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Expo parking plan entangled in court suit

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

The Novi Expo Center, Inc. and the actual owners of the property are embroiled in two lawsuits over how vacant land on the site will be further developed.

Seeking to stop plans by the Expo Center to build additional on-site parking, the Southfield-based Adell Brothers Children's Trust, which owns the 300,000-square-foot building and leases it to the Expo Center, instead, the trust aims to construct a hotel on the vacant portion of the land, south of the Rouge River.

Blair Bowman, president of the Novi Expo Center, said plans to build additional parking have been in place for "literally years."

"We intend to pursue the construction of additional on-site parking we need for our continued existence under the zoning," Bowman said.

"We feel strongly we will prevail."

Frank Adell, a member of the Trust, would not discuss the issue.

"I'm sorry, I can't give you any comment. It's in litigation," Adell said.

In a lawsuit against the Expo Center, the Adell Trust is asking Oakland County Circuit Court Judge Fred Mester for a declaratory judgment banning the parking

lot and a jury trial, as well as over \$25,000 in damages.

The lawsuit filed against the Expo Center charges that it breached its agreement "by taking steps to build a parking lot on property that the trust has the exclusive right to utilize."

The Expo Center then sued its landlords, requesting that the trust be barred from developing the land and the center be granted the right to build more parking spaces. Damages in excess of \$25,000 are also asked for, as is a jury trial.

In 1992, the Expo Center, Inc. leased the vacant building that formerly housed the Mohawk Liquor Company, as well as the parking lot, water tower and surrounding vacant real estate. Along with an option to purchase the site, the ten-year lease comes with a unilateral option on the tenant's part to renew the lease for another ten years.

The lease also says that no improvements to the property valued at more than \$50,000 may be made without the written consent of the landlord.

Over the past five years, the Expo Center's lawyers say the business has paid \$3 million in rent and spent \$2 million in improving the site, including paving the parking lot and

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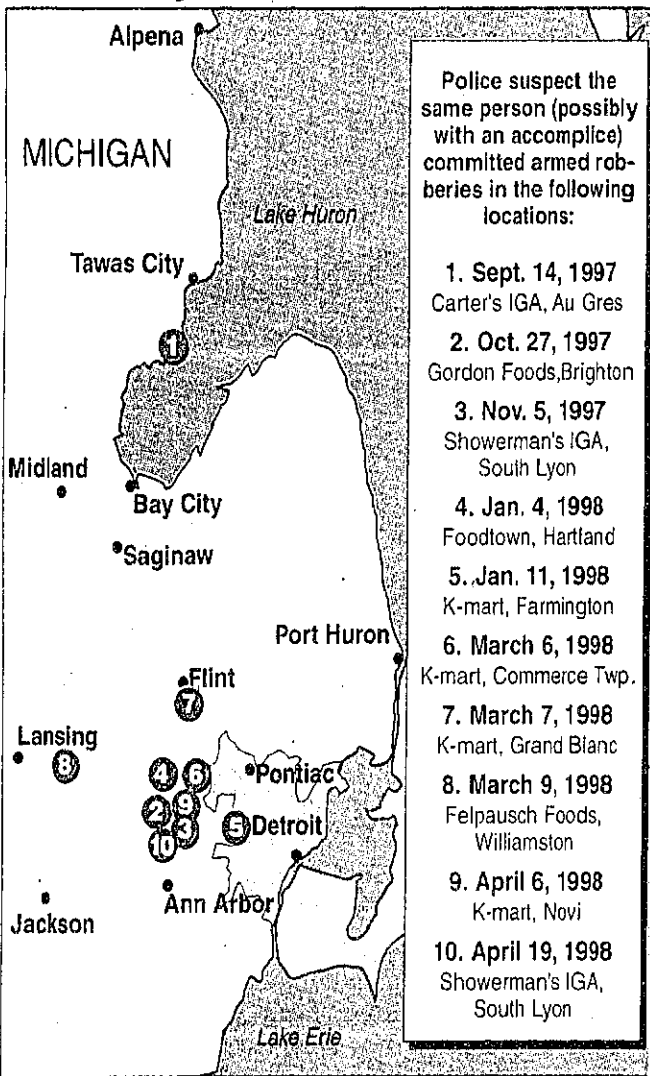
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The voice of Novi High

Novi High School students and WOVI deejays Erin McQuinn and Allison Cohen, right, were both recently recognized by the Michigan Association of Educational Broadcasters with a

Performance Award of 1998 for a spot they produced at the high school radio station. WOVI can be heard 89.5 FM. The station manager is teacher David Legg.

Robbery dates and locations



Atkins found guilty in Wixom shooting

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

Tears of joy, loss and relief flowed from the family and friends of the Brighton man killed Nov. 14, 1996 in the Ford Wixom Plant Shooting after Gerald Atkins was found guilty of first degree murder Monday.

Atkins, however, showed no emotion and left the courtroom with no reaction.

The conviction means a mandatory life sentence for the 32-year-old Wixom man. Atkins will be officially sentenced April 30 at 8:30 a.m. in Judge David Breck's courtroom in Oakland County Circuit Court.

Atkins was convicted of first degree murder for the killing of 57-year-old Darrell Lizard and on 24 other counts. Atkins, dressed in camouflage, ran through the plant shooting at management personnel and police officers. Hourly employees scattered and ran for their lives. The lone gunman evaded police in a drainage culvert for nearly five hours while traffic on the I-96 freeway was

THE ATKINS TRIAL

brought to a halt.

After he surrendered, Atkins told police he was angered by political literature at the plant and wanted to save the woman he loved from what he called "a prison."

Darrell's daughter, Kim Lizard, told reporters she was happy the jury rejected the insanity plea.

"We believe he knew what he was doing and I had faith others would too," Kim said.

Assistant Prosecutor Cheryl Matthews said the verdict was a statement from the jury that people must be held responsible for their actions.

"Now the defendant can't go on to hurt other people," she explained outside the courtroom.

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Submitted photo

Twenty Novi High seniors made the highest grades this year.

Novi High names '98 vals and sals

By ERIC DOBSON
Staff Writer

This year there are a total of 20 valedictorians and salutatorians at Novi High School, according to principal Dr. Jennifer Cheal.

It is the largest number of valedictorians and salutatorians in recent years for Novi High School. "We're really quite honored to

have this many students this year," she said.

Dr. Jennifer Cheal announced the 1997-98 senior class valedictorians and salutatorians April 9. To qualify as a valedictorian, a student must maintain an A average in every class taken throughout high school. Requirements for

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Robber caught in the act by South Lyon cops

By KEVIN SHOPSHIRE
Staff Writer

A crime spree through four counties, including Novi, came to an abrupt end Sunday night with a hail of gunfire at Showerman's IGA in South Lyon.

Kevin Alexander, a 34-year-old Farmington man, was shot and wounded by officers from the South Lyon Police Department as he tried to make his escape from the rear of the store just minutes after allegedly robbing an undisclosed amount of cash from the store at gun point. Alexander is also suspected in a series of nine

other similar robberies, including last year's November robbery at Showerman's.

South Lyon Police Chief Lloyd Collins said Sgt. Christopher Sovik was in the store at closing time, around 10:05 p.m., when the robbery occurred. Police had been making very visible patrols at the supermarket since it was robbed Nov. 5 of last year by a masked gunman.

Sovik observed a man wearing a ski mask emerge from his hiding place behind a large walk-in cooler at the back of the store. He

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Reunited

Three-year-old returned to mom after 10-month-long kidnapping

By ERIC DOBSON
Staff Writer

Denali Sipes took his mother's hand at Detroit Metropolitan Airport. He had just stepped off a plane from Texas, an incredible 10 month journey behind him.

"Are you mad at me, Mom?" Denali asked.

On April 14, Julie Sundberg of Novi sighed away the months of stress and fear built around the thought that she would never see her son again. The search was over.

Bennett Wayne Sipes is accused of kidnapping his son Denali Sipes June 14, 1997. He fled a week before Father's Day, five days before he was to be sentenced after being convicted on a criminal sexual conduct charge committed against an 11-year-old girl. He forfeited the \$10,000 bond that had temporarily freed him and took his son with him.

For some 10 months the father and son traveled the western part of the country, visiting the Grand

Canyon, Las Vegas, Indian reservations and staying at campgrounds.

It was at one such campground in San Antonio, Texas that a female employee became suspicious of Sipes. She later told law enforcement officials that he seemed wrong, nervous.

Sipes had told the campground employee that he was from Ann Arbor, Michigan. He also supplied her with a false name and license plate number.

The employee called Ann Arbor police, gave a description of Sipes, and set in motion the last plays of a hunt that included the FBI, Oakland County's Fugitive Apprehension Team and Novi police detectives.

Sipes is now in federal custody awaiting extradition from Texas. It could be an easy task, said Novi Detective Dennis Jelly, or Sipes could try to fight extradition.

"If he waives his extradition

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

Thursday, April 23

Novi Rotary

The Novi Rotary Club meets at noon at the Novi United Methodist Church at 41671 Ten Mile Road. For information, contact Bob Lambright at 390-6500.

Board of Education

The Novi schools Board of Education meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Middle School.

Bands perform

The Novi High and Michigan State University bands perform in the Fuent Auditorium of Novi High School at 7 p.m.

Spring Fling

The Orchard Hills Spring Fling will be held at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Rd., beginning at 6 p.m.

Activity Night

Activity Night will be held at the Novi Middle School beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 26

Art at the Park

Parkview Elementary will host its annual Art at the Park at the school.

Monday, April 27

Arts Council

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

City Council

Novi City Council meets in regular session at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Rd.

Tuesday, April 28

Talk to your kids

How to Talk to Your Kids about Alcohol and Drugs, a student assistance program, will be presented from 7-9 p.m. at the Clifford Smart Middle School, 8500 Commerce Road in Commerce Township. The program will be presented by Cheryl Abel, student assistance coordinator for Walled Lake's middle schools. Participants will learn strategies and resistance skills for talking with their children about alcohol, tobacco and other drugs. Call (248) 960-8566 to register or for more information.

Novi Concert Band rehearsal

The Novi Concert Band rehearses at 7:30 p.m. at Novi Meadows School. For information, call (248) 932-9244.

ZONTA

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

ventions, call (313) 538-8043.

Business Network International

The Novi chapter of The Business Network International meets from 7-8:30 a.m. at Kerby's Roney Island at Eight Mile and Haggerty roads. For information, call the BNI regional office at (734) 397-9939.

Civil Air Patrol

The Stinger 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.

Youth Assistance

Novi Youth Assistance Board will meet at 7 p.m. in the Novi Community School Educational Services Building, 25457 Taft Rd.

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

The Novi area chapter of F.E.M.A.L.E. (Formerly Employed Mothers at the Leading Edge) meets at Providence Mission Health Center, 39530 W. Ten Mile Rd., Conference Room A, for more information call Janet at (248) 947-5934.

Camera Club

The Novi Camera Club meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center. For more information, call Hugh Crawford at 349-5879.

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.

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.

Parkview PTO

The Parkview Elementary PTO meets at the school at 7 p.m.

Wednesday, April 29

Talk to your kids

How to Talk to Your Kids about Alcohol and Drugs, a student assistance program, will be presented from 7-9 p.m. at the Walled Lake Middle School, 46720 W. Pontiac Trail. The program will be presented by Cheryl Abel, student assistance coordinator for Walled Lake's middle schools. Participants will learn strategies and resistance skills for talking with their children about alcohol, tobacco and other drugs. Call (248) 960-8566 to register or for more information.

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Sunday, May 3

Novi Concert Band Spring Concert

The Novi Concert Band, under the direction of Jack Koppick, will present its Spring Concert at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 West Ten Mile Road, at 7:30 p.m. The band will present a varied program from overtures to show tunes, from Dixieland to Sousa. The concert is free.

Monday, May 4

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. (248) 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, May 5

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

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You Auto Know

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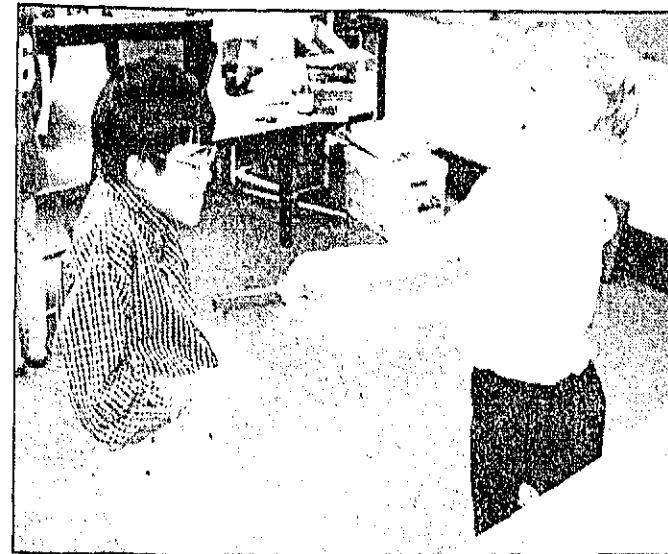


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Ewe!

Parkview Elementary School second-grader Haley Miller (above) has a bit of trouble convincing Patrick Lee that the sheep eye she's holding is harmless during their classes' session studying sight and optics. The class got to dissect sheep eyes and study their make-up. At right, Parkview Elementary School parent-volunteer Judie Thomas watches pupils who have varying degrees of interest in the project. From left are Haley Miller, Alison Thomas, the repulsed Anthony Danous, and Kristina Engja.



Founder of Simpson Race Products named to Motorsports Hall of Fame

Motorsports safety equipment manufacturer Bill Simpson has been chosen to receive the Motorsports Hall of Fame's prestigious Heritage Award for his lifetime contribution to racing.

Simpson, founder of Simpson Race Products, has been involved in motorsports for over four decades. A drag racing accident in 1958 led him to develop a parachute that would stop a driver. That parachute was his first piece of safety equipment that saw popular use in motorsports. Simpson went on to develop a least shield fireproof and the revolutionary RX-1 helmet. His products have increased safety protection and comfort for countless racers.

Simpson will receive the Heritage Award at the 10th annual Motorsports Hall of Fame induction ceremony and banquet held on June 3 at Detroit's historic State Theater. Presenting the award will be

Chrysler's Francois Castaing, who is this year's honorary chairman.

Simpson will accept his award along with the 1998 class of inductees to the Motorsports Hall of Fame of America: Four-time Indy 500 winner, Rick Mears (Open Wheel); pioneer NASCAR driver Buck Baker (Stock Cars); drag racing driver, builder and owner "Dino" Don Nicholson (Drag Racing); the late Cam-Am and Formula One champ Denis Hulme (Sports Cars); the late air racer and experimental test pilot Steve Wittman (Air Racing); the late Mercury outboard builder and industrialist, Carl Kerkhauser (Powerboats); four-time AMA Grand National champion

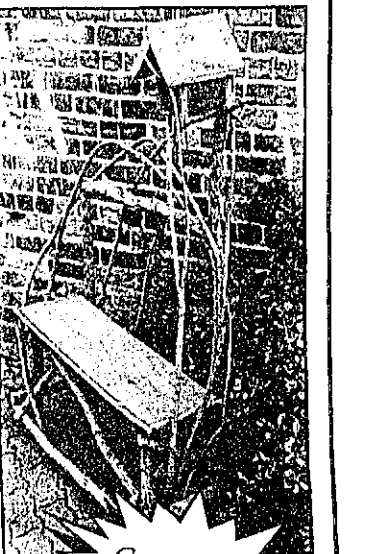
Carroll Reescher (Motorcycles); the late Indy car crew chief Clint Brawner (AI-Large); and a pair of legendary Indy car drivers, Tommy Milton and Jimmy Murphy (Historic).

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Flasher hits mall for third time

Three girls, ages 13 and 14, reported that a white male exposed himself to them April 15 at the Twelve Oaks Mall.

This is the third time a man hitting the same description has been reported for flashing teenagers girls at the mall.

The man is described as a white male and wearing a Miami Dolphins sweatshirt, a ball cap, and gray sweatpants.

RINGS STOLEN

Employees at Heiberg Diamonds in the Twelve Oaks Mall reported the theft of seven diamond rings valued at \$79,800.

The rings were stolen April 19 from a display case that was believed to have been locked. There were no signs of forced entry however.

In statements given to police, the four store employees stated that two men and a woman entered the store at the same time although they did not appear to be together.

It is believed that while the employees were helping the trio, their backs turned to the display case, that the rings were snatched by unknown suspects.

Security cameras were on at the time of the robbery but were not positioned so the display case was in view.

The police have no suspects at this time, and the identities of the three shoppers is unknown.

Police News

RETAIL FRAUD

A man was arrested at the Sears store in the Twelve Oaks Mall April 19 for retail fraud. Security at the store witnessed a man taking a Sears bag from behind a cash register. A short time later, he was seen placing two men's shirts in the bag.

As the man passed several stalled registers with the bag containing the shirts on his way out of the store he was stopped by store security and detained until police arrived. He was arrested and taken into custody.

MORE RETAIL FRAUD

Two women are accused of retail fraud after they returned several video games, believed to be stolen, using ripped and forged receipts at the Toys R Us store in Novi April 18.

The same two women are suspected in passing off the bad receipts at two other Toys R Us stores in Sterling Heights and Midland earlier that same day.

The manager of the Midland Toys R Us sent out a "be on the lookout" bulletin with descriptions of the women after she discovered that the ink on the receipts was blue. Only black ink is used by Toys R Us stores for receipts. The women

are accused of making off with over \$445 in refunds from the Midland store, and another \$222.57 in refunds from the Sterling Heights store.

A cashier recognized the description of one of the women who was trying to return the video games. The store manager then notified the police who apprehended the two women.

CAR DAMAGE

On April 18, a resident of Fountain Park Apartments reported that the rear and both sides of his truck had been gouged and scratched. The resident also told police that he had seen three teenagers boys and a girl in the area earlier, and that they were acting suspiciously.

WINDOW BUSTED

On April 17, a vehicle parked on Carolina Street had its window busted. The owner reported several pieces of stereo equipment valued at over \$500 was stolen.

FLOORING THEFT

A man reported that five boxes of Pergo Flooring was taken from the back of his pickup on April 17. The pick-up was parked in front of the Daumon Hardware in the Oak Point Plaza. There were no suspects or witnesses.

Plaza. There were no suspects or witnesses.

AUTO THEFT

On April 19, a man reported that his 1991 Ford Escort Wagon was stolen from the front of his house on Mariga sometime during the night.

DEFLATED

A Novi High School student reported that his car which was parked in the school parking lot April 18 had been keyed, all four tires deflated and the front right quarter panel kicked and dented. The student says he knows of no one who is mad at him, or would have any reason to commit the crime. There are no suspects.

CAR FIRE

On April 19, the owner of Thomas Concrete called the Novi Fire Department to report that his 1991 Lexus was on fire. The man told police that he heard the cars alarm going off and noticed that the front drivers window was smashed out and the interior of the car was engulfed in flames.

An employee that had left the business two hours prior to the incident stated that he didn't observe any damage to the car or a fire. There are no suspects or witnesses to the case at this time.

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

Novi Briefs

Lions roar next week

In honor of the local chapter of the national organization, Mayor Kathleen McElhenry has named April 24-May 3 as the Novi Lions White Canes Week. Lions will be selling miniature white canes to help support organizations such as Leader Dogs For the Blind, the Michigan Eye Bank, the Penrickton Center for Blind and Multiple Handicapped Children and Welcome Home For the Blind. The volunteer group also collects used eye-glasses, which are sent to visually-impaired people living in less developed countries.

Fighting fires

Anniversaries in March at the Novi Fire Department were celebrated by two. Capt. George Persson has been on the job for 20 years, while firefighter Thomas Greenwald has been with the department for three years.

Road resurfacing

The Oakland County Road Commission has plans to resurface, with asphalt, Grand River Avenue from Beck Road to Novi Road and Haggerty Road from Eight Mile Road north to just south of Orchard Hill Road. The project bids will be opened on April 21 and work is expected to begin in May and continue through September, an Oakland County Road Commission engineer recently informed Novi officials.

Roadwork reconsidered

When Novi Road between Nine Mile and Ten Mile roads is the request made by Novi officials to the Oakland County Road Commission. It's needed because of Main Street, the Novi Ice Arena, the Sports Club, Walgreen's and industrial projects on Nine Mile Road. City Manager Ed Kriewall recently wrote in a letter to Gerald Holmberg, deputy managing director of the county road commission.

Last year, the project was submitted but did not make the road commission's cuts for its Transportation Improvement Program.

Organization takes lead

Leadership Oakland has incorporated as a Michigan non-profit corporation.

Leadership Oakland is a nine-month program of intensive study of Oakland county, its resources, labor, economy, and vital regional issues, which prepares a select group of 45-50 participants to become highly effective business and community leaders.

With incorporation, Leadership Oakland becomes an independent organization, but will continue its cooperative and supportive relation with the chambers of commerce Oakland Leadership Network.

Among the board members of Leadership Oakland is Chris Winans of Northville. Winans is executive director of the Birmingham-Bloomfield Chamber of Commerce in Birmingham.

For more information, contact Lucia Paparelli, executive director, Leadership Oakland at (248) 952-6880.

Hall of Fame needs help

The Motorsports Hall of Fame and Museum is seeking volunteers to serve as museum guides and to staff our gift shop. Volunteers select dates and times convenient to their schedule. Monthly training sessions are conducted.

If you like racing, you will love the Motorsports Hall of Fame. Retirees and students needing community service hours are welcome. Volunteer benefits include 10 percent discount in our gift shop and advance notice of, and the opportunity to participate in, special events such as the annual Hall of Fame Induction ceremony and the Motorsports Expo, where you can meet some of racing's biggest stars. For more information please call (248) 349-RACE.

The Log Book

The following is a complete list of the emergency runs of the Novi Fire Department for the week ending April 19. Each incident is listed by type, location, time and the engine and squad number which responded to the call.

MONDAY, APRIL 13

Medical, 27147 Bartra, 3:44 a.m., Squad 1.
Truck fire, 41380 Eleven Mile Road, 6:40 a.m., Engine 1.
Medical, 25655 Jackson, 10:53 a.m., Squad 1.
Fuel spill, DFW-DeWol, 11 a.m., Engine 1.

TUESDAY, APRIL 14

Medical, 43050 Twelve Oaks Crescent, 4:31 a.m., Squad 1.
Fire alarm, 15182 West Road, 11:22 a.m., Squad 2.
Service, 32785 Nine Mile Road, 12:03 p.m., Station 3.
Car fire, 196 Ramp and Beck

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15

Medical, 1306 Mariga, 6:03 a.m., Squad 4.
Illegal fire, Kingswood and Paisley, 9:49 a.m., Engine 2.
Illegal fire, 40587 Paisley, 10:11 a.m., Engine 2.
Illegal fire, 40796 Kingswood, 10:24 a.m., Engine 2.
Injury accident, Eight Mile and Beck Road, 10:41 a.m., Squad 3.
Car fire, Twelve Mile and Meadowbrook, 4:40 p.m., Engine 1.

THURSDAY, APRIL 16

Medical, 1332 Mariga, 3:56 a.m., Squad 4.
Medical, Ruby Tuesday-Twelve

FRIDAY, APRIL 17

Investigation, 23890 Maude-Lea, 8:37 a.m., Engine 3.
Medical, 47640 Warrington, 1:52 p.m., Squad 4.
Injury accident, 196 and Novi Road, 4:31 p.m., Squad 1.
Injury accident, 196 and Novi Road, 7:05 p.m., Squad 1.
Medical, Center and Twelve Oaks Mall, 8:01 p.m., Squad 1.

SATURDAY, APRIL 18

Medical, 39570 Romanyon, 10:40 a.m., Squad 4.
Medical, Novi Hilton and Haggerty, 11 a.m., Squad 3.
Medical, Broadmead Park No. 8, 4:54 p.m., Squad 4.
Medical, 32975 Grand River, 4:56 p.m., Station 1.
Illegal fire, 303 Duana, 6:15

SUNDAY, APRIL 19

Medical, 23296 Sagebrush, 3:18 a.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 23615 Stonehenge, 5:39 a.m., Squad 3.
Medical, Expan Center-Hall A, 10:22 a.m., Squad 1.
Trash fire, Old Novi and Erma, 2:31 p.m., Engine 2.
Injury accident, Twelve Mile and Grand River, 3:35 p.m., Squad 4.
Medical, 50573 Montana, 5:22 p.m., Squad 4.
Medical, 41910 Aspen, 5:57 p.m., Squad 3.
Fire alarm, 21555 Haggerty Road, 6:59 p.m., Engines 1, 3.
Vehicle fire, 11115 Jo Drive, 7:35 p.m., Engine 1.

MONDAY, APRIL 20

Medical, 27147 Bartra, 3:44 a.m., Squad 1.
Truck fire, 41380 Eleven Mile Road, 6:40 a.m., Engine 1.
Medical, 25655 Jackson, 10:53 a.m., Squad 1.
Fuel spill, DFW-DeWol, 11 a.m., Engine 1.

TUESDAY, APRIL 21

Medical, 43050 Twelve Oaks Crescent, 4:31 a.m., Squad 1.
Fire alarm, 15182 West Road, 11:22 a.m., Squad 2.
Service, 32785 Nine Mile Road, 12:03 p.m., Station 3.
Car fire, 196 Ramp and Beck

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22

Medical, 1306 Mariga, 6:03 a.m., Squad 4.
Illegal fire, Kingswood and Paisley, 9:49 a.m., Engine 2.
Illegal fire, 40587 Paisley, 10:11 a.m., Engine 2.
Illegal fire, 40796 Kingswood, 10:24 a.m., Engine 2.
Injury accident, Eight Mile and Beck Road, 10:41 a.m., Squad 3.
Car fire, Twelve Mile and Meadowbrook, 4:40 p.m., Engine 1.

THURSDAY, APRIL 23

Medical, 1332 Mariga, 3:56 a.m., Squad 4.
Medical, Ruby Tuesday-Twelve

FRIDAY, APRIL 24

Investigation, 23890 Maude-Lea, 8:37 a.m., Engine 3.
Medical, 47640 Warrington, 1:52 p.m., Squad 4.
Injury accident, 196 and Novi Road, 4:31 p.m., Squad 1.
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Medical, Center and Twelve Oaks Mall, 8:01 p.m., Squad 1.

SATURDAY, APRIL 25

Medical, 39570 Romanyon, 10:40 a.m., Squad 4.
Medical, Novi Hilton and Haggerty, 11 a.m., Squad 3.
Medical, Broadmead Park No. 8, 4:54 p.m., Squad 4.
Medical, 32975 Grand River, 4:56 p.m., Station 1.
Illegal fire, 303 Duana, 6:15

SUNDAY, APRIL 26

Medical, 23296 Sagebrush, 3:18 a.m., Squad 3.
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Fuel spill, DFW-DeWol, 11 a.m., Engine 1.

TUESDAY, APRIL 28

Medical, 43050 Twelve Oaks Crescent, 4:31 a.m., Squad 1.
Fire alarm, 15182 West Road, 11:22 a.m., Squad 2.
Service, 32785 Nine Mile Road, 12:03 p.m., Station 3.
Car fire, 196 Ramp and Beck

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29

Medical, 1306 Mariga, 6:03 a.m., Squad 4.
Illegal fire, Kingswood and Paisley, 9:49 a.m., Engine 2.
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THURSDAY, APRIL 30

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Report on Ten Mile widening due in May

An independent analysis on the proposed - and highly controversial - widening of Ten Mile Road between Meadowbrook and Haggerty Road is due back in May.

But even if the city proceeds with widening Ten Mile, federal dollars for the work will likely not be available until 2003. City Manager Ed Kriewall told the Novi City Council on Monday. Statewide, projects that are up for federal financing are being delayed, "even though they're in the queue," he added.

"To keep federal funding, we'll need to slow it down and keep it more realistic in terms of the availability of federal dollars," Kriewall explained.

In December, Dr. Tappan Datta, a professor at Wayne State University's Civil and Environmental Engineering Department, volunteered to review reports prepared by both JCK & Associates, Novi's consulting engineers, and by the citizens group, the Ten Mile Road Task Force.

"We felt it was important to let an unbiased party look at the reports," Kriewall said.

Unfortunately, Datta had a heart attack, delaying his review for Novi, but is now recovering.

Before his conclusions are delivered to the Novi City Council in early June, they will be discussed with Ten Mile area homeowners, Kriewall added.

future students. While in class the kids will participate in activities, have a snack and build a pencil box.

The parents will be spending their time with the school's principal and learning what to expect once their child starts school in September. Both parents and students will be given an overview of the kindergarten experience.

The hour is capped off with a bus ride around Novi, said Lawrence. "The kids just love the bus ride," said Lawrence. "It's a short ride but it's the highlight of the day for most of them."

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Architect hired for new fire station one

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

In November 1996, voters agreed to the sale of \$2.25 million in Novi city bonds to build what was billed in the city's informational campaign as Fire Station Number Four and a training center for firefighters.

Monday, the Novi City Council agreed to use the bond money to build a new Fire Station One, combined with the training center at the City's Department of Public Works yard at Eleven Mile Road and DeWol Drive.

Money from the sale of the existing Fire Station One, now surrounded on two sides by the Main Street project, will be earmarked to build Fire Station Four.

"The sale of the bonds doesn't indicate in what order the funds are to be used. The bonds were sold to build a fire station," City Attorney David Fried advised the council.

"The bond holder and the public were not locked into any order of building with the bond

process. The thing you must watch for is if Station One is sold, that those funds are used to build a fire station."

The city is now negotiating to sell the current station to Main Street developers Evergreen III. Evergreen III has offered \$950,000, but the city wants \$1 million.

Assistant City Manager Craig Klaver said he was confident the sale of the Grand River site will happen.

Construction of the new Fire Station One is expected to begin in October, with a June or July 1999 completion date anticipated.

Council Member Bob Schmidt pointed out that in 1996, the campaign brochures for the \$2.25 million fire bond issue focused on Fire Station Four.

"It all seems to me that that would give some credence to the fact that those who voted for this bond had some credence that Fire Station Number Four would be built," Schmidt said.

"I have a little concern that Fire Station One won't sell as timely as we believe."

However, Klaver explained that the city is legally required to move ahead on the use of the bonds, which have already been sold.

The architect is selected by the city, Nordstrom Sanson Associates will charge a design fee of \$137,000, which amounts to 6.5 percent of the cost of the station, a competitive rate, Klaver said. Also the designers of the Novi Hilton, Nordstrom Sanson have been the architects for fire stations for Grosse Ile, Dearborn, Taylor, Clinton Township and Southgate.

Before recommending the firm, Klaver and Fire Chief Art Lenaghan reviewed proposals, interviewed 11 architects and visited new fire stations in the metro area, including those in Plymouth Township, Southfield and Livonia.

Currently, City Manager Ed Kriewall is handling site negotiations for the new Station Four, while the site has commissioned a professional appraiser to assess the Grand River Avenue locale.

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'MICHILDO' APPROVED

The federal government has approved the "MICHILDO" program - the federally-funded, state-passed Michigan Children's Health Plan.

U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services, Donna Shalala approved the state program within hours of Gov. John Engler's signing it into law on April 7.

MICHILDO will provide public funds to help insure children of working low or moderate-income families that don't qualify for Medicaid. The family will pay \$5 a month, or \$60 a year, to insure all children in the family. There will be no co-payments.

MICHILDO will cover well-child visits, immunizations, hearing and vision screening, primary care, specialty physician services, diagnostic services, inpatient and outpatient hospital services, emergency services, prescription drugs, transportation and dental services.

It was a bipartisan effort. Rep. Nick Claramitto, D-Roseville, credited Rep. Shirley Johnson, R-Royal Oak, with strong support on the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Community Health.

Sen. Robert Geake, R-Northville, was floor manager when the bill went through the Senate.

NEW BILLS

City employees will be freed of residency requirements under

Senate Bill 878, proposed by Loren Bennett, R-Canton. The bill has been bitterly opposed for decades by the city of Detroit but is supported by the Michigan Police Legislative Council.

Juveniles could be covered by Michigan's stalking and domestic violence laws, under a bipartisan package proposed in the House and Senate. Among sponsors are Sen. Alma Whireler Smith, D-Salem, and Rep. Judith Scrantom, R-Brighton. Their bills would allow the family division of circuit court to issue personal protection orders against persons under 17.

Women would have greater access to obstetricians and gynecologists under House Bill 4781, sponsored by Rep. Lynn Banks, D-Redford. The bill would permit women in health plans featuring primary care physicians to visit ob-gyns without a referral for routine gynecological services. Her bill was reported out by the House Health Policy Committee.

Parents on public assistance who are owed back child support will be repaid by their former spouses before the state can recoup its costs under bills sponsored by Sen. Robert Geake, R-Northville.

Geake's two bills would give custodian parents priority over the state when back child support payments are collected.

St. Joseph/Mercy headquarters nears Meadowbrook Road site

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL Staff Writer

St. Joseph Mercy Hospital is on its way to developing a 300,000-square-foot medical complex on the southeast corner of Meadowbrook and Twelve Mile roads after successfully requesting the 70-acre property be rezoned earlier this month.

A 4-3 positive recommendation from the Novi Planning Commission April 1 sends the issue on to the City Council. St. Joe's plans to move about 500 employees from Farmington Hills and other locations to the \$50 million facility when built. It would become a new headquarters.

The rezoning from residential to Office-Service-Technology is the second use of the newly-adopted ordinance designed to encourage high tech industry and thus higher taxes. Attorney Joseph Galvin said city officials encouraged the rezoning.

The goal of the OST was to bring in higher tax-paying corporations, however, St. Joe's non-profit status means it is taxed only on a small portion of its property, mainly the office space.

Neighboring property owners expressed concerns in the commis-

REZONING HEARINGS EXTENDED

Public hearings for the rezoning of seven parcels of property to the City of Novi's newly adopted high tech zoning classification, OST, will continue at the Novi Planning Commission's May 6 meeting at the Novi Civic Center on Ten Mile at 7:30 p.m.

The parcels, most along Haggerty Road and Meadowbrook Road north of the I-96 freeway and along Grand River Avenue, are targets of a city-initiated rezoning plan to implement the Office Service Technology ordinance intended to bring high tech, research and development firms to the city.

The hearings began late in the evening April 15. Local business and property owners were present as were members of the Novi Chamber of Commerce and residents of a mobile home community adjacent to the chosen properties.

Staff planner Steve Rumble also said the extension is to give time for the city to put up the required posting on each of the properties involved in the rezoning.

The rezonings are set to move onto the Novi City Council May 11.

each year slip off the road onto his lawn during a typical winter due to poor road conditions.

St. Joseph's preliminary designs call for an ambulatory facility with primary, specialty and support services, to include a 24-hour emergency services center, cancer care, non-invasive cardiology, testing, women's health care, doctor's offices, and affiliated operations such as laboratory, diagnostics and a pharmacy.

The target date for completion is spring 2000.

Galvin said St. Joe's will go after a certificate of need, which would allow an overnight stay hospital arrangement. Providence Park-Novi on Beck Road was recently denied a certificate.

St. Joseph Mercy Health System, which already operates the Novi Pediatric Urgent Care facility on Twelve Mile Road, had been site searching in Novi for about five years.

Forty acres at the same location were targeted by Sinai Hospital for a \$20 million medical campus, but Sinai backed out in early 1997 after a merger between that hospital and the Detroit Medical Center.

Staff writer Jan Jeffers contributed to this report.

Public Access

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

MONDAY, APRIL 27

10:00 a.m. - INFO TV-12 News

10:30 a.m. - The Cutting Room

11:00 a.m. - Christian Singles

Today

11:30 a.m. - Cosby and Company

12:00 p.m. - Motorsports

1:00 p.m. - Adventures with Pirate

Pete

1:30 p.m. - Native American

Magazine

2:00 p.m. - Financial Strategies

2:30 p.m. - A Culinary Adventure

3:00 p.m. - GIMP Kick It In

3:30 p.m. - Time Warner's

Furthest Outtakes

4:00 p.m. - Creature Feature

5:00 p.m. - Who, What, Where, Y

5:30 p.m. - Dusty Rhodes: A

Collection of Love Songs

6:00 p.m. - Dance with Virginia

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. - Community Comments

9:00 p.m. - Lansing Connection

9:30 p.m. - Groove Session

10:30 a.m. - Spies Profile

11:00 a.m. - Law Talk: David

Sowby

12:00 p.m. - Summit University

1:00 p.m. - Drawing Men to Christ

2:00 p.m. - Home for Life

2:30 p.m. - Farmington Hills

Hockey Ice We Tier 2: Panthers

versus Hawks

4:00 p.m. - In the Studio with Bry

4:30 p.m. - Virginia's Story Hour

5:00 p.m. - INFO TV-12 News

Magazine

5:30 p.m. - People Who Make

Things Happen

6:00 p.m. - Dr. Success Prison

Speaking Tour

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29

10:00 a.m. - Lawyers Roundtable

10:30 a.m. - MDOT Today

11:00 a.m. - Huntington's Disease

Update

11:30 a.m. - What's Cooking: Fun

Kids Lunch Boxes

12:30 p.m. - The Way, The Truth,

and The Life

1:00 p.m. - Study in Scripture

1:30 p.m. - Ready or Not

2:00 p.m. - Restoration Now

2:30 p.m. - Christian Singles

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5:00 p.m. - The Show Me Show

with Tatiana

5:30 p.m. - The Elegant Life: The

Button Lady

6:00 p.m. - Community Living

Centers

6:30 p.m. - Welcome to the New

Millennium

7:00 p.m. - Adventures with Pirate

Pete

7:30 p.m. - Cosby and Company

8:00 p.m. - Novi Street Beat

8:30 p.m. - Who, What, Where, Y

9:00 p.m. - Just for the Health of It

9:30 p.m. - Rock Soup

THURSDAY, APRIL 30

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

Big Band lecture to be given at Novi public library May 7

Swing into spring with a special program on "The Big Bands and World War II" featuring Dr. Weldon E. Petz at the Novi Library on Thursday, May 7, at 7 p.m.

Presented by the Friends of the Novi Library, Dr. Petz will use slides and sound to bring the Big Band era to life. The program is free, but reservations are requested. Call the Novi library at (248) 349-0720. The library is located at 45245 W. Ten Mile Road, between Novi Road and Taft Road in Novi.

Dr. Petz played trombone and did musical writing and arranging with many of the name bands during the 1940s. He was a member of the bands of Horace Heidt, Johnny Long, and Jimmy Dorsey. He traveled on tour with Jimmy Dorsey and recorded with Ella Fitzgerald.

After several years on the road with various bands, he organized a large band under the name of the Tommy Weldon Orchestra. Dr. Petz led this band which played for dances, proms and shows in Michigan, Ohio, and Indiana until 1952.

Dr. Petz has a bachelor of science in education from Wayne State University and a master of arts in musicology from Wayne as well. He is a well known speaker and



Dr. Weldon Petz

authority on Abraham Lincoln, having written "In the Presence of Abraham Lincoln" and served as a Lincolniana Consultant for Lincoln Memorial University in Tennessee and Greenfield Village in Dearborn.

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Novi police in distress over dip in dispatchers



Police dispatchers cite increased workload and understaffing as a reason for the shortage in employees at the Novi station.

Turnover makes it hard to keep communications running smoothly

By ERIC DOBSON
Staff Writer

The communications unit of the Novi Police Department has been experiencing a problem attracting and keeping qualified employees.

Since 1997, the police department has experienced a 50 percent turnover rate in the Communications Unit.

In 1997, 10 dispatchers quit, some leaving shortly after being hired and going through a training process that runs anywhere from 10 to 15 weeks, said Dispatch Manager Joe Burchett.

The communications unit is responsible for handling 9-1-1 calls for both the police and fire departments of three cities as well as performing other crucial duties.

The Novi Police Department is not the only police department facing this dilemma. In a survey conducted of other departments in the area it was reported that they too have been experiencing a high turnover rate and a diminished number of qualified candidates.

Novi Chief of Police Doug Shaeffer said that recruiting highly qualified and capable personnel has become difficult.

The most recent application process, a process that usually sees some 100-plus applications, was limited to only 14.

Despite the limited number of applicants as well as a drop in the overall quality of the applicants the department only hires fully qualified personnel, Shaeffer pointed out.

The Novi Police Department cited several reasons regarding its

employment conditions in the Communications Unit after questioning the dispatchers about their concerns.

Among the most often cited concerns given by the dispatchers is the insufficient manpower for the quantity of workload. This is especially true during the second shift, 3 p.m. to 11 p.m., which traditionally sees the highest volume of calls. Since 1990, the overall workload has increased by nearly 34 percent.

Omnicom, a Florida based corporation commissioned by the city, issued a report recommending several changes within the communications unit. This included increasing the number of dispatchers from 12 to 14, as well as adding a shift supervisor position to each of the three shifts.

Shift supervisor responsibilities are currently being carried out by patrol division sergeants, but because of the supervision needed for patrol officers, this is often difficult to accomplish.

Since the report was released, the city has authorized an additional dispatcher.

Shaeffer recently requested the city take steps to hire another dispatcher and to train and promote three existing dispatchers to supervisor positions.

"Much of what was asked for is already being implemented," said Burchett. "We're doing background checks on the 13 and 14 dispatchers now."

File photo by JOHN HEIDER

Careers in flight up for grabs

Over 400 career positions will be available for consideration by those who attend the Aviation Career Day/Job Fair on Saturday, April 25, from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the Michigan Institute of Aeronautics, Willow Run Airport, Belleville. The event is open to the public and there is no charge for admission.

A host of educational resources offered by Eastern Michigan University, the Michigan Institute of Aeronautics, Purdue University, Seina Heights College, local community colleges, flight training schools and Michigan Aviation Consortium colleges will be available to those attending this event.

Employers represented at the Job Fair will include: Active Aero, Aermetek, American International Airways, American Eagle, Chrysler Pentastar, Comair, Federal

Express, Grand Aire, Kal-Aero, Liebherr, Mesaba Airlines, Northwest Airlines, Pro Air, Southwest Airlines, UPS, and Northrup Grumman.

Participants will be able to discuss careers in aviation management, aviation maintenance, ground service, flight attending, customer service, and commercial aviation.

Those attending are invited to bring their resume. An area for completing applications will be available. In addition, flight rides (at cost) and free Willow Run FAA tower tours will be available.

Registration will be conducted at the door. For additional information or directions call the Michigan Institute of Aeronautics at 1-800-447-1310.

Novi's Tree City for seventh time

By ERIC DOBSON
Staff Writer

For the seventh year in a row Novi has been named a Tree City USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation. Novi also received a Tree City USA Growth Award for demonstrating progress in its community forestry program.

The Growth Award, created to recognize environmental improvement and higher levels of tree care, was awarded to Novi because of the city's forestry department's high standards in the continuing education of tree workers, the tree maintenance budget and improved arborists.

"A community's tree-planting program is a living

memorial to the citizens' concern for the quality of life," said National Arbor Day Foundation president John Rosemond. "The Tree City USA award is an excellent indication that there is a solid foundation for that process of improvement."

On April 14, Novi celebrated Arbor Day and its award recognition with the planting and dedication of two Red Oak saplings on the west side of Novi City Hall. The trees were dedicated to retiring city councilmen Rob Mittel and Richard Clark.

The city gave away seedlings such as White Birch and Austrian Pine, said city forester Chris Pangoff.

"We also dedicated some nice plaques that were

Marketing the mall

Twelve Oaks hires new PR director

By JAN JEFFRIES
Staff Writer

The temptations are just greater at some jobs than others.

So when Peggy Hayes was hired as the new marketing director at Twelve Oaks last month, she spent her first week's paycheck the old-fashioned way, shopping at the consumer's paradise just a few steps away from her office.

"This is such a great mall, I really do enjoy it," she said.

"I'm a big shopper - clothes, books, CDs, you name it."

Easter's just over, Mother's Day is on its way and the mall - its own unique culture in a 1.224 million square foot universe - will soon be in a flurry over the upcoming visit of the Duchess of York, the former Sarah Ferguson on May 1.

"We're really excited about that," Hayes said.

This is likely the first royal visit to the area since a Russian grand duke took a guided tour of the Northville Fish Hatchery, some 100 years ago.

For Hayes, retail is a world she's having fun with, she keeps tennis shoes near her desk so she can kick off her pumps and walk around, schuoning the tenants. She's in charge of marketing, public relations and special events at the center, which offers shopaholics 184 places to spend money.

"You are a lot more aware of holidays in retail. I'm sure the stores are already planning for Christmas," Hayes said.

She comes to Novi from Crittendon Hospital in Rochester, where she served as director of public relations. The Twelve Oaks job was previously held by Elaine Kahn.

"I'm a big shopper - clothes, books, CDs, you name it."

Peggy Hayes, marketing director

Hayes has a bachelor's degree in communications and journalism from Michigan State University and remains a big fan of her alma mater's football team.

"I see a lot of overlap between health care and retail. We're both kind of service industries. Of course, PR and marketing skills you can apply anywhere, they are portable," Hayes said.

While she's finding the commute from her Rochester home isn't anywhere near as horrendous as she anticipated, she's looking for a home in this area.

"Twelve Oaks is not exactly a hard sell, when it comes to convincing consumers to exercise their credit cards in Novi. Ranked as the highest-volume retail center in Michigan, annual sales there exceed \$340 million."

As always, new businesses are moving in. Last week, LearningSmith a children's educational toy, video and book store, opened. Coming soon are Panera Bread's second location in Novi and The Watch Station, which will sell, surprise, those things that wrap around wrists and tell time.

Hayes said she sees parallels between her hometown and the ever-booming Novi.

"This reminds me of how Rochester was a few years ago. Rochester is all built up now," she explained.

Although you'd never know it to look at it, Twelve Oaks Mall is over 20 years old. Next month, all the floors on the second and first level of the mall will be replaced.

"It's going to be beautiful when it's done. Things will be business as usual, the work will be done at night," Hayes said.

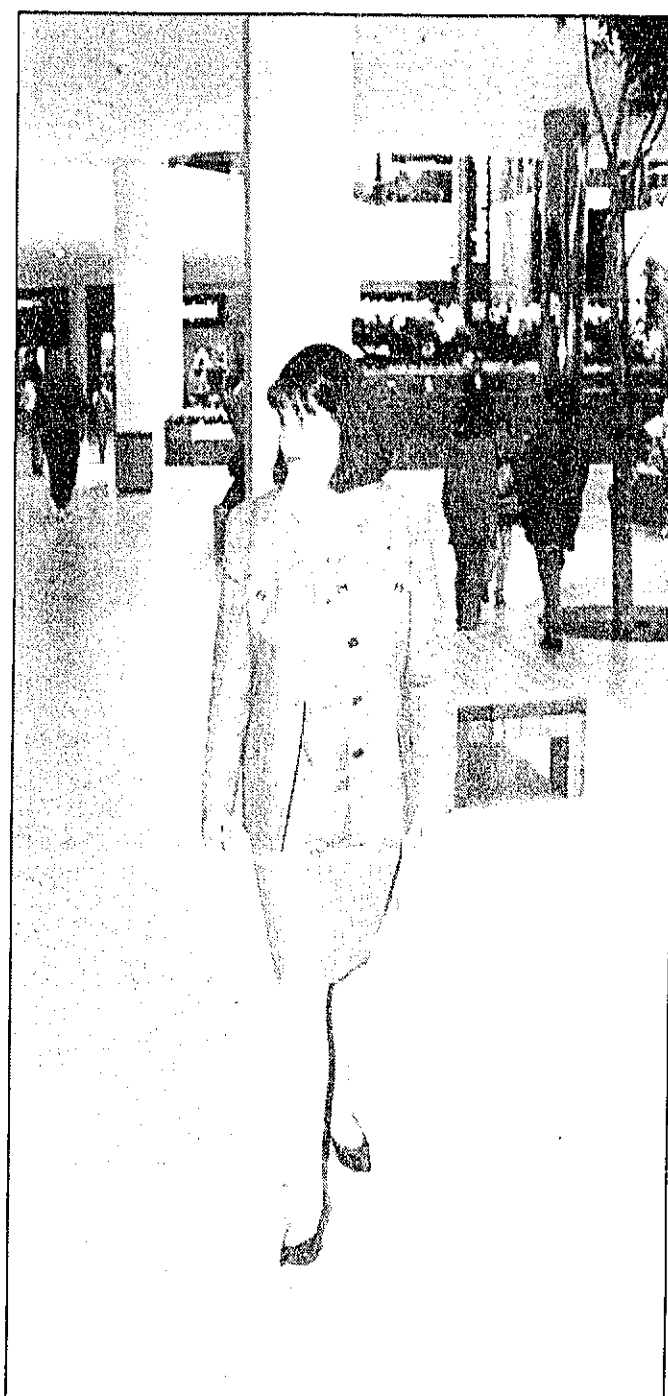
"This mall has always been kept up very nicely. It's an attractive mall."

All that construction will likely seem familiar to Hayes. She's an enthusiastic volunteer for Habitat For Humanity's North Oakland Chapter. While she does the public relations for the group, last summer in 95 degree heat she also pitched in on some of the heavy-duty construction work - like pounding in the siding - when the organization built five new homes in Pontiac.

"You're looking at a person who hung drywall for the first time in her life. You're looking at a person who rarely pounds a hammer. We saw these places go up from the hole in the ground," Hayes said.

It was, she said, a highly emotional experience when each home was completed and handed over to its new occupants.

"You get to know the family whose home you're building," she explained.



Marketing Director Peggy Hayes looks over her territory.

Twelve Oaks gets royal treatment

It seems like everybody eventually comes to Novi. Britain's Sarah, Duchess of York, a.k.a. Fergie, will show up at Twelve Oaks Mall on May 1 from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. as part of a Weight Watchers program. She'll be congratulating 20 successful Weight Watchers who have lost 100 pounds or more - and kept it off.

Each of the 20 will be getting a \$100 gift certificate for a make over at Heidi's Salon, courtesy of the mall.

Earlier that day, the duchess will put in a noon appearance at the 1998 International Women's Show at the Novi Expo Center. Accompanying her will be Florine Mark, president and CEO of the WW Group, the largest Weight Watchers International franchise.

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Statewide test scoring categories to change due to public dissatisfaction

By TIM RICHARD
Staff Writer

Those hated labels on statewide test results are due to get new names today.

The State Board of Education is studying Superintendent Art Ellis' suggestions to drop the "proficient," "novice" and "not yet novice" ratings given students on the Michigan Educational Proficiency high school tests.

The ratings caused many parents to let their 11th graders "opt out" of taking the exams, making it difficult for state officials to evaluate a school's performance.

"Two options are provided for the board's consideration. Both have advantages and disadvantages," said Ellis in remarks prepared for delivery today.

Option A provides four levels of ratings:

1. Distinguished.
2. Exceeds Michigan standards.
3. Meets Michigan standards.

4. Does not meet Michigan standards.

Ellis called it "straightforward" but said it will be difficult to establish "cut" scores between categories. That is, "there may be only a one or two raw score point difference between each level, particularly in writing where there are only 12 points in total."

Option B also provides four levels:

1. Does not meet Michigan expectations.
2. Meets Michigan expectations.
3. Exceeds Michigan expectations.
4. Indicates distinguished performance.

Variations on Option B call for reversing the order of numbers and slightly different descriptions.

Ellis commented that "Option B may provide an opportunity for more students to earn endorsements while assuring the State Board of Education maintains rigorous standards ..."

"Establishing two reporting categories that

meet or exceed the Michigan standards will be an easier task with the elimination of an additional reporting category that deserves distinguished performance."

Ellis said he found either option acceptable, leaving the decision solely to the eight-member board.

The Legislature mandated changing the scoring labels after public hearings last year showed much student and parental dissatisfaction.

But the concept of statewide testing is here to stay, lawmakers said, because of local variations in standards in granting high school diplomas.

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

Testing time will be two hours less.

"That will place all assessment tests under the name of Michigan Educational Assessment Program," said Dr. Christine Schram of the Department of Education.

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

Although tests will consume less class time, as the public and Legislature demanded, the state can't force students to take them.

"Our expectation was that everyone would be eager to take the high school tests," said Dorothy Beardmore, vice-president of the State Board of Education.

"An endorsement (proficiency grade in a subject) would be a badge of honor. But if the parents don't want their children to take that test, I don't know how you can force them to do it."

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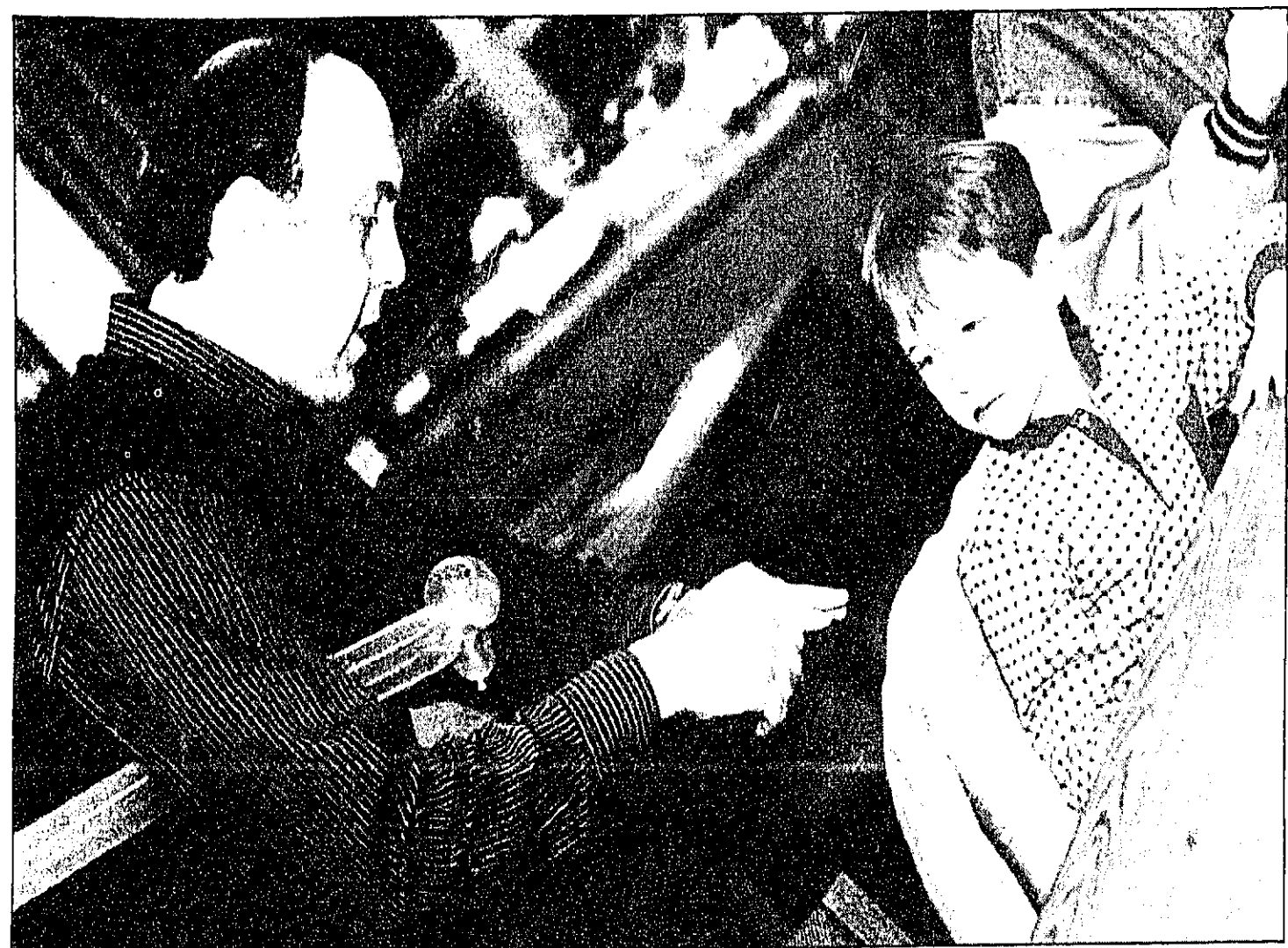
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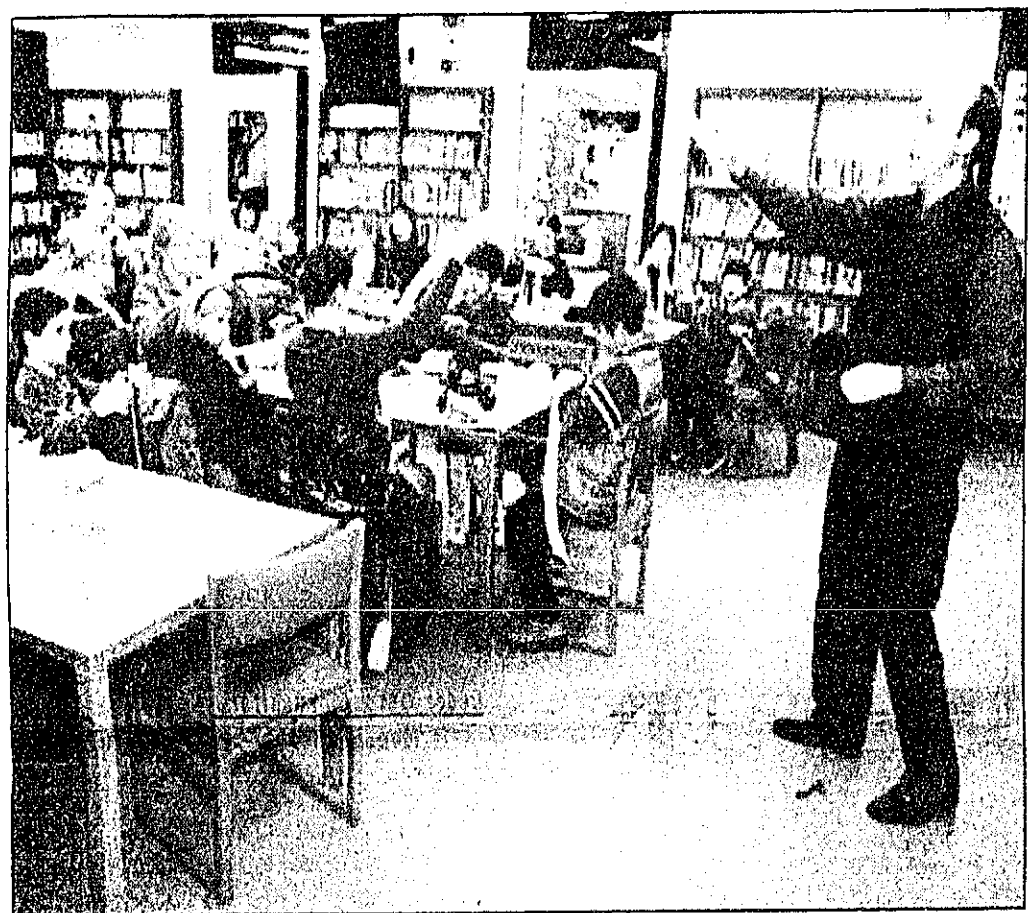


Novi Community Education series instructor Steve Ziemann, left, shows Mitchell Pierce how to put a knot in a balloon. Below, Ziemann shows off a finished product.



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Steve Ziemann's "Balloon-acy" class at Novi Meadows Elementary School Media Center teaches kids how to tie more than their shoes. Participants in this month's class learned everything from how to blow up the balloons, how to tie knots without causing them to burst and how to make basic shapes like a dog, bee, giraffe, and flower.



Above, Lisa Pierce watches as her son Mitchell, 6, tries to get the hand of tying a flower shape into a balloon. At left, instructor Steve Ziemann teaches a roomful of novices how to twist and tie balloons into all sorts of shapes.

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Obituaries

DARREL R. SCHULTZ

Darrel Ray Schultz, 69, of Novi died April 14, in St. Joseph Hospital, Ann Arbor. He was born May 7, 1928, in Harvard, Ill.

Mr. Schultz graduated in 1958 from the University of Illinois with a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering. He retired from Kelsey Hayes Co., Romulus, in 1990. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge (Rock Falls, Ill.), Scottish Rite (Kansas City, Mo.), and Ararat Shrine (Kansas City, Mo.). He served in the U.S. Air Force from 1948 to 1952.

Mr. Schultz is survived by his wife, Doris; daughters, Susan (Frank) Kolaras and Linda (Ron) Craddock; sisters, Margaret Hallett, Bette Schoemaker, and Donna Erb; and six grandchildren.

Services were held on Friday, April 17, at O'Brien Chapel/Ted C. Sullivan Funeral Home in Novi. Interment was in Glen Eden Cemetery, Livonia.

PRICE WARTHMAN

Price "Charlie" Warthman of Farmington died April 18, in William Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak. He was 79. Mr. Warthman was born Nov. 25, 1918, in Detroit.

Mr. Warthman, a graduate of Clarenceville High School in Livonia, moved to Farmington in

1938. Before his retirement in 1987, he was president of Fuller Tool Co. in Berkeley, Mich., for 42 years. Mr. Warthman was a member of the Farmington Elks Lodge from 1950 to 1986. Additional membership included the Detroit Curling Club since 1979, and a 20-year membership in the Bay Pointe Country Club. He was an avid golfer and enjoyed working on his computer.

Mr. Warthman is survived by a son, Donald (Susan) of Novi; two brothers, two sisters, four grandchildren and one great grandchild. He was preceded in death by his wife of 49 years, Theda "Janet," in 1988, and son Robert.

Services were held on Tuesday, April 21, at Thayer-Roth Funeral Home, Farmington, with the Rev. Neil Ellison of Ward Presbyterian Church officiating. Interment was in Glen Eden Cemetery, Livonia.

Memorials to the American Cancer Society, 29350 Southfield Road, Suite 110, Southfield, MI 48076-2078 would be appreciated.

ROBERT M. ALLEN

Robert M. Allen died April 14 in University Convalescent Home, Livonia. He was 75. Mr. Allen was born April 25, 1922, in Detroit to Oliver and Agnes (Horvath) Allen.

Mr. Allen was a bricklayer prior

to his retirement, and a member of Bricklayers Union Local No. 2. While serving in the U.S. Army during World War II, he was involved in the Rome-Arno, Southern France and Rhineland campaigns. He received the purple heart during his tour of duty. Mr. Allen was also a member of the Disabled American Veterans Post No. 114.

Surviving Mr. Allen are his wife, Rose of Northville; son, Richard (Valerie Pedretti-Allen) of Santa Clara, Calif.; daughters, Barbara Jane (Anthony) Senia of South Lyon, Diane Boduch of Brighton, Rosemary (Keith) Thibodeau of Texas, and Christine (John) Potts of Rochester, Mich.; two sisters and 11 grandchildren.

Services were conducted on Friday, April 17, in St. Colvite Catholic Church, Livonia. The Rev. Arthur Jacobi officiated at the mass. Interment was in Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens in Novi.

Memorial contributions to the Michigan Heart Association would be appreciated.

EDWIN A. COOK

Edwin A. Cook, 77, of Northville died April 12 in Providence Hospital, Southfield. He was born Dec. 21, 1920.

Mr. Cook was an employee of Northville Township and a World

War II veteran.

He is survived by his wife, Mary (Wilkinson); daughters, JoAnn (Edward) Hoshich, Cynthia (Steve) Hunter, Mary (Joe) Stanford, Virginia, and Barbara (Bob) Stark; sons, Edward (Audrey) and Frederick (Nicole); and 13 grandchildren.

Services were held on Wednesday, April 15, at Our Lady of Victory Church in Northville. Interment was in Rural Hill Cemetery.

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

Memorials to the American Heart Association would be appreciated.

ANN C. CAVANAUGH

Ann Cecilia (Ann) C.C. Cavanaugh of Novi died April 12 in Charter House of Novi. She was 72. Ms. Cavanaugh was born May 31, 1925, to Michael and Georgina Cavanaugh.

She is survived by sisters, Patricia Marsch and Phyllis (Gale) Boring; brother, Harold (Betty); 11 beloved nieces and nephews; and 12 great nieces and nephews.

Ms. Cavanaugh was preceded in death by her brother Patrick.

Services were conducted on Thursday, April 16, at Church of the Holy Family in Novi. Interment was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery,

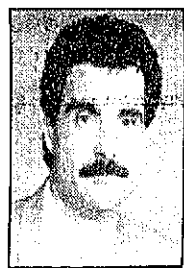
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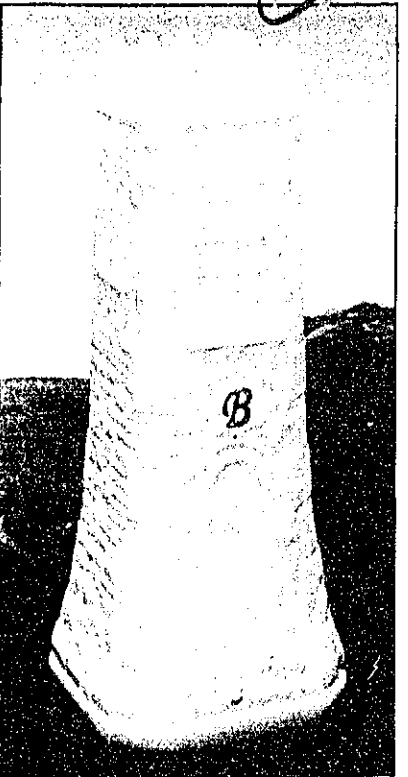
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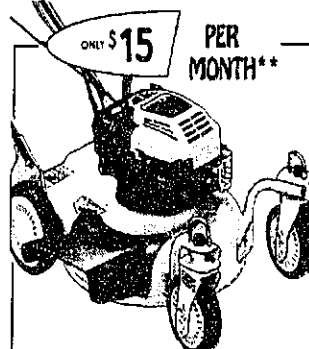
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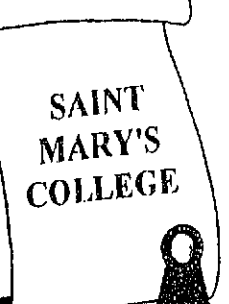
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High achievers make vals and sals list

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The salutatorians are slightly more lenient, as they are allowed one B during their four years of high school.

Novi High School's 1997-98 Valedictorians and Salutatorians are:

RACINA ARORA plays tennis. Is a member of the International Club, the French club and the National Honor Society as well as a volunteer at Whitehall Nursing Home. After graduation Racina plans on attending the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor for pre-medical.

ROSABEL CHANG is president of the Science Club, was a member of the Quiz Bowl Team and is a member of the track and cross country teams. She has also done volunteer work for the Salvation Army where she was a bell ringer. Rosabel plans on studying chemistry and French at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

As well as being a member of the National Honor Society **JULIA TRAVERS DOLKEN** was also vice president of the class of 1998 for two years and a member of the Carnegie Hall Madrigal Chorus. Julia plans on attending the University of Michigan or Indiana University for music education.

COLLEEN MARIE DOYLE is a section leader in the marching band and the symphony band and has done volunteer tutoring.

ing. She plans on earning a degree in engineering from the University of Michigan.

SARA ELFRING traveled to Washington D.C. as a member of the National Young Leaders Conference and is the captain of the Varsity Pom-Pom Team. She is also a Student Council Representative and the vice-president of the class of 1998. Sara will attend the University of Notre Dame, majoring in engineering.

SARA NAOMI HEUSEL plans on majoring in engineering at either the University of Michigan, Washington and Lee University, or John Hopkins University. She has played basketball, volleyball and soccer for Novi High School.

MAGEN ELIZABETH LEHMAN has been a member of SADD since her freshman year. She spent two years writing for the Spectrum Newspaper and plans on attending the University of Michigan for industrial engineering.

SOPHIE LIAO is a member of the Student Congress as well as the Exchange Team co-captain. She's debating between the University of Michigan and Stanford University. She plans on majoring in medicine.

SAPNA NAGAR plays tennis for Novi High School and is a member of the Spanish club. She plans on pursuing a career in medicine at the University of Michigan.

JULIE NAMM has volunteered at the Farba Hotel Soup Kitchen. As well as being a varsity volleyball, softball and basketball player. In the fall, Julie will be leaving for the University of Michigan to study medicine.

ELIZABETH ANN NEWTON will be majoring in chemical engineering at the Washington and Lee University. While in high school she ran varsity track and cross country and was a member of the National Honor Society.

LEANN O'KEEFE is a member of the art club and the marching and symphony band. Her plans are to attend the University of Pennsylvania for a dual major in nursing and English.

ERIN PARKER is a volunteer for the Living Science Foundation. The secretary for the National Honor Society team captain for the varsity competitive cheer team. She has chosen to attend Michigan State where she will study marine engineering and naval architecture.

STEPHANIE ELAIN PERRY will be attending the University of Michigan and is considering majoring in music education. She has done volunteer work for the local community across television station as a producer and a member of the crew.

RORY PATRICK PHEIFFER has coached youth soccer, basketball and softball. He is also a member of the Debate team, student congress and varsity tennis. He eventually wants to become a patent attorney and is deciding between Purdue University, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Duke University.

LYDIA JULIANNE RABURN will be majoring in pre-law at Kalamazoo college in the fall. She has participated in a number of varsity sports as well as being class president.

JEANNE LEE SMITH played the lead in Novi High School's production of Carousel. Her long term goal is to become a corporate lawyer. She will be attending Hillsdale College in the fall.

ERIN SPINDLER is a member of the New Horizon Church Youth Group as well as a varsity athlete. She is going to the University of Michigan to obtain a degree in Aerospace engineering.

EMILY WALLER is a member of the French club and the student council. She has participated in the Summer Science Seminar at the Colorado Springs Air Force Academy. She plans on attending Kettering University for mechanical engineering.

SUSAN YANG is a member of the National Honor Society and SADD as well as a math tutor. In the fall she will be attending the University of Michigan to study engineering.

Novi boy returned to mom

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rights it'll be a smooth process getting him back," said Detective Jolly.

Once back, Sipes will be sentenced for the original crime, but he'll also be charged on federal crimes stemming from the kidnapping, Jolly said.

Sundberg said that while Denali was in his father's care over the past 10 months, no harm was done to the boy. While she said she is justifiable about Sipes, she also said he was good to their son, and she is thankful for that.

"I'm glad that [Sipes] kept Denali away from me," said Sundberg. "It's crazy about his dad though. They bonded while they were together. These last few days have been hard but we're going to take it day by day."

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Recovery begins for 3 injured local students

By WENDY WHITE

Staff Writer

For three Northville High School students injured in a tragic highway accident April 12, the road to recovery could be long and painful.

Senior Jennifer Moorhead is left struggling to cope with the loss of her parents and only sister, while Kelly Langston, 17, and Angelina Valvona, 14, recover from serious injuries and wonder when they'll be able to return to school.

In the interim, counselors have formed a crisis team at Northville High School and principal Dr. Tom Johnson is making sure class work and teachers are seen to keep the students up to date.

"We're trying to sort through this," Johnson said. "Many of our kids have approached me and want to reach out and for that we're grateful."

John Moorhead, 46, Darlene Moorhead, 43, and their 15-year-old daughter Michelle were killed over spring break vacation when the van they were riding in lost control after swerving to avoid a car that had blown a tire, police said.

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I remember everything. I was conscious the whole entire time. I woke up as soon as we started swerving. As soon as we got in the median, the van started rolling over."

Langston said many cars pulled over and strangers wrapped her in coats, held her hand and comforted her during the wait. She said she didn't realize she was hurt at the time, and wanted to help the other victims.

"I kept telling myself to get up, I really wanted to get up and help everyone but couldn't," Langston said. "Compared to the way I've felt all week, it didn't hurt. I guess I was in shock."

She is being treated at Mot Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor, where she will likely remain for at least three weeks. It will be several weeks before she is allowed to return to school.

Langston, a vice-president of the school's chapter of Students Against Drunk Driving, will miss a trip to North Carolina that was set for next month. Sponsored by the Moose Lodge for her work teaching district elementary students about peer pressure and drug and alcohol refusal skills, Langston would have joined teens from Great Britain, Canada and across the U.S. on the retreat.

She will also miss her Senior Prom, but hopes to walk across the stage during graduation ceremonies.

Although Moorhead and Valvona haven't yet returned to school, they couple was married in 1974.

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did meet with Johnson Monday morning to discuss their plans. Johnson said that Moorhead, who moved to the district in late 1996 from Philadelphia with her family, chose to finish the school year at Northville High.

"I feel that's one of the greatest compliments she could pay us and it will help in the grieving process to bring closure by graduating here and then going on with her life," Johnson said.

Joined by her grandmother from Winston-Salem, North Carolina, Moorhead has returned to the family's Northville home.

A trust fund is being set up for Jennifer, according to family members. Details of where contributions can be made will be announced at a later date.

The cremated remains of the Moorhead family were sent to the Coastline Funeral Home. More than 500 people attended a memorial service at First United Methodist Church to pay the family their last respects.

Johnson said Michelle Moorhead's softball teammates, along with the freshman class, are in the process of planning a memorial for her.

Moorhead was on the Junior Varsity softball team and the Freshman basketball team.

John Moorhead worked for the Chrysler Financial Corporation and Darlene Moorhead worked in Insurance Administration. The couple was married in 1974.

Robber caught in the act

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demanded money from three store employees at gun point and fled out the back of the store.

Meanwhile, Savik had already called for back-up, leaving civilian casualties if he confronted the suspect inside the store. As soon as the suspect walked outside, he was confronted by two South Lyon officers.

"The came out with a ski mask on, a bag of money in one hand and a gun in the other," Collins explained. "Officers identified themselves and ordered the suspect to halt. Instead, he turned and pointed his weapon toward the officers."

Officers opened fire, expending an estimated dozen rounds. Alexander was hit three times in the lower extremities, and Collins said he believed wounds were in the thigh, calf and foot, and were not life-threatening. Alexander managed to run 200-300 feet with officers in pursuit as he attempted to reach his car, which was parked at the Brookdale Apartment complex located just behind Showman's. Alexander then surrendered his weapon and was placed in custody.

Acra police agencies recently formed a multi-jurisdictional, nine-agency task force to pursue the serial robbery. Police believe the crime spree began Sept. 14 of last year when the Alexander allegedly robbed an IGA supermarket in Ann Arbor.

Li, Steven Sharpe, South Lyon's representative on the task force, said the similarities between the other robberies is uncanny.

"When you talk to all the witnesses it's like talking to the same person. The stories are so similar," he said.

Sharpe said in every case, the suspect hid in the store until closing and he then confronted employees with the gun, demanding cash. Sharpe said he usually locks the employees in another room or forces them to flee the store while he makes his escape.

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time, but it was a mistake.

"He was somewhat overconfident, and fortunately for us and unfortunately for him, he let his guard down," he said.

Alexander was treated by medical personnel from the South Lyon Fire Department, and he was transported to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor under armed guard. He was listed in fair condition the day after the shooting.

Police believed the suspect acted alone in Sunday's robbery and in most of the others, but a review of security videotapes in some of the other robberies reveal a female accomplice entering the store with him. Collins said, Police believe the accomplice was Alexander's wife. She has been questioned by other agencies in the task force, but no arrest warrant has been issued.

Police recovered the Alexander's loaded and cocked .357 revolver at the scene, and Collins said the handgun was reported stolen earlier. Collins has declined to release the names of the officers who fired the shots until an investigation is completed. Investigations are required when an officer fires his weapon. The Sheriff's Department will handle the inquiry.

Police executed a search warrant early Monday morning at Alexander's Farmington home, and Collins said police recovered some \$3,000 to \$4,000 in cash — "nowhere near the amount stolen."

Alexander was formally arraigned Tuesday evening from the hospital, but exact charges weren't available at press time. The task force will stay intact until evidence can be gathered to present to the other county prosecutors.

NOTICE CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TEMPORARY USE PERMIT TUP 98-007

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Providence Hospital and Medical Center is requesting a Temporary Use Permit to set up an outdoor employee picnic on August 16, 1998 at Providence Medical Center, 47651 Grand River Avenue, on the south side of Grand River Avenue and west of Black Road.

A public hearing can be requested by any property owner of a structure located within 300 feet of the boundary of the property being considered for temporary use permit.

This request will be considered at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 27, 1998, at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 West Ten Mile Road. All written comments should be directed to the City of Novi Building Official and must be received prior to May 27, 1998.

GERIE HUBBS, PERMIT ANALYST (248) 347-0415

(4-23-98 NR, NN 825937)

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

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TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the City Council has caused reports concerning said public improvement to be prepared, which reports include necessary plans, profiles, specifications and estimates of cost of such public improvement, a description of the assessment district and other pertinent information, and these reports are on file in the office of the City Clerk and are available for public examination.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the City Council will meet on May 4, 1998, at 7:30 o'clock p.m., Prevaling Eastern Time, at the Novi City Hall, in the Council Chambers, 45175 West Ten Mile Road in the City of Novi for the purpose of hearing objections to the making of such public improvement.

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

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TONINI L. BARTHOLOMEW, CITY CLERK 248-347-0456

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ARCHITECT: Fanning/Hovey Associates, Inc., 540 E. Market Street, Celina, OH 45822

CONSTRUCTION MANAGER: A. J. Ekin Construction Co., 30445 Northwestern Highway, Suite 250, Farmington Hills, MI 48333-9061, (810) 737-5800

Attention: Robert J. Valesano, Project Manager

Sealed proposals will be received at the office of A.J. Ekin Construction Co. for the following bid categories on this project until 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 23, 1998.

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On the day following the public opening, bid results will be posted in the A. J. Ekin Plan Distribution. Bidders shall not call Northville Public Schools for bid results.

On or about Thursday, April 2, 1998, bidding documents will be made available by the Construction Manager.

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As We See It

Juries should explain verdicts after the trial

What justice.
Gerald Atkins, the man who has such a problem with authority figures that he felt compelled to shoot up the Ford Wixom plant in November of 1996, will likely spend the rest of his life in jail - a place where authority figures will control his every action and where there will be a consequence to everything he does.

Atkins was convicted this week of first degree murder by an Oakland County Circuit Court jury for shooting Ford Plant Manager Darrell Izzard. He was also convicted on 24 other counts, although several of the charges were reduced to assault with intent to do great bodily harm.

Nonetheless, the first degree murder conviction carries a mandatory life sentence. Atkins will have to face Judge David Breck again to have that sentence officially pronounced.
That all means that the jury did not buy the defense argument that Atkins was insane at the time and therefore should not be found guilty for his actions. The defense never argued Atkins was not the man who did the shooting. It simply argued he did it because of a mental illness called "delusional erotomania," in essence that he had fallen obsessively in love with a woman who worked at the Ford plant and that he believed management there was trying to keep them apart.

Prosecutor Cheryl Matthews countered that Atkins was not insane. Rather, she said that was an excuse. Atkins just had a problem with authority, she argued. He was anti-government and anti-authority. But he was completely capable of controlling his actions, she said. He just didn't.

The jury accepted the latter. And because the press in general is so quick to point out when justice is not done, or it appears it has not been done, we should also point out when the law enforcement and justice systems worked well. In this case, they seem to have turned in a virtually flawless performance.

From the officers on the scene that day, to the support systems put in place for the Izzard family, through the prosecution of the case, to the jury conclusion, the system worked well.

Compliments are due to all involved, particularly Cheryl Matthews, who was an ardent advocate for the victims.

It should be noted that Darrell's wife, Nancy Izzard, even had compliments for attorney Herb Larson because of the vigorous defense he put up for Atkins. She said she wanted a fair trial so there would be no question later that proper



Wendy P. Mitzel

verdict had been reached.

One question remains however. Would the jury have concluded differently had they bought the defense argument that Atkins was obsessively in love? It is a significant issue because were reduced to assault with intent to do great bodily harm.

Remember that Larson argued that Atkins' actions in the plant that day were the very definition of insanity. We don't buy that. While some are indeed so delusional, so psychotic that they cannot control their actions, we don't believe that is true of most.

And obsession alone does not constitute insanity, in our view. If it did, our society would be giving carte blanche to stalkers and their like.

So we'd like to have heard the jury's view on this.

Instead, the jury issued a statement and left the courtroom. They did not want to make comments or answer questions. Nonetheless, some reporters (not from this newspaper) tracked jurors down to do interviews later.

We think juries should indeed talk publicly following a trial. They should be willing to answer questions from attorneys, the press and the public.

And this should be done precisely to help the legal system and the public put the verdict in perspective, to understand why the decision was reached.

Providing a time to answer questions should be seen as simply another part of jury duty, and frankly it would be a relatively minor one.

We can recognize the desire of the court to protect the identity of these jurors in some cases, and wouldn't mind the imposition of some rules to regulate such question-and-answer sessions. But somehow, there should be a way for jurors to be questioned about the decision they reach.

It should be the courts, the judges themselves, that require it of the jurors. This should be instituted as a regular part of the jury trial procedure.

And frankly, it might save jury members from being chased down by reporters later.

It'll never be over for many



Wendy P. Mitzel

It's over. Technically, anyway. Although the man who shot up the Ford Wixom plant in November of 1996 was found guilty of killing Plant Manager Darrell Izzard and shooting and injuring many others, it will never be over for the Izzard family.

Despite the victory in court, they will never see their father, husband, brother again.

And not for the Atkins family, who will see the son and brother sent to prison for life. Probably not for the employees who saw the blood and bullets at the Ford Wixom plant either.

Even me, I hope I'll never forget it.

Covering the Gerald Atkins trial was a chance most weekly reporters would never get. Mainly because of stalling and time constraints. But, dare I say fortunately enough for me, my editor saw the value in the coverage.

I saw the value in the people. It's easy to get caught up in the action of the trial. The witness testimony. The fury of the defense attorneys. The tears of the victim's family. It's difficult to keep in mind these are real people. Not television actors or characters in a novel.

The trial affected all of us, I think, in some way. An Oakland Press reporter and I talked about the all-consuming tragedy of it. I dreamt about it several nights. We thought about it most of the time. We put ourselves in the

lizards' place. How would we react? How would we cope?

Frankly, it's something I tried not to think about.

During the day of deliberations on Friday, Mike Mallott asked me to read a book on obsessional behavior as a frame of reference. "Obsession," written by FBI agent John Douglas and journalist Mark Oshaker, profiled some 365 pages of horrible crimes having to do with obsession.

Try as I could to compare the man on trial with the delusional criminals in this book. I found some similarities, but not enough to convince me Atkins was anything more than a bully.

These men were obsessed to a heightened level. They stalked for years. They sent flowers and letters. They slowly became fixated, using intimidation. Then they grew homicidal or suicidal. Truly delusional stalkers do not recognize their retreat into fantasy as such.

Gerald Atkins did not do that. He may have misinterpreted his delusions.

If I were on the jury, I would have voted the same way. Guilty.

The thing that will stick with me most was something Nancy Izzard said to me as we waited for the jury to come back with a verdict.

You work so hard on a marriage for all those years. She said. Then someone comes along and takes it all away.

That's when the word guilty came to mean less than a real victory.

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In Focus

By John Heider



Irene's hands

At 106, Irene Rodriguez still enjoys crocheting in her Whitehall residence.

Stage is set for gov's race



Phil Power

At the very least, the entry of Geoffrey Fieger, Dr. Jack Revorkian's flamboyant lawyer will bring some theater to the so far relatively moribund Democratic race for governor.

Doug Ross and Larry Owen, the two other Democratic contestants, are both skillful and experienced political pros, circumspect in what they say and careful in the ways they say it.

Fieger, by contrast, is an absolute loose cannon, as likely to blow in your ear as he is to slit your throat. His speech to Kalamazoo County Democrats a couple months ago offered enough profanity-laced attacks on fellow Democrats to leave some angry locals wondering whether Fieger had been drinking.

Up to now, the race for governor has been about as interesting as watching paint dry on a cool day. Both Ross and Owen have been busily raising money (about the same amount), jamming endorsements (often getting most of organized labor, Ross getting much of what's left) and trying to convince the news media that they have any chance of defeating incumbent Gov. John Engler.

With Fieger in the race, Michigan's political reporting corps might just get interested in the Democratic primary and start writing about the race instead of how big Engler's lead is lately. "I know Owen and Ross would make John Engler look good," said Fieger in his announcement speech last week. "That's why I'm in this race. I can win."

Most hurt by Fieger's entry is Ross, whose campaign strategy has been to narrow the race for the nomination down to himself and Owen. At that point, Ross planned to argue he was Engler's most dangerous opponent - a point, interestingly, agreed to by most Republicans I talk with.

Owen, the analysis held, was vulnerable to charges of being under the control of organized labor, which in turn was no longer able to turn out the votes the way it did in the 1950s and 1960s. Ross, on the other hand, was well equipped as a "middle class Democrat" to appeal to moderate voters in the middle and forge new coalitions including

many pro-choice Republicans who feel increasingly alienated from the GOP.

Both Republicans and Democrats agree that early polling numbers indicate Engler has something like 45 percent of the likely vote, with something like 15 percent of the electorate in the middle, not exactly in love with Engler but waiting for another candidate to turn them on. Because this 15 percent is mostly middle class, Ross' determinedly New Democratic message has some chance of playing well - a fact that underlies the Engler camp's concern about Ross' candidacy.

But with Fieger in a three-person primary race, Owen's main liability turns into an asset. Even though organized labor can't turn out the masses the way it used to, it still has enough of a grip - especially on older union families - to get something like 40 percent of the Democratic votes in a three-way primary race. That's enough to win, assuming Fieger takes a chunk of Ross' vote.

Of course, the big question is whether Fieger's candidacy will turn out to be a short-lived, self-destructive flash in the pan. He's leading in some polls now, but most experts think that has entirely to do with the notoriety gained by being Dr. Revorkian's lawyer.

He's not likely to raise a lot of money from the big givers. But Fieger says he's prepared personally to lead the campaign \$1 million, more than enough to mount a serious primary.

A greater risk is Fieger's passionate intensity coupled with his tendency to shoot from the hip. He seemed under reasonable control at his announcement last week in Lansing. But a couple more speeches like he gave in Kalamazoo would really get people laughing. And I'd bet anything that Geoffrey Fieger has nothing less than having a lot of people laughing at him.

So here's the morning line: If you want thrill-a-minute entertainment politics, Fieger's your guy. If you want the old, predictable Democratic Party, solidly under the control of established leadership, vote for Larry Owen. If you want a new kind of Democratic Party, try Doug Ross.

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Award brings recognition to movement



Tim Richard

After reading my biography in the program and listening to LeAnne Johnson (the Wayne State University student who nominated me), now I know how Tom Sawyer, Dr. Harper and Buck Finn felt when they crept into the church loft and looked down at their own funeral service.

Thank you - I think.

We newspaper aren't used to honors. I think of St. Paul, the patron saint of editorial writers and the man who made Christianity a going concern. The Romans honored him with a quick execution.

Early in my career, I received a handout from a little school district called Chikaraing saying the board had hired a new superintendent. But when was the meeting held?

I checked the legal ads in the weeklies and found the board minutes. The board had met 10 days earlier but held back its action; it had met in closed session for four hours, emerging after midnight for a quick vote and it was a 5-2 split vote.

So I wrote a big scoop that the competi-

tion missed. Big hero, eh?

For my trouble, the board's supporters tried to give me the St. Paul treatment. They started a campaign to cancel subscriptions to the paper I worked for.

I've been part of the "sunshine" movement in Michigan for 22 years, since testifying in favor of the Open Meetings bill in 1976. Much of that time, I have been in the Society of Professional Journalists and Freedom of Information Committee Inc., testifying before legislative committees, some very hostile, giving seminars; and writing for newsletters.

The biggest reward comes when other people internalize the sunshine laws, realize they're easy to read and begin challenging public officials on their own.

The committee's newsletter, The Informant, isn't copyrighted, so anyone is free to use any material in it. A great compliment came when an outstate daily picked up one of my articles, rewrote it a little and published it. The point was that they had made themselves part of the sunshine movement. No longer were they relying on the "expert."

A reporter whom I coached told me her city council now considers her "a royal pain in the ass." Ah, that was music to my ears!

Being elected to the Michigan Journalism Hall of Fame is like winning football's Heisman Trophy. One person gets the honor, but 10 others were blocking and 11 defensible were tackling, and all are part of the team, the movement. In my case, there were:

• Dozens of HomeTown Newspapers staffers who provide me war stories for leg-

islative testimony and newsletter articles.

• Many PTA members and city council watchers who asked us whether their public officials were behaving properly.

• Leaders of SJJ and the FOI Committee who gave me encouragement and space.

• Ben Burns (Wayne State faculty member) and Michael Shapiro (Oakland County attorney), my successors as chair, and LeAnne Johnson, our office administrator who engineered this nomination without my knowledge.

• Phil Power and the company management who gave me enormous latitude; many University of Michigan regents wouldn't have given an employee that kind of latitude.

• Rep. Nancy Cassis, who has used her office to provide us hundreds of pamphlets with the "sunshine laws," available at our news offices.

And then there is my wife, Nancy Richard, who struggled to remind me that there are other things in the world besides newspapers and politics. Po-o-o-r Nancy!

We newspaper people have some of Garrison Keillor's Minnesota in us that makes us recoil from adulation, fearing a fall.

We haven't built a monument, but we have awakened people to a movement - to insist that public records and public documents belong to the public. Thank you for this award and for giving recognition to that movement.

Tim Richard reports on the local implications of state and regional events. His voice mail number is (734) 953-2104 ext. 1881.

A few dollars now will pay off later

To the Editor:

When casting their votes on March 28, Novi residents held the continued success of our school system in their hands. As we all know, Novi has experienced unprecedented growth in the last decade. Student enrollment in the Novi Community Schools over the last seven years has increased 36 percent, and it is not unrealistic to assume that enrollment will increase in large numbers over the next decade as well.

Why such amazing growth in our community? As a three year resident of Novi, I know well that it was the fine reputation of the schools here that brought my family, and many others, to Novi. However, a consequence of such incredible growth here is that our schools have become very crowded, and our athletic facilities overwhelmed by hundreds of enthusiastic children participating in various sports. It has become abundantly clear that school infrastructure

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improvements must be implemented to insure that our schools remain effective and safe learning centers for our children.

As the situation currently stands, many of our elementary schools are virtually bursting at the seams. The playground equipment at many sites is antiquated and insufficient to meet the needs of our student population. Our

school sports facilities are greatly in need of updating, and our school parking lots are woefully inadequate to accommodate any large crowds at school functions.

After giving the upcoming bond election due consideration, I believe that the proposal adequately addresses all of these concerns in a financially responsible manner. If we approve this bond, we

will be providing funds to build a much needed new elementary school, improve and enhance playgrounds throughout the district, create additional parking, and give a necessary boost to our school sports facilities. Currently, existing traffic safety conditions, created mostly by school overcrowding, will also become a thing of the past.

Given these substantial benefits, the taxpayer burden associated with approval of the bond is minimal. If approved, the average Novi resident's tax bill will increase annually by less than \$60. What better investment can the citizens of this community make than helping to assure the safety and continuing educational quality that our children in Novi deserve? I urge you not to be short sighted on this important issue. A few dollars spent now can help guarantee a bright future for the children of our community.

Joanne Peurach
Novi Middle School Teacher

Expo Center tangled in lawsuit

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installing air conditioning. In addition, the Expo Center pays another \$100,000 per year to rent parking spaces from Progressive Tool.

However, the center has received complaints from major show organizers about insufficient parking.

Novi City Manager Ed Kriewall said Tuesday that the Expo Center "absolutely" needs more parking.

The lease agreement gives the landlord the right to use some or all of the vacant land for additional improvements, provided they do not interfere or compete with the tenant's proposed use of the premises or leave the tenant with insufficient parking.

In July 1997, Bowman unveiled plans for additional parking and a

hotel to be built on the land by the Novi Expo Center Inc.

In the legal documents, the Adell Trust indicates that the trust has its own plans to build a hotel on the site, which its attorneys argue will increase the value of the Expo Center.

"We don't agree or concur that they have the right to do that," Bowman said.

Lawyers for the Expo Center charge that Frank Adell approached Bowman in September 1997, expressing the Adells' interest in investing in the Expo Center and its future expansion plans. Bowman answered that the Expo Center had no interest in acquiring outside investors.

Shortly after this discussion, the Novi Expo Center's lawsuit

says, "The Trust has set about a course of conduct to interfere with NEC's use and enjoyment" of the property.

"This course of conduct is motivated solely by a desire on the part of the trust and/or the Adell family to deprive NEC of the value of its premises and to obtain for themselves the fruits of NEC/Mr. Bowman's efforts over the past five years," the lawsuit filed by the Expo Center argues.

The Adell lawsuit contends the Expo Center made plans to develop the land in disregard of the landlord's rights, starting when the center delivered an October 1997 request from the City for a temporary ingress and egress permit to the site, as part of the construction

of the Crescent Boulevard extension.

The Expo Center then requested that the trust dedicate right-of-way for the ring road and allow the center to configure wetlands land to the construction of a second parking lot at a city site on West Road.

Bowman asked that the \$50,000 cost of the mitigation led to a corresponding reduction in the purchase price of the property. The trust then notified Bowman of its own plans to develop the vacant land.

Also sought is an accounting of the center's revenues from concessions and parking. As of January 1997, the Adell Trust is entitled to a two percent cut of the profits.

City condemnation offers little

By JAN JEFFRIES
Staff Writer

The price isn't right.

Two property owners will decline the sum of zero dollars offered to each by the Novi City Council on Monday for rights-of-way for the \$2.6 million Crescent Boulevard extension, the northwest segment of a loop around the Novi Road/Grand River Avenue intersection.

For years, the city has planned the ring road as an alternative for the traffic that clogs the developing downtown area. Novi residents liked the idea in 1996; the northwest segment is part of a \$17.1 million voter-approved road bond package.

But several landowners in the area feel their toes are being stepped on in the process. Expo Center Drive homeowners Duane and Laree Bell will contest the proposed donation.

"I think we put enough into the city that they should feel obligated to offer a fair price, even though they're not taking much property," Duane Bell said.

In 1992, Bob Redner, president of General Filters, said the city suggested it would pay \$200,000 for three acres of his land, a price he termed "reasonable." For 40 years, the family-owned business has manufactured fuel oil filters, humidifiers and high efficiency air cleaners for homes at the Novi site.

Six years later, the city's appraiser has determined that both the General Filters and Bell land will become more valuable because the road is there.

Novi City Manager Ed Kriewall said that the city has never before offered no compensation for land taken for public projects.

"But we have probably never before increased the value of the property so dramatically. Some parcels will increase by as much as three times," he said.

"All of a sudden, parcels that were buried behind Novi Road and Grand River Avenue are becoming corner commercial lots."

Redner said he didn't doubt his real estate would be worth more. "But for General Filters, it doesn't matter, because the road won't help us and we're not going to sell the land," he added.

"I don't think it was very responsible of the five members that voted to approved the zero offer."

Council members Hugh Crawford and Craig DeRoche voted against the offer made to General Filters and the Bells.

"I'm adamantly opposed to the process we're going through, offering no compensation for property taking, regardless of what that property would be worth," Crawford said.

Council Member Ed Kramer and the majority disagreed.

"I believe the increase in value is

more than enough for the small amount of land taken," Kramer explained.

From the Bells, whose home is on what has become Expo Center Drive, the city wants to take for grants three pine trees for a construction easement and catch basin. Planted 40 years ago by the Bells 40 years ago, the trees have grown from six inches to 30 feet. Bell said his family has lived in Novi for 90 years.

Ultimately, the Bells say they will sell the land and move on. Land owned by the Adell Brothers Children's Trust, owners of the property now leased by the Novi Expo Center, is being appraised by the city, for a possible similar process.

Kriewall said the current lawsuit between the Adells and the Novi Expo Center is muddying the issue.

"Three or four years ago, the Adells agreed they would donate that property," he added.

The lawsuit is kind of changing things. They still might donate that property, we hope.

On Monday, the council also agreed to proceed to seek condemnation in court of Thompson Glass on Grand River Avenue. The ring road will run smack through the small business. The owners have declined an offer of \$400,000 for the building and land, as well as a maximum of \$69,000 for the equipment, if it is not removed from the

building.

The way the procedure works is first the council passes a declaration of taking. The next step is the Oakland County Circuit Court, where a landowner has the option of contesting the necessity for the road. Or, the owner can just disagree with the price offered and ask the court to determine the compensation. That's what Redner said General Filters will do.

"I believe it will cost Novi more money to argue this in court than it would if they sat down with us to work out a fair deal," Redner said.

"We're going to argue the highest value we think we can get."

The four-lane road project includes a bridge over the Middle Rouge River, sidewalks, wetlands mitigation at West Road, along with a riverwalk and an industrial spur to maintain access to Novi Industries.

Redner said the city will require General Filters to landscape its property adjacent to the new Crescent Boulevard. Next week, the company will begin building a 15,000-square-foot expansion to its 65,000 square foot building.

"We have all the trees out there now and if Novi's going to cut them all down, they shouldn't expect us to put up new ones," Redner said.

The city will also require the firm to build a front yard retention pond to compensate for the wetlands lost to the road.

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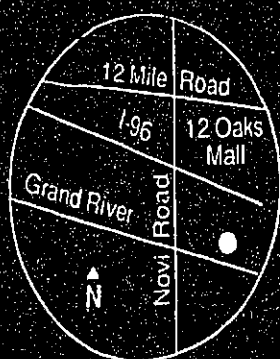
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Tracy Mitchell, pathologist assistant/supervisor attends a daily meeting at the Office of the Wayne County Medical Examiner where all cases brought in the previous night before are reviewed and discussed.

A FORENSIC PIONEER

Northville resident is among first in country
to be hired by a Medical Examiner's office
as a pathologist assistant/supervisor

How autopsies differ

Forensic autopsy is different than a hospital autopsy.

"A hospital autopsy is basically an inventory of the different diagnoses, what the person had and it's quality control for the doctor," said Dr. Somerset.

"When you do an autopsy in a hospital you know who the person is, there is no identification problem," Dr. Somerset said. "Usually you don't ever say why they died, it is not the purpose of the hospital autopsy."

"In a forensic autopsy quite often we don't know who they are," Dr. Somerset said. "There's trauma so the external exam is very important in a forensic autopsy and not in a hospital."

An external exam includes noting the condition of the teeth, the color of the eyes, any identifying marks such as a tattoo or scars that would confirm the person's identity.

Sometimes an external can take longer than an internal examination if multiple trauma needs to be documented.

"It also shows you're thorough when you have that (information) in there," he said. "In a hospital autopsy you probably would not mention a tattoo. It makes the external much more important. In a hospital, there's almost no external and then you start opening."

Any items of clothing and possessions are documented as well as the deceased's height, weight, development, rigidity, and lividity are also included in an external exam.

Different agencies also come into the medical examiners offices to do fingerprinting and collect trace elements like clothing.

"We determine the cause and manner of death so we're more interested in why they died," Dr. Somerset said. "Our mission is not to list everything they have if we see it we'll say it."

Cases which are wheeled into the Office of the Wayne County Medical Examiner usually include homicide, suicide, natural or accidental causes.

By CAROL DIPPLE
Feature Editor

The word 'morgue' conjures up a picture of a large room at the end of a long hallway in a dank, dark basement lit by a single light bulb hanging from the ceiling. It's not exactly where one would want to spend an eight hour work day.

That couldn't be farther from the truth when describing the Office of the Wayne County Medical Examiner where 25-year-old Tracy Mitchell has been writing her own job description as their first pathologist assistant/supervisor for the last year and a half.

The Office of the Wayne County Medical Examiner is one of the first in the country to hire a pathologist assistant/supervisor.

"I think we are sort of pioneers in that position in the country," said Dr. Scott Somerset. "I don't know of anybody else that has (a pathologist assistant/supervisor)."

Mitchell, a Northville resident, had interned with the medical examiner's office as part of her bachelor of science degree as a pathologists' assistant from Wayne State University and when she graduated in July 1996, she was offered the position.

Having also interned at Sinai and Oakwood hospitals she had experience working with both hospital and forensic autopsy.

"I liked the forensic aspect," she said of her decision to accept the medical examiner's job offer. "It is more fascinating and I learn a lot more (by doing a complete autopsy)."

"Typically a pathologist assistant works in a hospital in an anatomic pathology lab so if you go and get out an appendix, part of a lung or breast tissue, it's sent down to the pathology lab where I would look at it and take sections of it for the doctor to look at the next day under the microscope," said Mitchell, who also has a bachelor of science degree in laboratory sciences from Oakland University. "That is a typical background of a PA, so it's



Tracy Mitchell documents the possessions of a deceased as part of the external examination.

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Volunteer

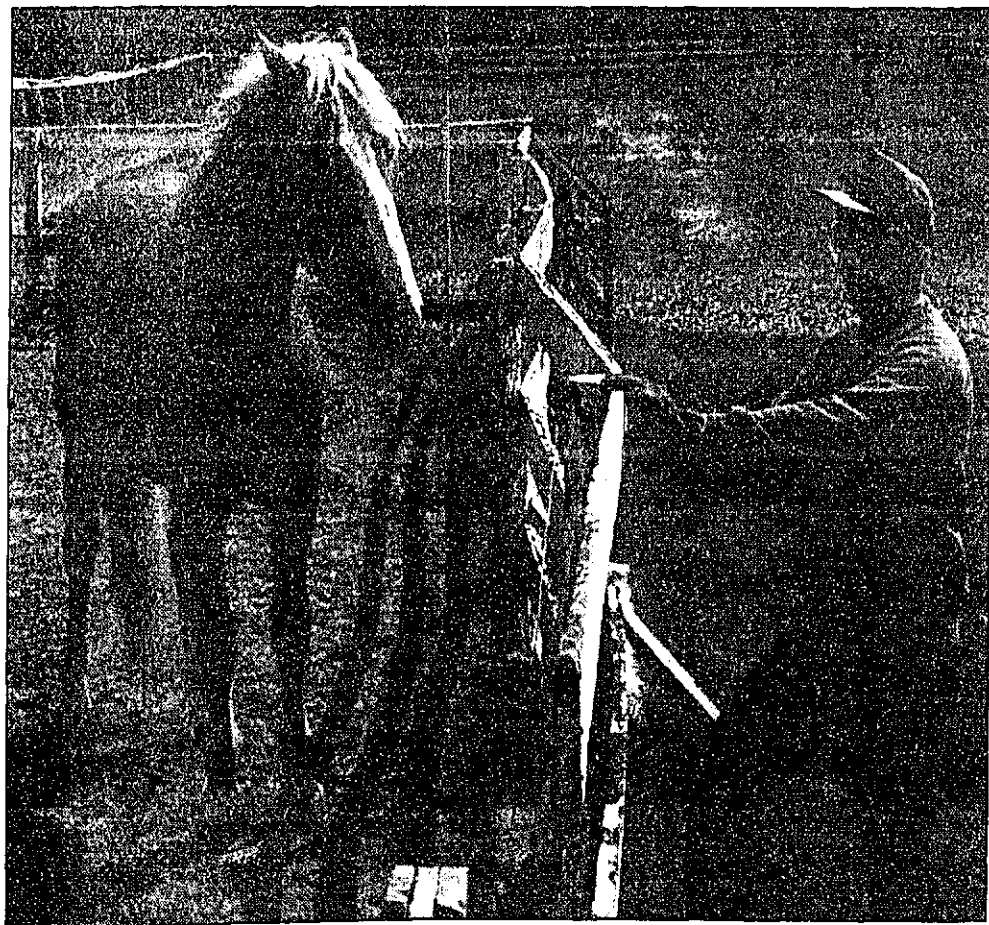


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Bill Magee volunteers at the Wildwind Equestrian Center with the handicapped program.

Magee finds equestrian program very beneficial for the participants

By CAROL DIPPLE
Feature Editor

Bill Magee has been a volunteer with the Exception Equestrian Foundation Therapeutic Horseback Riding program for close to seven years.

It's not his love of horses that keeps him coming back, it's his love of the riders.

When working with the riders, Magee, a Northville resident for 14 years with his wife Lynda, leads or walks next to the horse while the disabled person rides on the horse.

"I find it rewarding to see some of the kids that show an improvement over the course of the program," Magee said. "A couple of years ago there was one young boy who got around in a wheelchair. After being in the program two summers he was able to get around on crutches. It is gratifying for me to see that happen. There is a lot of benefits to be derived for these kids."

Volunteers need to be 14 years of age or older and physically fit enough to walk for one hour at a

time. Students from the National Honor Society can get credit for their volunteer work with the program or receive community service hours, according to program director Cindy Richards.

Volunteers attend a one-night training program to acquaint them with the various jobs available.

"The kids just love him," Richards said. "He really gets involved with the kids and has a real good rapport and that's what makes him such a great volunteer for this program. A lot of people think if you volunteer you have to love horses but you have to love and care about the kids, the horses are secondary they are a physical therapy tool."

Magee normally volunteers once a week from 6 to 8 p.m. May through October weather permitting.

"I have had several riders express that to me that this is the first time they have been up so high and been able to move around so freely," Magee said. "Instead of looking up at every-

thing they are able to look down at things around them."

Depending on the needs of the rider, up to three volunteers are necessary - a leader and two side walkers.

Magee has also been involved in fund raising activities including the haunted barn joint venture with the Novi Jaycees and the Casino Night at the Michigan 50s Festival.

"He has always given above and beyond whenever there is anything going on for the kids," said director Cindy Richards. "Anytime we have a special project he is always out to help whether it is fixing fences, doing a haunted house, selling tickets, or working around the farm, you just have to ask and he is always there."

People who like to get out and walk for a couple hours in the evening, get some exercise themselves, and help these individuals who are taking these therapeutic riding classes can become volunteers, according to Magee.

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Sixth Gate Cloggers is open to anyone over 50

By JEANNE CLARKE
Special Writer

For new residents of the community, the Sixth Gate Cloggers is a senior citizen dance group sponsored by the Novi Parks and Recreation. The group was formed in September 1988, and over the years, have regularly performed for schools, civic organizations and private clubs throughout the area. They practice twice a week at the Civic Center and participate in clogging workshops. Members of the dance group range in age from 50 and up, however, clogging classes at the center are open to men and women of any age. Call 347-0400 for class information and 349-2589 for performance info.

Some of the most recent performances include the Dorvin Nursing Home in Livonia, Walworthwood Senior Residence in Canton for birthday celebration, and the Country Notes Workshop in Ontario. Attendance at Country Notes was in celebration of its tenth anniversary-clogging festival and reunion. During this festival, four different classes were held simultaneously and those attending were given a choice as to which class they wanted. These classes were enjoyed by all, especially the demonstrations given by Katy-Din Cloggers and the Country Corn Clog Cloggers. A number of young people in attendance performed a high-up beat jazz dance number.

Sixth Gate Cloggers once again performed at the Builders Show at Cobo Hall and after, enjoyed din-

ner at Alfoceino's. Later in the month, they performed for the patients at the Heartland Health Care Center, Dearborn Heights. The next day, they performed at Our Farmington Neighbors Club for a St. Patrick's Day party.

FAITH COMMUNITY CHURCH

A "dollar bag" will be available at the church rummage sale, which starts today and continues on Friday, April 24. The hours are from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday, April 25, from 9 a.m. to noon. In charge of the event are Lary Kazakos and Elaine Wroe.

The church sponsors several community projects: The Food Bank held every other Monday at 9:30 a.m. Items can be brought in during the week to the church office. Monthly services held at 2 p.m. on Sundays at Whitehall Health Center; and AA meetings at the church on Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m.

The new spring and summer brochure is available and has many classes for both children and adults.

NOVI COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Schedules for swimming lessons are given for ages 6 months to 13 years in the Infant and Preschool Aquatic program; Puddle Jumpers for ages 4 and 5; and Level 1 to

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set for June 15-19. The church youth activities include the Logos and Jr. Logos meeting every Wednesday from 4:45 to 5:30 p.m. A special event of bowling at the Novi Bowl for the youth and their families will be held on Wednesday, April 19, from 4:45-7 p.m. Pizza and pop will also be included.

A "Hoppy" Easter Hoppla! party was presented at the 9 and 10:30 a.m. Easter services for preschool through fourth grade age group. Youth in grades five and up remained in the sanctuary for the Easter service.

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Schedules for swimming lessons are given for ages 6 months to 13 years in the Infant and Preschool Aquatic program; Puddle Jumpers for ages 4 and 5; and Level 1 to

Level 6, depending on the swimming ability of the child. Registration for Novi School District residents starts Wednesday, May 27, April 30 is scheduled for "Parent and Tot Fun Fitness" for children ages 2 1/2 to 4 1/2; "Time for Two's" starts May 1. Later in June will be a summer preschool class for children 3-5, and in July, a summer variety camp for ages 4-6. There is still room in the fall preschool for 3-, 4- and 5-year-olds. Details are available by calling 349-1206.

"Safety Town" will start June 16, however, registration is due on or before May 8. This program is for a certain age group of 4 through 6, please call 449-1206 for more details. Notification of acceptance will be mailed by May 22.

In the arts and crafts section for children, Ballooney 101 for parent and child ages 5 and up will start May 7; "Maze Bag of Tricks" for grades K-5 starts May 11; "Pottery for Kids," grades 1-4, starts May 5; "Spring Crafts" will start on April 29, and will include sunbonnet, sunflower wreath, Mother's Day bonnet, or a bird house. Other classes for this age group will be starting in June or July.

Enrichment classes start May 13, with a baby sitting clinic for grades 5-8; super sitter for ages 8-14 on May 6; boating safety for ages 12 and up on May 12.

Foreign languages (Spanish, French and German) for ages 8 and up will start the week of April 27, 28 and 29. First aid for little people grades K-3 starts May 5, and "Hodge Podge" for ages 6-10, April 30.

Novi Chorallaires

The Chorallaires will present their traditional spring concert on Saturday, May 9, at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi High School Forest Auditorium. Because this is on the eve before Mother's Day, all ladies in the audience will receive a complimentary carnation. There will be music for everyone, from 3 to 103, and should be enjoyed by all. The musical is entitled "A Date With Disney," a celebration of the best loved Disney classics from Snow White (1937) to Hercules (1997).

Some of the highlights from their favorite Disney shows will be "It's a Small World," medleys of Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs; Cinderella with her mouse friends; Mary Poppins (complete with rhythm band and flying kites); and a monkey from "Jungle Book" who wants to become a member of the choir.

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

Volunteer builds a rapport with the riders

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"You don't really need to know anything about physical or mental handicaps, the instructor knows the problems about each rider and she is able to prepare accordingly," Mages said.

The Therapeutic Horseback Riding program moved from the Michigan State University Tollgate Center in Novi to the Wildwind Equestrian Center in South Lyon three years ago.

Applications for the spring therapeutic riding program are also being accepted for children 18 months and over and adults of any age with physical, mental and emotional handicaps.

For register for the program or to volunteer, call Cindy Richards, (248) 486-7433.

Pageant will recognize senior women

The 11th annual Ms. Senior Michigan Regional Pageant will be held Sunday, June 28, at the Novi Hilton, 21111 Haggerty Road at 2 p.m.

Pageant organizers are looking for women who are able to express themselves in front of others. Can you paint, sing, dance, stretch, or recite? Contestants must be 60 years of age or older. The judging procedures are based upon an interview, inner beauty, poise and talent.

The Ms. Senior Michigan Regional Pageant will recognize and give honor to women who have reached the "Age of Elegance." It is the search for the gracious lady who best exemplifies the dignity, maturity and inner beauty of all women in the Wayne, Washtenaw and Oakland counties.

The winner will compete in the state preliminary pageant in Rochester, Mich., in July and then in the state finals at the Macomb Center for Performing Arts in October.

For an application or qualification requirements, please contact Denise Alcard, Michelle Connell, or Betty Torsky, Walworthwood Senior Community, at (734) 844-3060.

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Church Notes

CHURCH OF HOLY CROSS EPISCOPAL, 46200 West Ten Mile in Novi, and St. Anne's Episcopal Church Walled Lake will host a visit from the Rt. Rev. R. Stewart Wood Bishop of the Diocese of Michigan on April 25 and 26.

Bishop Wood will visit at St. Anne's, 430 East Nicolet, on April 25, meeting with the Bishop's committee and the congregation of the church.

On Sunday, April 26, Bishop Wood will be the celebrant and preacher at the 7:45 a.m. service at Holy Cross, 9 a.m. service at St. Anne's, and the 11 a.m. service at Holy Cross. Following the 11 a.m. service, a brunch will be served with the Bishop meeting with the congregation followed with a meeting of the Bishop's committee.

Bishop Wood has held the appointment of Bishop of the Diocese of Michigan for 10 years. He visits each parish once every three years, meeting with the Bishop committees and congregations of the church. At these meetings he not only establishes a rapport

with the parish, but also reviews and assesses the progress of the parish. Because Holy Cross and St. Anne's are in "yoked parishes" sharing Father Leslie F. Harding as a parish priest, the Bishop has scheduled a visit to both parishes.

For details, call Holy Cross at 349-1175. Holy Cross also hosts Bedford's Pathways to Parenting, New Mothers Club meetings on the first Wednesday of the month from 12:30 until 2 p.m. on May 6 the topic will be "Getting Back into Shape."

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

The Accent on Women series at **HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH**, 24505 Meadowbrook Road in Novi, will present "Celebration of Women - A Holistic Approach to Mind, Body, Spirit" will be presented on Tuesday, April 28, at 7:30 p.m. in the Family Center at the church.

Presenting the program will be Ellen

Thompson, M.S.W., C.S.W., Christian Psychotherapy; Cathy Anthony, Master of Divinity, Spiritual Direction; Cindy Simon, Registered Dietitian, Nutrition; and St. Carol Campbell, R.S.M., Massage Therapy.

For details, call (248) 349-8847.

The Women's Service Club of **MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH** will hold a Rummage Sale on Friday, April 24, from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m., and Saturday, April 25, from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m.

The church is located at 21355 Meadowbrook Road in Novi between Eight and Nine Mile roads.

For details, call (248) 348-7757.

The youth at the **FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE**, 777 West Eight Mile in Northville, will present "What Would Jesus Do? Mother's Day, May 10, at 5 and 7 p.m. On Sunday, May 4, they will perform at St. James Catholic Church in Novi at 7 p.m.

Over 120 area teens are part of this year's southeast Michigan tour.

The music is mostly of a contemporary nature, accompanied by synthesizers, piano and percussion.

The Youth Musical is open to all seventh through twelfth grade students regardless of church affiliation, if any. The majority of them are from Northville and Novi, but also from Farmington, South Lyon, Pinckney, Plymouth, Bloomfield Hills, Wixom and Livonia.

For details, call the church at (248) 349-1144.

The annual Spring Rummage Sale is planned at **FAITH COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**, 44400 Ten Mile Road in Novi, for Thursday and Friday, April 24 and 25, from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m., with a "dollar bag" sale on Saturday, April 26, from 9 a.m. until noon.

For more information, call the church at (248) 349-5666.

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Asian residents hold exhibit

By CAROL DIPPLE
Feature Editor

Three Asian residents have put together their first exhibit of calligraphy and fabric art, on display at the Gate VI Gallery at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 West Ten Mile in Novi through mid-May.

Keiko Yokowatari, Miko Hayashi and Betty Wang are displaying their works.

The Kimono fabric art by Wang called "nu no e" was made from fabric sent from Japan and includes "The Bride," "Cherry Blossom" and "The Tiger."

Yokowatari, a former teacher of calligraphy in Japan, is sharing her talent in the art form with Wang and Hayashi.

The classic poems on display, some written during the Tung

Dynasty, were learned by the artists when they were in middle and high school and have been translated for the exhibit by Wang's 16-year-old son, Jack, who is a junior at Novi High School. School children still learn these poems today. All materials used in the calligraphy pieces also came from Japan.

Each work bears the artist's seal of either their first, last or full names.

Wang, who has lived in Novi with her husband Gary and their sons Jack and Michael, 14, a freshman at Novi High School, since 1993.

Yokowatari and her husband Hideo, have been residents of Novi since 1995, and have a 24-year-old daughter who lives in Japan.

Hayashi and her husband, Hajime, who moved to Novi in 1994, have two children Sayaka, 15, who is a freshman at Novi High School, and Nozomu, 10, a fourth grade student at Novi Woods Elementary School.

The three met while volunteering in the media center at Novi High School.

Wang is also a volunteer tutor in the English as a Second Language program in the Novi school district.

Yokowatari and Hayashi expect to be returning to Japan in about one and a half to two years. Wang plans to stay in Novi until her sons have graduated from college.

Local artists interested in exhibiting at the Gate VI Gallery should call (248) 347-0400.



Novi residents (from left) Betty Wang, Keiko Yokowatari and Miko Hayashi are exhibiting their works through mid-May at the Gate VI Gallery in the Novi Civic Center.

Church hosts Christian musicians

Popular Christian music artists First Call will be in concert Sunday, April 26, at First Church of the Nazarene.

The free concert will begin at 11 a.m. in the church at 21280 Haggerty Road in Farmington Hills.

The nationally-known, contemporary vocal duo has produced such classics as "Undivided," "The Reason We Sing" and "Lord of All." The latest release named "First Call" by Bonnie Keen and Marty

McCall focuses on the bedrock principles of Forgiveness, Healing and Restoration. From the opening notes of "Let the Healing Begin" to the final fade of "Breath of God," the new album rings with authenticity and resonates with hope and inspiration.

The music arises out of a personal and professional crisis experienced four years ago when First Call was performing as a vocal trio.

After reorganizing, First Call produced a Christmas album that includes the hit single "After December Slips Away" and guests such as Amy Grant, Russ Taff, Wayne Watson and Gary Chapman.

There is no admission charge, but there will be an opportunity to make a donation. Child care will be available.

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Charter members Melvin Walck, Marie Walck, Diana Harrawood Canup, Leo Harrawood, Senior Pastor Daniel Cave, Pastor Emeritus Charles Fox and Charter member Donald Otto prepare for the tree planting in honor of the 40th anniversary of St. John Lutheran Church. Not pictured is Associate Pastor Mary Olivanti.

Church celebrates 40 years

On Sunday, April 26, members and friends of St. John Lutheran Church, 23225 Gill Road, Farmington Hills, will celebrate the congregation's 40th anniversary.

The day's celebration will carry the theme: "Forty Years of Faith." Retired Pastor Emeritus Charles Fox will preach at the 8:30 and 11 a.m. worship services. Senior Pastor Daniel Cave and Associate Pastor Mary Olivanti will serve as presiding ministers.

At 10 a.m. there will be a special tree planting and dedication on the church grounds. This gift is being provided by some of the original charter members who helped organize the congregation on April 27, 1958.

The congregation will show its

thanks to God for "Forty Years of Faith" by giving a special offering to a new Lutheran church which is starting in Macomb Township.

The monetary presentation will be made at the anniversary banquet scheduled for 1:30 p.m. at the Novi Hilton. All members and friends are invited to attend.

Call the church office (248) 474-0584 for information and tickets.

St. John Lutheran Church held its first worship service Nov. 17, 1957 in the gymnasium of the old Farmington Junior High School. From the original 35 worshippers, the congregation has grown to a baptized membership of nearly 600 people.

Pastors Cave and Olivanti now serve the congregation.

During preparation for the 40th anniversary, there has been much reminiscing about the early years when Gill Road was only dirt and gravel, the church parking lot was often a sea of mud, and the leaking flat roof consumed hours of discussion. Church facilities have been enlarged and major improvements have taken place over the 40-year history. Plans are now being studied to accommodate future growth.

Regular worship services are Sunday at 8:30 and 11 a.m. with Sunday School classes for all ages at 9:40 a.m.

Everyone is welcome and invited. If there is a need for pastoral services, call the church at (248) 474-0584 anytime.

On Campus Pet of the Week

Novi residents **LINDA KINCZKOWSKI** and **WILLIAM McMillan** were recently awarded doctor of philosophy degrees (Ph.D.) from Wayne State University.

The following students from Novi were named to the Dean's List for first semester 1997-98 at Miami University-Oxford: **JENNY L. CARMICHAEL**, **JILL C. CLAWFORD**, **KELLY A. ODOHERTY**, **JENNIFER A. RUDDY** and **JAMIE A. VanDERMASS**.

Students who achieve a 3.5 or better grade point average receive this honor in recognition of their academic achievement.

ANDREA M. BURGER pledged Alton College's Sigma Xi chapter of Kappa Delta sorority during the spring semester.

Burger is a freshman majoring in music and a graduate of Novi High School. She is the daughter of Kenneth and Margaret Burger of Novi.

NICHOLE BORASHKO and **ERIN VOGEL** were granted scholarships from Northwestern University for the 1997-98 academic year.

Borashko, a junior, was granted the Samuel Rogers/CBarr-quest/K. Clifford Roy/Gold Eagle, and Theodor Wendrich Verneiden scholarships.

Borashko is the daughter of Donald and Kathleen Borashko of Novi.

Vogel, a sophomore, was granted the Oscar W. Kleha Memorial scholarship. She is the daughter of Richard and Shannon Vogel, also of Novi.

Novi residents **MICHAEL STEVENS**, sophomore, and **MAX SULLA**, freshman, have been named to the National Dean's List at St. Mary's College in Orchard Lake.

Students who have a grade point average of 3.3 or better and who are in the upper 10 percent of their classes receive this recognition.



Collin is looking for a kinder, gentler home.

Collin is a purebred American Eskimo. The 2-year-old male needs a quiet home with no children. He came from an abused home but is very loving once he is familiar with his owners, according to a Critter Connection volunteer. Collin will be at Sam's Club in Farmington Hills on Saturday, April 25.

Last week's pet of the week, Sasha, was adopted.

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 Sam's Club on 24800 Haggerty Road in Farmington Hills from 11:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m.

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

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

SPM has a program and activity for every age group and life situation. All programs meet at the new location, even though the room names may be the same as before the move.

Single Parents meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 7 p.m. in room C317/C319. The group offers support, fun, fellowship, vacations and other activities. Free child care is available.

The Uniquely Single Group for those who have never been married meets the fourth Tuesday from 7-9 p.m.

New Start for widows and widowers meets every other Thursday in Room A-15 from 7:30 to 9 p.m.

Indoor volleyball meets Wednesdays at 8:30 p.m. in Knox Hall. A \$1 donation is suggested.

Talk Talk Talk It Over will be held at 7:30 p.m. in room C317/C319. On April 24 Single Point's own Dick Bont will speak about "Where Do We Go From Here?" Topics covered will be "Who am I? What is your Social Style?"

On April 24, the topic on "Where Do We Go From Here?" continues with "Gender Differences - Helping Each Other to be Our Best."

SPM Biking events for April include April 25 at 11 a.m. at Haggerty Field on Edward Hines Drive for a ride to Plymouth.

Get ready for the 14th annual Eagle Run Classic at Maybury State Park in Northville on Saturday, May 9. Events include 5K and 10K races, a one-mile fun run/walk, live entertainment and picnic lunch. Net proceeds will benefit the Detroit Rescue Mission. Registration forms and volunteer sign-up sheets will be available after the Sunday morning gathering and at other SPM events or can be obtained by calling SPM.

For more information about Single Point Ministries, call (734) 422-1854.

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SELECTIVE SINGLES, a social, camping, card playing group for singles 35 and over, meets every second Tuesday of each month. For more information, call (248) 673-1294.



Pat Hibbard and Joe DiRado prepare for Rose Fest '98.

Rose Fest coincides with Mother's Day

Rose Fest '98 is set for Mother's Day weekend, May 9 and 10, at Brickscape Gardens on the border between Northville and Novi.

Running 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. each day, the event will introduce Brickscape's new spring stock of more than 1,500 rose plants of some 100 different varieties. Brickscape handles first quality roses exclusively, including Jackson & Perkins.

Pat Hibbard of Novi, president of Roses West Rose Society and several of the society's officers, will be on hand from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 9, to give advice and chat about roses.

New '98 Roses featured on the enlarged display garden will include Jackson & Perkins:

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Brickscape Gardens owner Joe DiRado set the event for Mother's Day weekend because people like to get out and go to events on that weekend.

"Rose plants make excellent Mother's Day gifts, and mom can select her own at the event," said DiRado.

Rose-related items will also be featured, including special rose handling gloves of leather or rubber with cuffs and Salt Marsh pottery containing impressions of live roses.

Brickscape Gardens is located on Brickscape Drive, just north of Eight Mile Road and just east of Novi Road on the border between Northville and Novi.

Further information on the festival is available by calling Brickscape Gardens at (248) 348-2500.

Preview reception is open to garden club members

A Rose Fest '98 preview reception will be held for Roses-West Rose Society, Woman's National Farm and Garden Association Northville Branch, Country Garden Club of Northville, and the Novi Garden Club on Thursday, May 7, from 6:30 until 8:30 p.m. at Brickscape Gardens.

Notable experts at the preview reception, in addition to Novi resident Pat Hibbard, president of the Roses-West Rose Society, will be Dean Killenbeck of Jackson & Perkins, and the George Hartley.

The wine & cheese reception will be hosted by owner Joe DiRado at Brickscape on Brickscape Drive just north of Eight Mile Road and just east of Novi Road.

For details, call Brickscape Gardens at (248) 348-2500.

Kudos

SHARI ST. LAWRENCE was recognized "Waitress of the Year" at the recently held "Stars of the Industry" Awards banquet held during this year's Michigan Hotel, Motel & Resort Association Convention.

St. Lawrence has been showing patrons at the Novi Hilton excellent service for 12 years. Her hard work and pleasant personality have earned her numerous rewards at the hotel, such as regular customers in the dining area.

Employee of the Month and Employee of the Year recognition, and the respect of her co-workers.

PA is breaking new ground in Wayne County coroner's office

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kind of unique to be doing autopsies."

Mitchell started her job as a pathology assistant/supervisor in September 1997 and after overcoming a few hurdles in the beginning, has settled into the routine. "This is nice. I can kind of set the way I want things done instead of trying to follow in someone's footsteps and change those things," she said.

Mitchell's day begins with a mandatory briefing meeting to discuss the cases brought in to the medical examiner's office the previous night. Medical students, fellows, autopsy attendants and the medical examiners all attend the meeting.

Information on each of the deceased includes location of where the body was found, possible causes of death as described by the police or EMS at the scene, and any medical history.

"Every day is different. I could walk in here and there could be two bodies or there would be 18. We average about 10 bodies a day. We bring in about 5,000 bodies a

year," Mitchell said. The coroner's office operates seven days a week, 365 days each year.

Not all the bodies are assigned for an autopsy, some are only inspected if death is thought to be from natural causes and there is no trauma or foul play suspected. Autopsies are performed to rule out cause of death. Death certificates are signed by the medical examiner on duty.

Mitchell supervises the autopsy attendants, fellows, and interns who attend the physicians. Wayne State University students who intern in the medical examiner's office include medical students who do a one month rotation, pathologist assistants who do a two month rotation, and fellows, those who are going to be medical examiners, who will stay for one year.

She assigns the cases to one of six autopsy attendants, whose experience has all been on-the-job training. An experienced autopsy attendant can remove the organs for the medical examiner to autopsy in about 20 to 25 minutes. A complete autopsy will take about

an hour to an hour and a half. Mitchell supervises the six autopsy attendants who remove the organs from the tongue to the rectum in one piece. They also remove the brain. Under the assistance of the medical examiner Mitchell goes through the organs separating them from each other. Organs are weighed before dissection to look for disease, trauma, etc. and samples are taken.

There is a stock tissue room where tissue is kept for three years in a formula for future reference if necessary. Her other duties include maintaining the morgue supplies such as the gowns and materials to do an autopsy including the instruments, and specimen storage containers, so that an autopsy can run efficiently. Prior to her arrival, maintaining supplies was split up between the employees.

After the autopsy or inspection, bodies are sent to a releasing area where they are picked up by a funeral home.

"I also supervise that area to make sure the right body is going out to the right funeral home and that proper precautions are taken in the handling of the body," she said.

There are not a lot of unclaimed bodies, but all attempt is made to find the next of kin to make arrangements.

If next of kin cannot be found the case is assigned to a public administrator who takes over the procedures from there.

The brightly lit room where Mitchell spends her days has skylights in the ceiling and about six boys which include stainless steel gurneys, sinks, and scales. There is also an isolation autopsy room for bodies that are decomposed or infectious, as well as an enclosed observation room.

Her separate four by six foot office, which has a computer where she enters all the data on a deceased, has a window through which she can observe the autopsy room.

"I only know, actually, of one other (pathologist's assistant) in a coroner's office and that's down in Georgia," she said.

Mitchell also teaches pathology assistant interns and autopsy

attendants how to take out the organs.

"It is difficult to teach people who have no concept of what an aorta is or where the heart is," Mitchell said. "When I teach I don't like to say 'out here, out there' like they say when they are cutting. They need to have certain vessels intact for the funeral home to embalm. It's all on-the-job training."

"When I was here (interning) there was nobody to teach me so I had to learn everything on my own," she said. "The medical examiners can't spend as much time on busy days as needed to teach. I'm still in the learning process too and I have questions."

The medical examiners office has a chief and deputy medical examiner as well as assistant medical examiners.

The coroner's office is upgrading their requirements for employees which included the creation of Mitchell's position.

"We wanted somebody with more responsibility that knew about autopsies and pathology," Dr. Somerset said of Mitchell's selection.

"It used to be everybody came and was hired as autopsy assistants," said Dr. Somerset. "When they got to be seniors, they became investigators and the most senior was the head person. They didn't really have any training other than on-the-job."

"What we've done now is that we've kept a couple of people as investigators who came up that way but they were the best."

There was some opposition among employees in the when Mitchell came on board.

"There was a little conflict at first because she's young and she's just out of school," said Dr. Somerset. "She has handled it real well."

When Mitchell was finishing up her rotation at Sinai Hospital, she met Michael Aquilino who was just beginning his job as a pathologist. The two became engaged and bought a house in Northville a year ago and have planned an October wedding.

"It is better to have somebody who knows what you do, rather than saying 'you did what today'."

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PTG presents 'Arsenic and Old Lace'

Ralph Rosati will be directing the classic play he saw for the first time as movie in 1944 when he was eight years old when the Plymouth Theatre Guild presents "Arsenic and Old Lace" in May.

The story of the Brewster family, almost all of whom are delightfully demented, includes two sisters who are poisoning old men and subsequently burying them in the cellar to end their loneliness. Added to the Brewster bunch is a brother named Teddy (as in Roosevelt) and another who is a Boris Karloff-type doctor. Then there is Mortimer, whose fear of inheriting the family insanity keeps him from marrying the woman he loves.

Friday and Saturday performances of "Arsenic and Old Lace" are scheduled for May 1, 2, 8, 9, 15 and 16 at 8 p.m. Sunday matinees will be held on May 3 and 10 at 2 p.m.

Northville cast members include Tom Kramer as Officer Brophy, Ed Cox as Officer Klein, and Jerry Salas as Dr. Einstein. Residents of Novi include Ariana Prusak as Elaine Harper, Keith Prusak as Mortimer Brewster, and Rick Forsythe as Officer O'Hara.

Along with Rosati, who is a Wixom resident, there is Karen Groves of Northville, assistant director; Ken Kuna of Plymouth, producer; and assistant producers Kristin Curle of Novi and Christine Sullivan of Westland.

All shows will be held at The Water Tower Theatre on the campus of the Northville Psychiatric Hospital, 41001 West Seven Mile Road in Northville.



"Arsenic and Old Lace" cast members include (from left) Bobby Silberberg, Farmington Hills, as Martha; Keith Prusak, Novi, as Mortimer; Nancy Schuster, Livonia, as Abby; Tom Kramer, Northville, as Officer Pat Brophy; and Jerry Salas, Novi, as Dr. Herman Einstein.

General seating tickets are \$8 in advance and \$9 at the door. Tickets can be purchased at Piccadilly Patisserie and National Self Storage, both in Canton, Pentium Deli and Evola Music, both in Plymouth.

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

Novi's littlest actors perform classic tale

The Novi Theatres' "little people players" will present "The Velveteen Rabbit" on April 24, 25 and 26 at the Novi Civic Center Stage, 45175 West Ten Mile Road in Novi. Show times are Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m.

Margery William's beloved tale has been carefully adapted for the stage by Mary Kay Davis.

"Little people players" cast members from Northville and Novi include Meredith Annan, Alex Baum, Justin May, Brett Schwarzkose, John McCambridge, Sarah Pyral, Rachel Good, Bryan Glick, Alison Sansom, Rachel Mohlo, Jillian Angelucci, Dawn Wilfong, Molly Albert, Emily Barton, Christina Shooltz, Courtney McKenna, Courtney Brennan, Scott Schwarzkose, Rachel Adler, Meg Corwin, Patty Hoeg, R. J. Larese, Annanda Zoran, Teresa Asevedo, Anna Rickard, Caitlin O'Rourke, Leah Toke, Alexa Weyer, Chelsea Roek, Barrett Schwarzkose, Paula Zlinick, Heather Donohue, Maggie Hoving, Michael Baker, Mary Beth Shively, Amy Johnson, Sarah Wardley, Marissa Oates, Shannon Wagner, Kathy Laux, and Melissa Shively.

All seats are reserved. Tickets are \$8 for adults; and \$7 for seniors and children under 12.

For details, call (248) 347-0400.

Other presentations in Novi Theatres' seventh season include "The Wind in the Willows," "The Pied Piper" and "Cinderella."



Cast members in "The Velveteen Rabbit" include (from left) Caitlin O'Rourke, John McCambridge as the Velveteen Rabbit, Alison Sansom as the Skin Horse and Scott Schwarzkose.

Entertainment listing

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

SPECIAL EVENTS

CAR AUCTION: The Michigan International Spring Classic Car Auction will be held at the Novi Expo Center April 24-26. More than \$2 million dollars worth of automobiles will be at the show including John Lennon's Mercedes Benz, 1998 VW Beetle, and 1999 Prowler. Four hundred cars are expected including a 1932 Auburn V12 Cabriolet, a 1939 Alfa Romeo 6C 2500 Graber Sport Cabriolet, a 1977 Cadillac Coupe DeVille, a 1963 Corvette Roadster, a 1957 Thunderbird and a 1966 Mustang Convertible, to name a few.

Tickets are \$8 for the day or \$12 for a three-day pass. Hours are Friday 4 to 10 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. to 10 p.m., and Sunday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Auctions begin at 6 p.m., 10 and 11 a.m. respectively.

For details, call (734) 459-3311.

PC SPRING CONCERT: The 120-voice Plymouth Community Chorus is presenting its Spring Concert "Broadway Magic" on Saturday, April 25, at 6 p.m. and Sunday, April 26, at 4 p.m. at Plymouth-Salem High School, 46181 Joy Road in Canton.

Included in the program are all the songs from "West Side Story," "Les Misérables" and "Guys and Dolls," a celebration of Andrew Lloyd Webber's music, and selected songs from "Man of La Mancha," "Beauty and the Beast," "Sound of Music," "Fiddler on the Roof," and "Cabaret."

Many numbers from this concert will be included in a recording to commemorate the Chorus's 25th anniversary in September.

Tickets are \$8 and can be obtained from Evola Music, 215 Ann Arbor Road, and Side-ways Gift Shop, 505 Forest in Plymouth and from "The Northville Record," 104 W. Main Street in Northville. Tickets, and the 25th Anniversary audio tapes and CDs can be ordered by calling (313) 455-4080.

READ IT AGAIN BOOKS: Two romance authors, Anne Eames, and Sharon Pisacreta, will sign copies of their newest books on Friday, April 24, from 11 a.m. until noon at the bookstore located at 39733 Grand River in Novi. Pisacreta will sign copies of her first historical romance "Stolen Heart" while Eames will sign copies of her newest book "The Last of the Joelle Lovers," the final book in the Montana Malones trilogy.

There will be refreshments and a

drawing for in-store gift certificates. Call (810) 474-0606.

NOVI CHORALAIRES: "A Date With Disney" with selections from Disney classics will be performed on Saturday, May 9, at 7:30 p.m. at the Fuerst Auditorium in Novi High School.

For more information, or tickets which are \$6, \$5 for seniors and children 12 and under, call the Novi Parks and Recreation Department at (248) 347-0400.

SPRING CONCERT: The Novi Concert Band, under the direction of Jack Kopnick, will present its Spring Concert on Sunday, May 3, at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 West Ten Mile Road in Novi at 7:30 p.m. The Novi Band will present a varied program from overture to show tunes, and from Dixieland to Sousa.

For details, call (248) 932-9244.

BARNES & NOBLE: Upcoming events include author and herbalist Colleen K. Dot, owner of Herbal Endeavors in Rochester Hills will discuss various teas on Thursday, April 23, at 7:30 p.m. Dot is the author of "Natural Baby Care and Essential Oils Book." On Friday, April 24, at 7 p.m. composer and recording artist Jeffrey Michael returns to perform

drawing for in-store gift certificates. Call (810) 474-0606.

GATE VI GALLERY: An exhibit of traditional Japanese and Chinese calligraphy will be on exhibit through mid-May. Month-long exhibits of local artists are held in the atrium of the Novi Civic Center, 45175 West Ten Mile in Novi. Viewing of the exhibit is possible during the hours the Civic Center is open.

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New Tarzan adventure swings into theaters

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And now called back to Africa, to defend his childhood home against an onslaught of arrogant mercenaries intent on plundering the mystical city of Opar.

Tarzan, Lord of the Apes, is back.

Since they first brought him to the big screen in 1918, filmmakers have continuously returned to the rich lore of Edgar Rice Burroughs' timeless tale of the boy who grew up to be Lord of the Apes. The fantasy, the action and the exotic settings have inspired filmmakers for decades; now, in this latest adventure, Tarzan returns to his jungle home to thrill legions of fans worldwide.

With the production of Warner Bros.' successful 1984 film, "Greystroke: The Legend of Tarzan, Lord of the Apes," filmmaker Stanley Carter, who produced the film with Hugh Hudson, had realized a long-held dream. The road to completion of the motion picture took 12 years for Carter to travel, and almost as soon as the film had made it to the big screen, the producers immediately began to envision a sequel. Carter acquired the rights to the sequel in 1991 and worked on the evolution of the story for the next six years.

Since "Greystroke: Legend of Tarzan, Lord of the Apes" had seen Tarzan's return to civilization and England, Carter's challenge was to conceive an idea that would see the now Lord Greystroke return to the jungles of Africa.

Carter notes, "I structured the story on the action serials of the past, as I wanted to make a high adventure film with a really interesting love story. Even though the story takes place in 1913, our

Tarzan is more forward-looking and he is matched with a thoroughly modern Jane, breaking with previous Jane's. Ours is no willing wallflower."

Casper Van Dien, the hot young actor who starred in Paul Verhoeven's hit, "Starship Troopers," is Tarzan, who, on the eve of the wedding to his beautiful fiancée Jane (Jane March), is confronted by a vision of the destruction of his childhood home. Torn between staying in England with Jane and returning once to Africa, Tarzan, Lord of Greystroke, returns to his adopted home, where he squares off against European soldiers of fortune, led by Oxford-educated Nigel Ravens (Steve Waddington), bent on discovering and looting the legendary and mythic city of Opar.

The legend of Tarzan has been brought to both the large and small screen countless times and the hero has been embodied by a seemingly endless parade of athletes and actors. The film makers of this latest version knew their greatest challenge lay in finding the perfect Tarzan for the '90s. Producer Michael Lake remembers, "When I saw Paul Verhoeven's 'Starship Troopers,' I was struck by Casper Van Dien's performance and his physical appearance. He had the brains, the brawn and the charm to be our Tarzan."

Van Dien comments, "I think what excited me the most, outside of filming in Africa, was the fact that, as a child, I really did look up to Tarzan and his combination of strength among humans and gentleness with the animals. It was a great thrill to get to portray him at last."

Jane March came to the film-makers' attention because of her spirited feistiness, a quality the actress shares with her on-screen persona — Jane, a modern hero-



Kaya (Rapulane Seiphemo), Jane (Jane March) and Tarzan (Casper Van Dien) in the action-adventure "Tarzan and the Lost City."

me with a '90s sensibility. The producers and director also felt that March's delicate beauty balanced the intense physicality of Van Dien.

Carter notes, "Jane March brought a lot of femininity to Jane without sacrificing great strength, an essential part of this woman who sets out into Africa alone to find her fiancée."

Jane March enjoyed getting the chance to breathe life into Tarzan's Jane. She wanted to "be able to play a really fresh character and make an adventure film. This gave me the opportunity to do both at once."

For the part of the cold-blooded mercenary and Tarzan's nemesis, Nigel Ravens, Carter looked to Britain. He says, "I had seen Steve Waddington's work and was impressed by his physicality, a quality not every British actor shares. His brooding nature is

suited to the determination that drives Ravens."

Adapting little of his character's undoubted look, Van Dien allowed nothing to interfere with his portrayal of one of his childhood heroes while filming; he was even given the names Amanda (which means strength) and Sippo (a gift) by the South African extras.

Recreating the classic vine-swinging mode of transportation proved a particular challenge to the actor. Van Dien practiced the intricate maneuver for months prior to filming.

The actor recalls, "I'm lucky that I'm of average height and build. It's easier for me to accomplish this than, let's say, a taller or bulkier person."

"But let's get real here — I think that the chimps are the only ones that can do this without the benefit of a personal trainer."

Rainy weather hinders production crew

One of the biggest problems encountered by the production staff of "Tarzan and the Lost City" was the weather.

Even before casting began, film makers had visited South Africa and realized it would make a perfect location due to its cinematic locales and indigenous wild life.

The heavy winds on the Wild Coast of Africa slowed construction on the forest and jungle sets,

which had to be reinforced to withstand the heavy downpours and possible flooding.

Additionally, the builders had to stay within the stringent confines set down by the National Parks Board, the custodian of the ecologically sensitive areas used in some of the filming. In order to preserve the wild lands, activities such as tree-trimming or hole-digging were prohibited.

And the usage of heavy vehicles was curtailed.

Although the production had been prepared for the usual wet season that coincided with their filming schedule, the rains proved

unseasonably heavy even to local residents. The rains also brought forth large swarms of mosquitoes and other irritating creatures and turned the usual hard African ground into knee-deep mud pits.

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 65, who shares similar interests.
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FRIENDSHIP FIRST

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 eyes, enjoys being outdoors, sports,
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 with similar interest, who likes
 children, would be interested in
 friends first relationship. Ad# 5514

CONTACT ME

Sincere SW mom of one, 40, 5'8",
 enjoys long walks, arts and crafts,
 seeks a kind, considerate SWM, 35-
 45, to share interests and friendship.
 Ad# 5236

LAUGH WITH ME

DW mom, 42, 5'8", slender, blonde
 hair, blue eyes, enjoys movies, dining
 out, hiking, most sports and family
 activities, seeking a fun SWM, 35-50,
 for friendship. Ad# 4673

BE SERIOUS

SW mom, 35, 5'11", blonde-brown
 hair, green eyes, NIS, social drinker,
 employed, enjoys cooking and all
 outdoor activities, seeking a NIS,
 marriage-minded, honest SWM, 35-
 40, for a long-lasting relationship.
 Ad# 1142

PROMISE ME

Attractive SWF, 55, 5'11", active, out-
 going, enjoys traveling the outdoors,
 cooking and more, seeks a SWM,
 50-65, with similar interests.
 Ad# 9137

GREAT QUALITIES

SWF, 19, 5'4", blonde hair, blue eyes,
 outgoing, enjoys going out with
 friends, the outdoors and more,
 seeks a SWM, 18-28, for friendship
 first, possible relationship. Ad# 4914

TALK TO ME

Protestant SWF, 23, 5'6", blonde hair,
 blue eyes, enjoys reading, fishing,
 spending time with her family, seeks
 down-to-earth Protestant SWM, 24-31,
 for friendship. Ad# 7588

NATURAL BLONDE

Attractive SWF, 32, 5'5", slender, nat-
 ural blonde, NIS, interests include
 historic architecture, aviation, travel
 and theater, seeks an honest, finan-
 cially secure SWM, 30-45 who is a
 non-smoker. Ad# 1955

GET SET

Friendly SWF, 41, 5'4", blonde hair,
 blue eyes, interests include antiques,
 dining out, camping and country
 music, wishes to share friendship
 with a personable SWM, 42-49.
 Ad# 4154

GENUINE INTENTIONS

SWF, 39, 5'5", friendly, down-to-
 earth, enjoys the outdoors, animals,
 quiet times at home, music and
 movies, seeks a SWM, 35-45, with
 similar interests. Ad# 2124

NEW KID IN TOWN

Friendly, outgoing SWM, 48, 5'5",
 blonde hair, hazel eyes, sports
 events, enjoys summer outdoor ac-
 tivities, looking for an interesting SWM,
 46-56, to share friendship, laughter,
 maybe more. Ad# 2819

CONTACT ME!

Catholic DW mother, 42, 5'5", physi-
 cally fit, likes travel, sports, boating
 and times with family and friends,
 looking for a professional SWCM, 42-
 50. Ad# 1345

END MY SEARCH

DW, 31, 5'3", dark hair, blue eyes,
 friendly, employed, enjoys movies,
 softball and rollerblading, looking for
 a SWCM, 23-39, with similar inter-
 ests and no children. Ad# 1113

INCURABLE ROMANTIC

Friendly SWF, 55, 5'2", red hair, blue
 eyes, NIS, good sense of humor,
 likes romantic dinners, travel and
 movies, seeking SWM, 50-63, with
 similar interests, to share time with.
 Ad# 9632

SOMETHING BETTER

SW mom, 30, outgoing, student, self-
 employed, enjoys dancing, camping,
 seeks SWM, 25-40, to get to know.
 Ad# 1234

WIN ME OVER

SWF, 29, 5'11", medium-build, Auburn
 hair, green eyes, enjoys camping,
 sports, movies and more, in search
 of a SWM, 28-42, to share life with.
 Ad# 2332

A RARE GEM

Professional DWCF, 46, 5'3", dark
 hair/eyes, likes stimulating conversa-
 tion, dining out and fun times, seeking
 a SWCM, 41-56, with similar interests,
 for friendship first. Ad# 3885

SHY BY NATURE

DWCF, 48, 5'4", enjoys car shows,
 cooking, antiquing, laughing and walk-
 ing in the woods, seeks an open-mind-
 ed, humorous DWCM, 38-55, for a
 sincere relationship. Ad# 1818

ROMANTIC

Pretty SWF, 30, 5'3", full-figured,
 brown hair, hazel eyes, likes music,
 movies, traveling, seeks honest,
 employed SWM, age unimportant, to
 have an intelligent conversation with.
 Ad# 1115

AT HEAVEN'S DOOR

SWC mom, 35, 5'4", 122lbs, Auburn
 hair, green eyes, NIS, likes country-
 western music, dancing, softball,
 movies and more, seeks a fit SWCM,
 35-45, NIS, with a great sense of
 humor, and similar interests. Ad# 5121

TOP OF THE LINE

SWF, 20, 5'7", outgoing, college stu-
 dent, enjoys cooking, moonlit walks,
 music and movies, seeks a SWM, 18-
 23, who is looking for a lasting rela-
 tionship. Ad# 4277

THE MOTION LINE

SWCF, 28, 5'2", medium build, out-
 going, enjoys taking walks, gardening,
 cooking and much more, is seeking an
 attractive, family-oriented, slim,
 romantic SWCM, 32-36, with brown hair,
 for a possible relationship. Ad# 1200

GET TO KNOW ME

Outgoing SWF, 27, 5'11", brown hair,
 blue eyes, employed, enjoys fishing,
 hunting and computers, seeks a car-
 ing, humorous SWM, 27-31, with sim-
 ilar interests. Ad# 5822

STEAL MY HEART

Attractive SWC mom, 26, 5'4", full-fig-
 ured, enjoys country music, hockey,
 seeks SWCM, 24-34, for friendship
 and fun times. Ad# 1922

NEVER A DULL MOMENT

DWCF, 47, 5'3", 145lbs, blonde hair,
 blue eyes, outgoing, loves sports and
 the outdoors, quiet evenings, taking
 walks, dancing, and more, is seeking
 SWCM, 45-53, Ad# 8013

FRIENDS FIRST

SWF, 42, 5'1", 125lbs, blonde hair,
 hazel eyes, sincere, caring, enjoys
 family outdoors, dancing, movies, and
 being active, seeking SWM, 35-50,
 for friendship, possible relationship.
 Ad# 2155

MUTUAL RESPECT

DWCF, 48, 5'5", shy, active, reserved,
 boating, fishing, reading, walking,
 nature, animals, seeks warm, sincere,
 honest SWCM over 45, with similar
 interests. Ad# 1951

TRUE TO HER FAITH

Outgoing SWF, 41, 5'4", likes music,
 playing, walking, seeks Catholic SWM,
 38-45, for friendship. Ad# 9028

ANIMAL LOVER

Protestant SWF, 21, 5'2", employed,
 participates in choir, youth ministry
 and Bible study, enjoys hunting, fish-
 ing and camping, seeks a Protestant
 SWM, 20-25, for friendship first, pos-
 sible relationship. Ad# 2121

SIMILAR INTERESTS?

Catholic WWWF, 58, 5'4", friendly,
 employed, NIS, likes cooking, walking,
 dancing, movies, the theatre, swim-
 ming, travel, board games and more,
 seeks a humorous, sincere, friendly
 SWCM, 55-63, Ad# 8339

WANT TO TALK?

DW mom, 33, 5'7", enjoys trying new
 things, weekend adventures, getting
 together with friends, meeting new
 people, dining out and family time,
 seeks a SWM, 28-38, for possible
 relationship. Ad# 8741

RESCUE MY HEART

SWF, 41, 5'2", 100lbs, blonde hair,
 blue eyes, professional, outgoing,
 enjoys sports, movies, cooking, com-
 edy clubs, seeks kind-hearted SWM,
 39-46, with a good sense of humor.
 Ad# 2345

RADIANT GLOW

Never-married, friendly, easygoing
 SWCF, 25, 5'3", employed, likes the
 outdoors, concerts, seeking intelligent
 SWCM, 25-32, for friendship first.
 Ad# 6972

ALL AMERICAN GIRL

SWF, 25, 5'1", black hair, blue eyes, out-
 going, enjoys music, writing,
 movies, concerts, seeks SWM, 30, to
 share same interests. Ad# 5644

A FRESH START

DW, 34, 5'5", NIS, good sense of
 humor, outgoing, seeks NIS SWM,
 under 38, for long term relationship.
 Ad# 3471

ACTIVE LIFESTYLE

Self-employed DWCF, 60, 5'2", from
 Brighton, enjoys traveling, animals,
 sports, being outdoors, seeks friendly
 SWCM, 55-65, for friends-first rela-
 tionship. Ad# 1924

INTELLIGENT

Friendly, professional DW mom, 33,
 5'9", enjoys children, animals, the out-
 doors, seeking family-oriented,
 Catholic SWM, 32-40. Ad# 5228

AVID READER

Protestant SWF, 22, 5'5", participates
 in Bible study, enjoys walks, concert
 movies, collecting unicorns, seeks
 Protestant SWM, 25-33, with mutual
 interests. Ad# 1997

ANY CHEMISTRY?

Catholic SWF, 35, 5'8", tall, slender,
 educated, active, NIS, likes travel,
 dancing, fitness, elegant evenings,
 seeks lively, humorous SWM, 30-43.
 Ad# 2213

A BRAND NEW START

Shy SW mom, 34, 5'6", blue-eyed
 blonde, enjoys movies, going out,
 being outdoors, seeks nice SWM, to
 share thoughts and interests with.
 Ad# 5560

LET'S MEET

Non-denominational DW, 26, full-fig-
 ured, friendly, extroverted, likes walks
 in the park, picnics, movies, seeks
 understanding, affectionate SWM, with
 a good sense of humor. Ad# 1011

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TRY ME

Shy, reserved, Catholic SW dad, 31,
 6'1", enjoys hunting, fishing and
 nights out on the town, looking for a
 caring, honest DW, under 31.
 Ad# 9151

MOTIVATED

Catholic DW grandfather, 53, 5'9",
 170lbs, fit inside and out, profession-
 al, opened and honest, has a country
 home, enjoys nature, outdoor ac-
 tivities, exercise, seeks SF for friendship
 first, possible long-term relationship.
 Ad# 4849

MOVE QUICKLY

SWM, 37, 6'3", 205lbs, employed,
 loves long walks, biking and camping,
 looking for a talkative, outgoing SWF,
 25-45, with a good sense of humor.
 Ad# 9512

TO THE POINT

SWM, 60, 5'10", enjoys traveling,
 boating, fishing, dining out, movies
 out, dancing and more, wishes to
 meet a SWF, 50-55, to share life with.
 Ad# 7590

ON THE LEVEL

Outgoing DW dad, 41, 6'1", enjoys
 nights out on the town, camping,
 hunting, sports, dining out, movies
 and spending time together, looking
 for DWCF, 28-45. Ad# 1728

UNTIL NOW

Reserved DW dad, 30, 6', employed,
 enjoys fishing, hunting, camping, pic-
 nics, long walks and the outdoors,
 in search of compatible SWF, 25-32.
 Ad# 5743

ALL OUR TOMORROWS

Appealing DWCM, 34, 5'10", enjoys
 hockey and football, camping, family
 times, dancing and long walks, seeks
 an attractive, fun-loving SWCF, under
 36, for a nice life. Ad# 7152

HONESTY IS A MUST

DW, 42, 6'1", outgoing, enjoys gar-
 dening, children and much more,
 seeks loving, understanding SWF,
 age unimportant. Ad# 7698

GIVE ME THE CHANCE

DWCM, 30, 6', outgoing, enjoys hunt-
 ing, fishing, quiet evenings, seeks
 SWF, over 25, who loves children, with
 similar interests. Ad# 8413

IN YOUR DREAMS

Personable SWM, 39, 6'1", brown
 hair, green eyes, dad of 2, coaches
 sports, enjoys long walks, romantic
 evenings, seeks SWF, 21-48, for shar-
 ing interests and friendship. Ad# 5121

SPECIAL REQUEST

SWM, 26, 6'2", outgoing, enjoys out-
 door sports, camping, movies, seeks
 honest, outgoing SWF, 22-30, with
 similar interests. Ad# 2100

CARING & ROMANTIC

DWCM, 52, 6'1", medium build, ad-
 vanced, enjoys traveling, outdoor ac-
 tivities, dancing, movies and music,
 seeking a SWCF, 40+, for possible
 relationship. Ad# 9255

SWEET & HUMOROUS

Sincere SWC dad of one, 39, 5'8",
 enjoys movies, picnics, boating, din-
 ing out and dancing, wishes to share
 activities and friendship with a pos-
 sible-thinking SWCF, 34-43. Ad# 1278

VERY LIKEABLE

SWCM, 40, 6'1", 205lbs, brown hair,
 blue eyes, outgoing, humorous, ani-
 mal, enjoys dining out, children,
 movies and church activities, seeks a
 SWF, 35-45. Ad# 8816

OH, THE POSSIBILITIES!

Shy, sensitive SWM, 23, 5'7", inter-
 ests include movies, camping, con-
 certs and playing guitar, in search of
 an intelligent SWF, 18-25, for friends-
 first relationship. Ad# 1046

A LITTLE SHY

Catholic DW dad, 31, 5'11", 225lbs,
 likes cooking, fishing and camping,
 seeks caring Catholic SWF, 25-33,
 who likes kids, and who is marriage-
 minded. Ad# 3692

KEY TO MY HEART

Outgoing SWCM, 54, 6'3", enjoys the
 outdoors, children, music and living
 life to the fullest, seeking an under-
 standing and compassionate SWCF,
 42-46, who is looking for a friend.
 Ad# 1356

VERY ACTIVE

SWM, 52, 6'3", enjoys classic cars,
 camping, quiet evenings in front of the
 fireplace, seeking an honest, loving
 SWF, 45-58, to spend time with.
 Ad# 5143

NEW HEIGHTS

SWM, 60, 5'5", 160lbs., likes long
 walks, movies, the theatre, flea mar-
 kets, art fairs, sports and much more,
 seeking a special, petite SWF, 55-62.
 Ad# 2526

SEARCHING FOR YOU

SWM, 29, 5'8", enjoys all sports,
 watching television, movies, dining
 out and quiet evenings at home, in
 search of a SWF, 25-33, to spend
 time with. Ad# 5211

SHY AT FIRST

Reserved, employed SWCM, 35, 5'3",
 enjoys movies, nights out on the town,
 shopping, music, reading and new
 experiences, looking for a sweet, sin-
 cere SWCF, 30-40. Ad# 6685

ATTRACTIVE

Shy, reserved SWM, 23, 6', 170lbs.,
 blonde hair, blue eyes, enjoys dining
 out, dancing, movies, music and out-
 door sports, seeks SWF, 20-26, for
 possible relationship. Ad# 1806

GREAT CONVERSATIONS

Personable DWCM, 34, 5'7", enjoys
 cooking, reading and the outdoors,
 seeking an interesting SWF, 20-43, to
 meet and get to know. Ad# 9979

TRUE...AND ALL FOR YOU

Never-married SWM, 35, 5'11", brown
 hair, hazel eyes, self-employed, likes
 camping, bowling, fishing, horseback
 riding and bike riding, seeks a SWF,
 27-36, with similar interests, no kids
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GIVE ME A CHANCE

SWCM, 38, 5'8", brown hair, blue
 eyes, childless, NIS, enjoys tennis,
 racquetball, movies, music, comput-
 ers and socializing, seeks a SWCF,
 18-31. Ad# 3496

THE KEY TO MY HEART

Retired DW, 57, 5'7", shy at first,
 enjoys playing out, music and movie,
 looking for a lovely SWF, age unim-
 portant, to share friendship, laughter,
 maybe more. Ad# 2589

MANY OPTIONS

SWM, 33, 5'8", blond hair, enjoys
 playing golf, water skiing, baseball,
 hockey, camping and traveling, seeks
 a physically fit SWF, 25-35, who is
 goal-oriented. Ad# 1509

SHARE MY INTERESTS

Easygoing DWCM, 48, 5'7", 160lbs.,
 NIS, non-drinker, enjoys country life,
 movies, dining out, motorcycles and
 antiques, seeks a heart and willing
 proportionate SWF, 38-48. Ad# 6147

HELLO SUNSHINE

SWM, 19, 5'9", 175lbs., likes auto
 racing, adventure movies, spending
 time with friends and living life to
 the fullest, looking for a SWCF, 18-24,
 for possible relationship. Ad# 8565

KINDRED SPIRIT

Honest DWCM, 53, 5'5", shy at first,
 enjoys working around the house,
 traveling, quiet evenings at home and
 dining out, seeks a slender, sincere
 SWF, 45-50. Ad# 7683

JUST BE YOURSELF

DW, 51, 5'7", outgoing, salt and
 pepper hair, NIS, non-drinker,
 employed, enjoys movies and dining
 out, seeks a petite SWF, 35-45, for
 monogamy. Ad# 1644

MUTUAL RESPECT

Outgoing SWCM, 18, 6'4", enjoys
 snowboarding, seeking a heart and willing
 looking for a loving, caring SWF, 18-22,
 for possible relationship. Ad# 3369

WAITING FOR YOU

Handsome DWCM, 46, 6', 175lbs.,
 brown hair/eyes, likes outdoor activ-
 ities, dining out, music and more,
 seeks an honest, respectable SWF,
 34-46, for possible relationship.
 Ad# 6251

GET TO KNOW ME

Catholic DWCM, 54, 5'9", NIS, shy,
 enjoys camping, country music, ani-
 mals, seeks DWCF, 45-50, to share
 quality time with. Ad# 3332

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, NIS, attentive,
 creative, honest, witty, enjoys ani-
 mals, birding, cooking, country life,

Girls team crushes competition

'Cats win Novi Relays after picking up win against Hartland last week

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

In an invitational that relies on team depth, it would only be natural for the Novi girls track team to dominate the field.

Well that's exactly what the Wildcats did in winning the Novi Relays Saturday at Novi High School.

Novi won six events, totaling 94 points and easily outdistancing second place Harrison (77 points.) Dexter (63) was third, Bedford Union fourth (50), Northville fifth (32), Walled Lake Western (24) was sixth and Franklin was seventh (23).

The competition was a little different from normal invitational.

Novi won four of the seven running relays, including the unusual four mile relay. Kristina Uley, Val Stefanson, Jacqueline Tevans and Kristin Echols took the event in a time of 23 minutes, 3.2 seconds.

Alaina Chipponeri, Kristin Ham, Meghan Ruhl and Mickie Rzepka took first in the 800 relay.

The distance medley team of Uley, Chipponeri, Echols and Stefanson won in a time of 13:37.35. Uley ran 800 meters, Chipponeri 400, Echols 1,200 and Stefanson 1,600.

The sprint medley team of Beth Rice, Rzepka, Ham and Chipponeri won in 4:30.80.

Also finishing first was the discus relay team. Stephanie Pridmore, Christina Terrell and Nicole Bliss won with a total combined distance of 260 feet, one inch. Bliss' throw of 90-1 was more than 20 feet over her previous personal best.

"When you can get a kid throwing over 90 feet you're going to do very well," coach Sue Tomlinck said. "Now we have two girls that can throw over 90 feet."

The other teams that showed up were hurting for kids, but I was missing half of mine too," she said. "I knew going in I would just have to go with what I had and all the way around the kids did a great job."

Mary McDougal, Stacey Williamson and Colleen Lewis combined for a high jump of 13-9 for first place.

Both the mile and 400 relay teams finished runner-up. Rebecca Gold, Beth Williams, Jessica Cash and Rice finished runner-up in the mile relay in a time of 4:31.09. Ham, Ruhl, Corey Wolowicz and Rzepka were second in the 400 (5:55.43).

Julie Units, Bliss and Pridmore were third in the shot put relay as was Natalie Oraz, McDougal, Lewis and Wolowicz in the shuttle hurdle relay. The two-mile relay finished fifth and the long jump relay was fifth to conclude the scoring for the Wildcats.

Tomlinck was happy that she had enough girls to compete with the meet falling during spring break.

"The other teams that showed up were hurting for kids, but I was missing half of mine too," she said. "I knew going in I would just have to go with what I had and all the way around the kids did a great job."

NOVI 109.5, HARTLAND 27.5
The Wildcats won 13 events, sweeping six of them, en route to this Kensington Valley Conference win.

Pridmore won the shot put and Michelle Blumer took first in the discus event.

McDougal won the high jump and Rice took the long jump competition.

Williamson and Rzepka both pole vaulted 7-6, but Williamson won the tie breaker. The two-mile relay team of Brooke Albright, Christy Davenport, Echols and Chipponeri took first, as did the 800 relay team of Chipponeri, Christina Parrish, Ham and Rzepka.

Sara Elfving won the 110 high hurdles and Erin McQuinn was tops in the 300 hurdles. Rzepka, Parrish and Ham swept the 100 meter dash.

Allright won the mile in a time of 5:30 and Chloe Clark won the 400 meter dash in 1:04.5.

Novi concluded the relays with a win in the mile relay. Albright, Echols, Uley and Davenport won in a time of 4:29.32.

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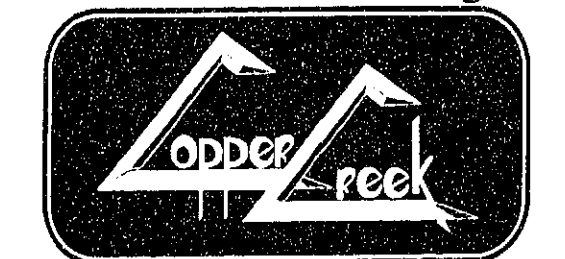
ATTACK WINS IN PINCKNEY

The Novi Attack sixth-grade boys basketball team recently won first place in the sixth-place division of the March Madness Basketball Tournament held in Pinckney. The tournament hosted 44 teams from throughout the state, 16 of which were sixth-grade teams. The Attack defeated teams from Lincoln Park, Shelby and Detroit in their path to the semifinals. The team then defeated the Phenoms by seven in the semifinals and the Gus Makers from Grand Rapids in double overtime. Members of the Attack include Mark Angolecci, Brandon Cassie, Brad Chandler, Brad Simpson, Jeff Davis, Steve Gawronski, Frank Lietke, Matt Mehin, Kyle Smith and Mark Sorenson. The team is coached by Carl Chandler and Dan Davis.

JABZCZENSKI NAMED PITCHER OF THE WEEK AT MADONNA

Former Novi High School pitcher and current Madonna University left-hander Mitch Jabzecznski was named Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference pitcher of the week for the week ending April 12, 1998. Jabzecznski, a sophomore, threw a complete-game three-hitter, striking out five in Madonna's 5-1 win over conference rival Siena Heights College. Jabzecznski improved to 4-1 on the season.

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ALL AREA BASKETBALL

First Team

name	school	grade	position	height
Bill Nash	Milford	Senior	Forward	6-3
Justin Williams	Milford	Senior	Guard	6-1
Dave Terakedis	Northville	Senior	Guard	5-8
Larry Drury	Novi	Junior	Guard	6-1
Gary Neighbors	South Lyon	Junior	Guard	6-1

Second Team

name	school	grade	position	height
Dan Bahr	Lakeland	Junior	Guard	6-2
Chris Martin	Lakeland	Senior	Center	6-8
Greg Hix	Milford	Senior	Center	6-2
Kelly Bingley	Northville	Senior	Guard	5-9
Rob Reel	Northville	Junior	Forward	6-5

Honorable mention

Lakeland - Tom Boomer, Shawn Houck, Jason Maes
Milford - Nick Heintz, Eric Hix, Ted Palmer
Northville - Marshall Knapp, Matt Carroll, Bob Allan
Novi - Ben Cunningham, Dan Colligan, Kyle Searley
South Lyon - Randy Duncan, Matt Nelson, Jon Russell

Boys' track team wins its own relays

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and Nick Bassitt teamed up to run a 20:26.

The discus relay team of David Thompson, Harvey Steele and McGuckin threw a combined 295-11 for third place. Steele, Thompson and Bennett Mallory were fourth in the shot put competition.

"I didn't think we'd score in the throws," the coach said. "But I was quite happy with a third and a fourth."

To keep the capacity crowd into the meet, the relays included a discus/shot relay in which each team combined its discus and shot put throwers to form a 4 x 100 relay team. The one difference was that instead of a baton, the big guys passed a 12-pound shot put. Novi may not have had the top throwers, but it had the fastest ones. Thompson, Mallory, Steele and McGuckin ran a :52.79 to win the fun event.

Burns, Dan Stevens, Southworth and VanLandscout combined for fourth place in the mile relay.

Novi's 400 relay team was fifth and the 800 relay team finished sixth to round out the scoring. Last year the team finished runner-up.

"This event really brought the team together. We've had some good meets this year, but we weren't sure what kind of team we had," Smith said. "But this team kind of found itself."

The Wildcats hosted Milford at home Tuesday in a matchup against the defending conference champion and the favorite to repeat this year. Tomorrow the 'Cats travel to Lakeland to take on the Eagles.

Talent spills over into second team

A five-player first team wasn't enough to honor area cagers and their season accomplishments.

HomeTown Newspapers' Second Team basketball players are stars in their own right.

The Lakeland Eagles are represented by two players, Dan Bahr and Chris Martin, both of whom averaged more than 10 points per game this season.

But, that just goes to show the level of competition. Novi found a way to win six games and have just one player average double digits in points.

Northville used a balanced offensive attack to win a dozen basketball games and a district title. Kelly Bingley and Rob Reel were often times number one options for the Mustangs.

Here is a closer look at the All Area Second Team:

Dan Bahr
Lakeland junior guard

Bahr won the Eagle Award for being the all-around best performer on the team. He was a second team Kensington Valley Conference selection and was Lakeland's team captain this season.

Bahr led the Eagles with 11.9 points per game. He was third on the team with 86 boards and had 50 assists, averaging 2.5 per game.

"He had a real nice season for us," Coach Randy Wilkins said. "We're real proud of him and

real pleased. We're looking towards next year. But, unfortunately a lot of other good players are coming back from other teams."

Chris Martin
Lakeland senior center

Not coming back next season is senior Martin. He was by far the most improved Eagle this season and earned a KVC honorable mention for his efforts.

Martin averaged 10.2 points per game, second on the team behind Bahr. He led the team with 155 rebounds.

Wilkins was also pleased with Martin's season. The center was second on the team with 46 blocked shots.

Greg Hix
Milford senior center

Hix led the Redskins with 4.9 rebounds per game and was third in team scoring, averaging 8.1 points per game.

He did all that playing on one leg.

Not really on one leg, but Hix did play injured for most of the season. What doctors thought was a stress fracture in his foot turned out to be ligament damage. A cast was recommended but Hix chose to finish the season, in pain.

"He pretty much played half the year on one leg," Coach Don Palmer said. "His foot injury took away his jumping. He played in pain but

played pretty effectively. He's a crafty interior post guy with some nice moves."

Kelly Bingley
Northville senior guard

Despite battling his way through injuries the entire season, Bingley still managed to average 10 points and dish out five assists per game. A perfect backcourt mate to Dave Terakedis, Bingley was the ringleader for Northville at point guard.

Bingley earned honorable mention status in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

"He was the hardest worker we had," coach Scott Baldwin said. "He was asked to play point for us and he worked hard over the summer to improve his game. He's a rabid competitor."

Rob Reel
Northville junior forward

With the talented backcourt duo Northville possessed this season, Reel joined Bob Allan and Marshall Knapp to form a solid front line for Baldwin. An all-area selection in football, Reel proved he could dominate under the boards as well, scoring 6.5 points per game while pulling down 6.4 rebounds per contest.

"He's a big guy with point-guard instincts," Baldwin said. "He's a strong rebounder and he's good enough in the open court to handle the ball. Next year we're hoping for him to be a leader."

Novi to offer summer camps for kids

Registration for Novi High School summer camps is now underway. Novi Meadows physical education teacher and Novi boys varsity basketball coach Patrick Schluter will be instructing four camps throughout June and July.

There will be both a boys and girls basketball camp, a shooting camp and boys and girls physical education camp offered to kids from second through ninth grade.

NOVI WILDCAT BOYS AND GIRLS PHYSICAL EDUCATION CAMP: This camp is for kids who want to have a fun filled week of physical activities. The campers will understand the value of teamwork. They will be able to enter into leisure time sports such as basketball, soccer, volleyball, softball and floor hockey. They will improve agility, flexibility and endurance. The campers will follow rules in the games and begin to learn the proper terminology for various games of sports. The kids will leave this camp feeling good about themselves.

Gym clothes and gym shoes are a must. The camp will be held from July 20-24 (Monday through Friday) in the performance gym at Novi High School. Camp for second through fourth graders will be from 8:30 to 10 a.m. and from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. for fifth and sixth graders. Cost for the camp is \$40.

NOVI WILDCAT BOYS BASKETBALL CAMP: This camp will emphasize all phases of

the game including dribbling, shooting, pivoting, faking, rebounding, team play, sportsmanship and defensive concepts. Each camper will receive a thorough knowledge of the game as well as instruction that will aid in the development of his abilities. Coach Schluter will be assisted by knowledgeable and experienced Novi High School players and coaches.

Gym clothes and gym shoes are a must. Participants will be grouped according to age, size and ability. The camp will be held June 22-26 (Monday through Friday) at the Novi High School fieldhouse. Camp for third through fifth graders will be from 8:30 a.m. to noon and from 11 to 4:30 p.m. for sixth through ninth graders. The cost for this camp will be \$100 and includes a t-shirt and outdoor basketball.

NOVI WILDCAT GIRLS BASKETBALL CAMP: This camp will emphasize all phases of the game including dribbling, shooting, pivoting, faking, rebounding, team play, sportsmanship and defensive concepts. Each camper will receive a thorough knowledge of the game as well as instruction that will aid in the development of her abilities. Coach Schluter will be assisted by knowledgeable and experienced coaches and high school players.

Gym clothes and shoes are a must. Participants will be grouped according to age, size and ability. Novi High School girls varsity bas-

ketball coach Dennis Cichonski will be the guest speaker. The camp will be held July 13-17 (Monday through Friday) at the Novi High School fieldhouse. Camp for third through fifth graders will be from 8:30 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 4:30 p.m. for sixth through ninth graders. The cost for this camp will be \$100 and includes a t-shirt and outdoor basketball.

NOVI WILDCAT BOYS AND GIRLS SHOOTING CAMP: This shooting camp will be packed with instruction, techniques and drills a player needs to shoot the basketball well. Emphasis will be placed on three point shooting, free throws, shooting off the dribble and spot shooting. Upon completion of this camp, the camper will show marked improvement in his/her shooting techniques. Awards will be given to shooting contest winners. Coach Schluter will be assisted by knowledgeable and experienced coaches.

Gym clothes and shoes are a must. The camp will be held from July 27-31 (Monday through Friday) in the performance gym at Novi High School. Camp for third through fifth graders will be from 8:30 to 10 a.m. and from 10 a.m. to noon for fifth and sixth graders. Cost for the camp is \$40.

Registration for each of the camps is underway. Non residents must add \$5 to the camp fee. For more information or to register with a credit card, please call 449-1206. You may also register at the Novi Community Education Building at 25345 Taft Road.

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LOCATIONS

Providence Medical Center - Milford
1155 Milford Road (downtown Milford)
Friday, May 1
8:00 am - 12:00 noon

Providence Medical Center - Farmington Hills
30055 Northwestern Hwy (at Inkster Rd)
Saturday, May 2
8:00 am - 1:00 pm

Mission Health Medical Center - Livonia
37595 Seven Mile Road (at Newburgh Rd)
Saturday, May 9
8:00 am - 1:00 pm

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Health Column

Car restraints save children's lives

We all want to protect our children from harm, including the ever-present dangers of alcohol, drugs and violence. Their greatest threat, however, is from a traffic accident.

That's right. A child is more likely to die or be seriously injured as a result of a car crash than from any disease or other type of accident.

It's crucially important, therefore, to protect your children every time they ride in the car.

Most of these injuries are due to a child being improperly restrained. With so many different types of car seats, booster seats and seat belts, however, it can be confusing for parents. Here is some advice to help eliminate the confusion:

- All infants and toddlers should ride in a car seat placed in the back seat of the vehicle. Make sure your car seat is approved by the Federal Motor

Vehicle Safety Standards and that the seat has not been recalled.

Also, carefully review the installation instructions.

The harness needs to be adjusted so there is a space the breadth of two fingers between the child and the harness. Also, the seat should be secured properly to the vehicle.

You can test this by trying to rock the car seat back and forth and side to side. It should not shift from the vehicle seat. Finally, you may need to attach a locking clip if your seat belts move freely until the vehicle makes a sudden stop.

- Infants must be placed in a car seat that faces toward the rear of the vehicle, when a child reaches 1 year of age, the car seat should be turned so it faces forward. There are many convertible-style car seats which are used in the rear-facing position

for infants and the forward-facing position for toddlers.

If you have an infant-only seat, then you need to replace it with a toddler seat when your child is 1 year old.

- Toddlers may begin to resist being put in the car seat so you'll need to be firm about making them sit in the seat during every car ride. This also helps your child to better behave during a car ride.

- When children reach 40 pounds or about 4 years of age, they should ride in a booster seat. Without a booster, the car's seat belt won't fit them properly.

The shoulder belt will go across their neck or face instead of their chest, and the lap belt will cross the stomach instead of the hips. The best booster seats use both a lap and shoulder belt and, therefore, result in proper positioning of the vehicle's seat belts.

- Children over 60 pounds or 8 years of age may be restrained by the vehicle's lap and shoulder belt. These are safer than a lap belt alone.

Children should always sit in the front seat of a car equipped with a passenger-side air bag, but they also must wear a lap/shoulder belt and their seat should be adjusted as far back as possible.

If you have any questions about how to best secure your child while riding in the family car, please ask your child's doctor. Remember, up to two-thirds of injuries and deaths due to car crashes can be prevented by using proper car restraints. Help protect your child.

Jeanne Seyfried M.D. is a pediatrician at the University of Michigan Northville Health Center, 650 Griswold. For more information, please call (248) 344-1777.

INDIVIDUALS NEEDED FOR RESEARCH STUDIES

The Warner-Lambert/Parke-Davis Community Research Clinic is seeking healthy males, ages 18-55, for participation in medication research studies. Length of study time is approximately two-four weeks. Research subjects will be paid approximately \$500.00 \$100.00 for participation. You must not take daily prescription medications or have any chronic illness. For more information, please call Liz at (734) 622-7051, Mon.-Fri., 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., 2800 Plymouth Rd., Ann Arbor, MI 48105.

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The following Providence Medical Center locations will provide Project Health-O-Rama services in May:

Providence Medical Center-Farmington Hills
30055 Northwestern Highway at Inkster
May 2, from 8 a.m.-1 p.m.

Services provided and fees:

- Height, weight, blood pressure screenings - no charge.
- Foot exams - no charge.
- Dental/oral exams - no charge.
- Eye exams - no charge.
- Glaucoma testing - no charge.
- Hearing tests - no charge.
- Self breast exam education - no charge.
- Skin cancer screening - no charge.
- Ask the nutritionist session - no charge.
- Ask the pharmacist session - no charge.
- Body composition test - \$5.
- Pulmonary function test - \$5.
- Pap tests - \$10.
- Blood panel - 23 profiles - \$22.
- Prostate Specific Antigen (PSA) blood test - \$25.
- CA-125 blood test for cervical cancer - \$25.

- Colorectal cancer screening kits - \$8.

For additional information, please call the Project Health-O-Rama Hotline at (248) 424-8600 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Providence Medical Center-Milford
1155 Milford Road (downtown Milford)
May 1, 8 a.m.-noon

Services provided and fees:

- Body composition - no charge.
- Blood pressure screening - no charge.
- Dental/oral exam - no charge.
- Eye exam - no charge.
- Hearing test - no charge.
- Pulmonary function test - no charge.
- Ask the pharmacist - no charge.
- Nutrition counseling - no charge.
- Colorectal cancer screening test kit - no charge.
- HIV take home kit - \$35.
- H-pylori blood test - \$15.
- Blood panel - 23 profiles - \$22.
- Prostate Specific Antigen (PSA) blood test - \$25.
- CA-125 blood test for cervical cancer - \$25.

- Colorectal cancer screening kits - \$8.

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Providence Medical Center-Livonia
37595 Seven Mile Road (at Newburgh)
May 9, 8 a.m.-1 p.m.

Services provided and fees:

- Height, weight, blood pressure screenings - no charge.
- Foot exams - no charge.
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Can't find your keys? Don't remember where you parked your car? Lucky you. Back by popular demand, this month ElderMed at Botsford

is offering the fascinating - and memorable - course, Enhancing Your Memory.

Presented by ElderMed Manager Sandy Baumann, the three-session course provides a wealth of tips and practical exercises to help jog your memory as well as an informative overview on the physical and emotional causes of memory changes. The course fee includes the workbook, "Improving Your Memory" (a \$13 value), from which participants will be given enjoyable take-home assignments.

Offered on consecutive Tuesdays, April 14, 21 and 28, the two-hour classes are held 9:30-11:30 a.m., at Botsford General Hospital's 2 East A Conference Room, 28050 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills. The fee for the class is \$38/ElderMed members of \$40/nonmembers. Due to limited space, preregistration is required. For more information or to register, call (248) 471-8020.

ElderMed at Botsford, a free, lifetime membership program offering a variety of services and benefits to adults ages 50 and over, is part of the national ElderMed America network.

St. Mary Calendar for May

St. Mary Hospital community blood pressure screening held weekly:

- May 4 from 1-3 p.m. in the St. Mary Hospital lobby
- May 11 from 8-10 a.m. at Wonderland Mall
- May 18 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at Target Department Store in Livonia
- May 25 canceled: Memorial Day holiday

May 4, Basic Life Support for Healthcare Providers

St. Mary Hospital in Livonia will offer a course on basic life support for healthcare providers from 6 to 10 p.m. on Monday, May 4, in the Pavilion Conference Room A. This refresher course includes one and two-person rescue of the adult victim, one-person rescue of the child and infant during a cardiac emergency. The course also includes management of an obstructed airway in this American Heart Association course.

Course fee is \$25 per person. Preregistration is required. To register, please call St. Mary Hospital at (734) 655-8940.

May 4 through 18, Stress Management Class

Are you wondering how to keep up the pace in this fast-past world? Join us at St. Mary Hospital and learn how to handle your stress. St. Mary Hospital is offering a three-session/three-week stress management class, "Stressed for Success," starting on Monday, May 4 and going through May 18, from 7 to 9 p.m. in West Addition Conference Room B. This course will help you learn how to decrease the stress in your life and manage the stress you cannot eliminate. Many coping skills are explored including a variety of relaxation techniques, communication skills and the use of humor.

There is a registration fee and preregistration is required. To register or for more information, please call the Community Outreach Department at (734) 655-8940 or toll free at 1-800-494-1650.

May 5 through June 9, Childbirth (Lamaze) Class

Learning what to expect during pregnancy, labor and delivery can make the entire experience more rewarding. The Marian Women's Center at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia offers a childbirth preparation class based on the Lamaze method that increases expectant parents' knowledge of the birth experience.

A six-week session will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. every Tuesday from May 5 through June 9, in West Addition Conference Room A. Cost of the class is \$55. Preregistration is required for this class.

For more information or to register, please call (734) 655-1100 or toll free at 1-800-494-1650.

May 5 through 28 - Diabetes Education Class

Learn to take charge of your diabetes through a program designed for diabetics age 18 and older, "Taking Charge of Living With Diabetes." Held at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia, the series of eight classes provides information on self care and the successful management of diabetes.

Classes will be held from 7 to 9 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays, May 5 through May 28, in Pavilion Conference Room A. The \$75 fee includes all materials and allows the participant to bring a support person at no extra charge. CareLink members receive a 10 percent discount. For more information or to register, call (734) 655-8940 or toll free at 1-800-494-1650. Preregistration is required. St. Mary Hospital is located at Five Mile and Levan in Livonia. Please use the south entrance off Levan Road.

May 6 - Menopause Support Group

The Marian Women's Center Menopause Support Group will meet on Wednesday, May 6, from 7 to 9 p.m. at St. Mary Hospital in the West Addition Conference Room B. The Marian Women's Center Menopause Support Group provides in-depth information, education and emotional support to help women lead fuller lives during their mid-life years. There is no charge to attend the meeting but registration is required. The Marian Women's Center is located in St. Mary Hospital at Five Mile and Levan. For more information, call the Marian Women's Center at (734) 655-1100 or toll free at 1-800-494-1615.

May 7 through 14 - Infant Care Class I and II

Learn about caring for newborns at St. Mary Hospital's new infant care class on Thursday, May 7 and 14, from 7 to 9 p.m. Participants can attend one or both classes.

Taught by a registered nurse, the first class, "Getting to Know Your Newborn," focuses on the care of your well infant, including feeding, bathing, sleep and activity habits. This will be held in West Addition Conference Room A. The second class, "Caring for the Sick Infant," features infant safety, such as how to child-proof your home, immunizations and signs of illness. This class is not just for parents but anyone who cares for an infant and will be held in Pavilion Conference Room A. Cost of the class is \$18 for one session or \$35 for both. For more information or to register, call (734) 655-1100 or toll free, 1-800-655-1615.

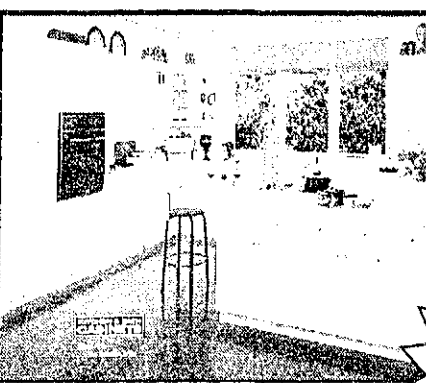
May 12 - Mother-Baby Postpartum Support Group

The Marian Women's Center at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia will offer a mother-baby support group on Tuesday, May 12, from 10 to 11 a.m. The group meets in the West Addition Conference Room A near the south entrance. Mothers and their babies are invited to attend this free support group that provides information and emotional support for new moms. Registration is required. For more information or to register call (313) 655-1100 or toll free, 1-800-494-1615.

May 12, 19 and 21 - Basic Life Instructor Training Course

St. Mary Hospital in Livonia will offer a basic life support instructor course on Tuesday, May 12 and 19, and Thursday, May 21, from 7 to 10 p.m. in the St. Mary Hospital auditorium near the Five Mile entrance. This is a one-day renewal course for instructors only.

This course will give participants the knowledge and skills to conduct CPR classes according to American Heart Association guidelines. Participants must have completed current BCLS instruction. Cost of the course is \$50 per person, and registration is required. For more information or to register, please call (734) 655-8940 or toll free at 1-800-494-1650.



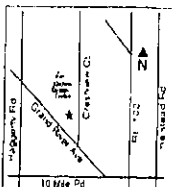
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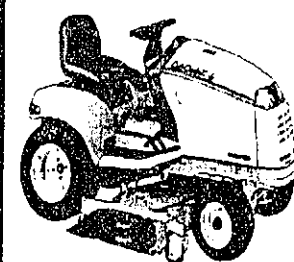
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