysler as a project engineer, Iain and his wife started going to bars with their sons.

With seven kids, the couple married in 1950 didn't go to many bars early in their lives.

"For many years we didn't go out at all," said Iain, who was born in Scotland.

They met a priest, who according to Iain "defrocked" himself and they bought an Irish pub, Four Green Fields in Royal Oak. They moved onto Mr. B's in Novi four years later.

"What keeps us here is the people," said Adele. "Wonderful, interesting, strange, great people."

The couple should know, they manage the night shift.

People are the heart and soul to the bar, which welcomes guests of all kinds.

"It doesn't matter how they're dressed. It's a very comfortable place," Adele explained.

Blue collar workers, guys in suits and motorcycle riders are commonplace around the bar stools.

"Everybody's pretty memorable around here," said day manager Vickie Westbay. "Basically, they've been coming around for years. Everybody knows everybody around here."

> "... It's still the Goat Farm."
>
> Iain Alexander, owner

The bar continues to be a community staple, even though they paved the dirt parking lot, put in a new kitchen and patio and have softball fields and volleyball nets out back. Many nights offer live entertainment.

Not too worried about competition from the wealth of new bars opening in the area, Mr. B's has a niche in Novi, the couple said.

"For a while it impacts you when the new ones come in, we call that the honeymoon period, when they first come in everybody runs over to see what's new," explained Iain.

"Then they all drift back," Adele added.

In 10 years, the bar owners, staff and customers have seen a wedding officiated by then-Novi Mayor Matt Quinn, and grown old with a senior citizen baseball team whose members sang old folk songs and ballads. It's seen waitresses, like Westbay, climb to manager status.

To celebrate the big event tonight, Mr. B's will feature a live rock band "Government Honey" and serve appetizers off the old menus, said Westbay.

"We're getting away from the health food stuff for just one night," she said.

There will also be trivia and prizes and a display of photos from past years at the bar.

"The most fun thing is it's going to be like a reunion," said Vickie.

Mr. B's is located at 24555 Novi Road, north of Ten Mile Road.

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Adele and Ian Alexander, owners of Mr. B's Goat Farm, will celebrate the Novi Road eateries' tenth anniversary tonight.

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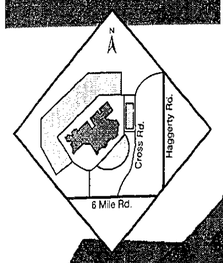

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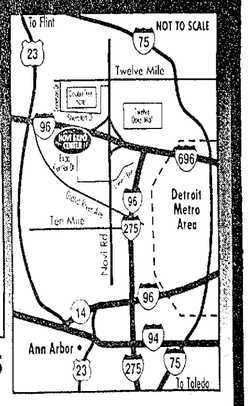

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Teens take nap in empty house

Three teens were found sleeping in a Chase Farms home under construction, March 23.

Police were alerted by a neighbor about 7 a.m. and could see the teens asleep in the home through a window, according to the report. Also in plain sight were beer cans and bottles.

The officer recognized two of the teens from previous contacts and entered the house to wake them. They appeared intoxicated and said they had come in through an open front door.

The construction manager, however, said the door had been kicked in.

Police arrested the 17-year-old Novi male, 15-year-old Novi girl and 15-year-old Livonia man and cited them for damaging the house, unlawful entry and possessing alcohol. The 17-year-old was cited for contributing to the delinquency of minors.

Police News

HANGING OUT

A 29-year-old Ann Arbor man said someone must have eaten the marijuana that caused the car he was sitting in March 22 to smell of the drug.

Police questioned the man after spotting him drinking beer in the back of a car parked in the lot of Novi Bowl about 10:30 p.m. He said he was waiting for friends to finish bowling, police said.

But when they asked him why the car smelled of marijuana and where the drug was the man said "I don't know, somebody must have eaten it."

When asked if he had consumed the leafy substance, he simply shrugged his shoulders. He was cited for having open alcohol in a motor vehicle and released on $10 bond.

STRIPPED

Two men arrested by Farmington Hills Police said they had spent much of March 21 at an industrial building in Novi stripping and stealing copper wiring.

The 38-year-old Livonia man and 39-year-old Westland man are accused of taking wiring from Holcomb Industries on Meadowbrook Road. Novi Police checked out the site after being notified by the neighboring police department and found evidence the men had been there.

BREAK-IN

The Bob Evans Restaurant on Novi Road was the victim of a second burglary March 18, police said.

Sometime between midnight and 5 a.m., police suspect two former employees broke a window to enter the establishment and take a cash drawer. A manager found the broken window and called police when she arrived for work that morning.

Police reported a similar break-in earlier this month.

HIT THE RIM

Police arrested a 23-year-old Novi man for drunk driving March 17 after a witness called 9-1-1 from the freeway.

According to police, the man was seen hitting the freeway wall with his Ford Thunderbird. His tire popped leaving him driving on the rim but the car did not stop, witnesses told dispatchers.

Officers caught up to the man as he drove dangerously down Novi Road from the freeway. His tire was in shreds. Upon stopping, the man said he remembered hitting the wall but was unaware of tire problems. He told police he had a couple drunks at a pub in Howell.

DAZED AND CONFUSED

Novi Police found a 17-year-old Northville boy passed out in his car with the engine running March 21 about 3 a.m.

Police said the Pontiac Grand Prix was stopped with the front tires on a snowbank on Eight Mile Road near Glen Haven Circle. The officer recognized the teen from prior contacts and opened the door to wake him and put the car in park. His foot was still on the brake.

According to the report, the boy moaned and groaned but had difficulty in waking. Police said he appeared very disoriented. A preliminary breath test revealed a .17 blood alcohol content, almost twice the legal limit.

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

Novi Briefs

Legislative Link

Michigan State Representative Nancy Cassis, R-Novi and Senator Willis Bullard, R-Milford, have been invited to attend a May 7 Novi Board of Education meeting. The pair will discuss legislative initiatives with impacts on education. The meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. in the Educational Services Building on Taft Road.

On the job

Two members of the Novi Fire Department celebrated anniversaries recently. Firefighter Ann Mikolajczak was worked for the department for seven years and Firefighter Timothy Sullivan just completed his first year.

Scholarships Ahoy!

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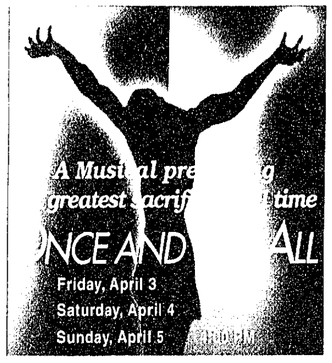

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The Log Book

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

MONDAY, MARCH 16

Fire alarm, 21335 Haggerty, 8:05 a.m., Engines 1, 3.

Medical, 39607 Nesrus, 3:28 p.m., Squad 1.

TUESDAY, MARCH 17

Medical, 45260 Byrne, 1:42 a.m., Squad 3.

Fuel spill, Twelve Mile and Haggerty, 1:58 a.m., Engine 1.

Medical, 43067 Hidden Cove, 3:14 a.m., Squad 3.

Medical, 24500 Meadowbrook, 11:43 a.m., Squad 1.

Medical, 23795 Taft Road, 12:29 p.m., Squad 4.

Medical, 22862 Balcombe, 3:38 p.m., Squad 3.

Medical, 41620 Monterey, 11:58 p.m., Squad 2.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18

Investigation, 27049 Branton, 8:01 a.m., Engine 1.

Medical, 24505 Meadowbrook, 9:32 a.m., Squad 1.

Medical, 24500 Meadowbrook, 9:35 a.m., Squad 1.

Medical, 27550 Novi Road, 12:45 p.m., Squad 1.

Injury accident, Grand River and Haggerty, 1 p.m., Squad 1.

Injury accident, Ten Mile and Taft Road, 2:44 p.m., Squad 3.

Investigation, 24077 Glen Ridge, 3:44 p.m., Engine 3.

THURSDAY, MARCH 19

Mutual aid, Twelve Mile and Wixom Fire Department, 5:10 a.m., Engine 4.

Medical, 29981 Montmorency, 7:10 a.m., Squad 2.

Medical, Twelve Mile and Meadowbrook, 8:27 a.m., Squad 1.

Medical, 42129 Gladwin Court, 8:53 a.m., Squad 3.

Medical, Ten Mile and Beck Road, 9:38 a.m., Squad 4.

Medical, 47601 Grand River, 1:01 p.m., Squad 4.

Fire alarm, 41550 Grand River, 6:14 p.m., Squad 1.

Service, 42102 Fountain Park, 11:09 p.m., Squad 1.

FRIDAY, MARCH 20

Medical, 31245 Wedgewood, 2:30 a.m., Squad 2.

Medical, 41861 Quince, 7:51 a.m., Squad 3.

Injury accident, Grand River and Beck, 5:52 p.m., Squad 4.

Medical, 41184 Hollydale, 5:57 p.m., Squad 3.

SATURDAY, MARCH 21

Medical, 27500 Novi Road, 12:15 p.m., Squad 1.

Medical, 26085 Town Center, 9:51 p.m., Squad 1.

Investigation, 41386 Llewelyn, 11:24 p.m., Squad 3.

SUNDAY, MARCH 22

Car fire, Twelve Oaks Parking, 8:23 a.m., Engine 1.

Investigation, 41386 Llewelyn, 10:05 a.m., Squad 3.

Medical, 24505 Meadowbrook, 12:41 p.m., Squad 1.

Fire alarm, 21555 Haggerty, 7:39 p.m., Engines 1, 3.

Medical, 21548 Old Orchard, 9:57 p.m., Squad 1.

Fitness club works out Haggerty Road land deal

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Life Time Fitness, a Minnesota-based health club chain that runs a 24-hour, seven-days a week operation, is vaulting into Novi.

Kevin Stegen, area director for Life Time Fitness, said the company likes the demographics of the Novi area.

"It looks good to us, we like it out there. Until you put something together, it isn't really here," Stegen said.

"We haven't put together any deals."

Robert Churella, of the FDI Group in Novi, said the center recently bought property in his proposed Summit Place office complex on Haggerty Road south of Nine Mile.

"We're very excited. It's a class A operation that will add to the community," Churella said this week. "The building is absolutely gorgeous and coincides with the type of building we're going to put up."

Life Time Fitness is proposed for the rear of the property, which backs up to residents who have been concerned with development in their backyards for some time. This time, however, Churella said the residents are in support of the "family-oriented" club.

The first Life Time Fitness facility in Michigan, a 90,000 square foot, two-story building in Troy, will open in December.

The club features two swimming pools, two basketball courts, rock-climbing walls, aerobics class, racquetball and squash courts, health and fitness classes, weight room, exercise machinery. An entertainment system allows members to watch wide screen TV while working out. Child care facilities include junior sports courts and kid-friendly computers.

Other amenities include a hair and nail salon, juice bar, saunas, massages and tanning salon.

The monthly membership rates for singles is $37; couples, $67 and families, $87.

Life Time Fitness was launched six years ago in the Minneapolis/St. Paul area, where the company has nine locations. Three clubs are planned in the metro Detroit area.

"We're expanding out," Stegen explained.

Also moving out to Novi is The Sports Club of West Bloomfield, which plans a $7.5 million, 92,000 square foot facility next to the Novi Ice Arena at Ten Mile and Novi Roads. The Sports Club won preliminary site plan approval from the Novi Planning Commission in November.

Swimming, gymnastics, martial arts, tennis and a fitness center will be offered by the Sports Club with fees to range from $15 to $200 per month. Outdoor swimming will be offered in a pool under a retractable dome.

Sports Club Glenn Healey has said the club will work together with the City of Novi Parks and Recreation Program and the Novi Schools Community Education Program to offer programs for students.

Incumbent to run again in June

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

Four years ago, members of the community came to George Kortlandt to ask him to run for the Novi Board of Education. He agreed and won a seat, bringing his ability to "think outside the box" with him.

"Now four years later no one's come forward to ask me to run again," Kortlandt said. "That means one of two things. Either I can assume I'm doing a good job or people are not happy with me but don't have the courage to come forward to tell me."

Whatever the reason, Kortlandt told his fellow trustees last week that he isn't ready to vacate his seat just yet. He will run again when his seat is up for reelection on June 8.

"I regard this as an honor to be allowed to work with the board to do what's best for the children," he said at the March 19 school board meeting. "And it's a pleasure to deal with six other board members who take the job seriously."

Monday, April 6 is the deadline for anyone within the Novi Community School district who wants to run against Kortlandt for the only seat up for election this year.

To register as a candidate, citizens must pick up and fill out a petition and return it to the Educational Services Building by 4 p.m. on April 6.

The last day to register to vote is May 11. Voters can register at any Secretary of State's office and the City Clerk's office.

Center gives help to women

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

On Thursday evenings, the center provides free legal clinics at the Walled Lake Community Center. Volunteer attorneys provide private, confidential consultations for persons needing legal advice. For those who require the services of an attorney, referrals are given. For an appointment call the WSC HelpLine at (248) 335-1520.

Passover cooking class offered

Let all who are hungry come and eat.

This phrase used at the Passover seder, an ordered-Jewish ceremonial dinner, will be the theme of an upcoming cooking workshop, "The Taste of Tradition 2."

The workshop, designed for individuals in interfaith relationships, is sponsored by the Interfaith Connection and Kitchen Glamour. It will be held tonight at 6:45 p.m. at Kitchen Glamour in Novi Town Center.

Mimi Markofsky of Mimi's Just Desserts will lead the workshop, which focuses on new Passover ideas and demonstrate delicious recipes for the seder and the week-long holiday.

The Jewish holiday has dietary restrictions.

Other holiday tips, free gifts and prizes will also be featured.

This user-friendly workshop is designed for individuals in interfaith relationships or their family members or converts to Judaism.

Register in advance if possible by calling 1-800-397-4876. There is a small charge to attend.

The program is sponsored by the Interfaith Connection, a program of the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Detroit, Agency for Jewish Education and the Jewish Family Service.

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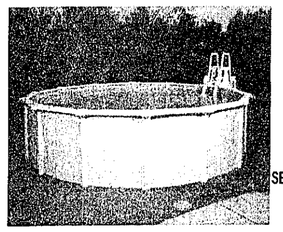

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Novi hosts meeting to beautify region

About 85 people from all over 22 metro area communities headed for Novi last week for the a regional meeting of the Beautification Council of Southeastern Michigan.

The event was hosted by the Novi Beautification Commission.

It was a chance to showcase the city, as former commission member Ernest Aruffo led the visitors on a tour of the Novi Civic Center.

"As a student of architecture, this is a wonderful building," said Jerald Stone, treasurer of the Beautification Council of Southeastern Michigan.

"The people of Novi should be complimented."

Members of other Beautification Commissions came from places such as Brownstown Township, Hamtramck, Centerline, Huntington Woods and Trenton.

They were greeted by Novi Mayor Kathleen McLallen. Assistant City Manager Craig Klaver gave a presentation on Novi's preservation efforts and Department of Parks and Recreation Director Dan Davis discussed the beautification of city parks.

Currently, the Novi Beautification Commission is selling memorial trees, which will be planted at the Novi Civic Center. Trees will be accompanied with a carved stone brick designating that the tree was donated either in honor or in memorial of a person.

Members of the Novi Beautification Commission are: Chairperson, Kathy Cosentino, Vice Chairperson Pamela Superfisky, Barbara Greenberg, Julie Johnson, Anamaria Kazanis and Gretchen Pugsley.

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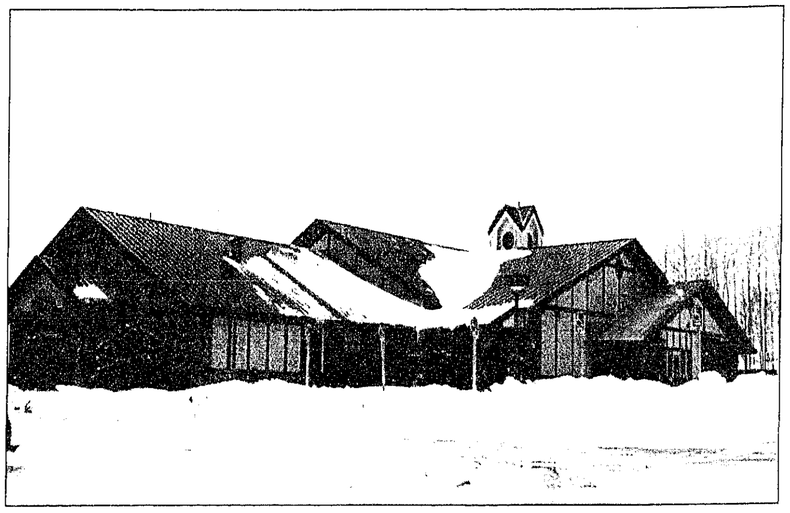

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This Big Buck Brewery and Steakhouse in Gaylord features a hunting motif. The owner is looking to bring one to the Novi area.

Brewery may hit Novi soon

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Rolinski said the Auburn Hills site is on a $10 million pace for 1998 — a good portion of that business hailing from Novi, Northville and Wixom.

Big Buck takes on a northern Michigan motif complete with deer trophies and large fireplaces. Complete dinners at the restaurant average $12 and $20.

Rolinski said the tentative plans called for a $9 million, 26,000-square foot restaurant which would seat more than 750 persons. At an earlier date, Rolinski said he had considered Northville Township as a possible backup location if Novi land couldn't be secured.

If Big Buck is developed, it would join Local Color as the second specialty brewery in Novi. That property opened Jan. 27.

You can't take brew with you at Bistro

By CHRIS C. DAVIS
Staff Writer

If you ask Chester Czaplicka, a $40 container of beer isn't the sort of thing you crack open and sip from on the way home from a restaurant. But if you ask Township public safety director Chip Snider the same question, he'll tell you it is.

In the end, Snider's opinion rang louder, as the Northville Township Board of Trustees, last week, voted down Czaplicka's request for a license at the tentatively named "Bistro Brew," which would allow the restaurant the opportunity to sell shrink-wrapped containers of beer for off-site consumption.

The restaurant is slated to be developed at the northwest corner of Seven Mile and Haggerty Roads, in front of the existing Home Depot location.

Bistro Brew, Czaplicka said, caters to higher-income patrons, which he believed would deter hardcore drinkers from coming in.

"This is a place where people come to enjoy quality, not quantity of beer," he said.

Czaplicka said he recognized the risks taken by businesses that dealt in alcohol, but indicated his business had a violation-free police record. To maintain that clean history, Czaplicka said the restaurant would make it a point of aggressively checking identification with patrons and would also not have pre-packaged containers of beer waiting in coolers.

Instead, anyone wishing to purchase the beer would need to make a request with restaurant employees, who would fill orders on an individual basis and then place a protective seal around the wide mouth of the container.

Michigan motor vehicle regulations make it illegal to operate a motor vehicle with an open container of alcohol in the car, regardless of whether or not the beverage has been consumed.

Based both on what he'd read and experienced, Snider said he opposed carry-away beer sales on the grounds that persons who had sat down to a meal and began drinking tended to be more sociable and more geared toward the drinking mood.

But Czaplicka disagreed. He said the volume of beverage in question and shape of the container didn't lend itself to drinking while on the road.

"With all due respect, you're going to be like this if you open it," Czaplicka said, leaning backward and tipping the empty wide-spouted, two-gallon container toward his mouth.

The vote was a noticeably difficult one for several members of the board. Trustee Mary Gans showed signs of uneasiness as he asked that others be allowed to vote before him.

Though he ultimately voted to approve, trustee Russ Fogg jokingly expressed his discomfort in the balloting.

"God forbid the day I vote against someone who wants to sell beer," Fogg said after mulling over Snider's opinion on the police trouble with alcohol sales.

It was the quantity of beer that was most troubling to supervisor Karen Woodside. Czaplicka mentioned earlier in the meeting that because the bistro's beer was brewed without preservatives and pasteurization, it was necessary to consume the contents of the container within three days to guarantee fresh taste.

Czaplicka said the restaurant was also planning on selling "growlers," which were about a quarter the size of the large containers.

Two gallons translates roughly into around 21 cans of beer.

"That's a lot to drink in 72 hours," Woodside said, to which Czaplicka retorted, "So's a fifth (of liquor), Ms. Woodside."

Township clerk Sue Hillebrand said she voted against the measure on the grounds that Czaplicka had not made mention of the possibility of beer sales when the original proposal for the location was made.

"Personally, I don't think that in a zero-tolerance community this is what we want," she said.

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Obituaries

KARL W. SCHULZ

Karl William Schulz of Farmington Hills, formerly of Orchard Lake, died March 15, in Redford Township. He was 88. Mr. Schulz was born in Detroit on Dec. 16, 1909.

He was a graduate of Western High School. Mr. Schulz was employed at General Motors Tech. Center for 40 years before retiring as a research engineer in 1975. An avid golfer, his memberships included Twin Beach Country Club and Normad's (Solos) Travel Club.

His survivors are: son, Phillip (Dorothy) of Novi; daughter, Carol (Bob) Boyd of Farmington Hills; seven grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Mr. Schulz was preceded in death by his wife, Phyllis.

Services were held on Wednesday, March 18, at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington. Daniel Finlay of the First Church of Christ Scientist, Farmington, officiated at the service. Interment was at White Chapel Cemetery in Troy.

Memorials to the charity of your choice would be appreciated.

LEO J. MCGOUGH

Leo J. McGough of Novi, formerly of Orchard Lake, died March 18, at St. Mary's Hospital in Livonia. He was 72.

Mr. McGough was owner of the Michigan Structural Concrete Co. in Auburn Hills from 1956-76. Among his works as engineer at TMP Assoc. in Bloomfield Hills from 1976-96, was the construction of the Cancer and Geriatrics Center at the University of Michigan Hospital. He was a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers. Mr. McGough was an Army veteran of World War II. He received the American Theater Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Victory Medal, and the European African Middle Eastern Service Medal.

He is survived by his wife, Elise (Hosten); daughters, Elizabeth and Mary Ellen McGough, and Gretchen Heinle; brother, John P.; sister, Ann Marie Mahon; and one grandson, Conner Heinle.

Mr. McGough was preceded in death by his brother, Rev. Francis C. McGough S.J.

A funeral Mass was held on Monday, March 23, at The Academy of the Sacred Heart in Bloomfield Hills. Interment was in All Saints Cemetery, Waterford.

Arrangements were made by A.J. Desmond & Sons Funeral home, Royal Oak.

Memorial contributions to the ALS Association would be appreciated by the family.

DAVID D. WHITE

David D. White of Northville died March 18, at Angela Hospice in Livonia. He was 81. Mr. White was born Oct. 28, 1916, in Walnut Ridge, Ark., to William H. and Opal (Harvey) White.

Mr. White, a lifelong member of the community, retired from General Motors Corp. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Novi and enjoyed wood carving and the carving of ducks.

He is survived by his wife, Iris (Chandler); sons, Ron (Barbara) of River Junction, Mich., and Rick (Bev) of Walled Lake; daughters, Pat (Jim) Allen of Northville and Sharon (Peter) Ekert of Windsor, Ontario, Canada; brother, Clay of California; sisters, Mona Humes of Indiana and Carolyn Bailey of Wisconsin; nine grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by son, William L.; one brother and two sisters.

Services were held on Saturday, March 21, at Casterline Funeral Home Inc. of Northville. Pastor Gary Elfner of the First Baptist Church of Novi officiated at the service. Interment was in Rural Hill Cemetery, Northville.

Memorials to the Angela Hospice or the First Baptist Church of Novi would be appreciated.

OCC sets Spring programming

Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge campus will host an open house for prospective students and the community on Thursday, April 2, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Admission is free and refreshments will be provided.

Entitled "The OCC Advantage," the event will spotlight campus facilities, resources and services, including the newly-renovated Community Activities/Physical Education Building, the Smith Theater for the Performing Arts, and the Smith Theater Art Gallery.

Representatives of campus departments will be on hand to answer questions. Guided tours will also be featured.

For further information call Marie Faulkner at (248) 471-7268.

Writers Contest

Entries are now being accepted for Oakland Community College's Second Annual Writers at Work Contest. Authors of poetry and fiction are invited to submit unpublished pieces on any subject. Winners in each genre will receive a $50 prize and an invitation to appear on the "Art in the Air" radio show heard locally on WPON.

Works must be typewritten and accompanied by the writer's name, address and phone number. A fee of $5 will be charged per story (500 words or less), or for three poems. Manuscripts cannot be returned.

Entries should be mailed to: Connie Hollander, OCC Highland Lakes Campus, 7350 Cooley Lake Road, Waterford, MI 48327.

Submissions must be postmarked no later than April 15; winners will be announced in late May.

Women's Conference

The Womencenter at Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge campus will present a conference for women entitled "A Call to Wholeness: Women Emerging" on Saturday, May 2, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The event convenes in the campus' Tirrell Hall (Building J). Noted independent filmmaker Sue Marx is the conference keynoter. She will speak on "Women and the Arts," and present several short videos. An Academy and Emmy awards winner, Marx is president of Sue Marx Films Inc., Woodbridge Video Productions, and Urban Communication Group.

Three workshop sessions with over 15 topic choices will be offered, including such subjects as financial, career, divorce, and transition issues, body image, women and the Web, journaling, entrepreneurship, grief and loss, fitness and nutrition.

The cost for the conference is $35, including lunch. Preregistration is suggested, and childcare will be available for ages 2 1/2 and up, for an additional fee.

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Charity auction draws spenders

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"Diane Risko did a good job of putting together weekend packages with car rentals," Willard added.

Monday, the telephone at the chamber offices was ringing as people called in to say how much fun they had at the auction.

Beyond all the fun, much of the money will benefit research into spinal cord injuries. The honorary chair of the event, Barbara Schoen, is a former Novi Chamber of Commerce intern who is now a quadriplegic following a roll-over car accident in December. Schoen is the sister of Chamber member Peg Campbell.

Michael Harris, Advocacy/Government Relations Director for the Michigan Chapter of the Paralyzed Veterans of America, said he's convinced that in the next 20 years, a cure will be found for spinal cord injuries.

Harris, who served on the auction committee, is a Marine veteran who was injured in a 1986 auto accident. He was not wearing a seat belt at the time and urged auction-goers to be sure and buckle up.

He also commended Barbara Schoen for her courage and positive attitude.

"Live for the moment," Harris encouraged the guests. "Don't dwell on the past. Live for the moment. Life is not a right, it is a gift."

Willard said the Chamber was grateful for the support from the community.

Meanwhile, people were wondering about what the McLallens will name their puppy.

The newest four-legged addition to the McLallen household will join, Willy, the family's four-year-old Black Labrador. Willy needed a playmate, the mayor said. And she couldn't resist the cute little guy, who has a dash of white at the tip of his tail.

"I saw him when I came in and it was like – 'Sucker,'" she explained.

Willard said one of her favorite comments of the auction evening came from Cassis, a Republican: "Nancy Cassis said, 'I hope she doesn't name it Buddy.'"

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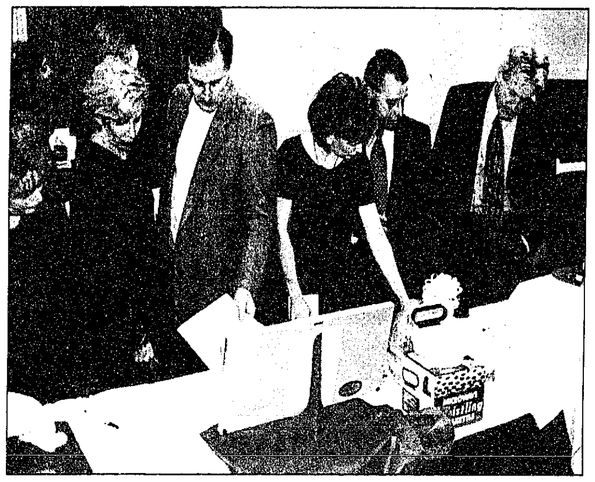
Rick Montgomery, the lead auctioneer for the Novi Chamber of Commerce 1998 fundraiser event at the Novi Hilton, tries to get the crowd in the bidding mood last Saturday night. He had two men in tuxedos at either end of the hall watching the bidders and alerting him to any new contenders. The men encouraged guests to spend money for a good cause.



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Attendees of this year's charity auction-dinner take a look at some of the many goods and services that were available for silent auction bidding Saturday night at the Novi Hilton. Bidders wrote down bids for various items like jewels and vacations. This year's recipient of the funds raised at the even is Novi's Paralyzed Veteran's of America organization.

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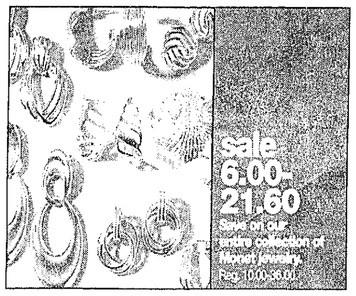

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Schools asks for .67 mills

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The most asked question about the elementary school needs, said Calandro, is if the middle school and high school will be able to accommodate that same growing number of elementary students as they grow. No problem, he said, the new middle school and renovations to the high school were meant to accommodate growth.

The boards also show the district's plans to expand playgrounds and make them safer. Some of the equipment doesn't meet federal safety guidelines and there isn't enough equipment for the growing number of students, school officials say.

As for the request to improve the high school and Novi Meadows athletic fields for football, soccer, lacrosse and band practice, the students are supportive, even if they don't much else about the issue.

"I don't know much about it but I know we'll get new bleachers," said sophomore Erin Rettmann. She performed a Pom Pon routine on the athletic field earlier this year, and wound up nearly rolling in the mud.

"It was fun but it was messy. (The field) is all chopped up and stuff. I don't think that's safe," she said.

Fellow sophomore Tricia Putvin agreed, adding many other schools have better sports facilities.

Traffic and lack of parking is also an issue on the ballot. During the school day and especially night events, guests struggle to find parking. For instance, the Taft Road site currently offers 407 parking spaces for the administration building, middle school, Novi Meadows, Parkview and Novi Woods elementaries. According to Personnel Director Bob Schram, there are about 240 staff members for the school buildings.

There's been no visible public outcry against the bond proposal, although about seven percent of the registered voters in the district came out last summer to defeat a similar $5.5 million bond issue that did not include a new elementary school. The final tally was 583 votes for the bond and 770 votes against.

With several differences this time around, proponents are hoping the results will be more favorable.

This years bond proposal costs less per year for city residents, $67 a year increase opposed to $85 a year proposed last year. However, the new proposal lasts 20 years instead of four years, as last year's was arranged.

Organizers also hope a Saturday special election will bring out more supporters. It will cost the district approximately $4,000 to hold the election, Koster has said. City ballot equipment is used for the four voting precincts.

In addition, many parents attended school board meetings earlier this year asking the trustees to combine the proposal for a new elementary school and the now-increased bond amount for the infrastructure needs. Their fear was voters might approve only one. Combined, they said, there's a better chance to get both.

Without it passing, nothing may get fixed properly, some parents claimed.

Koster said about only $30,000 is currently allocated for playground improvements, $25,000 for parking improvements, and $30,000 for athletic field improvements.

Already out of alternatives, the district tried in 1996 to spend $30,000 to aerate, top dress and reseed three of the athletic fields and devised a system that would result in less wear and tear. The temporary fix did not hold, Koster said.

The bond proposal follows a string of approved ballot proposals totaling $77 million over the past 10 years:

- A $33.4 million proposal approved in 1995 for a new middle school to be finished by 1999 and renovations to the existing middle school and Novi Meadows buildings.
- A $31.9 million proposal approved in 1992 for new technology, additions to the high school, renovations Orchard Hills and Village Oaks Elementary and ten classrooms for Parkview Elementary.
- A $5.2 million proposal approved in 1990. The money built the Instructional Technology Center and an addition to Novi Woods Elementary.
- A $6.25 construction bond issue approved in 1987.

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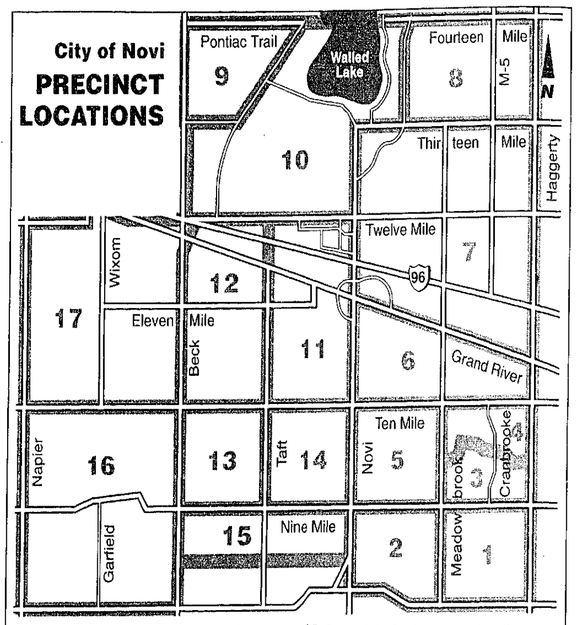
New Elementary School
- Approximately $12.5 million would build a new 84,000 square foot elementary school on district-owned property at Eleven Mile and Wixom roads. To be occupied beginning the year 2000, the school would hold 489 students.

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

Parking improvements
- Redesign traffic flow and add better lighting.
- Create pedestrian pathways throughout the property.
- Nearly double parking by adding 319 spaces.
- Create better entrances.
- Separate bus drop-offs from parent parking.
- Village Oaks and Orchard Hills elementary schools would receive a resurfaced and re-striped lot with improved site lighting.

Upgrade the Novi High School stadium field with a new athletic/activity surface and a irrigation and drainage systems. If the bond passes, there will also be:
- New home and visitors bleachers.
- New disabilities area and storage.
- Improved press box and scoreboard.
- Improved lighting.
- Improved concession area.
- A renovation of practice fields with new irrigation and drainage.
- Improved baseball and softball fields.

Improvements to be made at the Novi Meadows Athletic/Activity Facility include:
- Renovation of activity surface.
- New bleachers for 1,200 spectators.
- New disabilities area.
- New press box and scoreboard.
- New lighting.
- New concession/rest room facility.
- Existing track to remain as is.
- Increased parking.



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14. Novi High School 24062 West Ten Mile Road
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16. Thornton Creek Elementary 46180 West Nine Mile Road
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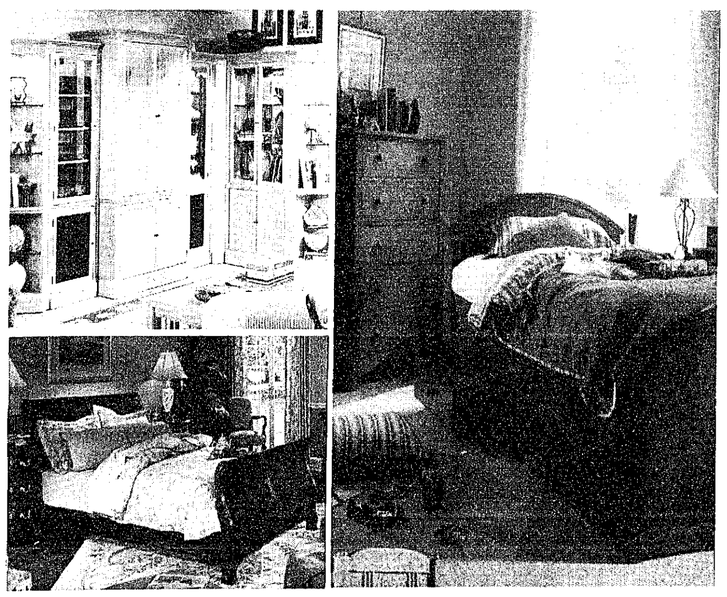

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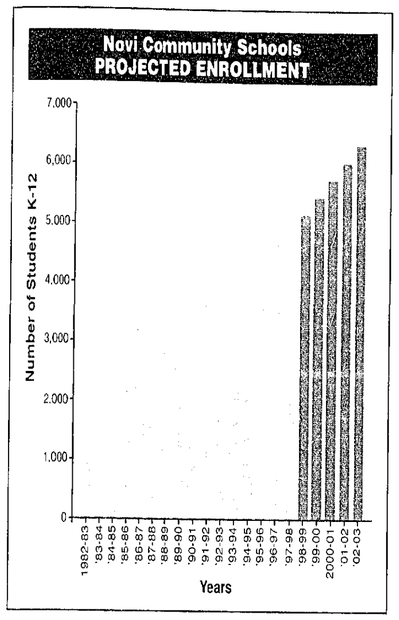
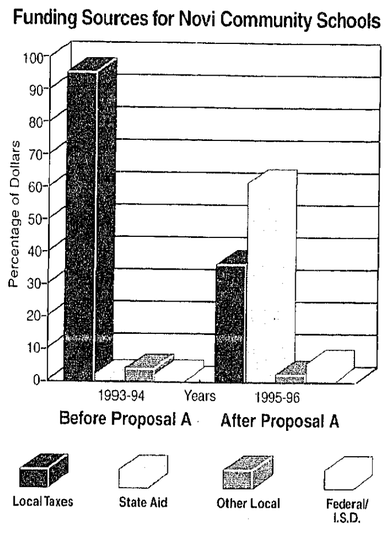
Millages must pay for student growth, officials say





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By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

Why does the Novi Community School District keep asking for more money?

The district doesn't have a choice, according to the Citizens for Novi Schools Committee.

"A lot of people forgot the way Proposal A affected the way schools are funded," said John Calandro. "Schools are funded differently than they were a few years ago. It's all based on sales tax. We are forced to go back to the community. That's what Proposal A intended, for us to go back to the community for capital improvements."

Four years ago Michigan voters adopted the proposal, which took most school funding away from local property taxes and put the burden on state sales tax and other state taxes. The result, proponents said, would be more equally funded schools and lower property taxes.

But it also meant growing districts would have to depend voter support for bond or millage for new technology or buildings, Calandro explained.

Novi Schools receive $7,553 per pupil, the money mostly coming from the state sales tax and local non-homestead taxes funneled back through the state to the district. Non-homestead properties, commercial and business, pay an 18-mill tax each year. Novi residents pay 5.47 operating mills in property taxes, an amount capped under Proposal A and adjusted lower as valuations rise.

All property owners in the city pay a 6 mill property tax to the state. The interesting point to it all, is the money doesn't all come back. It is thrown into a big state pot and portioned out. The state portion also remains fairly constant, even if property values and development soar.

According to Assistant Superintendent of Business Jim Koster, the money the district receives to the state covers the cost of operations. Koster also said the state caps how much money, if available, can be used to capital improvements.

So recent improvements to the district are funded by an additional 5.7 debt mills. Should the election pass, it would go up .67 mills. Barring no additional millage increases the millage rates would drop continually until the year 2022.

It comes to about $1,700 in school taxes annually for the owner of a $200,000 home, but it's hardly enough for a growing community and growing school district to afford, school officials say.

In the past six years, 477 new K-4 students moved into the district, causing the need for a new elementary school and additions and improvements to the infrastructure, playgrounds and athletic fields.

"It's pretty obvious we have to have additional space," said Superintendent Dr. Emmett Lippe. "If we don't respond to this, who will?"

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5th and 6th grades break-up

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

Renovations to Novi Meadows and Middle School will turn the two buildings into a wing for fifth grade students and a wing for sixth grade students once the seventh and eighth grades move out in the Fall of 1999.

At a March 19 school board meeting, staff and administration discussed how to best move the 860 students from one building into the two new ones, joined by the Instructional Technology Center.

An overwhelming vote by Novi Meadows staff to divide by grade encouraged the board last week to follow the teachers' lead and direct the designers to move forward with plans.

Nine of the staff wanted to keep both grades together, 49 said to split.

The split of grades will result in several benefits, they said, including:
- Less competition between the schools.
- More ease at organizing field trips and assemblies.
- Better staff unity.
- And the fifth graders will feel less emotional stress by not being with older students.

In addition, some parents surveyed by the teachers seemed to prefer the split.

"Either configuration would create a quality learning environment," said Trustee Julia Abrams at the March 19 board of education meeting. But she added the emotional factor tips the scale to the separation.

Superintendent Dr. Emmett Lippe also favored the split.

Because of an increasing student population beyond district projections, the board voted last December to use both the current upper elementary building and the soon to be vacant Novi Middle School building as a home for the estimated 1,000 students in the fifth and sixth grades.

The plan also calls for some use of the classrooms in the Instructional Technology Center, which connects the two buildings on Taft Road.

Under a 1995 voter approved $33.4 million bond issue, $23 million was to be used to build the new Middle School at Wixom and Eleven Mile roads and the rest was to be used to partially renovate the current middle school and Novi Meadows for elementary school purposes. "Elementary" includes up to sixth grade in education circles.

The renovation of each of the buildings will include a gymnasium, art and music rooms and a cafeteria. Some classrooms in the ITC would be vacant at first, leaving the room necessary to grow in the ensuing years, school officials explained.

The move to occupy both buildings pushed out plans to use several classrooms for a K-4 program and thus resulted in the Saturday, March 28 bond issue to build a new $12.5 million elementary school elsewhere in the district.

Public Access

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

MONDAY, MARCH 30
10:00 a.m. — INFO TV-12 News
10:30 a.m. — The Cutting Room Floor
11:00 a.m. — Christian Singles Today
11:30 a.m. — Cosby and Company
12:00 p.m. — Farmington Hills Hockey Championships: Midget B Vipers versus Firebirds
12:30 p.m. — (con't)
1:00 p.m. — Adventures with Pirate Pete
1:30 p.m. — Ask the Pharmacist
2:00 p.m. — Financial Strategies
2:30 p.m. — A Culinary Adventure
3:00 p.m. — Community Living Centers
3:30 p.m. — Farmington Hockey Championships: Mini Mites Tier 1 Hawks versus Panthers
4:00 p.m. — (con't)
4:30 p.m. — (con't)
5:00 p.m. — Who, What, Where, Y
5:30 p.m. — Creature Feature
6:00 p.m. — (con't)
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. — Impact Video
9:00 p.m. — Lansing Connection
9:30 p.m. — Groove Session

TUESDAY, MARCH 31
10:00 a.m. — Legislative Forum
10:30 a.m. — Specs Profile
11:00 a.m. — Law Talk
11:30 a.m. — (con't)
12:00 p.m. — Summit University
12:30 p.m. — (con't)
1:00 p.m. — Drawing Men to Christ
1:30 p.m. — (con't)
2:00 p.m. — Lansing Connection
2:30 p.m. — Just for the Health of It
3:00 p.m. — Farmington Hills Hockey Championships: Squirt Tier 2 Firebirds versus Raptors
3:30 p.m. — (con't)
4:00 p.m. — In the Studio with Bry
4:30 p.m. — Imagination Tree
5:00 p.m. — INFO TV-12 News Magazine
5:30 p.m. — People Who Make Things Happen
6:00 p.m. — Farmington Hills Hockey Championships: Bantam Tier 1 Flames versus Blazer
6:30 p.m. — (con't)
7:00 p.m. — Fitness Motivators
7:30 p.m. — Financial Strategies
8:00 p.m. — Personal Safety in the '90s
8:30 p.m. — A Culinary Adventure
9:00 p.m. — Let's Talk with Ben Marks
9:30 p.m. — (con't)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1
10:00 a.m. — Lawyers Roundtable
10:30 a.m. — MDOT Today
11:00 a.m. — Huntington's Disease Update
11:30 a.m. — Native American Magazine
12:00 p.m. — (con't)
12:30 p.m. — The Way, The Truth, and The Life
1:00 p.m. — Study in Scripture
1:30 p.m. — Light to the Nations Broadcast
2:00 p.m. — Restoration Now
2:30 p.m. — Christian Singles Today
3:00 p.m. — Personal Safety in the '90s
3:30 p.m. — Groove Session
4:00 p.m. — Critter Connection
4:30 p.m. — INFO TV-12 News Magazine
5:00 p.m. — The Show Me Show with Tatiana
5:30 p.m. — Jesus
6:00 p.m. — (con't)
6:30 p.m. — (con't)
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. — Detroit Skates
9:30 p.m. — Rock Soup

THURSDAY, APRIL 2
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
4:30 p.m. — (con't)
5:00 p.m. — Shaarey Zedek Productions
5:30 p.m. — (con't)
6:00 p.m. — Novi 1998 State of the City Address
6:30 p.m. — Farmington Hills Hockey Championships: Pee Wee Tier 1 Blades versus Jaguars
7:00 p.m. — (con't)
7:30 p.m. — Farmington Hills Police Journal
8:00 p.m. — People Who Make Things Happen
8:30 p.m. — Christian Singles Today
9:00 p.m. — Law Talk
9:30 p.m. — (con't)

FRIDAY, APRIL 3
10:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m. — To Be Announced
3:00 p.m. — Farmington Hills Hockey Championships: Squirt Tier 1 Devils versus Blaze
3:30 p.m. — (con't)
4:00 p.m. — Fitness Motivators
4:30 p.m. — Let's Talk with Ben Marks
5:00 p.m. — (con't)
5:30 p.m. — Cosby and Company
6:00 p.m. — To Be announced
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 with Tracy
8:30 p.m. — INFO TV-12 News
9:00 p.m. — Law Talk
9:30 p.m. — (con't)

State opens juvenile prison

By TIM RICHARD
Staff Writer

Rejoice or cry?

State lawmakers did both as ground was broken for the first "punk prison" near Baldwin in Lake County.

Privately built and run, the 480-bed maximum security prison will house violent offenders under age 19. Its programs will feature drug therapy, alcohol therapy, impulse control therapy, general education and vocational training.

"It's unfortunate you have to make an occasion and a press kit out of building a children's prison," said Sen. Jim Berryman, D-Adrian, an outspoken liberal. "I think it's a sad day."

Berryman called it "a prison patterned after what, I think, is a failed adult correctional system ... Early intervention programs, prevention programs - that is the key."

Berryman also deplored that the prison was privatized, which "makes the administrators of that facility and the guards not accountable to elected officials but accountable to a CEO."

Sen. Mike Bouchard, R-Birmingham, a former police officer, said the groundbreaking ceremony on March 3 "is not a celebration but an affirmation of the policy of the state. That policy (toward) violent offenders - be they young or old - is punishment for their actions."

Bouchard said the majority recognize the need for early intervention and at-risk programs. He saw the use of a private company "as a cost-effective means of doing business" that will free up state money for other programs.

"These children who were mentioned (by Berryman) are criminals!" said Sen. Joanne Emmons, R-Big Rapids. "They have committed crimes against the weaker members of this society. To pretend that they are only children and not criminals is missing the point."

"This is a day I have long waited for," said Gov. John Engler at groundbreaking ceremonies for the prison, being built by Granger Construction of Lansing and managed by Wackenhut Corrections. It's due to be finished in 1999.

"It will save taxpayers more than $33 million in construction-related costs and $4.5 million per year in operating costs," Engler said. "Michigan now has one of the toughest juvenile justice systems in the nation, and this prison another step to keep it that way."

Sen. William VanRegenmorter, R-Jenison, said the prison's purpose is to protect citizens from violent offenders.

"This prison will help citizens n the outside feel secure from the threat of violent criminals, while helping those inside to face up to the personal problems which led to their crimes," said VanRegenmorter, chair of the Senate Judiciary Committee which reported out the "punk prison" bills.

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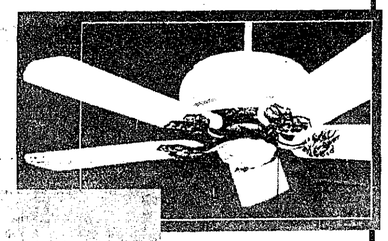

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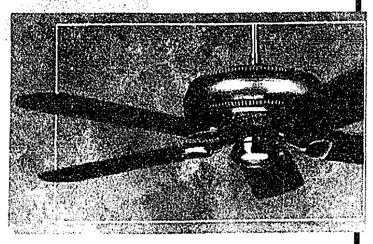

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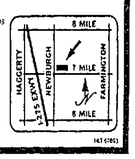

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CITY OF NOVI
ZONING MAP AMENDMENT NO. 588

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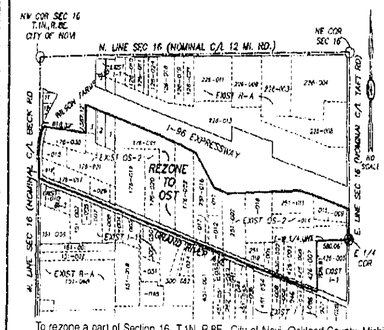

To rezone a part of Section 16, T.1N.,R.8E., City of Novi, Oakland County, Michigan, being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the East 1/4 corner of Section 16; thence S89°27'40"W 580.06 feet along the East-West 1/4 line of Section 16; thence S00°36'30"W 706.91 feet to the centerline of Grand River Avenue; thence Northwesterly along said centerline to its intersection with the West line of Section 16 (nominal centerline of Beck Road); thence Northerly along said West line to a point of easterly deflection of the nominal centerline of Beck Road; thence continuing Northerly along said west line to the SW corner of "Wilson Farms Subdivision" as recorded in Liber 69, Page 34 of Plats, Oakland County Records; thence S81°26'38"E 816.32 feet along the South Line of said Wilson Farms Subdivision to the Southwest corner of Lot 3 of said subdivision; thence N00°32'46"E 387.12 feet along the West line of said Lot 3 to the Southerly R.O.W. line of the I-96 Expressway; thence Southeasterly along the Southerly R.O.W. line of the I-96 Expressway to its intersection with the East line of Section 16 (nominal centerline of Taft Road); thence Southerly along said East line to the point of beginning. Excepting therefrom, all that part of Section 16 that lies south of the South line of said Wilson Farms Subdivision & west of the nominal centerline of Beck Road.

FROM: OS-2 PLANNED OFFICE SERVICE DISTRICT
TO: OST OFFICE-SERVICE-TECHNOLOGY DISTRICT

ORDINANCE NO. 18.588
ZONING MAP AMENDMENT NO. 588
CITY OF NOVI, MICHIGAN
ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL

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TONNI BARTHOLOMEW, CLERK
ADOPTED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION
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NOVI PLANNING COMMISSION
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CITY OF NOVI
ZONING MAP AMENDMENT NO. 589

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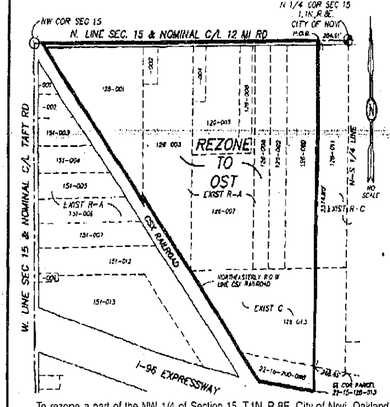

To rezone a part of the NW 1/4 of Section 15, T.1N.,R.8E. City of Novi, Oakland County, Michigan, being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the North line of Section 15 (nominal centerline of Twelve Mile Road) said point being S87°32'34"W 264.01 feet from the North 1/4 corner of Section 15; thence S01°52'22"E 2374.60 feet along the Westerly line of parcel 22-15-126-011 and its Southerly extension to a point on the Southerly line of parcel 22-15-126-013, said point being N81°25'51"W 268.45 feet from the SE corner of PARCEL 22-15-126-013; thence continuing S01°52'22"E to the Northerly R.O.W. line of I-96 Expressway; thence Northwesterly along said Northerly line to its intersection with the Northeasterly R.O.W. line of the CSX Railroad; thence Northwesterly along said Northeasterly R.O.W. line to its intersection with the North line of Section 15 (nominal C/L of Twelve Mile Road); thence Easterly along said North line to the point of beginning.

FROM: R-A RESIDENTIAL ACREAGE
C CONFERENCE DISTRICT
TO: OST OFFICE-SERVICE-TECHNOLOGY DISTRICT

ORDINANCE NO. 18.589
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CITY OF NOVI
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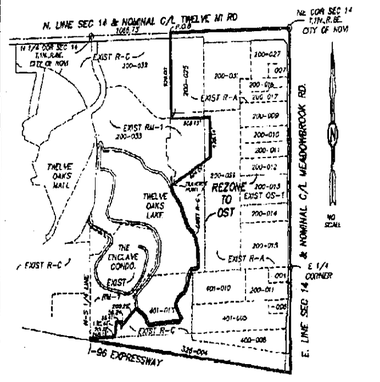

To rezone a part of the East 1/2 of Section 15, T.1N.,R.8E., City of Novi, Oakland County, Michigan, being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the North line of Section 14 (nominal C/L of Twelve Mile Road), said point being N89°24'35"E 1066.73 feet from the North 1/4 corner of Section 14; thence continuing Easterly along said North Line to the NE corner of Section 14; thence Southerly along the East line of Section 14 (nominal C/L of Meadowbrook Road) to the East 1/4 corner of Section 14; thence continuing Southerly along said east line to its intersection with the Northerly R.O.W. line of the I-96 Expressway; thence Northwesterly along said R.O.W. line to its intersection with the N-S 1/4 line of Section 14; thence Northerly along said N-S 1/4 line to the Southwest corner of The Enclave Condominiums as recorded in Liber 15694 Pages 297 thru 366 and amended in Liber 15913 Pages 600 thru 606 and in Liber 16282, Pages 322 thru 325 of Plats, Oakland County Records; thence along the Southerly and Easterly line of said condominiums the following six courses N89°20'01"E 245.19 feet and N41°58'04"E 70.32 feet and N04°01'24"E, 130.44 feet and N88°56'39"E 55.41 feet and S06°42'58"E 56.24 feet and N45°00'25"E 269.29 feet; thence continuing N45°00'25"E to the Westerly shoreline of Twelve Oaks Lake; thence Southeasterly and Northerly along the shoreline of Twelve Oaks Lake to a point, said point being S00°35'25"E 926.00 and N89°24'35"E 508.65 feet and S00°35'25"E 436.14 feet and S59°05'44"W 594.01 feet, to Traverse Point "A", thence continuing S59°05'44"W 6 feet more or less from the Point of Beginning of the above described parcel, also being the Point of Ending of the above described parcel.

FROM: R-A RESIDENTIAL ACREAGE
OS-1 OFFICE SERVICE DISTRICT
R-C REGIONAL CENTER DISTRICT
TO: OST OFFICE-SERVICE-TECHNOLOGY DISTRICT

ORDINANCE NO. 18.590
ZONING MAP AMENDMENT NO. 590
CITY OF NOVI, MICHIGAN
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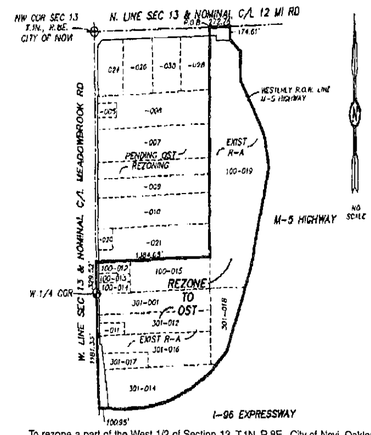

To rezone a part of the West 1/2 of Section 13, T.1N.,R.8E., City of Novi, Oakland County, Michigan, being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the North line of Section 13 (nominal C/L of Twelve Mile Road), said point being N85°12'58"E 1373.73 feet from the NW corner of Section 13; thence continuing along said North line N85°12'58"E 272.76'; thence S04°47'02"E 174.61 feet to the intersection of the Southerly R.O.W. line of Twelve Mile Road and the Westerly R.O.W. line of M-5 Highway; thence Southerly and Westerly along the Westerly R.O.W. line of the M-5 Highway to its intersection with the Easterly R.O.W. line of Meadowbrook Road; thence S86°54'48"W 100.95' feet to the West line of Section 13 (nominal C/L of Meadowbrook Road); thence N03°05'12"W 1181.33 feet along said West line to the West 1/4 corner of Section 13; thence N02°26'00"E 329.52 feet along the West line of Section 13 (nominal C/L of Meadowbrook Road); thence S89°11'14"E 1384.65 feet along the South line of Parcel 22-13-100-021 and its intersection with the Westerly line of Parcel 22-13-100-019; thence Northerly along said Westerly line to the point of beginning.

FROM: R-A RESIDENTIAL ACREAGE
TO: OST OFFICE-SERVICE-TECHNOLOGY DISTRICT

ORDINANCE NO. 18.591
ZONING MAP AMENDMENT NO. 591
CITY OF NOVI, MICHIGAN
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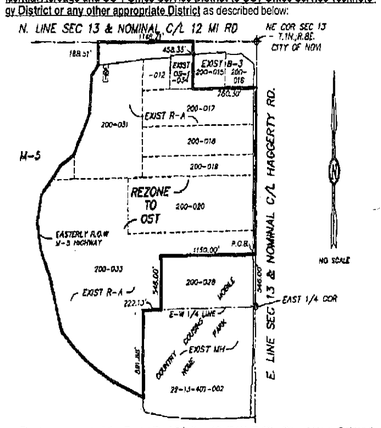

To rezone a part of the East 1/2 of Section 13, T.1N.,R.8E., City of Novi, Oakland County, Michigan, being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the East line of Section 13 (nominal C/L of Haggerty Road), said point being N01°48'36"W 546.00 feet from the East 1/4 corner of Section 13; thence S87°02'12"W 1150.00 feet; thence S01°48'36"E 546.00 feet to the E-W 1/4 line of Section 13; thence Westerly along said E-W 1/4 line 222.13 feet to the East line of the East 1/2 of the SE 1/4 of Section 13, also being the NW corner of Parcel 22-13-401-002; thence Southerly 891.88 feet along said East line to its intersection with the Easterly R.O.W. line of M-5 highway; thence Westerly and Northerly along the Easterly R.O.W. line of M-5 Highway to its intersection with the Southerly R.O.W. line of Twelve Mile Road; thence N03°04'24"W 168.51 feet to the North line of Section 13 (nominal C/L of Twelve Mile Road); thence N86°55'36"E 1148.71 feet along said North line; thence S02°25'05"E 458.35 feet; thence N86°55'36"E 760.30 feet to the East line of Section 13 (nominal C/L of Haggerty Road; thence Southerly along said East line to the point of beginning.

FROM: OS-1 OFFICE SERVICE DISTRICT
R-A RESIDENTIAL ACREAGE
TO: OST OFFICE-SERVICE-TECHNOLOGY DISTRICT

ORDINANCE NO. 18.592
ZONING MAP AMENDMENT NO. 592
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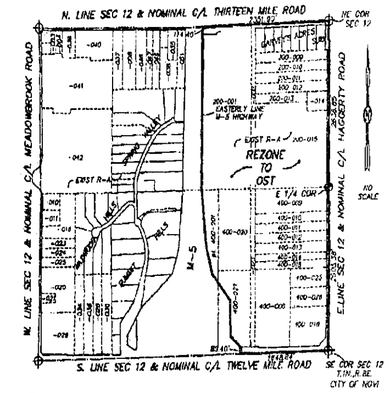

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TO: OST OFFICE-SERVICE-TECHNOLOGY DISTRICT

ORDINANCE NO. 18.593
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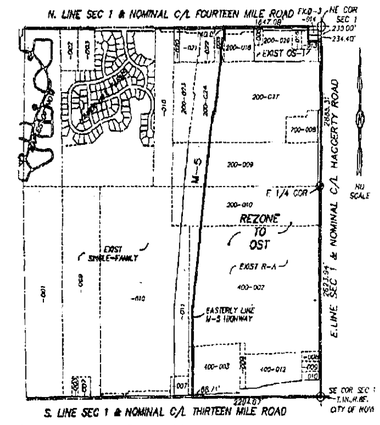

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Novi resident takes over trendy Northville restaurant

By WENSDY WHITE
Staff Writer

Operating under a dual identity for the moment, a Northville landmark that has housed a German restaurant, Riffle's and Timber Creek is halfway into it's latest incarnation.

The sign still says Timber Creek, the decor hasn't changed and guests are still greeted by the same old menu, but new owner Gary Lepak said the word is out that Mulligan's has taken over.

According to Lepak, sales have almost doubled since he came on the scene in November and renamed the restaurant after the free shot that casual golfer's grant each other in case of a wayward swing.

"Our reputation alone is bringing us people from Livonia, Novi and Northville," Lepak said. "We're ready to cook. We're ready to rock and roll."

Although he offers daily specials to preview the traditional dishes that will be on the menu, Lepak won't fully establish the Mulligan's motif until he takes official possession of the liquor license. Then the 14-year Novi resident will hang the Mulligan's sign in front of the site at 18730 Northville Road.

If everything goes as planned, that should happen early April.

Until then, it's business as usual at the recently remodeled restaurant.

"The former owners put all the tools in place and started something we're here to follow up on," Lepak said. "We won't shut down. It'll be a subtle transition."

It will be out with the stuffed animal heads and hunting photos that reflected the wild game theme of Timber Creek, and in with wood shaft golf clubs and paintings of local golf courses, Lepak added.

"The heads are spoken for. The heads are all going back to the forest, except the moose. He's staying as the Mulligan's mascot," Lepak said. "Being that golf is the type of game that is so family oriented, I thought it would reflect an upscale type eatery in a casual environment."

Lepak said he hopes to draw a crowd of people that will bring in a multitude of appetites. "That's where we go with the fun atmosphere, people looking for a menu that will bring them back to the restaurant," he explained.

To create that menu, Lepak brought Chef John Turner with him from P.B. Putter's, a restaurant he owns in New Hudson, which is in the process of being sold.

Many of the customers he won over at that site will follow him to his new venture, as much for the food as for the atmosphere.

Lepak's success in the restaurant business may be attributable to the fact that's he's constantly visible on the restaurant floor. It's not unusual for him to put in 80 hour weeks, supervising the service of up to 250 guests on a good night.

Both he and his wife Michelle are involved in all aspects of service. While Michelle concentrates on accounting and office work, Lepak is like a dynamo, running from the kitchen to the tables and greeting everyone along the way.

"There's nothing that I have not done in the business from busing tables to being the greeter at the front door," he said. "I'm pretty hyper but that's normal. It stays that way every day."

While Lepak is always chock full of energy, he doesn't necessarily want to inspire the same state in his guests.

"People can come in and really relax," Lepak said. "They can come in here if they've had a bad day and they'll leave smiling. They'll leave with one of those good feelings that they had a really good meal."

Mulligan's will be open Monday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday nights the restaurant will close at 11 p.m.

Brunch is served Sundays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. with the dinner menu from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Mulligan's mulls menu

Although his new menu is still under development and prices aren't definite, chef John Turner, who has sauteed his way through Walled Lake's Nifty Norman's, Norman's Eton Street Station in Birmingham and P.B. Putter's, has definite plans.

For starters, he'll serve up chicken or seafood quesadillas for around $8.95. Mulligan's signature appetizer platter will be piled high with enough cajun tenderloin tips, bruchetta, potato skins and hot wings to feed four people for $10.95.

Turner also has plans to make a slow roasted Prime Rib for $14.95, a char-grilled Tenderloin Filet for $16.95 and a sauteed perch with rice and vegies for $14.95.

Light dishes will include a greek pasta salad with baby shells or cajun chicken breast fanned out over fruit and grilled pita bread for around.

And a meal at Mulligan's wouldn't be complete without a specially dessert like black forest torte, cheesecake or homemade bread pudding with warm caramel sauce.

Turner estimates the average meal for a couple at around $40.

"It's gonna be where we can give good quality products for a fair price," Turner. "My philosophy is to bring the best product to the table in a clean environment."

– *Wensdy White*

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Mulligans of Northville restaurant chef John Turner, left, and hosts Gary Lepak and Mary O'Donnell pose with the Northville Road's new sign.

Band spots open to youths

The fine arts department at the Highland Lakes campus of Oakland Community College has announced openings in the youth band for the 1998-99 school year beginning in September.

Currently, the ensemble has 100 members comprised of high school students from 28 area high schools. Director Victor Bordo says that applicants must be in grades nine through 12 and enrolled in their own high school bands.

The band performs two concerts in the school year and plays a wide variety of the finest band music available. Auditions will be held in May and the tryout materials are being sent out in April. Rehearsals are held on Saturdays at the High Lakes campus in the Student Center on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to noon. Highland Lakes campus is located on Cooley Lake Road in Waterford.

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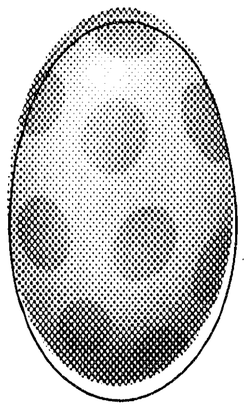

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As We See It

Vote yes at Saturday's special bond election

Saturday, that glorious free day when people can sleep in late, run out to the mall or grocery store or maybe race to the gym to work out.

We suggest you pencil in time in your schedule right now to vote in the Novi Community Schools special bond election. Polls open at 7 a.m. and close at 8 p.m.

Voters living in the district are being asked to authorize a $17.3 million bond issue for constructing a new $12.5 million elementary school, improving athletic fields and playgrounds and upgrading parking lots.

If the bond issue passes, the owner of a $200,000 home can expect to pay an extra $67 per year in school taxes for the next 20 years. That sum could potentially become smaller as Novi builds out further and other taxpayers, both businesses and residents, help pay off the bonds.

With several hundred new homes going up annually in Novi, and many of them being purchased by young families, the existing elementary schools - Parkview, Village Oaks, Novi Woods and Orchard Hills - are already at 93 percent capacity, school officials say.

To meet the need for space, with the addition of the new school, the district will shuffle some of the lower grades around. Kindergarten through Grade Four will be in the elementary schools. Grades Five and Six will be accommodated by combining the existing Novi Meadows and Novi Middle School. Seventh- and eighth-grade students will be transferred to a new building of their own on Wixom Road.

In the past six years, 477 new elementary-age children have joined the Novi school district. Most people tend to believe, and studies indicate, that kids do better if they attend schools with smaller class sizes.

Talk to new residents, and many will tell you they moved into Novi first and foremost due to the high quality of the schools. But you don't have to have a child enrolled in school to benefit from this. Good schools are a key factor in sustaining the market value of Novi's homes. If the schools are to remain superior, children can't be crammed into oversized classes at the existing elementaries.

While a new school accounts for 72 percent of the bonding package, other important work will be accomplished as well.

Critics of the current election proposal have pointed out that it's likely most people in Novi will approve building a fifth elementary school. In a boom town, new schools are an apparent need and many voters are willing to bite the bullet and tax themselves.

What some take exception to is the packaging of the new elementary with playground, parking lot and athletic field upgrades. Last year, voters turned down a $5.5 million bond question for just that very work.

In 1996, the seven percent voter turnout was far from impressive. The bond issue went down then with 57 percent of the handful of voters pulling the no lever - 770 against to 583 votes in favor of the proposal.

Yes, at first glance, it could be interpreted as a touch sneaky to now roll in the $5.5 million question with the school, rather than letting voters select one from Column A and one from Column B. However, this time around, we think the school district has proved its point on the facility improvements.

Some equipment in the school playgrounds does not meet federal safety standards. Expect a lawsuit if a child is ever injured on equipment that doesn't meet the federal

The $17.3 million school
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grade. Moreover, there isn't enough playground equipment to accommodate the growing population of school kids.

Of the bond proposal money, allocation of the $1.8 million would include:

- Correcting drainage and grading in playgrounds.
- Improving "fall zones" around play equipment.
- Upgrading hard surface play areas.
- Purchasing new play equipment.

Both students and parents have complained about the quality of the Novi High School and Novi Meadows athletic fields for football, soccer, lacrosse and band practice. Mud is a word brought up frequently, but more important than getting dirty is the safety risk to youngsters of playing on broken, slippery grounds.

Athletic field improvements would take up $2.7 million of the bond proposal money. Proponents say it would bring Novi's outdoor sports facilities up to the standards of other schools in the Kensington Valley Conference, when Novi now lags behind.

Work on outdoor athletic fields would include:

- Building new bleachers at Novi High School, with 2,000 seats for home spectators and 1,000 for visitors.
- Improving fields, lighting, storage, the scoreboard and baseball and softball fields, also at the high school.
- Installing new bleachers seating 1,200 and new lighting for the athletic fields at the Novi Meadows athletic fields, also renovating play surfaces, restrooms and the concessions stand.

Traffic and lack of parking is also an issue on the ballot. If voters give the go-ahead, the school district proposes to spend $1.7 million for:

- Redirecting and separating car and bus traffic at its Taft Road school and administrative complex, building pedestrian walkways and adding 319 parking spaces.
- Resurfacing and relining the parking lots at Village Oaks and Orchard Hills elementary schools, as well as installing lighting.

Currently, 407 parking spaces are available at Taft Road and 240 of them are needed by school staff.

We see the above as safety issues, as well as a convenience matters. While parking at the Taft Road site is at a premium, the mix of school buses and parents dropping off kids at the schools there is a bit nerve wracking and potentially hazardous. At Village Oaks and Orchard Hills, which are much used for nighttime activities by groups such as the Girl Scouts, the lack of lights again poses a pedestrians versus vehicles safety problem.

When you add $67 to the tax burden homeowners already bear, it's not an insignificant sum. Still, it's the price of dinner for four at a chain restaurant, with drinks. The work needs to be done, kids need the school. **VOTE YES** on the Novi Community Schools bond issue.

Golf course study a political sand trap

Here they go again.

Last week, the Novi City Council majority approved hiring a consulting firm for $10,500 to research the feasibility of an 18-hole golf course at the North Novi Park.

One of the reasons given by those who voted in favor of hiring the consulting firm, Don Childs Associates, is that city officials won't know if this is a good idea or not without a professional study. Another is that the city council was criticized by residents concerned about a proposed pool at Power Park, precisely because such a feasibility study wasn't commissioned.

We fail to see the correlation in the Power Park pool comparison.

The pool was an idea brought to the city by a group of residents. On the other hand, the push for the golf course comes from the city administration, the council and the Parks and Recreation Commission, not an involved coalition of citizens.

In fact, the majority of citizen input has been from people very much against the idea of placing the golf course on the 500 acres. Several hundred residents are on the record as saying they voted yes in the park bond election under the assumption that the north end park would be a natural recreation area everybody could use.

We also fail to see the point of spending $10,500 to investigate the golf course plan, unless of course, the city has the intention of forcing it through, citizen approval or not. Nobody rational spends cold cash to research something they aren't reasonably sure they'll want.

One problem with hiring such a consultant, and this is in no means meant as a slam against Don Childs Associates, is that odds are the city officials will hear what they want to hear. A golf course will be declared feasible. Twelve firms bid on the consulting job and all of them are in the business of designing and promoting golf courses.

Does anybody really think a consultant will report back that a golf course won't work on the North Novi park?

Council Members Laura Lorenzo and Craig DeRoche are to be applauded for voting against the proposal.

Here's our prediction. The city will push forward with the golf plan. Residents will rally against it. It'll be hard feelings all around and whatever lessons the council could have drawn from the pool fiasco last November have simply not been absorbed.

DeRoche and Lorenzo will hold out for putting the golf course issue before the voters. The only real question here is, will they swing enough council support their way to get this on the ballot? Or will the golf course be built with revenue bonds, like the Novi Ice Arena?

Newspaper staff was a basket

Jan Jeffres

A tasket, a tasket, what was in your Novi Chamber of Commerce auction basket?

Managing Editor Mike Maloti was one of several local types nominated by the Chamber's auction committee to donate a basket full of goodies for last weekend's fund raiser for the Michigan Chapter of the Paralyzed Veterans of America.

Other bearers of baskets to the charity event included Mayor Kathy McLallen and City Manager Ed Kriewall.

Now, is this a cultural thing or am I just imagining the following reaction in our office was gender-based?

Mike more or less said he'd take the basket concept under advisement, but was less than thrilled with the idea. A week or two went by, and Mike was still taking it under advisement.

Deadline arrived and Wendy and I were the ones who volunteered to scrounge around for the basket's contents and ultimately, wrap the handle with ribbon and tie the bow.

It was a sacrifice to jump in Wendy's car and go shopping for goodies during the middle of a paid working day, but we rose to the occasion. In exchange for donating the basket, the auction committee named a purple Paris-themed table after Mike, Champs Malott.

While we were still begging for tee shirts and plastic mugs from our advertising department, Wendy found out that Novi Police Chief Douglas Shaeffer had stocked his own basket with $800 worth of restaurant and golf gift certificates, DARE souvenirs and a full complement of City of Novi stuff, such as a watch and sweatshirts. He was memorialized with a red table named Monmartre de Shaeffer.

We tried to get a competition thing going between the police chief and editor.

You're busted, Wendy told Mike. Informed that the chief's basket by far outclassed his, he said: "But he's a bureaucrat, gosh dumn it, he can afford an expensive basket. We are from the private sector and journalists, they're lucky we didn't have empties in them."

Empties of what, he didn't specify. But Mike did throw into the basket a lunch at his favorite watering hole, Local Color Brewing Company. The purchaser also will be able to get a photograph of person(s) or pet(s) of his choice printed in "The Novi News."

Wendy and I decided to follow the request that the basket would match Mike's personality, or at least that side of it we see. We think he lives on caffeine, nicotine and adrenalin, so we were tossing in chocolate cigars, our nasty office coffee mix, gourmet coffee, candy crayons, etc. We added a little sand lizard, because Mike has a collection of creepy-crawly toys in his corner office. And we didn't forget his main dietary staples, Sun Chips and Baby Ruth candy bars.

It's easy to throw together a basket about somebody else, Mike groused. He seemed to think we weren't taking him seriously. We thought it was funny.

The guy who actually bought this treasure at the auction was Victor Cassis, husband of State Rep. Nancy Cassis, R-Novi. Now, we're eager to see whose picture he'll want in the newspaper? Maybe the Cassis cat, an amazing 18 years old.

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In Focus

By John Heider

Walking in the rain!

In a scene out of the Beatles Abbey Road album cover, Northville High seniors Brian Mount, Megan Hiemstra and Steve Traichoff stroll along a painted crosswalk near school

Prom fashion show was exciting

Wensdy White

Ladies, imagine going into a premier boutique and choosing any gown you wanted from the rack, then being whisked into a chair at a beauty salon and getting your hair done for free.

Add the final touch with a complimentary makeover at the Estee Lauder counter at Parisian, and you're ready for a fairy tale evening.

Gentleman, think of getting fitted for a tux by an expert and having the entire ensemble, down to the shoes, loaned out for the evening without a bill.

Sounds like a chapter from Cinderella, but that was glamorous reality for the models in the first annual Senior Prom Fashion Show at Northville High School.

And boy was it fun.

As the show's commentator, I enjoyed the star treatment along with the students.

Sporting a burgundy gown from Elizabeth's Bridal Manor and an intricate up-do from the Cutting Edge salon, I joined the seniors who had gotten the same pampering there or from Cache at Twelve Oaks Mall, Desmond's Formal Wear at Laurel Park and Margo's Salon of Northville.

The fashion show was the brainchild of senior Karla Kalso and junior Holly Qualman who've been working since November to make it happen.

That included approaching local businesses to donate their merchandise and their time. It meant staging choreography, doing publicity and recruiting students to help on the lighting and sound crew.

And all their work paid off.

The show was a resounding success that drew a full house despite the treacherous road conditions that resulted that night from the worst snowstorm of the season.

Although I stepped in only during the last week of their effort, the fashion show offered the same emotional roller coaster ride that I imagine prom does.

The anticipation gave me a stress headache. The first glimpse of everyone in their formal wear made me gasp, and all of it climaxed in a crescendo of music, strobe lights and fun that went by so fast I hardly realized what was happening.

I've never commentated a fashion show before, but then again, I've never been to a prom before. I missed mine because nobody asked me, but being involved in the fashion show at Northville High School gave me a glimpse of what it must feel like. Like any big event, I imagine getting ready is half the fun.

The show was about more than fashion though. It was about a group of students taking the initiative to make things happen and the community pulling together to pull it off.

And it was about courage.

The courage that it took for seniors to dress up and put themselves on display and the courage it took for me to get up in front of an auditorium of people to emcee should inspire everyone to do something they otherwise might shy away from.

Hint, hint.

Ask that special someone to prom, right now.

You can't say you're avoiding it because you don't have anything to wear.

Wensdy White is a staff writer, and fashion coordinator, for the Northville Record and Novi News.

Poverty isn't factor in low scores

Tim Richard

Leftist politicians hate tests, particularly when their constituents do badly. Many tests, such as those in the Michigan Educational Assessment Program, have their critics, but that is not the same as opposing all tests. The political left is systematically attacking all measures of ability, from MEAP to IQ. Their line: The tests are affected by socioeconomic status, family dysfunction, poor housing, oppression – the litany. They blame low scores not on the test-taker but the Power Structure.

Hogwash. But those who denounce the hogwash find themselves the targets of invective. "People have shied from the topic for many reasons," said authors Richard Herrnstein and Charles Murray in an accurate prediction.

Herrnstein (now deceased) and Murray in 1994 wrote a scholarly book called "The Bell Curve: Intelligence and Class Structure in American Life." It deals in numbers, not nasty names. The left abhors it.

The political left views socioeconomic status, etc., as the cause of poor tests scores. "The Bell Curve" shows that low IQ is the cause of social ills. Poverty, divorce, illegitimacy, work injuries, child abuse and poor school performance are results. It's politically dangerous to utter such a truth, however, because "Intelligence has been such a taboo explanation for social behavior ..." (p. 123)

The authors use hundreds of statistical sources. The titles alone cover 57 pages.

They divide the samples into five quintiles – the top 20 percent of IQs in the first quintile, the bottom 20 percent in the fifth. They find that bad things happen most often to men and women in the bottom two quintiles of intelligence.

"Intelligence itself, not just its correlation with socioeconomic status, is responsible for these group differences," they say (p. 117). It's 180 degrees the opposite of what left-wing politicians say.

"The reality (is) that the less intelligent women have the most out-of-wedlock babies." (p. 118)

"But low intelligence is a stronger precursor of poverty than low socioeconomic background. Whites with IQs in the bottom 5 percent of the distribution of cognitive ability are 15 times more likely to be poor than those with IQs in the top 5 percent." (p. 127)

Turning to social problems, they show: "Poverty cannot be a simple, direct cause of such problems as crime, illegitimacy and drug abuse ... In sum: Low intelligence means a comparatively high risk of poverty." (p. 128)

"A major theme in the public dialogue in the U.S. has been that socioeconomic disadvantage is the primary driving force behind poverty ... (I)t just isn't so for whites." (p. 141)

"Of the men who described themselves as being too disabled to work, more than nine out of 10 were in the bottom quarter of the IQ distribution." (p. 155)

"Illegitimacy ... is strongly related to intelligence. White women in the bottom 5 percent (of IQ) are six times as likely to have an illegitimate first child as those in the top 5 percent." (p. 167)

"(S)mart parents tend to be better parents." (p. 232).

"(C)riminal offenders have average IQs of about 92, eight points below the mean. More serious or chronic offenders generally have lower scores than more casual offenders." (p.235)

"Although family setting had an impact on crime, it did not explain away the predictive power of IQ." (p. 250)

"Brighter children from even the poorest households and with uneducated parents learned rapidly about politics ..." (p. 257)

"But given that both men have blue-collar jobs, the man with an IQ of 85 had double the probability of a work disability of a man with an IQ of 115." (p. 162)

In short, poverty isn't a factor in low test scores. Low IQ is a cause of both low test scores and poverty. That is a statistical fact. Don't let rigid left-wing dogmatists tell you that tests measure only money.

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Important decision for Novi schools

Letters

To the Editor:

On Saturday, March 28, the residents of the Novi Community School District will be asked to make an important decision that will greatly impact students and community members of years to come. The upcoming bond vote addresses district needs resulting from rapid population growth. This growth impacts the schools in several different areas.

• Increased Student Enrollment

It has been widely publicized that Novi is one of the fastest growing cities in the state of Michigan. The Novi Community School District is no different; since 1991, student enrollment has increased by 36 percent, and it continues to grow.

• Impact on Elementary Schools

In the last six years, the Novi Community School District has grown by 472 elementary-aged students. This figure represents the number of students that would fill one elementary school. All projections indicate that the district will continue to grow at this same rate. The Novi Community School District simply does not have enough space to accommodate this rapid growth. Presently, every classroom in each of our K-4 buildings is being used for instruction. Without an additional elementary school, where will these additional students be placed?

• Impact on Infrastructure

Our infrastructure is severely affected by this fast and steady rise in student population.

— Traffic congestion and parking problems are a daily concern for parents and community members at all sites – especially the Taft Road campus.

— Our elementary schools have more students playing in areas with less playground equipment due to the removal of outdated, unsafe equipment that did not meet new federal standards.

— The number of sports teams for boys and girls has more than doubled over the past ten years. Novi Community School District students participate in more than 54 team sports annually. Our athletic/activity fields are also used by the community through the Novi Parks and Recreation Department. Our fields are sorely in need of better drainage and repair.

On behalf of the Novi Community School District, I encourage community members to exercise their right to vote. Look over the information that is available to you; review the facts and help decide the future for students of the Novi Community School District. I strongly urge you to vote on Saturday, March 28, to continue the degree of excellence that you as a community have come to expect from the Novi Community School District.

Emmett Lippe
Superintendent

Schools hold Novi together

To the Editor:

A school district is, in many ways, the glue that holds a community together, a common bond that directly or indirectly affects all its citizens of all ages, ambitions and interests. If it is an excellent school system, it is a magnet that attracts new people and business in increasing numbers every year. As parents, but most importantly as residents of the community, we urge all residents to vote yes for the important school bond issue this Saturday, March 28.

The bond issue will provide for a new elementary school, greatly needed improvements to playgrounds and parking facilities, and new and improved fields for outdoor athletics and band activities. In just the five years we have lived in Novi (yes, we too came for the schools), we have seen a dramatic increase in the need for all these items. I suppose you could say our two children helped create the need. We and hundreds of others like us have made Novi the fastest growing city in the state.

A new elementary school will provide the small, personal, welcoming environment that young children need and deserve. Safety is a primary concern with parking, playgrounds and players of almost every outdoor sport. In addition, we simply need more of these facilities so our increasing student population is not restricted from participating. Many of these facilities are used by the community after school and during the summer.

We are voting yes for all these reasons and one more very important one. We believe strongly that it is our responsibility to support not just our own children, but all children in Novi. Our sons may not reap the full benefit of everything this bond issue will provide, but it doesn't make the overall need any less. It's important to our community and society as a whole to give our younger citizens every opportunity to thrive and grow in a safe, supportive, environment that gives them the chances to develop and interact with others in a variety of ways. For less than 20 cents a day for many of us, and even less for others, we can make all that happen. It would be a bargain at twice the price. The Novi Community School District needs the support of its community this Saturday. Please vote yes.

Tom and Deborah Southworth

Looking forward to vote on bond

To the Editor:

Human Nature 101: It's often easier to complain about the bad than recognize the good. Often both are simply perceptions. Thank you, *Novi News*, for helping Citizens for Novi Schools and the Novi Community School District get out the facts and change perceptions to an understanding of the issues.

Your series of articles by staff reporter Wendy Pierman Mitzel has been fair, factual and informative. The new Community Services staff at the school district has mailed excellent publications to all Novi residents and placed drawing plans in every school. The meetings and coffees held throughout the district, while sparsely attended, have effectively addressed citizens questions.

But, does everyone have the facts? No, because as so well said, regarding the issue of Novi's sense of community, by Kathy Crawford, in an editorial by Jan Jeffres on March 19, "If you don't make an effort, you're not going to find it." Well, citizens of Novi, if you haven't taken the time to be informed, it wasn't for lack of information. By the way, thank you Jan for that testimony to the community spirit in Novi.

Recognizing the professionalism, the volunteerism and the tremendous commitment to this bond election is a privilege. Being a part of this "community effort" has been an honor.

A special thank you to the Novi Board of Education, who initially believed there should be two separate issues on the March 28 ballot; one for infrastructure needs and one for a new elementary. You listened to those you represent, who believed strongly in unifying our community behind one comprehensive issue.

My husband and I look forward to having the time to vote one issue on a Saturday election. My family and I will be out at the polls creating that sense of community, that I feel each day in Novi. I encourage all other Novi residents to come join us in voting yes on March 28.

Katy Angeski

Can attest to class crowding

To the Editor:

As a parent and volunteer at Novi Woods Elementary, I can attest to the fact that our schools are overcrowded. At Novi Woods, our community room was converted to a classroom. That room was used for principal/students meetings, parent and teacher meetings as well as by the students for curriculum specific projects. These things are now done in the hallways or cafeteria. As a volunteer reading mom, I listen to the children read one on one. Due to lack of space, we have to do this in the hallway. During the 30 minutes we read, 110 first graders walk past us twice as they return from lunch and go out for recess, and 25 kindergartners walk past on their way to art. These interruptions make it very difficult for the kids to concentrate on what they are reading. Because of overcrowded classrooms our students have never had desks. Portable classrooms have been considered, but that is like putting a band-aid on a gaping wound. We need a new school.

The parking situation at all of the schools is badly in need of improvement. We have many volunteers on a daily basis. After staff and lunch aids are parked there are very few spots left for parent volunteers. If there is a field trip, classroom party or project, or parent/teacher conferences there is a parking nightmare. In those situations Novi Woods, the Middle School and the administration building lots are all packed. Participating in your child's education is important but the parking situation is frustrating. We have the land to improve our parking and traffic flow. We just need the voters to pass the bond issue to provide the funds.

I have always thought the schools should pay for these improvements out of all the increased tax dollars from the newly built homes. But those dollars go to the operating budget. Capital improvements, such as those proposed, cannot be funded from the operating budget. We as a community need to pitch in and let the district make the capital improvements needed.

We need to keep the quality of our school district. That is the reason many other people and I moved to Novi and why our property values are so high. We have a great reputation as an excellent school district. Let's vote for this bond issue and maintain that reputation.

Kim Wagner

School system belongs to us

Eleven years ago I chose to move into the Novi community because the public school system had an exceptional reputation. Novi is the fastest growing city in the state of Michigan, and accommodations must be made to keep pace with this growth.

As parents, we teach our children pride and responsibility for themselves and their community. Responsibility includes providing maintenance for your possessions. As residents of the city of Novi our school system belongs to us and therefore is our responsibility.

The bond recommends necessary maintenance and improvements to the athletic fields and parking lots. It also will provide the much needed elementary school to accommodate the rapid growth of young families to our city. I don't want my children attending school in portable classrooms. They deserve to have athletic fields covered with grass instead of mud, an exceptional public school system increases your property value more than any other factor. Novi needs another elementary school to house 400 more students.

Pride in your community and accepting the responsibility for the community are lessons our children need to learn from the adults throughout this city. Give up the lackadaisical attitude that the other guy will do it, get involved and be proud of your community. Vote yes on March 28.

Katie Raeon

Thanks for NYA event support

To the Editor:

Thank you to the Novi community and all those that supported our 16th annual bowl-a-thon. The following lane sponsors helped make the event a success: City of Novi, Novi Community Schools, Cooper, Shifman, Gabe, Quinn & Seymour; Diamond Castle Inc., Domino's Pizza, Dr. Herbert J. Elfring Jr. D.D.S. and Dr. Brian Andress D.D.S., Marty Feldman Chevrolet, Independent Dance Electric Assoc., K.J. Law Engineers Inc., Merritt Handling Engineering Inc., National Bank of Detroit, Novi Chamber of Commerce, Novi Education Association, O'Brien Chapel Sullivan Funeral Home, Old Kent Bank East, Providence Hospital and Medical Center, Salon Head West Inc., Target/Commerce Township Store, Twelve Oaks Mall, Varsity Lincoln-Mercury Inc., J.C.K. and Novi Bowl.

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Meads Mill teacher wins Educator of the Year award

By WENSDY WHITE
Staff Writer

Behind the scenes, he's an educator of educators.

Robert Stover, long-time media specialist at Meads Mill Middle School, has finally been brought into the limelight.

For 23 years, Stover has worked to supply teachers with books to improve their curriculum, and he has provided assistance to students as they navigate bookshelves and the World Wide Web.

Recently his efforts were recognized by the Michigan Association of Middle School Educators, who named Stover the state's 1997 Educator of the Year.

"You usually think of the educator of the year as a teacher and it's unusual that a media specialist would get it," Stover said. "I felt really glad. It's nice to know that your colleagues appreciate you."

Approached by both teachers and students with a barrage of questions each and every day, Stover always drops what he's doing to offer assistance.

"When I first got the job I used to get headaches. Here there's interruption after interruption. It took some getting used to," he said. "Now, that's what I see my job as, to help people whenever they need help."

Stover was nominated for the award by students and teachers throughout the district.

Sue Meyer, principal at Meads Mill, said Stover has been a quiet, professional force ever since she came to the school two decades ago.

"He gets the job done. He influences a great deal of curriculum because of his hard work and dedication. You need to be able to depend on your media personnel," Meyer said. "He stays on top of it and at the same time does it very humbly."

In addition to ordering books for teachers and attending workshops to stay abreast of computer technology, Stover has done extra work to encourage everyone at Meads Mill to read. He has assembled a professional library for educators and initiated a paperback book exchange to cap off March-is-Reading-Month. He also structures "Drop Everything and Read" days, and a read-a-thon in the Meads Mill lobby.

Stover earned a bachelor's degree at Eastern Michigan University and a Master's in library science at the University of Michigan and Wayne State University.

Stover is also district coordinator for Michigan Instructional Television.

Outside of school, Stover said he enjoys sailing, biking and traveling with his wife Rosemary and children Lindsay, 16 and Michael, 14.

At Meads Mill, he keeps track of about 700 students, 13,000 volumes and 26 computers.

"My philosophy to run this media enter is, it's not my media center. It belongs to the teachers and the kids. I try to make this a real pleasing environment, as inviting as possible." Stover said.

Students won't be punished

Northville principal says students who refuse MEAP won't be punished

By WENSDY WHITE
Staff Writer

The choice for me ... MEAP free.

That's the sentiment on t-shirts that more than 40 Northville High juniors have ordered to step up their protest of the controversial statewide test.

At the same time, Northville High principal Dr. Tom Johnson has conceded that students who refuse to take the test won't be punished.

"We're going to encourage like heck all of our kids to take it," Johnson said. "Should they opt out of it, should they call in, we probably won't take any action at all. The position of the central office is that if parents are so committed to excuse their kid then we'll honor that."

However, Johnson said he will meet with the PTSA and speak to the junior class in an effort to help kids understand the importance of the test.

"I think it impacts dramatically the reputation of the school and as a consequence we want as many, if not all, of our students to take it. We want a good representation to take it so we can fare well on it and have it make a positive impact on the reputation of our school."

According to state legislation, the test was designed to "assess pupil performance ... for the purpose of improving academic achievement and establishing a statewide standard of competency." But MEAP scores have taken on a more economic function, offering prospective home buyers a quick way to compare school districts.

"You can look at property values right down the line," said Todd Smith, an associate real estate broker with Remax in Farmington Hills. "You will see an absolute direct correlation, almost 100 percent, with MEAP scores. People moving into the area have several choices in how to get information on schools. They can visit or talk to the principal or teachers, which takes valuable time, or they can go straight to the MEAP scores to compare one district to another in a very short period of time.

"If students are boycotting the tests they could possibly skew the results in an adverse way."

However, Jeff Schroder, a recent Northville High graduate, pointed to the fact that property values in Birmingham didn't go down after about half the students there boycotted the MEAP last year.

"It was kind of Birmingham's version of the Boston Tea Party," Shirley Bryant, director of community relations of the Birmingham Public Schools said. "The irony is that one of those schools had one of the highest test scores in the state."

That's despite the fact that many of the students exempted from the test by their parents had high grade point averages.

Bryant attributes the exemptions to the fact that many of the students had already been accepted to college and felt the ACT and SAT standardized tests were more important.

Some students at Northville High have said the same thing, including Nick Collanni, who has led the boycott against the test by passing out fliers and creating the t-shirts.

He claimed that Northville high students haven't fared well on the test in the past and he doesn't want a potentially bad score on his permanent academic record.

Under state mandate, MEAP scores are now printed on a student's transcript.

And although the scores of Northville students compare well with those of other districts, the scores that show up on a student's transcript may not look good.

Last year 71 percent of Northville students scored proficient in math, 54.1 percent in science and 23.7 percent in communication, which included both reading and writing skills.

The test has changed since then and will now be scored differently. Students who are the first to take the revised version will virtually become a test population.

As for the students who wind up with low scores as the test is tweaked and revised, Johnson acknowledged that's a problem.

"I think employers obvious want to see students doing well and I'm not sure the state has thought that through well.

"We need to clear that issue up so the employers and universities looking at that data can understand it more comparatively," he said.

Right now, the University of Michigan at Dearborn is the only Michigan school that takes MEAP scores into account during the admissions process, but Johnson said he expects the scores will have more impact in the future.

More colleges and private corporations may start to look to them as indicators. In that case, Smith said if he were hiring for Remax he'd prefer to see a low score than no score on an applicant's transcript.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Novi City Council has adopted Ordinance No. 98-18.138, **AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND FOOTNOTE (d) TO SECTION 2400 OF ORDINANCE NO. 97-18, AS AMENDED, THE CITY OF NOVI ZONING ORDINANCE, AND TO AMEND THAT PORTION OF THE SCHEDULE LIMITING HEIGHT, BULK, DENSITY AND AREA WITHIN SECTION 2400 OF SAID ORDINANCE WHICH PERTAINS TO THE RM-1 DISTRICT, TO AMEND THE STANDARDS PERTAINING TO MULTIFAMILY RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT.**

The provisions of the ordinance shall become effective fifteen (15) days after its adoption. The Ordinance was adopted by the City Council on Monday, March 16, 1998. A complete copy of the Ordinance is available for public use and inspection at the office of the City Clerk during the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. prevailing local time.

(3-26-98 NRNN 823163) TONNI L. BARTHOLOMEW, CITY CLERK

NOTICE — CITY OF NOVI
REQUEST FOR BIDS
TROPHIES

The City of Novi will receive sealed bids for the **Trophies** according to the specifications of the City of Novi. Bid Packages are available at the Office of the Purchasing Director.

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"TROPHIES" BID

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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.

THE VOTING PLACES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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.

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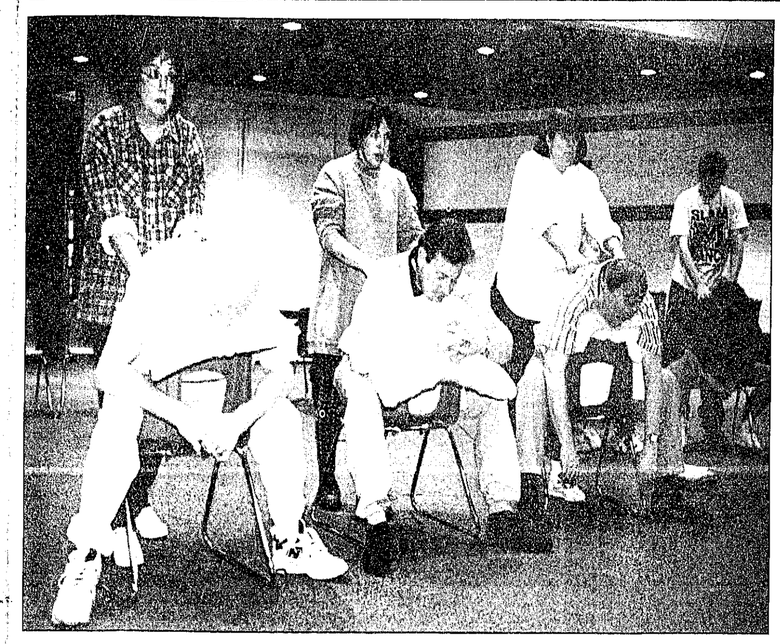

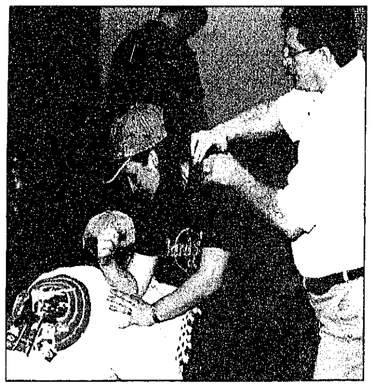

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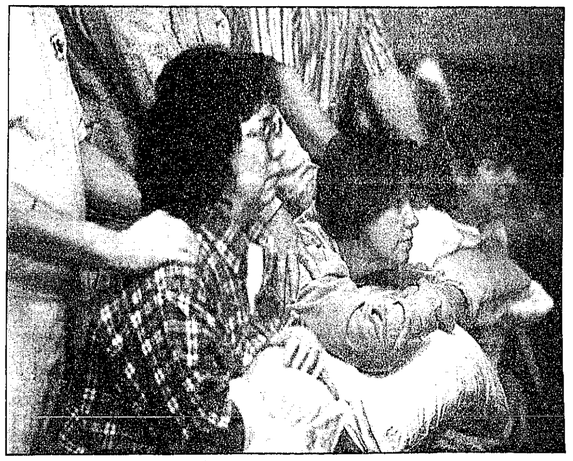

As husbands slump over comfy pillows (above), their wives learn massage therapy techniques from instructors Tony Volpe and Colleen Goode during a recent class in Novi. From left are Linda and Ron Gabel, Susan and Al Pilotto, and David and Linda Jerome. Upper corner, Certified Massage Therapist and co-owner of Essentia, Tony Volpe, right, shows a couple how and where to locate the shoulder's scapula bone. At right, wives feel the benefit of their husbands efforts to their tense shoulder and neck area. From left are Linda Gabel, Susan Pilotto and Linda Jerome.

Story by WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL • Photos by JOHN HEIDER

Once, when certified massage therapists Tony Volpe and Colleen Goode were teaching a class, one of the men who was rather reserved at the beginning of the class snuck a kiss to his wife.

It brought tears to Goode's eyes.

"It was very touching," she said. "Part of the class is about how to show love, how to be close to one another."

The married couple from Wixom left jobs in the stock market and marketing business to pursue their own business _ offering stress-relieving massages to corporate workers and teaching the techniques to others. They call it ESSENTIA Stress Management.

The pair holds classes though local community education programs, teaching couples how to give each other massages. They teach the basics of massage strokes to partners in a seated position, and then move onto more integral techniques while lying down. Students also learn about various muscle groups.

"We teach communication through massage. For couples its a holistic way of communicating," said Volpe.

"What happens is most relationships are based on communication and over time you can lose even verbal communication. We have energy in our bodies and by a sense of touch we communicate and also get a response from our partners," he said.

There's no such thing as a bad massage, they said.

"It's about positive intent," according to Volpe. "If someone were to go home and give their spouse a massage tonight, I'd say let your hands relax, comfort your partner and relieve stress."

"Massage is more than just feeling good," explained Goode. "There are physical reasons people should get massages."

Relieving stress and working the muscles is preventative medicine, she said. Tension is linked to many illnesses and diseases.

Increasing endorphins and seretonin levels through massage can help.

"It's nature's Prozac. It gets a good feeling going in the body," Goode explained.

Classes hold 20 couples or more, the pair said. Many times groups of friends or neighbors will show up together.

The next class in Novi will be held March 30 from 7-9 p.m. at the Instructional Technology Center. The cost is $23 per couple.

For more information, call Novi Community Education at 449-1200.

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Zaas and Amerman officials again making headlines

By WENSDY WHITE
Staff Writer

A huge lawsuit that a Northville parent filed against the school district in September has become a top story again.

When the Detroit Free Press carried the story on the front page Tuesday March 23, camera crews from Detroit's largest television stations reacted by descending on Amerman Elementary School to question officials about alleged abuse.

The Free Press headline stated "Parents of Northville student seek $11 million in bully suit," and the accompanying story recounted news of a lawsuit filed by Robin Zaas, which alleged that her daughter was abused by classmates while attending Amerman last year.

On Tuesday, as Amerman students were dismissed from school, school superintendent Dr. Leonard Rezmierski was put in the spotlight, answering reporter's questions.

"We're very disappointed with the situation that occurred with the Free Press ... we are very disappointed this has gone to this level," Rezmierski told crews from channels 2, 4 and 7, which parked on N. Center Street to broadcast live from Amerman during their evening newscasts.

Rezmierski reiterated to the press that the district, Amerman principal Dr. Stephen Anderson, the Northville police department and Child Protection Services all investigated the allegations of abuse and found them to be false. He also reminded reporters of all the positive things in the district, and suggested they cover the recent state championship victory achieved by the women's high school gymnastic team.

The lawsuit filed by Zaas alleged 11 counts, ranging from the abuse of both Robin and Stephanie Zaas, to violation of the state's policy on sex education.

District officials reacted by filing a counter suit in November against Robin Zaas for defamation of character, alleging that comments she made to the media have damaged principal Anderson's reputation.

The recent rash of med a attention focused on the fact that Stephanie was abused and that district officials did nothing to stop it.

"I went through all the channels of authority on the abuse of my child ... nothing was done. Not even the police did anything. Nobody listened to me. I just got sick of her coming home with her arms twisted," Zaas said.

In a police report filed with the city, Zaas also said two girls stomped on her daughter's feet and yelled in her ears.

"That kind of behavior is dealt with immediately," Anderson said. "It's all been investigated by the Northville police department and Child Protection Services. I'm looking forward to my day in court when I can reveal all the particulars. As an educator I have an ethical and legal responsibility to maintain the confidentiality of all my students, even Mrs. Zaas' child, so I'm looking forward to the chance to have a forum where I can let it all out."

Anderson said he believes there is little chance that attorneys representing the district will offer Zaas a monetary settlement to avoid going to court.

"I think our district has made it clear that we're going to the mat on this," he said.

Terry Miglio, the lead attorney representing the district with the Detroit firm of Keller, Thomas, Schwarze agreed.

"There's no reason to settle since neither the district, Dr. Rezmierski or Dr. Anderson did anything wrong," he said, adding that he thinks the judge will dismiss the case before it reaches court due to lack of evidence.

"This is a case that should never have been filed," he said.

Although damages sought in the suit amount to $8.8 million, Miglio said it is doubtful a jury would award the full amount. If they did, the money would be covered by the districts insurance policy, according to school board president Joan Wadsworth.

For now, attorneys on both sides continue to investigate the lawsuit and the counter suit.

Amerman Elementary employees continue to foster programs such as peer mediation, "Catch them being good," and the Wall of Fame, designed to teach students to resolve conflict peacefully.

But Anderson said there really is no way to prevent teasing.

"It's part of growing up," Anderson said.

Pamela Beeghly, the Southfield attorney representing Zaas, could not be reached for comment by the Northville Record on Tuesday.

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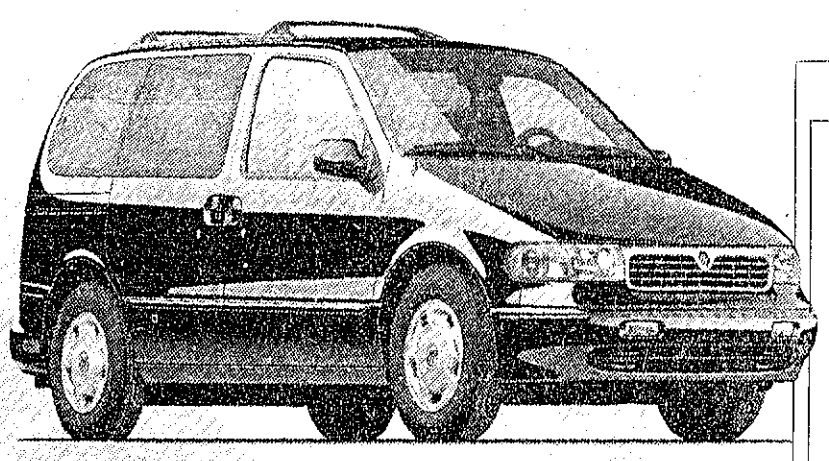

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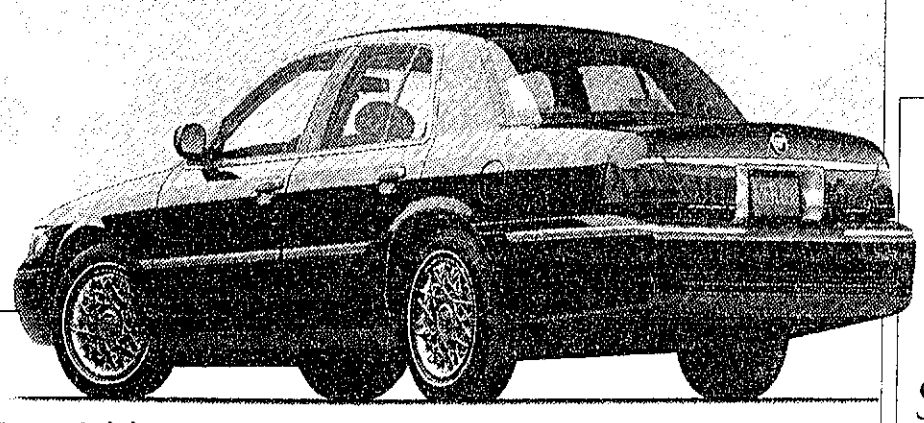

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Vita Acciaioli of Novi zooms in on Det. Kevin Hebert (left) as he interviews Det. Todd Anger, both of the Novi Police Department.

Cable Ready

Volunteers get in on the action to make community access television a reality

By CAROL DIPPLE
Feature Editor

Without the volunteers in front of and behind the camera, community access television would not exist.

"Novi Street Beat," for example, has a core group of volunteers who religiously show up for "work" every week.

Volunteers on the set of the show hosted by Novi Police Detective Kevin Hebert recently included Novi resident Vita Acciaioli; Farmington Hills residents Fran Duda, Bob Wightman, and Bryan Zeitlin; and producer Daniel Max of Walled Lake. All have received certification by Time Warner after attending a video production workshop.

"Once you get qualified you can do anything," Max said.

The group arrives half an hour before "Novi Street Beat" goes on the air on Wednesday evenings.

"We are giving of our time because we like what we are doing," said Max who has been with the program since its inception about 14 months ago.

Max decided to take the four-week video production workshop after seeing its commercial on community access television.

"Novi Police Beat" is the first live show Time Warner and SWOCC took on and is still one of only a few shows that air live.

"We don't encourage a live show unless there is a reason for it," said Tracy Walkowicz, community relations specialist for Southwestern Oakland Cable Commission (SWOCC). "It is very hard to do a live show. You have to be extremely prepared. You can't have any problems occur. Everybody has to show up."

There are seven or eight people each night working with the show.

"The volunteers make sure everything is set up and ready to go," Max said.

"One of the nice things about the volunteers, they want to be there," Hebert explained. "They are always in an upbeat mood, it is a fun-type atmosphere."

Acciaioli began filling in for a volunteer on sick leave with the "Novi Police Beat" three months ago and says she'll stay as long as they need her.

"It is really keeps you informed and I'm happy to be on it," Acciaioli said.

In her 14-year television career at Metrovision, Acciaioli estimates that she has worked on over 800 shows. Either crewing – working the camera, audio, floor director – or directing.

"I'm very proud of what I have accomplished in the years I have worked for Metrovision," Acciaioli said. "Anything I do I really give it my best. That's me."

She was the director and technical director for more than 100 shows for the late Shirley Cash. Hanging on a wall in her Novi home, is a picture of her with Cash and Gov. John Engler, taken after one of Cash's shows.

Hebert said he has enough to worry about without organizing the television crew.

"It has never been a problem, even during a big snow storm, the full crew was there," he said.

There are a few Time Warner employees that work during the taping of shows at the Time Warner studios where "Novi Street Beat" is shot.

"The staff runs the workshops, but we don't really get involved too much," said Walkowicz. "Someone is in the building but not always on the set. That is why it is important to make sure the volunteers are trained and certified.

"A lot of the volunteers are seniors who are retired," said Walkowicz. "A lot of people just feel they want to volunteer to enhance the community. Others definitely have a purpose or show they are interested in doing."

Students also take the class to determine if it is something they want to make a career out of.

"It's a volunteer thing, we're not getting paid, we're there to have fun," Max said. "If something doesn't go perfectly right you move on and just overlook it. We've had a few mistakes."

The show includes Hebert with a guest, followed by a short segment on safety tips related to the guest's topic. Every week Hebert wraps up the show by answering calls from viewers.

"People watch every week," Max said. "We're starting to get a big following."

The name of each of the volunteers are listed in the credits at the end of each show.

"There are times I look forward to Wednesday, I look forward to the people," Hebert said. "There's times when I'll be dragging. Their attitudes pick you up."

Bryan Zeitlin of Farmington Hills works the control board during "Novi Street Beat." Volunteers are listed in the credits at the end of each show.

Workshops offered for volunteers

By CAROL DIPPLE
Feature Editor

The Southwestern Oakland Cable Commission (SWOCC) offers workshops for volunteers who want to become certified community access producers.

The evening workshops, which meet for three hours once a week for four weeks, includes instructions on procedures, directing, camera operation and audio.

The mandatory orientation workshop is held at Southwestern Oakland Cable Commission (SWOCC) on Research Drive in Farmington Hills. The rest of workshop is held at the cable supplier, Time Warner, on Enterprise Drive in Farmington Hills.

After volunteers complete the Time Warner workshop, they can attend a one night, three-hour session on editing.

"The option is there but it is not necessary," said Tracy Walkowicz, community relations specialist for SWOCC. "Most people have an interest in (just) the camera work."

Once certified, volunteers can put their names on a list to work on a variety of shows.

"Once they are certified they can stay as involved as they want or not," said Walkowicz.

To be eligible to attend the video production workshops you must be either a resident, employee, business or property owner, or a member of an organization in Novi, Farmington or Farmington Hills.

The evening workshops are offered in the winter/spring and again in the fall.

Once volunteers are certified from the Time Warner studio they can attend a one night class to learn the SWOCC equipment and then they will be certified to volunteer at both studios.

"I think it is very interesting and I think everyone in the community should take advantage of (the opportunity)," volunteer Vita Acciaioli said. "To meet all these different people, it's better than sitting home."

SWOCC will have a display in the children's section of the Novi Library in August which will include the fall workshop schedule as well as some remote equipment and photos.

If you would like more information, Tracy Walkowicz at (248) 473-7266, ext. 14.

Volunteer

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Nancy Gizzi discusses a call with Siegfried at Life Care.

Callers turn to listener in times of crisis

By CAROL DIPPLE
Feature Editor

Tucked away in a office building, a group of volunteers man the telephones in a small room that includes a couple of desks and a bookcase filled with reading material on a variety of topics including loneliness and relationships, the two most frequent concerns of callers.

When the phone rings at Life Care Ministries, Siegfried (not his real name) or another volunteer will pull out a contact sheet and answer the call.

On a board hanging on the wall, volunteers sign up for two, four-hour shifts a month. The responsibility of the 50 volunteers of Life Care is to offer caring and confidential assistance to people in crisis and problem situations.

The center operates from 10 a.m. until 10 p.m. six days a week and their services are free and confidential. The interdenominational Christian ministry, which receives support from various area churches, was founded in 1981 and has been known as Life Care since 1988.

There are four categories of callers – those requesting prayer, Telecare, active listening and referral.

Siegfried, a retired music teacher from Farmington and a member of the Novi Concert Band, has been a listener for 15 years.

On average, Life Care receives 250 calls a month. Some callers also chose to use an alias. Depending on the day, Siegfried may get as few as a couple of calls during his shift.

"Some people think we are professional counselors, which we aren't," Siegfried said.

The listeners know their limitations and do not take the place of professionals or a community service agency. They do have at their fingertips, an up-to-date referral list which includes Christian agencies, shelters, counselors, crisis centers and support groups.

"People will get so emotionally involved in their problems they can's see the trees for the forest," said Nancy Gizzi who joined Life Care as a volunteer in 1983 and became its director last year. "We try to repeat it back to them in a sequence that they can see the bigger picture for themselves."

Prayer is strong in the ministry. A caller's first request may be to be placed on the prayer request list. Further conversation may reveal that the caller needs a referral as well as prayer.

If a caller is open to prayer, Siegfried, who chose his alias after his favorite composer Siegfried Wagner, will pray with them.

Not everyone is receptive to prayer.

He asked a frequent caller once if she would like to pray with him and she replied "you can pray after I hang up."

Life Care also has a Telecare program that provides a weekly call to the elderly, shut-ins or people recovering from illness.

Life Care has a working relationship with Suicide Prevention and with the agreement of the caller, will hook up a three-way call to that organization if necessary.

"We see this ministry as preventative to sometimes violence," said Gizzi.

Life Care Ministries offers a 15-week training program once a week for two hours in the fall at Ward Presbyterian Church, which has moved to its new location on Six and Haggerty in Northville Township. Class size is usually around 35 but all who take the program are not prospective listeners. Some go through the program for self growth.

Topics covered during the training seminar include family dynamics, substance abuse, depression, and crisis intervention taught by various professionals, as well as at least a dozen hours of supervised phone work.

The seminar is $25 and is open to evangelical Christians 18 years of age and older.

For information about volunteering or the training seminar, call (734) 427-1580.

The Life Care Ministries telephone listening service line is (734) 427-LIFE.

Amateur radio club to monitor city's siren system

By JEANNE CLARKE
Special Writer

To most people, spring means planting flowers but to the Novi Amateur Radio Club, spring means the possibility of tornadoes. The club will be monitoring the many sirens around the City of Novi. Locations include the Novi Police Department, Thirteen Mile Fire Station, Walled Lake at West Road, Wixom Road, Village Oaks, Ten Mile and Beck, and Eight Mile at Meadowbrook Road north of Grand River.

The club's March meeting was devoted to the presentation of a basic skywarn training class. Other activities include the ongoing novice class which will conclude in May. Instructions given in this class include elementary electronics, FCC rules, Morse Code at five words per minute, station set-up, equipment selection and operating procedures. They are using the textbook "Now You're Talking" and cassette titled "Amateur Radio Code," which can be found at Radio Shack. Serving as class instructor is Rick Redontey of the Novi Amateur Radio Club. Those completing the course will earn a Novice Class Amateur Radio License. These classes are held annually. If you missed this one but are interested in knowing more about the club, please call 349-3928 for more detailed information.

New officers for the year: Rob Gulliano, president; Chuck Mabbitt, vice president; John Hess, secretary; and Lou Files, treasurer.

Ron Watkins is chairman of Field Day which is scheduled for June 27-28 at the soccer field next to Novi High School.

The radio club meets the first Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m., at the Civic Center. Informal meetings are held at 9 a.m. on Saturdays at Big Boy's Restaurant in Walled Lake.

Novi Highlights

MEADOWBROOK CHURCH

The annual pancake breakfast at Meadowbrook Congregational Church will be held on Palm Sunday, April 5, following the 10 a.m. worship service. Pancakes, sausage, coffee cake, juice and coffee will be served; tickets are available at $4.50 for adults and $2.50 for children under 12.

Holy Week continues with Maundy Thursday worship at 7:30 p.m.; confirmation will take place and new members will be received into the church. A catered dinner at 6 p.m. will precede the worship service.

The Festival of Resurrection will be celebrated on Easter, April 12, with special music at the 9 and 11 service.

The Lenten series "Faith and Reason" held every Wednesday from 7:30-9 p.m., will conclude April 1 with the discussion "The Nature of Christ." A video will precede the discussion.

Elected at the January annual meeting were new officers: Mary Crockett, moderator; Marilyn Worth, vice moderator; Denise Parr, secretary; Diane Chambers and Bob Downie, treasurers; Barbara Miller, historian; and Mike Garvey, parliamentarian.

Massage demonstrations were given at the February meeting of the Meadowbrook Moms. This month's discussion will be about "being a mom." Those attending are asked to bring their favorite cookie recipe along with samples.

The Women's Service Club hosted a luncheon of the Southeastern Michigan Congregational Church Women on March 10. Guests included members of Bushnell Church, North Congregational Church, Wayne Congregational and Pine Hill Congregational Church. The program was presented by president Mary Cornett who shared highlights of her hobby of rock collecting. The group will meet on Tuesday, April 7, to discuss their annual rummage sale which is scheduled for Friday, April 24, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday, April 25, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

NOVI COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Clara Porter is director of the Novi Community Education Department. Included in the department's latest brochure is information on beginning swim and fitness programs for adults.

Among the soon-to-start second sessions is the women's strength training, which will be presented by Kim Bourdreau's Aerobic Fitness Inc. The starting date is April 1. Classes will be held in the high school multi purpose room.

Starting April 25 is the self-defense class for women, for both teen and adult. This course will also be held in the multi purpose room, with special discounts for senior citizens. Instruction will focus on survival techniques, awareness and prevention, and will be designed for both beginners and experienced. If possible, those attending are asked to bring a training partner.

Cardio-Karate starts April 25 for those 14 years and up. According to reports, this type of Karate burns 800 calories in one hour compared to 500 when doing aerobics. Special discount for senior citizens is available.

A total fitness center is available which includes the high school's athletic complex - pool, weight room and indoor track - with a trained supervisor on hand for assistance. The hours are 6:15-8:15 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays through May 21.

Prices vary, $2 per person every evening or call 449-1206 for detailed information regarding family memberships.

Scuba diving will start April 1 at the high school gym. The course will meet on Wednesday evenings and will be open to anyone 12 years and up. The course will be taught by Divers Inc. Ocean Adventures, another scuba diving course, will start April 21.

Swimming lessons will start April 20, and will be held on Monday and Wednesday. Evening lessons are also available. For more information call 449-1206.

Public swim is also available: open swim on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30-8 p.m.; lap swim, from 8-9 p.m. Daytime swim is from 2:30-4 p.m. on Saturdays. The schedule changes from time to time so calls should be made for updates.

NOVI SENIOR CENTER

A reminder to all seniors in the area. Special transportation to and from destinations within the city and to the center is available for Novi area seniors. Be sure to pick up the April calendar of events at the information rack outside the Parks and Recreation Department. Also included in the calendar are menus for the month. Ask a friend to lunch and for transportation, call 347-0414. Reservations should be made 48 hours in advance between the hours of 8:30-11 a.m. A nominal donation would be appreciated.

The cost for "Breakfast at Tiffany's" at 10 a.m. on Thursday, April 9, will be $3.50. Call now for reservations. The menu will include Eggs a-la-McAlpine, Crawford fruit Suprema and much more.

The annual Pen Pal party will be held at noon on Wednesday, May 13, at a cost of $3. Reservations are required. Many of the seniors have been corresponding all year with the children from Orchard Hills Elementary. Following lunch, the children will provide entertainment and "goodies" at which time the pen pals will meet for the first time.

If this program interests you, let Jan. McAlpine know for next year.

A big event scheduled for noon on Wednesday, June 10, is the 80th Birthday Bash luncheon. This occasion, free of charge, will honor all Novi residents 80 and over. There will be a charge of $3.50 for non residents who are 80 and over, as well as underage. A special booklet featuring those who are 80 plus will be available. Again, advance reservations are necessary.

A golf league for seniors 55 and up will start May 11 with three sections, men only, women only and mixed league. An organizational meeting will be held April 15, for those who have registered.

A senior soft ball league for players ages 70 and up will start May 15. Please call Parks and Recreation for information, 347-0400.

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

In Service

Air Force Senior Airman **STEFAN A. RAIRIGH** has arrived for duty at Kunsan Air Base, South Korea. He is a computer operator assigned to the 8th Communications Squadron.

Rairigh, a 1987 graduate of Novi High School, is the son of Huguette C. and Sidney C. Rairigh of Novi.

Army Pvt. **DAVID B. BOATMAN** has graduated from One Station Unit Training at Fort Knox, Ky. In addition to the basic military and advanced individual training received were: drill and ceremonies, combat training, weapons, map reading, tactics, military justice, first aid, military courtesy, and Army history and traditions.

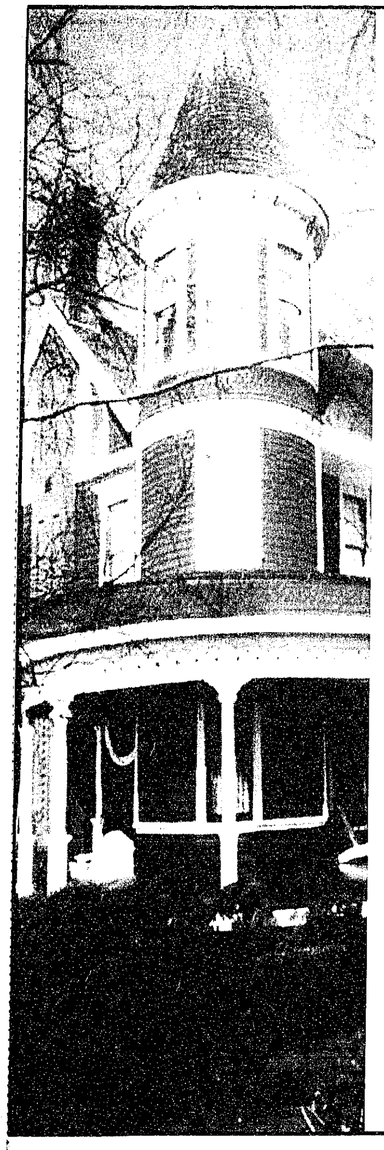
Boatman is the son of Betty A. Johns of Novi.

Coast Guard Fireman Apprentice **ADAM J. CARRON** recently graduated from the U.S. Coast Guard Recruit Training Center in Cape May, N.J., and was promoted to his present rank.

An eight-week training program included classroom academics, instruction on military customs and courtesies, water safety and survival, fire fighting and marksmanship, seamanship skills, first aid, physical fitness and health.

The recruits also received instruction on the Coast Guard's three core values - honor, respect and devotion to duty.

Carron, a 1997 graduate of Algoma High School of Algoma, Wis., is the son of Greg Carron of Novi.



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Worship Service 7:30 - 8:00 pm.
39200 W. Twelve Mile, Farmington Hills
(Just East of Haggerty Rd.)
(810) 553-7170

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA
23225 Gill Road
Farmington Hills, Michigan
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High & Elm Streets, Northville
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Church 349-3140 School 349-3146
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Wednesday Worship 7:30 p.m.

NORTHVILLE CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY
41355 Six Mile Road • Northville (248) 348-9030
Sunday School 9:45 & 10:45 am
Sunday Worship 9 am 10:45 am
Friday 7:30 pm Service
Pastor Otis T. Buchan, Sr. Pastor
Northville Christian School
Preschool & K-8
(248) 348-9031

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349-3477 349-3647

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Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.
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Father Denis Theroux, Assoc. Pastor
Parish Office: 349-8847

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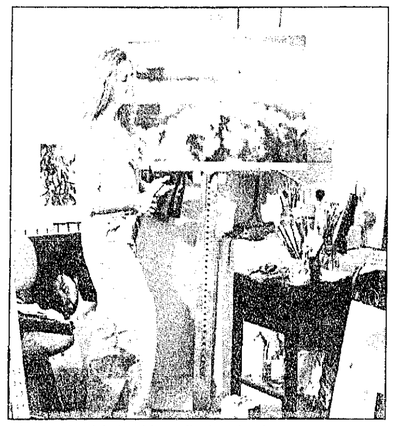
Novi resident **ELIZABETH MACK** is one of six local artists on the General Motors design staff who formed a committee for the "Out of the Workplace" Group of 28 artists from Wayne, Oakland, Macomb and Washtenaw counties dedicated to exhibiting their art work both inside and outside of the workplace.

Mack, a fine artist, works in charcoal, graphite and oil. She earned a bachelor of fine arts degree from the Center for Creative Studies College of Art and Design, and a bachelor of arts degree from Michigan State University. Mack has exhibited at local juried exhibitions and is associated with Detroit's Swan and ACT galleries.

Her work was included in an exhibit at the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association (BBAA) during February as well as in a special Valentine's Day fund raiser sponsored by GM Design in support of the BBAA.



Elizabeth Mack helped form displaced artists group.

MERL TERRY LUTCE, FIC, of Northville recently was honored at a national sales and education conference sponsored by Aid Association for Lutherans (AAL), a fraternal benefit society which provides life insurance and other benefits to Lutherans and their family members. AAL is based in Appleton, Wis.

Terry qualified to attend the conference based on excellence in sales and service to AAL members. He also was honored for his support of AAL local volunteer groups called "branches."

Terry joined AAL's field staff in 1981, and is an associate of the Park Jarrett Agency of AAL, Livonia.

The board of directors of the Michigan Chamber of Commerce Executives has recognized **LISA WILLARD** of the Novi Chamber of Commerce, with a Michigan Chamber Professional Award.

The award is given to those who have achieved specific educational and training goals. The program was developed in 1990 to encourage and maintain high standards among chamber of commerce executives in Michigan.

The Michigan Chamber Professional program requires recipients to meet certain minimum educational requirements annually in order to maintain the designation.

Church Notes

THE BIRMINGHAM TEMPLE, 28611 West Twelve Mile Road in Farmington Hills, will host pianist Louis Nagel in a program entitled "Speaking of Music" on Sunday, March 29, at 3:30 p.m. Nagel will perform works of Bach, Debussy and Schumann along with stimulating discussion about each of the works he performs. An afterglow will follow the concert.

Admission is $14 for seniors and students and $15 for the general public.

For further information, call (248) 788-9338.

MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, 21355 Meadowbrook Road in Novi, continues it's "Faith and Reason: Lenten Series with "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 details, 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.

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

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

Schoolcraft play is well received during first of three weekends

By CAROL DIPPLE
Feature Editor

Schoolcraft College's production of Ken Ludwig's "Moon Over Buffalo" is billed as a hysterical farce, and the audience attending opening weekend March 20 and 21 certainly wasn't disappointed.

Prof. James R. Hartman, artistic and technical director, has succeeded in presenting yet another wonderful offering in community theater.

As always, Brian Taylor, back for his ninth production with Schoolcraft, gives a robust performance as George Hay, a fading stage actor still seeking bright lights and fame.

Northville resident Brenda Lane returns to Schoolcraft for her third production, this time in the role of Charlotte Hay, a somewhat flamboyant actress who would love one more shot at stardom but who might have to settle for memories of her former "lofty" roles.

Making his first appearance at Schoolcraft College is Northville resident Larry Pellicciont as Richard, the Hay's charming attorney. Quite smitten with Charlotte, he almost succeeds in swaying her emotions.

Lisa Brawley plays Ethel, the grandmother/seamstress who has seen and heard more than she lets on.

The Hay's daughter, Rosalind, played by Tiffany Byars, returns to town with a fiance in tow, determined to break away from her theatrical heritage.

Her meek fiance, Howard, played by Adam Conger, desperately tries to impress his future parents-in-law.

All the commotion of possible fame and fortune, leaves Howard waiting in the hall where he is cornered by the beautiful, beguiling young actress, Eileen, played by Lindsay E. Crain.

With Howard leaving Buffalo in the grasp of another, Rosiland's former beau, Paul, played by David Orsmby, has an opening as the leading man in love and future footlights.

Understudies include Northville resident Linda Pellicciont, Ethel; Benjamin Karl, Howard and Richard; and Michelle Glinski, Eileen.

Production staff for "Moon Over Buffalo" include Northville High School graduate Chris Battley, lighting.

Photo by SUE SPILLANE

Northville residents (clockwise from left) Larry Pellicciont, in the role of Richard; Linda Pellicciont, understudy–Ethel; and Brenda Lane, as Charlotte Hay, rehearse for the opening night of 'Moon over Buffalo' at Schoolcraft College.

Additional dinner/theater performances of "Moon Over Buffalo" are on Friday and Saturday, March 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 Schoolcraft College's bookstore at (313) 462-4409.

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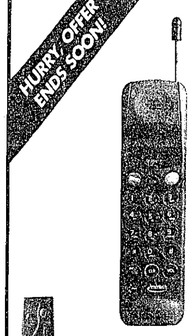

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Engagement

Paul Shimones/Stacey Goldsmith

Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Goldsmith of Novi announce the engagement of their daughter, Stacey Anne, to Paul Martin, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Shimones of Ypsilanti.

The bride-elect earned a bachelor's degree in nursing from the University of Detroit Mercy. She is currently employed with the Henry Ford Health System in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit.

The groom-elect attends Eastern Michigan University and anticipates a degree in biology. He also works for Arbor Drugs.

A May wedding is planned at Temple Shir Shalom.

News to share?

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

Send the information and picture if you have one to *The Northville Record/Novi News*, 104 W. Main Street, Northville, MI 48167, or stop by the office and pick up a birth, engagement or wedding announcement form and we'll see to it that your happy news appears in the paper.

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Reunions

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

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Cutting the shoe string

Novi Mayor Kathleen McLallen and DSW Shoe Warehouse president Steven Nacht cut the big red shoe string celebrating the opening of the company's third location in Metro Detroit earlier this month at 43713 West Oaks Drive in Novi. DSW donated over $6,600, a portion of its sales during a Preview Party and the first week's sales, to HAVEN, Oakland County's center for the prevention and treatment of domestic violence, sexual assault and child abuse. The Gratitude Steel Band provided Caribbean, African and inspirational music for the Preview Party which included hors d'oeuvres, refreshments, and shopping. The store carries 33,000 pairs of men's and women's shoes.

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Resident's plays included in marathon

Elaine Kaiser, a former Northville resident who now lives in Novi, will have her two latest plays, "Figures of Speech" and "Hypothetical Situation" performed during "Play by Play" on Saturday, April 4, at the Millennium Theatre Center, 15600 J.L. Hudson Drive in Southfield from noon until midnight.

The marathon of short plays, "Play by Play" begins at noon and ends at midnight and includes 30 individual works by 18 Michigan writers and over 50 Michigan actors and directors.

An all-day ticket is $20 and can be purchased in advance or at the door. An hour-by-hour ticket to see four plays is $5 and is available on a first-come, first-served basis at the door.

Food and beverages will be prepared by Canape Cart and will be sold in the lobby throughout the day.

Proceeds from the marathon will be used to support Heartlande's Festival of Original Plays – Playscape 98.

Kaiser, one of the founding members of Heartlande Theatre Company, is a graduate of the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor with a double major in English and theater.

Kaiser grew up in Northville and attended Our Lady of Mercy High School. Her parents, Jim and Betty Kaiser, and her sister, Kathleen Pfifo, are residents of Northville.

In 1996, Kaiser's play "The Pender Arrangements," won fourth place in "The Writer's Digest" National Stage Play Competition. In 1995, "A Seven-Month Itch" was produced for the Discovery Channel. Two of Kaiser's original dramas, "Defect of Discretion" and "Rosemary for Remembrance" were presented in the Playscape '94 festival at Hilberry Theatre.

Besides acting and writing, Kaiser also works as a program developer at Henry Ford Museum. Her current major projects there are the new American Girls program titled "Samantha at Greenfield Village," and the Greenfield Village Antiques Show and Sale.

Elaine Kaiser

She is a former high school English teacher and still occasionally teaches special drama programs at area schools.

Kaiser is a member of the Actors' Equity Association. Some of the 50 roles she has played onstage include Agnes in "Agnes of God," Skye in "Geniuses," Phoebe in "Romantic Comedy" and Gwen in "The Royal Family." She has also be in over 30 commercials and numerous industrial films. For seven summers, Kaiser has studied with Uta Hagen, the legendary Broadway actress, teacher, and two-time Tony award winner.

Heartlande Theatre Company is a professional arts organization committed to the ongoing education and training of artists within the resident theatrical community and dedicated to the creation, development and presentation of new theatrical works.

For details, or to purchase all-day tickets, call (248) 988-1094.

Pet of the Week

Megan is homeless because of former family's allergies.

Megan, a 2-year-old purebred Shepherd, will be at Pet Pourri on Saturday, March 28. Megan is crate trained and was given to Critter Connection because the children in the family had allergies.

Critter Connection has a variety of other adult dogs and puppies which it shows every Saturday at the Pet Supplies Plus store at 42660 Ten Mile Road in Novi, at Pet Pourri Pets & Supplies, 37592 West Twelve Mile near Halstead in Farmington Hills, and at PetSmart, 385 Haggerty Road in Commerce Twp., from 11:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m.

Adoption fees are $125 for puppies and $100 for adult dogs which includes shots, neutering, worming and heartworm check. The fee is refundable if for some reason the adoption does not work out and the dog needs to be returned to Critter Connection.

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

On Campus

Recognized for their individual scholastic achievements are **RICHARD S.** and **JAMIE A. VANDERMASS,** the son and daughter of Bill and Barb VanderMass of Novi. Both students were named to the Dean's List for first semester 1997-98.

Richard attends Duke University School of Engineering and Jamie is a student at Miami University-Oxford, Ohio, School of Business administration.

Novi students and sisters **CARRIE M.** and **KELLIE R. DIEHL** were named to the Dean's List for fall '97 semester at Northern Michigan University. To receive recognition, students must register grade point averages between 3.25 and 3.99.

Carrie is a Clarenceville High School graduate and Kellie is a graduate 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.

The following students from Novi were named to the Dean's List for fall semester at Eastern Michigan University: **TRACEY LEE BAILEY, ROSS M. BANTA, LAURA MARIE BRADY, JENNIFER LYNN BURCK, ANN ELISE CRUMP, MARI ANNE DORING, ANDREW GEORGE GATT, CATHERINE A. GILL, PENNEY SUE GRAF, HERBERT S. JAMES III, MATTHEW SCOTT LeSAGE, JUDY LYNN LUNA, SCOTT PATRICK McCARLEY, KENNETH J. MEINHARDT, RYAN DAVID OPPERMANN, JOHN CAMERON PARMENTIER, STEVEN TODD PORTER, VERONICA RASMUSSEN, MELISSA RIEZLER, ANGELA MARIE RIMBOLD, KELLY J. RIMMER, KATHY S. SKINNER, KIMBERLY LYNN SMALLWOOD, MICHAEL ANTHONY SWEK** and **ANNA MARIE YOUNG.**

Recipients of the Dean's List must maintain a 3.5 grade point average.

Novi student **LAUREN ELIZABETH WHITE,** a sophomore at DePauw University, has been recognized for outstanding academic performance and named to the Dean's List for fall semester.

Eligible students must earn at least a 3.5 out of a 4.0 grade point average .

YEH-WON HWANG of Novi will participate in the University of Michigan's Alternative Spring Break (ASB) program. The students will head to various sites, at their own expense, to volunteer as cooks, painters, tutors, companions, teachers' aides and in park and trail rehabilitation.

Hwang is an ASB site leader whose group will spend a week at VIVA House in southwest Baltimore. It is comprised of a soup kitchen, a food pantry, and a law clinic. Volunteers will prepare and serve food, make food baskets for families, help out in the law clinic, and paint. Site leaders work with community organizations to prepare service activities.

Hwang is a U-M senior majoring in mechanical engineering. Hwang's parents are Myong and Kyong Hwang of Novi.

Receiving their degrees from Walsh College in December 1997, were the following Novi graduates: **LARRY HUDSON,** magna cum laude, bachelor of business administration; **ROBERT SKRYCKI,** with high distinction, master of science in finance; and **THOMAS WALSH,** summa cum laude, master's in information management and communication.

Walsh College awarded scholarships to Novi students **ALLISON FLEMING, JEFF STANISLOW,** and **YVONNE HUGHES.**

Fleming, a marketing major working toward a bachelor's degree, and Stanislow, studying for his master's in information management and communication, each received a Edward C. and Hazel Stephenson Foundation Scholarship. Hughes, earning her master's in management, was awarded a K mart Corp. Scholarship.

Scholarships are based on merit and other considerations.

Named to the President's Honor Roll for fall semester at Walsh College were Novi students **JOHN BEBB,** master's degree in management; **LARRY HUDSON,** bachelor's in marketing; **YVONNE HUGHES,** master's, management; **TIMOTHY JEWELL,** master's, finance; **JOLANTA MARTYKA-KEPA,** master's, finance; **ROBERT SKRYCKI,** master's, finance; **JEFF STANISLOW,** master's, information management and communication; **LAURA TERZES,** master's, management; **THOMAS WALSH,** master's, information management and communication; **DAVID WIEGMANN,** master's, finance; and **KERRY WITTMAN,** bachelor's, management.

These students were among those recognized for attaining a 3.75 grade point average or better during the fall '97 semester.

Concordia College, Ann Arbor, has announced that **Jonathan McGUIRE** has met the qualifications required and has received an offer of admission for the fall of this year. McGuire will be a 1998 graduate of Novi High School; he is the son of James and Lucy McGuire of Novi.

Luncheon tickets are available at the library

Tickets to hear former WDIV-TV news anchor Mort Crim speak at the Third Annual Observer-Home-Town Friends Book & Author Luncheon are available at the Northville District Library, 212 W. Cady, and at the Novi Public Library, 45245 West Ten Mile Road in Novi.

The luncheon will be held Wednesday, April 22

Tickets are $20 and must be purchased by April 12.

The luncheon, which will be held at noon at the Fox Hills Country Club in Plymouth, is sponsored by the Friends of the Northville, Novi, Canton and Plymouth libraries for the benefit of the libraries.

Crim's book, "Second Thoughts," will be available for purchase at the luncheon for $13. The author will sign copies bought at the luncheon.

No tickets will be sold at the door or after April 10.

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Father, son to perform at high school

The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra and guest artists, Joseph and Michael Gurt, pianists, combine for a rare performance of Poulenc's "Concerto for Two Pianos in D Major" at the Novi High School Auditorium on Saturday, April 4.

The father and son duo will perform at 8 p.m. in the auditorium located at 24064 Taft Road in Novi.

Gurt, an Ann Arbor resident, graduated from Juilliard School of Music and then continued his study under Dorothy Taubman. In addition to performing in the United States, Gurt has also performed in Australia, Canada, Israel, Taiwan, Hong Kong and Singapore. He has made a wide variety of recording including two compact discs and has premiered the works of several important composers. He is currently a professor of music at Eastern Michigan University.

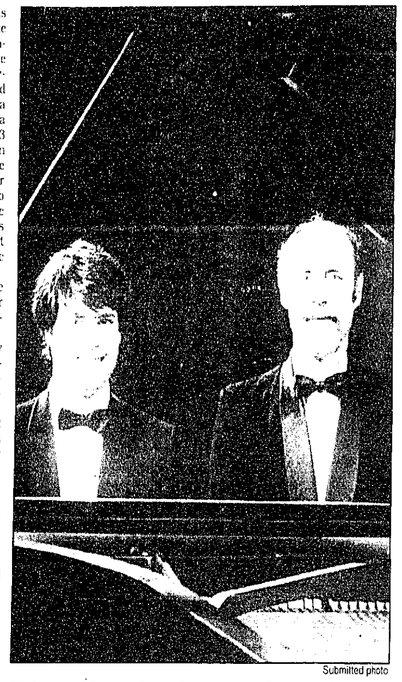
His son, Michael, received his early training from his father and went on to graduate with top honors from the University of Michigan School of Music. He did his graduate work at the Juilliard School in New York where he won several honors including the William Petschek Scholarship. As a result of his winning First Prize in the Gina Bachauer International Piano Competition in 1982, he was invited to give recitals in several cities throughout the United States, including Detroit Orchestra Hall. Michael was featured on a nationwide PBS broadcast in 1983 and his concert tours have taken him to every continent of the world. He is an associate professor of piano and chair of the piano department at Louisiana State University and he also services as the head of the piano department at the Sewanee Summer Music Center in Tennessee.

An afterglow will be held at the Botsford Inn, 28000 Grand River in Farmington Hills hosted by proprietor Creon Smith.

The concert is sponsored by First of America, Assembly Technology and Test, Inc., and Michigan Council for the Arts and Cultural Affairs.

Tickets for the concert are $12 for adults, $10 for senior citizens and college students, and $6 for children in grades kindergarten through 12.

For tickets or more information, call the Plymouth Symphony office at (734) 451-2112.



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Michael and Joseph Gurt will perform on Saturday, April 4.

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Keith Loruss of Novi plays Jesus in 'Once and for All.'

Church presents Easter production

The Creative Arts Ministry of Northville Christian Assembly is presenting its annual Easter production, "Once and for All," at 7 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, April 3 and 4, and on Sunday, April 5, at 4 p.m.

With a cast of more than 100 adults and children, the 100-minute musical has 18 colorful scenes.

"Once and for All: begins in the Garden of Gethsemane and ends with John's vision of a new heaven and earth, demonstrating the redemption of creation itself because of Jesus' sacrifice.

Complimentary tickets are now available for each of the performances.

Pastor Carlton Quattlebaum, director of the Creative Arts Ministry, will be directing his fifth Easter musical at the church since his arrival four and a half years ago.

Northville Christian Assembly is located at 41355 Six Mile Road, about one mile west of I-275 in Northville Township.

Call the church office at (248) 348-9030 to reserve a ticket.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Date: March 23, 1998
Permit No.: M 00872

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality proposes to reissue a groundwater discharge permit pursuant to Part 31, Water Resources Protection, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, Act 451 of the Public Acts of 1994, as amended (Act 451) being Sections 324.3101 through 324.3119 of the Compiled Laws of Michigan, and the administrative rules promulgated thereunder, including in part, the variance provisions of R 323.2210 to:

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The applicant proposes to discharge a maximum 22,500 gallons per day (337,500 gallons per year) of sanitary sewage through six septic tank and tile field systems located in the SE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 6, T10N, R17W, Laketon Township, Muskegon County.

Comments or objections to the draft received by April 21, 1998, will be considered in the final decision to issue the Permit. Persons desiring information regarding the draft, procedures for commenting, or requesting a hearing should contact: Groundwater Program Section, Waste Management Division, Department of Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 30241, Lansing, Michigan 48909, Telephone: 517-373-8148.

Copies of the public notice, fact sheet, and draft may be obtained at the Waste Management Division Grand Rapids District Office located at 350 Ottawa NW, 6th floor, Grand Rapids, Michigan, 49503, Telephone: 616-456-5071.

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Entertainment listing

Submit items for the entertainment listings to The Northville Record/Novi News, 104 W. Main, Northville, MI 48167; or fax to 349-1050.

AUDITIONS

HANSEL AND GRETEL: The Marquis Theatre will hold auditions for boys and girls ages 8 to 16 on Saturday, March 29, at 5 p.m. at the theater located at 135 East Main Street in Northville.

Actors will be asked to recite a short poem of their own choosing, not more than two minutes long. The poem does not have to be memorized.

The theater is casting only one group of children for the show, which will run May 8 through June 6.

Children must be available for all of the rehearsals and performance if they are selected for the cast.

For details, call the theater at (248) 349-8110.

SPECIAL EVENTS

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 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.

For more information, call Borders at (248) 347-0780.

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

Musicians, actors, poets and dancers are invited to submit application forms and audition tapes, if available, to the Novi Arts Council.

For details, contact the arts council at 347-0400.

CARRIAGE RIDES: Northville Carriage Co. offers carriage rides throughout the year and packages for holidays and special occasions.

For more information or reservations, call Northville Carriage Co. at 380-3961.

THEATER

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

For details, call (248) 349-8110.

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

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

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 April 18 and 25.

Genitti's is located at 108 E. Main Street in Northville.

For reservations or more information, call (248) 349-0522.

MUSIC

HENNESSEY'S PUB: Tommy D Band will perform on Friday and Saturday, March 27 and 28.

Hennessey's is located at 49110 Grand River in Wixom. Call (248) 348-4404.

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Carvers is located at Grand River and Ten Mile roads in Farmington Hills.

For details, call (248) 476-5333.

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

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 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.

ST. MARY'S: Flutists Ervin Monroe and Alexander Zonjic, and pianist Dave Wagner will close out the "Classics on the Lake" season at St. Mary's College at Orchard Lake on Sunday, April 5.

The concert will begin at 4 p.m. in the shrine chapel on the campus at Orchard Lake and Commerce roads.

Tickets are $12 and $20.

For details, call (248) 683-1750.

POLISH DANCING: The 18th Annual Extravaganza Dance Recital featuring the Polish Centennial Dancers and the Radomiane 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.

For ticket information, call (734) 453-7161.

WOMEN TOGETHER: A daylong workshop focusing on education, empowerment and networking for women will be held at the Oakland Community College Highland Lakes Campus Student Center Arena, 7350 Cooley Lake Road in Waterford on March 28. Registration must be received by March 23. The cost is $35 and includes lunch. For details, call (248) 360-3186.

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"Paulie" tells the story of a remarkable parrot who can speak. Not mimic, but actually converse.

Told through the eyes of its unique title character, the film reveals the wonders — and heartbreak — of his and our worlds as he travels through a series of funny and touching adventures in his quest to reunite with the little girl who raised and loved him.

The film stars two-time Academy Award nominee Gena Rowlands, Tony Shalhoub, Cheech Marin, Bruce Davison, Trini Alvarado and Jay Mohr as Paulie. Also starring are veteran comedian Buddy Hackett, Hallie Kate Eisenberg and Matt Craven.

People have always found it fascinating that some birds can talk. Of all the other species in the animal kingdom, they alone can mimic human speech. Say "hello" often enough times to a parrot and you'll eventually hear "hello" back.

But what if they could — as some have demonstrated they can — do more than just parrot? That was the question which inspired screenwriter Laurie Craig.

Craig expanded the concept of a talking parrot, and "Paulie" was hatched.

The script was eventually submitted to Allison Lyon Segal of the Mutual Film Company, who immediately brought it to the company principals, Mark Gordon and Gary Levinsohn. "We fell in love with it," Segan remembers. "What caught us was that it had themes that would appeal to a wide audience."

The producers understood that one of the challenges of "Paulie" would be to capture all of these elements on screen. They had seen a movie called "The War of the Buttons" made by a young British director named John Roberts, which they felt had successfully achieved that balance because it was a story about kids which appealed to kids and adults.

Although hesitant at first to commit to the project, knowing only that it was a movie about a parrot, Roberts changed his mind after reading the script. "The thing that first struck me was that it was very visual," he said. "I could see it unfold, which doesn't happen very often with a script. I loved the characters and the spirit of the piece."

Roberts said he initially viewed it as a fable with a lot of comedy and adventure. "But it's also quite moving," he added. "I think that's what ultimately got to me — not just the humor but the pure emotion in it. What also intrigued me was that through this very innocent creature, the other characters are compelled to reflect on their own lives."

An ensemble of veteran actors and relative newcomers was brought together to play the people whose lives are touched by Paulie.

We first meet Paulie when he is discovered caged and isolated in the basement of a research lab by a curious janitor named Misha. Television and film actor Tony Shalhoub demonstrates his versatility as the Russian immigrant who finds a kindred spirit in Paulie.

Misha first has to get over the shock that his conversation with a parrot is the most interesting he's had since coming to America. He then convinces Paulie to tell him how such a remarkable bird came to be shut away from the world. Paulie relates his story, starting with his very first human, Marie, the little girl who raised him and taught him to speak. He explains how they were separated and then tells of his search to find her again.

When he is taken from Marie, Paulie eventually finds himself up for grabs in a pawn shop. Veteran comedian Buddy Hackett returns to the screen to play Artie, the pawn shop owner who is more aggravated than amazed by the verbose little bird's commentary.

Paulie's verbal barrages catch the attention of Ivy, a customer of the pawn shop played by Gena Rowlands. A widow who is barely getting by living in her Winnebago, Ivy buys Paulie who then convinces her to help find Marie. The wise little bird reminds Ivy that her home has wheels, and together they embark on a cross-country mission to find the little girl.

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SWM, 28, 6', medium-build, dark hair, blue eyes, enjoys sports, movies, music and dancing, seeks SWF, 18-38. Ad#.7777

SOMEONE SPECIAL FOR ME
Professional SWM, 49, 5'11", slim, dark hair, green eyes, outgoing and friendly, enjoys dining out and music, movies and the theatre, family time and more, seeks an attractive, SWF, under 44. Ad#.8345

SOLITARY MAN
Handsome SWM, 36, N/S, attentive, creative, honest, witty, enjoys animals, birding, cooking, country life, fishing, seeks adorable, genuine, metaphysically-minded SWF, for lasting relationship. Ad#.4321

FRIENDS FIRST
Ambitious SBCM,33, 5'5", 230lbs., muscular, focused, outgoing, loving, affectionate, loves the Lord, enjoys the outdoors, and more, seeks SWCF, under 35, for serious relationship. Ad#.8915

BACK TO BASICS
SWM, 34, 6'3", enjoys being outdoors, long walks, good conversation, seeking a trustful SWF, 27-40, for friendship, possible long term relationship. Ad#.7543

A NEW CHAPTER
Warm, caring DWCM, 40, 5'10", hobbies are golf, biking, horseback riding, weightlifting, seeks SWCF, 30-38. Ad#.1414

HERE HE IS
Handsome, outgoing DWM, 27, 5'11", enjoys playing ice and roller hockey, movies and music, dining out and more, seeks a SWF. Ad#.1270

NEW TO DATING
DWM, 46, 5'11", physically fit, friendly, open minded, newly divorced, seeks SWF, under 50, for friendship. Ad#.4952

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SWM, 26, 6'1", honest, dependable, employed, enjoys working out, snow skiing, hot rods, dining out and more, seeks a SWF, 24-27, with similar interests. Ad#.1957

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SHY GUY
SWCM, 21, 6', college student, has variety of interests, enjoys sports, seeks SWCF, 18-25, for a relationship. Ad#.4187

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SW dad, 71, 5'11", N/S, outgoing, enjoys playing cards, big band music, traveling, cuddling, seeks honest, SWF, 65-78, to spend quality time with. Ad#.8550

BACK TO BASICS
DW dad, 40, 5'8", smoker, social drinker, friendly, enjoys boating, camping, dancing, seeks SWF, 35-45, with same interests. Ad#.1056

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

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

GOOD CHOICE
Handsome DWCM, 55, 5'11", slim, brown hair, blue eyes, seeks thin, adventurous SWC, 40's gal, under 50, for flying, romance, travel and more. Ad#.3303

A MUSIC LOVER
SWCM, 45, 5'9", medium build, from Brighton area, likes dancing, bowling, dining out, seeking a SWCF, under 55, N/S, for possible relationship. Ad#.1469

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INCURABLE ROMANTIC
SWM, 38, 5'10", 170lbs., blue eyes, interests include tennis, golf, bowling, seeking compassionate, humorous SF, 25-40, for loving relationship. Ad#.5921

CHARMING
DW dad, 27, 6'5", 200lbs., hobbies are outdoor activities, snowmobiles, movies, shooting pool, horses, stock cars, seeks fun SWF, 22-32. Ad#.4240

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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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Copp leads all-area volleyball team

What this year's all-area first team lacks in size, it more than made up for with its incredible heart.

Despite the fact that Brighton ran away from the rest of the Kensington Valley Conference (KVC) this season, Novi and South Lyon made the Bulldogs earn the conference title. The two teams then challenged each other for second place, which the two ended up sharing.

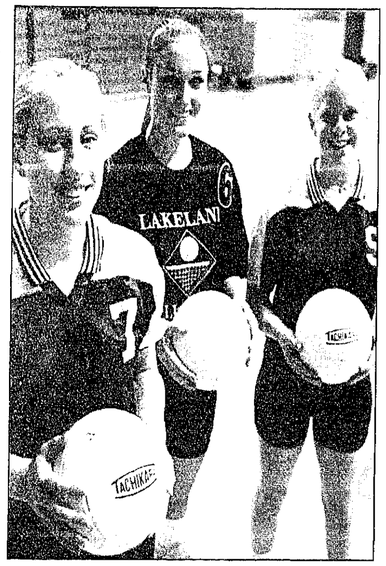
Novi nearly knocked off Brighton in the regular-season finale, taking a game. South Lyon finished the season 25-11-9, marking the best win-loss percentage in school history. Coach Ed Baldwin experienced another first, the Lions had two girls with over 300 kills, something new to South Lyon volleyball.

Lakeland finished with a respectable .500 season in the league and went 8-7 in overall dual competition under the direction of a new coach. Milford continues to rebuild its program.

"I think we're building a strong program here in Novi," coach Julie Fisette said. "I think the teams in the KVC are getting better playing each other. Just look at Brighton, South Lyon and Lakeland."

Northville had its best conference finish in a long time this year. The Mustangs finished second in the Western Division of the Western Lakes Activities Association (WLAA). Coach Laura Murray's team then finished fifth at the conference tournament. Ashley Ossola became the first Mustang in Murray's seven years of coaching to be named to the all-conference first team.

Here's a closer look at a group of six girls who made a difference on the local volleyball scene and earned top honors by *Hometown Newspapers* for the 1997-98 winter sports season.



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Hometown's top team (l to r) Kellie Kern, Jackie Smith, Stacy Hover, Ashley Ossola, Katie Copp and Lauren Metaj.

Jackie Smith
Lakeland senior

Smith finished her senior campaign with solid numbers in every statistical category.

She tallied 168 kills and 160 digs. She racked up 48 blocks and served 25 aces.

Coach Vaughn Smith called Jackie Smith a strong all around player.

"Her strongest asset is her attitude," Smith said. "She's a true competitor."

Smith received All-Kensington Valley Conference honors for her contributions this year.

Ashley Ossola
Northville senior

Ossola set the standard for Northville volleyball this season, being named first-team all-conference and first-team all-region in Wayne County.

The senior outside hitter was a three-year starter and two year captain for the Mustangs, who finished 19-15-3.

"She is by far the most technically correct player Northville has had due to the tremendous number of hours she has put in the AAU program in the off season," Murray said. "She's very demanding of herself and has become one of the best players in the Western Lakes' conference."

Ossola led her team in kills (241), aces (53) and digs (190) and was the most consistent player.

"She not only had the respect of the entire conference, she had the respect of her teammates," Murray said. "She was always very willing to help her teammates and she really stepped up her leadership."

Ossola was the scholar-athlete award winner on her team and was named to the all-conference and Wayne County academic teams. She has earned a scholarship to play volleyball at Northwestern University.

Lauren Metaj
Northville senior

Metaj's name has draped the sports pages each fall for four years now, but Lauren Metaj made a name for herself on the volleyball court this winter.

The senior captain turned in her best all-around year while helping her team to a top five finish in the WLAA. She was second on the team in kills (142) and digs (97) and earned all-division honors while making the Wayne County all-region second team. She was an honorable mention selection on the all-area team last season.

"She is not trained in the technique of volleyball, but she has great jumping ability, great strength and great timing," her coach said. "It's amazing how her and Ashley (Ossola) contrast each other. She's a tremendous athlete."

Metaj moved from the right side to outside hitter this year and became a major offensive threat for Northville.

"She always came up big with the hit when we needed it," Murray said. "It's nice to see her put the entire package together her senior year."

Katie Copp
Novi senior

A real leader on the court, Copp led her Wildcat team to a third-straight runner up finish in the KVC with an impressive 9-3 record. The senior middle hitter was second on the team with 141 kills and her 140 blocks led the area netters.

"The thing about Katie is she got better each year, became a good leader on the court and had the talent to back it up," Fisette said. "She really took charge this year and she has always been there to pull games out for us."

Copp made first-team all-KVC and won the leadership award for her team. She was also on the student-athlete team for maintaining a 3.0 grade point average or better.

Stacy Hover
South Lyon senior

Hover was part of a two-hitter tandem that was tough to beat this season at South Lyon. Hover and Kellie Kern tallied well over 300 kills each this season. Hover's 325 kills broke the old record of 307 for a season.

She finished her senior campaign with 59 aces.

Hover is a third year varsity player and a team captain. She was an All-KVC player this year.

Kellie Kern
South Lyon junior

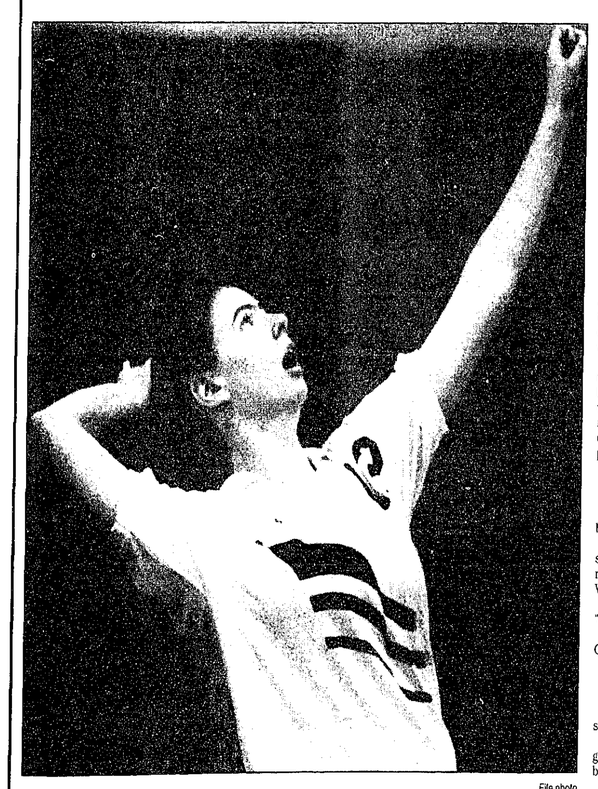
Kern's 387 kills shattered the South Lyon record of 307 kills. The total was the most Coach Ed Baldwin has ever seen in his 23 years of coaching.

"Stacy and Kellie, that's the best combination on the outside," Baldwin said. "We're pretty much a two-hitter team. That's what Brighton shut down. But, the girls are young and Kellie will be back next year."

Kern has been the primary passer for the Lions the last two seasons and returns for her senior year in 1999. A captain on this year's team, Kern and the Lions were one win away from the best season ever. Brighton stopped South Lyon in the district final.

In addition to her phenomenal hitting season, Kern finished the year with 20 blocks and a spot on the All-KVC team.

Spindler, Heusel head up strong second-team



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Sara Heusel (above) and Erin Spindler made Hometown's all-area second team.

Novi is the only team to have two girls on squad

With the success *Hometown Newspaper's* schools have had this season on the volleyball court, it's not surprising to see a wealth of individual talent as well.

It takes six girls to comprise a team, and the six who made Hometown's second-team all area were critical to each of their respective team's success. Take a closer look at these girls' accomplishments:

ALL AREA VOLLEYBALL

First Team

name	school	grade	height
Ashley Ossola	Northville	12	5-10
Lauren Metaj	Northville	12	5-8
Jackie Smith	Lakeland	12	5-9
Katie Copp	Novi	12	5-10
Kellie Kern	South Lyon	11	5-6
Stacy Hover	South Lyon	12	5-5

Second Team

name	school	grade	height
Lindsay Dale	Milford	12	5-10
Tanya Roth	South Lyon	12	5-7
Sara Heusel	Novi	12	5-8
Erin Spindler	Novi	12	5-7
Stacy Larson	Lakeland	12	5-11
Meredith Hasse	Northville	10	6-1

Honorable mention

Lakeland - Martha Digsby, Heather Adams, Ann Bryngelson
Milford - Christina Sanglier, Hayley Myers, Nicole Mukavetz
Northville - Tara Driscoll, Kelly Gotec, Janel Hasse
Novi - Jessica Roemer, Emily Waller
South Lyon - Fran Hamilton, Melanie Williams

Stacy Larson
Lakeland senior

Larson was an athletic spark to the Eagle volleyball squad.

The middle blocker had 141 kills and 80 digs this season, helping her Lakeland team to an 8-7 overall record under the direction of first year coach Vaughn Smith.

"She's very intense when she's on," Smith said. "She's very hard to stop."

Larson was a member of the All-Kensington Valley Conference team.

Lindsay Dale
Milford senior

This four-year outside hitter captained her Milford squad for the season year in a row.

"She a definitely a team leader, not to mention a great athlete and an all-around exceptional volleyball player," Coach Lisa Ebert said.

Ebert called Dale a hard worker who did a good job keeping the team focused and positive throughout a frustrating season.

Dale finished with 149 kills, 57 aces and 195 digs. She was named to the All-KVC team, All-KVC Academic team. Dale also received her team's Most Valuable Player Award.

Meredith Hasse
Northville sophomore

Hasse, just a sophomore, made up for her lack of experience with size (6-foot-1) and work ethic (voted most improved by her teammates).

Her role changed from setter and right-side blocker to middle hitter when junior Allison Baja went down with an injury back in December. Hasse answered by leading the team in blocks (50) and finished second in hitting efficiency (.310). She also finished in the top five in kills (126), aces (22) and assists (146).

"Meredith really picked it up at the end of the year," coach Laura Murray said. "She's a tremen-

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Hockey fans are in for real treat

Jason Schmitt

First just let me say, "Novi your in for a treat."

With the school boards recent decision to add hockey to the winter sports venue at Novi High School, sports fans have been given the chance to see some of the best high school sports *around*.

I had never covered hockey at any level until Northville took to the ice for the very first time this past season. I'm glad I had the chance.

In just its first season, the Mustangs were 17-8-1 and beat Milford 4-3 for the district title. For the fans who stuck with Northville the entire year, it was a dream come true. For the ones that missed out on Mustang hockey, there's always next year.

That now can be said about Novi hockey. High school hockey is growing, and with the decision of many travel hockey players to join their high school hockey teams, the quality of competition has never been higher.

"When kids in your community make the decision to play for their high school teams, you can have a *successful first season like we had*," said Northville coach Brad O'Neill. "High School hockey should not be frowned upon. Every year there's new teams coming in and it may take them a few years to get going. But the brand of hockey is getting much better."

Novi will join the Kensington Valley Conference next season, and although success like Northville's can not be expected, it is not at all out of the realm of possibility. Dedication will be the key, not only from the players, but from everybody involved.

I know the pay-to-play question came into the mix, and I understand the concerns many people had about this issue. I can't change anybody's mind, but I once participated in a club sport, tennis, and understood the financial responsibilities involved with racquet clubs and equipment. I would easily spend $500 per year on tennis after adding up club costs, clothing costs and tennis racket expenditures. In fact, it added up to well over $500. But you know what, I didn't care. I didn't care because I was involved with something that molded me into the person I am today. Thanks mom.

I have to congratulate all of those involved with making this happen. The parents, schools, the city parks and recreation department and the Community Clubs of Novi all did a splendid job of making 22 kids dreams come true.

I know I for one will be waiting in anticipation for that first puck to be dropped, even though that hasn't been scheduled yet. I just hope the fans realize how electrifying and exciting high school hockey can be. If they don't next season, they will in the year 2000.

Jason Schmitt is the sports editor for the Novi News and Northville Record.

Gabrielli signs at Detroit

Novi senior catcher Matthew Gabrielli has signed a letter-of-intent to play baseball at the University of Detroit in the fall.

Gabrielli is entering his third season on the varsity squad at Novi, after having an outstanding junior campaign. Last season the catcher batted .475, which was third in the area, and earned all-area honors by *Hometown Newspapers* and first team honors by the *Oakland Press*.

One of the top catchers in the conference, Gabrielli has played with the Little Caesars Elite team the last two summers and has attended the Mark Avery Catchers Camp the past two winters.

He will study engineering while at U of D.

Matt Gabrielli

All-area second team has Novi flair

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dous blocker and I think she amazed her teammates with how much better she became this year."

Her merits landed her on the honorable mention all-Western Lakes Activities Association team in her first year on varsity.

"She's only a sophomore and she really loves the game," her coach said. "Skies the limit."

Sara Heusel
Novi senior

An intelligent player, Heusel used her head as much as anyone, outsmarting opponents while collecting a team-high 142 kills at her outside hitter position.

The senior was named first-team all Kensington Valley Conference and won the teamwork award in voting by her Novi teammates. Her 4.0 grade-point average landed her on the all-academic KVC team.

"She's a very intelligent player on and off the court," coach Julie Fisette said. "She knows where to put the ball and she always plays with a level head."

She was among the area leaders in both blocks and aces.

Erin Spindler
Novi senior

The senior setter was a workhorse while on the court and in the classroom. Spindler played in 98 games this season, and is a 4.0 student like Heusel.

She earned all-conference first-team honors and proved to be a floor leader for the Wildcats.

"She's everything you want in a setter," her coach said. "She's smart, consistent and she really came through for us. You can say so much about Erin because she is in such great mental and physical shape. She definitely was my floor captain.

Tanya Roth
South Lyon senior

The senior defensive specialist was the first server on the Lions' squad. Roth served 91 percent and rocked opponents with 85 aces.

Along with South Lyon's two first team honorees, Roth also broke a school record this season. She served 279 points this year, breaking the record of 272 service points set in the 1991-92 season.

Roth earned a KVC honorable mention for her efforts this season.

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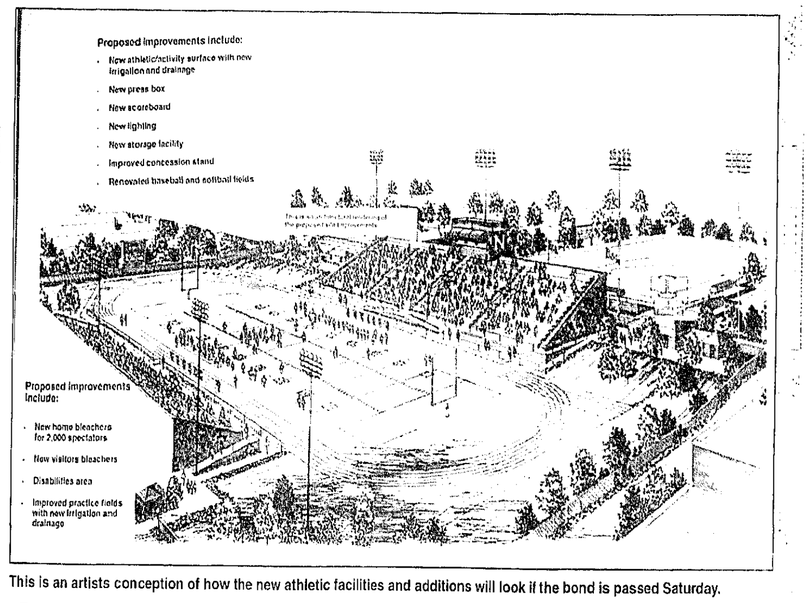
Two cagers earn all-KVC honors

Junior guard Larry Drury was named to the Kensington Valley Conference all-league basketball team in voting by coaches last week. Senior guard Ben Cunningham earned second-team honors.

Drury earned eight points, the last of the first team members selected. Milford's Justin Williams' 14 points were the most of any player, and Brighton's Drew Henson gathered 13 points. Howell's Pat Kennedy was third with 12 points, Tom See of Hartland fourth with 11 points, Eric Keppen of Howell fifth with 10 points and Bill Nash of Milford sixth with nine points.

The second team was comprised of Gary Neighbors of South Lyon (7 points), Josh Olnik of Brighton (6), Jon Porta of Hartland (5), Greg Hix of Milford (4), Cunningham (3), Dan Bahr of Lakeland (2) and Steve Command of Brighton (1).

Junior Kyle Snearly and senior Dan Colligan earned honorable mention honors.



This is an artists conception of how the new athletic facilities and additions will look if the bond is passed Saturday.

Safety should not be overlooked

Jason Schmitt

Now that Novi has one of the premier indoor athletic complexes in the state, the district will focus its attention on bringing its outdoor facilities up to par.

With recent attempts to fix the problem at the high school stadium field failing, the only legitimate way to fix the problem is to spend a little money and put forth trust in the experts.

Just looking down the list of renovations and additions, I see many, many different parties benefiting, not just the kids.

For the dedicated fans and parents who brave the cold winterlike evenings of late October and late April, new bleachers would be a heaven sent. Last fall, when Northville played Novi in the season finale, many fans like me who didn't bring a seat cushion had to sit through the entire game with wet, dirty pants from the rotting wooden bleachers. That made it very tough to take notes and focus my attention on the game.

New bleachers would be built for not only the 2,000 plus home fans, but the 1,000 visiting fans. I've heard Novi fans talk about other stadiums throughout the area and how nice it is to attend a game there, but I've never heard other school's fans rant and rave about Novi's. What's going on here? Novi should be proud to host home games and district tournaments, not have to reschedule soccer tournaments at Plymouth Canton because their facility is better.

The current field at the high school stadium doesn't even meet the current soccer requirements for size. The fields are too small, limiting the playing area for some of the state's best soccer players who reside here in Novi.

And if the bond is passed and the issues on the list are taken care of, I think the most important issue of all would be greatly avoided.

That is the issue of injury amongst the athletes and band members.

Safety is one issue I will accept an excuse for. If something can be done to prevent possible injuries, then what are we waiting for. I understand it will cost everyone some money to have these problems dealt with, but can you put a price on safety. I think not.

Jason Schmitt is the sports editor for the Novi News.

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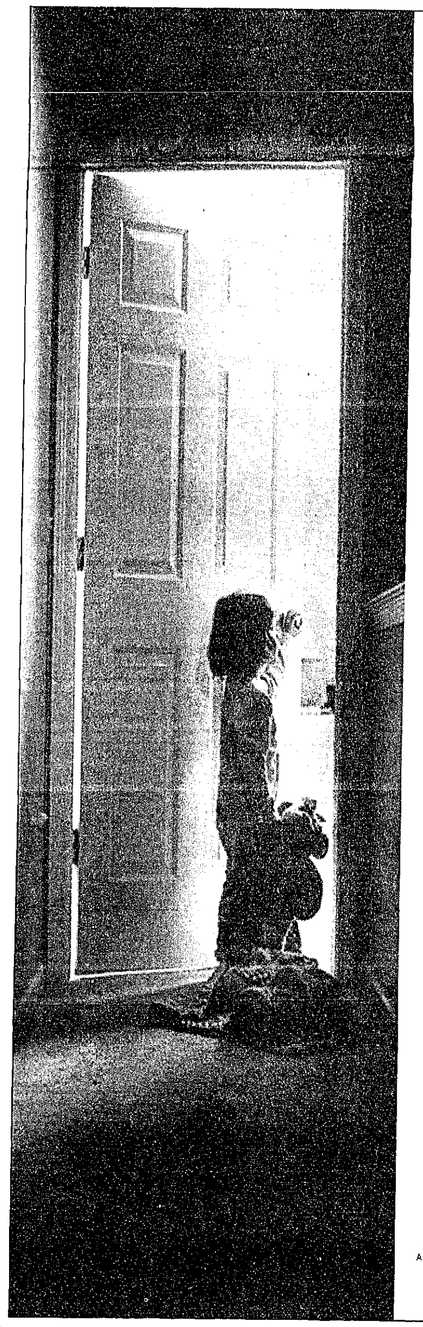

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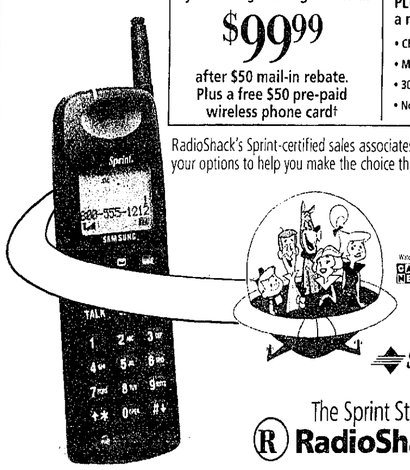

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Health Column

Sports drinks can make a difference

Chris Klebba

You are about to begin, or have just completed an intense sport, activity, or workout, and you're browsing the glowing sports drink selections at your local retailer or health club. You can't help but think of the famous athlete downing one of these drinks on a TV advertisement last night, or recalling the coolers of Gatorade or some other brand on the sidelines of your Sunday football game. Do they help? What is your best choice and why?

Americans guzzled more than $900 million worth of these sports drinks last year. Let us place them into three categories to help evaluate their purpose and value.

• Fluid replacement drinks. These drinks like Gatorade, Powerade and All Sport are very popular. They are full of sugar and sodium, which speed fluid absorption. They essentially flood your tissues and blood with water. They differ from water in that they contain glucose, which helps pump up your blood sugar. Blood sugars are what muscles turn to for additional energy during extended exercise.

These drinks also replenish electrolytes as well, minerals like salt and potassium that your body loses when you perspire, and what your body needs for normal metabolism. There are probably 20 or so players in this line of drinks and there are minimal nutritional differences between brands.

• Carbohydrate loading drinks. The primary goal of these drinks is not to replenish fluids but to help build energy stores for better and longer capacity. There is a wide difference among these drink suppliers, calories can range from 100 to 400 or more, and the carbohydrate amount from 10 to 50 grams or more.

• Recovery drinks. Used immediately after your event or activity to aid in recovery, also used for pre-exercise in lieu of food. These drinks range from cans, bottles and mix-it-yourself powders. They are usually high carbohydrate drinks with significant amounts of protein, fats and vitamins as well as electrolytes. Calories can range from a few hundred to a few thousand.

In summary, all three categories are meant to help you have more energy for your event or activity, allowing you to perform it better and longer. Do they do it? Most data supports the value of these drinks for moderate to high intensity activities lasting about 60 minutes or longer.

Researchers at Georgia State University put runners on a treadmill for about 90 minutes at about 70 percent of maximum. This was followed by a 10K time trial race. During the entire session, subjects drank either a sports drink or a placebo beverage that looked and tasted like the sports drink. Results showed that the sports drink group ran the 10K significantly faster. (The difference became evident after the subjects reached the four mile point.) Moreover, those who took the sports drink rated their effort as being easier than the placebo group did.

Another recent study conducted at the University of South Carolina reported similar results with a group of active but untrained people with cycling as the activity. Other studies using a wide variety of activities at leading universities also found similar results.

In the end, the exact mechanism by which these drinks may improve performance needs further investigation. But the results are encouraging, and although food is always the best source, these drinks can supply a convenient alternative for an energy boost after a long day.

This article was written by Chris Klebba, owner and operator of the Water Wheel Health Club in Northville and a certified personal fitness instructor.

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Health Notes

Focus on Living

"Focus on Living," a self-help group for cancer patients and their families, meets the first Wednesday of each month at St. Mary Hospital.

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.

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.

Well Child Clinic

Oakland County Health Division's Child Health Clinics provide free ongoing well care for children from birth to school entry. Families who do not have an HMO or Medicaid may be eligible. Clinics are held at 12 locations throughout Oakland County.

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

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.

Tee Off with TRACC

It's time for golfers to register for Botsford's Total Rehabilitation and Athletic Conditioning Center program, Tee Off with TRACC.

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.

Poison Proof

During National Poison Prevention Week, Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital pharmacists will present a program about poison prevention in the home. Learn how to choose plants and products carefully, use and store products safely, and prepare for a poisoning emergency. The program will be held on Thursday, March 19, at 7 p.m. There is no fee for the class.

To register or for information, call 1-888-DMC-2500.

Botsford General Hospital Community Calendar for March:

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 Blood Pressure

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.

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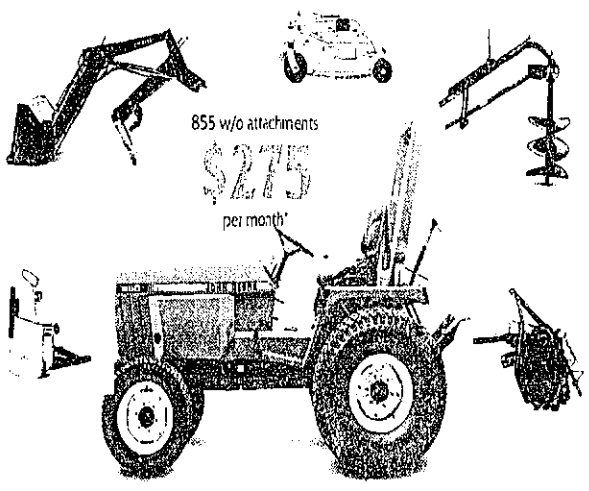

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