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Developers pick up tab for 12 Mile

By B.J. HAMMERSTEIN
Staff Writer

Southfield developers Ramco-Gershenson, who are building what will be Novi's second largest shopping mall, have agreed to pick up the entire cost \$8.7 million cost of the proposed Twelve Mile Road bond improvements.

Monday, Novi City Council adopted the required special assessment district resolution and scheduled a public hearing on the project for Feb. 7.

"All that adopting the resolution does is set up a public hearing," Council Member Hugh Crawford said.

"This does that and nothing else."

The resolution, approved by city council in a 4-1 vote, with Council Member Michelle Bononi voting against it, was greeted by some as a significant victory for the council and the residents of Novi.

Resident Asa Smith addressed council and commended them on what he described as superb negotiations.

"This gives me and the residents

great faith in this council and that you believe in the residents," Smith said.

"Through your hard work and efforts the residents will feel relief in their pocketbooks."

What Ramco-Gershenson will pay is the now \$8.7 million upgrade to Twelve Mile before more retail traffic converges for their proposed Fountain Walk shopping center — a slight hike from the \$8.2 million originally expected for costs. However, another surprise was also presented to Novi residents.

City Manager Ed Kriewall said while pursuing various means to "close the gap" left by the road widening on Twelve Mile Road from the end of the Ramco project — which stops west of the end of the previous Twelve Mile Road project — the Road Commission for Oakland County will assume the leadership role for the job.

Without participation from the Twelve Oaks Mall Partnership entity, Kriewall said the projected construction date will be 2003

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Hail to the chief?



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Novi resident Dr. Michael Torosian aims to run for president as a Republican candidate, like his hero Ronald Reagan.

Doctor wants to keep Oval Office hours

By B.J. HAMMERSTEIN
Staff Writer

Michael Paul Torosian is a doctor who works out of his Saddle Creek Apartment home in Novi.

But his role model isn't Marcus Welby, it's Ronald Reagan.

Torosian, 38, has dreams of making a difference at a larger scale — the entire nation. He is running for the Republican Party nomination for president of the United States of America for the 2000 election.

"I have a good chance of winning, I think I will be president of the United States of

America," Torosian said.

"There is still a long way to go, but if I accelerate the process, I am pretty sure I will win."

But he won't be able to accelerate it that much. According to state officials, he won't be able to get on the primary ballot this year.

Torosian said he's already launched a letter-writing campaign, soliciting support from a diverse selection of people, including Donald Trump, Don King, Steven Spielberg, the CEO's of Coca Cola and Kroger, Cher and Shania Twain. But he hasn't heard back from anybody — yet, but is hopeful.

It was back in November 1999 when Torosian first decided to seek the nation's highest office, prompted after the last few elections left him fed up with candidates he couldn't support.

"Initially I was supporting Pat Buchanan for president and I saw he wasn't getting much news coverage and was leaving the Republican Party and joined the Reform Party," Torosian said.

"Subsequent to that I found some issues I disagreed with Buchanan on and decided to enter the race myself, because I believe I will

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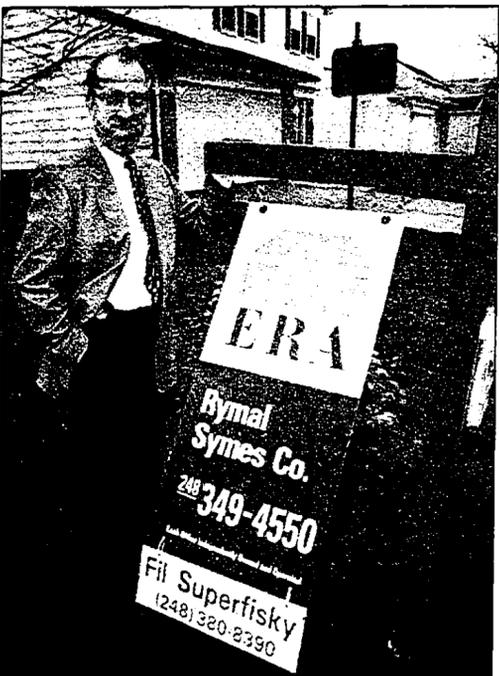


Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Fil Superfisky's name isn't just on a sales sign, but an award.

Mr. Novi Business named by chamber

By JENNIFER NORRIS
Staff Writer

Some people call him Mr. Novi. Now you can call him Mr. Novi Business Person.

Fil Superfisky of Novi was named the 1999 Business Person of the Year last week by the Novi Chamber of Commerce during its annual awards banquet.

Superfisky, who has been a salesman for ERA Rymal Symes in Novi for more than 25 years, said he learned he was the award recipient in late December. The award is given by the chamber to the person its members believed has contributed the most to developing a sense of community in Novi.

"I'm very honored. I don't think I did anything out of the ordinary, except give my time back to the community," he said. "My commitment is to being part of the community."

He was nominated for the award by Patricia Sneed of Northwest Mortgage, in recognition of his excellence in real estate, his devotion to

More Novi Chamber of Commerce awards were recently given out, including volunteer of the year for 1999. The stories appear on pages 12 and 13A.

the community of Novi and his level of professionalism in business relationships.

Superfisky has participated in many community projects and was also involved in school activities. He said he has served on political campaigns for the city and worked to have bike paths and sidewalks installed to better serve residents. He also helped form the Parks and Recreation Department and has even sponsored a girls' softball team, he said.

Getting involved is part of his philosophy of life.

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Gunfire shatters two lives

By JENNIFER NORRIS
Staff Writer

Julie Allstead will always remember her wedding proposal. It was tucked inside a fortune cookie.

Julie and her fiance Jeff Burda had plans to leave their Novi home to get married Sept. 30, 2000, in Jamaica. When Jeff slipped the princess-cut diamond ring on her finger, Julie pictured starting a life together with a man she considered perfect and beginning a family.

She didn't expect to unwrap the Christmas gifts he bought her this year without ever having the

"They took somebody's life. We were going to have a family."

Julie Allstead,
Fiancee

chance to say thank you.

She never imagined attending his funeral just three days after Christmas.

Police say Jeff, 29, was shot twice in the chest Dec. 23 while making an 8 a.m. ice cream delivery for the Hershey Creamery

company in Brighton to a distributor in Detroit. The motive was attempted robbery.

"Jeff was the best thing that ever happened to me," said Julie, as she wiped away tears.

"He was everything to me."

Jeff and Julie met while working together at Grandma's Loft in Novi. The two began dating in February 1999 and soon became inseparable.

Julie recalled Jeff telling her it took him over two hours just to work up the nerve to call her on the phone for the first time.

"I thought he was cute and I

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Julie Allstead hoped to marry Jeff Burda, who was shot.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Is Novi High blue? You better believe it

By JENNIFER NORRIS
Staff Writer

The odds weren't much better than two percent.

But Novi High School came through with flying colors, the color blue, that is.

The school last week received the prestigious Blue Ribbon Award from the Michigan Department of Education during an assembly that nearly filled the auditorium.

"I think that it's very exciting and a well-deserved honor for the school district," said Becky Stockbridge, communication coordinator for the Novi School District.

Chuck Hughes, assistant principal at Novi High School, said at the Jan. 5 celebration that the level of competition and degree of difficulty to earn the award is very

high. Only 14 schools out of 650 were selected for the award.

Hughes said winning the award was due to both the student and staff members.

"It's the efforts of students and the faculty," he said. "Because of their efforts, we are being recognized."

For the past 18 years, the Michigan Department of Education has participated in the National Blue Ribbon Recognition program. The program is sponsored by the United States Department of Education and is used to identify and recognize exceptional public and private schools in the United States.

The purpose of the award is not only to acknowledge outstanding schools across the state, but the

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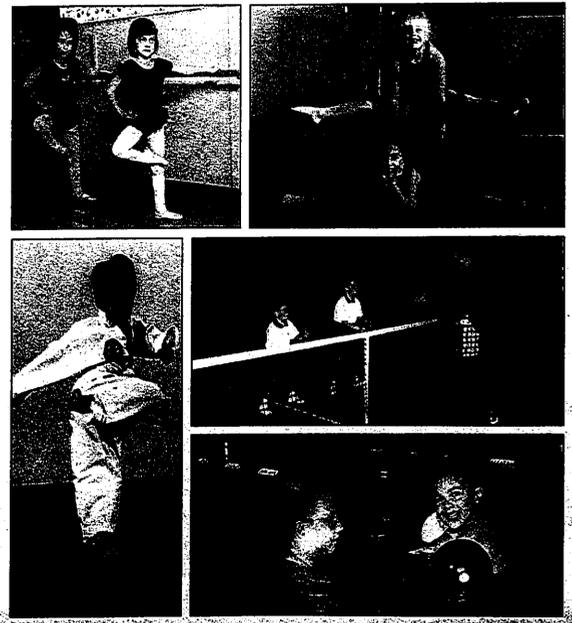
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Schools review the high points of 1999

By JENNIFER NORRIS
Staff Writer

School districts, like people, look back on their previous year's accomplishments and hope for an even better year ahead.

So the Jan. 6 meeting of the Novi school board was a time for reflection and celebration of the Novi school district's successes in 1999 and an opportunity to discuss plans for 2000 and beyond.

Ennet Lippe, superintendent of the Novi Community School District, presented the school board with a list of several recent achievements, including the completion of the seventh and eighth grade houses in the new middle school, the enhancement of the careers and technology programs and Novi High School's designation by the state as a "Blue Ribbon" school.

Lippe said that the Blue Ribbon award was "a reflection of a lot of work going on in the building and is a result of many changes that have taken place."

The board also presented Novi High School Principal Jennifer Cheal with a gift in honor of the school winning the award.

More advances during 1999 included the renovations at the Novi Meadows School, which will contain grades five and six, said Lippe. He added the move is scheduled for early April.

"We will have a very nice school for grades five and six. We should

feel proud of this," he said.

In addition to a lengthy list of accomplishments, Lippe presented a vision of the school board's purpose for the next five to 10 years.

"We need to provide the resources and have the capacity to reach the school programs we want to achieve," said Lippe. "We want to remain the school of choice within the district of Novi."

He also stressed the importance of involving the community in the board's projected plans.

"One of the most important functions of the board is to make sure whatever we do reflects the communities wishes, desires and limitations," he said. "It is absolutely essential to involve the community in any plans that we have. That's one of the most essential components for planning for the future."

Lippe then explained the projected roles of the superintendent of Novi schools in the future. He said the superintendent would serve as an advocate for children, a CEO of the district, advise the board of issues from the district's perspective and fulfill the plans of the board.

"I'm a strong advocate for children. That's a lot of what I do," said Lippe. "I like to think I'm a keeper of the vision."

Lippe also urged the board to consider potential problems in the future. Some of the long-term challenges Lippe presented included



Novi High student body President Allison Tingwall and Principal Jennifer Cheal with Blue Ribbon award from the state.

Trashed: city wins waste kudos

Some people can just dish out a lot of garbage and come up smelling like a rose.

Take the City of Novi and five other members of the Resource Recovery and Recycling Authority of Southwest Oakland County.

Novi and the other local governments were recently given a merit award by the Center for Joint Public Services in honor of their successful Household Hazardous Waste Programs.

Mike Csapo, general manager of RRRASOC, pointed out that through the shared Hazardous Waste Days, the communities have been able to step up the number of these events, providing greater access to the residents. Not only has environmental awareness been increased, Csapo noted, but the communities in working together have been able to save money through lower unit costs.

Most recently, the Nov. 13 Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day brought 136 cars full of people unloading their toxic household substances to the Novi Recycling Center.

The organization which gave out the award, the Center for Joint Public Services, is a cooperative effort of the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments and the Metropolitan Affairs Coalition.

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Party store owner has plans for Grand River expansion

By B.J. HAMMERSTEIN
Staff Writer

Plans to tear down the existing Novi Party Store to allow a new structure at the same location were recently approved unanimously by the planning commission.

Owner Sam Poole, represented by Roy Kachman of the Building Design Group, presented the commission with revised plans to include the construction of a 3,238 square foot building, rather than the previously proposed addition to his existing store.

"It doesn't sound like property owners are waiting for the area to improve," Commissioner Andrew Mutch said.

"The nice thing about this project is it is going to improve the site and make it look better, but it is also a key piece in the puzzle as there will be a pedestrian connector to Main Street."

City officials have been working on plans to upgrade the appear-

ance of the Grand River Corridor. The Novi Party Store is located on the south side of Grand River Avenue, east of Novi Road.

Planning Commission Chairperson Kim Thomas Capello said Poole has been a businessman in Novi for a long time and would like to keep him here.

"This is not a new business that came in here and bought land," Capello said.

"He has been in business here for years and we want to work with him and his project to keep his business in Novi."

The design approved by the planning commission is still going to have a variance from the Zoning Board of Appeals over a discrepancy in parking.

Neighboring businesses spoke to the commission about their concerns about variances granted by the planning commission and how the revised plans may detract from their existing businesses.

Lisa Senawi of Jonna's Fine Wine said the new plans for the party store will negatively affect businesses located on the west side of the proposed structure because of loss of visibility.

Ken Bank of Bank's Vacuum and Sewing said he is also opposed to the plans of redoing the Novi Party Store.

"This is a huge mistake, there are too many issues and variances," Bank said.

"There are issues with visibility and parking is already a nightmare here."

But with Kachman working with the Town Center Committee, plans for the new Novi Party Store were approved by the commission, with hopes other existing businesses will follow suit in making improvements to their stores.

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Community Calendar

Thursday, Jan. 13

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

Youth baseball
The Novi Youth Baseball teams will meet at 7:00 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center. The meeting is open to the public.

Novi Rotary
The Novi Rotary Club meets at noon at the Novi United Methodist Church, 14571 Ten Mile Road. For information, contact Bob Limbricht at 348-5500.

TOPS
The Novi City Speak Easy Toastmasters Club meets at 7 p.m. at the Novi Meadbrook Center, 348-5500. For information, call after 6 p.m. at 348-5500.

Saturday, Jan. 15

Expo Show
The Novi Bridal Show runs at the Novi Expo Center. For information, call 348-5500.

Expo Show
The Novi American Train Show runs at the Novi Expo Center. For information, call 348-5500.

Monday, Jan. 17

Martin Luther King Day
The Novi Civic Center and the Novi library are closed today for Martin Luther King Day.

ABWA

The Novi Oaks Charter Chapter of the American Business Women's Association meets at the Wyndham Garden Hotel, at 42100 Crescent Blvd. Social hour is set at 6 p.m. and dinner is served at 7 p.m. Meetings are open to all working women. For reservations, call Audrey Gulley at (248) 624-1718. For membership information, call Bettie Johnson at (248) 960-9559.

Cholesterol Screening

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

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, Jan. 18

Garden Club

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

Civil Air Patrol

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

Chess Club

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

Bereavement Support Group

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

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.

Novi Concert Band

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

Wednesday, Jan. 19

Planning Commission

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

Thursday, Jan. 20

Novi Rotary

The Novi Rotary Club meets at noon at the Novi United Methodist Church at 14671 Ten Mile Road. For information, contact Bob Limbricht at 348-5500.

Novi School Board

The Novi School Board meets tonight at 7:30 p.m. in Parkview Elementary School, 45825 Eleven Mile Road. For information, call 449-1200.

Walled Lake School Board

The Walled Lake School Board meets tonight at 7:30 p.m. at the Educational Services Center, Board of Education Room, 850 Ladd Road, Building D, Walled Lake. For information, call (248) 956-2000.

Volvo driver leaves trail of accidents through Novi

A 51-year-old woman driving a 1998 Volvo was responsible for four accidents within approximately 10 minutes of each other Saturday.

Police said the first accident occurred at the intersection of Nine Mile Road and Haggerty Road at about 2:45 p.m., with no apparent injuries in the accident. The woman driving the Volvo then continued west on Nine Mile Road and then proceeded north on Meadowbrook Road.

At the intersection of Meadowbrook Road and Grand River Avenue, the second accident occurred. Two passengers in a 1996 Cadillac sustained injuries in the accident when their airbags were deployed. They were transported to a local hospital via ambulance.

The Volvo then headed east on Grand River Avenue and struck another car at the intersection of Grand River Avenue and Haggerty Road. Again, there were no apparent injuries.

Finally, the Volvo continued east on Grand River and struck another car at the intersection of Haggerty and Grand River. There were no apparent injuries at this accident either.

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Officers at the scene determined that the woman was a diabetic and could have been having a diabetic reaction while driving. Subsequently, the Volvo driver was transported to a local hospital by ambulance for examination and treatment.

The accidents remain under investigation by the Novi Police Department.

BAD CHECKS, POLICE CHASE

After communicating with Twelve Oaks security about a check fraud suspect, a Novi Police officer pursued the suspect's vehicle Jan. 6 around 10:15 p.m. while leaving the mall's parking lot and heading for Novi Road.

While in pursuit, the officer said he saw the vehicle travel at a high speed and run numerous stop signs before heading north on Novi Road.

While on Novi Road, the vehicle continued traveling at a high rate of speed, ran through a red light at

the Twelve Mile Road and Novi Road intersection and continued driving eastbound on Twelve Mile Road along the shoulder almost hitting several vehicles.

With the police car's lights and sirens on, the officer continued following the suspect into the cemetery until a cross in an intersection forced the driver to stop.

The 25-year-old Detroit female was immediately arrested for reckless driving. But it was the alleged passing of several bad checks on a closed account that caused the officer to follow her in the first place. Working with security from Twelve Oaks, an investigation of the vehicle followed revealing several pieces of merchandise and a second purse with another person's identification card and a checkbook with that same name.

In talking with the officers, the suspect said while driving she threw a different checkbook from her vehicle. The officers went back to the location she described at Twelve Mile and Novi, didn't find

the checkbook, but did find a box of shoes the suspect allegedly purchased with a bad check.

The woman told police that she drove fast, but didn't run the red light and that she believed the road to the cemetery was the entrance to M-5. Novi Police arrested the suspect for fraud-false pretense.

MISSING OBOE

According to the manager of Music Go Round on Ingersoll, a Selmer model 1392 oboe was taken sometime between Dec. 15 and Jan. 2.

The manager said the oboe was removed from the display rack and taken from the store. Valued at \$500, the oboe was discovered missing during inventory.

two employees at Providence Medical Center on Grand River Avenue.

According to the victims, the woman came in to have some blood work done, but with other people in front of her, the employees asked her to sign in and wait.

Upset about waiting, the suspect then told the employees that "you white people see a different color, you treat them mean and different," and asked to speak with a supervisor.

With confusion about the supervisor's phone number — the suspect claimed was purposely given the incorrect number — the suspect left through the main entrance, but not before spitting in the face of one employee and on sleeve of another.

MISSING RING

While having his car worked on at Suburban Jeep-Chrysler, a Novi man said someone took his gold ring out of the car's console. Appraised between \$7,000 and \$8,000, the ring, he described as

white gold with a diamond in the center. The victim stated he left the ring underneath cassettes and other items in the console.

The service manager said during his employment with Suburban Jeep-Chrysler over the last three years, this was the first complaint from a customer about theft.

The individual who worked on the car told police he doesn't go through customers' vehicles and would take a polygraph test if necessary.

With signs posted throughout the property saying customers are responsible for possessions in their vehicles and the complainant signing a waiver, the ring remains missing with no action for the police to take.

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Developer to shell out \$8.7 million for 12 Mile

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with an estimated cost being \$3.5 million and Novi's share being 10 percent, or \$350,000.
Also, Krievall said in his discussions with the RCOC that a commitment had been made not only to close the "gap" but to pursue the final link of Twelve Mile Road from

the Ramco project west to Interstate 96, including a grade separation over the CSX railroad crossing, the widening of Grand River Avenue starting at Haggerty and moving westward and improvements to the Novi Road corridor.
"This is a miracle of miracles," Council Member Michelle Bononi

said.
"This is cooperation by the road commission, but at most other times Oakland County seems to be our adversary."
"I expect the same benefits for all of our county roads. I am not impressed."
And with the Sandstone/Vistas

litigation still a thorn in the city's side, Mayor Pro Tem Laura Lorenza said she would vote in favor of moving the resolution further, but is still leery about putting these kinds of deals together.
"As much as I am opposed to the project, at this point my biggest concern was the city paying for it,"

Lorenza said.
"Reluctantly, I will support it, but as far as Resolution No. 7, I will have that on what I see in terms of protection for both parties. Time will tell."
City council will meet in the Novi Civic Center Council Chambers at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 7, for the public

hearing on the special assessment roll for Twelve Mile Road and other roadway improvements.
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State designates Novi High as a blue ribbon school

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program also makes research-based effectiveness criteria available to all schools for self-appraisal and to plan improvements, officials said. The program also inspires schools to share information about what practices have the greatest success in education.
Novi High School students seemed appreciative of their school's Blue Ribbon Award.

"I think our school is excellent and we're very fortunate to have great teachers, administrators and students," said 11th grader Angela Doolin.
Other students also seemed pleased with the services and opportunities provided.
"I enjoy it here," said junior Melissa Harbison. "I think it's a great facility and the curriculum is top-notch. It's a good school system."
Jennifer Cheal, principal of Novi High School, said the presentation was a day of celebration for everyone involved with the school.

"Today is an unusual day and one we should all feel proud to share together. We work hard together and now it's time to pause and celebrate together," she said.
Blue Ribbon School Coordinator Arthur Vrettas said the committee looks at several areas within a school when considering their application.
He said that the school must:

- have an active teaching and learning, professional community with leadership and educational vitality;
- provide school, family and community partnerships and show indicators of success, such as high ACT and SAT scores.

Vrettas also said that if a school failed in one area, it was disqualified from the competition.
Dorothy Beardmore, president of the State Board of Education, presented the Blue Ribbon Award to

Allison Tingwall, president of the student body at Novi High School.
"It's an honor for the whole community and the school," said Tingwall. "The honor is due to the community, teachers and staff."
State board members also appeared pleased with the response from the community.
"This is a celebration and a very special recognition. It's good to meet with representatives from a community who are committed to education," said Beardmore.
Cheal said that she was very

proud for Novi to be a Blue Ribbon recipient, adding that the honor was due to the collaborative efforts within the community.
"I don't think we really realized the importance of this until today," said Cheal. "We are constantly evaluating and collecting data and improving our programs because making kids successful is the bottom line."



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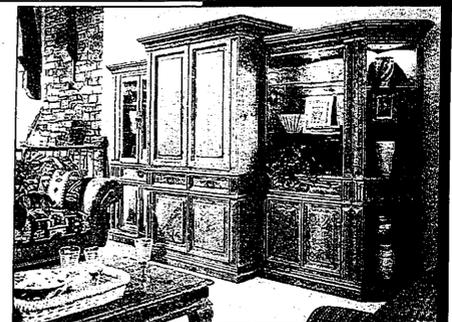
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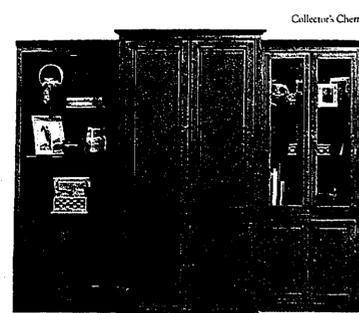
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Police building expansion gets site plan okay

By B.J. HAMMERSTEIN

With an expanding police force and a community that continues to grow, the Novi Police Department is set to add 500,000 sq. ft. to its existing 1.5-million-sq-ft building. The expansion, which will include 100,000 sq. ft. of new space, is set to begin in the fall of 2001. The expansion will include 100,000 sq. ft. of new space, which will include 100,000 sq. ft. of new space, which will include 100,000 sq. ft. of new space.

Shaeffer said it was about 20 years ago when the city council decided to build a new police station. The existing building was built in 1977. The new building will be built on the same site as the existing building. The new building will be built on the same site as the existing building.

The existing building is currently at a substandard level and in some cases we need to separate resources who have committed crimes together before they get a chance to figure their stories out. One of the other additions to the police station will be the construction of a training center and an increase to the existing police department parking lot.

Shaeffer said one of the changes will occur in the holding area where there is enough space for about 25 people. "We are going to add two large group cells and four single-cells," he said.

With continued growth to the force and the community, two bays will also be added to the existing garage. "The police department does all the maintenance to our cars in the city," Shaeffer said.

There will be four bays which will maximize the efficiencies of the mechanics. After citizens presented concerns during the planning commission meeting about noise coming from the garage, Shaeffer said the police department is not aware of the situation and will be conscious of the noise to its neighbors.

Library Briefs

LIBRARY HOURS

The Novi Public Library is open Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sundays, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. The library is located at 45245 W. Ten Mile Road, just east of Tott. For more information, call (248) 349-4729.

LIBRARY CLOSED MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY

The library will be closed Jan. 17 for Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

BOOKMARK CONTEST WINNERS

The winners of the 1999 Design-A-Bookmark contest are: Carrie Subject, Jessica Smith, Kinder, and Justin. The winning bookmarks are now available in the library or you can see them on the Internet at <http://www.novilib.org/bookmarkcontest.htm>.

USING THE ACCESS MICHIGAN MAGAZINE DATABASES

Internet whiz Richard Trussell explains the five points of searching the online magazine databases, some of which you can access at home. This session is highly recommended for students and others interested in doing in-depth research on the Internet. The program will be held Jan. 25 at 7 p.m. Please register in advance for all Internet programs in person or by calling the library.

PARENTS INTRO TO THE NET

This Internet program addresses the role of the Internet in families, including privacy issues, keeping children safe from online predators, and evaluating online content. The program will be held Jan. 27 at 7 p.m.

Euchre tourney's in the cards

The Novi Lionsess Club is sponsoring a euchre tournament on Jan. 22 at the Novi Civic Center. Clothing item donations earn extra points, as does preregistration. The cost is \$10 per person, or \$12 at the door (if space allows). Final day to preregister is Jan. 21. Door registration starts at 7 and games begin at 7:30 p.m. sharp. Pizza and pop will be available.

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So many local women have closets full of clothes they don't wear. And the Novi Chamber of Commerce is offering the perfect solution.

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The Feb. 8 luncheon at the DoubleTree Hotel features a discussion on training programs now offered to disadvantaged women seeking to upgrade their lives and build a new positive self-image - and how you can help.

Novi women are invited to attend and bring a donation of gently-used business clothing.

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Obituaries

ROSEMARY CURRIE
Rosemary Currie, 79, died Jan. 6 in Botsford Hospital, Farmington Hills. She was born in 1920.

Mrs. Currie was a member of Rebecca Lodge No. 478. She is survived by two daughters, Cynthia (Roger) Doll of Brighton and Betty (David) Webb of Novi; and three grandchildren, Keith, Brett and Saickers.

Mrs. Currie was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph. Services were conducted on Saturday, Jan. 8 at O'Brien Chapel/Sullivan Funeral Home of Novi. Interment was in White Chapel Cemetery, Troy.

John L. Vandal, 90, of Northville died Jan. 7 in Botsford Hospital, Farmington Hills. He was born Nov. 1, 1909.

Mr. Vandal, a graduate of the Detroit Art Academy, was a commercial artist and owner of the John Vandal Sign Co. He was a member of the Monaghan K. of C. and an avid bowler and golfer.

Mr. Vandal is survived by his children: Gay Busson, John Jay, Richard C., Larry M. and Bill A.; sister, Leona Williams of Danville, Ill.; 20 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren.

Mr. Vandal was preceded in death by his wife, Anna T. A funeral Mass was celebrated at noon on Tuesday, Jan. 11 at Holy Family Church in Novi. Interment was held on Wednesday, Jan. 12 at St. Peter and Paul Cemetery in Westville, Ill.

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Volunteer of the year

Police chief nabs chamber award

By B.J. HAMMERSTEIN Staff Writer

Not only does he spend his work hours creating a safer community, he helps make it better place to live.

Novi Police Chief Doug Shaeffer will be named the Novi Chamber of Commerce's Outstanding Volunteer of 1999 during the chamber's annual dinner and awards ceremony held tonight at Country Eppes.

"There was no doubt about it that he was our man," said Chamber Director Lisa Willard.

"Looking back over the year, he just kept carrying on. He was setting up for the auction and he could barely walk or talk. He was there and he just doesn't give up."

Shaeffer, a Novi resident and police chief, has had a difficult year as he fought a personal battle with cancer and lost.

"One in four people die of cancer," Shaeffer said.

"Through different treatments and activities, I kept my focus on larger and grander things."

Shaeffer added that charity work and giving back to the community

he cares so much about were some of the activities that helped keep his attitude positive while fighting a potentially deadly ailment.

"People who aren't involved are missing a lot," Shaeffer said.

"Through different charity events you can help make a little bit of a difference for somebody somewhere."

As a member of the chamber's board of directors, Willard said Shaeffer passionately supported the chamber's annual charity auction and serves on many different committees and task forces.

The annual charity auction, which will be held this year on March 11 at the Novi Hilton, helped raise about \$100,000 last year, some of it for the Paralyzed Veterans of America, which has their mission chapter in Novi.

"It's an organization which is very easy to support and work with," Shaeffer said.

"The money goes to research and treatment programs — assisting people with spinal chord injuries."

Also, Shaeffer launched the Douglas Shaeffer Charity Golf Classic last September.

During the first outing, about \$53,000 was raised for treatment and research to fight cancer.

Held at the Links of Novi, Shaeffer is looking forward to helping out more people with the second outing being planned for this September.

"We all have hobbies and activities we like to participate in," Shaeffer said.

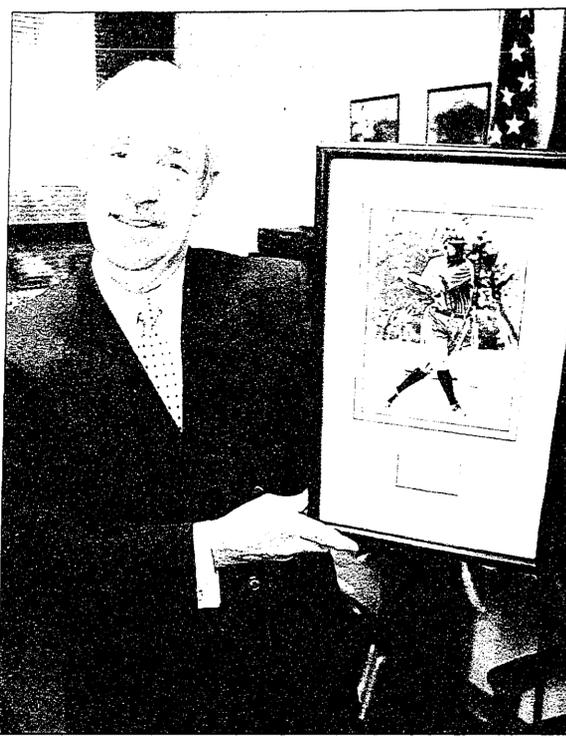
"For some it may be watching TV, or flying model airplanes. I choose to do volunteer work, something you can make a difference with."

And while running the police department may be quite time-consuming, Shaeffer said his passion for giving back doesn't distract him from his duties of providing a safe community.

"I do all of it while I am off-duty," Shaeffer said.

"Sometimes I am in early meetings, other times I may spend my lunches working with charity, but when you are giving back, it is very easy to do."

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Novi Police Chief Douglas Shaeffer has been named Outstanding Volunteer by the Novi Chamber of Commerce. Here he shows off a donation for the annual auction, a Ty Cobb photo and autograph.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

An elite membership

Hinbern wins Sam's Club volunteer award

By JENNIFER NORRIS Staff Writer

Robert Hinbern, vice president of Novi Community Credit Union, received the 1999 Sam Walton Business Leader Award Dec. 21, during a Novi Chamber of Commerce luncheon at the Doubletree Hotel.

"I didn't really expect it," said Hinbern.

"I think it's pretty neat that a member of the Novi Chamber received it. I'm glad the chamber is receiving recognition."

The award is sponsored by the Wal-Mart Foundation and Sam's Club of Farmington Hills and is based on both excellence in service and dedication to customers.

He said this was the first time the Sam's Club of Farmington Hills has given this award.

Hinbern is also a member of the Novi Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and has served as chair of the 1999 Chamber Charity Auction. The annual auction raised \$14,000 for Paralyzed Veterans of America and attracts over 550 residents, business professionals, celebrities and sports figures, said Lisa Willard, executive director of the Novi Chamber of Commerce.

The chamber nominated Hinbern for the award because they believed he displayed positive characteristics that benefited the community, said Willard.

"We felt his actions in the community fit the criteria for the award and people from the Sam Walton foundation agreed," she said.

Willard explained that in each community where there is a local Sam's Club or a Wal-Mart, the local chamber is asked to identify business leaders that could be eligible for the award.

The purpose of the award, Willard said, is to recognize local business people who best exhibit the corporate principles Sam Walton focused on: respect for the individual, service to customers and a commitment to strive for excellence.

"From our viewpoint, it is very important for employees to be involved in the community," said Willard.

"Hinbern goes one step ahead. His time, dedication and leadership



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Bob Hinbern, shown in his office at Novi Community Credit Union, finds time for volunteer work through the Novi chamber.

made the auction successful."

The Novi Chamber of Commerce also received a \$500 economic development grant in the honoree's name, which Willard said will be used to aid their annual Economic Summit.

Hinbern said he was pleased the chamber was being commended for its volunteerism, hard work and customer service. He said he felt proud that he was recognized for an award that is only given to 650 people each year.

"We are delighted for him to get this reward because of his efforts," said Willard.

"He is a valuable member of the

business community, dedicating his time and resources to making Novi an outstanding city."

Chamber picks Superfisky as Business Person of the year

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"My parents always said we are responsible for our actions," said Superfisky. "I believe we're also responsible for our inactions."

He was recognized as "Realtor of the Year" in 1998 and was the number one ERA agent in Michigan for 12 years.

His firm, ERA Rymal Symes merged Tuesday with Real Estate One.

Superfisky also said he participated in the Building Quality Team

at Novi High School and has been a member of the secondary technology committee for the Novi Community Schools for five years.

He said that he has felt proud to be a part of the Novi community and said that having a strong sense of community makes Novi a great place to live.

"The real sense of community is in people's hearts," he said. "Even though we're growing larger, there's still a small-town feeling."

Superfisky said he has been a member of the Novi chamber for

about 13 years. The award recognizes him for his integrity and business dealings in the community.

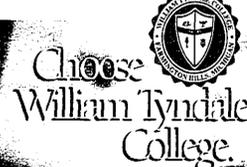
"I always put my client first," he said. "That's the way I've always done business. What's best for the client is my focus."

Superfisky is also a member of the Holy Family Catholic Church and has served on the stewardship commission and pastoral council.

"I don't do anything special," he explained. "I just do what I think people ought to be doing."

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Mayor Dick Clark will give his first state of the city address at lunch

The Novi Chamber of Commerce will host the annual Mayor's State of the City address during the chamber's January luncheon.

Mayor Richard Clark will deliver the address on Tuesday, Jan. 18.

The Novi Chamber has been hosting the State of the City address for at least 20 years. During

that time, six different mayors have presented their view of the challenges and opportunities awaiting the city and their administration.

The business community looks forward to the event as a time to ask pertinent questions of the mayor and to learn of develop-

ments and projects coming to the city.

The luncheon will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 18, 2000 at the Doubletree Hotel/Novi. Luncheon reservations need to be made by Friday and prepaid. Call the chamber at (248) 349-3743 for further information.

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Novi Briefs

Sign up for preschool

The registration process for Novi Community Education's preschool for Fall 2000 has been changed. Registration will now be on a first come, first served basis.

Registration is currently scheduled for Novi residents will be from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Jan. 13, 2000.

Open registration for Novi Community School District residents will be from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Feb. 5, 2000. Non residents may register beginning June 1, 2000 from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Car pool groups should be in line together to increase their chances of enrolling in the same class. If a class becomes filled, a waiting list will be available.

Child care will be available during Saturday registration from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Please bring a completed application, the child's birth certificate and a \$25 deposit. See the Novi Community Education Adult Winter brochure for more details or call (248) 449-1248.

Housebound teens

Your teenager is displaying the symptoms of cabin fever, here's the solution. The Novi Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring a teen trip to Mount Baldy.

High school aged skiers with abilities ranging from beginner to advanced will be transported by bus from the Novi Civic Center on several dates: Jan. 27 and Feb. 10 and 17.

The fee for residents is \$10 per trip or \$35 for all four. This includes transportation and lift tickets for ski rental and lift tickets.

Parent volunteers are also sought to help the parks staff chaperone the skiers. Registration deadline for each excursion is the Monday of each trip week at 5 p.m.

For more information, call the Novi Parks and Recreation Department at (248) 347-6409.

**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, February 2, 2000 at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENT 18-160.

AN ORDINANCE TO ADD SUBSECTION 1903.12 TO ORDINANCE NO. 97-18, THE CITY OF NOVI ZONING ORDINANCE, TO PERMIT AUTO BODY REPAIR SHOPS AS A PRINCIPAL USE IN LOCATIONS NOT ABUTTING A RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT AND SUBJECT TO SPECIAL CONDITIONS.

All interested persons are invited to attend. The proposed ordinance is available for review at the Planning and Community Development Department. Verbal comments will be heard at the public hearing and any written comments must be received by the Planning and Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375, until 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 2, 2000.

NOVI PLANNING COMMISSION
ROBERT CHIRELLA, SECRETARY
TONY L. BARTHOLOMEW, CITY CLERK
(1-13-00 NRNN 946416)

**CITY OF NOVI
NOTICE OF PROVISION OF THE
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Whenever any vehicle without an operator is found parked or left in violation of any provision of this division, the director of the Department of Public Services, or his designee, or the Police Department may immediately remove the vehicle or cause the vehicle to be removed to a place of safekeeping at the expense of the registered owner of the vehicle.

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ANTHONY NOWICKI, DIRECTOR
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICES
(1-13-00 NRNN 946413)

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 - Evening classes: 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Monday & Wednesday

Fifth Avenue holds benefit for Haven

By B.J. HAMMERSTEIN
Staff Writer

It's going to be good times for a good cause at Novi's 5th Avenue Ballroom on Sunday, Jan. 16 when the band has hosts a musical benefit for HAVEN.

HAVEN, a non-profit organization for survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault and child abuse, experienced a devastating fire at the agency's main counseling and shelter facility in Pontiac on Nov. 14.

HAVEN president and CEO Hedy Nuriel said the shelter, which usually houses about 15 families, has

had to refer the people they would normally take in to domestic violence shelters outside of Oakland County and homeless shelters within the county.

"We will be able to do a lot of different things with 100 percent of the proceeds going to HAVEN," Nuriel said.

"With the musicians volunteering their time, and help from the radio station and 5th Avenue, the event should be a lot of fun with everything going towards a good cause."

Nuriel said the fire caused about \$500,000 worth of damage to the building, forcing the shelter to be

uninhabitable for eight to 10 months. "Without really knowing much about HAVEN, we heard about their loss and wanted to lend a hand to help them," said 5th Avenue owner Tom Brady.

Doors open for the benefit at 6 p.m. with a \$10 donation being taken at the door.

With offices in Pontiac, Farmington, Royalster Hills and Southfield, HAVEN is the only agency in Oakland County that provides services exclusively for survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault and child abuse.

For further information call Fifth Avenue Ballroom at (248) 735-4011.

Sports Club now offers weight maintenance for life program

The Sports Club of Novi will be sponsoring Real Life Weight Maintenance, an 8-week program with preregistration beginning Monday, Jan. 17. The program is available for both members and non-members.

For more information call (248) 735-8550 ext. 4026.

NOTICE — CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY USE PERMIT TUP 00-001

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Weis Builders, Inc. is requesting a Temporary Use Permit to allow the placement of a job trailer on the project site of Home Depot, located in Providence Park Place, 47350 Grand River Avenue, from January 19, 2000 through January 2001. Providence Park Place is located on the north side of Grand River Avenue west of Beech Road.

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

This request will be considered at 3:00 p.m. on January 19, 2000, 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 January 19, 2000.

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**Botsford
HEALTH CARE CONTINUUM**

28050 Grand River Avenue, Farmington Hills, MI 48336-5933

Court was in order at NHS, but kids weren't in trouble

By JENNIFER NORRIS
Staff Writer

52-1 District Court Judge Brian Markens brought his courtroom to Novi High School to teach students how a courtroom operates and remind them that bad behavior has serious consequences.

The message got through to Michelle Burke, a junior at Novi High School, who said she learned some important lessons about the real world by attending the sessions.

"They are getting their point across," she said.

"You realize what the people are going through. They're trying to put it in your head that it happens to everyone. This isn't just something

in movies. It's real life."

The recreation of the courtroom at Novi High School involved genuine cases and sentences, all targeted to make students think twice before committing certain crimes.

Markens said the chosen cases included offenses that young adults might do, such as shoplifting or drunk driving.

"We select cases with the kids in mind," he said.

"It's designed to send out a preventative message and show that there are serious consequences."

The December proceedings marked the 11th annual "Day In Court" for Novi High School. The event is a cooperative program between the school, court, prosec-

utor's office and the police department, said Markens.

The idea is to educate the students about how courts function and give the students a sense of what it is that courts do. We want to give them a sense of operation," he said.

Students also had the opportunity to observe the prosecutors, defense attorneys and even police officers in action.

Markens said the program started in 1989 and has offered at every high school in his jurisdiction.

"We enjoy coming," he said.

He also explained that everyone appearing in the courtroom had agreed to have their case heard by

the students.

Jim Perino, a court reporter with the 52-1 District Court, said this program teaches valuable lessons to the students because they can relate to the cases.

"I think it's good for the kids," he said. "It's instructive and it's a little scary. The alcohol sentences were the most intimidating for the kids because they can identify with it. They can identify with getting drunk and driving a car, but they can't identify with getting caught."

Student Activities Director, Monica McGraw, said students can learn what the court system is like by simply watching the events.

"I think it's a great opportunity for kids to see what court is really

like, without having to be in the hot-seat themselves," she said.

McGraw also explained that although attending the court session is optional, many teachers and their students have been participating. The events were also projected live into each classroom via television monitors, she said.

Assistant Oakland County Prosecutor Robert Giles said this was his first time participating in this type of courtroom setting, adding that it offers a wonderful experience for students.

"It's important for young people to understand that their actions have results and consequences. I don't think many young people recognize that," he said.

Officer Paul Leshe of the Novi Police Department said the court sessions give students "the chance to see how serious some offenses are. It makes them pause and think about their actions."

He added that this approach is more realistic, because the students can actually see what is happening.

Other students agreed this was a worthwhile event. Stephanie Lander, a senior at Novi High School, said students were learning just how tough court proceedings can be.

"It's cool and it's scary," said Lander.

"It's interesting to see and there is no mercy."

Fire Log

The following is a list of emergency runs of the Novi Fire Department for the week ending Jan. 9. Each incident is listed by type, location, time and the Engine and Squad number.

MONDAY, JAN. 3

Investigation, 22074 Edgewater, 12:57 a.m., Squad 3.

Service, 24363 Knollwood, 2:40 a.m., Squad 1.

Electrical fire, 25951 Abbey Drive, 8:04 a.m., Engine 4.

Medical, 45182 West Road, 8:58 a.m., Squad 2.

Medical, 44971 Roundview, 10:31 a.m., Squad 3.

Medical, 1339 East Lake, 11:10 a.m., Squad 2.

Injury accident, 1-96 and Beck Road, 1:17 p.m., Squad 1.

Vehicle fire, Williams and Anthony, 3:43 p.m., Engine 1.

Injury accident, Ten Mile and Wixom Road, 3:48 p.m., Squad 4.

Injury accident, Eight Mile and Griswold, 8:01 p.m., Squad 3.

Medical, 25627 Glamorgan, 9:31 p.m., Squad 4.

TUESDAY, JAN. 4

Medical, 45182 West Road, 1:23 p.m., Squad 2.

Vehicle fire, Twelve Mile and Haggerty, 1:55 p.m., Engine 1.

Medical, 305 Maudlin, 5:23 p.m., Squad 2.

Injury accident, 1-275 and 1-96, 5:33 p.m., Squad 1.

Medical, 25613 Fountain Park, 10:43 p.m., Squad 1.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 5

Medical, 42705 Grand River, 7:37 a.m., Squad 1.

Medical, 31024 Eagle, 10:40 a.m., Squad 2.

Car fire, 1-96 and Beck Road, 2:41 p.m., Engine 1.

Medical, 43460 West Oaks, 3:07 p.m., Squad 1.

Medical, 24427 Old Orchard, 10:54 a.m., Squad 1.

THURSDAY, JAN. 6

Fire alarm, 21555 Haggerty, 3:24 a.m., Engines 1, 2.

Gas leak, 26500 Wixom Road, 7:58 a.m., Engine 4.

Medical, 25628 Adams, 9:38 a.m., Squad 1.

Medical, 41474 Cornell, 10:59 a.m., Squad 2.

Medical, 30252 Rousseau, 12:27 p.m., Squad 2.

Medical, 24131 Pheasant Run, 1:39 p.m., Squad 3.

Medical, 45152 West Road, 4:11 p.m., Squad 2.

Medical, 22835 Sagebrush, 7:13 p.m., Squad 3.

Medical, 29655 Le Grand, 7:32 p.m., Squad 2.

Fuel spill, 43407 Grand River, 9:04 p.m., Engine 1.

FRIDAY, JAN. 7

Injury accident, Grand River and Market Street, 11:20 a.m., Squad 1.

Injury accident, Meadowbrook and Eight Mile Road, 3:19 p.m., Squad 3.

Medical, 1-96 and Novi Road, 10:22 p.m., Squad 1.

SATURDAY, JAN. 8

Fire alarm, 2150 Old Novi Road, 1:31 a.m., Engines 1, 2.

Injury accident, Eight Mile and Haggerty, 1:34 p.m., Squad 3.

Injury accident, 45152 West Road, 2:46 p.m., Squad 2.

Injury accident, Grand River and Haggerty, 2:50 p.m., Squad 1.

Injury accident, Nine Mile and Haggerty, 2:52 p.m., Squad 3.

Medical, 45152 West Road, 6:41 p.m., Squad 2.

Fuel spill, Eight Mile and Chase Drive, 8:21 p.m., Engine 3.

SUNDAY, JAN. 9

Fuel spill, 27790 Novi Road, 12:37 a.m., Engine 1.

Medical, 21111 Haggerty, 1:33 a.m., Squad 3.

Fire alarm, 2150 Old Novi Road, 1:41 a.m., Engines 1, 2.

Medical, 45125 Ten Mile Road, 4:27 a.m., Squad 3.

Medical, 43045 Nine Mile Road, 5:41 a.m., Squad 3.

Medical, 1301 Mariga, 12:32 p.m., Squad 4.

Injury accident, Beck and Cider Mill, 1:14 p.m., Squad 4.

Medical, 20800 Haggerty, 4:03 p.m., Squad 3.

Fire alarm, 27790 Novi Road, 6:56 p.m., Engines 1, 3.

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As We See It

Giving thanks and a plaque for the wall

With the holiday season wadded up and thrown away like yesterday's wrapping paper, another season begins in Novi.

The award-giving season. Actually, the first round began in late December, when Robert Hinbern, vice president of Novi Community Credit Union, was named the 1999 Sam Walton Business Leader for his volunteer work, among other things, with the Novi Chamber of Commerce. The award is sponsored by the Wal-Mart Foundation and Sam's Club in Farmington Hills and is named after the corporation's founder.

Hinbern keeps very busy with the chamber's annual auction, which last year raised money both for the chamber and \$14,000 for the Paralyzed Veterans of America, Michigan Chapter, which is headquartered in Novi.

Another community activist, Fil Superlisky, tonight will be named the Novi Chamber of Commerce's Business Person of the Year. When not selling houses, Superlisky volunteers with city, schools and chamber activities.

Last, but very far from least, the chamber is honoring Police Chief Douglas Shaeffer as the Outstanding Volunteer of 1999. Shaeffer's an inspired choice and an inspirational guy. While he was fighting for his life

against throat cancer, he was still out soliciting donations for the chamber's annual auction.

"He was setting up for the auction and he could barely walk or talk," Chamber Director Lisa Willard said. Shaeffer knew that one in four people with cancer die, but it could be his very persistence in keeping active when others would have stayed on the couch is what helped him conquer the disease.

Yes, people like Hinbern, Shaeffer and Superlisky give much to the community. But what others who don't have such an impressive service record might consider is that the paycheck each of these individuals gets is priceless. The sense of being connected to their hometowns, the pride of making a difference, the simple joy of achievement for its own reward, not for cash - it all adds up.

But other rounds of community kudos are on the way. Expect to hear soon about Novi Rotary honorees and it's almost time for the Novi Jaycees Distinguished Service Award, to say nothing of *The Novi News* Lifetime Achievement Award.

It's enough to make you want to shut off the TV and get out and do something useful. And guess what, volunteers are always welcome (as well as awarded) in Novi.

Such a deal is offered by this shopping mall

Hey, big spender, can you top this?

Developers Ramco-Gershenson will pay the entire \$8.7 million in a Special Assessment District to improve the roads leading to its new Fountain Walk shopping center, most notably Twelve Mile Road.

Earlier, it looked like the city's tab would have been \$1.2 million. But in November, voters trounced a road bond proposal that included a contribution to the Twelve Mile upgrade by the project. The council was still poised to go ahead with the funding however.

Work includes widening Twelve Mile as a four-lane boulevard to a point east of Novi Road, widening lanes on Novi Road and an extension of Donelson Drive.

Now Fountain Walk is not your run-of-the-mill strip center. At 737,158 square feet, it's just a little over half the size of Twelve Oaks Mall and therefore the second biggest retail mecca to hit Novi. The \$85 million

retail/entertainment complex will include a multiplex movie theater.

Novi's Grand River/Novi Road/Twelve Mile Road shopping district has already taken on a nightmarish quality, when it comes to traffic. The feel for drivers is more L.A. or East Coast urban gridlock than a jaunt through a suburb.

If you can find a citizen in Novi who thinks Ramco shouldn't pay to expand the roads leading into Fountain Walk, you may have uncovered a minority of one. But Novi residents may prefer no more retail there, period.

However, should do and gotta do and will do are all very different concepts. In Michigan, developers can't be forced to finance massive infrastructure improvements to compensate existing taxpayers for the new burden they're dumping on them.

So three cheers for Ramco-Gershenson, a corporate citizen for doing the right thing.

Drinks ain't easy downtown



Andrew Dieterich

Ofentimes people wonder why consumers are leaving America's downtowns for the malls. Sometimes the answer becomes surprisingly clear. And it was never so evident to me as one day in the middle of December when a group of us from the *Northville Record/Novi News* office went out for a drink and work.

It was one of those deals where someone from the office was moving on to a different job and this would be our last get together with the person.

The idea was to go to one of the local downtown bars and have one or two drinks on a Friday, which is what about six of us did. In fact, it was the night of the late night Christmas shopping event sponsored by the Northville Chamber of Commerce.

So we walked to the bar — the name of which I've chosen to leave out because I'm sure they would love the free publicity above all — at about 6 p.m. and went inside. We had to push two tables together to fit all of us in.

The waitress brought us our first round of drinks which was fine. We told her we weren't going to be eating, just having some drinks but she gave us menus, anyway.

As we sat and had barely begun to reminisce about stories, situations and the like, she came back to take our food order and again we said we wouldn't be eating. The waitress went away and came back to our tables seconds later and told us we wouldn't be able to sit at the tables unless we were ordering dinner.

We explained the situation to the waitress, who then went and talked to the owner of the place. He sauntered

across the room shaking his head no and looking in our direction. The waitress came back and solidified what already was apparent: no sitting without spending dough on food. That was despite the fact we told her the situation and that we wouldn't be in the tables that long.

"The owner says no way," she said. We then moved to the bar to finish our first round of drinks. Somehow the other owner of the bar found out who we were, and came and couldn't say how sorry she was and offered to pay for another round of drinks.

Thanks, but no thanks. The original owner who shook his head no to us then came back and tried to blame it on the waitress and said he was painfully obvious, someone was lying.

The whole series of events got me to thinking: what if my mother and sister, who don't live in Northville, came here for this event and wanted to sit down after a long day of spending money in downtown Northville for a Coke?

Would they come back next year? No. Would they tell their friends about the unique purchases they made at Northville's Christmas walk event? No.

They would be so infuriated that they would not only tell their friends about what happened at the bar but never bring their money back to Northville.

At least in the mall you're welcome to take a break and get a drink in Max and Erma's or Olga's. Plus the weather is nicer.

Sports Editor Jason Schmitt brought up a good point to the owner when he said the bar used to be more community-based and neighborly, but that has somehow changed. You have to wonder, why has it changed?

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In Focus

By John Heider



A pair of Maybury State Park's working Belgian farm horses seek shelter from a recent snow fall.

Remember the Cone Zone!



Chris Davis

More random thoughts and observations on life...
• Did you ever notice companies that don't allow their employees to give out their last names are the same ones that always ask you "Who did you talk to?" when you've got a question?
• I don't think there's anything quite as sad as seeing the subdivision driveways strewn with discarded Christmas trees the first two or three weeks of January. Call me a sentimental slob, but I can't help but feel like something of a heel after using some beautiful tree for a month or so, only to send it to my friendly neighborhood trash dump. Next year, I'll mulch it when I'm done with it.

• Take it from me — the most dangerous person on Earth is a dentist who wields that miniature silver oral pickaxe while telling you jokes that make you chuckle.
• I can't help but notice about the number of times I'll hear promos on television or radio for shows coming to the Novi Expo Center. Hard to believe that used to be a facility for the Mohawk liquor company.

• In my mind, you can call yourself an old-school Novi resident if you can remember Cone Zone, Hickory Farms of Ohio in Twelve Oaks Mall and had to take care of your city business in what is now the eastern half of the Novi Library.

• Wendy Pierman Mittel did a wonderful story this week on a scholarship established by Novi residents Keith and Kathy Langham in the memory of their son, David, who died last summer. It's one of the most noble gestures I can think of, and I'm sure dozens of students

at Novi High will have better lives as a result. In turn, let's hope those lives made better improve the lives of all of us with medical research.

• I've worked up the courage to admit this: at some point this year, I actually began to believe the Lions were capable of being a great team. (You may laugh hysterically for the next five minutes.)

• I checked around, and metro Detroit is supposed to have accumulated 17 inches of snow for the season to this point in the year. To date, we've seen four. The folks at Toro and Morton Salt have got to be hating this.

• If you haven't heard, a new roller coaster is coming to Cedar Point this spring. Called "Millennium Force," this beast is some 300 feet tall and plunges to the earth at around 90 mph. I don't have confirmation on this, but I've heard NASA might use the ride as a simulator for atmospheric re-entry for the astronauts. (Just kidding.) Even so, if you see someone coming back from Sandusky with hair standing on end and a glazed look over the eyes, you'll know why.

• The restaurant poll is on! Send in your nominations for the best place for a meal in Novi and Northville. The forms are in the Living section of this week's newspaper. We'll release the results in late February.

• Speaking of late February, that's just about the same time you can expect to see swimming pool chlorine and barbecues begin to be stocked in the hardware stores.

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New questions loom for candidates



Phil Power

Republican presidential candidates George W. Bush, John McCain and the four dwarves went at it Monday night in Grand Rapids. The event kicked off in earnest the presidential primary season in Michigan. Republicans vote Feb. 22 in a primary election, while the Democrats gather in caucuses on March 11. Presented with the opportunity to cover a big time national story, the Michigan news media fell all over themselves in pontificating about the big questions. Can the charismatic insurgent McCain overcome all Bush's money and institutional support from Gov. John Engler on down? Can Bush take a punch? Is Bush smart enough to know he's been hit? Is Michigan really a firewall for Bush in the event he loses the primary in New Hampshire?

I'd add one. Is all we are doing merely rearranging the deck chairs on the Titanic? Look at it this way. We are plop in the middle of the greatest surge of technological change since the Industrial Revolution, hit England in the 18th century. The Internet is a present reality, and the enormous range and scope of future innovations stemming from the application of information technology are sure to bring fundamental changes to our entire society from business to politics, from government to personal relations.

Yet are these the questions the news media pose and the candidates debate? Republican presidential candidates George W. Bush, John McCain and the four dwarves went at it Monday night in Grand Rapids. The event kicked off in earnest the presidential primary season in Michigan. Republicans vote Feb. 22 in a primary election, while the Democrats gather in caucuses on March 11. Presented with the opportunity to cover a big time national story, the Michigan news media fell all over themselves in pontificating about the big questions. Can the charismatic insurgent McCain overcome all Bush's money and institutional support from Gov. John Engler on down? Can Bush take a punch? Is Bush smart enough to know he's been hit? Is Michigan really a firewall for Bush in the event he loses the primary in New Hampshire?

Perish the thought! Instead the political system contents itself with petty arguments about piddling subjects: taxes (to cut or not to cut), subsidies to ethanol of interest only to Iowa farmers, abortion (which is on the way down, anyway), family values (everybody, including Hillary, is running away from Clinton) and so on.

Great political leaders have always had the capacity to look over the horizon and to focus attention on the big issues that might not be so apparent at the time but which eventually shake the roots of societies. Ronald Reagan concentrated on Russia and the Cold War. Franklin Roosevelt reconstructed America in the wake of the Depression. Winston Churchill early saw the danger of Hitler.

I believe the next decade is going to be as revolutionary and creative as any period in American history. And I think a presidential campaign that ignores these issues is a sad and wasteful exercise in futility.

Here are just a few questions Michigan voters might want to raise in town meetings with presidential candidates.

Taxes. E-commerce was the big winner this Christmas season. Most sales over the Internet are not taxed. But most states and some cities rely on some form of sales tax. What's going to happen when governors and mayors discover their tax base is being lost to untaxed Internet commerce? A national sales tax, almost certainly. This, in turn, will provoke a complete resetting of the relations between cities, states and the federal government.

Safety net. Certainly, saving Social Security is important, but in the age of the Internet, access to information technology is going to be as fundamental a need as a fixed income on retirement. Should everybody be guaranteed access to the Web as a right, just like Social Security?

Education. The basic technologies of teaching and learning - lectures, note taking and reading - are all survivals of the Middle Ages. The Internet and information technology are opening the door for fundamental rethinking of the ways children and adults learn. We have yet to start talking about the consequences for our entire system of education.

Government. A persistent problem in late 20th century advanced countries is the inefficiency of governments in delivering services to taxpayers, coupled with confusion about the proper responsibilities of our three-layered (local, state and federal) system of government. Why stand in line for hours to get your license renewed when you can get it done in seconds on the Internet? Why rush to file your income tax return at midnight on April 15 when you can file instantaneously on the Web?

Politics. Citizens are increasingly cynical about the political system, voter turnout is low and getting lower. Certainly, there is room for debate about the ways, special interest money infests our politics. But could information technology sweep aside the secret deals and revitalize citizen involvement in the political process? Or will the Internet merely open the door for a scary sort of mobocracy?

I doubt well-scripted sound bites or carefully programmed candidates will be able to handle these and other similarly far-reaching questions. But they desperately need to be asked.

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Call legislators to support schools

To the Editor:

The Northville schools are excellent. Please call your state representative and state senator to urge them to help us keep them that way. Recent educational research has demonstrated that smaller classes for grades kindergarten to grade three improve student achievement. Unfortunately, there are some elementary classrooms in Northville with too many students.

Seven states have class-size limits for grades K-3. Eleven more states have passed bills that provide grants or incentives to districts that voluntarily reduce class sizes. We need to urge our legislators to do likewise. The children of Michigan deserve a first-class education.

One way to address this issue is to get our state legislature to release the money in the school aid fund to our children's schools. Our legislators are holding on to the \$500 million in this fund. Why don't they distribute the money to our children's schools?

In addition, since Proposal A passed six years ago, the legislature has allowed per pupil funding to fall below inflation, making our schools poorer.

Unfortunately, there is even a proposed bill that would create a "tax holiday" at our children's expense - House Bill 4862.

Please call your legislators and ask them to:

- Reject the "tax holiday" proposal (House Bill 4862);
- Ask them to distribute the \$500 million in the state school fund to our children's schools;
- Ask them to propose legislation mandating and funding small class sizes for K-3 at least 18 other states have done; and
- Ask them to legislate that student funding will be increased each year at a rate at least equal to inflation.

If you live north of Eight Mile Road, call Nancy Cassis, your state representative (and neighbor in the Bradford Subdivision). Her free number is 1-888-328-2929. Unfortunately, Rep. Cassis is supporting a "tax holiday" provision that would take money away from the designated school fund.

If you live north of Eight Mile Road, call your state Sen. Bill Bullard (15th District) for free at 1-888-738-2855. Thank Sen. Bullard for not supporting the "tax holiday" (House Bill 4862).

If you live south of Eight Mile Road, call your state Rep. Gerald Law (20th District), (517) 373-3816. Thank Rep. Law for not supporting the badly-written charter school law. He received a lot of criticism from within his party for his stand, and he needs to know we support him.

If you live south of Eight Mile Road, call Thaddeus McCotter, your state Senator (9th District), (517) 373-1707.

Sheryl Tripp Khoury Beckly Folmer Co-Chairs Class Size Action Partnership

Meetings need proper decorum

To the Editor:

On Jan. 5, I tuned in to Channel 13 to watch our city planning commission in action. Imagine my surprise as 7:30 p.m. came and went as some loud and raucous song was played with the city council chambers as a backdrop. Very unprofessional-looking.

Then an assorted group of casually dressed individuals started the scheduled meeting late, with only some of the commissioners seated at the city council table. Additional members trickled in as the meeting was progressing. I could not understand why almost all of the commissioners present, including the chairperson, were casually dressed and commissions given up on proper business dress and business decorum? Staff members, consultants and applicants were all dressed in proper business garb. So why not the people appointed to represent

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our city and our residents. After the meeting finally got underway, there was an indifferent discussion about procedural matters that should have been resolved in a work-study session. There seem to be a general lack of understanding among the commissioners about basic parliamentary procedures. One motion was rapidly made and passed with no discussion at all. The audio and video camera work was terrible. The first hearing on the proposed changes to the police department building included an oral description by the architect and a colored layout-drawing. The illustration was not on camera while the architect was explaining each proposed change. To make matters worse, the architect's microphone was not switched on so viewers had no idea what he was talking about. Our city administration pays cable-casting technician to run the equipment and to switch cameras during the program production. So why does this person not have a small TV screen to check on the transmitted video and sound (or lack of) being sent out to the residents? Glance at the other program offerings put on by volunteers and other communities. Their productions are much better than ours. Why are we taxpayers paying for this waste of hard-earned money?

Joseph G. Toth

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If you have any comments regarding this proposal, they may be presented in writing during the Audience Participation section of the agenda.

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For the love of David

The parents of the former Novi High valedictorian carry on his memory

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

The kid who would hide a small stuffed Tasmanian Devil under his marching band hat for each performance would be proud of his parents.

As proud of them, as they are of his legacy.

David Langham, a 1999 graduate and valedictorian of Novi High School, died in August after an 11-year battle with kidney disease. In his name, and in time to help students he knew, Kathy and Keith Langham are offering \$5,000 in scholarships this spring.

They are using David's college fund. The fund that was supposed to get him through Michigan State University studying medical research.

"We thought he would be most comfortable, if he had a choice, helping other people achieve the type of dream he had and a scholarship was the way to do that," said Keith.

The Langhams were further inspired by the compassion and respect of the hundreds of students who turned out for David's funeral. They could use David's college money to help out at least a few of these special Novi kids, the couple agreed.

And since August the couple has focused on creating the scholarships with the Novi Educational Foundation.

While the goal is to help others, in all actuality, the hard work is helping the couple and their 20-year-old daughter Elizabeth get through the holiday season, a trying time for wounds still fresh from David's death.

"Christmas is a tough time of year because you think of who you'd like to be buying presents for," said Kathy in an early December interview. Realities like these bring her to tears.

"It's something you have to cope with because you don't have any choice," she explained.

TOO BUSY TO BE SICK

David Langham was a whirlwind of activity. Perhaps that's why he identified with the Tasmanian Devil character.

While he would spend some afternoons hunkered down in front of the television with friends for a Star Trek marathon, most days he was running from one activity to the next.

He loved dancing and the theater and appeared in 39 dramatic and musical productions. He played trombone in the Novi High School Marching Band. He studied hard and became a co-valedictorian of the 1999 Novi High School graduating class.

"David didn't like being bored," explained Kathy, a special education teacher at Northville Schools. "If he had two or three things to do a day that was fine."

For instance, last February David sang with a National Honors Choir in Chicago. On the way home, he stopped in Ann Arbor to sing with the Michigan Youth Chamber Singers.

While it wasn't the reason he enjoyed performing, his parents believe entertaining others helped him in some way deal with his illness.

"I think he would have been that way regardless if he was sick," said Keith.

But Kathy added: "I always felt he was happiest on stage because he could be this other person."

While as a young boy he exhibited a fierce competitive streak, it soon matured into a need for challenges. If he could do it, he'd try it.

"He'd have done everything if he'd been able



Keith and Kathy Langham talk about their decision to use money which would have paid for their late son's college education for other high school students. David Langham, stricken with kidney disease at an early age, was planning on attending college to study medical research. He was a 1999 Novi High School valedictorian.

to. He'd have done sports, too," said his dad.

David's schedule would be hectic for any kid. It was sometimes crazy for his parents who drove him to and from any number of events each day.

"Sometimes I asked myself 'Do I really want to do it?'" said Keith, who owns a small marketing firm. "And now I wish that I did it everyday."

"He was so happy doing those things, if I could have moved mountains so he could do those things, I would," said Kathy. "It was a privilege to be his mom. I never considered it an obligation."

TAKING ON THE CHALLENGE

As much as he didn't let it control his life, David couldn't escape the simple fact he was sick. The rare kidney disease discovered when he was only 7 years old was taking its toll. Hospital visits were routine and medications even more normal. David and his family became proponents of organ donation, knowing someday he might need one.

In June 1997, the family had to face the fact David needed a transplant. It was ironically David's illness that may have saved his mother's life. During testing to see if she was a match doctors discovered an aneurysm that could have killed her. But the catch meant the ability to save her life. And it didn't prevent her from giving her son a chance at a longer life. The transplant was successful and David went on with the music, dancing, singing and living.

He refused, says his family, to let the 18 different kinds of medications, the routine trips to Children's Hospital in Detroit, and all the other ramifications of his illness get in the way of the life he wanted to live.

He was even "sprung" from the hospital a few times to participate in music competitions for

the day, have Christmas morning at home and even attend senior prom.

So it was a complete surprise when a routine hospital stay for dialysis (the kidney had begun to fail) proved a last challenge for David. After spending the night in his hospital room with his family playing card games, David's heart began to malfunction as a result of a rare complication from the kidney disease.

He died of cardiac arrest the next day the next day, Aug. 6.

DAVID'S LESSONS

The funeral followed and hundreds of friends and family came to pay their respects. They're still doing so to this day. In a few months the Novi High School student council will host a Wake-a-Thon with money donated to the Kidney Foundation. And the Novi High Marching Band wore trombone pins in memory of David and letters from families who moved away but recently learned of his death still appear every now and then in the couple's mailbox.

"He touched so many people," Keith said.

Many people share memories of his performances, or his sense of humor. Others compliment the relationship he had with his older sister.

"What people say they've gotten from David's life is to live life to the fullest," explained his dad.

"David accomplished a lot," he said. "We have so much to be proud of. But fundamentally he was a nice kid. We were proud of the person he was just as much, more than, what he accomplished."

"David was a happy, funny kid. You can't help but be sad. But he would not want us to be sad," Keith said.

"My whole perspective on life now is different to a degree," said Kathy. "You don't sweat the small stuff... They are little annoyances maybe but not problems. Don't let those things get you down."

"Grief takes many steps. You cycle through them. You have to hope you have more good days than bad days," Kathy said.

"And focus on happy memories," Keith added. "David gave us many happy memories. We just try to make them last."

The couple gets out David's memory book, a folder of newspaper clips from his life and death, and recalls his valedictorian speech only months before his death.

"The trick is to put your obstacle in one hand and your life in another," Keith reads his son's words, then looks up.

"Losing David is the obstacle we have to overcome and I guess David is helping us do that."

Wendy Pierman Mitzel can be contacted at (248) 349-1700.



Photo by BOB AHRENS

The Langhams hold a senior picture of David, their son, who died of cardiac arrest and kidney disease last year.

Scholarship lets Novi graduate's dreams live on

David Langham, a valedictorian at last year's Novi High commencement, was a singer, dancer and trombone player who hoped to go to Michigan State University to study medical research.

Sadly, complications from a kidney disease took away his life and his dreams.

In his memory, his parents wish to help Novi students to do what their son couldn't: go to college.

The David A. Langham Memorial Scholarship, in connection with the Novi Educational Foundation, will hand out as many as three scholarships totaling \$5,000 in May to graduating seniors at Novi High School.

Recipients must meet one of three criteria: they must have overcome a challenge or obstacle; demonstrate a love of performance or entertainment; others: or plan to pursue a career in medical research.

The scholarship is being launched with contributions from friends and family members, as well as money the family had set aside for David's college education.

The scholarships are also a way for our family to acknowledge the outstanding young people at Novi High School, and to thank the community for all their support and generosity during the past few months," said Keith Langham, David's dad.

"The National Kidney Foundation has advised us that they have received more than \$5,000 in contributions in David's name and we know many of these have come from Novi."

David's mother, Kathy, will assist the foundation's scholar-

ship committee in reviewing the applications and Kathy Siarto, one of David's elementary school teachers will also participate. The NEF oversees many scholarships for Novi students and teachers.

Julie Abrams, a Novi Board of Education trustee, said she talked with the Langhams about a memorial at David's funeral.

She's glad to see the scholarship has come to fruition.

"He had some rough times... but he always persevered," said

Abrams, whose son went to school with David.

It's great to see his memory, one of courage in the face of adversity, honored with a scholarship, she said.

Trustee Carol Ellring, whose daughter also grew up with David, helped the Langhams work with the NEF. She said the application will be finalized in January and will be distributed with the other scholarship applications at the high school in March.

Contributions in David's name can be made to the Novi Educational Foundation, 25345 Taft Road, Novi, Mich. 48374-2423 or for more information call (248) 449-1200.

The Novi Educational Foundation is a nonprofit organization established in 1986 to provide expanded educational opportunities for Novi residents. In addition to scholarships, it awards funds for educational grants, special classroom projects, technology enhancements, cultural programs and staff development.

SCHOLARSHIP

The family of former Novi High School valedictorian David Langley has established a scholarship in his honor. To be eligible for it, applicants must have either overcome a challenge or obstacle or plan on pursuing a career in medical research.

Contributions to the scholarship may be sent to Novi Educational Foundation, c/o David Langham Memorial, 25345 Taft Road, Novi, Mich. 48374.



Photo by BOB AHRENS

Keith Langham pauses for a moment while remembering and reflecting on his son, David. "(David would) have done everything if he'd been able to," he said.

Hunt is on for best restaurants in Northville, Novi

By CHRIS C. DAVIS
Copy Editor

It's no secret that Novi and Northville are both loaded to the gills with good places to eat. What is a secret is which one of the dozens of restaurants in the sister communities is tops among its residents.

There's only one fair way to decide: voting.

The Novi News and Northville Record will be accepting nominations for the best restaurant in Novi and Northville through the papers' 2000 Best Restaurant Contest, running now through Jan. 27. Nearly a dozen categories are open for the taking.

Last year's overall winner was Novi's Border Cantina.

the NOVI NEWS & The Northville Record
2000 Best Restaurant Poll

"People from all over come to Northville and Novi to enjoy a good meal," said managing editor Bob Jackson. "We feel that our readers know where the best places are, and we want to hear from them."

Any restaurant operating within Novi or Northville boundaries is eligible for nomination. (Sorry — even if it's just across the city limits, it

can't count.)
The ballot for this year's contest appears on page 5AA, and will continue to be in both the Record and News until Jan. 27. Winners of the contest will be announced in the Feb. 24 editions.

Nominations can only be accepted with original copies of the Record or News, and only one entry blank per

household is able to be accepted.

"We certainly want participation from readers, but we also want to open up the field to as many different restaurants as possible," Jackson said.

Nomination forms must be signed and include a daytime telephone number to be used for verification. Winners will also be given certificates to be hung in their offices.

"Good restaurants deserve to be recognized," Jackson said. "If our readers say someplace is the best, we want others to know about it."

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1999 RESTAURANT POLL WINNERS

Here's a list of some of the winners named in the 1999 Northville Record / Novi News Restaurant Poll:

- BEST OVERALL: Border Cantina (Novi)
- BEST INEXPENSIVE: Charley's Deli Grille (Northville)
- BEST SALADS: Grady's American Grille (Novi)
- BEST PIZZA: Jet's Pizza (Northville)
- BEST SEAFOOD: Red Lobster (Novi)

Girl Scouts keep busy during December holidays

NOVI GIRL SCOUTS

The Scout leaders will hold their first meeting of the new year on Jan. 13 at 7 p.m. at the Novi Community Center. The girls will be making Christmas cards and gifts for the elderly. They will also be making Christmas cards and gifts for the elderly. They will also be making Christmas cards and gifts for the elderly.

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Novi Highlights

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NOVI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The 2000 Honors and Installation Banquet will be held on Thursday, Jan. 12 at the Country Epicure. The evening will begin at 5:30 p.m. with dinner at 6:30 p.m. Judge Dennis Powers of the 52nd District Court will give the keynote address for the evening.

The program will also include the welcoming of the 2000 Board of Directors, honoring and recognizing the outgoing board members, Business Person of the Year, outstanding volunteers, and the Volunteer of the Year. For more information, contact the chamber at (248) 349-3743.

NOVI NEWCOMERS AND NEIGHBORS

The first board meeting for the year was held Jan. 4 at the Novi Civic Center. Location of the Feb. 1 meeting was agreed to be held at the home of Debbie Surden. All members are encouraged to attend.

Also discussed at the meeting was the group's involvement in the Michigan 50s Festival starting July 22. Volunteers will be needed to assist in working at the festival. The nominating committee also reported their plans in filing the positions for the 2000-2001 executive board and committee positions.

Future activities include:

- An evening mixer at Max & Erma's in Twelve Oaks Mall on Jan. 26, from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Reservations are necessary.
- The Business Education Committee will present "Internet II - Beyond the Basics" at the Alpha Visual Impact, 23400 Industrial Park Court, Farmington Hills. A box lunch will be available. It's scheduled for Jan. 27, from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.
- Tuesday, Feb. 8, a first-time event titled "Thrills of Power." Women from the community are invited to attend a brunch at the DoubleTree Hotel in Novi and are encouraged to donate one gently-used business suit or business casual. More information available by calling the chamber office.
- Saturday, March 11 - "Auction 2000." Volunteers are needed to make this event successful. Call the chamber for information.

Reservations are being accepted for the chamber luncheon on Jan. 18, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the DoubleTree Hotel. Novi Mayor Richard Clark will present the annual "State of the City" address. Call the chamber for reservations, which must be made by Jan. 14.

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Stephen and Eunice Hitchcock of Novi announce the engagement of their daughter, Heather Nicole, to Jason Raymond Stewart, son of Jeffrey and Cynthia Stewart of Troy.



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Rev. and Mrs. Richard Cook of Mt. Morris announce the engagement of their daughter, Kimberly Cook, to Michael Hirvela, son of Jim and Susan Robinson of Novi and the late Doug Hirvela.

The bride-elect is a 1992 graduate of the University of Michigan. The groom-elect is a 1994 graduate of Northville High School and a 1998 graduate of Adrian College. He is currently attending Michigan State University and is employed with Great Harvest Bread Company.

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Community Events



Cub Scout Pack 721 contributed unwrapped gifts to the U.S. Marine Corps' Toys For Tots program for the Christmas season. The scouts each brought a gift to the pack's December meeting and then donated them to the Corps, who worked with the morning show hosts at WNIC-FM (100.3) for the program.

The Novi Theatres group will be hosting a performance of "The Frog Prince" at the Novi Civic Center state on Feb. 4 and 5 at 7:30 p.m. and Feb. 6 at 3 p.m. Reserved seats are available for \$10, or \$8 if purchased in advance. The cast of the show consists of more than 30 young actors ranging in age from 7 to 11. For more information, call (248) 347-0400.

A reunion of Northville residents now living in Florida is slated for Feb. 18 at the Quality Inn in Sebring, Fla. beginning at 11 a.m. For more information, call (800) 985-5152. The hotel can be reached at (800) 654-7235. Reservations received by Jan. 20 receive a discounted rate.

The Northville Woman's Club's program for its Jan. 21 guest day meeting is "Painted Preferences by Tracey," lead by decorative painter Tracey VanHook. She has worked in faux finishes, murals and stenciled borders and has taught painting classes for Novi Community Education. The group will meet at 1:30 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church of Northville. For more information, call (248) 348-1325.

The Novi Toastmasters Club meets the first and third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at Meadowbrook Elementary School, located on Meadowbrook Road, one block south of Thirteen Mile. New members are welcome. For more information, call (248) 374-8480.

Religion

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Northville will host actors and speakers Paul and Nicole Johnson on Jan. 16 at 7 p.m. to present an original drama about marriage and family life. The course is designed to teach people who are not part of the church what Christianity teaches and to respect honest questions about the religion. For more information, call (248) 374-5937.

Also at Ward — members are seeking to collect men's hockey equipment which will be donated as part of an outreach program to youth in Russian prisons. Both used and new equipment is being collected. For more information, call (248) 374-5909.

Finally, a class designed to give atheists, agnostics and others a safe place to explore the basic tenets of the Christian faith will begin meeting at Ward on Jan. 6. The course is designed to teach people who are not part of the church what Christianity teaches and to respect honest questions about the religion. For more information, call (248) 374-5937.

A workshop for persons dealing with grief is being hosted by members of First Presbyterian Church of Northville and will begin on Jan. 19, meeting each Thursday thereafter. The workshop will deal with all facets of the grieving process. A \$20 fee covers books and materials.

Also at First Presbyterian — the church's annual progressive dinner is slated for Jan. 15 at 5 p.m. Hors d'oeuvres will be served at one member's house.

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It's the new millennium...or is it?

Okay, one last time... Does the new millennium start in 2000 or 2001? At the last time, the experts and Internet have been coming up with complicated, scientific and mathematical explanations, each leaving their own bias on the subject.

Well, let me tell you how I came to my simple decision.

Shortly before Christmas, I had gone to the bank with a check I had received. Since it was for a large amount of money, I decided to deposit half of it in my account and take the other half in cash. For last minute odds-and-ends holiday spending. On a slip of paper, I had written out in what denominations I wanted the cash which included 100 \$1 bills. The teller followed the instructions to the letter.

When I returned home, I noticed the 100 bills were in a brand new, hand-dyed and numbered paper. Flipping through it, the numbers ran from 01 to 100. In order for me to have 100 bills, I had to include the one marked 100. If I would have wanted more, I would have had to start all over again with 01, which would be a new beginning. After all, when you are counting something—anything—you always start with a "one" and not a "zero," don't you? So the new millennium starts with 2001.

Still, 2000 does have a magical ring to it, doesn't it? When you think about it, all of our lives whenever we year-dated anything, it always started with a "19" and now it is with a "20." It takes a few days for this strangeness to sink in, and it almost seems as if we are in an episode of "Star Trek."

Nevertheless, whatever your views are on the subject, it is the beginning of a new year so put on your list of resolutions to be more thoughtful, more considerate, more tactful, and more helpful toward other human beings, which is after all, the bottom line and the very essence of good manners and proper etiquette.

Now to some questions.



Margit Erickson
Etiquette

Q: On a recent cloudy day, I was walking with a friend. When it began to rain, I opened my umbrella which I started with him. It was a little awkward as we both seemed to get wet. What would have been the best way to handle this situation?

A: When two people are sharing an umbrella, it is best to have the taller one of the two carry it and to walk close together. That way one will be getting poked on the head with the umbrella ribs or have water running down the back of their necks. If there is a great difference in height, they each should carry their own umbrella.

Interesting thing about umbrellas - when they first came into being, they were rather small and delicate parasols used by women only. They were made of cloth and laces and ribbons and meant for sun protection and not for rain, and were a mark of the upper class lady. As time went on, umbrellas were made sturdier and stronger and with more rainproof materials. This meant they could also be used by gentlemen.

Nevertheless, the first men who used them were laughed at and scoffed. These umbrellas were not sold at stores but rather rented out on rainy days from various shops. As people realized how useful an umbrella was, it became more widely accepted and is now a necessary item in every household.

Umbrella etiquette dictates that you hold

your raised umbrella so that you can see oncoming people and vehicles. Large plastic folding umbrellas are handy as the wind cannot open them as easily and you can see through them. Also carry your unused umbrella in a vertical position rather than horizontally where you would poke those passing by.

If you are carrying an umbrella with a curved hook on the handle, the proper way to hold it is that open part of the hook is facing forward and not toward the back as you would hold a cane. Hooking it on the arm is also acceptable. Folding umbrellas can be very efficient as it can fit into a briefcase, bag or small luggage, especially if you are carrying several packages.

Nowadays, umbrellas come in all different sizes, shapes and colors. However, a large hook one should be the choice of any powerful and successful man or woman. It means business and at the same time, very elegant.

Q: When my husband and I were sending out our Christmas cards, we were not sure whose name should be written first. What is the rule on this?

A: Out of courtesy, the person signing the card should put his or her name second. You would sign "Bob and Amy Miller," your husband would write "Amy and Bob Miller." If you have your names imprinted or engraved on your cards, the wife's name comes first.

Confidential to W.J.: Your letter was a delight! It tells me you are a special gentleman.

Margit Erickson of Margit Erickson & Co. has been an etiquette consultant for more than 10 years and conducts seminars in business and social etiquette for adults, teens and children. She is also host and producer of her own television program "The Elegant Life" on Channel 12. You can write to her at P.O. Box 841, Northville, Mich. 48167.

On Campus

Novi resident **Thomas Parrish** was among the 71 students at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland who will be listed in the 2000 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities." Parrish is a junior studying theater and economics.

To receive recognition, a student must achieve a minimum 3.5 or higher grade point average.

Northville students **Brandon C. Beebe**, senior; **Jennifer J. Giasone**, sophomore; **Anna C. Mulendore**, freshman; **Amanda J. Nelson**, senior; and **Erica L. Winn**, sophomore were named to the Dean's List for the first semester at Hope College.

By earning a 3.5 or better grade point average for fall quarter at Michigan Technological University, **Kathleen Wysocki** was named to the Dean's List in recognition of her academic achievement.

In Service

Shawn Felix, son of Northville residents John and Mary Felix, will sail from San Diego on the U.S.S. John C. Stennis to Asia, Australia

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- BEST SANDWICHES _____
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- BEST SEAFOOD _____
- BEST ETHNIC FOOD _____
- BEST WAITER / WAITRESS (include restaurant) _____

CONTEST RULES

- 1) One entry per household; entries from restaurants not permitted.
- 2) Only original forms will be accepted.
- 3) Entries must be received by 5 p.m. on Jan. 27.
- 4) Entries must be signed and include a telephone number for verification purposes.
- 5) Only restaurants operating within the boundaries of Novi and Northville are eligible.

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Rec Briefs

NORTHVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION

GENERAL INFO: A new year - keep those resolutions by joining one of the many fitness classes offered. We have a wide variety of classes for every fitness level. We offer the following: aerobics, aerobic dance, water fitness, water interval training, tai chi, cardiokickboxing, power pump, beginning and intermediate yoga, stretch and tone, badminton, and swing and line dancing.

SPRING SPORTS:

Registration for spring soccer and basketball and softball begins Jan. 10 at the Northville Community Center. Registrations are accepted any time during regular office hours. Officials from the Northville Baseball and Softball Associations will be available on Jan. 13 from 9 a.m. to noon to answer questions and accept registrations.

Northville Parks and Recreation can be reached at (248) 349-0203, while the fax number is (248) 380-8611.

In Service

Several animal-related groups have adoption opportunities in the Novi and Northville area. Here are the dates and locations for some of those organizations:

Michigan Anti-Cruelty Society
Third Saturday of each month
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
PetSmart (17677 Haggerty, Northville)
(248) 347-4337

Critter Connection
Saturday
11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Pet Supplies Plus (41660 Ten Mile, Novi)
(248) 380-0007

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PetSmart (17677 Haggerty, Northville)
(248) 626-8051

Animal Welfare Society of Southeastern Michi-

gan
Variety of times
(248) 624-1100

In addition, the **Pet-A-Pet** group spends time bringing animals to nursing homes, hospice locations, and residences of physically and emotionally challenged children and adults. Volunteers are needed to help with the programs. Here's a rundown of where the group will be making stops soon. For information on volunteering, call (248) 349-7165.

Old Village
Second Tuesday of each month
10 a.m.

Star Manor
First Thursday of each month
2 p.m.

Wynwood of Northville
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CHURCH OF TODAY WEST (Unity) New Location Meadowbrook Elementary School - Walnut Lane (South of 13 Mile on Meadowbrook Road) (248) 349-9000 Services at 10 AM Children's Church 10 AM Ministry: Barbara Colevenger	OUR LADY OF VICTORY CATHOLIC CHURCH 770 Hayes Northville WED-THU 10:00 AM Sunday 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:00 AM School 8:00 AM - 12:30 PM Church 349-2021, School 349-3010 Religious Education 349-2559
NOVI UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 41671 W. Ten Mile - Meadowbrook 349-2025 (24 hrs.) Sunday Worship at 9:45 a.m. Nursery, Care Available Louise S. Orr, Pastor	ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN MISSOURI SYNOD Lutwick, Pastor High & Elm Streets, Northville Church 349-3140 School 349-3146 Sunday Worship: 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Sunday School & Bible Classes 9:45 a.m. Wednesday Worship: 7:30 p.m.
MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH 21355 Meadowbrook Rd. - Now at 87 Mile Morning Worship 10 a.m. Church School 10 a.m. 349-7297 Ministry: Rev. E. Kay Hunt Minister of Music: Rob Ferguson	FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE 349-1144 8 Mile & Tott Road Worship Services: 8:00 am 9:15 am 11:00 am Sunday School 9:15-10:15 hours on weeks when school Summer Worship 9:15 & 11:00 (July thru Labor Day) Dr. Douglas W. Warren, Rev. Richard M. Beegun Rev. Arthur L. Lopez Rev. Cynthia Loomis-Abel
WARD EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Dr. James M. McElroy, Senior Pastor 40000 So. Main Road - Northville, MI 48167-2400 Sabbath School 10:30-11:30 a.m. Sunday School & Nursery Provided 10:00 a.m. evening services Contemporary Service 8:45 a.m. School/Evening Service 8:00 p.m.	FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH NOVI 4530 10 Mile & Tott Rd. Daycare: Infant - 5 yrs., including pre-school Daycare: 6-12, Home - 13-12 Sun. School 9:45 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. & 6:00 a.m. Prayer Meeting: Wed. 7:00 p.m. Rev. Gary Ellis, Pastor 349-4641
ST. JAMES ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH NOVI 40325 10 Mile Rd. Novi, MI 48174 Sabbathday 8:00 p.m. Sabbath 9:30 & 11:30 a.m. Reverend James F. Clark, Pastor Parish Office, 347-7778	NEW HORIZON COMMUNITY CHURCH Meets on four corners (on 10 mile between Novi & Tott Rd.) Sunday Service: 10:00-11:00 A.M. & Children's Activities Men's/Women's Prayer: 7:00-8:00 Kurt Schumacher, Music Director A Contemporary & Relevance Church
CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY 24505 Meadowbrook Rd., Novi, MI 48375 Menses: Sat. 5 pm, Sun. 7:30 am 10:45 am, 10:00 am, 12:15 pm Holy Days: 9 am, 5:30 pm, 7:30 pm 10:00 pm evening services Father Andrew Czarnicki, Assoc. Pastor Parish Office: 349-8847	FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE 217 N. Wingo 348-1020 Sabbath Worship: 10:45 am & 6:00 p.m. Wed. Youth Meetings 7:00 p.m. Boys Brigade 7 p.m., Pioneer Girls 7 p.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
WORLDWIDE HARVEST CHURCH "A House of God" Sunday Worship Services: 11:00 AM led by Pastor Keith J. Michals The Center for: Worship/Prayer 1404 & Orchard St. (at East end of 13 Mile Rd., Farmington Hills, MI) For more info, call: (248) 928-8182 anytime	FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE 21340 Haggerty Northville 348-7600 (between 8 & 9 Mile Rd. near Novi-Horton) Sunday School 9:45 am Morning Worship 11:00 am Discipleship Service 6:00 pm (nursery provided) Dr. Carl M. Lath, Pastor
FAITH COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 4400 W. 10 Mile Hwy. Novi 349-8965 1/2 mile west of Novi Rd. Rev. Harrison, Pastor Jennifer M. Good, Associate Pastor & J. Cynthia Smith, Parish Associate Worship & Church School 9:00 & 10:00 am Sunday	SPIRIT OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH E.L.C.A. Rev. Dennis Haggerty, Pastor Meadowbrook Worship Sat. 8:00 am, Sun. 10:00 am "A Friendly Church" Pastor Matthew M. MacMillan - (248) 477-4276
OAKLAND BAPTIST CHURCH 5390 Beck Rd., Novi Adult Bible Study & Sunday School 10:00 AM Morning Worship - 11:00 AM, Sun. Chorus - 11:00 AM Sunday Evening Church Service 6:30 PM Wed. Evening Church Service Meeting 7:00 PM PASTOR - BRUCE W. WYTHE (248) 348-2746 We're One Big Happy Family!	OAK POINTE CHURCH Northville High School Auditorium 8 Mile & Center St. Sunday 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Casual, contemporary pop band (248) 615-7050
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Northville Seniors

The staff at the Northville Senior Center at 2600 W. 14th St. continues the ongoing services and activities for seniors 50 and older. For more information, call to register for an activity. Phone: 248-449-4141.

NEWSLETTER

The senior newsletter is a monthly publication that lists activities, services, and events. Copies are available at the center or by mail. Northville Township Office, 2600 W. 14th St., Northville, MI 48161. Phone: 248-449-4141.

Telephone Reassurance (Telcare)

Homebound residents can receive a daily telephone call to check on their well-being or just to hear a friendly voice. This program is sponsored by Northville Township at no charge to the community through the use of their Community Development Block Grant funds. To register, contact the Telcare office at (248) 449-4141, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Nutrition

Homebound residents are provided Monday through Friday at Allen Terrace. A donation of \$1.50 is requested. Meals can be delivered to your home through the Meals on Wheels program. For more information on the Nutrition program, call (248) 851-1454. Allen Terrace is located at 491 High St.

Focus Hope

Food distribution is the fourth Friday of every month, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Senior Center.

Blood Pressure Screening

Come get your blood pressure checked by a nurse. There is no charge. Held at the Senior Center on the fourth Monday of the month, from noon to 2 p.m. No appointment is necessary.

Michigan Emergency Pharmaceutical Program for Seniors

Northville and Northville Township senior citizens age 65 and over are eligible to receive two months' worth of prescriptions through the MEMPS program. Monthly income eligibility for a single person is \$1,030 from all sources of income and for a couple, is \$1,383 from all sources of income. Total monthly prescription cost must be 10 percent of your monthly income. For more information, call the Senior Center.

Tax Counseling Service

Volunteer tax counselors are available to prepare your state and local tax forms. Counselors have been trained by American Association of Retired Persons and the Michigan Treasury Department. This service will be available at the Senior Center, every Tuesday beginning Feb. 1 through April 15, 9 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Most necessary forms are on hand. Appointments are scheduled at 30-minute intervals. When arranging your appointment, please ask what items you should bring with you. Although there is no charge for this service, donations to the senior program would be greatly appreciated.

TRANSPORTATION

Bus Service for Local Shopping Trips
Tuesdays: Meijer (Eight Mile and Hogarty)
Fridays: Farmer Jack/Hillers or Shopping Center Market/Busch's (alternating Fridays).
Bus begins pickup at 9:30 a.m. from your home. Cost is \$2. Riders must make a reservation 24 hours in advance. Call the Senior Center.

Bus Service for Movies, Lunch and Shopping at the Mall Twice a Month

The senior bus heads out to Twelve Oaks Mall and the United Artist Theaters for an afternoon (noon to 4 p.m.) of movies, lunch and shopping. The days scheduled vary each month. This month the bus will depart Jan. 10 and Jan. 24. Pick-up will begin from your home (11 a.m.) or the MAGS Building (11:30 a.m.).

Once at the mall, you will be on your own to enjoy your afternoon. Cost is \$4. Please call to make reservations.

CONCERTS AT THE SENIOR CENTER

Join us for concerts at the Senior Center. Enjoy several hours of fun for just \$1. The schedule is as follows: bridge, Wednesdays, 12:15 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.; piano, Mondays and Thursdays, 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Senior Drop-in Volleyball

All levels are welcome. Held on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Parks and Recreation Center. Verify days on monthly recreation calendar at the center (cost is \$1).

Body Workout Exercise Class

This class meets every Wednesday at 9:45 a.m. at Allen Terrace. Cost is \$3 per class. No registration is necessary.

Pot Luck Luncheon

Held on the third Monday of every month at the Senior Center. This is a great way to visit with friends. Meet at noon. Bring your own table service, a dish to pass, and \$1.

Dinner Out at Various Restaurants

Come with us for a one-a-month trip to a local restaurant. On Thursday, Jan. 20 we will be going to Clark's Meats Restaurant in Southfield for good food with good friends. Cost for round trip transportation is \$4, payable to the bus driver. The bus will depart from the MAGS building at 4:30 p.m. or pick you up at your home at 4 p.m. Please call for advanced reservations.

First Friday Ficks

Join us at the Senior Center on the first Friday of every month at 1 p.m. to watch a movie with friends. You will be served complimentary refreshments. Cost for the movie is \$1. Please call to register.

Detroit Symphony Orchestra

Northville Senior Center has reserved tickets to various concerts throughout the season. Departure time is 9 a.m. from MAGS. Please call to register.

"Coffee Concerts" are \$27 per ticket. Available classical Coffee Concerts include: Mozart and Bruckner, Feb. 4; The Rose Cavalier, Feb. 11; Great Schubert, March 3; Tchaikovsky's Violin Concerto, March 17; Strauss' Tone Poems, April 7; All Mozart, April 28; and Pines of Rome on June 9.

"Pop Concerts" are \$33 per ticket. Available Pop Concerts include: Sandy Duncan, Feb. 24; On the Air - Music of the Fabulous 1940s, April 13; and Pops Goes Hollywood, June 1.

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY AND FEBRUARY

Casino Windsor

Rybicki Tours is offering a trip to Casino Windsor on Jan. 11. The motorcoach departs at 8:30 a.m. and returns at 4:15 p.m. The cost of the trip is \$22 for residents and \$23 for non-residents, which includes \$10 in prepaid Canadian tokens. Stop by the Senior Center to make reservations.

International Ice Sculpture Spectacular

Weather permitting, the senior bus will head out to Plymouth for the annual International Ice Sculpture Spectacular on Jan. 14. The bus will leave from the MAGS parking lot at 4 p.m. Gifted carvers will amaze you with their talented display of frozen art. Dinner is on your own at a local Plymouth restaurant. Cost is \$4, payable to the bus driver. Call soon for reservations.

Crosswell Opera House

Brown Tours is offering a trip to the Crosswell Opera House in Adrian on Jan. 16. The event will include a complete brunch and a ticket to the theater classic, "To Kill a Mockingbird." The motorcoach will depart at 11 a.m. and return at 6:45 p.m. The cost of the trip is \$51 for residents and \$53 for non-residents. Stop by the Senior Center to make reservations.

DIA Botanical Imagery Slide Presentation

Join us on Jan. 18 at the Senior Center for a presentation by the Detroit Institute of Arts. The speaker will present a half hour to one hour slide presentation of "Botanical Imagery" starting at 11 a.m. Coffee and cookies will be served. Cost is \$2. Call ahead to reserve a seat.

Floral Display at Belle Isle

Come with us on the senior bus to the winter floral display at Belle Isle. We will depart from the MAGS parking lot at 1 p.m. on Jan. 25. Cost is \$4, payable to the bus driver. The admission fee is \$2. Call to reserve your spot.

Mozart Concert by U of M Faculty

Celebrate Mozart's birthday with this free concert by members of the University of Michigan school of music faculty. The senior bus will depart from the MAGS parking lot at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 30. Dinner will follow at a popular Ann Arbor restaurant. Cost is \$4 for round trip transportation, payable to the bus driver. Please call for reservations.

Soaring Eagle Resort trip - Bobbie Vinton show

Rybicki Tours is offering a trip to Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort in Mount Pleasant to see Bobbie Vinton in concert. The event will include roundtrip motorcoach transportation, one night first-class accommodations at the resort, a casino incentive package and lunch and shopping on your own in Frankenmuth. The trip is scheduled for Feb. 16 and 17. The cost is \$159 per person, double occupancy. Stop by the Senior Center for registration.

SENIOR FITNESS

Senior Water Aerobics

This is a seven-week session with a cost of \$55. Classes will meet on Mondays and Wednesdays. There are two sessions: Session 1 runs Jan. 10 through Feb. 30; Session 2 runs March 1 through April 12. Both sessions begin at 1 p.m. at the pool at our Lady of Providence on Beck Road. Stop by the Senior Center and register.

Senior Stretch and Tone

Certified trainer Angela Kiefer will teach this well balanced workout at the Senior Center on Thursdays, 11 a.m. to noon. You will need comfortable clothes, athletic shoes, water and a towel, blanket or mat on which to sit. Classes will be held for six weeks, from Jan. 20 through Feb. 24. The cost is \$25 for residents and \$28 for non-residents. Register at the Senior Center.

Senior Walking Club

Join the Northville seniors at Laurel Park Place Mall every Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning for a little exercise while you socialize. Beginning Jan. 10, we will be walking at the mall. Transportation is available from your home starting at 7 a.m. The cost is \$2, payable to the bus driver. Call the Senior Center to register today.

Senior Fitness Program at Water Wheel Health Club

Northville Senior Center in combination with Water Wheel Health Club are offering a senior fitness program. The program includes: setting up the starting date after Jan. 2, two sessions per week, Wednesday and Friday, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.; fitness evaluation, overall program design and instruction; exercise journal; and cardiovascular, stretching and strength training. The cost for the two-week program is \$69 and the six-week program is \$99. Call the Water Wheel Health Club at (248) 449-7634 to schedule your first session.

Yoga

This program offers calming exercise using meditation to develop concentration, awareness and balance of the mind and to increase the flexibility, strength and balance of the body. The six-week session begins Jan. 21 and will be held every Friday, 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the lower level of the Senior Center. Cost is \$25 to residents and \$28 to non-residents. Stop by the Center to register.

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Movies



The Columbia Pictures presentation, "Girl, Interrupted" features top de force performances by today's most critically acclaimed young actors, including Winona Ryder (top) and Angelina Jolie.

Glasgow's finest stylist coming to compete

Scottish hairdresser Crawford Mackenzie (Craig Ferguson), Glasgow's finest, has come to compete in the "Freestyle Hair-dressing Championship" (Freestyle Hair-dressing Federation) merely as a guest to observe the competition. W.H.I.F., trying to make up for the misunderstanding, offers Crawford a front-row seat, but the hairdresser will not be assigned, in finest Scottish tradition, if it's either place in the competition or go down cutting, mousing and blowing dry. Described as "Rocky ... in curlers," "The Big Tease" also stars Frances Fisher and Mary McCormack, with David Rasch and Chris Langanham.

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'Girl, Interrupted' chronicles stint in psychiatric institution

It's 1967, and 17-year-old Susanna Kaysen (Winona Ryder) is like a lot of American teenagers her age — confused, insecure, and lost within a rapidly changing world. After a half-hearted suicide attempt, she is sent to a psychiatrist who quickly diagnoses her with Borderline Personality Disorder, "manifested by uncertainty about self-image, long-term goals, types of friends or lovers to have, and which values to adopt" — and whisks her away to Claymore Hospital. Here, Susanna meets an eclectic group of troubled young women who not only become her closest friends, but light Susanna's way back to someone she had lost — herself. Unintently, Susanna must choose between the world of those who belong on the inside of the institution and the often difficult world of reality on the outside. Guided by no-nonsense ward nurse Valerie (Whoopi Goldberg) and the hospital's head psychiatrist, Dr. Wick (Vanessa Redgrave), Susanna, like Dorothy from Oz, resolves to leave the "parallel universe" behind, reclaim her independence and continue life on her own—and on her own terms.

Based on the searing best-selling memoir by writer Susanna Kaysen, "Girl, Interrupted" stars two-time Academy Award nominee and Golden Globe winner Ryder ("Little Women," "The Age of Innocence"), two-time Golden Globe winner Jolie (Gia, Wallace & Gromit), two-time Golden Globe (Ghost) and Redgrave (Julia). In addition, the film co-stars an array of Hollywood's most promising young actors, including Clea Duval, Brittany Murphy, Elisabeth Moss, Jared Leto, Angela Bettis, Jillian Armenante, Prue McDaniel and Travis Fine, and features the venerable talents of multiple Emmy Award nominee Jeffrey Tambor, Joanna Kerns, Emmy Award winner Mary Kay Place and Kurwood Smith. The screenplay is adapted from Susanna Kaysen's memoir. "The only thing that ever made me less loony was writing," says Cambridge, Mass.-based writer Susanna Kaysen, author of two books, "Asa, As I Knew Him" and "Far Afield," and her memoir, "Girl, Interrupted." It was in the late '80s — some 20 years after her time in "The Bird" — when Kaysen began revisiting the most formative time in her young life. The memories of her almost two-year stay at McLean Psychiatric Hospital, a private and exclusive institution near Cambridge, resurfaced while writing her second book. She began composing vignettes of her time at the hospital, writing short scenes about a time in her life she had not discussed for two decades. In 1993, 25 years after Kaysen's release from the hospital, "Girl, Interrupted" was published and became an instant best-seller. It spent time on nearly every best-seller list, including 11 weeks on the venerable New York Times list. It was an eloquent, startling and surprisingly humorous book which deeply impacted readers. The movie is rated "R."

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DON'T WAIT
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Back on track

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

After a less than stellar start to the first basketball season of the new century, the Novi cagers have seemed to be back on track.

The Wildcats proved that with their third-consecutive win last Friday night, knocking off league foe Hartland 55-53 and evening up their conference record at 1-1.

Sophomore guard Brandon Davis hit the game winner as time expired, using the glass from five feet out to break the tie and send Hartland to its second-straight league loss. After Hartland's Jeff Harris drilled a three pointer with seven seconds left in the game to tie the score at 53, Novi inbounded the ball to their point guard, who weaved around a handful of Eagle defenders towards the hoop. He released his shot with a second remaining and watched it go in.

"Even though he's not 100 percent, he helps us out a lot," Novi coach Pat Schluter said of Davis. "He's got the ability we need, especially against the press."

Davis missed the first six games of the year with a badly sprained ankle which he suffered in a preseason practice. The Hartland game was just his second back in uniform.

The game was close throughout, with Novi holding a slim one-point advantage at halftime. "We played much better in the second half," the coach said. "I think we struggled in the first half, against their zone (defense). But in the second half we were able to penetrate their zone and get some good shots off."

Novi was also able to get the ball down inside to center Dan Nawrot, who led the team with 10 of his 12 points in the second half. Davis finished the game with 10.

"The thing about (Nawrot) is that he's playing his butt off. He's working really hard," Schluter said. "With him shooting the ball really well, he's been a real asset to this team."

Novi received good, balanced scoring, with Chad Nadolni and Dan Kittle pitching in 11 points apiece.

"Much like we've done the past three games, we dictated the tempo of the game on defense. We didn't let them control it," Schluter said. "In these last three games we've been the ones trying to get after them."

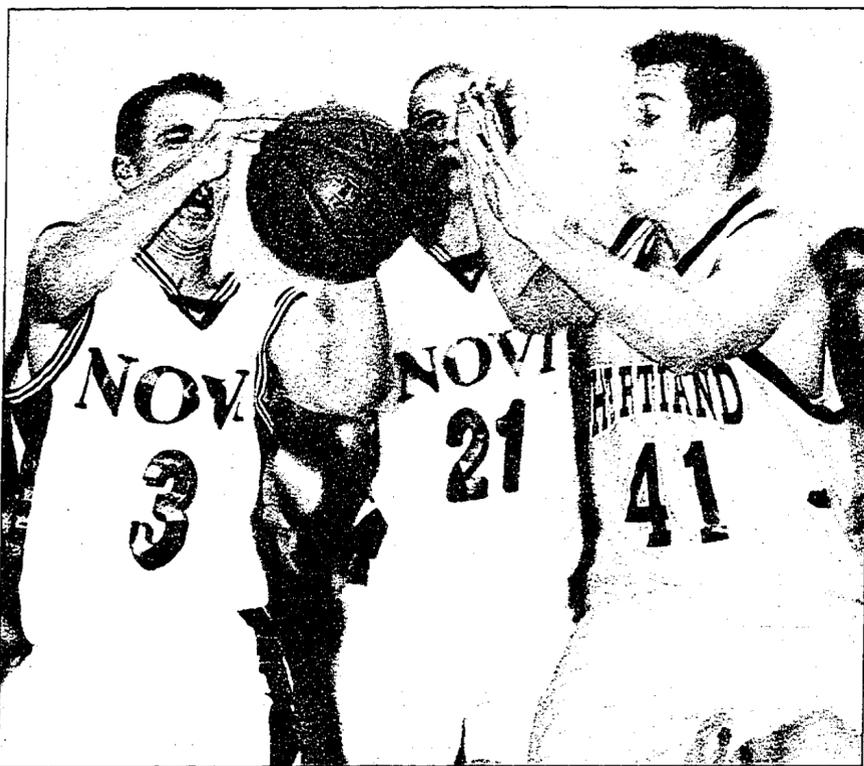


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Brandon Davis (3) grabs a loose ball in the Wildcats 55-53 win over Hartland last Friday night at home.

NOVI 54, WL CENTRAL 40

A week ago Tuesday Novi came off the break looking solid, winning this non-conference game over the Vikings. Nawrot scored 10 of his game-high 21 points in the first quarter, which saw Novi build a 17-12 lead. They extended that lead to 31-19 at the half.

"We went after them from the start of the game," Novi's coach said. "This was a total team effort."

One of Schluter's main concerns was Central's Steve Horn, who was averaging over 20 points per game coming in. Novi held him to just 17 points.

Kittle scored 10 points for Novi.

The Wildcats hosted Milford Tuesday (after The Novi News' deadline) and are now off until they travel to Howell next Friday (Jan. 21).

MHSAA modifies Divisions

Reclassification matters affecting soccer, cross country and track and field tournaments were among the major actions taken by the Representative Council of the Michigan High School Athletic Association at its Fall meeting, Dec. 1, in Grand Rapids.

In soccer, the Council voted to implement a 20 percent modification for the classification of teams in those tournaments effective in 2000-01, in an effort to reduce the enrollment range in the smallest classification. Using the equal divisions concept this year, schools of 489 students and under fall into Division 4 in boys soccer; and in girls soccer, it is 643 students and below. If the 20 percent modification had been in place, Division 4 for boys would have been 432 students and below; for girls 578 and below. When this change takes effect in the 2000-01 school year, there will be approximately 101 schools in the Division 1-3 tournaments for boys, and 76 in the Division 4 tournament.

For the girls soccer tournament, there will be approximately 84 schools in Divisions 1-3, and 63 in Division 4.

Since the expansion of the concept of equal divisions in some MHSAA tournaments, there has been a concern raised by some Class D schools regarding the enrollment range between the largest and smallest school in the smallest division for some sports. Last May, the Council went on record in favor of reducing the enrollment range for the smallest schools' division in at least some sports, and directed the MHSAA staff to prepare classification modifications for at least some sports broken into equal divisions.

"We found that there is a need to monitor the enrollment range as it relates to Class D schools. Factors such as the type of sport - non-contact, contact, collision - needed to be factored into the equation, as well as the players required for each sport," John E. "Jack" Roberts, the MHSAA Executive Director, said. "During our research into this matter, we found that the number of students participating in soccer from Class C to Class D schools differed significantly, especially when you consider the number of athletes necessary to field a team, and the collision nature of the sport. We looked at several methods of reducing the enrollment range and found that the 20 percent modification was the best fit."

The Council also added Lower Peninsula track and field and cross country to the growing list of MHSAA tournaments which utilize equal divisions. For 2000-01, equal divisions will be utilized, with approximately 152 schools in each division for track and field; approximately 139 schools in each division for cross country.

"The proposal to reclassify track and field, as well as cross country, had strong support of the committees for those sports, as well as that of the classification committee and surveys of the membership," Roberts said.

The Council had voted last May that if the equal divisions concept was adopted for track and field, the change would occur without delay. Lower Peninsula schools are being notified this week regarding the divisions for the MHSAA Track & Field Tournament this Spring.

The Representative Council is the 19-member legislative body of the MHSAA. All but five members are elected by member schools. Four members are appointed by the Council to facilitate representation of females and minorities; and the 19th position is occupied by the Superintendent of Public Instruction or designee.

The 19-member legislative body of the Association's 1,300-plus member schools meets three times annually to discuss and act upon sport committee proposals, eligibility rules and procedural issues.

This article was submitted by the Michigan High School Athletic Association.

Special teams light up scoreboard for skaters

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

It not only takes offense and defense to win a hockey game, it also takes a part of the game called special teams.

And Novi's special teams were on in a 5-4 win over Livonia Franklin last Friday night at the Novi Ice Arena. The Wildcats scored three times on the power play and added another shorthanded goal in the game.

The only full-strength goal Novi scored was the game winner by Ryan Layton with 6:46 left in the game. Travis Malott and Angelo Barduca picked up the assists.

"I've always said that special teams play can make or break a game and in this case it did," Novi coach Dan Phelps said.

The win was Novi's sixth straight since a 2-2 tie with Milford back on Dec. 8. The Wildcats (9-1-5) haven't lost since it fell to Berkley in the season opener. They put that streak on the line last night against

Hockey

Kensington Valley Conference leader Brighton (after The Novi News' deadline).

Against the Patriots, Novi held leads of 1-0, 2-1 and 4-2, only to see Franklin fight back. Phelps' team was pressured by his mentor's squad the whole night long.

"It's always nice to beat your mentor," Phelps said of his former high school coach and co-coach when he was at Franklin. "I have the highest respect for him and his program."

Malott got the 'Cats on the board with 5:57 left in the first period, which ended in a 1-1 tie. Brian Jaussi, Jared Perras and Robbie Harrell each scored a goal in the second in helping their team build that 4-2 lead.

Jeremy Goodman picked up the win in

goal for Novi, which is set to get starter Beau Brandau back in the lineup as early as this weekend.

Brandau has been out for three weeks with mononucleosis. Goodman and Brian Markowicz have been undefeated in his absence. A goalie controversy, only if you look at it that way, according to the coach. "It's our decision to play who's going to be best for each game," Phelps said.

NOVI 8, LAKELAND 2

A win is a win, but a league win means so much more to Novi right now.

With Novi trailing both Brighton and Milford in league play (excluding last night's game against Brighton), the Wildcats were looking for more than a tie against the Eagles.

And with six different players netting goals, Novi walked all over Lakeland last Wednesday night at the Novi Ice Arena. Malott and Brad Zarem each netted two

goals and Barduca, Fred Napier, Layton and Harrell each added one in the win.

Novi and Lakeland were tied throughout the first period, before Zarem's first goal of the game with 18 seconds remaining gave Novi a 2-1 lead. Zarem then scored the game winner just 1:29 into the second to give his team a 3-1 advantage.

Lakeland cut the lead to one again, but Novi then scored the last five goals of the game to complete the victory.

"If you lay down on a team like Lakeland, they'll jump all over you," Phelps said. "The parity in the KVC is so good this year. This Lakeland team has surprised a few people so far."

Phelps said he was particularly pleased with his team's puck movement and its defense.

After last night's game against Brighton, the 'Cats will travel to Canton tomorrow night. Their next KVC game will be next Wednesday at South Lyon.

Novi wins Chelsea Invite championship

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

Sometimes a loss is hard to swallow, especially if it comes just two days after spanking that same opponent en route to a tournament championship.

Novi knows all to well how that feels, having topped South Lyon in the title match at the Chelsea Invitational last Saturday. The Wildcats then traveled to South Lyon Monday night, only to lose their second-straight Kensington Valley Conference match. At 0-2, it's a long road back towards a conference title.

"Just two days before, we played together as a team," Novi coach Julie Fisette said. "But Monday we had a breakdown in both form and concentration."

Novi won the first game 15-13, but lost two straight to the Lions, 5-15 and 10-15.

"We struggled in the first game, but somehow managed to stay in control and hold on," the coach said.

But the team fell apart in the second game. The defense was holding, but the offense was struggling. "We were at 2-11, then 2-11 and then 3-11. But we just couldn't score on offense. We lost our concentration and really stopped having fun," Fisette said.

Despite building a 9-3 lead in the deciding game, Novi was having trouble passing the ball and its hitters were timid from their previous misfortunes. South Lyon came back to steal the match, and all but eliminate Novi from any real contention for an outright KVC title.

NOVI WINS AT CHELSEA

Playing a completely different style of volleyball, the Wildcats failed to lose a game in tournament play on their way to the championship at the Chelsea Invite.

Volleyball

Novi didn't mess around in the title match, knocking off South Lyon 15-9, 15-7 and gaining their first tournament championship of the season.

"This is the team that can do it," a confident Fisette said of her Novi club. "They play well together and communicate very well. It's just frustrating to see what happened Monday night."

Novi beat a tough Jackson Lumen Christi in the semifinals 16-14, 15-7 after narrowly escaping against Howell in the quarterfinals 15-13, 15-13. Down 9-0 and 13-2 in the second game of the Howell matchup, Novi rattled off 13-straight points to pull out that win.

So going into the Lumen Christi match, Novi was tired.

"I know going into that first game that we were tired," Fisette said. "But after that first game, they began to believe they could win the whole thing."

Lumen Christi had come out of their pool in first place out of four teams. Novi was second in their pool, while the host school came out first.

BRIGHTON TOPS NOVI

Unlike in years past, Fisette believes this Novi team can beat the Bulldogs this year. Just not in this match.

Brighton won the first game 15-10, but Novi gave them a challenge in the second before succumbing to the Bulldogs. Novi held a 14-13 lead and were serving for the game, but couldn't get the ball over the net. Brighton came back to score three-straight points for the game.

"I really feel we can beat Brighton when they come to our place," the coach said. "If we don't get them at home, someone will."

The 'Cats now play at Hartland today before hosting Milford at home on Monday. That match is set to begin at 6 p.m.

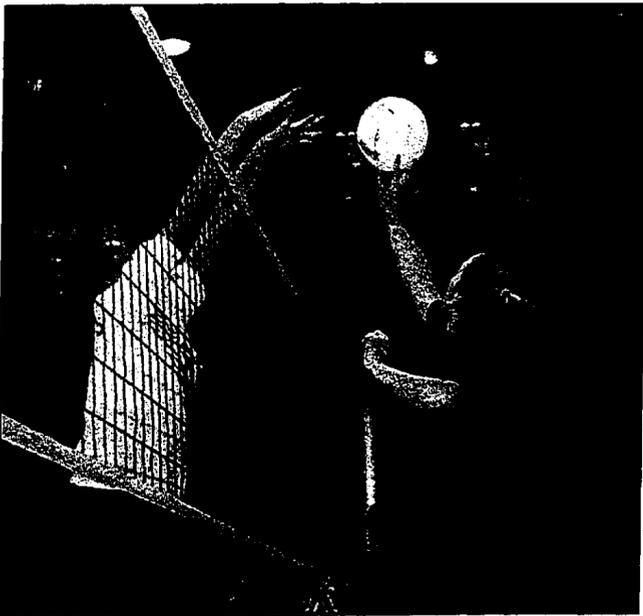


Photo by CHARLEY HARP

Novi's Kristen McGilnen goes up for a block against Brighton last week.

Scoreboard

BASKETBALL		WRESTLING	
KVC STANDINGS			
Walled Lake	27-0	Downing (South Lyon)	5-1
Northville	22-4	Chrysler (Brighton)	4-1
South Lyon	21-5	Gowick (Brighton)	3-1
Eastland	21-5	Downing (South Lyon)	2-2
Pinckney	21-4	Hudson (Novi)	2-2
Warren	18-5	Finn (South Lyon)	2-2
Warren	18-5	Hudson (Lakeland)	1-5
Warren	18-5		
Warren	18-5		
League scores			
Warren (151 Brighton)	15-3		
Warren (151 Brighton)	15-3		
Warren (151 Brighton)	15-3		
SCORING			
Warren (151 Brighton)	17-7		
Warren (151 Brighton)	16-6		
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Warren (151 Brighton)	15-3		
Warren (151 Brighton)	14-2		
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REBOUNDS			
Warren (151 Brighton)	10-4		
Warren (151 Brighton)	9-7		
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Warren (151 Brighton)	2-4		
Warren (151 Brighton)	8-8		
GOALS/ASSISTS/POINTS			
Warren (151 Brighton)	14-18-32		
Warren (151 Brighton)	15-15-30		
Warren (151 Brighton)	13-14-27		
Warren (151 Brighton)	10-11-21		
Warren (151 Brighton)	9-12-21		
Warren (151 Brighton)	12-7-19		
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Warren (151 Brighton)	4-4-8		
Warren (151 Brighton)	3-3-6		
Warren (151 Brighton)	2-2-6		
GOALS AGAINST AVG. (3 game min)			
Warren (151 Brighton)	1.58		
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Warren (151 Brighton)	1.90		
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Warren (151 Brighton)	2.76		
Warren (151 Brighton)	2.85		
Warren (151 Brighton)	3.50		
KVC GAMES			
Warren (151 Brighton)	10-9-18		
Warren (151 Brighton)	4-12-16		
Warren (151 Brighton)	9-6-15		
Warren (151 Brighton)	5-7-12		
Warren (151 Brighton)	8-6-11		
Warren (151 Brighton)	4-6-10		
Warren (151 Brighton)	1-8-9		
Warren (151 Brighton)	2-7-9		
Warren (151 Brighton)	5-8-8		
Warren (151 Brighton)	2-5-7		
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Warren (151 Brighton)	3-3-6		
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Warren (151 Brighton)	3-2-5		
GOALS AGAINST AVG.			
Warren (151 Brighton)	1.50		
Warren (151 Brighton)	2.00		
Warren (151 Brighton)	2.12		
Warren (151 Brighton)	2.50		
Warren (151 Brighton)	3.00		

Gymnasts easily top John Glenn

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

If results from Northville/Novi's first meet of the season are any indication, the team has a good future ahead of it.

The Mustangs beat Westland John Glenn 135-53-125 15 last Wednesday night in the season opener for both teams. What makes the win all the sweeter is that a few of their best gymnasts were held to limited participation because of various injuries.

That allowed a few girls to step up and help the team out. Allison Gillette won the bars competition with a score of 8.5. She also finished third in both the beam (8.53) and in the all-around (83.6). Add to that a fourth-place finish in the floor exercise and she had herself a great all-around day.

"If there was one person who really stood out to me today, it was Allison Gillette," her coach Laura Moyers said. "She broke her foot in November and got her cast off the day of our intersquad meet in December. She is a hard worker and it's really starting to pay off for her."

Lindsay Carlson won the all-around with a high score of 84.3. She used top finishes on both the vault (8.95) and the floor (8.85). Carlson also finished tied for second on the beam with a score of 8.75.

Megan Samhat, who competed in just the beam event due to a sore neck she suffered in practice earlier last week, made the most of her event. She scored a meet-high 9.4 in the event to gain an easy win.

Teammate Andrea Ledbetter scored a 8.75 on the beam to tie her with Carlson and she also took third in the vault with an 8.3.

Monica Fink also contributed to the cause, taking second on the vault (8.79) and third on the bars (8.3).

Take into account that senior Jennifer Rohlis is still not able to compete because of a knee injury and Northville/Novi's chances of major improvement is very promising.

"We definitely still had some mistakes, but we were without a few of our top girls," Moyers said. "When we get Megan and Katie back we'll really be able to bring our team score up."

"It's kind of exciting to think what we can do with all of our girls in the lineup."

The Mustangs continued their season last night at home against Farmington (after The Northville Record's deadline) and will compete against some top-notch competition this Saturday at the Hartland Invitational.

Novi trio upsets Japanese all-stars

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

For those who were able to make it out to the exhibition wrestling match between the Japanese National High School wrestling team and a hodge-podge of local wrestling talent, they were witnesses to a rare treat of which the likes may never be seen again.

Novi wrestling coach Tom Fritz did his best to line up some of southeastern Michigan's finest wrestlers to square off with the Japanese champions. Among those wrestlers were Williamston's Nick and Andy Simmons, two of the best wrestlers in the nation at their weight classes.

Despite all of the brother's accolades, they both lost, in a span of 15 minutes. Understanding that Nick is a two-time defending state and national champion and Andy is a defending state champion, it's quite possible wrestling fans may never see these two wrestlers lose on the same day again. It's kind of like Halley's Comet. It comes around every 76 years or so.

The Japanese team is part of an ongoing program which allows their national team to make a trip to the states every three years to take in our culture and wrestle some of Michigan's best wrestlers. In other years, an American team visits Japan in the same way.

Fritz's long-time friend and Berkley businessman Masaki Hattai helped arrange the visit, which included a three-day stay here in Novi after which the team moved on to Fowlerville and Muskegon for three-day stays.

"Hattai came to me and asked me if we could host their team," Fritz said. "Usually Berkley hosts them, but there were some problems this year. I love doing it because it's good for the kids."

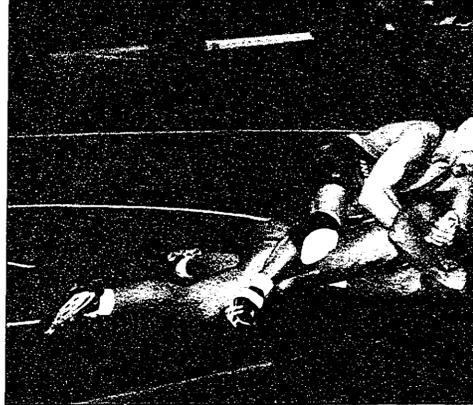
As part of the stay, the 12 members of the Japanese team attended classes with designated Novi students and wrestled the all-star team Fritz put together on Jan. 5.

Japan won the 12-match meet 9-3, with the all-star's three wins courtesy of Novi High School wrestlers. Dan Jigg beat Yohei Suzuki, Ryan Churella dominated Kazuyuki Koizumi and Nick Sloan looked very impressive in a win over Chad Neumann participated, as did for their weight divisions and all were 18 years old.

Other wrestlers on the all-star team included Novi's J.R. Muldoon and Brent Frey, along with South Lyon's Mike Chandler and Tim Zematis. Northville's Elven of the 12 Japanese wrestlers were national high school champions in Jschmitt@ht.homecomm.net



Members of the local all-star team and the Japanese High School National Champion team pose for a picture.



Swimmers edge Walled Lake

It's not all that often that a swim meet comes down to the wire with both teams hopes riding on the meet's final event.

But when Novi met Walled Lake's combined team last week, that's exactly what happened.

The Wildcats' 400 freestyle relay team of Phil Suchyta, Mike Reynolds, Adam Bayer and Jordan Moblo swam a 3:43.91 to easily outdistance their Walled Lake opponents. The win and third-place finish by Matt Ochab, Michael Lee, Ian Robertson and Matt Fearach helped Novi to a 10-4 score in the event and a 95-91 win overall.

Heading into that last event, Novi trailed Walled Lake 87-85.

The two teams were about as equal as could be. Each won six of the 12 events and the match was tied after nine events.

With his team trailing early, Suchyta won the 200 free and Moblo followed that up with a win in the 200 IM. Those wins helped the team to a 28-16 lead after three events.

Walled Lake won the next three events to take a 48-46 lead.

Novi fought back with wins in both the 100 freestyle (Bayer) and 500 free (Suchyta) to regain their lead 86-80. But Walled Lake came back to win the 200 free relay and tie the meet at 70-70.

Moblo then won the 100 back and Walled Lake took the breast to set up the final event.

Club gymnastics team set to start

The Sports Club of Novi gymnastics team will begin its season this weekend as it travels to Lansing to compete in sectional competition.

It's one of three meets Novi coach Shane Usen will be taking his team to this spring season in which the gymnasts will have a chance to qualify for their state meets later on in April and May. The club team will also compete in a handful of other meets throughout the spring.

Many of the girls on this year's team are between seven and 14 years of age, and vary from level five through nine. In all there are 28 girls on this year's team. They are: Jacqueline Antonishek, Megan Campbell, Jasmine Carland, Cheryl Conlin, Staci Conlin, Rachel Deneau, Amanda Green, Erin Hietala, Sarah Ilkhanipour, Paige Janer, Janie Kovacs, Gina Maceri, Ann McQueen, Katie Morgan, Emma Platt, Janna Ramsey, Nicole Roach, Erica Schick, Chelsea Selden, Macey Short, Amanda Smith, Caitlin Stark, Jacquelyn Williams, Lindsay Williams, Lindsay Yusko and Andrea Ledbetter.

NOVI JV RESULTS

Novi JV basketball
Overall record 7-1
3-0 in the KVC
Tuesday, Jan. 4
Novi JV 48, Walled Lake Central 28
Novi JV held the Vikings to 0 points in the third quarter
Case Chandler led the Wildcats in scoring with 13 points
Brian Swift and Jamie Schram scored 11, while Matt Emmenecker added nine

Friday, Jan. 7
Novi JV 55, Hartland 48
Kirk Stafford came off the bench to score two key three point baskets
Shawn Dickens led the Wildcats with 21 points. Emmenecker added 10 and Trey Simpson nine. Swift had seven rebounds and Simpson had six.

Novi freshmen basketball
Overall Record 1-5
Thursday, Jan. 6
Novi JV 48, Walled Lake Central 28
Brighton 15, Novi 7; Brighton 15, Novi 4; Brighton 15, Novi 6.

Novi JV wrestling
The JV wrestlers won the Lake Orion tournament last weekend. First place winners for the team included J.R. Muldoon (112 pounds), Brian Gold (119), Dan Cash (130), Chris Stallard (140) and Andy Becker (145). Other placers included Chad Nobach (2nd at 109), Alex Burch (3rd at 152), Craig Bearn (3rd at 103), Shawn Krausnick (3rd at 160), Matt Kolich (3rd at 189), Tim Rice (4th at 145) and Andrew Jezor (4th at 160).

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Dan Kittle - Senior

Although known more for his leadership and defense on the court, Dan Kittle scored in double digits in a pair of Novi wins this past week on the hardwood.

The senior scored a season-high 11 points against Hartland and 10 in a win over Walled Lake Central.

Phil Suchyta - Senior

All Suchyta did was win three events in Novi's close 95-91 win over the Walled Lake combined team last week.

The senior led off the 400 freestyle relay team, which won their event and propelled Novi past the Vikings. He also won both the 200 and 500 freestyles.

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Health Column

Don't give up...stick with it

Congratulations, Jason, for sticking with your program so far, and for the results you have achieved. If you stop and think about it, there is a direct correlation between sticking with a fitness program and seeing the results. I believe the main reason there is such a high drop-out rate with fitness programs is the fact that the client does not see any real progress early enough and thus the motivation fades. This is most common due to the fact the client is not getting real, truthful, professional guidance. I suggest to a lot of our clients that they do not have to like the exercise, but if you stay with it under the proper guidance, the physical and mental changes you will see will be all you need to carry you through. Your clothes fitting so much better, the increase in energy, a more toned solid body, the increase in mental sharpness, etc., etc.

This is one of the key points that we wanted to prove with Jason's Journey. By now, you probably know the story of Jason's Journey

and how we have taken an average guy (when it comes to exercise), with a typical busy schedule who has been a part of a club before but not really stuck with a program, and have put him through our 12-week system to help instill permanent lifestyle changes to improve his weight and fitness. I doubt Jason would be so fired up if by now he noticed no real results, and for many that is the case.

We also hope by now you have picked up on other interesting tidbits as you follow the program from both our (the health professional's) perspective and Jason's, the client.

Tidbits like...

- You don't have to be perfect to create positive changes. So many clients are waiting for that perfect someday in life when they can commit to better fitness. There is no such time, something will always come up to try and detour you. You have to just go for it and make it work for you because that some day may be too late.

- It is not easy. We don't apologize for this. Our constant search for the quick, easy miracle cures to lose weight and get fit have really confused us. Think about it: would Michigan be the fourth heaviest state, and would well over half of us be overweight if this were the answer? The real answer is what we have been projecting all through our journey - a combination of cardiovascular activity, resistance training, proper food intake, proper nutrients, and professional guidance to make this work for you.

We resume Jason's journey in session 10. The notes in each session are recaps by Jason's coach and trainer, Lesley Pagnucco.

• **Session 10**

Today we check Jason's progress. We accomplish this by taking key statistics, body composition, weight, and circumference measurements. We compare this data to our starting data as well as week five's data. I, the trainer, use this as a tool (along with other tools) to make appropriate adjustments to Jason's individual components of fitness.

We also have our client rate his understanding of each component in two ways. First, we rate his compliance and how it is fitting into his lifestyle and second, his understanding of each. Jason rates each a four or five, which is a great sign. Again, we know our clients comply in the gym with their trainer, but we are concerned about the other 165 hours per week. Jason's hard work is paying off. His body fat is down almost 6 pounds, his lean muscle is up a pound, and he lost a total of three inches, two from his waist. Fantastic, right on goal, Jason!

• **Session 11**

Since Jason's intensity is increasing, we add some additional supplements today to assure he has all the nutrients he needs for recovery and health. The supplements assure the proper nutrients without additional calories. We also discuss record keeping and portion sizes and the importance of each relating to Jason's goal. With the holidays behind us, the road should be a little easier.

• **Session 12**

Worked out harder than ever today. Jason seems to be getting stronger each workout. We continue education in areas Jason needs without overwhelming or confusing him. This is vital since we want Jason to have all the tools he needs after the 12 weeks to move or keep his body wherever he wants for life.

Great job, Jason! Stay tuned.

This column was written by Chris Klebba, owner and operator of the Water Wheel Health Club and a certified personal fitness instructor. For more information, call (248) 449-7634.

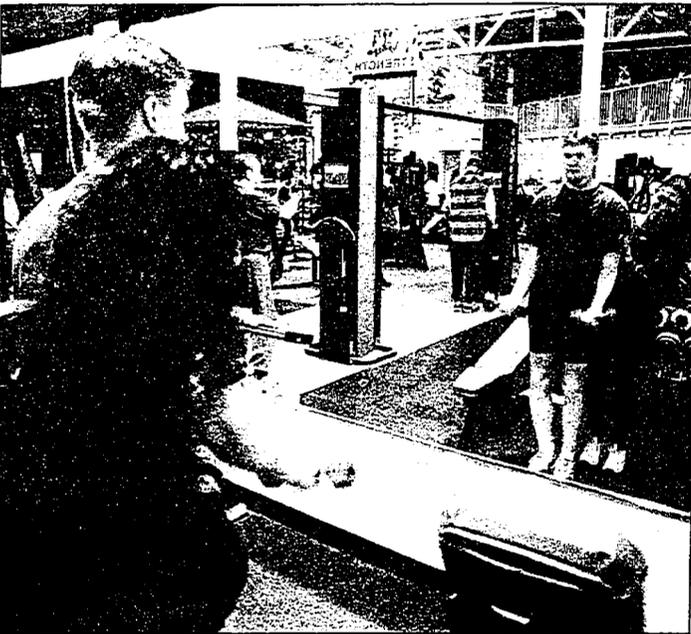


Photo by JOHN HEIDER

One of the keys to weight training is "proper technique," as shown above.

Health Notes

RUNNING FIT OFFERS CLASSES

Starting in January of 2000, Running 101, a series of classes for non or beginning runners interested in learning the "how to's" and the "how far's" as well as the skill of having fun while running will be offered at the Running Fit store in Novi and Ann Arbor. For more information, please call (248) 347-4949.

BREASTFEEDING BASICS

This workshop covers the "how to's" of breastfeeding and answers questions and concerns of women who are already breastfeeding. The fee is \$20, and the classes are held at Botsford's Health Development Network in Novi.

For information and registration, call (248) 477-6100.

CIRCUIT TRAINING

This is a multi-stationed exercise and education program designed for the individual with limited experience using fitness equipment. Participants will be instructed on the proper use of weight and cardiovascular machines. The class meets Mondays and Wednesdays from 7 to 8 p.m.

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To register, call 1-800-968-5595.

PANIC ATTACK AND AGORAPHOBIA SUPPORT GROUP

They have monthly meetings starting in September at both Northville and Livonia locations. It's a comfortable group support setting for individuals experiencing panic attacks. The cost is \$5. For more information call Susan Franceschi at (734) 420-8100.

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

"Focus On Living," a self-help group for cancer patients and their families, meets the first Wednesday of each month at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia.

Co-sponsored by the American Cancer Society, "Focus on Living" provides an opportunity to discuss concerns, obtain answers and gain support from others who share the same experiences.

Registration is not necessary, and there is no charge to attend.

For more information, call (313) 655-2922, or toll free 1-800-494-1650.

DIABETES EDUCATION

This comprehensive program includes self-monitoring of blood glucose, diet and meal planning, disease management with exercise, potential complications of the disease, and presentations by a pharmacist and a podiatrist.

This is a continuously revolving six-week program held on Monday evenings from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at Providence Medical Office Center, Ten Mile and Haggerty roads. There is a \$20 fee.

Call (248) 424-3903 to register.

SURGICAL PREPARATION

Through the Sally the Surgery Star program, children scheduled for

surgery are taken on a tour and familiarized with the surgical experience. A variety of educational materials and supportive teaching tools are used to help children deal positively with the idea of a hospital stay.

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STEPPING STONES

It's a divorce-recovery workshop for children and parents. It starts Nov. 4 and is offered by pre-registration only. It runs every Thursday for six weeks at Ward Presbyterian Church in Northville.

The cost is \$10 and scholarships are available. For more information please call (248) 374-5920.

HOT FLASH STUDY

Women who suffer from multiple daily hot flashes associated with menopause are being sought to participate in a nationwide study to assess the safety and effectiveness of an investigational hormone replacement skin patch to treat hot flashes. Women may be eligible if they are between the ages of 45 and 65, have not had a menstrual period in six months, or a hysterectomy. For more information, call 493-6580.

PROSTATE CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

Offering knowledgeable speakers each month, this support group provides encouragement and education about prostate cancer, its treatment and the physical and emotional issues associated with it. It meets the third Monday of every month at 7 p.m. and it's free.

Sessions take place in Botsford's 2 East A Conference Room, 28050 Grand River Ave., in Farmington Hills. For more information, call (248) 477-6100.

CAREGIVERS PROGRAM

"Caring for Dementia Patients," a free program for individuals caring for adults with Alzheimer's disease or closed-head injuries, co-sponsored by Botsford's Geropsychiatry Services and the Detroit Area Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association. Topics covered include overview of dementia, managing difficult behaviors and coping skills for caregivers.

Held on Monday evenings, 6-7:30 p.m. Free. Botsford General Hospital's Conference Room 2-East B, 28050 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills. For information and registration, call (248) 471-8723.

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.

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HOW TO

How to get a clean slate

By Gene Gary
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

Q. The hearth of our fireplace is black slate, which is dingy and dull. I have tried several household cleaners without success. What do you recommend to clean this surface and make it attractive?

A. To clean your slate, you will probably have to experiment a bit. Experimentation is best done in an inconspicuous area if possible.

Slate is often sealed with floor wax or a penetrating sealer. If your slate was sealed with floor wax, your best bet is a commercial floor-wax remover. Removal of a penetrating sealer can be more complicated. First, try washing the surface with trisodium phosphate available from your local paint dealer. Scrub with a stiff bristle brush. Ammonia in water can be used when needed, but strong acids and strong alkalis may attack the grout and should be avoided.

If the floor is clean in general but stains remain, apply a poultice to the stained areas while the floor is still damp. A poultice 1/2 inch thick is made as follows: Using an abrasive cleansing powder, preferably one containing a bleach, make a thick paste with hot water, about one pound of powder for each 1 1/2 square feet of surface to be covered. Let the poultice remain on the surface for 48 hours or until completely dry. Then remove with a plastic spatula to avoid scratching the surface. Rinse well.

If staining remains, make a stronger poultice using white and hydrogen peroxide, and add a few drips of household ammonia. Spread over stains, and let dry.

If these methods fail, try a water-base paint stripper. Strippers can discolor the slate, so be sure to test a small area first. For safety, use plenty of cross ventilation.

After the floor has been cleaned and stains removed, apply a paste wax with carnauba or a penetrating tile and brick sealer. Both products can be found at home centers or hardware stores. Penetrating sealers can be reapplied from time to time to give the slate a new look. Just clean the slate, and put on another coat of sealer. Waxes are less convenient because the wax buildup has to be removed periodically, but you may prefer the soft sheen of wax.

Another method of treating slate to achieve a soft, warm tone is to use a solution of one-half turpentine and one-half boiled linseed oil, heated over boiling water - do not heat over a direct flame. Apply the warm solution to the slate surface, and let set for an hour. Wipe off surplus. Apply three coats of this preparation, allowing it to thoroughly dry between coats. It is not an easy process, but can be well worth the effort, providing a luster to the slate as well as protection.

Q. I have a problem with a wood-paneled wall. When I went to re-arrange some pictures and paintings, I was surprised to see that the wood where the pictures hung was much darker than the surrounding surface. Is there anything that can be done to alleviate the discoloration?

A. You have a problem only time will erase. Natural light can cause wood paneling to lighten - or darken, depending on the type of wood - over time. This process will continue gradually, and there is no way to reverse it short of stripping the wood, sanding it and applying a new finish. Sometimes a thorough cleaning with a product such as Murphy's Oil Soap will help because it removes any dirt and grime that may have build up on the exposed wood, differing from wood protected by a hanging picture.

If you remove the existing pictures, after a few months, the wood exposed to light will begin to attain the same colorization as the surrounding wood. One way to avoid this is to periodically move picture and wall hangings on new wood paneling. You won't have to continue this forever, because most of the color change due to air and light exposure will occur within the first few years after installation.

Q. We purchased a home where the bedroom is wallpapered in gigantic blue roses. This definitely does not suit my tastes or my modern furniture. Can I paint this wall without removing the wallpaper?

A. Although I prefer to remove old wallpaper before painting or adding new paper, it is possible to paint over existing wallpaper if your wallcovering meets the following criteria: (a) It is not a textured or flocked paper, and (b) The existing paper is firmly attached to the wall and has smooth seams.

If there are a few peeling edges, these can be repaired prior to painting. You can adhere any loose edges with a seam glue available from your wallpaper dealer, or you can scrape off loose areas with a razor blade and fill the slightly recessed spots with spackling compound, then sand.

If your wall covering has any sheen, first wipe it with mineral spirits to remove the filmy topcoat. A glossy vinyl should be treated with a special primer that provides a good bond for slick surfaces and has a stain killer. A dull covering that is made of paper can simply be primed and painted.

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Covington Greens offers golf course living with homes starting at \$211,900.

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*Covington
Greens*

These luxury condominiums are set in a rural atmosphere next to Faulkwood Shores Golf Club.

By Buddy Moorehouse
MANAGING EDITOR

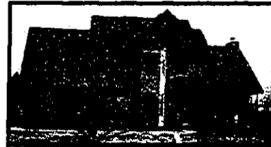
One of Livingston County's hottest new golf course communities is taking shape just north of Lake Chemung.

It's called Covington Greens, and it offers upscale condominiums in a great location.

- Here are the details for the development:
- Covington Greens is located on Hughes Road in Genoa Township, midway between Brighton and Howell.
 - The development borders the plush Faulkwood Shores Golf Club.
 - Construction is under way on Phase II of the development, with 10 lots available. Phase I has been completed.
 - Prices for the luxury condominiums start at \$211,900, with great views offered from every unit. The homes take up about 2,040 square feet.

- Standard features in the homes include whirlpool spas, two-car attached garage, brick patios and sidewalks, hardwood floors, full basement, ceramic baths with Moen fixtures, and central air conditioning.
- Also available are cathedral ceilings, gas fireplace in great room with marble hearth and an optional third bedroom.
- Rafferty and Franchi Realty is handling the marketing for the development. There's a model home on site which is open five days a week (Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday) from 1-5 p.m.
- Covington Greens is located on a paved road, with easy access to Howell, Brighton and I-96.

For information on Covington Greens, stop by the model home, or call Rafferty and Franchi Realty at (517) 546-9033.



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Computer simulation enhances city planning

By James M. Woodard
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

Visual simulation is the latest tool in the arsenal of city planners. It allows them to see the impact of their plans on the community before they are implemented. The technology is being used to simulate the impact of new developments on the environment, traffic, and the quality of life of residents.

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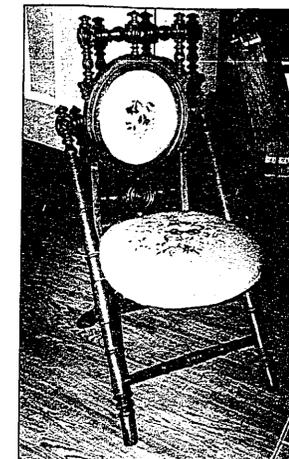
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Sitting pretty with Eastlake chair

By Anne McCollam
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

Enclosed is a picture of a folding chair that belonged to my great-grandparents. According to family tradition, they purchased it in 1848, the second year they were in the United States. The seat and back originally were covered with black horsehair. I remember as a child how much it scratched when I sat on it. My mother replaced the upholstery with needlepoint in the 1950s.

I am the fifth generation to own the chair, and it will be passed on to my daughter, and we would like to learn as much as possible about it. Was this type of construction common or is my chair unique? What is its value?

Your chair is not quite as old as your family tradition suggests. Folding chairs similar to yours were seen until around 1870. They were produced in large quantities. Many were also upholstered with carpet and called carpet chairs. Rocking, regular and platform chairs that folded were also seen in the late 1800s.

Your Victorian Eastlake chair was made around 1870 and would probably be worth about \$225 to \$325.

By the artist, "Pillsbury," and in perfect condition. Any information you can provide will be appreciated.

A Samuel Weller established his pottery in Fultonham, Ohio, in about 1872. He started out as a farmer and moonlighted as a potter. The fields surrounding his land were teeming with rich veins of clay. He began in a little log cabin with one kiln making jugs and crocks. Weller not only had a talent for production, but also was a skilled salesman. By 1882, he moved the pottery to Zanesville, Ohio, and prospered. He went on to become a "legend in his own time" in the industry.

You have an example of the Hudson line of pottery. It was produced from 1917 to 1934. Accomplished artist Hester Pillsbury was with Weller for many years. She is described as "tiny, dainty and with a zest for living" in Bob and Sharon Hudson's book, Weller Pottery. Collectors prize her exceptional work. Your vase would probably be worth about \$500 to \$1,000.

We have a service-12 set of porcelain dishes. I have enclosed the mark that is on each dish. The dishes are decorated with light-blue flowers and trimmed in gold. Any information you can provide including the value will be appreciated.



A Josiah Wedgwood began his pottery in the 18th century. His son, Josiah II, recognizing the potential for a new line, introduced bone china at the Etruria factory in 1812. Due to poor marketing and lackluster designs, production of bone china ceased in the 1820s. In about 1878, production was resumed and continues today.

This mark was used after 1962. Belle Fleur is the name of the pattern. Each place setting would probably be worth about \$75 to \$125.

I have a rocking horse that belonged to my father. He received it when he was a boy in 1914. It has been ridden and enjoyed by four generations of our family. The horse is made of painted wood with hair mane and tail and a black saddle. It glides back and forth on a red wood frame and is in very good condition.

Although we would never consider selling it, we would like to know its value. A. I'm sure that to all the children in your family that have ridden into the sunset on your rocking horse, it is priceless. A realistic value would probably be about \$450 to \$550.

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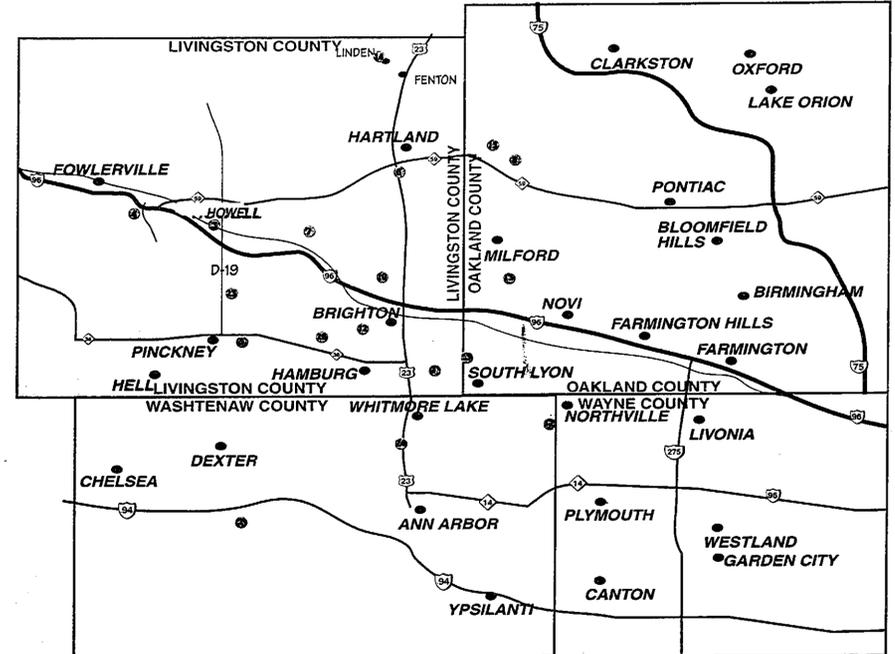
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LOCATION! LOCATION! Lovely Northville ranch with open floor plan and neutral décor. Volume ceilings, skylights, bay windows & 2 natural fireplaces. Third bedroom has loft area. Walk to town and all schools. (80CEN) \$239,900 248-349-5600



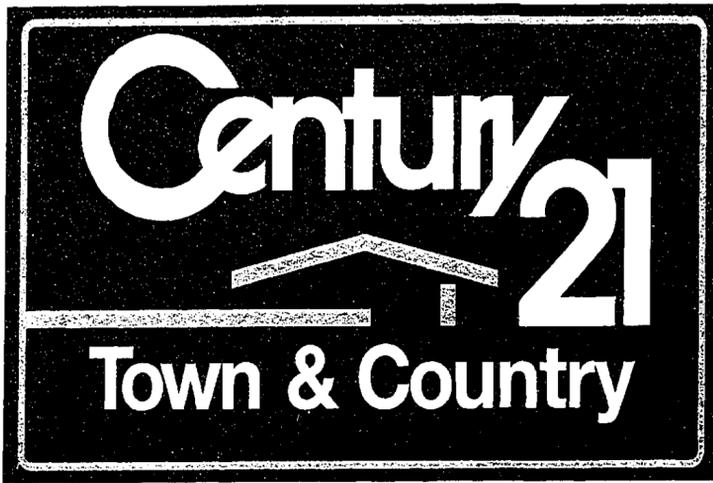
NOV'S WESTMONT VILLAGE. Elegant contemporary 4 bedroom Colonial with neutral décor and white gourmet kitchen. Master bedroom with bay and glamour bath. Three car side entry garage. City sidewalks. (43WES) \$449,900 248-349-5600



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UNDER MARKET VALUE! Novi! 3 bedroom, 2 bath ranch with 2 car attached garage on large fenced lot. Needs your decorating ideas. Super location. Some new windows, cement driveway and more. (03MCM) \$140,000 248-349-5600



ADULT COMMUNITY on Crooked Lake. Ranch style with finished basement, 2 bedrooms, 2 full baths and Florida room. Single car garage. New A/C and flooring. Enjoy this quiet complex. (72NAN) \$125,000 248-349-5600



2,200 SQ. FT. 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath '95 built Colonial on a large lot. Spacious master bedroom with cathedral ceiling & walk-in closet. Large 1st floor laundry, gourmet kitchen & 2 car attached garage. (53GRA) \$244,900 734-455-5600



RUN, DON'T WALK to this north Dearborn Heights ranch with 3 bedrooms and a garage, too. Plenty of recent improvements. Move in at closing. Better hurry on this one folks. (43DRE) \$92,500 248-349-5600



THIS IS THE ONE! Motivated sellers in Fox Run sub offer this 4 bedroom Colonial with 2 1/2 baths, 2 story foyer, finished basement and large kitchen with island. (01RED) \$329,900 248-349-5600



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GREAT STARTER HOME. Cute 3 bedroom ranch with first floor laundry, 2 1/2 car garage and fenced yard. Newer furnace and central air. One year protection plan. (39HEL) \$105,000 248-349-5600



INKSTER BUNGALOW. 3 bedroom, 1 bath with partially finished basement. Newer HWH, freshly painted, wet plaster walls, hardwood under carpet and coved ceiling in living room. (11HEL) \$51,900 248-349-5600



BEAUTIFULLY UPDATED condo decorated in neutrals. Freshly painted with newer carpet & flooring thru-out. Newer vinyl window in bedroom. Newer Oak cabinets. Updated bath. Doorwall to balcony off spacious 19x14 living room. (1980B) \$79,900 734-455-5600



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