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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Firefighters extinguish the last gasps of the blaze that laid waste on April 23 to the oldest barn on the historic Fuerst Farm complex; fire officials say the cause had to have been arson.

1876 Fuerst barn the target of arsonist

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

A well-loved piece of Novi history fell prey to malice last week when the 123-year-old barn on the city-owned Fuerst property was torched by an arsonist.

To City Clerk Tonni Bartholomew the sight was shocking. She was driving to a doctor's appointment at about 9:15 a.m. on April 23 when she saw fire leaping through the roof of the Taft Road barn.

"It was just amazing the amount of flames that were shooting out of it," Bartholomew said.

"It was a sight to behold. I've never seen a fire before."

As the fire blazed on in the midst of a downpour, it was clear from early on that the barn could not be saved.

This is the second of two Novi properties on the National Register for Historic Places to become the target of incendiaries. In 1989, the privately-owned Yerkes mansion on Eight Mile Road was razed by a set fire.

Both local residents and city leaders have nurtured major restoration plans for the Fuerst site, which was carefully examined by historians and architects. But at present the buildings remain vacant and vulnerable.

"It was a wake-up call. We have to do things that can improve the appearance and save it more, so it doesn't have an uninhabited and abandoned look," said Novi City Council Member Kathy Mutch, a local historian.

Like a viewing at a funeral, Mutch and other officials were on hand to witness the barn's final moments. She huddled under a dark umbrella, her mood as gloomy as the rain.

"I feel sick to my stomach," she said.

As on many 19th century barns, the builders had proudly placed the date, 1876, up near the roof of the structure. Mutch tried to see if that piece of the barn was salvageable, with no luck.

Bartholomew was one of several people to dial in the emergency.

At 9:19 a.m. the first call came into the Novi Fire Department. The first engine was at the Taft/Ten Mile Road corner by 9:24 a.m.

"It was pretty far underway, it was burning fast. By the time we got there, we couldn't keep the last wall up," Fire Chief Art Lenaghan said.

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Mr. Malott goes to Lansing

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Staff Writer

After 10 years as editor of The Novi News, Mike Malott is moving on to become the Editor of the News Service Bureau of Hometown Communications Network.

Malott will be taking over for the current editor of of the service, Tim Richard, when he retires May 1. In his new position, Malott will be covering state and regional issues, Oakland Community College and state and regional politics for all of the Hometown papers, The Northville Record and Novi News included.

"The biggest challenge is to take that news and interpret it in a way that will make it pertinent to the daily lives of our readers," Malott said. "I am very interested in what goes on in Lansing. I believe that it is important because they set the rules by which all of these communities operate."

While Malott is very excited to move into his new position, he said he has enjoyed his time covering

Novi News Editor Mike Malott

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

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Health is a breath and a lung away

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Any time now, someone's luck will run out.

Any day now, Tom Fry's luck will begin.

The hapless individual whose moment on earth has ended will likely be young, his or her death sudden, violent.

Then, Fry, 54, can turn off his oxygen tanks, remove the tubes from his nose and mouth and breathe through one new lung.

"These young people, it's so tragic the way they die. There's no redeeming feature to a young person who drinks too much and goes the road and hits a tree," said Fry, the father of three children in their twenties.

"The kid doesn't want to think about if they're going to die. Yet one senseless death of a young man or woman can save eight lives, plus."

Fry has been on the waiting list for almost two years with the University of Michigan Lung Transplant Program.

"They usually don't tell you where you are on the list. A doctor slipped and told me I was at the top of the list. My doctor gave me some indication, it's any time," Fry said.

"I'm in no pain. I just can't breathe."

He is suffering from pulmonary fibrosis, a progressive lung disease that could, without a transplant,

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Past Novi Rotary president Tom Fry awaits a lung transplant.

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HOME & GARDEN

Could it happen here?

Teens respond to tragedy

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Staff Writer

While the recent school shooting in Littleton, Colo. left 15 dead, it has also caused Novi High School students to ask, and perhaps answer, the same question that is resonating across the country..."why?"

During their search to find answers, Novi High students are also banding together to show their support by wearing black ribbons in remembrance and sending a banner of support to the students of Littleton, Colo.

Students signed personal messages to the Colorado victims on the banner Tuesday at in the school cafeteria. The banner will be in the cafeteria until Friday and will then be sent to Littleton.

Eric Resconich, Novi High School senior, said he signed the banner to let the Littleton students and their families know other people are thinking about them in their time of need.

Ryan Rettmann, a senior and student council member, added, "We just kind of felt it was important to do something in a timely manner to let the student body of Novi feel like they are making a difference."

The banner was sponsored by the Novi High School Student

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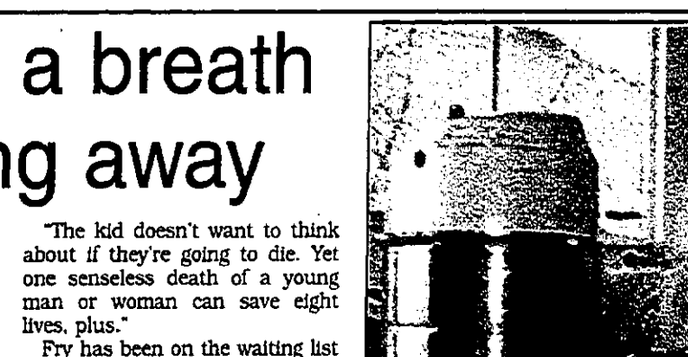

Photo by JEREMY McBAIN

Novi seniors Eric Resconich and Julie Racklyeft paint banner.

Hard to be braced for terrorism

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Staff Writer

While it can be prevented, officials say school violence, such as what was seen in Colorado last week, can not be predicted or controlled.

"Every time something happens we look for an answer, but we cannot control the uncontrollable or predict the unpredictable," said Novi Police Lt. Tim McNamara, when asked if a violent situation such as what happened in Colorado could happen in a Novi

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Community Calendar

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

Thursday, April 29

City Council

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

Novi Rotary

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

TOPS

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

Monday, May 3

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.

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 4

Zoning Board of Appeals

The Zoning Board of Appeals meets in regular session at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Rd.

Seniors meeting

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

Novi Concert Band rehearsal

The Novi Concert Band rehearses at 7:30 p.m. in the band room at Novi High School. For information, call (248) 932-9244.

Civil Air Patrol

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

Menopause Support Group

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

Amateur Radio Club

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

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.

Wednesday, May 5

Planning Commission

The Novi Planning Commission will meet in regular session at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Novi Civic Center.

Youth Services Forum

The Youth Services Forum meets at 9 a.m. at the Novi Police Department building on Ten Mile Road, east of the Novi Civic Center.

NYA Plus

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Sunday, May 9

Mother's Day

The Novi Library will be closed. Happy Mother's Day.

Monday, May 10

Library Board

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Tuesday, May 11

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Beautification Commission

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

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Gary Weinstein
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Science rat

Novi Meadows sixth grader Kendall Hubbard holds onto "Mazey" a white rat during Friday evening's Parkview Elementary School Science Fair.

FOIA/OMA advocate to retire

Richard ends 32 year career with Hometown

Anyone who files a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) probably has veteran newspaperman Tim Richard to thank.

Though Richard downplays his role in the passage of that law and the Open Meetings Act, his advocacy on those issues helped get the news service regional editor for HomeTown Communications Network elected to the Michigan Journalism Hall of Fame last year.

And this week, Richard, 63, has decided to retire and relocate from Livonia with his wife, Nancy, to Bear Lake in Manistee County, where he plans to pursue hobbies of fishing and training his Australian shepherd, Sheila, for agility competition.

"The lake is near the shore of Lake Michigan, in a great fruit and vegetable growing area, where there are a lot of pine trees and lakes teeming with fish," Richard said.

Richard ends a 32-year career with HomeTown Communications Network, where he worked after stints at the St. Joseph Herald-Press and Kalamazoo Gazette. After graduating from Redford High School in 1953, Richard attended the University of Michigan where he received a bachelor's degree in economics in 1957 and a master's degree in business administration in 1959.

Richard is credited for his work toward the eventual passage in 1976 of the Open Meetings Act and Freedom of Information Act. Stan Soffin, chairman of the Michigan Journalism Hall of Fame Committee, said last year the committee was impressed by Richard's "courageous leadership on behalf of a free press."

"(Richard's) commitment to the FOIA and Open Meetings Act and (his) tireless work behind the scenes to protect these measures will stand as a model for Michigan journalists for years to come," Soffin said.

Phil Power, owner and chairman of Hometown Communications Network Inc., wrote in his nomination letter that Richard is the "single most competent" political and governmental reporter in Michigan.

"Tim's journalistic output is truly prodigious," Power said. "He regularly writes core stories on significant events with localization possibilities scattered throughout."

Power also cited Richard for single-handedly reporting policy issues associated with the State Board of Education and with its attempt fundamentally to change the nature of Michigan public schools.

"He is particularly the greatest example I know of a disciplined, serious and perceptive reporter relating statewide events to the needs of individual readers in their hometown communities."

But today Richard downplays his role. "I was given the lion's share of credit, but I was part of a movement for open government."

In 1966, Richard, who was a reporter with the Kalamazoo Gazette, was excluded from secret meetings of the board of Western Michigan University. Richard asked for minutes of past meetings and the board secretary accidentally gave him the minutes of the secret meetings, during which it had made policy decisions.

Richard wrote the story and the editor killed it, which gave Richard "a fire in my belly about the issue of open government."

The unpublished WMU expose in 1966 led directly to his advocacy of the Open Meetings Act and activity in the Society of Professional Journalists and Michigan FOI Committee Inc. to defend the "sunshine" laws and teach people how to use them through seminars and newsletters.

In 1971, Richard wrote about the "age of majority" and sold the idea to Gov. William Milliken, which resulted in the state laws lowering legal ages from 21 to 18.

"People are physically maturing younger by two or three years than they were in the 19th century," Richard said. Richard reasoned that 18-year-olds were fighting in wars. "Let's give them a chance to vote," Richard said.

Richard's most admired politicians are former Gov. William Milliken and Lieutenant Gov. James Brickley. "They were moderates. They solved problems without adherence to ideology. There were a lot of good people in both parties."

Richard also admired former Gov. James Blanchard's knowledge of facts and his "feel for history."

Richard says the press and the public should continue to watch government with attorneys now chipping away at the FOI and Open Meetings acts.

"The biggest abuses we are seeing is in the hiring of the chief executive process and the second biggest bunch of abuses are in the FOI in the charging high prices for documents and the long delays in processing the documents."

Richard also sees politicians "using the tools of government to promote themselves." Richard has enjoyed helping out citizens with FOI requests and giving seminars on the same.

Tim Richard

"You have a right to know what the government wants to do to you before it does it to you. You have a right to know the amendments before the final product comes out, who's really on your side or who's voting yes at the last minute.

"You have a right to your own input of government. You have a right to know who else has input to the government."

For now, though, Richard looks forward to relaxation and casting into Bear Lake and other waterways in northern Michigan.

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Drunk driver gets peppered

Police News

A 34-year-old Novi man was arrested for drunk driving around 2 a.m., April 25 near the intersection of Ten Mile and Broadmoor Park.

The man struggled and fought his arrest, resulting in one of the officers spraying him in the face with pepper spray.

According to police, the man's vehicle was observed speeding and weaving in its lane. It was stopped at the intersection by police.

Officers ordered the man from his car and noticed he was unsteady and had bloodshot eyes. Officers also smelled a strong odor of intoxicants coming from the man.

He was given a sobriety test and officers attempted to arrest him.

However, when they went to handcuff his hands behind his back, the man put his hands in the air and locked his fingers together, all the while telling officers he was not going to let them handcuff him.

Officers tried to put the man's hands behind his back, but he began to struggle and had to be taken to the ground.

While the driver lay on his stomach, an officer tried to pry his fingers apart, but he still refused to cooperate. Another officer advised the man if he did not comply with their orders, he would be sprayed with pepper spray.

The man did not comply and officer had to spray him in the face with the pepper spray. But, the man turned his head at the right time and the officer missed.

Eventually the officer was able to place the man's hands behind his back, handcuff him and stand him up.

But the man continued to struggle and refused to get in the officer's patrol car. At this point, the officer sprayed the man in the face with the pepper spray once again. Officers were able to get the man in the car, but he still continued to struggle and even kicked one of the officers.

After getting the man in the car, officers had to take him back out because he was complaining of eye pain from the spray and an ambulance had to be called.

He was transported to the hospital, where he continued to fight with officers and at one point he yelled at the hospital staff that the police beat him up. The man then paused, smiled and asked where the "cameras" were.

A warrant for the man's blood was later obtained and he was transported to the Novi Police Department for booking.

DOUBLE THE LIMIT

A 32-year-old Fenton man was arrested around 1:30 a.m., April 20 in the near the intersection of Grand River Avenue and Town Center Drive for drunk driving.

The man's blood alcohol was over twice the legal limit.

An officer on patrol observed the man's vehicle stopped in the left turn lane for Meadowbrook Road at Grand River Avenue. When the light turned green the man's vehicle did not move.

When it did, the vehicle was clocked at a speed of 30 mph in a 50 mph zone. The vehicle was also weaving and struck the white shoulder line of the road several times.

The officer stopped the man's car and administered a sobriety test.

The man was arrested and transported to the Novi Police Department, where he was given a chemical breath test that indicated he had a blood alcohol level of 0.23 percent.

CAR STOLEN

A 1996 two-door, teal Pontiac Grand Am was stolen sometime between 8 p.m., April 18 and 5:30 a.m., April 19.

The vehicle was parked on the 26000 block of Ohio Avenue.

OUIL II

A 30-year-old Novi man was arrested around 2:30 a.m., April 24 near the intersection of Beck Road and Grand River Avenue for drunk driving.

An officer observed the man's vehicle weaving and crossing the centerline of the road several times.

The officer stopped the vehicle and asked the driver how much he had to drink. The driver admitted to having a couple of drinks earlier in the evening.

He was given a sobriety test and arrested.

The man was transported to the Novi Police Department where he was given a chemical breath test that indicated he had a blood alcohol content of 0.17 percent. A second test indicated a blood alcohol of 0.18 percent.

DOUBLE THE LIMIT II

A 50-year-old West Bloomfield man was arrested around 2:30 a.m., April 23 near the intersection of Grand River Avenue and Taft Road for drunk driving.

The man's blood alcohol level was over twice the legal limit.

According to police, the man's vehicle was observed traveling at 30 mph in a 50 mph zone.

An officer thought this was odd and followed the man's car, where he observed it veer to the right shoulder and then speed up to 65 mph.

The officer stopped the man's vehicle. Upon contact with the man, the officer noticed he appeared to be very drunk and lethargic. A strong odor of intoxicants was also noted coming from the man.

The man did not have a driver's license and the officer ordered him out of the vehicle. When he did so, the man almost fell to the ground, but the officer caught him.

The officer asked for the man's wallet, but the man could not get it out of his back pocket and needed help from the officer to retrieve it.

The officer attempted to administer a sobriety test to the man, but he refused saying, "I'm not going to do them. I'm too drunk."

The man was given a portable breath test which indicated he had a blood alcohol level of 0.22 percent.

He was arrested and transported to the Novi Police Department. While at the police department, the man refused a chemical breath test and officers obtained a warrant for his blood.

He was lodged until he sobered up.

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

Novi Briefs

Making a big splash

The City of Novi's committee on designing a fountain for the old Amoco site at the northeast corner of Novi Road and Grand River Avenue met last week, City Manager Ed Kriewall reported.

City council members have asked for a fountain on the city-owned park that will dazzle and amaze passers-by. Kriwall's dubbed the facility "the millenium fountain."

"This was a very healthy meeting in at many ideas and concepts were tossed on the table," he noted in a memo to the council.

An architect for the Aetna Company, owners of Novi Town Center, is back to the drawing board on the project. Aetna has agreed to pay up to $450,000 to beautify the city park, in return for outdoor dining easements on the land.

Proudly we hailed

During the big snowstorm earlier this year, plowing streets wasn't the only emergency service needed.

It seems the U.S. flag at Providence Medical Center-Providence Park was stuck on the pole because the rope jumped its pulley.

Due to snow banks, the medical center's lighting contractor couldn't help and Old Glory was in peril.

So John Breen, of Providence Hospital property management, contacted the Novi Fire Department.

Lieutenant Bradley McFaul and Fire Protection Officers Andy Pless and Brian Molloy came to the assistance, bringing out a ladder truck and clamoring up the rungs to free the Stars and Stripes.

Breen described it all in a recent thank you note to the department.

Musical demands

In order to play recorded music at the Novi Ice Arena, the Novi City Council agreed Monday to an $832 licensing agreement with the American Society of Composers Authors and Publishers.

This is a requirement of federal copyright law and a common practice for private and public recreational facilities, Parks and Recreation Director Dan Davis noted in a memo the council.

Longevity, plus

Novi Fire Department Captain George Pierson celebrated his 21st anniversary with the force in March. Marking an anniversary also last month was Fire Fighter Thomas Greenwald.

Drumming up dollars for Albanian refugees

Five bucks for every resident of this city is what the Novi Rotary hopes to raise to assist the refugee Albanians of Kosovo.

That's over $250,000, a huge sum, but club members say they think Novi citizens are willing to dig into their wallets to assist the victims of this humanitarian crisis.

Rotarian Dr. Mav Sanghvi said that already over $3,200 has been raised; most recently, a $2,000 donation has come in from the American Association of Physicians of Indian Origin.

Expect to see volunteers out drumming up dollars, especially at the Memorial Day parade on May 31. Also joining in on the fund drive are the Novi Lions.

The campaign was announced last week by Mayor Kathleen McLallen. Sanghvi and Rotary President-elect Bob Limbright.

The money will go to the non-profit Novi Rotary Foundation, to be sent to the International Rotary for distribution to the refugees. Every cent will get to those in need, Limbright said.

Contributions are tax-deductible. Those who donate $100 or more will be listed in The Novi News.

Donors are asked to write checks to the Novi Rotary Foundation and mail them to the Rotary Kosovo

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When you want it done right

Death penalty bill has little support

By TIM RICHARD
Staff Writer

State House publicly criticized their leaders for rushing a vote on the death penalty and then cutting short an April 21 roll-call vote before the measure could be openly defeated.

Rep. Mike Bishop, R-Rochester, pushed the measure through his Constitutional Law and Ethics Committee in two meetings and three working days after it was introduced.

"There was a surprise vote in committee. There was not enough input from the public, from Corrections officials, from law enforcement, from the judiciary," said Rep. Keith Stallworth, D-Detroit.

"The Senate Judiciary Committee gave several weeks notice of its public hearing, and 400 people showed up in Pontiac," said Rep. Liz Brater, D-Ann Arbor.

Bishop brushed aside the criticism. "This debate has been open hundreds of years," the freshman lawmaker said. "The Senate (hearing March 23) did an educational job."

It takes a two-thirds vote of both chambers to put a proposed constitutional amendment on the ballot, but it was clear the proposal was going down about 3-2 in a sea of red (no) lights on the House tally board. There is no official record of the vote other than reporters' hastily-written notes.

But in a procedure often used to save leaders from the embarrassment of defeat, House majority floor leader Andrew Raczkowski, R-Farmington Hills, shouted, "Clear the board," before the roll call could be completed. Raczkowski then won a voice vote to refer the measure back to Bishop's committee.

"Parliamentary shenanigans," Sen. David Jaye, R-Macomb County, said of Raczkowski's move. Jaye supports a similar measure in the Senate.

Bishop said the maneuver means House Joint Resolution H, as it's formally known, is still alive and can be brought out of his committee any time before Dec. 31, 2000. But House Speaker Chuck Perricone, R-Kalamazoo, said there aren't enough votes to warrant another attempt.

Michigan abolished the death penalty in the mid-19th Century after the wrong man was hanged for a murder. A majority of voters would have to approve a constitutional amendment to reinstate it for first-degree murder, and the Legislature would have to write a follow-up statute implementing it.

The Senate Judiciary Committee intends to study the issue through summer, said chairman William VanRegenmorter, R-Jenison. But after the House's negative vote, the idea is effectively dead in the Legislature.

Voters could petition for a death penalty amendment. Past efforts, however, have foundered.

Here is what area representatives said about HR H.

Bishop: "There is substantial proof that executions deter future murders ... an undisputed fact. There have been 821 murders by persons convicted of murder. Prisoners on Death Row are 250 percent more likely to kill other prisoners and guards."

John Pappageorge, R-Troy, didn't speak but put up a green light as a yes vote.

Gilda Jacobs, D-Huntington Woods, said the cost of executing inmates ($2 million) is greater than the cost of incarcerating them for life ($250,000), "and we're supposed to be the tax-cutting Legislature." She noted that at the Senate committee's hearing, several families of murder victims opposed the death penalty.

Bruce Patterson, R-Canton, voted no because "My core belief is that the death penalty is wrong."

Laura Toy, R-Livonia: "I believe in the right of the people to vote on this. It's time to give the people a chance." Toy put up a green light.

Gerald Law, R-Plymouth, didn't speak but put up a green light.

Paul DeWeese, R-Williamston, put up a red light. "Our criminal justice system fails the test. Wealthy defendants can hire the F. Lee Baileys and Johnny Cochranes (top defense lawyers) of the world," but others run a greater risk of conviction and execution. Nationally, there have been 500 convictions since the death penalty was allowed by the U.S. Supreme Court in the late 1970s, but 75 convicts on Death Row have been exonerted. Illinois has executed 11 and exonerated nine, he said.

Susan Tabor, R-Delta Township, voted yes because prohibiting the death penalty "places a premium on the life of violent offenders" but cheapens the lives of victims. "One innocent victim who is brutally murdered is one too many."

Valde Garcia, R-St. Johns, voted yes and referred to a "despicable, cowardly, premeditated" murder in Sunfield Township of Ionia County. Cassandra Sanborn, 20, was slain last year by three male friends who wanted her car for cocaine money. Her parents, Ed and Evelyn Sanborn, sat in the gallery and made a strong impression on House members.

Lynne Martinez, D-Lansing, voted no, arguing the death penalty "is not a deterrent" and is applied with "race bias and economic bias. A person of color is more likely to be questioned, detained, arrested, tried and sentenced to death." She, too, complained that the measure was rushed through Bishop's committee and to a floor vote less than a week after it was introduced.

Laura Baird, D-Okemos, opposed it because "the criminal justice system makes mistakes. This is a decision fraught with the possibility of error. If there were a foolproof method of determining guilt, I might re-think this. The best you can do is lock people up and restrain them."

Novi Lions Club collecting for White Canes Week

If you see some folks out with canisters this weekend, they may be your neighbors.

Both the Novi Lions and Lionesses will be collecting money for White Canes week to assist in their several projects, many of which focus on assisting the visually-impaired.

They'll be out Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at locations like the Grand River/Novi Road intersection and at stores such as Circuit City and K-Mart.

"The people of Novi are just super generous. They always support us 100 percent," said Lions President Jerry Coonce.

Local projects aided by the organization include donations of equipment to the Novi library for the use of the visually-impaired and a room used to interview victims of domestic violence at the Novi Police Department.

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Novi High School names Honor Roll students

The following students made the honor roll at Novi High School during the most recently completed semester.

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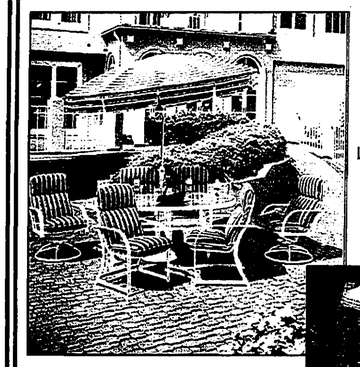

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Chinese exercise class offered

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Tim Sun is offering his Chinese health classes at area libraries.

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

In ancient China, the mental and physical discipline called Falun Dafa was passed down from one master to one disciple.

"That may be an ordinary worker at a factory, but he may be a master of the practice. People who have truly cultivated themselves may be unknown to the public, but they are very great," said Tim Sun, a former Novi resident now living in Bloomfield Hills.

Today, Sun, a student of Falun Dafa for two years, is offering a free introduction to the exercise form at both the Novi and Northville libraries. A General Motors engineer, he has been a practitioner of Falun Dafa for two years and now says he wishes to share what he's learned.

Falun Dafa is a set of four exercises done standing and a fifth floor exercise that leads to meditation. In appearance, it is similar to Tai'Chi or Yoga, Sun said, but is fundamentally different.

"It's slow movements, I would call the movements pretty elegant. When you do them standing up, you don't move your feet," he said.

> "You don't have to spend a penny to learn this."
>
> Tim Sun, teacher of Falun Dafa

"You enter into the state of tranquil exercise and you stay in the same position for some time."

Falun Dafa was first introduced to the general public in 1992 by Li Hong-Zhi. Enthusiasts say it eases tension and anxiety, strengthens the body and mind, and reverses the aging process. The ultimate goal is to follow the principles to achieve enlightenment.

"A lot of things in China, they can't identify the origin. A lot of things are inherited from very remote ages," he said.

"That is why a lot of ideas are different, it is so different from our current thought."

A native of Hefei, China who has lived in the U.S. over six years, Sun said he is interested in sharing the doctrine with non-Chinese Americans.

"I'd like to use their practices of thought to introduce them to this exercise, why it has a different reaction than running around and doing aerobics," he said.

"If they're interested, they can form their own group or practice at home."

Materials to learn Falun Dafa can be downloaded at no cost from the Internet, he added.

Practitioners of Falun Dafa have study groups in Ann Arbor, Farmington Hills, at the Detroit Chinese School and in Troy, but Sun said that if enough people in this area are interested, he will volunteer to set up a local group.

"You don't have to spend a penny to learn this," he said.

Along with the exercises, devotees follow a book called Zhuan Falun. Sun said he spends most of his after work hours studying the text.

Born during China's Cultural Revolution, Sun said the traditions of his country have been destroyed over the past 30 years, but he hopes to recapture the best of the past. An ancient practice like Falun Dafa has survived, he said, because it offers true benefits to those who follow it.

Falun Dafa has three basic principles: truthfulness, benevolence and forbearance.

"To do everything according to those three words is not that easy," he said.

"In ancient times, people had higher moral values than we do. When you compare the traditional values of the Chinese culture and the Western culture, they're so close."

On May 1, Sun will hold a session at a room he's booked at the Novi Public Library, 45245 W. Ten Mile Road, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

May 15, he'll be at the Northville District Library, 212 W. Cady Street, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Engler wants public/private lines erased

Gov. John Engler is using a money bill to see policy changes erasing the lines between school districts and between public and private schools.

It's called a "supplemental" appropriations bill because it would supplement the regular $10 billion school aid bill with $188 million.

Big item is requiring K-12 public schools to allow students from charter schools, private and "home" school to participate in sports and other extracurricular activities in their district of residence.

The idea is encountering fierce opposition from public school coaches and school administrators. The big fear: It's a foot-in-the-door form of parochiald.

The state PTA bulletin this week reported that "A groundswell of opposition has spurred Hose Republicans to issue the 'abandon ship' order" for this portion of the bill. Two of the 15 Republican sponsors have withdrawn their support because of opposition by public school groups. Rep. Paul DeWeese, R-Williamston, favors the concept but has called the idea "a dead issue."

A second big item is a new "blended" method of counting pupils – one day in February worth 20 percent and a monthly count for eight months in the current year. Purpose is to reward schools that retain students beyond the first week of classes.

A school "day" is defined as at least five hours beginning in fiscal 2001 (Oct. 1, 2000). Anything less will be counted as a fraction of a day.

Engler also calls for "schools of choice" beyond intermediate (county) district boundaries.

Finally, there's more money for schools. Basic funding in fiscal 2000 will go to $5,652, with no district receiving less than $5,550. The bill is in the House Appropriations Subcommittee in School Aid.

ENVIRONMENT CHECKS

The state Senate gave four more years of life to an Environmental Response Act but rejected a Democratic amendment that 5 percent of sites be inspected by the state.

Senators voted 38-0 to extend the "sunset" on the act to June 5, 2003. It requires that a person pay a $750 fee to the Department of Environmental Quality when applying for exemption from liability for hazardous substance cleanup costs. The exemption can be given to someone who becomes owner or operator of a contaminated site after June 5, 1995.

"It's just a paper review. There's no on-site inspection by DEQ," said Sen. Gary Peters, D-Bloomfield Township. His amendment requiring that a 5 percent sample of all sites seeking exemption was defeated 16 to 22. All 15 Democrats and Republican Dave Jaye of Macomb County voted yes. The other 22 Republicans voted no.

Peters said the law can be abused by a company's overstating the amount of pollution in determining the baseline for contamination. "That gives them a free ride to pollute," he said.

Sponsor Ken Sikkema, R-Grandville, said the Peters amendment could backfire. As written, his bill "gives a company an incentive to do a good assessment. If they don't detect contamination, they become liable. If (Peters' amendment) would be harmful to require DEQ staff to do useless audits that detract from their mission."

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MONDAY, APRIL 19

[illegible] Pontiac Trail, 7:57 [illegible]
[illegible] Grand River and [illegible] a.m., Squad 1.
[illegible] 41872 Village Lake, 9:04 [illegible]
[illegible] Grand River, 12:18 [illegible]
[illegible] Grand River, 1:09 [illegible] Squad 4.
[illegible] 117 Meadlin, 1:57 p.m., [illegible] 2
[illegible] 27356 Sunnybrook, 7:41 [illegible] Squad 4.
[illegible] 42346 Fountain Park, [illegible] p.m., Squad 1.

TUESDAY, APRIL 20

[illegible] 41285 Wellington, 12:20 [illegible] Squad 2
[illegible] 42333 Fountain Park, [illegible] a.m., Squad 1.
[illegible] accident, Ten Mile and Hag[illegible] 5:43 p.m., Squad 3.
[illegible] d, 27500 Novi Road, 8:42 [illegible] p.m., Squad 1.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21

MEDICAL, 42701 CAPITAL, 1:18 A.M., SQUAD 1.
Medical, 44553 Williams, 9:06 a.m., Squad 1.
Gas main leak, 47589 Brittany, 10:24 a.m., Engine 4.
Medical, 39750 Grand River, 2:27 p.m., Squad 1.
Fuel spill, Novi Road and Twelve Mile, 5:30 p.m., Engine 1.
Medical, 42400 Novi Road, 5:47 p.m., Squad 3.
Fire alarm, 41204 Bridge St., 7:22 p.m., Engine 1.
Injury accident, Ten Mile and Karim, 7:59 p.m., Squad 3.
Vehicle fire, 41750 Eight Mile Road, 8:06 p.m., Engine 3.

THURSDAY, APRIL 22
Fire alarm, 26200 Town Center, 7:18 a.m., Engines 1, 2.
Medical, 45182 West Road, 7:24 a.m., Squad 2.
Medical, Ten Mile and Wintergreen, 12:14 p.m., Squad 4.
Fuel spill, Grand River and Meadowbrook, 5:31 p.m., Engine 1.
Medical, 45761 Remington, 6:47 p.m., Squad 4.
Vehicle fire, 45034 Roundview, 8:01 p.m., Engine 3.
Medical, 23981 Harvest Drive, 9:17 p.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 23837 W. LeBost, 10:09 p.m., Squad 3.

FRIDAY, APRIL 23
Medical, 225 Eubank, 4:17 a.m., Squad 2.
Medical, 24340 Willow Lane, 5:50 a.m., Squad 1.
Fire alarm, 45200 Grand River, 6:20 a.m., Engines 1, 4.
Barn fire, Taft Road and Ten Mile, 9:19 a.m., Engines 1, 3.
Electrical fire, 48150 Grand River, 9:19 a.m., Engine 4.
Medical, 45175 Ten Mile Road, 11:57 a.m., Squad 2.
Medical, 47601 Grand River, 2:34 p.m., Squad 4.
Medical, 23245 W. LeBost, 6:24 p.m., Squad 3.

SATURDAY, APRIL 24
Medical, 21111 Haggerty, 12:53 a.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 1524 Ocher, 4:06 a.m., Squad 4.
Medical, 29611 Pierre, 6:03 a.m., Squad 2.
Medical, 20800 Woodland Glen, 6:45 a.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 21997 Sunrise, 7:45 a.m., Squad 3.
Fire alarm, 45500 Grand River, 9:25 a.m., Engines 1, 4.
Medical, 47250 Ten Mile Road, 2 p.m., Squad 4.
Medical, 27550 Novi Road, 3:26 p.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 21510 Novi Road, 4:48 p.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 40224 Washington, 6:10 p.m., Squad 1.
Investigation, 20905 Glen Haven, 9:38 p.m., Engine 3.
Medical, 29073 Hearthstone, 10:36 p.m., Squad 2.
Service, 22403 Cranbrooke, 11:27 p.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 42024 La Roi Drive, 11:47 p.m., Squad 2.

SUNDAY, APRIL 25
Medical, 45182 West Road, 8:43 a.m., Squad 2.
Medical, Sheraton and Novi Road, 9:21 a.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 220 Endwell, 11:12 a.m., Squad 2.
Medical, 42741 Sandstone, 11:59 a.m., Squad 2.
Chemical spill, 28400 Meadowbrook, 12:03 p.m., Engine 2.
Investigation, 43830 Algonquin, 2:28 p.m., Squad 3.
Injury accident, Ten Mile and Lynwood, 7:19 p.m., Squad 4.
Injury accident, 41999 Arrowhead, 7:50 p.m., Squad 2.
Medical, 42400 Arena Drive, 8:28 p.m., Squad 3.

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Take Your Kids to Work Day

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Electrifying science

While visiting Friday's Parkview Elementary School science fair, a trio of youngsters works feverishly on an exhibit dealing with friction-produced static electricity.

Senior housing plan criticized

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Staff Writer

Even though some commissioners hated the plan, Meadowbrook Commons senior housing project's revised preliminary site plan passed the planning commission in a unanimous decision April 21.

A site plan for the project, located near the intersection of Meadowbrook Road and Grand River Avenue, came before the commission earlier this year and passed.

But, this plan proved to be too costly. The Novi Building Authority had it redesigned and scaled back development from having 199 apartments to 175.

According to architect for the project, Alan Tuomaala, the redesign also included the addition of more one bedroom apartments.

A majority of the plan will stay the same as the first plan, he added.

Even so, commissioners expressed concern over the changes and the entire project. Most of this revolved around the length of the residential buildings — requiring a Zoning Board of Appeals waiver — and a chained-off entrance along Cherry Hill Road.

Due to changes in the one and two bedroom mix of the complex, residential buildings in the project are 17 feet longer than city ordinance allows.

"This is a city project, right," Commissioner G. Brent Canup asked Tuomaala. "Why can't you find 17 feet?"

Tuomaala said he has tried, but just can't do it.

Clearly angered at this answer, Canup said every developer that comes before the planning commission that does not meet ordinances gives the excuse they "tried" but can't meet city ordinances.

But, when pressed, the developer always seems to find a way to meet city ordinances, he said.

The city should at least try and meet its own ordinances, Canup added.

The other major concern among the commissioners was a planned "stub" street running alongside a public park on the northern side of the development.

This street ended at Cherry Hill Road. But vehicles traveling on Cherry Hill could not access the public park or complex from this road because the entrance was blocked by a chain that was strewn across it.

Because of this, Commissioner Andrew Mutch made a motion to change this into a regular road and remove the chain.

Mutch said it is pointless to build a public park and not provide parking for the users.

Tuomaala protested this move saying the residents of the senior home would be angry because non-residents visiting the park would use parking spaces in the complex for their vehicles.

"Also, you are compromising the security of the project by allowing another entrance to this site," Tuomaala said.

Tuomaala's statement generated sharp criticism from Commissioner Philip Koneda. "If you are going to call it a city-wide park, then you better provide parking," he said.

Regardless of these concerns, commissioners granted approval of the revised preliminary site plan, with an added motion that the chain blocking entrance to the park and complex along Cherry Hill be removed.

After the meeting, Commissioner Canup said he still does not like the project. He stressed it was passed only on the condition that the project receives needed ZBA variances.

"It is kind of out of our hands," he said.

Public Access

MONDAY, MAY 3
10:00 a.m. — A Culinary Adventure: Pineland
10:30 a.m. — The Cutting Room Floor
11:00 a.m. — Harvest Ministries
11:30 a.m. — Cosby and Company: Southfield City Council
12:00 p.m. — Intercessions Word Ministry
12:30 p.m. — (con't)
1:00 p.m. — Adventures With Pirate Pete
1:30 p.m. — Your Real Estate Connection: Brenda Thornton
2:00 p.m. — Financial Strategies: Estate Planning
2:30 p.m. — Out in the Open: Unauthorized
3:00 p.m. — (con't)
3:30 p.m. — The D.I.A. Security Guards as Art Connoisseurs
4:00 p.m. — (con't)
4:30 p.m. — (con't)
5:00 p.m. — Who, What, Where, Y
5:30 p.m. — Up Close Today: Ultimate Ladies Club
6:00 p.m. — Novi Street Beat: Cable Theft
6:30 p.m. — Bagels and Talk With Tracy
7:00 p.m. — Critter Connection
7:30 p.m. — Aviation Journal
8:00 p.m. — Chamber Spotlight
8:30 p.m. — (con't)
9:00 p.m. — Lansing Connection
9:30 p.m. — Groove Session: Dr. Joe

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10:00 a.m. — Legislative Forum
10:30 a.m. — Dickerman Showcase: Photographer/Singer
11:00 a.m. — Law Talk: Burton Folsom
11:30 a.m. — (con't)
12:00 p.m. — summit University
12:30 p.m. — (con't)
1:00 p.m. — The Great Escape: Sailing
1:30 p.m. — (con't)
2:00 p.m. — Lansing Connection
2:30 p.m. — Sampler Pioneer Women: Their Lives Through Song
3:00 p.m. — (con't)
3:30 p.m. — Reading With Tatiana
4:00 p.m. — Novi Street Beat: Cable Theft
4:30 p.m. — A Culinary Adventure: Pineland
5:00 p.m. — The Way, The Truth, and The Life
5:30 p.m. — People Who Make Things Happen
6:00 p.m. — The Elegant Life: Aromatherapy
6:30 p.m. — Community Connection
7:00 p.m. — Fitness Motivators: Body Toning/Floor Workout
7:30 p.m. — Financial Strategies: Estate Planning
8:00 p.m. — Salon Glamour and Etiquette With Gloria: Clear Zone Treatment
8:30 p.m. — (con't)
9:00 p.m. — Let's Talk With Ben Marks: Candice Miller
9:30 p.m. — (con't)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 5
10:00 a.m. — Chamber Spotlight
10:30 a.m. — MDOT Today
11:00 a.m. — Going to the Chapel
11:30 a.m. — Home for Life: Converting a Garage to a Workshop
12:00 p.m. — Legally Speaking: Running for President
12:30 p.m. — A Gift of Life: Organ Donation
1:00 p.m. — Study in Scripture
1:30 p.m. — AMVETs
2:00 p.m. — Restoration Now
2:30 p.m. — Harvest Ministries
3:00 p.m. — Spectator Church Alternative
3:30 p.m. — Groove Session: Dr. Joe
4:00 p.m. — Critter Connection
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5:00 p.m. — Aviation Journal
5:30 p.m. — Detroit Skates
6:00 p.m. — Christian Singles Today
6:30 p.m. — Step 'n Move to the Groove: Mr. Ballroom
7:00 p.m. — Adventures With Pirate Pete
7:30 p.m. — Cosby and Company: Southfield City Council
8:00 p.m. — Novi Street Beat Live
8:30 p.m. — Who, What, Where, Y
9:00 p.m. — A Culinary Adventure: Pineland
9:30 p.m. — Wise Guys: Constructive Criticism

THURSDAY, MAY 6
10:00 a.m. — Fitness Motivators: Body Toning Floor Workout
10:30 a.m. — Good News for Living Healthy: Headaches and Migraines
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. — Ready or Not: Substance Abuse
1:00 p.m. — Travelin' On: Pacific Northwest
1:30 p.m. — That's Italian
2:00 p.m. — Community Living Centers
2:30 p.m. — Who, What, Where, Y
3:00 p.m. — Show Me Show: Papa John's Pizza
3:30 p.m. — Adventures With Pirate Pete
4:00 p.m. — Law Talk: Burton Folsom
4:30 p.m. — (con't)
5:00 p.m. — Shaarey Zedek
5:30 p.m. — (con't)
6:00 p.m. — Out in the Open IV: The Heidelberg Project
6:30 p.m. — (con't)
7:00 p.m. — Battle of the Books
7:30 p.m. — Your Real Estate Connection: Brenda Thornton
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8:30 p.m. — Harvest Ministries
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9:30 p.m. — (con't)

FRIDAY, MAY 7
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11:00 a.m. — Harvest Ministries
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9:30 p.m. — (con't)

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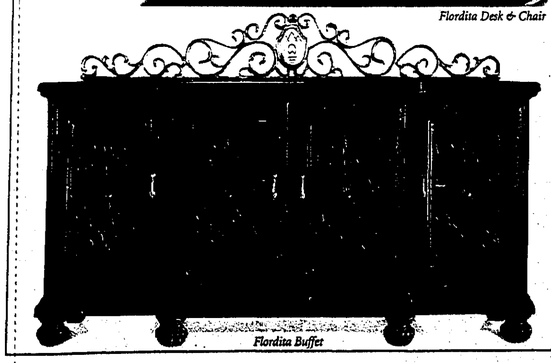

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Walled Lake student art show

Walled Lake School District Instructional Services employee Janet Sheetz will welcome people to the school system's K-12 art show this week.

Engler's school bill facing stiff opposition in House

By TIM RICHARD
Staff Writer

House Republicans are giving the Engler administration a hard time on its efforts to let non-public school students take part in public school sports and clubs.

Lawmakers also are casting a wary eye at the governor's idea of letting school districts cross boundaries to set up competing "satellite" schools in other districts.

It's widely believed the House will strip out the section allowing non-public students to take part in public school sports. Administrators fear that athletes with low grades will be "home" schooled, graded easily by their parents and become eligible for sports. "The day we adopt this, every high school dropout would become eligible for athletics," warned freshman Rep. Mike Pumford, R-Fremont.

"I'm bothered by the satellite school idea," said Rep. Patricia (Pan) Godchaux, R-Birmingham, as the House Appropriations subcommittee on school aid took up the bill April 21. "We've tried to get school districts to collaborate. This will create an adversarial relationship between them."

Rep. Tom Kelly, D-Wayne, agreed, recalling the bitter fight when Romulus School District set up a "charter" school within Detroit's boundaries. "There was animosity and acrimony. There were problems with recruitment and sports," he said.

"No one's pounding on my door, begging for satellite schools," said Rep. Terry Geiger, R-Lake Odessa, chair of the full House Appropriations Committee.

Replied Robbie Jameson of Engler's budget office: "The governor has had districts complaining they can't compete like charter schools do. This is a way to provide choice for parents. It's another step in the choice-competition continuum."

Another Engler idea is to stretch out pupil counts over the year so that state aid could be cut to districts with high dropout and absenteeism rates.

Brian Whiston, who represents Oakland Intermediate School District in Lansing's lobbies, explained how it works. Historically, school aid was based on attendance on the fourth Friday in September. Then the state went to a blended count: 50 percent weight to February, 50 percent to September.

This helped districts losing population but hurt suburban growth districts. So last year, Sen. Bill Bullard Jr., R-Milford, and then-Rep. Barbara Dobb, R-Union Lake, got it changed to 40 percent weight for February, 60 percent September.

Engler is proposing 20 percent weight for February and 10 percent weight for each of the eight months from September through May. "The funding would more closely follow the child," said budget spokesperson Jameson.

"This is going to add a lot of administrative cost," predicted Godchaux. "You're telling us it's revenue-neutral." She noted that Proposal A, which made every district dependent on state aid, requires all 29 Oakland K-12 districts to submit reports. Prior to Proposal A, however, just three of 29 needed to report.

"It took 15 or 16 people added to the payroll to audit the reports," Godchaux said. (Proposal A cut property taxes and substituted a 2 percent rate increase in the sales tax to fund public schools.)

Pumford agreed with Godchaux's criticism. "For five years, I was a school attendance officer. It's not a popular job. That's the reason I ran for the Legislature," he said to loud laughter.

Engler's plan would require nine separate head counts and 10 "supplemental" count days for each of those, Pumford said.

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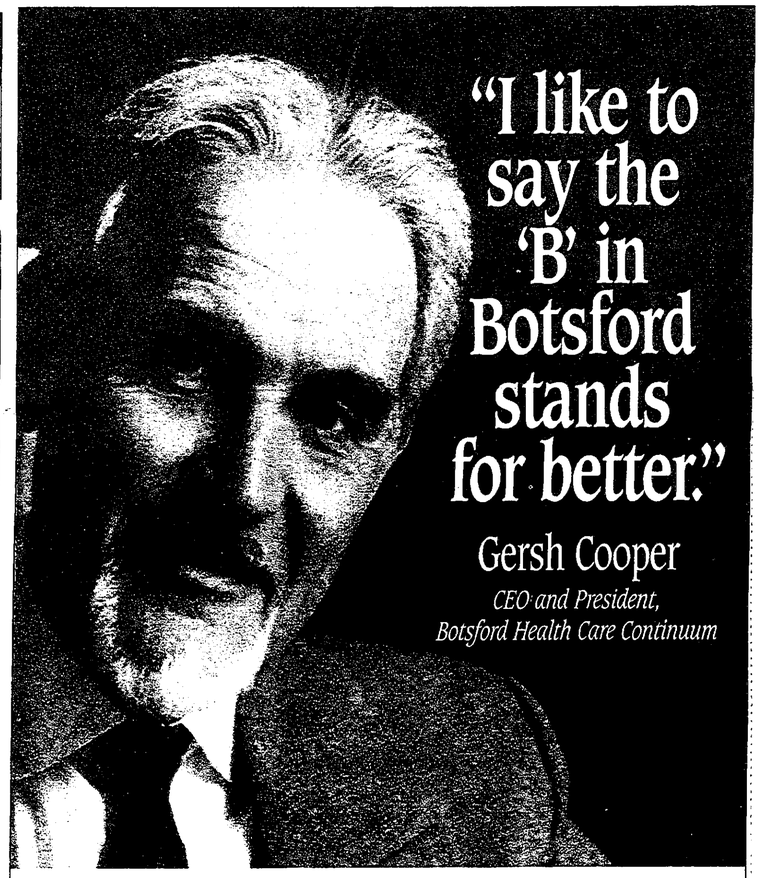

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Updated Master Plan presented to commission

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Staff Writer

The Novi Planning Commission is hoping its updated Master Plan will provide a clear picture of developments needed in Novi.

After two years of studying and polishing, Novi Planning Commissioners saw a draft of the new Novi Master Plan at its April 21 meeting.

The Novi Master Plan is updated every five years by the Novi Planning Commission. After the commission approves the update, the Master Plan is sent to the Novi City Council for final approval.

According to City Planning Consultant Rod Arroyo, one of the reasons a city has a Master Plan is because it is a resource of valuable information that helps planners, city officials and residents understand the make up of the community.

"It is really a snapshot of what the community is today," he said.

According to that snapshot, Arroyo said, 46 percent of land in Novi is either vacant or agricultural and can be developed. Additionally, he said, 56 percent of residentially zoned land is vacant.

Also according to the Master Plan, the City of Novi has a population of 48,722 and about 15,600 people move to the city each year.

Arroyo said this means the population of Novi will be over 50,000 before the year 2000.

With more people, comes more retail and other commercial uses. So much so, Novi has over four times as many acres of retail space than the population can support.

This means retail in Novi draws money and customers from other communities, Arroyo pointed out from information in the Master Plan.

But while retail draws customers from surrounding communities, Arroyo said there is a shortage of grocery stores in Novi. This means some residential money is being taking away by other communities nearby.

To fix this, Arroyo said the Master Plan includes sites for possible grocery stores or other similar developments to be located near the intersections of: Grand River Avenue and Beck Road, Grand River and Wixom Road, Novi and Ten Mile roads.

While trends show higher retail and residential developments in Novi, it does not seem to have caught on with office and industrial developments.

According to the Master Plan, of the 1,760 acres zoned for industrial, 60 percent of it is still vacant. However, of that vacant land, 30 percent of it has environmental limitations to development, Arroyo said.

To help fix this, Arroyo said, 1,200 acres of formerly residential land was rezoned for Office, Service and Technology (OST) uses.

To further make more land developable to OST and industrial development, Arroyo said an extension to Taft Road north of I-96 is currently under construction.

But with each of these factors creating a higher population, all roads in Novi are seeing higher volumes of traffic.

The most traveled surface street in Novi is Novi Road, Arroyo said, with a average-per-day traffic load of 55,000 vehicles. The highest volume two-lane road is Haggerty Road, which has 33,000 vehicles per day.

To address this, the Master Plan looks at traffic throughout the city with studies addressing volumes of traffic on major roads in Novi and a Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Path Plan to make it easier for people to use their bikes instead of cars to get around the city.

Part of this plan also includes the creation of four-lane boulevards on Beck, Ten Mile and Haggerty roads to ease traffic congestion.

While a higher population and the creation of more commercial and retail developments creates more traffic, all these people living and working in Novi bring with them a higher tax base, making Novi's total State Equalized Value (SEV) second highest among cities in Oakland County with a population over 10,000.

This also creates lower taxes for the citizens, as Novi ranks the fourth lowest of all large cities in Oakland County, the Master Plan states.

All of this information was presented by Arroyo to the Novi Planning Commission at the April 21 meeting in a draft of the 1999 Master Plan for Land Use.

Action will not be taken on the plan until it is presented in a public hearing at the May 5 planning commission meeting.

Arroyo said at the meeting the public will be able to give their input on the plan.

SEV for new growth equals $110 million

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

The Sports Club was the single most pricey building to go up in Novi last year.

The Ten Mile Road health and recreation complex has a state equalized valuation of $2.6 million, which is one-half of the market value, City Assessor Glenn Lemmon said Tuesday.

Property tax money from new construction keeps rolling into Novi.

Last year, an state equalized value of $76.5 million for new buildings and improvements to existing structures was logged in Novi, along with $34 million in personal property, taxable equipment owned by businesses.

The total SEV increase due to all the hard work done last year by construction crews, as well as homeowners adding improvement like decks, was $110.5 million.

For 1999, Novi's total SEV is $2.274 billion, about 17 percent over last year and more than double the 1990 figure.

"That's a pretty fair jump over last year," Lemmon said.

However, Proposal A, which puts a cap on property tax increases on existing structures, rolls back the SEV for tax purposes to $1.940 billion, he added.

Proposal A placed a 1.6 percent cap on this year's property tax increases.

Assessment increases to existing houses mean that the average home in Novi hits the $229,700 range. But taxes aren't levied at that figure. Due to Proposal A, the owner of that home will be taxed as if the property were valued at $210,700.

The average Novi condo is in the $148,700 range, but again the cap on property taxes lowers that for millage levy purposes to $134,600.

As the Novi City Council works on its fiscal year 1999-2000 budget, new growth and market adjustments permitted under Proposal A are expected to yield the city an additional $1.2 million in property tax revenues, according to the city's working budget document.

While The Sports Club heads the list of new construction, following it was the work done at The Springs Apartments on Lakeview Court in north Novi. Phase II of The Springs added an SEV of $1.07 million to Novi's tax rolls, Lemmon said.

The most costly improvement to a local residence happened in luxurious Turnberry Estates, where a homeowner added improvements with a market value of $688,000. The Eight Mile Road subdivision boasts homes that top $1 million.

In 1998, the city's SEV was $1.922 billion, with a taxable figure of $1.797 billion.

Eight years ago, Novi had an SEV of $1.024 billion.

Commission gives nod to Ikon plan

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Staff Writer

While cleaning up a site called "a junk yard" by planning commissioners, Ikon Office Solutions also hopes to bring 300 more jobs to Novi with a proposed office building.

The Novi Planning Commission unanimously approved Ikon's preliminary site plan and granted a wetlands permit approval at its April 21 meeting. This paves the way for Ikon to build a 63,777 square foot building located north of Eleven Mile Road along I-96 just east of Meadowbrook Road.

According to a representative of the company present at the meeting, Ikon is $6 billion organization with offices and employees worldwide.

Currently, there are 800 people employed by Ikon in Michigan and this new development in Novi will add another 300 to its list of employees.

But, before the planning commission approved the projects site plan, commissioners expressed concern over the current condition of the site.

Saying he had visited the site recently, Commission Andrew Mutch commented on seeing an excessive amount of garbage lying around. "It looks like a junk yard," he said.

Commissioner Kim Thomas Capello added a recent court decision against the previous owners of the property ruled it must be cleaned up by May. Capello questioned whether the site would be cleaned up in time.

Architect for the project, Chris McQuail, said he was unaware of the litigation, but assured Cappello and Mutch the site will be cleaned up. "Ikon does not want to see that a junk yard," he said.

As for cleaning up the site by May, City Attorney Paul Weisberger said the court order to clean up the site is against the previous owner. Ikon is not involved, he said.

With the garbage question out of the way, Ikon architect McQuail expressed concerns over planning consultant's insistence on a sidewalk along I-96.

McQuail told the commission Ikon would rather not put a sidewalk in that location. He said there was no room for one.

However, city engineering consultant Victoria Weber, said a sidewalk could fit in that location, therefore Ikon must build one.

McQuail responded, designing a sidewalk for that location would be extremely hard because it has a steep slope. Plus, a sidewalk would impact wetlands in the area.

Regardless of the sidewalk debate and garbage issue, Planning Commissioner G. Brent Canup said the Ikon project is an "asset to the city."

"I looks like you did a nice job to it," he said to McQuail.

Because of these points, Canup made a motion to give preliminary site plan approval to Ikon and grant a wetlands permit. He added, as a condition Ikon must have the site cleaned up before moving into the building.

"If its not cleaned up, you wont move in," he said to Ikon representatives.

Obituaries

KERRY A. HOFFMAN

Kerry Anne Hoffman, 21, died April 12 as the result of an auto accident in Northville Township. She was born in Detroit April 15, 1977, to Craig and Pamela (Maimsten) Hoffman.

Miss Hoffman was a 1995 graduate of Stevenson High School, Livonia. She was a veterinary assistant with the Beech Road Veterinary Clinic, and a member of the Michigan Hunter & Jumper Association.

She is survived by her mother, Pamela (William) Barnard of Livonia and her father, Craig (Brenda) Hoffman of Melvindale; one brother, Jason Hoffman of Detroit; stepbrothers and sisters, Steven Darrow of Melvindale, Karen Barnard of Livonia, Tracey Barnard of Dearborn, Jennifer Stover and Holli Stover, both of Melvindale; and an aunt, Karen Richner.

Services were held on Friday, April 16 in Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Home with the Rev. Howard Vogan officiating. Interment was in Rural Hill Cemetery, Northville.

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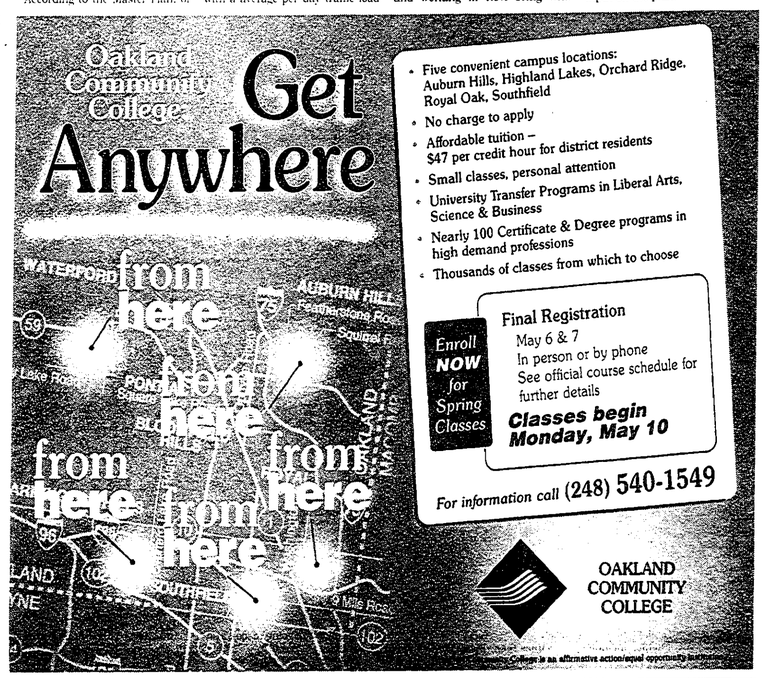
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Former Rotary president awaits lung transplant

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kill him within the next few months. Because his insurance doesn't cover it, he's out of pocket $1,000 per month on the oxygen he needs to survive.

Last year, Fry was president of the Novi Rotary Club. A ten-year Novi resident and commercial Realtor doing business in the city, he moved to a home on Lake Shannon in Fenton in 1997.

As he talked in his kitchen Monday, whenever the phone rang, it could have been the crucial call. Once a lung is available, Fry has a four-hour envelope to get to Ann Arbor and be prepped for surgery at the University of Michigan Hospital.

According to the American Lung Association, pulmonary fibrosis can be environmental and is found in those who work with asbestos, in mines or in agriculture.

In Fry's case, the condition was labelled idiopathic, or of unknown origin. While Fry was a smoker, doctors say that that didn't trigger the ailment, which destroys the lungs' ability to circulate air by stiffening the tissue. Without a transplant, death can come within in five years from the onset of the disease.

By a sad coincidence his physicians can't explain, Fry was diagnosed with pulmonary fibrosis in 1994, while his mother, Jean, was dying from the same disease.

"She was 76 and in marvelous physical condition. It was totally unfair. If anybody should have lived to 90, it should have been my mother," Fry said.

"You should have seen her face when I told her I had it. You could have hit her with a load of bricks."

Fry, then 49, had gone in for a standard physical exam when his doctor recognized pulmonary fibrosis.

After watching the disease killing his mother, who was too old for a transplant, he immediately began researching the possibility of a replacing a lung. He also quit smoking.

To enter the waiting list for a transplant, Fry learned that his illness had to worsen. Because a transplant recipient must be in otherwise good shape, he went through a series of tests, including a CAT scan, heart catherization and "every blood test known to mankind."

When a match is made, along with blood type and tissue compatibility, the lung must have belonged to a donor whose heart is similar in size to Fry's. The waiting list is managed by the Transplantation Society of Michigan, but those who wish to donate organs can register at any Michigan Secretary of State's Office or with the Gift of Life.

> "It's amazing how much oxygen your body uses to do the simplest things."
>
> Tom Fry,
> On waiting list for lung transplant

When Fry was at the Rotary Park dedication in summer 1997, he was already breathing with the part-time help of an oxygen tank. Since Christmas, he's been hooked up to two oxygen systems around-the-clock. The clear plastic tube in his nose leads to a machine that transforms the air in his environment to oxygen gas. The tube he places in his mouth is for supplemental oxygen, stored as liquid in a tank. Fry said he goes through 200 pounds of liquid oxygen a week.

"It's amazing how much oxygen your body uses to do the simplest things, just combing your hair. Unloading the dishwasher – my God, that's a marathon," he added.

On his kitchen counter, Fry has a daruma, a small Japanese doll given him by another, former Novi Rotary president, Steve Myers. One of the white eyes has a black eye drawn in, to signify a wish, in Frey's case, a lung. When the wish is granted, the second eye will be blacked in.

When that day comes, Fry will be on the operating table for about six hours. His new lung, if his body doesn't reject it, will begin to work instantly, but he will be on a respirator for 24 hours.

"They claim that before they sew you up, the blood is flowing in and out and the tissue turns pink – it was real gray – and they know it's functioning," he explained.

From then on, he will, Fry said, "be plugged with medicine." He will need antibiotics to keep an infection from attacking his system. For the rest of his life, he will be on medication to prevent his body's rejection of the donor organ.

"Surgery's almost a piece of cake for these guys anymore. In the first year, you can die of rejection," Fry said.

He added that the survival rate for a lung transplant patient at the University of Michigan is 90 percent.

Although in his healthy days Fry donated some eight gallons of blood, he never registered as an organ donor. That's a decision he now regrets.

"I wasn't sure if you were supposed to have your organs attached when you went to the pearly gates, but there isn't a religion in the world that attaches that much significance to the body. It's the spirit," he said.

Once donors are declared brain dead, their next-of-kin must agree to the transplant, Fry explained. He has become involved in support groups with other patients awaiting new lungs and with those who have survived the operation.

Frequently, someone whose life was saved by a new heart, lung, liver, pancreas or colon will seek out the relations of the organ's original owner in an emotional reunion of strangers.

"You hear them talking all the time about how they got a chance to meet with their donor family," he said.

"You can't believe how the people are transformed. It's like they undergo a spiritual awakening or uplifting."

Illness has been an eye-opener for Fry.

"I have no particular fear of dying. I can only thank the Lord for that," he said.

"I have gained a real awareness of people and things around me. This has been a blessing for me."

When someone else's tragedy becomes Fry's salvation, he will not squander that legacy, he said.

He will be more patient with his kids. Take up golf again. Become active once more with the Novi Rotary. Pay off his medical debts so he can leave an estate for his children.

"I'm going to be a good person...I'm not going to make the same mistakes," Fry said.

And he will become a spokesman for the Gift of Life.

"If people knew just how deeply appreciative donor recipients are and what it means to them and their families and how they treasure the new life they've been given, people would sign up," he added.

"There's a certain amount of immortality that's passed on to the recipient."

For information on registering as an organ donor, call the Gift Of Life at (800) 482-4881.

Novi News editor now headed for Hometown's Lansing bureau

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Novi.

"It is a real cool community. There is lots going on," he said. "(Novi) has all the modern challenges that confront our society."

Malott came to the Novi News as editor in September 1990, after leaving a previous job as editor of the Milford Times. Before this, he spent 10 years as a reporter and editor of the Spinal Column, a weekly newspaper covering Oakland County.

"I always did like the people here," he said. He added he has a tremendous amount of respect for city council member Bob Schmid and especially Novi City Manager Ed Kriewall.

"He is a good manager. Novi is lucky to have him," Malott said of Kriewall.

Malott believes the town and the paper have developed a very good relationship. Due to this relationship, he explained he was not really the editor of The Novi News.

"I am just the president of The Novi News Club. (The people) are the members and that is the way it should be," he said.

While he enjoyed the community and its people, Malott added he also found it challenging as a reporter.

"I think the biggest challenge was keeping up with the news in this town," he said. "For one little town this is a pretty tough place to keep up with."

While Malott has a great deal of respect for Novi and the people who live an work here, he has been given an equal amount of respect by those who worked with him.

Robert Jackson, editor of the Northville Record, said Malott was one of the major reasons he decided to work for the Northville paper.

Jackson added that Malott taught him a lot about being a reporter and an editor. "I sort of looked at him as my mentor," he said.

As for Malott's promotion, Jackson said, "I think Mike is the perfect person to replace Tim Richard. He has always been a good reporter. I think he will grow the position so that our newspapers will benefit from his coverage of statewide issues."

Jan Jeffres, Novi News staff writer who has known Malott for nine years, describes Malott as a man who treats his staff members very fairly and is devoted to his family.

Also under Malott's guidance, Jeffres said The Novi News won several journalism awards. Most notably an Freedom of Information service award Jeffres says was related entirely to Malott's strong advocacy for the Freedom of Information Act.

As for his promotion, which will enable him to write more articles then he did as an editor, Jeffres said she believes Malott will enjoy it because he missed dealing with people as a reporter

"He likes to schmooze people. He equates schmoozing people to being a lion on the savannah stalking the game. He thinks it's fun," she said.

NOTICE
CITY OF NOVI
REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY USE PERMIT
TUP 99-017

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Talon Development Group, Inc. is requesting a Temporary Use Permit to allow the placement of a construction office trailer on the project site for Novi Research Park from May 5, 1999 through April 30, 2000. Novi Research Park is located on the west side of Haggerty Road south of Twelve Mile 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 3:15 p.m. on Wednesday, May 5, 1999 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 5, 1999.

GERRIE HUBBS,
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NOTICE
CITY OF NOVI
REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY USE PERMIT
TUP 99-016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that On The Border is requesting a Temporary Use Permit to allow the placement of a temporary tent structure in the parking lot of On The Border, 21091 Haggerty Road, for a "Cinco de Mayo Party" from May 4, 1999 through May 6, 1999.

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 Friday, April 30, 1999 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 April 30, 1999.

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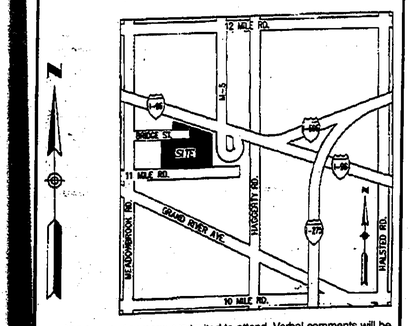
CITY OF NOVI
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, May 5, 1999 at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider **IKON OFFICE BUILDING SP 98-64A**, located north of Eleven Mile Road, east of Meadowbrook Road and south of I-96, seeking **WOODLANDS PERMIT APPROVAL.**



All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments will be heard at the public hearing and any written comments must be received by the Planning & Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 until 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, May 5, 1999.

NOVI PLANNING COMMISSION
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(4-29-99 NR, NN 895081)

CITY OF NOVI
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
ON PROPOSED 1999-2000 BUDGET

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Novi City Council will hold a **PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED CITY 1999-2000 BUDGET** at the Regular Meeting of Council to be held on Monday, May 3, 1999. Said hearing will be held at 7:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the same may be reached, at the Novi Civic Center Council Chamber, 45175 West Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan.

Interested citizens may appear and present written and/or verbal comments on the proposed budget.

A copy of the proposed 1999-2000 budget is currently available at the Novi Civic Center, Office of the City Clerk for public inspection, 45175 West Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan.

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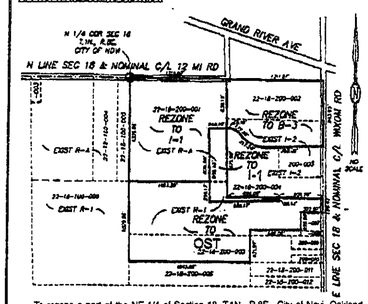
CITY OF NOVI
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of the City of Novi, on Wednesday, May 19, 1999 at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi Mich shall consider **ZONING MAP AMENDMENT 18.575 FOR POSSIBLE REZONING FROM GENERAL INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT (I-2) TO GENERAL BUSINESS DISTRICT (B-3), ONE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT (R-1) TO OFFICE SERVICE TECHNOLOGY DISTRICT (OST), RESIDENTIAL ACREAGE (R-A) TO LIGHT INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT (I-1), AND RESIDENTIAL ACREAGE (R-A) AND ONE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT (R-1) TO LIGHT INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT (I-1) OR ANY OTHER APPROPRIATE ZONING DISTRICT.**



To rezone a part of the NE 1/4 of Section 18, T.1N., R.8E., City of Novi, Oakland County, Michigan, being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the North line of Section 18, said point being S88°55'18"E 1316.65 feet from the North 1/4 corner of said section; thence S 88°55'18"E 1311.97 feet along said North line to the East line of Section 18 (nominal C/L of Wixom Road); thence S00°41'00"E 843.65 feet along said east line; thence S89°19'00"W 765.00 feet to a point of curvature; thence along the arc of a curve to the right 417.24 feet, said curve having a radius of 460.00 feet, central angle of 51°58'13" and chord bearing and distance of N64°41'15"W 403.09 feet to a point of reverse curve; thence along the arc of a curve to the left 177.59 feet, said curve having a radius of 200.00 feet, central angle of 50°49'04" and a chord bearing and distance of N64°07'19"W 171.63 feet; thence N89°31'51"W 25.18 feet; thence N01°10'03"W 630.15 feet to the point of beginning. Containing 24.54 acres.

Beginning at a point on the N-S 1/4 line of Section 18, said point being S00°15'03"E 1320.00 feet from the North 1/4 corner of Section 18; thence S89°31'51"E 1097.20 feet; thence S01°10'03"E 259.17 feet; thence N89°19'00"E 938.17 feet; thence N00°41'00"W 38.13 feet; thence S88°55'18"E 600.28 feet to the East line of Section 18 (nominal C/L of Wixom Road); thence S00°41'00"E 180.42 feet along said east line; thence N89°19'17"W 302.50 feet; thence S00°41'00"E 225.02 feet; thence N89°19'17"W 586.09 feet; thence S00°38'55"W 421.97 feet; thence N89°23'05"W 1647.65 feet to the N-S 1/4 line of Section 18; thence N00°15'03"W 1028.05 feet along said N-S 1/4 line to the point of beginning. Containing 43.16 acres.

Beginning at the North 1/4 corner of Section 18; thence S88°55'18"E 1316.65 feet along the North line of Section 18 (nominal C/L of Twelve Mile Road); thence S01°10'03"E 630.15 feet; thence N89°31'51"W 240.10 feet; thence S01°10'03"E 676.28 feet; thence N89°31'51"W 1097.20 feet to the N/S 1/4 line of Section 18; thence N00°15'03"W 1320.00 feet along said N/S 1/4 line to the point of beginning. Containing 36.26 acres.

Beginning at a point distant S88°55'18"E 1316.65 feet along the North line of Section 18 (nominal C/L of Twelve Mile Road) and S01°10'03"E 630.15 feet from the North 1/4 corner; thence S01°10'03"E 671.00 feet; thence S88°55'18"E 699.00 feet; thence S00°41'00"E 38.13 feet; thence S89°19'00"W 938.17 feet; thence N01°10'03"W 935.45 feet; thence S89°31'51"E 240.10 feet to the point of beginning. Containing 5.92 acres.

ORDINANCE NO. 18.575
ZONING MAP AMENDMENT NO. 575
CITY OF NOVI, MICHIGAN
ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL
KATHLEEN McALLEN, MAYOR
TONNI BARTHOLOMEW, CLERK

All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments will be heard at the hearing and any written comments must be received by the Planning & Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 until 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, May 19, 1999.

NOVI PLANNING COMMISSION
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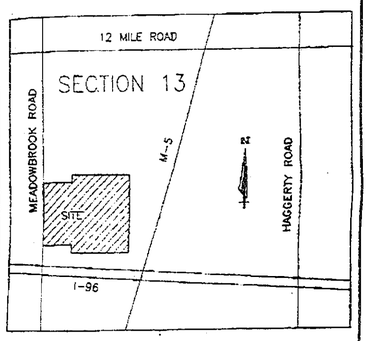
TONNI L. BARTHOLOMEW, CITY CLERK

(4-29-99 NR, NN 895082)

CITY OF NOVI
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, May 5, 1999 at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider **MEADOWBROOK CORPORATE PARK SP 98-04A**, located on the east side of Meadowbrook Road, north of I-96, and south of 12 Mile Road, seeking **PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN APPROVAL, WOODLANDS PERMIT APPROVAL AND WETLANDS PERMIT APPROVAL.**



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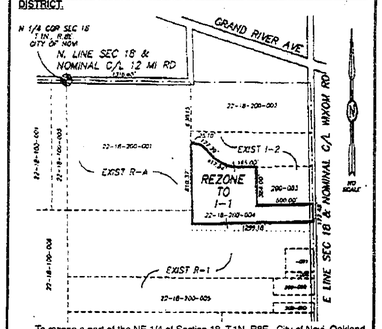
CITY OF NOVI
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi, on Wednesday, May 19, 1999 at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, Mich shall consider **ZONING MAP AMENDMENT 18.579 FOR POSSIBLE REZONING FROM GENERAL INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT (I-2) TO LIGHT INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT (I-1) OR ANY OTHER APPROPRIATE ZONING DISTRICT.**



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ORDINANCE NO. 18.579
ZONING MAP AMENDMENT NO. 579
CITY OF NOVI, MICHIGAN
ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL
KATHLEEN McALLEN, MAYOR
TONNI BARTHOLOMEW, CLERK

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As We See It

Pro

Installation of security with allow for learning

For the safety of the children and due to a growing epidemic of school violence, school's should put more emphasis on security.

Violence in becoming a major problem in schools, part of this problem is from students bringing weapons in to school.

One of the best ways to keep those weapons out of the school is with a metal detector at the main entrance, manned by trained and armed security officers.

By having a metal detector, weapons would not get into the school, thereby ensuring the safety of students and staff.

But guns and knives being brought in by students are not the only dangerous items in schools. Visitors to the school can be just as dangerous.

Schools should crack-down on visitors coming in. This can be done by locking every door to the outside, except one. This one door left unlocked should be guarded by security and metal detectors, and the visitor must show identification and give reason for being at the school upon entering.

The person the visitor is coming to see at the school must then come to the security check-point to vouch for the visitor.

The visitor then must be accompanied by the person they are meeting throughout their time in the building.

Yet, there are other violent acts that do not occur with just a knife or gun or from the hands of visiting strangers. Sometimes, teenage delinquents form gangs and violently attack other students by using their sheer numbers and bare hands.

For these cases a hall monitor simply will not do. Gangs of these thugs would quickly eat them alive.

Schools need to work with local police department to create a school liaison officer. This would be an officer or officers that patrol the hallways, keeping the peace.

In place of the local police, this officer could also be a member of school security. All that really matters is that armed police presence in is the hallways at all times.

However, schools are very large complexes and police officers can not be in every place at one time. To meet this problem, school should also install video surveillance camera's in the hallways.

Just the sight of these cameras will make a person think twice about committing some act of wrongdoing. The always present and never blinking eye of the camera lens will always be watching and recording every movement.

By installing these security measures in our schools, students, their parents, staff members and their families can breath easier knowing school officials are working to make safety a priority.

Con

Parent must spend more time with kids

The parallels exist: a high school in a suburb of a big city full of a diverse group of students.

No metal detectors.

No cameras in the hallways.

No way to be sure what happened in Littleton, Colo. doesn't happen at Northville High School.

But wait a minute. Can you honestly think such precautions as metal detectors or cameras would have slowed these kids, who reportedly prepared for a year for this event, down one bit?

Would the loud scream of a metal detector make the kids think twice about their plans to mercilessly shoot their classmates?

Not likely. The only difference would likely be a death toll of 14 instead of 12, that includes two security guards.

And what good would cameras do? Someone would be able to sit a room or look at videotape and watch the shootings as they happened.

"Yep those guys are crazy," they would say as they watched the students unload their guns on other unarmed students. "Good thing we've these cameras to show us it's true."

Of course once the producers of today's "news" shows miraculously got ahold of the tapes, their fingers would be sore from hitting play and rewind so fast showing "the exclusive footage." And years from now the videotape showing the massacre would be a 15-second clip on "The World's Most Shocking School Shootings."

Instead of spending thousands of dollars on useless security equipment perhaps the best security that could have taken place wasn't even in the school, but at home.

Thomas Johnson, principal of Northville High School, brought up a good point when he told *The Northville Record* that "these problems don't just suddenly emerge ... but if they're taken care of early enough they have a better chance of being solved."

Translation: if you're 15-, 16- or 17-year-old has sawed off shotguns sitting around in the open, it's time to talk.

And even if you're kid doesn't have sawed off shotguns, maintaining communication between children, parents and school officials should be taken extremely serious, Johnson said.

So instead of spending all day Saturday waxing the Tahoe, how about asking your son or daughter to help you do it to spend time together and also to help build responsible young adults.

Or forget the work and do something fun. Do whatever it takes, just talk to your kid.

The parents of one of the shooters said in a letter to the public that "we loved him as best as we could."

Unfortunately, in this instance, that might not have been enough.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Fire's an arrogant act

Jan Jeffres

Last week, the oldest barn in the city-owned Fuerst Farm complex at Taft and Ten Mile roads became a part of Novi's past forever when somebody or somebody and company decided it would be amusing to burn it to the ground.

Putting the newspaper together this week, I couldn't help but think I was acting as a press agent for some vicious little being or beings out there who was getting a big thrill out of all the damage he or she or they had created on the very rainy morning of April 23. What a way to give the whole city a slap in the face!

At the fire scene with my camera, notepad and umbrella in hand, I kept wondering if someone was standing back, watching it all and having fun. Such a pathetic sense of power a puny someone must have felt, triggering the blaze and making the fire department jump.

Then, the arsonist had the added pleasure of pulling city officials out of their warm offices and council members out in the cold to watch some portion of their plans to save a bit of Novi's rural past for future generations become a mess of charred timber.

Never mind that all the experts said the site was Novi's historic jewel, including a senior field representative from the National Trust for Historic Preservation in Washington, D.C. Too bad that the barn is part of Novi's only intact site on both the state and national registers of historic places. Forget the fact that the city is struggling to find ways to preserve and use the collection of old farm buildings.

As City Council Member Kathy Mutch, an ardent local historian, said, the oldest barn was a link that tied the news barns and the early 1900s house together and made the farm complete.

Recently, city officials checked on the security of the site be cause reports came in of teenagers hanging out at the old barn, which dated to 1876. Rumors are afloat that some Novi High School kids are behind the fire, because they wanted the Fuerst Farm to become an extension of the student parking lot. But it's not fair to automatically point to the kids at the nearby high school Anyone could have set the fire.

Whoever did, of course, isn't a prankster, or even a vandal. He or she is quite simply, a criminal, because arson is a crime. Unlike some arson cases, this one doesn't have a motive that's easy to understand. The dishonesty of someone who burns down their building to collect insurance money is at least comprehensible. Cash is a better motive than kicks.

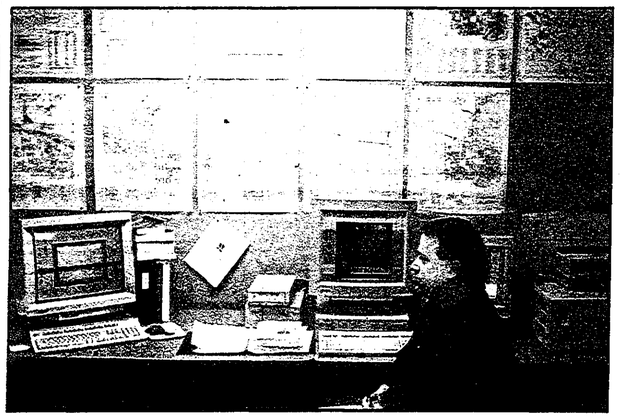
This was simply a nasty act. And like all criminal actions, it stems from a basic character flaw, arrogance. A person who walks into a mall store, spots something he or she would like to own and simply takes it without paying is looking through the eyes of arrogance. This is a viewpoint that says I don't have to follow the rules. I'm above the laws set by other mortals and somehow superior to the rest of the world.

It is on the same wavelength, although of course nowhere near as far along it, as the mentality that led to terrorism in Littleton, Colorado.

Kathy Mutch sees the fire as a wake-up call to me city and she is perfectly right. It's difficult to believe the claim that the money to save the Fuerst Farm isn't there, when Novi's one of the richest cities in one of the richest counties in America.

Meanwhile, every building there is is just an easy target, waiting to be picked off.

Jan Jeffres is a Novi News staff writer.



Mapping it out

David Maurice, Novi's Data Management Specialist in charge of the city's Geographic Information Systems, is surrounded by his work.

John Haggerty left a legacy

Barbara Louie

The only road that travels completely past Novi, Northville and several other communities was named for a Wayne County Road Commissioner.

John S. Haggerty was born in 1866 in Greenfield (later to be called Springwells) Township, Mich., which was later annexed to the city of Detroit. He grew up in the area, attending school with the young Henry Ford. Haggerty began his political career locally, appointed as the Springwells Township school commissioner at the age of 30.

During the late 1890s, Haggerty worked as a partner in his father's brickyard, eventually obtaining the prestigious contract for the building of the Wayne County Courthouse. After his father's death, Haggerty continued with his brickmaking company, branding his bricks with his own initials.

As the new century progressed, Haggerty became increasingly involved with politics. The popularity of the automobile encouraged "The Good Roads Movement" and the Wayne County Road Commission was created in 1906. Haggerty was appointed to the commission shortly after its formation.

The first project of the Wayne County Road Commission was the paving of the old Grand River Plank Road. It was paved with macadam from West Chicago to the Redford-Greenfield Township line.

The other commissioners favored brick for the paving of their next project, Michigan Avenue. Haggerty's brickmaking experience, however, led him to favor the more durable properties of concrete which would be able to withstand the road's heavy traffic. Concrete was also cheaper, and Haggerty encouraged its use.

He was out-voted on the Michigan Avenue stretch, which was paved with the then-familiar brick paving. He had his way with Woodward Avenue, however, and it became world famous for being the first road in the country to be paved with concrete.

By the end of 1909, Haggerty was made chairman of the Road Commission and advisor to the State Highway Department.

A few years after his initial success with the Road Commission, Haggerty branched out and went into the banking business. He became a partner in the Springwells State Bank, and later co-founded the United States Trust Co., which specialize din stocks, bonds and business loans.

While Haggerty lived in a stately home in the city of Detroit, he maintained a country residence in rural Canton. The Canton retreat became a gathering spot for many political bigwigs of the era.

Haggerty was elected Secretary of State in 1926, serving two terms. At the same time he was also a Road Commissioner and bank official. The bank he helped found in 1915, the United States Trust Co., was among the first banks in Detroit to go under in e Stock Market crash of 1929.

The Crash and subsequent Depression hit Haggerty's resources hard. His trust company went bankrupt in 1930, affecting several local affiliated banks. His brickyard also suffered, and he was forced to sell his elegant Detroit house. Haggerty moved permanently to his 150-acre farm in Canton in 1933.

After a brief stint serving on the Civil Service Commission in 1939-40, Haggerty retired from politics, becoming a gentleman farmer at his Canton Township home. Though he never married, he was the adopted father of at least ten orphaned children.

When John S. Haggerty died in 1950 at the age of 84, his funeral was attended by a number of leading political figures, including former Gov. Alexander Groesbeck.

Barbara Louie is the author of the book "No. VI on the Trail" as well as other local history books.

Changing culture is long process

Phil Power

Here's a capsule economic history of Michigan in just five paragraphs.

Our first industry was fur trading in the 17th and 18th centuries. Furs were so scarce in Europe and yet so plentiful in the Great Lakes that the business turned out to be very profitable, forming the fortunes of many families back East, such as the Astors in New York.

Mineral extraction was next. The great copper deposits in the Upper Peninsula were known to the Indians but not exploited commercially until the end of the 18th Century. Profits from copper helped fund the iron ore mining that continues in the UP to this day.

Much of the capital from copper mining also financed the lumbering boom that clear-cut the white pine across most of the northern Lower Peninsula in the 19th Century. More money came out of Michigan's white pine forests than out of the California gold fields during the famous gold rush.

Profits from lumbering formed much of the capital for the emerging automobile industry that began developing in Michigan at the start of the 20th Century. After the industry consolidated in the 1920s, automobile manufacturing turned out to be an enormous world-wide industry with extraordinarily high profit margins.

Since the automobile industry matured in the last half of this century, business folks, investors and public policy-makers have been casting around some new thing that might form the basis for the next great industry to drive our state's economy – something like the computer industry in Silicon Valley or the software industry in Seattle.

That's not as easy as it looks.

First, you don't just decide you're going to create some giant new industry out of whole cloth and expect that intention alone will get the job done.

Lots of governors tried, going all the way back to Bill Milliken, who in the early 1980s helped create publicly-funded institutions like the Industrial Technology Institute in Ann Arbor and the Molecular Biology Institute in East Lansing. These never worked very well, nor did Jim Blanchard's attempts to use the Michigan Strategic Fund as a sort of governmental venture capital firm.

After a while, it became clear - even to governors - that new industries were not going to be created as a result of government policy. The best government could do was to level the playing field.

Dominant industries - in Michigan's case, auto manufacturing - always tend to use their political muscle to set public policy in their own interests.

The Michigan Single Business Tax is a classic example. Written in the 1970s by lobbyists from General Motors who finalized their work at 2 a.m. and rushed the complex bill through an exhausted Michigan Legislature that had little idea what it was voting on, the SBT benefits manufacturing companies with high margins and hurts small business start-ups.

Cive credit to Gov. John Engler and Doug Rothwell, CEO of the Michigan Economic Development Corp., for at last recognizing this problem and leveling the playing field.

Last week, Rothwell announced a "Gold Collar Jobs Tax Package" that will give high-tech companies the same sales tax exemptions and tax breaks on buildings and equipment now given to manufacturing firms. Rothwell estimates the tax changes will save $5-$10 million per year for Michigan high-tech companies.

More and more, people are recognizing that the main barrier to finding and nourishing the next great industry in Michigan's economic history is cultural.

We can't afford to think like giant manufacturing companies; we've got to cherish entrepreneurs and risk-takers. We can't just complain about lack of venture capital; we've got to create an environment that is attractive to investors. We can't depend on state government to do much more than level the playing field.

Changing culture is a long, slow process. But there are signs that that process has started at last.

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Letters

Bless all for prayers and support

To the editor:

It's 2 a.m. and I finally have an opportunity to sleep but I can't. I am overwhelmed with gratitude to so many people in Northville who have helped my son Donovan Magryta this past year. Some may recall Donovan as the 3-year-old boy headlined in The Northville Record last year. Having a debilitating disease called Cyclic Vomiting Syndrome (CVS), our family had been helpless to its grip on our son. The condition causes Donovan to relentlessly vomit up to 300 times per hour for as long as 14 days. Within hours of its onset, he would go into what doctors call a conscience coma. The worst part was that it repeated its cycle with often only three days in-between. Our only protection for him as parents was to be with him, keep him from choking on his vomit, and shield him from the lights, sounds, touch, and smells that aggravated the symptoms. We prayed for God's mercy and for others to strengthen our spirit. We have shared our gratitude with many of you but this letter is to recognize a few who have continued to support Donovan's health management many times over this past year. Without your help, Donovan would have continued to suffer the effects of CVS and we would have suffered along with him. To date, we have a strict treatment program which keeps him isolated 90 percent of the week on supplemental intravenous feedings as well as eating rare foods which many of you probably would not dream of eating nor consider food. Our personal care restrictions while in our home affect friends, family and caregivers. All of these strict requirements keep Donovan living with minimal suffering but have been financially devastating on us.

We would like to humble ourselves before Ron Bodner of Copy Boy Printers who has stayed with our cause by raising funds through a Victorian Festival auction, appealing to hundreds of game hunters to hunt for the unusual meats that Donovan can occasionally tolerate, and has inspired our family in other unique ways to reduce Donovan's outrageous food bill.

We would also be powerless without the generosity of Chris and Mike Farrell of Healthy Solutions. They help to make food, personal care items, and nutritional supplements for Donovan's treatment plan affordable by not profiting off Donovan's suffering and our desperation to give him what he requires.

Our hearts dance with joy and thanksgiving every time this past year we have received a check from the Just for Kicks Dancers, a local group (Novi) dedicated to healthful entertaining at any occasion while giving all they earn to causes like ours. We use their gifts of money to buy Donovan his $28 per pound flour to make bread or pasta so he can feel somewhat normal and work toward reducing the amount of calories he needs from I.V. therapy.

Nancy Austin of Coldwell Banker in Plymouth has practically held us up through prayer, fund raising and all the real estate requirements to build Donovan the "Environmentally Safe House" he requires. Never once has she asked for a penny for all the work she and her staff have done.

Still others kept us in mind around the holidays and have sent a few dollars toward Donovan's treatment. And some have volunteered their time so as parents, we have time to work on food research for Donovan or work on building the special house – both having been a nightmare to manage alone.

Bless all of you for continuing to remember us and especially for the ongoing prayers which give us strength or bring answers to our crisis. Thank you especially to those I mentioned above. Your ongoing support of Donovan's strict treatment plan keeps him from unrelenting suffering. We hope others patronize your businesses and that your gifts to us come back to you ten fold.

Lee Magryta

Cable responds to city's requests

Caren Collins

Time Warner has responded to the rfrp (Request for Renewal Proposal) that SWOCC (Southwestern Oakland Cable Commission) issued in February. They were required to indicate how the company would meet the cable-related needs and interests of Novi, Farmington and Farmington Hills. The document is available for you to view at the SWOCC office, the downtown Farmington Library, the Farmington Hills Library located on Twelve Mile, and the Novi Library. You are welcome to provide comments to SWOCC in writing: 24021 Research Drive, Farmington Hills, MI 48033; via e-mail: ccollins@ci.farmington-hills.mi.us or by phone: (248) 473-7266, ext. 11. SWOCC will review the document and make a recommendation to city councils by August, to either renew the cable franchise or preliminarily deny the renewal.

FCC FINDS RATES REASONABLE

This month the FCC Cable Services Bureau found Time Warner's rate increase of Jan. 1 to be reasonable. You may recall that rates increased $1.42. SWOCC received numerous complaints that enabled us to file a complaint with the FCC. However, it denied SWOCC's complaint and the rates stand. Broadcast Basic service (Channels 1-22) is $10.50 and the expanded basic tier (all other channels except pay services) runs $19.94. For the majority of subscribers who take both services, this comes to a monthly fee of $30.44.

BEWARE OF MISLEADING TITLES

Recently, residents received flyers in the mail advertising a new "Cable" service. Beware. It's not cable. That means you can't get the local channels (2, 4, 7, 9, 20, 50, 56, 62) and you can't get the local access channels (Public, Educational, and Governmental) on this service. It also means that you have to purchase or lease a satellite dish. A cable company must negotiate a franchise agreement with the cities in order to use the public rights-of-way to provide this service. So, the SWOCC has no jurisdiction over these other services that may call themselves cable, but really are not. Even though the mailer screams: "Lower cable cost," SWOCC does not endorse this alternative nor can we guarantee the costs they claim. In the meantime, SWOCC is continuing to investigate the possibility of competitive cable service in our communities. Competition is rare across the country, and the only competitive provider in the Metro Detroit area is Ameritech with their Americast service.

ACCESS IS FREE

You can produce programs, participate in television production, be on TV and watch community access free. Beware of groups or organizations soliciting money for these purposes. The cities of Farmington, Farmington Hills and Novi dedicate 2 percent of their franchise fees to find public access studios, staff and other amenities. As a condition of our current contract with Time Warner, the company also provides a studio and staff or this purpose. It's all free to you. Call (248) 473-7266 to sign up for an orientation.

Caren Collins is the Executive Director of the Southwestern Oakland Cable Commission.

Federal jurists abhor judge-made law

Tim Richard

For the umpteenth time, folks, it's important whom you elect to judgeships. Don't just look for Irish names or women, though they clearly have an electioneering advantage. It's insufficient, from your own point of view, even to pick ethnic groups.

Judicial philosophy makes a difference. I've pointed it out several times that even the political party that nominates a candidate isn't all-important.

Two recent decisions of the Michigan Supreme Court are cases in point. In the majority camp are members of the Federalist Society – Clifford Taylor, Elizabeth Weaver, Maura Corrigan and Robert Young Jr. They stick to the literal wording of the law. They like prosecutors. They bear Republican labels, but that is less important than the Federalist stamp.

In the opposite camp, after decades in the majority, are Michael Cavanagh and Marilyn Kelly. They ran as Democrats. They like labor's viewpoint.

Sort of in the middle is James Brickley, an appointee of moderate Republican Gov. Bill Milliken. His companion, until he quit the high court last Dec. 31, was Conrad Mallett Jr., a Democrat.

Case 1: People v. Brownridge, out of St. Joseph County. Glen Brownridge was convicted of conspiracy to commit arson on his own house. The prosecutor said Brownridge had hired a man named Turner to do the actual torching. Turner died in the fire.

In charge of the investigation was Sgt. Earl Stark of the Three Rivers police. He obtained statements from two of Turner's relatives implicating Brownridge in the arson.

Brownridge's defense lawyer said Sgt. Stark had a personal dislike for Brownridge and threatened to implicate one of Turner's relatives to get the statement. The defense challenged Stark's credibility, offering testimony from another police officer. Judge Meyer Warshawsky excluded the challenge.

Chief Justice Elizabeth Weaver, said Warshawsky's decision "demonstrates a careful balancing of the harmful consequences of admitting the evidence against its probative value ..." In short, Warshawsky was right to dump the officer's testimony. Taylor, Corrigan and Young concurred.

Justice Brickley, a former FBI man and U.S. attorney and no softie on crime, dissented. He said Warshawsky made only a "vague reference" to how he struck the balance. Brickley would have allowed the second officer to testify against Sgt. Stark's credibility. Cavanagh and Kelly agreed.

No new trial for the arsonist.

Case 2: a classic worker's comp case where the four Federalists ruled against teacher Connie M. Camburn and for Northwest (Jackson) school district.

Camburn was injured in an auto accident while driving to a seminar sponsored by the intermediate school district and couldn't work the rest of the school year. Her auto insurer sought reimbursement from worker's comp on the theory that Camburn was driving to work.

Weaver, joined by Taylor, Corrigan and Young, said no, because the injury didn't occur in the normal course of her employment but on her way to work – a clear loss for Camburn's side.

Cavanagh, joined by Brickley and Kelly, agreed with the result but for a different reason. Looking at it more narrowly, they asked, Was this a "special mission" that makes Camburn's trip an exception to the rule that injuries during travel to work don't qualify for worker's comp?

Cavanagh noted, The 'special mission' exception is judicially created." The Federalist jurists abhor judge-made law. Camburn still loses, but on narrower grounds.

Pettifogging? Narrow? Not if you're a criminal defendant or a working stiff. Not if you're a prosecutor or an employer.

Footnote: The Supreme Court has agreed to re-hear the case against the Jackson landlord who refused to rent to unmarried couples. Kelly wrote the majority opinion in 1998. Don't be surprised if the Federalists reverse it.

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MAKE AGING OPTIMAL
The delivery of health care to older adults is undergoing changes to adapt to the demographic transformation that we are experiencing these days. Almost 13% of our population is over 65, and in thirty years this figure will jump to 20% (more than 70 million). This rapid increase will take place because Americans in the "baby boom" generation will enter their senior years between 2010 and 2030.
We know that early prevention can improve activity and independence, and reduce disease rate in old age. Most of the current preventive measures, however, concentrate on heart disease and cancer. With the continued "graying of America," conditions such as dementia, degenerative arthritis, hearing and visual impairments are more common than before. These conditions cause functional disability and increased dependency on others. The role of health care professionals is essential in screening and detecting these problems in order to provide early intervention to restore health and functionality.
Although it is helpful to be genetically programmed to age slowly, optimal aging with minimal health decline can be achieved by adhering to some healthy stragegies. Intellectual stimulation, dietary modification and exercise (including resistance training) are beneficial. Old age should not prevent people from making meaningful contributions to society. Physicians can help by encouraging older adults to enjoy an active and creative life. Finally, do not let your age decide how old you are. Dwight Eisenhower once said, "I'm saving that rocker for the day I feel as old as I really am."

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Novi teens send banner to Columbine High kids

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Council.

An advantage to a banner, Rettmann said, is it will give Novi students a chance to let some of the tension they may have over the school violence.

As for violence occurring in their own school, many of the students who signed the banner agreed they are not very afraid to go to school in Novi, but can't be sure an incident such as Littleton's will not happen.

"I'm not afraid or anything. But, I guess you never know," said Julie Racklyeft, Novi High School senior.

When asked why they believe the two students accused of killing their fellow students and a teacher would do such a thing, students at Novi High School did not blame movies, songs, television, video games or society. According to them, the focused should be on the family.

"I don't really think the media is the only thing," Rettmann said. "Maybe part of the problem in that case was they didn't have a solid family."

Rettmann added the students accused of this crime were probably not too involved with their family.

Racklyeft agreed saying, "In almost always goes back to their parents. I think with the good kids, their parents and family guide them."

Resconich added this problem is with many kids today and can be seen in their attitudes and actions.

"I don't think lids have values now. There is a lot of disrespect for older people," he said.

Overall, Rettmann said the this shooting has really touched a nerve with students at Novi High School.

"This really hit home. There community is similar to ours," he said.

Are schools, police ready to meet the worst-case scenario?

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school.

"It can happen anywhere in the United States. There isn't some special bad place where all this is happening," McNamara added.

Both McNamara and Novi High School Principal Jennifer Cheal agree schools can not prepare for violent situations such as the school shooting in Littleton, Colo. that left 15 dead.

"I don't think any one location in America can be prepared for a situation like this," Cheal said.

But, both also agreed there are some preventative measures that can be taken.

McNamara said the Novi Police Department has been working hard for the last few years to be more visible and get to know the people of the community, especially students, teachers and school officials.

The officers also make themselves more visible to the schools by showing up at many school-sponsored community events, such as football or basketball games and always patrol school areas during the morning and afternoon, he said.

As for suggestions to beef-up school security with metal detectors, video cameras in the hallways and armed guards patrolling the school grounds, McNamara said they may be deterrents, but none are foolproof.

"Metal detectors are a preventative measure," he said.

"They will limit (weapons in school), but if somebody wants to create a problem, the metal detectors won't be any good."

The best weapon to combat school violence comes from the combined work of teachers, school officials, parents, students and the public, he said.

"Its like a pie and everybody needs to take a share of it," McNamara said.

As part of its share, Cheal said the school is working hard to prevent violent outbursts and keep the students safe. Most of those measures deal with improving the way students relate with others and making them feel accepted by society.

"We try very hard at Novi High School to make each and every child feel important," Cheal said.

This can be done in many ways, one of them is through achievement assemblies, where student talent in academics and extra-curricular activities is recognized and celebrated.

Another measure is by giving students the ability to get to know their teachers and other students, Cheal said. By doing this, students get a chance to understand their differences.

Additionally, if a student is showing antisocial behavior, it can be identified right away and help can be given to that student, she said.

Help for students showing these traits can be received in a number of ways. If a student is displaying some violent characteristics, the school has support services, such as counselors and social workers, Cheal said.

"We will not compromise the safety of the students or staff in this high school," she added.

In addition to this, parents are always notified if their children are engaging in troubling behavior, the principal noted.

Overall, Cheal and McNamara agree the biggest help to preventing violence in schools comes from the combined effort of our entire society, starting with the family.

"We all know it has to start at home first. You need to know what is going on with your kids all the time. To do this, you need to talk to your kids," McNamara said.

According to Cheal, another part to preventing these problems will come when the our society looks at the way it deals with violence.

"Schools are just a cosmos of our society," Cheal said.

"We are just reflective of what is happening in our society and I think our society is becoming more tolerant of violence."

While our society may look at violence differently today, McNamara said, it is his belief that violence is not any more unusual in our society today than it was in the past.

He said there is more violence but there are also more people.

"According to statistics there have been gangs for 200 years in the United States," McNamara noted.

The difference is the media and police are on top of these issues faster and the world has become smaller due to technology. Events that happen around the world are reported in almost real time to more people, he said.

State rep wants armed officer in every public school

An "armed liaison officer" would be assigned to every public school in Michigan if legislation proposed by Rep. Alan Sanborn, R-Richmond Township, is eventually approved.

He unveiled his plan last week one day after the shooting rampage at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colorado.

"There is more merit to the idea than just placing a bodyguard in the schools. He could be a mentor to the students. Or he could be a role model for students who have not had positive relationships with police officers. He could teach DARE classes or anger management classes. If he could have be active participation in the schools, that is where he could have a major effect," Sanborn said of the bills, which he expects will be drafted within the next six to eight weeks.

An armed sheriff's deputy was present at Columbine High when the shooting began Tuesday, April 20. According to press reports, the deputy – assigned to the school full-time – radioed for backup and then exchanged shots with the the youthful gunmen.

Despite the apparent ineffectiveness of having an armed officer in the building at the time of the incident, Sanborn said he believes a liaison – a sworn police officer affiliated with the local police department – would have an impact.

"I believe a good officer might have recognized that there was a problem. They made videos showing themselves shooting fellow students and turned them in as class projects. There were many other clues and indictors of what they planning to do ..." Sanborn said. "This (proposal) is primarily preventative in that a liaison could network with the students ... get to know them on a first name basis ... and students may have informed a trusted officer."

Sanborn said the proposal has already garnered the support of the Fraternal Order of Police and the Michigan State Troopers Association. Macomb County Sheriff Bill Hackel has stated his support for the legislation. The representative said he will soon be seeking support from Oakland County Sheriff Michael Bouchard.

A financial impact statement has not yet been prepared, so Sanborn was unable to suggest how much the proposal might cost school districts. Community grants are available which may defray a portion of the cost.

Generally, Sanborn said he opposes state mandates for local governments, but he believes safety of school children is a paramount concern.

"This is something I've wanted to do for a long time. I have three children in public schools. There have been lockdown situations in both Armada and Memphis this year due to potential violent situations," Sanborn said.

"Parents trust that their children will be safe in school."

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This request will be considered at 3:30 p.m. on May 5, 1999 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 5, 1999.

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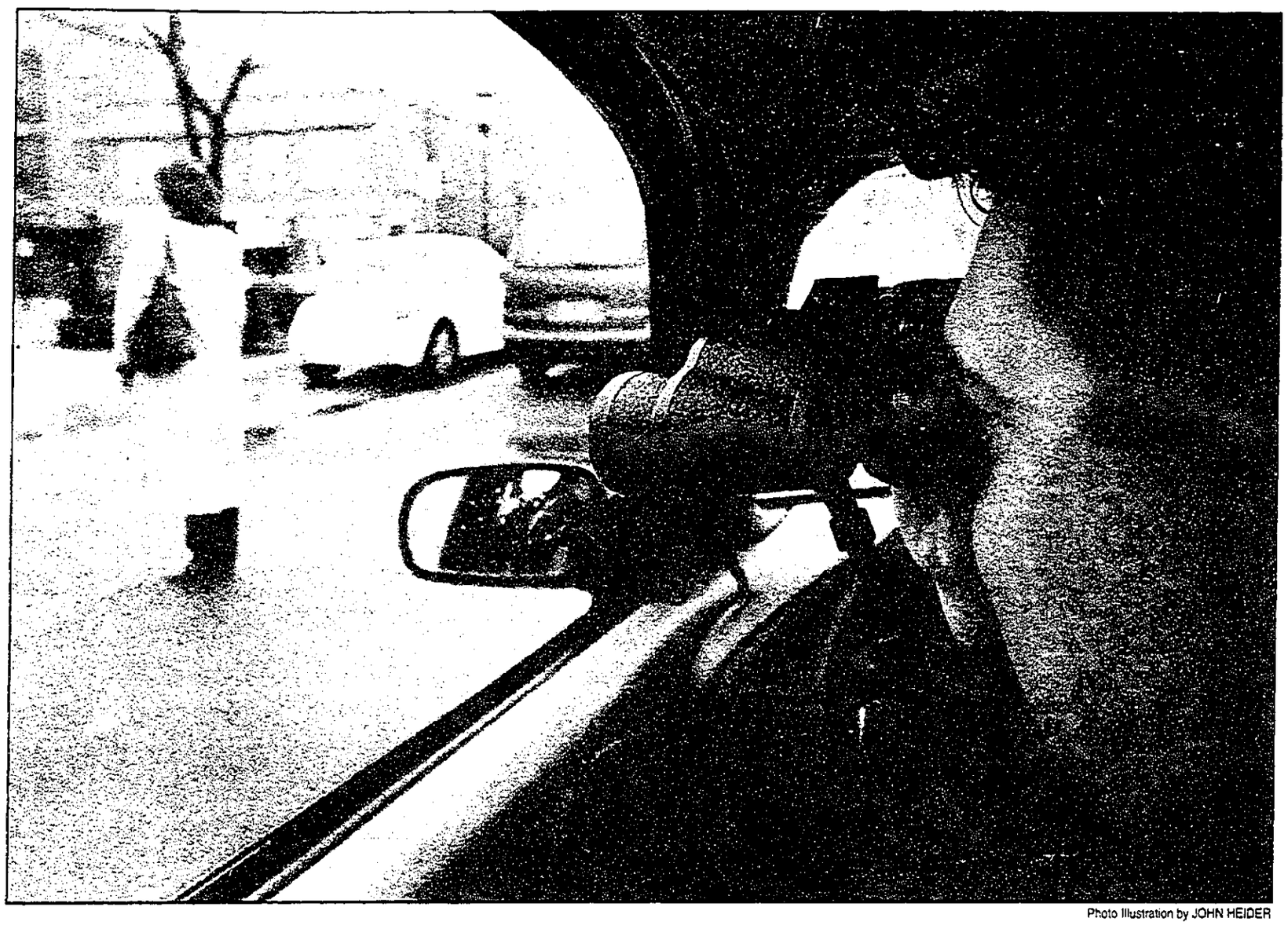

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Don't be a victim

Novi Community Ed offers class about stalking

CAROL DIPPLE
Feature Editor

Would you recognize stalking if it happened to you or someone you know?

"Stalking: How Not To Be A Victim" will be offered by the Novi Community Education Department on Tuesday, May 18, at the Novi High School at 6:30 p.m.

In general, most people do not recognize the first signs of stalking, according to Paula LaRue, who has taught over a dozen seminars on the subject.

It can start with flattering attention, become something annoying before turning ominous.

"It can start out very innocently where you are asked if you want to go out," LaRue said.

During the three-hour seminar, LaRue will talk about safety strategy, case studies, profiles of stalkers and victims, and the history and development of the stalking laws.

There is no profile of a typical victim, according to LaRue. Most are women, however, if the victim is a man, he usually has a position of authority such as a police officer, boss, or congressman. Nationally, one out of 12 women and one out of 45 men will be the victim of a stalker. A juvenile victim is usually stalked by an adult male.

"A lot of crimes are not reported," she said. "We think the statistics are much higher."

Northville City Police haven't had any stalking cases in the last few years, according to Susan Hatch, senior police clerk.

LaRue has a background in security administration and teaches at the community college level. Beginning a few years ago, students began mentioning to her their stalking experiences. Since then, she has become knowledgeable about stalking and has been doing documentaries on cable televisions, interviews and seminars.

She estimates that she receives about 10 calls a day from victims who want to tell their story or from others who want to know what to do.

A profile of a stalker has not been developed yet, according to LaRue.

"You can't tell by the way they look, by the way they dress, by their job, how much money they have, you can't tell," she said. "Stalkers, in general, want to be in control of the victim by trying to intimidate or dominate them."

Stalkers may be unable to develop a normal relationship, or fear abandonment or rejection.

Stalking can be done by mail, phone, e-mail, or physically following a person.

Stalking laws went into effect Jan. 1, 1993.

"We're just beginning to learn about what can be done about it," she said.

"The bottom line is that it is a horrible crime. You have to stop it at the very beginning," LaRue said. "You do get through it. There is a light at the end of the tunnel."

For more information, call (248) 449-1206.

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Paula LaRue

What is stalking?

Stalking Legislation: Michigan

(The National Center for Victims of Crime)

- Stalking is a willful conduct of at least two non-continuous acts of harassment of another individual that actually causes a reasonable person to feel terrorized, frightened, intimidated, threatened, harassed, or molested.
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- Harassment is repeated or continual unconsented contact which can include following or appearing within the sight of the individual, approaching or confronting the individual in a public place or on private property, contacting the individual by telephone, delivering or sending objects, mail or electronic communications.

What to do if you think you are being stalked

- **Call the police.**

The police will ask for evidence. Document everything, every contact, phone call, letter, gift, with dates and time.

"Now you are starting to build a case against the stalker," Paula LaRue said.

- **Have witnesses do a write up of whatever they know.**

Once you have told the stalker "no," make sure you mean it.

"Once it is made perfectly clear 'I want nothing to do with you,' there's no contact after that," she said.

- **Have a separate answering machine. Get a second line and don't give that number out to anyone.**

"Sometimes the stalker feels like he is getting to you because he hears your voice," she said.

- **Personal protection orders are a possibility.**

"Sometimes they stop a stalker but in most cases they seem to escalate the stalker to violence," she said.

- **Change your routes to and from work and home.**
- **Change locks.**
- **Change phone numbers.**
- **Inform everyone you know, family, friends, coworkers, etc. that you are being stalked.**
- **Travel with a companion.**
- **Do not try to negotiate with the stalker.**

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

As they both wear some of her creations, barrette designer Bernadette Mastrangel, left, poses with Northville's Dancing Eye Gallery owner Theresa Schierloh.

Designer uses vintage jewelry for newest craze

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Bernadette Mastrangel's Swarovksi-studded designs are hair today, gone from boutiques tomorrow.

She specializes in funky, vintage-inspired barrettes and bobby pins, from butterflies and beetles to flowers, all of which will be fluttering over display cases at a May 7 show at Dancing Eye Gallery in Northville.

When Mastrangel was only 12 years old, she wrote a list of everything she wanted to do with her life. Now, she's just crossing the items off, one by one.

"One of the things was to do something with jewelry. I think you can do anything you want in life. The only thing that stops you is yourself," she said last week.

Nobody's slowing down Mastrangel, who launched her jewelry firm last summer and now employs six. Jack E Oh's, bears the same name as her 1950s through 1970s vintage clothing store in Birmingham.

The barrettes, which are cast from actual pieces of vintage jewelry, first took off at a summer art fair.

"The kids said, 'do you think you'll be getting more of these?" Mastrangel said.

More is hardly the word. Her company now produces 30,000 pieces a year, available in 400 shops through the Midwest

Barrettes are hot. And women of all ages love them, from young girls to older women who find that the sparkling crystals show off well in white or gray hair.

As the first step of the process, Mastrangel, an Ann Arbor resident, ransacks local antique stores for vintage jewelry. A factory, the location of which is her trade secret, casts each design. Then, the crystals are set by hand. Colors that match current fashion directions, such as pink, are featured.

"It's just old costume jewelry, which is so big. It's now making a come-back," she said.

The barrette craze surfaced last summer and is going strong, she finds.

"Every time I think it's going to leave, I see somebody wearing one on TV," Mastrangel said.

Dancing Eye owner Theresa Schierloh likes to wear Jack E Oh's designs on her lapel, as well as for clipping back her hair. Her gallery sells the items for $8 through $18.

Sue Taylor, of the Northville Arts Commission, was all eyes when Mastrangel unloaded a bagful of barrettes at the gallery last week. She already owns one and purchased a second, a blue rose.

"They're elegant," Taylor said.

Later in May, Mastrangel will carrying her collection to the New York Boutique Show, an international buying bash for wholesalers. She has major expansion plans.

"The business is doing so well. Vintage clothes, you can only do so much with. My goal is for this business to be quite big," she said.

Springtime work by three women artists will be on display

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City-wide garage sale good time to clean house

By JEANNE CLARKE
Special Writer

The annual Novi Parks and Recreation All-Novi Spring Cleanup is set for Saturday, May 8, from 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center parking lot, weather permitting. Registrations for a space 9 feet by 18 feet at a cost of $25 ($10 for additional space) are being accepted this week. Call Scott Mercer at 347-0400 for more information.

Participants can sell any household item that would be included in a personal garage sale. Family members can work their own booth and keep all profits in addition to viewing other garage sale booths in the same area.

The sale will be held indoors should there be rainy weather. Booth sizes offered indoors will be 10 feet by 15 feet.

It's also time for planning the annual Memorial Day parade to be held on Monday, May 31, at 10 a.m. The committee is working on plans for the parade as well as a special memorial service. This year's route will start at the Novi Town Center (Crescent Drive) at 10 a.m., head south to Ten Mile and continue west to the Novi Civic Center. The Memorial Day service will be held at the Veterans Memorial Monument at the Civic Center. For more information, call 347-0400.

Also held on the same day will be Novi's kick-off for the "Walk Michigan" program. Those entering this non-competitive program can start by being part of the parade. They will receive additional information about the walk and other opportunities.

Early registration for residents who wish to enroll their children in Camp Lakeshore will be Saturday, May 15, from 8-11 a.m. with doors opening at 7:30 a.m. Participants will receive a number and are asked to complete forms. Session dates start June 14; these five-day sessions will run through Aug. 20, from 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. with special child watch services available.

Novi Highlights

CHARTER HOUSE OF NOVI

The Community Council of Novi will sponsor the annual bake sale on Saturday, May 1. The sale will be held from 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m. in the front lobby of the facility. The community is invited to come and help the volunteers who make up the membership of the Community Council. This is the group's only fund raiser for the year.

The Community Council is made up of residents, residents' families, and those from the community who wish to be involved in bringing additional programs and activities to the residents.

Charter House would appreciate anyone wanting to bake for the sale. Items can be brought into the activities room through Friday, by 4:30 p.m. at the latest. If this is not possible, items can be brought in the day of the sale. For additional information, call 624-0173.

Volunteers are a very important part of the program at Charter House. Each year during National Volunteer Week, a special program is given in recognition of the volunteers. This year, volunteer coordinator Pat Gatzke and the staff of the activities department had a program entitled, "You Light the Way" complete with dinner and entertainment. Some of the volunteer organizations recognized included Christian Fellowship, Community Council, Holy Family Church, Knights of Columbus, Novi High School, Novi Lioness Club, Novi Middle School, Pet-A-Pet, Restoration Christian Fellowship, St. Joan's Guild, and TLC Ministries. Also recognized were the following volunteers: Ernestine Melotti, Frances Daleo, and Bernadette Nentwick. Each one received a special lamp indicating they helped to "light the way."

Because of volunteers, several new programs were initiated in 1998, which included the horticulture cart, the hydration program, the nutrition program, and the Rainbow store (which was developed through a donation by the Novi Lioness Club).

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS

It's time for the annual Spring Plant Sale. Orders must be in by May 3 and picked up at the church on Saturday, May 15, between 9 a.m.-noon. Proceeds will be used to purchase flowers and plants for the church gardens.

Some of the items will be 8-inch foliage baskets with over 12 varieties of plants; 10-inch regular flowering baskets in a number of color preferences; and some 10-inch premium flowering baskets. Flats will also be available with 48 plants per flat: Ageratum, Alyssum, Begonia, Celosia, Coleus, Dahlia, Dusty Miller, Impatiens, Marigold, Pansy, Petunia, Portulaca, Salvia, Snaps, Verbena, and Viola. In addition, there will be 4-inch potted accent items. For information on ordering, call the church office at 349-1175.

A Pampered Chef Kitchen Show will be held on Tuesday, May 25 at 7 p.m. Everyone is invited and encouraged to bring a friend. The show will include learning various cooking techniques, tasting samples, and seeing a demonstration of high-quality kitchen tools. Catalogs are available prior to the show.

A church rummage sale is being planned for June 4 and 5. Volunteers will be helping June 1-5 sorting the materials donated.

Members of the church and of St. Anne's recently participated in the Soup Kitchen. The project consisted of making 1,550 sandwiches and 80-90 gallons of soup, all in 2 hours and 20 minutes.

Each week members bring in many items for the needs of Crossroads: jars of canned goods, personal hygiene items, boxed or bagged items, and clothing items. Children in the church prepare condiment packages once a month; also collect returnable cans and bottles to raise funds for various service projects.

NOVI GIRL SCOUTS

Janice Church recently announced that she will not be the Neighborhood Service Unit Direction. She has completed her five years and plans are in the making for a replacement. In addition, there is a need for two troop organizers for this coming year. Anyone wishing to fill those positions at Orchard Hills and Parkview are asked to call Janice at 344-4882.

Registration figures from Gay Siden indicate that there are over 500 girl scouts from the Novi area, with over 50 troops registered.

Each year plans are made for each school's troops to sponsor an all-troop program. This year, troops from Village Oaks sponsored a dance called "Ballroom Style," which was held in March at St. Mary's Cultural Center in Livonia. The evening lasted from 6-9 p.m. complete with dinner, a DJ, etc., and the girls were adorned in fancy, party-style dresses. Those who accompanied them were also dressed for the occasion. The special evening was planned by Kim Ziegler and her committee.

The annual Daddy and Daughter Girl Scout event was recently held at Golf-O-Rama in Brighton from 6-9 p.m. Sandra Kern and her committee from Novi Woods were in charge of the event. Those in attendance enjoyed 18 holes of miniature golf indoors.

The scouts will soon present the 1999 Plant and Grow program, which is a service project for the community. Also helping will be the Novi Parks and Recreation Department. Planting will take place at the Civic Center, police station, town hall, Lakeshore Park, and the Sports Park at Eight Mile and Napier. This event, co-chaired by Anne Wuerth and Nancy Zerio, will be held on Saturday, May 15, starting at 9:30 a.m. at the Civic Center.

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

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Dancing the night away

The annual Novi Girl Scout dance took a new direction this year. In the past, the dance had been held at the Novi Civic Center. Village Oaks Elementary School Girl Scout Leaders Kim Ziegler and Amy Abboud selected St. Mary's Cultural Center in Livonia as the site for the March 24 event. The dance theme was "A Ballroom Gala Event." Almost 400 people attended the event which included a sit down dinner. Sandy Kern made and donated the cake for the evening. DJ Tom played music for professional ballroom dancers who did the Tango, Swing and more. Then the girls practiced what they learned on the dance floor. Volunteers included Amy Paquette and Samia Haddad.

Cosmetology program ends, an open house is planned

CAROL DIPPLE
Feature Editor

Gail Barbero and Cynthia Briggs have tangled with their last head of uncombed hair, at least at the Southwest Campus of the Oakland Technical Center.

The Cosmetology Program there is finishing its last year in Walled Lake.

"The Cosmetology Program is really unique," said Larry Barlow, principal of the Southwest Campus of OTC. "It requires 1,500 hours which is beyond the normal day of learning for students."

The two-year program begins at the senior high school level. Students return after high school graduation to complete the second year.

"Over the course of a number of years, our population ended up being adults," Barlow said. "It was more like an adult ed program."

The Cosmetology Program began in the late 1970s, according to Barlow. With declining enrollment, it was decided that the program would be terminated at the end of the school year on June 11.

Barbero had 19 and a half years of experience with Walled Lake Schools, while Briggs had 14 years.

Barlow said the elimination of the Cosmetology Program is a separate issue totally unrelated to the changes of ownership of OTC which will take place in July.

Beginning July 1, the deed to all four campuses of the Oakland Technical Centers will revert back to the county and the school will be operated by the Oakland Intermediate School District, according to Barlow.

Previously, Walled Lake Schools held the deed and was financially responsible for the Southwest Campus of OTC.

"Each district was given the opportunity to maintain the deeds and centers themselves," Barlow said. "It frankly got to the point where it was not practical or responsible for a local school district to absorb that cost."

About 800 junior and senior high school students from the entire southwest corner of Oakland County, including Novi, Northville, and Walled Lake attend half day classes at the Southwest Campus of OTC and half day classes at their respective schools.

"The kids are here two and a half hours a day in a block of time that they get to do things that are really more detailed and intensive," Barlow said.

The school offers 16 programs including electronics, medical and dental, greenhouse nursery, flora culture, desktop publishing and graphic arts, auto technology, auto body, heavy equipment repair, diesel repair, plastics and machine technology, culinary, and visual merchandising.

"I think it is really safe to assume that next year we will be operating pretty much as normal," Barlow said. "There will be very few changes for this coming year."

The Oakland Technical Center, which is located at 1000 Beck Road in Walled Lake, will be holding an open house on Sunday, May 16, from noon to 5 p.m.

During the five-hour open hours, middle school choral groups will perform, students will give tours of the building and demonstrations in various programs, and visitors will be able to purchase flowers.

For more information, call (248) 960-5400.

On Campus

NOVI

KRISTA HOPSON, a resident of Novi, has been accepted as an intern for television's Fox Channel 2. Krista will be working in the news department as part of the summer internship program.

Krista graduated from Novi High School in 1996.

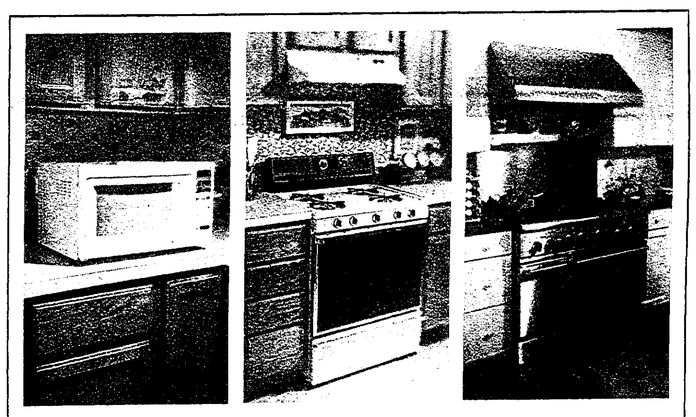
Krista is currently a junior at Grand Valley State majoring in journalism and communications. Krista is a reporter for the college's school newspaper "Lanthorn." She has been named the editor for next year.

She is the daughter of Gary and Sue Hopson.

The following Michigan State University students were among 185 resident assistants selected to facilitate the development of a community and serve as a resource for students living in MSU residence halls during the 1999-2000 school year: freshman **SAMUEL COLE IV**, a 1998 graduate of Novi High School and son of Sam and Jane Cole of Novi; sophomore **BRIAN WILSON**, a 1997 graduate of Novi High School and son of Allen and Margaret Wilson; and junior **CYNTHIA FORTIER**, a 1996 graduate of Walled Lake Central High School and daughter of Dennis and Emma Fortier of Walled Lake.

WALLED LAKE

Four students from Walled Lake were awarded scholarships based on merit for the '99 winter semester at Walsh College, Troy campus. They are: **JESSICA BEAGLE**, presidential scholarship; **CHERYL BUTZIER**, presidential scholarship; **GEORGE LEAVER**, general scholarship; and **SANDRA ROHLMAN**, Judith L. Radtka Memorial.



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Noodle Kidoodle, in conjunction with The Family Co., will sponsor a Mother's Day card-decorating event at their Northville store on Saturday, May 1 at 2 p.m. The store is located at 17783 Haggerty Road.

Children 3 years of age and up are invited to decorate beautiful Mother's Day cards based on characters from The Family Co.'s "It's Me!" doll line. All supplies will be provided for free.

The "It's Me!" collectible doll line was created to commemorate the milestones in little girls' lives, like when they become a big sister, bring home their first "A," or perform in their first recital. The Family Co. has found that these moments, those often shared by mother and daughters, tend to have greater meaning to girls.

Founded in 1997 by Patricia H. Lewis and staffed by a group of industry veterans, The Family Co. (Moorestown, N.J.) is dedicated to creating fun toys that promote positive values. For more information about the "It's Me!" line, call The Family Co. at (609) 802-6202 or check out the "It's Me!" website at www.its-me.com.

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County parks hosts fishing derby

The following activities are planned by the Wayne County Parks at the Hines Park-Waterford Bend Area in Northville which is located on Northville Road, north of Six Mile Road.

For information on all events, call (734) 261-1990.

Fishing Derby:

On Saturday, May 15, from 8 a.m. to noon at Hines Parks-Waterford Bend Area in Northville, there will be a fishing derby for all children ages 12 and under where they can fish and win prizes. The Rouge River will be stocked with rainbow trout. A casting contest will also take place. All anglers need to bring their own equipment and bait. This event is co-sponsored by the Vietnam Veterans of America - Plymouth Chapter 528, and Northville Parks and Recreation.

To register, call (734) 261-1990.

Designer barrettes are a hot item

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at the Dancing Eye Gallery on Friday, May 7, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Along with Mastrangel's barrettes, Katherine Wickersham will show her current line art clothing and Detroit Metalworks will display jewelry.

"We'll have so much girly stuff here," Schierloh said.

The Dancing Eye Gallery is at 101 N. Center Street in downtown Northville. For more information, call (248) 449-7086.

Church Notes

OAK POINTE CHURCH, which meets at Northville High School in the auditorium at Eight Mile and Center roads, is expanding and has added a second service.

The church now offers a 9 a.m. service with full children's programs and a 10:30 a.m. service with nursery.

For more information, call (248) 615-7050.

WARD EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 46000 Six Mile Road in Northville, will hold an Abstinence Youth Rally "Sex Has a Price Tag" on Wednesday, May 5, from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

All junior high and senior high students, parents, teachers ad youth groups are welcome to attend.

This is a community education program of the AAA Crisis Pregnancy Center of Livonia.

The 15th annual Eagle Run Classic at Maybury State Park in Northville is scheduled for Saturday, May 8. Events include 5K and 10K races, a one-mile fun run/walk, and live entertainment. The church will also provide a picnic lunch for an additional $2. Eagle Run is not just for singles and runners, so bring the family and friends for a day of fun. Net proceeds will be donated to the Detroit Rescue Mission.

Five weeks of Daycamp for children entering grades 1-6 will be held from June 28 to July 30. Children may be registered for one or more weeks at a rate of $90 per week. Activities include two weekly field trips, Friday "fun lunches," recreation, stories and crafts. Field trips will include Greenfield Village, Trout farm, Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum, Maybury State Park, Putt-putt golfing, Four Bears Water Park, and trips to the library. Daycamp hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. extended care is available. Registration and information is available by calling the Christian Education Office at (248) 374-5977.

For more information, call (248) 374-5978.

OUR LADY OF VICTORY, 770 Thayer in Northville, will continue its three-concert celebration of the great 50 days of Easter on Sunday, May 2, at 7 p.m. with a performance of Our Lady of Victory Ministry of Music with Frances N. Brockington. The final performance in the celebration will be on Sunday, May 16, with harpist Christa Grix at 7 p.m.

A wine and cheese reception will follow each concert.

Tickets are $5 for each concert. Family admission is $10 each.

For more information, call the church at (248) 349-2621.

ANTIOCH LUTHERAN CHURCH, 33360 Thirteen Mile Road in Farmington Hills, will hold a rummage sale on April 30 and May 1 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information, call the church at (248) 626-7906.

FAITH COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 44400 Ten Mile Road in Novi, is holding New Member Orientation class May 2 after the 10:30 a.m. services. Everyone is welcome to attend, get acquainted, and learn about the Presbyterian Church in the United States and Faith Community Presbyterian Church, in particular. Light refreshments and babysitting will be available.

Recognized in "Newsweek" magazine as "one of the 12 most effective preachers in the English-speaking world," Long is presently the director of Congressional Resources and director of Geneva Press for Presbyterian Publishing and the author of 13 books, including "The Senses of Preaching," "Whispering the Lyrics" and commentaries on Hebrew sand Matthew. From 1990-1997 he was the editor of "Theology Today." He is the senior homiletics editor for the "New Interpreter's Bible."

Mom's Offer Mom's Support (MOMS) is a Christian fellowship and activity group for women regardless of the age of their children. The group meets twice a month on Thursday from noon to 2 p.m.

If you would like to attend an activity, reservations are necessary.

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

Singles

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

The topic on April 29 will be "Growing Interactions" with Ken Kiurski or an open forum with facilitator Darlene Sweeney on "What is Your True Personality?"

On May 6, the topic will be "Confessions of an Ex-Single" with Robin Sullivan. There will also be an Open Forum led by Sandy Baumann on "Empty Nest: Freedom or Fear" at 8 p.m.

The cost for each is $4.

Upcoming activities include Bethany Dance, May 1; Farmington Community Chorus Spring Concert, May 8; Dinner at Millers Bar and House Party, May 15; Joey's Comedy Club/Buddy's Pizza, May 22; and Dinner/Bethany Together Dance, May 29.

Upcoming workshops include a Divorce Recovery Workshop with a variety of speakers from May 13 to June 24. The cost is $30.

The workshop Living Beyond Divorce - Phase II will be held on six Thursday evenings, May 13 to June 17 from 7:30 to 9 p.m. The speaker will be Pam Jacobs. The cost is $40.

Professional Interior Designer and Feng Shui practitioner Joy Naylor will present "Intuitive Feng Shui [The Art of Placement]" on April 29, May 6 and 13 at 7:30 p.m. The cost is $35 in advance or $9 at the door.

Call Single Place at (248) 349-0911.

SINGLE POINT MINISTRIES of Ward Presbyterian Church, Six Mile Road west of Haggerty in Northville Township, a group of 550 single adults, meets every Sunday morning at 11:30 a.m. in Knox Hall.

Talk Talk Talk It Over hosts speakers on a variety of topics on the second and fourth Friday of each month at 7:30 p.m. On May 14 at 7:30 p.m. the presentation will be "Everything You Wanted to Know about Wills, Insurance, and Financial Planning but were Afraid to Ask. A free will offering will be accepted. Free child care will be available.

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Single Point Showcase presents singer/songwriter Rob Frazer on Friday, May 7, at 7:30 p.m. A free will offering will be accepted. There will be free child care.

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Engagement

David Frayne/Karyn Karr

Glenn and Arlene Frayne of Northville announce the engagement of their son, David William, to Karyn Elise Karr, daughter of Peter and Patricia Karr of Milford.

The bride-elect is a Novi High School graduate. She received her degree in 1992 from Michigan State University and is currently teaching in the Walled Lake School District.

The groom-elect is a Northville High School graduate. He graduated from the University of Michigan where he received his bachelor's degree in 1993 and and his master's degree in 1997. He was affiliated with Phi Kappa Psi fraternity.

David is employed at Ford Motor Co.-Dearborn as an engineer.

A June wedding is planned.

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Wedding

Leann and Brian Wells

Leann McKee and Brian Wells were married at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 8 in St. Kenneth's Catholic Church, Plymouth. Mass was celebrated by the Rev. James Kean who officiated the double ring ceremony. Readings were done by the bride's brothers, Jim and Tim McKee, and music was provided by the groom's cousin, Joyce Wiant. Following the ceremony, a reception for 2254 guests was held at the New Hawthorne Valley Country Club of Westland.

The bride is the daughter of James and Cecilia McKee of Wyandotte. She is a graduate of Madonna University and Eastern Michigan University, and is currently a second grade teacher for Northville Public Schools.

Attending as matron of honor was friend, Rosalee Ostaszewski of Shelby Township. Bridesmaids were sister of the groom, Erin Cadaret of Bremerton, Wash., and friend of the bride, Suzanne March of Gibraltar. Serving as junior bridesmaid was the bride's niece, Marissa McKee of Trenton and as flower girl, the groom's niece, Elisabeth Cadaret of Bremerton, Wash.

The bride, who approached the altar on the arm of her father, wore an A-line style gown made of Italian silky satin. The sweetheart neckline and short scalloped sleeves were trimmed in pearls, sequins and Alencon lace. The bodice and skirt, accentuated with beaded and sequin appliques throughout, matched the hemline border of the cathedral train.

The headpiece of matching lace, pearls and satin rosettes held the fingertip bridal veil.

The bridal bouquet was a cascade of white roses, stephanotis, dendrobium orchids, lilies, white heather, pearls and foliage.

The groom is the son of William and Danielle Wells of Milford. He is a graduate of the Art Institute of Pittsburgh and currently attends Oakland Community College. He is employed by Storage Products Mfg.

Attending as best man was friend, Scott Evans of Redford. Groomsmen were brother-in-law of the groom, Craig Cadaret of Bremerton, Wash., and cousin of the groom, Bob Hudock of Canfield, Ohio. Nephew of the bride, Kyle McKee of Northville served as junior groomsman. Serving as ushers were nephews of the bride, Kevin McKee of Northville and Kirt McKee of Canton Township.

The couple went on an Alaskan cruise for their honeymoon and now reside in Northville.

Local and national entertainment planned for women's show

This year's Michigan International Women's Show, April 29-May 2 at the Novi Expo Center, offers a variety of local and nationally known entertainers.

Country music fans are in for a real treat on Thursday, April 29 and Friday, April 30. Aaron Tippin will be signing autographs on Thursday, April 29, from 4-6 p.m. and Lila McCann will be performing on Friday, April 30 at 6 p.m.

Tippin has one platinum record and four gold records. His single, "That's As Close As I'll Get to Loving You," hit No. 1 and the single, "For You I Will" off his latest album, *What This Country Needs*, hit the top ten in 1998.

Seventeen-year-old McCann already has a double platinum and gold record to her name. Her debut album *LILA* was released when she was only 15 and yielded three hits, "Down Came A Blackbird," the No. 1 hit "I Wanna Fall In Love," and "Almost Over You." She received a double platinum record for her contribution to the "Hope Floats" soundtrack, "To Get Me To You," co-wrote two songs on her latest album, *Something In The Air*, and was part of the 1998 George Strait Chevy truck Country Music Festival.

You can also meet Karen Newman at the show. Newman, a local singing sensation and Detroit Red Wings national anthem singer, will appear on the Fashion and Entertainment Stage on Saturday, May 1 at 5 p.m. courtesy of The Detroit News. She's toured with Bob Seger and the Silver Bullet Band and has several recordings published. You can stop by The Detroit News booth for free pictures and to get her autograph.

On Saturday, May 1 at 1:30 p.m., Miss Michigan, Laura Frances Welling, will be speaking at the show on the importance of parental involvement in children's education. She'll also be signing books and greeting guests at the DK Family Learning exhibit until 5 p.m. on Saturday.

You can also watch the Detroit Pistons Dance Team, "Automotion," perform their high energy dance routine on Saturday, May 1 at 4:30 p.m.

As always, the show also offers a wide variety of shopping opportunities, free recipes and coupons, food sampling, talented chefs, cosmetic makeovers and informative seminars.

You'll find these special features all at one time, in one place at the 1999 Michigan International Women's Show, presented by The Detroit News and Detroit Free Press and Southern Shows Inc. sponsored by WXYZ Channel 7 and Kroger. Show hours: 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Thursday-Saturday; 11 a.m.-6 p.m. on Sunday. Admission: $7 at the door, $6 in advance at Kroger stores, $5.50 for groups of 30 or more. Youth 4-12: $3, under 4, free.

For information call 1-800-849-0248.

In Service

Navy Seaman **JASON A. THOMPSON**, son of Brett Thompson of Walled Lake and Janet Parks of Clark Lake, recently used his skills of maintaining and preserving the surfaces and deck equipment of the Arleigh Burke-class destroyer USS John Paul Jones during a recent "Urban Warrior" combat exercise.

The combat scenarios in the exercise mimicked those which marines, soldiers, and sailors faced in Somalia and Haiti.

Participants in Urban Warrior focused on three operational areas - humanitarian and disaster relief, peacekeeping, and combat amid a city.

Sailors and marines from US Bonhomme Richard crossed the San Francisco's East Bay in amphibious landing craft. Thompson and other seamen observed as marines took control of simulated combat situations in each city.

Sailors and marines also took the opportunity to test new weapons. The Navy patrolled in the ultramodern Sea Shadow, a warship virtually undetectable by radar. Marines deployed from the landing craft carrying such unconventional weapons as laptop computers, digital radios, and acoustical anti-sniper weapons that automatically home in on the sound of a sniper's rifle.

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Jazz is in the air

The Hilton in Novi continues its jazz series of concerts with national jazz saxophonist Kim Waters, right, with special guest Alexander Zonjic. Waters's latest and ninth CD "Love's Melody" hit number one on the Jazz Chart Billboard. In 1998, his track "Nightfall" received more airplay at the smooth jazz format than any other artist, beating out such venerable artists as Kenny G, Lee Ritenour and George Benson. Zonjic is a local artist and DJ on radio station 98.7. The evening of jazz is available in three packages – show only; dinner and show; or room, dinner and show. The Hilton of Novi is located at 21111 Haggerty Road in Novi. For more information, call (248) 349-4000. For tickets call (248) 645-6666.

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AUDITIONS

NOVI THEATRES: Auditions for "Jack & the Beanstalk ... a parody" and "Beauty & the Beast" will be held on May 4 and 6 at 4 p.m. for actors ages seven to college-aged. All actors must pay a participation fee of $125 once cast.

Performances of "Jack & the Beanstalk ... a parody" will be July 9, 10 and 11. "Beauty & the Beast" will be performed on July 30, 31 and Aug. 1.

Auditions will be held at the Novi Civic Center Stage, 45175 West Ten Mile Road in Novi.

For more information, call (248) 347-0400.

CONCERT BAND: The Novi Concert Band, directed by Jack Kopnick, invites any adult who plays a band instrument to join the band for the 1999 concert season. Rehearsals will be held on May 4, 11, and 18 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Novi High School Band Room. Rehearsal will be held at Novi Meadows, 25349 Taft Road, at 7:30 p.m. on May 25. There are no auditions.

Call (248) 932-9244.

SPECIAL EVENTS

NOVI CHORALAIRES: Jan Wasilak will direct retro songs of the 20th century during "WWW.NOVICHORALAIRES.COM" on Saturday, May 8, at 7:30 p.m. in Fuerst Auditorium in Novi High School.

Tickets are $8 for adults and $6 for seniors and children 12 and under. For more information, or to purchase tickets call Novi Parks and Recreation at (248) 347-0400.

NOVI THEATRES: Performances of "Picnic at Hanging Rock" will be on May 14, 15, and 16 at the Novi Civic Center Stage, 45175 West Ten Mile Road in Novi.

All seats are reserved. Tickets are $8 or $7 if purchased in advance.

Call (248) 347-0400.

MOTOR CITY COMIC CON: Comic book creators, movie stars and more than 150 specialty vendors of exclusive pop art and collectibles will be at the Motor City Comic Con on May 14-16 at the Novi Expo Center off I-696 in Novi.

Admission is $12 per day or $28 for a three-day pass.

Hours are Friday, 1 to 8 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; and Sunday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Personalities scheduled to be at the show include Jeri Ryan, Billy Dee Williams, Warwick Davis, Kenny Baker, Herb Jefferson Jr., Frank Gorshin, Tom Savini, Kane Hodder.

ROTARY FUND RAISER: The Northville Rotary Club will hold their spring fund raiser on Sunday, May 23. Garden Treasures, a garden art and accessories show, will be held at Mill Race Village, Northville's historical park and gardens. Vendors that exhibit garden art and related accessories are now being solicited. To receive a vendor application, call Traci Sincock at (248) 449-9941.

COOKING CLASSES: Chefs who have been invited to give a Spring cooking class at Kitchen Witch include: Shelly Buckman, gardener for Start restaurant, April 29; Chef Brandon Johnson, Macs Acadian Seafood Shack, New Orleans Cuisine with a Twist, May 4; Chef Bill Collins, Washtenaw Country Club, Appetizers for the Patio, May 11; Chef Marcus Height, The Lark, New Ideas from a Michigan Classic. All classes begin at 7 p.m.

Kitchen Witch is located at 134 Main Street in Northville.

For prices, to enroll or for more information, call (248) 348-0488.

ANASTASIA: The Center Stage Dance Co. will present the ballet "Anastasia" at the Marquis Theatre in downtown Northville for one show only on Saturday, May 8, at 5:30 p.m.

The ballet includes "Journey to the Past," "Rumor in St. Petersburg," "Paris Holds the Key," and "Once Upon a December."

Tickets are $6 each and are available at the Marquis Theatre or at the Center Stage Dance Co., 131 E. Cady Street in Northville.

Call Center Street for more information at (248) 380-1666.

THEATER

DINNER THEATRE: The line-up for the Michigan Star Clipper Dinner Train, located at 840 N. Pontiac Trail in Walled Lake, includes comedy improv Tuesday through Sunday and musical productions are presented on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Comedies include "What's My Crime?" Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday; "Murder Madness" Saturday and selected dates; and "Angel and Bo's Comedy Wedding!" Friday and Sunday.

Musicals include "The Goodtime Oldies Review on Fridays; "Jazzmatazz!" on Saturday; and "Hurray for Hollywood!" on Sunday.

For more information, call (248) 960-9440.

GENITTI'S: Performances of "Captain Beefalo" at Genitti's on May 14 and 15. Cocktails begin at 7 p.m. followed by the show at 8 p.m. There will be a matinee performance on May 16 at 2 p.m.

"Captain Beefalo", written by Patrick Moug, is the story of two brothers on a SWAT team.

Tickets are $10 per person and includes hors d'ourves.

The newest children's show is "The Big Bad Pigs and the Three Little Wolves" which runs on Saturdays through July.

Reservations are required for both shows.

Genitti's Hole-In-The-Wall is located at 108 East Main Street in Northville.

Call (248) 349-0522.

ART

GATE VI GALLERY: Linda McVicar will exhibit her work at the Gate VI Gallery through May 14.

The Novi resident has won numerous awards over the last few years including an outstanding ment award at the First Presbyterian Church of Northville in 1998, honorable mention at the Visual Arts Association of Livonia in 19964, juror's acknowledgement at the Oakland County Galleria in 1996, juror's award at the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association in 1996, and an honorable mention at the Livonia Civic Center Gallery in 1995.

Month-long exhibits of local artists are held in the atrium of the Novi Civic Center, 45175 West Ten Mile in Novi. Viewing of the exhibit is possible during the hours the Civic Center is open.

Local artists interested in exhibiting at the Civic Center should call 347-0400.

NEARBY

FARMINGTON PLAYERS: Performances of "Don't Dress for Dinner" by Marc Camoletti will be on April 30, May 1, 2, 7, 8, 14 and 15 at 8 p.m. except for Sunday matinees which are at 2 p.m.

The Farmington Players is located at 32332 West TWelve Mile Road, one half mile west of Orchard Lake Road in Farmington Hills.

Tickets are $12.

Call (248) 624-7467.

HOME TOUR: The Plymouth Symphony League will hold their Spring Home Tour on Saturday, May 15, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday, May 16, from noon to 6 p.m. Seven homes in Plymouth from a cozy bungalow to a 4,000 square foot home with a dance floor are on the tour.

Tickets are $15 in advance and $18 at the door. All proceeds go to benefit the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra.

For tickets or information, call Mary at (734) 453-3016.

PLYMOUTH IS ARTRAGEOUS: A weekend art walk in Plymouth will be held on May 14, from 7 to 10 p.m., May 15, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and May 16 from noon to 5 p.m.

The 15 participating shops will each have a guest artist and creative displays. Some artists will be demonstrating their craft and will be on hand to discuss their techniques and inspirations.

Call (734) 455-5531.

DUO-PIANISTS: Yuki and Tomoko Mack, duo-pianists, will be performing at the Birmingham Temple, 28611 Twelve Mile Road in Farmington Hills, on Saturday, May 22, at 8 p.m. The sisters were awarded first prize at the Fourth International Piano Duo Competition in 1988 in Tokyo, Japan and have received many other awards.

The sisters currently reside in West Bloomfield and Walled Lake.

Tickets are $18 and can be purchased by calling Joyce Cheresh at (248) 788-9338 or at the door.

EXHIBITION: The Plymouth Community Arts Council will present "Recent Works of Michelle A. Hegyi and Mary J. Reusch" beginning May 7 through May 26. An opening reception will be held Friday, May 7, from 7 to 9 p.m.

The exhibit will present an interesting contrast of two very different approaches to the painterly interpretation of objects and space.

The exhibit is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9 a.m. until noon and on Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Hegyi will speak about her work at an art exhibition committee luncheon on May 19 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tickets are $20 to the lecture and luncheon.

Call (734) 416-4ART.

CONCERT: The Robert Hohner Percussion Ensemble will perform in the Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge Campus' Smith Theatre at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, April 30.

Tickets are $10, $5 for students and seniors.

The Orchard Ridge Campus is located at 27055 Orchard Lake Road, just south of I-696 in Farmington Hills.

Call (248) 471-7667.

BEANIE BABY SHOW: Over 50 vendors and collectors will be selling current and retired Beanie Babies and accessories on May 2 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Plymouth Cultural Center, located at 525 Farmer Street in Plymouth. Admission is $5, children 4 to 12, $2. There will be Beanie Baby door prizes given hourly.

For more information, call R. R. Promotions, Inc. at (734) 455-2110.

STUDENT ART SHOW: The Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge Campus presents the Winter, 1999 Student Art Show through Friday, April 30.

Located in the campus's Smith Theatre Gallery, the show will feature student work in a variety of mediums including paintings, drawings, sculpture, ceramics, and jewelry.

The Orchard Ridge Campus is located at 27055 Orchard Lake Road in Farmington Hills.

Call (248) 540-1540.

SPRING FESTIVAL: The Kensington Metro Park Nature Center between Brighton and Milford will have a Spring Festival on Saturday and Sunday, May 1 and 2, where visitors can observe majestic Great Blue Herons at the rookery, giggle at Rosco the Clown's antics and discover cosmic critters at the Nature Center. There will be sheep shearing, candle dipping, wool-spinning, weaving, Border Collie demonstrations, hayrides, pedal tractor pull and antique tractor display. A special show by the Whistle Stop Cloggers is scheduled for Sunday at the Farm.

Most events are free except hayrides, which are $2 per adult and $1.50 per child or senior citizen, and the pedal tractor pull is $1 per participant. Registration is not required.

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When the town's amateur hockey team accepts the challenge of a face-off against the New York Rangers, the entire population must put petty rivalries behind them and prove there is no mystery to Mystery, in Hollywood Pictures' drama, "Mystery, Alaska."

The cast includes Russell Crowe, Hank Azaria, Mary McCormack, Lolita Davidovich, Ron Eldard, Colm Meaney, Maury Chaykin and Burt Reynolds. "Mystery, Alaska is directed by Jay Roach; producers David E. Kelley and Howard Baldwin; executive producer Dan Kolsrud; written by David E. Kelley and Sean O'Byrne.

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Advisors to the president...

Forget what you learned in the history books and prepare to be enlightened with the release of "Dick," a historically-challenged comedy, Friday, April 30. High school students Arlene Lorenzo (Michelle Williams, left) and Betsy Jobs (Kirsten Dunst) wander off during a class trip to the White House and meet president Richard Nixon. They end up as official walkers of his dog, Checkers, and secret advisors to Tricky Dick during the Watergate scandal in this Columbia Pictures presentation.

Looking for true love

Dylan Ramsey (David Spade) is an ordinary guy with a fine life. He's got a great Los Angeles apartment and a new restaurant about to open. Things are looking good.

"Good-looking" is one way to describe Dylan's new next-door neighbor, Lila Dubois (Sophie Marceau). She's tall, stunning, extremely French ... and somewhat out of Dylan's reach. But he's determined to get Lila's attention.

Unfortunately for Dylan, Lila is focused on three things: restarting her career as a professional cellist in her newly adopted city; staying away from her dashing and pushy ex-boyfriend, René (Patrick Bruel); and creating a safe home for the new love in her life, Jack. Jack's short, a little hairy, but in general, good-looking ... for a cairn terrier.

Despite Dylan's attempts to insert himself in Lila's life, he can't get anything more out of her than a neighborly "thank you" — even after returning Jack following another of the pooch's attempts at running away. So Dylan does what any man desperately in love with the woman of his dreams would do — kidnaps Jack, volunteers to help with the search and plans to produce the lost doggie in time to reap the gratitude (and a date?) from Lila. But then things start to misfire.

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To White Lake. She's a college-educated, Catholic DWF, 49, 5', 100lbs., a N.S. who loves the sun and water, sports cars, dancing, reading, the outdoors and romantic dinners. If you're an interested SWM, 46-58, leave a message. Ad#.1225

SEARCHING FOR YOU
Hardworking DWC mom, 44, 5'7", who enjoys camping, family activities and weekend getaways, seeks a SWCM, over 40, without children at home. Ad#.7101

THE BEST
Kind, easygoing SWF, 50, 5'3", who enjoys gardening, dancing and long walks, is seeking a SWM, 48-60. Ad#.1747

WELCOME TO MY LIFE
Friendly SWCF, 47, 5'4", N/S, who enjoys camping, fishing, playing cards, cooking, holding hands and church activities, seeks a kind, loving SWCM, 45-60. Ad#.3755

FRIENDSHIP FIRST
Dining out, outdoor sports and dancing are interests of this delightful, Catholic SWF, 23, 5'6", 105lbs., with brown hair and green eyes. She's looking for that special someone, an outgoing, Catholic SWM, 21-27. Ad#.3178

HI, I'M WAITING ON YOU
What a lady. She's a SWF, 36, who's interested in meeting a SWM, under 44, for a possible long-term relationship. She enjoys life, going to the movies, good conversation and meeting new people. Ad#.1212

FINE CHOICE
DWCF, 51, 5'7", who enjoys the outdoors, camping, fishing, traveling and dining out, seeks a sincere, kind DWCM, 45-65, with similar interests. Ad#.6127

SHARE MY FAITH
Loving, caring DACF, 44, 5'2", wishes to share life with a friendly, outgoing SWCM. She enjoys going to church, long walks, reading the Bible and playing the guitar. Ad#.6140

TRULY BLESSED
Educated DWCPF, 49, 5'1", 102lbs., with blonde hair and blue eyes, who enjoys cooking, dining out, movies and traveling, is ISO a humorous SWCM, 48-57, without children, who enjoys life. Ad#.4826

SHARE LIFE WITH ME
Never-married SWCF, 40, 5'5", with blonde hair and hazel eyes, who enjoys camping, hiking, movies and quiet evenings at home, is looking for an understanding, compatible SWCM, 38-48. Ad#.2124

SINCERELY
Call this petite DWC mom, 46, 5'3", because she's seeking a sincere SWPCM, 40-50, for friendship and great times. Her interests include dancing and living life to the fullest. Ad#.2468

HEAR ME OUT ROMEO
Never-married SWCF, 26, 5'3", who enjoys the outdoors, working out and living life to the fullest, seeks a compatible SWCM, 25-35. Ad#.3811

JUST YOU AND I
Sincere, honest SWF, 50, 5'5", who would love to get in touch with a kind, trustworthy SWM, over 48, N/S, for friendship first. Ad#.1979

ON YOUR MARK
Busy SW mom 35, 5'8", is looking for adult companionship and a sharing of mutual interests and activities. She seeks a friendly, outgoing SWM, 30-40, whose interests include movies, music, sports and dining out. Ad#.1103

INDEPENDENT
Healthy DW mom, 32, 5'5", with dark brown hair/eyes, enjoys exercising, family time, movies, dining out, camping and animals. She would like to share life with a family-oriented, secure SWM, 31-45. Ad#.2730

PAGING MR. RIGHT
Attractive SWCPF, 25, 5'11", with blonde hair, is seeking a never-married, wholesome SWCM, 21-33. N/S, who shares her enjoyment of travel, movies, clubbing and more. Ad#.4833

WAITING FOR YOUR CALL
Pretty, feminine DW mother of one, 33, 5'8", with blonde hair and blue eyes, likes animals, camping, fishing, gardening, antiques, travel and cooking out. She would like to meet a nice, tall, employed SWM, 27-42, with a good sense of humor. Ad#.7734

TIRED OF BEING ALONE
Affectionate DWCF, 50, 5'6", with blonde hair and green eyes, N/S, non-drinker, enjoys fishing, hunting, gardening and cooking. She would like to meet a fun-loving SWCM, age unimportant. Ad#.1147

ALLURING PERSONALITY
Camping, traveling and skiing are just a few activities that this slim and attractive DWCF, 41, 5'7", enjoys doing in her spare time! She's seeking a compatible SWCM, 35-45, for friendship and possibly more. Ad#.9986

FAMILY VALUES AND LOVE
This well-educated DWP mom, 49, 5'7", is hoping that the SM, 35-55, that she hopes to meet will come forward soon. She enjoys sports, quiet evenings of conversation, country living, cooking, the outdoors and more. Ad#.4949

PHONE NOW
This DWC mom of one, 29, 5'10", who likes animals, sports, the outdoors and more, is looking for a SWCM, 30-40, who would like to secure a solid future with love and hope. Ad#.5514

TAKE IT SLOW
Leave a message for this DWC mom, 29, 5'6", who likes going to movies, sports and being outdoors. She is looking for friendship with a nice SCM, over 25, who likes kids. Ad#.9760

GIVE ME A CALL
Kind-hearted, active SWF, 35, is looking for an interesting SWM, 29-39, N/S, to share animals, travel and more. Ad#.3333

COUNTRY LIVING
Attractive, friendly, Catholic DW-mom, 45, 5'8", who enjoys drawing and painting, art shows and fairs, movies and dining out, seeks a SWM, 35-54. Ad#.2213

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A full-figured SWCF, 32, 5'5", N/S, non-drinker, she is a world traveler who enjoys youth ministry. Bible study, the countryside and seeks a SWCM, 28-36, for friendship, maybe more. Ad#.1002

INTERESTED?
Leave a message for this youthful, attractive, petite SWCF, 60, who enjoys living life to the fullest. She would like to share friendship with a sincere, considerate SWM, 59-66. Ad#.2954

GET TO KNOW ME
Never-married, Catholic SWF, 29, 5'8", who enjoys movies, traveling, biking and scuba diving, is seeking a Catholic SWM, 27-35, without children. Ad#.1414

ALL THAT & CUTE, TOO!
Don't miss your chance to meet this SWCF, 23, 5'6", who likes movies, reading, fishing, shooting pool and being with friends. She's patiently waiting for a call from a SWCM, 24-30, for fun times. Ad#.7588

FOR YOUR LOVE
Contact this WWWF, 45, 5'3", who enjoys sailing and water sports. She would like to share interests with a WWWM, 40-62. Ad#.5936

AFFECTIONATE
Active, professional DWC mom, 39, 5'7", with blonde hair and green eyes, who enjoys walking, movies, dining out, skiing and ice skating, is looking for a SWCM, 31-45, N/S, for friendship first, possible relationship. Ad#.4098

SIMILAR INTERESTS?
Never-married, Catholic SWF, 26, 5'1", who enjoys dancing, movies, music and dining out, is looking for a Catholic SWM, 25-31, N/S. Ad#.4444

GENUINE INTENTIONS
Attractive, outgoing, Catholic SWF, 28, 5'3", with blonde hair and blue eyes, who enjoys sports, exercise, the outdoors, quiet conversation and more. She seeks a humorous, confident, Catholic SM, 28-34. Ad#.2570

NOT A COUCH POTATO
If you're interested in a one on one relationship, call this shy, employed DWCF, 47, 5'7", who likes working around the house. She doesn't smoke or drink and wants to meet a SWM, who doesn't either. Ad#.8383

COMPANIONSHIP
Share your life with this attractive DWCF, 58, 5'1", who loves traveling, walking and going to movies. She's looking for a special SWM, 50-62, a N/S, non-drinker, who's loving, caring and understanding. Ad#.7130

JUST BE YOURSELF
Soft-spoken SWF, 35, 5'6", who enjoys hiking, boating and movies, would like to share interests with an outgoing, self-confident SWM, over 35. Ad#.5560

SOMETHING IN COMMON?
Professional DWCF, 55, 5'2", is seeking an honest, active SWCM, 53-59, N/S, who enjoys boating, reading, family activities, playing piano and organ, moonlit walks and dining out. Ad#.7229

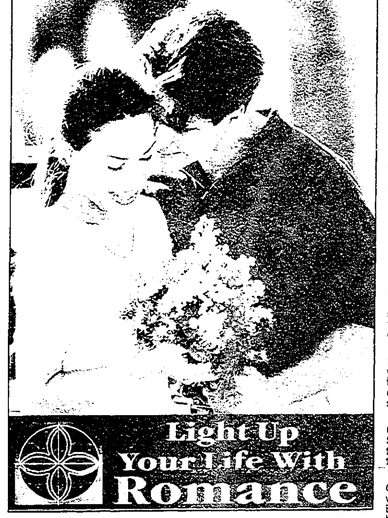
IF YOU ARE...
An educated, energetic, humorous SWCM, 53-70, who enjoys life, call this educated, healthy, outgoing, humorous SWCF, 61, 5'2". She enjoys the outdoors, dining out and music. Ad#.1217

LOOKING FOR FUN
SWCF, 25, 5'6", 120lbs., N/S, non-drinker, drug-free, would like to meet a fun-loving SWM, with the same qualities. Ad#.7777

SPORTS FAN
She's a DW mom, 33, 4'10". She likes most sports, especially hockey and country music, and is looking for a serious relationship with a DW dad, 30-45, a N/S. Ad#.8567

GIVE ME A JINGLE
Professional DW mom, 34, 5'9", who enjoys family times, boating, snowmobiling, sledding and more, is seeking a SWM, for true friendship and more. Ad#.9610

SET UP A TIME & DAY
SWF, 19, 5'11", an employed student, who enjoys the outdoors, movies, bowling and more, is in search of a SWM, 19-25. Ad#.3194



HI, I'M WAITING ON YOU!
Affectionate SWCF, 47, 5'5", with blonde hair and blue eyes, is seeking an outgoing SWCM, 38+, for a possible relationship. Ad#.8989

BE A FRIEND
Blue-eyed blonde DWCF, 60, 5'7", who enjoys walking, dancing, bowling and playing cards, would like to meet a SWCM, who loves life. Ad#.3693

GENUINE INTENTIONS
Friendly, attractive WWWF, 57, 5'5", is looking for a SWM, 57-62, for good times. She enjoys gardening, music and nature. Ad#.2868

CIRCLE THIS AD
Leave a message for this outgoing, friendly DW mom of two, 35, 5'5". She is looking for a humorous SWM, N/S, 32-40. Ad#.3471

Males Seeking Females

SHARE MY WORLD
Outgoing, friendly DWC dad, 43, 6'1", who enjoys training horses, conversation, traveling, children and living a country lifestyle, is searching for a SCF, 32-50, to share life with. Ad#.4911

WAITING FOR YOUR CALL
Friendly DWM, 42, 5'7", who enjoys wood crafts, music and the outdoors, hopes for a LTR with a SWF, under 48, without children at home. Ad#.9372

WARM AND LOVING
Enjoy music, cooking, the outdoors, travel, family gatherings and more, if you're the SWCF, under 50, who calls this physically fit WWMM, a youthful 59, 5'10", 165lbs., with grayish-brown hair and brown eyes. Ad#.4004

ROMANTIC AND EXCITING
SWM, 43, 5'9", 175lbs., who's handsome, educated, honest, caring and knows how to treat a lady, is looking for a slender, educated lady, a SF, 35-45, who knows what she wants. Take a chance, I am. Ad#.1955

KNOWS WHAT HE WANTS
Friendly SWM, 43, 6'2", 225lbs., with blond hair and blue eyes, who enjoys travel, dancing, fishing, movies and more, is seeking an attractive SWF, 36-45, N/S. Ad#.2424

WORTH A TRY
Share a romantic evening with a handsome SWPM, 45, 5'9", 150lbs., with brown eyes, who enjoys sports, movies, dining out and quiet times. He seeks a fun-loving, dedicated SWCF, 30-50, with similar interests, for a long-term relationship. Ad#.4334

SHARE REAL LOVE
Romance and security await, if you're an attractive, slender, Catholic DWF. Call this sincere Catholic DWP dad, 47, 6'1", who has a verity of interests. Don't let this chance for love pass you by. Ad#.8345

A SPECIAL PERSON
Fun-loving, never-married SWM, 38, 6'1", is seeking a SWF, 22-40, to spend quality time with. Ad#.1122

WORTH A TRY
Kind, loving SWM, 47, 6', with blond hair and blue eyes, who enjoys sports, music and quiet evenings, is in search of a SWF, 35-47. Ad#.5334

DON'T MISS OUT
Can you keep up with this active, energetic SWM, 46, whose interests include bowling, biking, taking walks in the park, plane rides, movies and dancing? He's hoping to hear from a gentle, understanding SWF, 35-48, to share friendship and fun. Ad#.6431

CALL NOW
He's an outgoing, caring guy looking to share friendship and good times with a SWF, under 49. If you enjoy movies and music, amusement parks and dining out, call this handsome SWM, 39. Ad#.3037

LEAVE A MESSAGE
Romantic SWM, 44, 6', 190lbs., who enjoys camping, canoeing, traveling and outdoor activities, is looking to meet an easygoing, slender SWF, for a long-term relationship. Ad#.1078

KEEP IT REAL
Good-natured, outgoing DWM, 43, 6', who enjoys movies, golf and more, is seeking a kind, caring SWF, 30-46, to share special times with. Ad#.4443

WHY NOT CALL HIM?
This DWPM, 49, 6', 200lbs., is seeking a SWF, 35-55, to enjoy hunting, fishing, gardening, exercising, great conversations and more. If you're that special person, call soon. Ad#.1949

FIND OUT TODAY
You'll enjoy yourself with this outgoing SWM, 26, 6'4", who likes traveling, reading the Bible, dancing and watching movies. He'd like to find a Catholic SWF, over 20, who likes the same. Ad#.6487

MAKE AN EFFORT
Get in touch with this semi-retired Catholic DWM, 55, 5'10", who would like to spend time with a SWF, 35-50. Ad#.4321

INTERESTED?
This outgoing, Catholic DW dad, 39, 5'10", 170lbs., with blond hair, blue eyes and a mustache, is looking for an outgoing, friendly SCF, 29-39, for a monogamous relationship. Ad#.2057

HASSLE FREE
Handsome, caring SWM, 33, 6'2", with dark hair and blue eyes, who enjoys sports, concerts and movies, is seeking an attractive SF, 18-42, for a possible relationship. Ad#.8708

KINDRED SPIRIT?
Friendly SWCM, 48, 5'10", who enjoys the outdoors, movies, the theater and dining out, would like to meet a petite SWCF, 38-48, who likes to have fun. Ad#.7177

NEW TO THE AREA
Outgoing and friendly, this SWM, 36, 6', enjoys skiing, boating, hunting, golf and Bible study. He seeks a special, SWF, over 21, with similar interests. Ad#.1313

ROMANTIC SOUL
Reserved SWCM, 38, who enjoys walking and traveling, is seeking a professional, family-oriented SF, 25-42, for a possible relationship. Ad#.1569

MY SPECIAL ONE?
Never-married, Catholic SWM, 42, 6', is seeking a special, marriage-minded, spontaneous, SWF, 19-45, who enjoys traveling, quiet evenings at home, the outdoors and more. Ad#.2536

THE PERFECT DATE
Romance will be yours for the taking if you call this DWCM, 53, 6', who's into fine dining, dancing and boating. He can't wait to meet a SCF, under 56, to shower with love. Ad#.5555

HOPEFULLY IT'S YOU
Give a chance to this loving, employed SWC dad of one, 28, 6'2". He's looking to spend time with a kind, caring and trustworthy SWCF, 23-30. Ad#.7579

HELLO LOVE
Outgoing, friendly DWCM, 38, 6'1", who enjoys reading, outdoor sports, Bible studies, quiet conversation and bowling, is seeking a romantic, slender SWCF, 18-41, with similar interests. Ad#.1707

NO DISAPPOINTMENT
Understanding SWM, 45, 6', wishes to build a long-term relationship with a lovely, affectionate SF, age unimportant, who enjoys dining out, music and movies, the outdoors and quiet evenings at home. Ad#.3003

LEAVE A MESSAGE
Never-married SWCPM, 35, 6'2", enjoys outdoor activities, coaching sports and Bible study. He seeks a SCF, under 40. Ad#.4325

YOU AND ME
SWM, 24, with blond hair, who enjoys skiing, snowmobiling and bowling, is seeking a kind, loving SWF, 18-28. Ad#.3490

HAS A NICE SMILE
A long-term, monogamous relationship is desired by this slim, handsome SWM, 44, 6'1", with brown hair and green eyes. He's anxious to meet a family-oriented, slender SWF, with an open mind. Ad#.4512

RUN TO HIM
Catholic SWM, 45, 6'1", is looking to meet a slender Catholic SWF, 25-45, with a willingness to share in some new ideas. You should enjoy outdoor activities and be willing to start a monogamous relationship. Ad#.7056

DON'T DELAY
DWCM, 47, 5'11", finds happiness in rock climbing, hiking and fine dining. He is looking forward to meeting a slender and attractive SWF, 30-40. So why not give him a ring now. Ad#.5017

CALL IF YOU...
Would like to meet this fun-loving, professional DWCM, 35, 6'3", 170lbs., with dark brown hair, who enjoys camping, cooking out and boating? He is looking for a SCF, over 25, who believes in romance and is serious about starting a relationship. Ad#.1030

WAITING FOR YOUR CALL
A good time is guaranteed with this physically fit DWCM, 41, 6', 195lbs., who likes water sports, karate, riding motorcycles and skiing. He'd like to get together with an attractive, fit DWF, 32-42. Ad#.1169

TWO STEP WITH ME
Sensitive, never-married SBCM, 40, 6', 200lbs., who enjoys nature, classical music and dining out, seeks a never-married SF, age unimportant, for friendship first, maybe more. Ad#.7733

OUTSTANDING
Outgoing, employed DWM, 27, 6'4", with brown hair and blue eyes, who enjoys movies, biking and rollerblading, is seeking SWF, over 18. Ad#.9999

SHARE MY WORLD
Never-married SWCM, 29, 6'2", 280lbs., with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys movies, the theater and dining out, is seeking a SCF, for conversation and friendship. Ad#.3489

LIKE TO MEET?
Spontaneous DW dad, 36, 6'2", who enjoys water sports, snowmobiling, dining out, cultural events, the theatre and quiet times home, seeks a SWF, 27-40. Ad#.5252

HOPING TO MEET YOU
He's just a regular guy who works, loves and enjoys the great outdoors. This Catholic 38-year-old SWM, 6', from the Fenton area, is in search of a never-married SWCF, under 30. Ad#.8276

FOLLOW YOUR HEART
Sincere DWM, young 58, 5'10", 165lbs., fit, active, and romantic, professional, enjoys golf, dancing and nature walks, seeking an intelligent, slender SWF, 40-50, with similar interests and a positive attitude. Ad#.8545

YOUR DREAM
SWM, 41, 5'8", friendly, caring, open, honest, good listener, passionate and giving, happy with life, romantic, fun-loving, genuine, young-at-heart, spontaneous, physically fit, seeks SWF with similar attributes. Brighton area. Ad#.2329

AWAITS YOUR CALL
Professional SBM, 34, 5'6", 230lbs., is searching for a SWF, over 23. Ad#.8915

ROMANTIC -AT-HEART
Never-married SWM, 40, 6'1", seeks a sincere, thoughtful and healthy SWF, with a wide array of interests. Ad#.1470

MY ONE TRUE LOVE
Never-married SWCM, 25, 6'2", 180lbs., with sandy brown hair and blue eyes, who enjoys working out, church activities, dancing and clubbing, is seeking a fun SCF, 21-28, with similar interests, who loves the Lord. Ad#.3273

A MATCH MADE IN HEAVEN
Fall in love with this devoted SWM, 24, 6'2", 170lbs., with brown hair and hazel eyes, who enjoys outdoor activities, music, and photography. He is in search of a compatible SWF, 19-26. Ad#.1128

DESERVING
SWM, 20, 6', 200lbs., with brown hair and eyes, enjoys going to movies, sports and listening to music. He is seeking a SWF, 18-24, for a possible relationship. Ad#.2019

KINDRED SPIRIT
Professional, Catholic SWM, 30, 6'1", with blond hair, who enjoys mountain biking, water sports and dining out, would like to meet a fun-loving SWCF, 24-32. Ad#.1451

LET'S TALK SOON
Romantic, witty SWM, 36, 5'10", with brown hair and hazel eyes, who enjoys laughter, movies and traveling, is looking for a SF, under 40, to spend time with. Ad#.8884

FUTURE LOOKS BRIGHT
SW dad of one, 52, 5'11", N/S, non-drinker, who enjoys raising exotic deer and animals, camping, fishing and travel, is searching for an honest SWF, 52 or under. Ad#.1984

RIDE OFF IN THE SUNSET
Friendly SWM, 43, who enjoys horses, travel, sports and spending time with his children, is seeking an intelligent, personable SWF. Ad#.4910

LISTEN TO THIS!
Never-married SWCM, 29, 5'10", with brown hair and eyes, is looking for a petite to medium-built, never-married SWCF, 22-32, with similar hobbies. His interests include bowling, camping and dining out. Ad#.1969

SWEPT AWAY
Honest, amusing DWPCM, 56, 5'8", is looking for a special, attractive, energetic SWF, 36-55, with a great sense of humor, for a possible relationship. Ad#.7930

STOP HERE
Affectionate, old-fashioned SWM, 48, 5'11", 195lbs., who enjoys camping, socializing and more, is seeking a sincere, honest, fit SWF, under 53. Ad#.1981

WAITING FOR YOU
Catholic SWM, 22, 6', who enjoys playing pool, spending time with friends and more, seeks a very honest SWF, under 30, without children at home. Ad#.4450

BE DARING
Check out this active SWM, 19, tall, slim, who enjoys working out, weightlifting and sports, and is hoping to get together with a personable, attractive SWF, 18-25. Ad#.8951

STOP THE PRESS
Meet this special SWM, 39, who enjoys skiing, mountain biking, muscle cars, music and dancing. An energetic, attractive SWF, 28-42, will win his heart. Ad#.4187

COULDN'T ASK FOR MORE
Committed to both family and strong work ethics, this outgoing DWPM, 42, 5'11", 165lbs., with strawberry-blond hair, enjoys outdoor activities, golf and remodeling his home. He seeks a confident SWPF, 32-40, N/S, with strong values. Ad#.8183

READ THIS AD
SWCM, 23, 6', who enjoys live music, playing guitar, reading and movies, is looking for a SWCF, 18-25, without children. Ad#.2231

HELLO LOVE
Friendly, outgoing SWM, 45, 6'1", who enjoys working out, outdoor activities, the theater, music, long walks and boating, wants to meet a kind, caring SWF. Ad#.7079

WISHING UPON A STAR
Why not get to know this friendly DW dad, 31, 6', today? In his spare time he enjoys the outdoors, riding horses and keeping active with that special someone, a compatible SWF, 26-33, with similar interests. Is it you? Ad#.8411

READY TO SETTLE DOWN
Catholic SWPM, 36, 6'1", who enjoys spending time with friends, music, movies and outdoor activities, is interested in meeting a romantic, slender SF, 26-40, for a possible long-term relationship. Ad#.4617

LET'S GET TOGETHER
Gentle, caring DWCM, 50, 6'1", with brown hair and blue eyes, enjoys travel, movies, music, dining out, singing in church choir and Bible study. He seeks an understanding and sweet SWCF, without children. Ad#.9255

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Netters crush KVC foes, take fourth at tourney

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

Breezing through the Kensington Valley Conference schedule, Novi tennis coach Jim Hanson was looking forward to last weekend's Grosse Pointe North Invitational.

It was a chance for his team to face some tough competition not normally seen on the Wildcat's schedule. Rochester Adams, Birmingham Seaholm, Northville and Troy among others were in attendance.

In the end, Novi finished fourth out of eight teams, collecting 14 points and taking home a championship at second doubles.

Tom Messink and Clayton Perry topped Rochester Adams 6-4, 6-2 in the championship to win the title. En route to the finals, the duo topped Northville 6-4, 6-2 and won their second match by default.

"That was the best I've ever seen those two play," Hanson said. "They played good, solid, aggressive doubles. Everything was clicking and it was a very enjoyable match to watch."

Both David Casarrubio at first singles and Glenn Gabriel at two both won two matches, with Gabriel taking home second place. The senior defeated South Lake 6-3, 6-0 to get things started. He then beat Northville's Matt Schlanser 6-4, 6-3 before falling to Adams 1-6, 2-6 in the championship match.

Casarrubio beat his Grosse Pointe North opponent 6-0, 6-2 before losing to Seaholm 7-5, 2-6, 1-6 in the semifinals. He came back to crush Northville's Dean Conway 6-1, 6-0 in the consolation finals.

Tim Torosian and Amit Nagar placed third after beating Adams 6-1, 6-0, losing to Seaholm 0-6, 2-6 and topping Grosse Pointe North 6-2, 7-5.

Brandon Bear and Geoff Wang did the same, defeating St. Clair 6-4, 6-0, losing to Troy 4-6 1-6 and topping Northville 4-6, 6-4, 6-4. At fourth doubles, Jack Fischer and Mike Li placed fourth after beating Grosse Pointe North 7-5, 6-2, falling to Troy 3-6, 6-0, 5-7 and losing to Northville 6-7 (6), 2-6.

Both Sean Henderson at third singles and Ryan Rose at fourth finished 1-2 on the day.

"It was a five team race, and it was some excellent tennis," Hanson said. "This was what our regional is gonna be like. What this told us is that we can play at this level.

"But we can't beat ourselves and expect to win. We must keep our errors at a minimum. We played good tennis, but we're gonna have to play better than that to go to states."

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Losing no more than a stride or two, the Wildcats rolled over the Redskins in this KVC matchup April 21. Casarrubio and Gabriel smoked their opponents in straight sets. Casarrubio won 6-3, 6-1 and Gabriel won 6-3, 6-0. Ryan Rose picked up the other singles win, 6-2, 6-1 at fourth singles.

Nagar and Torosian won 6-3, 6-1 at first dubs. Messink and Perry took out their opponents 6-3, 6-0 and Henderson and Wang won 6-4, 6-3 at third doubles. Yuta Ito and Albert Kim needed three sets, but beat Milford 3-6, 6-2, 6-2.

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The Eagles provided little competition for Novi in this conference match. Novi won every flight in straight sets. Casarrubio, Gabriel, Bear and Rose all picked up singles wins and Nagar/Torosian, Messink/Perry, Henderson/Wang and Fischer and Li brought home doubles victories.

"Both teams played well against us, and we know you can never overlook your competition," the coach said. "We're no doubt the favorite in the league, but we just have to respect them."

Novi faced Howell Monday and Lakeland yesterday (both after The Novi News' deadline) and host Walled Lake Western today. Tomorrow the 'Cats take on Brighton in what could decide whether the 'Cats win the KVC title outright. Saturday the team hosts the Novi Invitational, which draws in the likes of Northville, Seaholm, Rochester, North Farmington and Flint Powers.

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Bantam A Ice Cats take first...

The Novi Bantam A Ice Cats took first place in the Sports Weekend's Extravaganza Tournament last month in Cleveland, Ohio. The team defeated the Beaver County Badgers from Pittsburgh 2-1 in the final. David Commiskey scored both goals for the Ice Cats. The team had advanced to the finals with a 5-1 win over the North Hills Vipers and a 2-1 win over the Garfield Heights Bulldogs. Members of the Ice Cats include Tim Keller, Michael Davison, Rick Merlo, Ron Knoebel, Kyle Halbert, Chris Fragner, Matt Petry, Dave Commiskey, Bryan Barker, Derrick Patrosso, Brian Jaussi, Mark Moran, Jim Blanchard, Steve Karlson, Sean Baltazar. The team was coached by Ray Merlo, Fred Fragner and Kurt Karlson.
The team finished the season with a 15-2-3 record and were the winners of the Travel Little Caesar Amateur Hockey League.

Fair or unfair, House Bill 4204 is a problem

Jason Schmitt

In school, I was always one of the last kids for everything.

It didn't matter what, but I tended to sit and wait. Wait for things to happen, for things to clear themselves up before I gave an opinion.

If I ever offered an opinion at all.

Well the latest issue of debate is surrounds a house bill (House Bill 4204) that would allow athletic participation by students of charter schools, home schools and other non-public schools in the public school district in which they reside.

I pride myself on being fair, by seeing both sides of the issue before spouting off on a particular subject. Well, I'm late again.

But it has allowed me the opportunity to look closely at draft 1 of the bill, as well as some of the public outcry against it. And let me tell you, there's been a lot of it.

Now the Bill (a complete copy of Draft 1 accompanies this story) states that "a school-age child who is enrolled in a public school academy or nonpublic school or who is being home schooled may participate in any extracurricular activity offered by a school of the school district in which the child resides..." But only if the student meets a list of requirements, which are the same requirements public school students must already meet in order to participate.

Now the first thing that comes to mind when talking about this new bill is scholastic sports. Little Johnnie playing on the football, baseball or basketball team. Suzie Q on the swim team, volleyball squad or track team may also be affected by it.

But few think of the other kids involved: Sam the trumpet player. Lisa the student athletic trainer, or Cindy in the orchestra's quartet. Extra curricular activities are not just sporting events, they encompass a variety of before and after school activities.

Which leads me to believe that the Bill could have an effect on hundreds of students, perhaps thousands in each school district.

The first thought that came to my mind was the money issue. School budgets are based on per-pupil funding from the state. The athletic budgets, as well as the band and orchestra budgets, are based on a portion of that general budget. Granted the parents of the non-public school student are taxpayers, their child is not bringing in any money to this particular district.

That in itself is a big enough issue.

But after speaking with school officials, and reading through a stack of opinions from sports writers, athletic directors and Michigan High School Athletic Association representatives an inch thick, I found there's much more to the Bill than just monetary issues.

"To me there are larger issues than that," Novi athletic director John Fundukian said. "To me the larger issue is that there is an essence of school athletics being an extension of the classroom experience. This Bill to me becomes a way of circumventing that basic principle."

Fundukian went on to say that school allegiance and commitment are jeopardized by this Bill.

"What does that tell the kids about commitment?" he said. "Take our soccer team for instance. They didn't win a state championship this year. They won it with their commitments in their freshman year, their sophomore year, their junior year and their senior year."

I think that right there struck a nerve with me. I've always been in disagreement with those who say that politics (family politics that is) play a part in athletics. "His dad is the assistant superintendent. That's why he made the team. That's why he gets to play so much."

Those were common phrases I've heard since the time I started playing scholastic athletics in fifth grade all the way up to a month ago. I feel that you get what you earn, and if you're not happy with where you're at, you can only blame yourself.

If a non-public school student is allowed to choose not only the sport, but the school in which the sport is offered, there will be problems. A kid who started in the middle school lacrosse program at Novi Middle School could be cut his senior season because a home schooler decided to join the team and took the last remaining spot on the roster.

Or a Northville pom pon girl could be bumped off the varsity team because a charter school student chose to go out for the Northville team.

It's not fair to the kids who have spent years working hard to become a part of a particular program, or athletic team.

Those supporting the Bill will argue that it creates opportunities for more students to participate. But at what expense? At the expense of a public-school violinist?

This issue has outraged thousands of people around the state, and it's not over yet. The MHSAA is publicly against it. The Michigan Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (MIAAA) is avidly opposed to it. In fact, those who recently attended the MIAAA's annual conference in Traverse City voted 306 to 1 against the Bill, with one member abstaining.

This is the type of Bill that does have a positive effect on non-public school children by offering them the opportunity to compete or participate in school activities. But it has an equal, opposite effect on the public-school children who will lose a spot or have their spot altered because of this change.

If the status quo was ever the best choice, then this is the time to keep things the way they are. It may be late in writing this opinion, but it's not too late for the opposed to speak up and stop this, before it is too late.

Jason Schmitt is the sports editor for the Novi News and Northville Record.

To read Draft 1 of House Bill 4204, turn to page B-12

Kickers have difficult week; fall to Bulldogs, edge Lions

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

Everything seemed to be going great for the Novi soccer team, at least for the first 15 minutes of their April 21st game with Brighton. The Wildcats had built a 1-0 lead on a goal by Kristi Arrington just two minutes into the game.

Senior Jill Gibson was awarded a direct kick from about 40 yards out, and Arrington got a foot on the ball from about 12 yards out. The ball trickled in the goal for an early lead.

But the momentum of the game would immediately switch. Brighton tied the game midway through the first half, and would strike two more times before the half.

The Bulldogs would put the game away with two goals in a two-minute span of the second half.

"We were not moving to the ball," Novi coach Larry Christoff said. "We were back on our heels and they were the ones taking control. They just outplayed us in every way. We were dominated and a little embarrassed."

The loss leaves Novi at 3-2-1 overall on the season.

NOVI 1, SOUTH LYON 0

Two days later the 'Cats stumbled again, but were able to pull out a slim one-goal win over the Lions.

"We were the ones back on our heels and they were the ones taking control."
Larry Christoff,
Novi soccer coach

The game was scoreless for the first 30 minutes, until Gibson scored off a penalty shot with 10 minutes remaining in the half. The goal capped off a first half of Novi dominance. South Ly

Novi drop another tough one

By DAN KITTLE
Special writer

Some say that we all make our own luck. Others say that luck is something we absolutely cannot control.

Whatever it is, this year's varsity baseball team has been unable to locate any luck in this young season. In all their losses thus far, it seems like the ball hasn't bounced their way when the chips have been down late in the game.

"We need to learn to finish teams off," commented a disappointed Brendan Watson.

Senior first baseman Rusty Herbst agreed, saying, "We're just not finishing games."

The trend continued for Novi as the team dropped a tough battle at home with league rival Howell last Wednesday, April 21. Following a Texas-league single to center field by senior Chris Deary that drove in two runs, the Wildcats held a one-run lead going into the sixth inning. In the top half of the inning, the Highlanders tied the game on an errant pick-off move by Rusty Herbst.

After reliever Josh Rzepecki shut down Howell in the top of the seventh, the Wildcats had a great opportunity to win the game and put the Highlanders away for good. With runners on first and second and nobody out, Novi hitters fell victim to three straight strikeouts to end the inning without putting a run on the board.

In the extra frame, the Wildcats were simply overmatched by their opponents as the Highlanders put up five runs, while Novi wasn't even able to get a baserunner in the bottom half of the inning. The game ended with Howell coming out on top, 9-4.

Saturday, the Wildcats took on Walled Lake Central at Western in a doubleheader, and game one ended in a similar fashion for the visitors. Leading 3-1 going into the bottom of the seventh, Novi surrendered two runs to send the game into extra innings. In the top half of the extra frame, the Wildcats put two runs on the board and figured they had the game in hand.

However, in the bottom of the eighth, Central scored three of their own, ending the game in dramatic fashion, 6-5. Starting pitcher Chris Deary went 5 1/3 innings before being relieved by Watson. The junior lefty fell victim to another run of unfortunate mishaps and took the loss.

"Chris Deary pitched very well," commented coach Brian Howard. "He was just pulled because of fatigue."

A.J. Rowe led the Wildcats offensively with a two run home run, his first of the season. In the second half of the Saturday double dip, the team looked as impressive as they have all season, pounding out nine runs en route to a 9-2 victory. Herbst and junior Jon Cervi were the top offensive weapons, with Herbst smacking his first round tripper of the season and Cervi going 4 for 4.

Said Cervi, "I broke out of my shell. I had been struggling up to that point. It was the kind of game, where I could go home feeling good about myself."

Junior Justin Shaw started the game on the mound, putting in four innings of work before Mike Kossik relieved him. Rowe came on for the save, fanning four out of the five batters he faced.

When asked whether we might see the lefty phenom in more relief appearances in the future, Howard said, "Only in rare spots because he's our strongest pitcher and he has to be a starter."

The Wildcats will look to build on their 9-2 drubbing of Central this week as they take on Hartland tomorrow and baseline rival Northville on Saturday. Both games are doubleheaders and both are away.

"I think we just need to finish games and not blow leads late," said Watson. "We've already done it enough and we just can't afford to do it anymore."

Added Herbst, "I know we've got a lot of talent and we haven't put it together yet. Once we start pulling together and getting some more timely hits, we'll be in good shape."

Along with his players, Howard remains optimistic about the season. "We're playing well. There's only been one game where we haven't played well. It's been disappointing that we haven't been able to win these close ball games, but I think a couple of wins should turn us around."

Results present, good times still lacking for girls

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

The results are there, but the times are still lacking due to a delay in the start of the spring sports season in 1999.

Novi girls' track coach Sue Tomanek said although it has affected all the teams, the delay has caused a sense of urgency among many of the runners who hope to qualify for the state track meet.

Novi beat up on South Lyon 87-50 last Tuesday, but the times were still above par for this time of the season.

"We ran well, but their times just aren't showing it," Tomanek said. "It was nice to have a week like last week where we had just one meet, so we could some hard-core training in. This is the week where I think we'll start seeing our times drop."

Against the Lions, Novi held a slight advantage in wins (9-8), but had the depth to outlast South Lyon. The 'Cats swept two events, including the shot put event.

Stephanie Pridmore won the event with a throw of 30 feet, one inch. Nicole Bliss was runnerup at 29-0 and Christina Terrell was third at 27-8. Novi also had the next two throwers as well.

"The throwers kind of frustrate me," the coach said. "We have three girls who can throw over 100 feet in the discus, but none of them do it at the same time. This meet was a good improvement for them."

The team's other sweep came in the 1,600. Kristin Echols won the race in 5 minutes, 39.28 seconds. Kristina Utley (5:42.82) and Jackie Teevens (5:47.9) were second and third. Echols and Utley were second and third in the 3,200.

Senior Alaina Chipponeri and freshman Bethany Kittle were 1-2 in the 800 meter run. Chipponeri ran a 2:31.6.

Both Novi's mile and two-mile relay teams grabbed first place. Echols, Utley, Kittle and Chipponeri won the 3,200 relay in a time of 10:23 and Beth Rice, Erin Quinn, Mickie Rzepka and Chipponeri took first in the mile relay (4:17.31).

Quinn won the 200, with Kate Rose taking second. Rzepka and Christina Parrish finished first and second in the 100. Rice and Vidya Mahadevan were 2-3 in the 400.

Novi finished 1-3 in both the long jump and high jump events. Mary McDougal won the high jump 4-8 and Kelley Phelps was third at 4-6. Rose was first in the long jump and Rice was third.

The 'Cats were 2-3 in a trio of events, including the pole vault. Rzepka vaulted 8-6, but finished second. Rice was third 7-6.

Phelps and Erin Reid finished 2-3 in the 300 hurdles and Reid edged out Phelps in the 110 hurdles.

Pridmore took second in the discus with a throw of 90-10.

Golfers fifth at pre-KVC meet

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

Steps: albeit baby steps, but the Novi golf team continues to improve on its early-season scores, finishing fifth at the Pre-Kensington Valley Conference meet this past week at Tyrone Hills Golf Course.

The 'Cats shot a 435 for 18 holes, finishing behind Milford (424) and just ahead of Lakeland (438). South Lyon (383) bumped off perennial winner Brighton (388) to take the KVC championship and Hartland (419) finished third. Howell rounded out the seven teams with a 457.

All four of Novi's top four golfers posted personal-best 18-hole rounds. Junior Tara Stevens was the team medalist and finished 3rd overall with a 92. She trailed only South Lyon's Amanda Gardner (87) and Brighton's Courtney Kennedy (89).

Freshman Sarah Ehlers shot a 109 in her first-ever full round at the varsity level. Kellie Noble and Carolyn Vermeulen added a pair of 117s. Vermeulen improved from a 63 on the front nine to a 54 on the backside.

"I was pleased with the results," coach Deb Harris said. "They all had personal bests, and I was encouraged by that."

South Lyon and Brighton aside, Harris felt the tournament could have finished many different ways.

"There were only 19 strokes separating third through sixth place," she said. "That could easily turn around and go the other way. But just to see the scores come down is a positive."

Brighton 201, Novi 216

Continuing to see improvements in their match-play score, dropping into below 220, it did not translate into a win for Novi. Kennedy led all scorers with a match-best 47, and the Wildcats had four girls within two strokes of each other.

Stevens was the team's medalist, shooting a 53 at Pebble Creek. Ehlers and Vermeulen each added 54s and Noble rounded out the scoring with a 55.

The two schools also ran a B-team match, in which freshmen Sarah Kucharczyk (57) and Sarah Wilson (62) posted good scores.

Novi last at South Lyon Invite

Missing three of its top five golfers, the rest of the Wildcats had their work cut out for them last Saturday at the South Lyon Invite. The team finished 10th of 10 teams at the Kensington Metro course.

Each team played two scramble foursomes, with each team playing an 18-hole round. Three of the girls played a scramble while the fourth played the hole by herself. Each hole a different girl played as the fourth golfer.

Novi's first team shot a 218, posting a 91 in their scramble and a 127 individual score. That team consisted of Rebecca Chan, Jessica Zow, Lindsey Broadwell and Kucharczyk.

The second team matched that score with a 96 scramble score and a 122 individual mark. Ehlers, Rebecca Rittner, Jodi Waara and Wilson comprised that team.

The 'Cats competed at the Oakland County meet Tuesday (after The Novi News' deadline) and travel to South Lyon today. Tuesday the team hosts Hartland at Pebble Creek, beginning at 3 p.m.

Howell splits with Wildcats

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

Suffering its first loss of the season last Wednesday, the Wildcat softball team learned very quickly that letdowns can happen, and sometimes do.

Just two days after sweeping Brighton in a make-up double header, Novi split a double header with the Highlanders. The 'Cats won the first game 8-0, but struggled at the plate in the second game, falling 3-1.

Joelle Frantz went the distance in both games, picking up the complete-game shutout in the first game. The junior allowed just two hits and one walk while striking out 12 batters in picking up her sixth win of the season.

Novi scored in four different innings, picking up a pair of runs in the first. Katie Cameron doubled to start things off. After a Victoria Kaiser walk, Frantz helped out her own cause with a two-RBI single to give the 'Cats a 2-0 lead.

Frantz and Kaiser would add RBI-singles in the fourth inning to push the lead to 7-0. From there, Frantz was in complete control.

Six different Wildcats had multiple-hit games, led by Frantz's 3 for 4 effort. Kaiser, Sarah Bajorek, Judy Namm and Emily Dominick were all 2 for 3 and Cameron was 2 for 4. Adrienne Farrell was 1 for 4 with a pair of RBI.

"It's nice because we're seeing hits throughout the lineup," Novi coach Carol Diglio said.

HOWELL 3, NOVI 1

After compiling a perfect 6-0 record to start the year, the bats went silent and Frantz struggled for one inning in Novi's first loss of the year.

Howell had three consecutive hits in the second inning, with all three runners crossing the plate to give the Highlanders a 3-0 lead. Novi scored its only run in the fourth, on a Bajorek RBI single. Novi had just six hits in the game.

"They're a good hitting team," Diglio said. "I talked to the Brighton coach, the Milford coach and the Lakeland coach and they've all said that about them.

"It's an unfortunate loss, but it's not like we went back on our heels. This is the Kensington Valley Conference. This is what our league is all about. You can't let up on anyone."

Cameron finished the game 2 for 3 with a triple and Bajorek was 2 for 3 with a RBI. Frantz pitched a complete-game. She struck out eight.

Novi had a make-up double header with South Lyon Tuesday (after The Novi News' deadline) and take on Hartland in a double header tomorrow on the road. Saturday the team will compete in the Richmond Tournament.

JV TEAMS WINS OWN TOURNEY

The Novi junior varsity team won three-straight games en route to winning its own Early Bird Tournament last Saturday.

The Wildcats beat South Lyon 16-0, Lakeland 6-5 with a run in the bottom of the seventh and Brighton 7-4.

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Health Column

Legs have many key muscle groups

Chris Klebba

This is our fifth column in a series of columns focused on the truths and techniques of strength training. We have legs to discuss here and shoulders next for our final column in this series.

As throughout this entire series, our goal has been to give some key facts in reference to strength training of each main body part (maybe dispel some myths) and offer one or two key exercises. Our exercise choices are purposely simple to accomplish at home or in a club setting. We are using an average adult with no injuries or limitations as our client.

Legs have many key muscle groups to consider. There are the quadriceps, the large muscles on the upper top portion of the leg above the knee; the hamstring muscles, the large muscle group on the upper rear of the leg above the knee; and the ankle musculature, the smaller muscle group on the front and rear portion of the leg below the knee. When we talk lower body we invariably hear the question, which exercise will change the shape of my hips, thighs, or bottom? This may be a good place to repeat the dispelling of the ever-popular spot reduction myth. Much to the dismay of the infomercials, with their latest hip and thigh shaper or super program to give you the shapely bottom like the model on the program, there is no one exercise or exercises to accomplish this. Again, for those of you just tuning in for the first time with this column, this is not my or any one of our trainers opinion...It is a fact based on how the human body works. You cannot spot reduce an area of your body. What you can do through a variety of strength training, cardiovascular training, and proper eating habits is reduce body fat and strengthen or add muscle to bring out the best your genetics will allow.

Our movements today are accomplished with tubing and the increasingly popular medicine ball. These items are easily purchased at most sports outlets and relatively inexpensive.

Standing Squat with Tubing

• Stand with good neutral spine (posture) with feet shoulder width apart. Maintain a slight bend at the knees.

• Place tubing under the arch of your feet. Lift the tubing up to shoulder width behind your shoulders (see picture for starting position).

• While maintaining neutral spine, slowly bend at the knee down to roughly the 90-degree level and slowly return to the starting position. Repeat for the desired repetitions. Remember in our back discussion, neutral spine consists of shoulders aligned with ears and ankles looking straight ahead.

Medicine Ball Lunges

• Select a medicine ball with a weight you can handle. Remember, in all strength training form is the key.

• Stand in an upright position, while holding the medicine ball close to the chest, elbows close to your side (see picture for starting position).

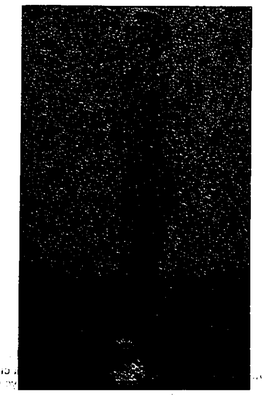
• Take a full step forward, watching to keep your knee aligned with your large toe.

• Bend slowly at the knee and at the same time, push the medicine ball out and fully extend arms. Be sure you keep control of your step and do not extend the knee too far.

• Slowly return to the starting position and repeat for the desired repetitions.

Start with two-three sets of each movement. Use ten five repetitions per set, waiting about 60-90 seconds between sets. Start slow and learn the movements first. These exercises will involve much of the entire lower body area. Good luck and safe training.

This column was written by Chris Klebba, owner and operator of the Water Wheel Health Club and a certified personal fitness instructor. The Water Wheel is a smaller, intimate adult health club for people of all fitness levels. For more information or for a free 14-day trial membership, call (248) 449-7634.



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Water Wheel trainer Robert Mincey demonstrates the motions of a pair of leg exercises using tubing (above) and the very popular medicine ball (below).

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Menopause Support Group

Providence Medical Center-Providence Park in Novi offers a free monthly support group for women who have concerns about menopause.

The group meets the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Providence Park Conference Center, 47601 Grand River Ave., at the corner of Grand River and Beck in Novi. The purpose of the support group is to provide women with educational information on topics relating to menopause.

For information, call (248) 424-3014.

Free Foot Screenings

Free foot screenings are offered every Tuesday and Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Botsford General Hospital, Suite 200, South Professional Building, 28080 Grand River Ave. in Farmington Hills.

For more information or to make an appointment, call (248) 473-1320, weekdays 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Heart Disease Risk Reduction Programs

These risk assessment and reduction programs are designed to help modify risk factors associated with heart disease. The fee is dependent on the level of programming.

Call Botsford General Hospital at (248) 471-8870 for more information.

House Bill 4204—Fair or unfair?

Here's a look at House Bill 4204 Draft Number One in its entirety.

The People of the State of Michigan Enact:

Sec. 1180. (1) A school-age child who is enrolled in a public school academy or nonpublic school or who is being home schooled may participate in any extracurricular activity offered by a school of the school district in which the child resides if all of the following requirements are met:

(A) The extracurricular activity is not offered by the public school academy, nonpublic school, or home school.

(B) The child meets the same qualification, behavior, and performance standards for participation, other than enrollment and attendance at the school, as required for pupils of the school at which the extracurricular activity is offered.

(C) The child meets equivalent academic standards for participation as required for pupils of the school at which the extracurricular activity is offered. A child who is being home schooled shall be considered to meet this requirement by demonstrating one or more of the following:

• The child has achieved an overall score that is at or above the 35th percentile on a nationally standardized norm-referenced achievement test taken within the previous year.

• The child's schoolwork during the most recent marking period has been reviewed by a certificated teacher chosen by the child's parent or guardian and determined by the certificated teacher to have met the school district's academic standards for its pupils' participation.

• The child has received approval to participate from the principal of the school at which the extracurricular activity is offered.

(D) The child complies with the same requirements as required for pupils of the school at which the extracurricular activity is offered concerning physical examination, immunization, insurance, or age. The child shall make documentation of meeting these requirements available to school officials of the school upon request.

(E) The child pays the same fees, if any, for participation as required for pupils of the school at which the extracurricular activity is offered.

• The school officials of the school district in which the child resides shall allow a child meeting the requirements of subsection (1) to participate in the extracurricular activity in the same manner as pupils of the school at which the activity is offered. The school officials of the school district shall not prohibit or interfere with the child's participation in the extracurricular activity based in whole or part on the fact that the child is enrolled in a public school academy or nonpublic school or is being home schooled or on the identity of the public school academy or nonpublic school in which the child is enrolled or of the person providing the home schooling.

• If a child transfers during the school year from a school district to a public school academy, nonpublic school, or home school, or transfers during the school year from a public school academy or nonpublic school to a home school, the child is ineligible for one semester to participate in interscholastic competitions on a team or other group representing the child's school district of residence.

• If an organization, association, or league that organizes, conducts, or regulates interscholastic events or activities has participation or eligibility requirements that are contrary to this section, the board of a school district shall ensure that the school district or a public school operated by the school district is not a member of the organization, association, or league and does not participate in contests, tournaments, or other events sponsored by the organization, association, or league.

• As used in this section:

(a) "Certificated teacher" means a person holding a valid Michigan teaching certificate.

(b) "Extracurricular activity" includes any activity engaged in by pupils of a school district that is not part of the school district's academic curriculum but is in some way sponsored or endorsed by the school district.

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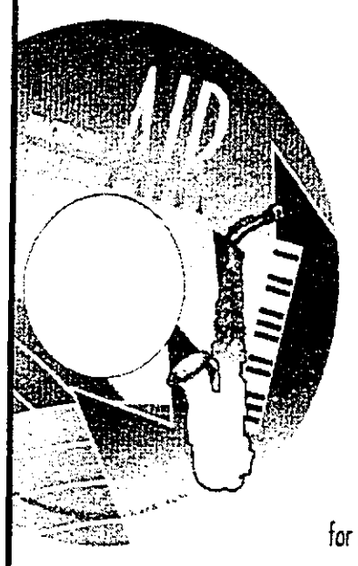

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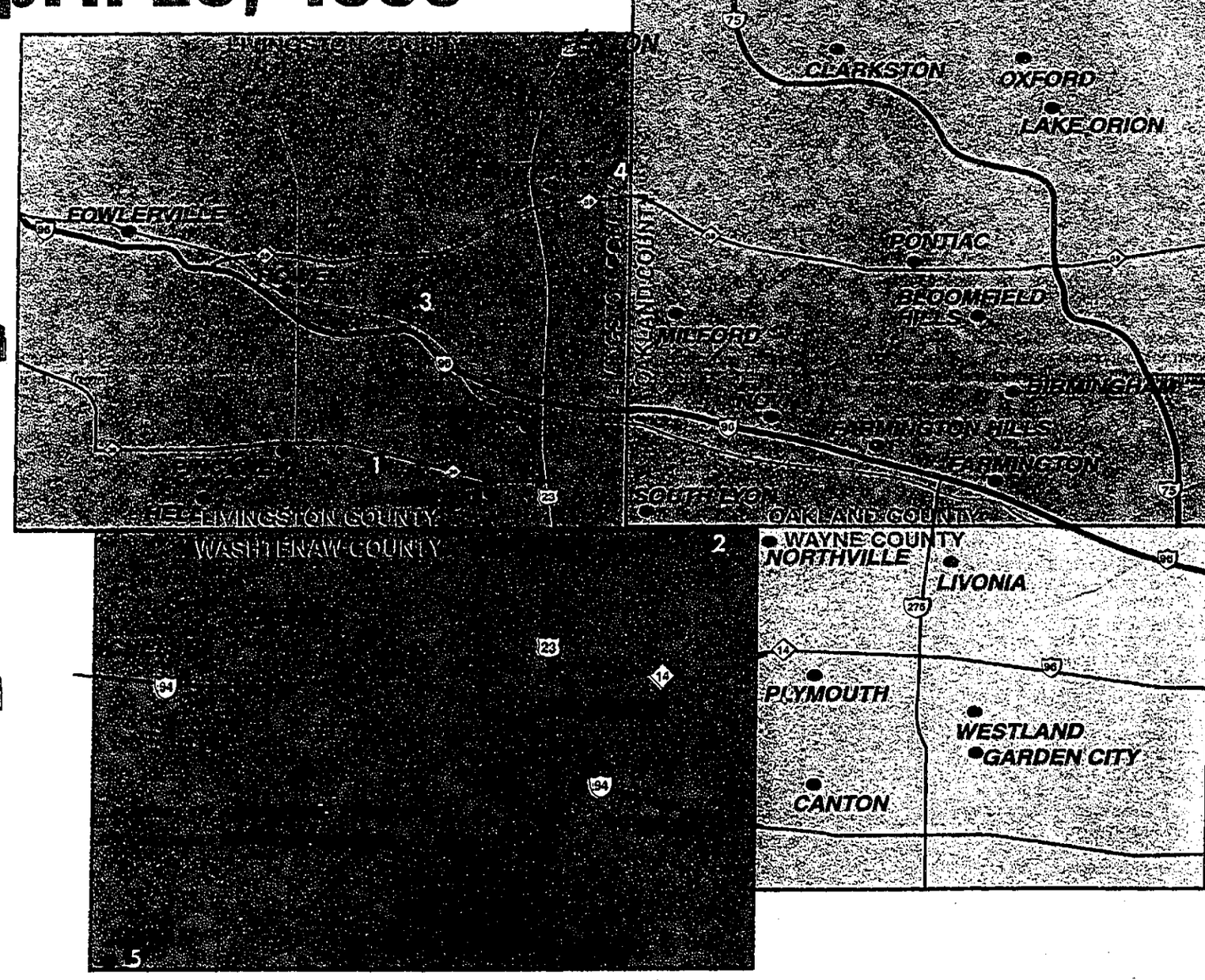

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