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## A downtown for Novi taking shape

By JAN JEFFRES  
 staff writer

Designs are under way for a downtown Novi with an old-fashioned Main Street inspired by the City of Northville's ambience.

The city's Town Center Steering Committee has been working for three months with the West Bloomfield-based Crosswinds Realty, which plans to build a mixed-use development on a 56-acre vacant parcel south and east of the Grand River/Novi Road intersection. This will shift the heart of Novi from the four corners once the city's historic downtown.

Construction of the primarily residential project could begin as early as September 1990.

James Wahl, director of community planning for the city, said discussions with the Oakland County Road Commission convinced the committee that the Grand River/Novi Road intersection's traffic level would continue to increase.

"The idea that either one of these roads would serve as a main street like in Northville was really not a practical design concept," Wahl said.

The 56-acres are currently owned by American Federal Bank of Texas and only about 20 acres are technically in the 157-acre area zoned Town Center District. No infrastructure exists in the quadrant except for a dirt road.

Crosswinds is working to develop a sales agreement on the land by

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Dec. 31, and plans to have a marketing study on the project completed by the end of February.

"The city is attempting to take the lead in the uses for this area, so we won't be held hostage to a marketing consultant," Wahl said.

The project was outlined in a report from the Town Center Steering Committee to the city council Monday. The steering committee has been working closely with planners from Oakland County.

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**In the wings**

Novi News/CHRIS BOYD

A young ballerina awaits her cue during a presentation of "The Nutcracker" at Novi High School's Fuerst Auditorium last week. The presentation featured a cast of 45 dancers from the Geiger

Classic Ballet Academy of West Bloomfield and the Michigan Classic Ballet. It was the first time a ballet has been presented in Fuerst Auditorium.

## Police capture vehicle vandals

Novi police have apprehended three individuals on charges that they were shooting out car windows in the Meadowbrook Glens subdivision early last Saturday morning.

It has not yet been determined whether those three individuals are responsible for a rash of similar incidents which have plagued the city over the past three weeks.

However, Crime Prevention Officer Robert Gatt said Tuesday that police believe the apprehension of the three individuals represents a major breakthrough in the case.

"At this point, none of the three suspects is committing to all the crimes, but we feel it was either them or somebody they know," said Gatt.

"Right now we're in the initial stages of our investigation. Hopefully, we'll be able to clean up the whole mess in a very short period of time."

Two of the individuals apprehended in the Meadowbrook Glens subdivision last Saturday morning are juveniles who reside in Novi.

The third suspect, a 19-year-old Northville resident, has not yet been charged. Police are withholding his identity pending further investigation and issuance of warrants by the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office.

The three were apprehended by officers on routine patrol in Meadowbrook Glens last Saturday at approximately 12:25 a.m.

While traveling westbound on Cherry Hill, an officer noticed a shattered window in a Chevrolet Monte Carlo parked in the street in front of a residence.

The officer said he turned around and headed back toward the vehicle to investigate the damage. As he was parking his car alongside the road, the officer was passed by a grey Chevrolet with a very loud exhaust system and occupied by three individuals, according to reports.

One of the tips police had been working on came from a witness who reported that the responsible parties had been driving a red Pontiac Fiero with a loud exhaust system.

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## Builder proposes cluster housing

By BRUCE WEINTRAUB  
 staff writer

A proposal to develop a 20-unit cluster housing complex on the northwest corner of the Ten Mile/Taft Road intersection has been presented by Developer Max Sheldon.

Sheldon told the Novi Planning Commission that he is considering developing a 20-unit cluster complex at the intersection at their meeting last week (Wednesday, Dec. 6).

The property is located south of the Yorkshire Place subdivision.

Following his presentation, Sheldon asked planners to establish a committee to tour the land with his engineers. "Then we'll go from there," he said.

Commissioners voted informally to send Sheldon's proposal to the planning concepts subcommittee.

"This parcel of land was omitted from development 30 years ago," Sheldon said. "There are reasons why the land has not been developed. The wetlands and stream on the site do not give enough room for adequate density."

Sheldon said some areas on the

parcel will need to be preserved, precluding him from developing a conventional subdivision on the site.

He showed planners designs of possible development of the parcel and indicated only nine homes or 11 detached condos could be built.

Sheldon said a cluster development could provide the needed density for the project. A cluster project essentially allows developers to concentrate housing density on one portion of a parcel in exchange for preserving open space in other portions of the site.

"I do have a builder who would tackle this project if he can get enough density," said Sheldon. He said the minimum number of units the builder is willing to accept is 20.

"I'm willing to tackle the project, but the multiple density standard of four units per acre is not enough," Sheldon said. He added that waiving a 75-foot setback rule could provide the needed density to develop 20 units.

Planner Thomas O'Branovic said he thinks it's a mistake that Yorkshire Place did not acquire the property and "we'll end up paying for it somehow."

## City monitors ambulance times

By JAN JEFFRES  
 staff writer

Community Emergency Medical Services, an ambulance company no longer used by Plymouth and under scrutiny in Northville this fall, is now being monitored by the Novi Fire Department due to a number of alleged slow response times over the past six months.

Novi Fire Chief Arthur Lenaghan said the department has begun requesting monthly reports from the company and is also keeping track independently of the response times, which reportedly have been as high as 16 minutes on several occasions.

"I think we've had some concerns on it. We're looking into it. We've set them a criteria schedule," Lenaghan said.

"The American House (a senior citizens housing complex in northern Novi) has had some long response times. It's been brought to our attention. We will be monitoring this very closely."

On Dec. 8, Community Emergency Medical Services (CEMS), which maintains corporate headquarters on Heslip Drive in Novi, opened two new ambulance stations — one in the north end of the city at the Thirteen Mile/Novi Road intersection and a second in Northville on Center Street, south of Eight Mile. The Northville station will also serve Novi. One ambulance with an advance life support unit is kept at each station, said Peter Rogers, CEMS' vice-president of operations.

The north end station was opened

in part in response to members of the Lakes Area Residents Association (LARA), Rogers said. The group has been closely scrutinizing the ambulance service.

"Our seven-minute response time average has not changed over the past year," Rogers said. "We have been very responsive to the concerns expressed to us by the City of Novi. We're going to continue to make an effort to work with the fire department, the police department and any other groups that are expressing concerns."

The company, on the advice of its lawyers, declined to release data on its response times, Rogers said.

"According to what I've been hearing over the past six months there have been some extended response times. When we have had

extended response times, they've been to the very far reaches of the city," Rogers said. "We feel the extended response times are going to improve and we'll see a decrease in extended responses to the city."

Lenaghan said he is awaiting a response time report from the company. The city uses as guidelines operating criteria established by the Michigan Department of Public Health which calls for ambulances with advanced life support units to respond within 10 minutes or less 90 percent of the time. Ambulances have been slower in answering calls in the north end of the city, he said.

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## A green Christmas for Novi retailers

By BRUCE WEINTRAUB  
 staff writer

From sunglasses to family games to sports paraphernalia, the holiday shopping rush is in full swing, according to local store owners and employees.

"We just opened last September so we're very excited about the Christmas shopping season," said Karen Flowers, an employee at the Hall of Games in the Novi Town Center.

"Sales are real good right now and we're hoping it will get busier as it gets closer to Christmas," she said. Flowers noted that family games seem to be particularly popular this year.

"We're selling a lot of Trivial Pursuit and games

that require family participation," she said, noting that Hall of Games also carries unusual games such as Scrabble in three languages and Monopoly in a number of different languages.

Meanwhile, Mike Leahy, owner of the Old Ball Park in the Town Center, said the Christmas season is not as important for his store.

"Some stores depend on the Christmas season, but we try only to break even," Leahy said. He added that his busiest times during 1989 occurred right after the Michigan Wolverines won the NCAA championship and the Detroit Pistons trimmed the Los Angeles Lakers for the NBA championship.

"We'll probably break even this year because we get one extra weekend since Christmas falls on

a Monday," said Leahy. He noted that Detroit Red Wing jerseys are popular this year even though the team is in last place.

Leahy said baseball cards are also a hot item this year. "Baseball cards have become the biggest investment of the 1980s."

But, while sports paraphernalia sales may not be taking off during the holiday season, many stores — including those which sell summer-type items — report that business is good.

"Our sales are up over last year," said Sue Cherry, manager of Sun Vision in the Twelve Oaks Mall.

Cherry said sunglasses make good gifts during the winter "because the sun reflecting off the snow produces more glare than in the summer."



Novi News/PHIL JEROME

## Burton Drive will close at Haggerty

As requested by residents, the Novi City Council agreed Dec. 4 to close Burton Drive at Haggerty Road and open the unpaved road at Nilan Drive.

The low-traffic, east-west street, immediately south of Ten Mile, currently dead-ends at Nilan Drive.

Some residents of the 14-house street were concerned that it was being used as a short cut to avoid the Ten Mile/Haggerty Road intersection. Thirty residents of the street and adjacent streets signed petitions calling for the revamping of Burton Drive.

The street currently dead ends at Nilan Drive with a guardrail and a small grassy strip blocking the roadway.

Bruce Jerome, the city's Department of Public Works superintendent, opposed the move on the basis that it would make snow removal more difficult and the area would not be as accessible to police and fire vehicles as it would be if both the Haggerty Road and Nilan Drive openings remained intact.

However, Fire Chief Arthur Lenaghan reported that his department had no objection to the change if it would not compromise emergency response.

Detective Ralph Fuhart, traffic staff officer of the Novi Police Department, recommended that if the road were closed to Haggerty it be named Burton Court.

City Manager Edward Kriewall said the street would not be an ideal location for a cul-de-sac form of closure, and might be better blocked off by berms or barricades. The city administration was given the task of coming up with a plan and timetable for closing the road.

"We're looking at a situation which has existed for years and all we're doing is reversing the closed end of the road," said Councilwoman Martha Hoyer.

The resolution was approved on a 6-1 ballot with Councilman Joseph Toth voting against the road closing on the grounds it should be left as it exists at present.

## Novi Auto Sales will expand office

By BRUCE WEINTRAUB  
staff writer

Following a lengthy discussion on "curb cuts," the Novi Planning Commission granted preliminary site plan review to Novi Auto Sales at its Wednesday, Dec. 6, meeting.

Specifically, the commission approved site plans for the renovation of the existing auto sales office on the west side of Novi Road, north of Grand River.

City Planning Consultant Brandon Rogers said the plan calls for the renovation of an existing auto sales office and a lot for either a "retail sales or office" use on a .54 acre parcel.

Rogers noted no increase in building footprint is proposed. An existing shed on the south side of the 1,885 square foot, one-story structure would be removed.

Planner Judith Johnson said she has a problem with the number of curb cuts in the area. She said future development will only add to the problem.

Commissioner Thomas O'Branovic said he does not think the planning commission can do anything about the number of future curb cuts until nearby properties are developed.

Skip West, architect for Novi Auto Sales, said the site plan was submitted for either retail or office use "because no decision on use has been made."

Assistant City Planner John Schlagheck said he would forward the site plan to the Town Center Steering Committee.

## For a good cause

Members of the Novi Fire Department — also known as the Novi Goodfellows — braved the holiday traffic last Saturday morning to "sell" special Goodfellow editions donated by The Novi News. That's Captain Jerry Roddewig selling a paper to a customer at the Grand River/Novi Road intersection in the picture above. The

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## Talking to Mr. Big

Three-year-old Christa Ward was just one of the Novi youngsters who showed up at the Civic Center Saturday afternoon for a chance to talk directly with Santa Claus. The "Lunch with Santa"

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## Council debates procedural matter

By JAN JEFFRES  
staff writer

A discussion about advisory committees Monday night highlighted a pointed difference in philosophy between members of the Novi City Council.

The purpose of the meeting was to clarify the procedure involved in making appointments to city council/citizen committees and to establish the tenure of office for each one.

"Every once in awhile the council has to keep up with its bookkeeping," said Mayor Matthew Quinn.

The special meeting was scheduled after an Oct. 13 city council session revealed that confusion existed over the committee procedures.

At that time, two contenders for a vacancy on the Town Center Steering Committee, Nancy Covert and Hugh Crawford — were told that the first person to ask for a committee seat, got it. Crawford was the successful applicant.

Under city charter, the mayor previously only had the right to name appointees to standing committees composed entirely of city council members. Other advisory committee appointments were the prerogative of the city council.

However, an unwritten 20-year tradition conceded this privilege to the mayor.

The majority of the council resolved to officially grant the mayor this power to make committee appointments with city council approval.

City Attorney David Fried advised that the council had the right to turn over the responsibility to the mayor. Committee seats which may now be filled by the mayor include the Sidewalk Safety Path and Implementation Committee, the Stormwater Management Finance Committee and the Housing and Community Development Committee.

"I don't perceive that as giving the mayor added power," Fried said.

Councilpersons Tim Pope and Nancy Covert consistently opposed resolutions giving the additional authority to the mayor.

"This is a policy question. It's my position, regardless of who the mayor is, it should be an appointment by council," Pope said. "I think the council should continue its policy and retain the voice of the people who elected them. I do not believe we should abdicate our role in making this appointment."

"I do honestly believe the council has expanded the role of the mayor in making appointments," he added.

Covert agreed.

"I'm inclined again to look at the charter. With all these managerial appointments I think we're increasing the influence of an elected person," she said.

Councilwoman Martha Hoyer disagreed.

"I don't feel in establishing council policy that I am giving up any of my authority as a council member," she said.

Mayor Pro Tem Edward Leininger agreed.

"You need to have a management philosophy. The fact that the mayor appoints and the council approves gives us a straightforward management approach," he said.

The council retains its right to veto any appointments made by the mayor.

Quinn said he makes appointments based on criteria such as seniority, concern shown, special knowledge, city involvement and the overall number of committees served on.

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# Vandals slash women's clothes

More than \$3,200 worth of women's clothing has been slashed and destroyed by unknown individuals at two stores inside Twelve Oaks Mall.

Victimized were Liz Claiborne and Alvin's — two stores located near Centre Court on the upper level of the mall.

The assistant manager at Liz Claiborne reported that 16 various pieces of women's clothing had been damaged on Tuesday, Nov. 28, between 1 and 2 p.m. Each piece of clothing had been slashed at least once with some sort of sharp object, possibly a knife or a razor.

Damaged were 11 silk blouses ranging in price from \$96 to \$136. Also damaged were two dresses, a sweater and two cotton blouses.

While investigating the Liz Claiborne vandalism, security personnel asked store employees to check Claiborne, the men's side of the clothing retailer, for additional damages. Employees subsequently discovered that someone had slashed a three-inch hole in a suit jacket valued at \$150.

Additional vandalism apparently occurred at approximately the same time at Alvin's, another women's clothing store in the mall.

The assistant manager reported that she found four articles of clothing had been slashed with a sharp object while she was taking inventory on the morning of Nov. 28. She said the damage probably occurred the previous day.

Damaged were a sweater and an evening dress along with two leather jackets. Total value of damaged merchandise at Alvin's was \$1,536.

**TWO WOMEN'S SKIRTS** were reported stolen from the August Max women's store at Twelve Oaks on Monday, Nov. 28.

The store manager said she was

## Police Beat

conducting inventory when she discovered that someone had cut a metal cable and removed the two skirts from a display rack.

Store employees said they had not observed anything suspicious during the time period when the skirts were believed to have been stolen.

Taken were two suede skirts, sizes 14 and 18. They were valued at a total of \$230.

**TWO INDIVIDUALS** responsible for the theft of clothing from Talbot's at Twelve Oaks were able to make their get away through the crowd at the mall on Tuesday, Nov. 28.

Security personnel found the store manager in pursuit of two individuals who she said had stolen three pieces of merchandise from a rack near the front of the store.

The manager followed the suspects out into the mall but lost track of them near the top of the escalator. Security officers broadcast descriptions of the suspects, but they were able to get away without being apprehended.

Stolen were three women's blouses valued at a total of \$120.

One of the suspects was described as a black female, approximately 5'10" tall and 35 years old, wearing a grey jacket, dark pants and a turquoise scarf. The second suspect was described as a black male, 5'11" tall and 35 years old, wearing a tan jacket.

**TOOLS VALUED** at \$200 were stolen from a storage shed outside a residence on Montana in the Novi Meadows Mobile Home Park during

the night of Nov. 30/Dec. 1.

The owner told police he left the shed unlocked overnight and discovered the tools missing the following day.

Stolen were a tool box containing miscellaneous tools and a floor jack.

A UNION LAKE woman reported that a box containing a dress was either lost or stolen on a shuttle bus at Twelve Oaks Mall employees.

The woman, who works in the cosmetics department at Lord & Taylor, reported she accidentally left the box inside the shuttle bus at approximately 8:30 p.m. on Nov. 24.

When she returned to look for the dress, she could not find it and reported it missing.

The following morning, however, the box containing the dress was found under the back seat of the shuttle bus and returned to the woman.

**CAMERA EQUIPMENT** valued at more than \$600 was stolen from a 1989 Pontiac owned by a Novi woman sometime between Nov. 26 and Nov. 29.

The woman said she did not know the exact time or location of the theft. Stolen were a Yastica 35mm camera with a 35mm lens, a 50mm lens and a zoom lens.

**EIGHTY-EIGHT SHEETS** of plywood were reported stolen from the construction site at the Maples of Novi on Thursday, Dec. 7.

The construction foreman told police that unknown individuals removed the plywood from the site sometime between 1 and 7:30 a.m.

The stolen wood was valued at more than \$775.

**PERSONAL PROPERTY** valued at more than \$2,330 was stolen from a 1988 Chevrolet Cavalier owned by a Plymouth man while it was parked in the Blue Lot at Twelve Oaks Mall on Wednesday, Nov. 29.

The man said he parked the car at 2:45 p.m. and returned at 3:30 p.m. to find that someone had broken out the right rear window and removed various pieces of equipment from inside.

Stolen were an Audiovox cellular telephone valued at \$1,245 and a Bell radar detector valued at \$300. Also stolen were a leather brief case valued at \$500 and a pair of Sergio black leather shoes valued at \$275.

A BOTTLE OF BEER was used to smash the window of a 1976 Chevrolet parked outside the owner's residence on Villagewood during the night of Dec. 1-2.

The complainant said unknown individuals threw a 24-ounce Budweiser beer bottle through the rear window of the vehicle. Police found glass and beer all over the interior of the car.

**TWO STEREO SPEAKERS** were stolen from a 1985 Ford van owned by a Livonia man while it was parked outside the Novi Technology Center at 4000 Grand River Avenue on Dec. 1.

The man said he parked the van at 6 a.m. and returned at 12 p.m. to find that unknown individuals had stolen two stereo speakers. The responsible parties also attempted to remove the car radio from the dashboard but were unsuccessful.

The two Audiovox speakers were valued at \$90, while damage to the van was pegged at an additional \$50.

## Novi Briefs

**Toys for Tots:** Mayor Matthew Quinn proclaimed Friday, Dec. 22 as "TNTIC Toys for Tots Holiday" in honor of the radio station's live broadcasting that day from the Sheraton Oaks Hotel, with the goal of collecting toys for the children of needy families.

The radio station is teaming up with the U.S. Marine Corps in its annual campaign. Novi residents interested in donating unwrapped toys may drop them off at the city offices in the Novi Civic Center prior to the event and the mayor will personally deliver them.

**Holiday concert:** The Novi High School bands will present their annual holiday concert Nov. 15 at the Novi High School's Fuerst Auditorium next Wednesday, Dec. 20. The concert is scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m.

Performing during the holiday concert will be the concert band under the direction of Paula Joyner-Clinard and the symphony band under the direction of Craig Strain.

Admission is free. An afterglow will be sponsored by the Novi High School Band Boosters immediately after the concert.

**Get out your Daytimers:** A master calendar of Novi events is being compiled by the city. Organizations, schools, churches and clubs may contact Cindy Stewart, the city's public information director at 347-0494, to get their events included in the listings.

In addition, to avoid scheduling conflicts among the city's growing roster of clubs, events organizers are advised to check the Novi master calendar first before making their plans.

The list will be available from Stewart's office at the Novi Civic Center.

**Dept. of Corrections:** In the Dec. 7 edition, Novi resident Harry Avagian was accidentally listed as Dick Avagian. Avagian teaches government classes at Livonia's Franklin High School. The Novi News apologizes for the mistake and promises to write Mr. A. Avagian's name correctly on the blackboard 100 times.

**Moving on:** Rotin Sinar Inc., which occupies a 3,000 square foot office at 4000 Grand River, was given formal permission by the city council Monday to relocate its office warehouse facility to Plymouth. The San Jose, California-based company sells materials and sells industrial materials processing lasers.

A Novin Sinar representative in a letter to the city stated that the firm was unable to find an office in Novi and was relocating to Plymouth, where the company was being granted a tax abatement.

To take advantage of the abatement, under state law approval of the transfer of employment is required from Novi.

"We've had other companies leave Novi because they didn't find suitable facilities and conversely we've had companies move into Novi from Farmington, Farmington Hills," said City Manager Edward Kriewall.

**It's almost Chilly Willy time:** And it's never too early to wish for snow. Novi will present its annual Chilly Willy Festival on Saturday, Jan. 13, beginning at 10 a.m. at Ella Mae Power Park and the Novi Civic Center.

Planned festivities include a snow ball tournament, a snow sculpture contest, a youth coloring contest, broomball, a chili cook-off, a Score-O contest, and Old Man Winter contest, an Old Woman Winter contest, a bridge tournament, a euchre tournament and a lip sync contest.

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# Increased crime prevention curtails auto thefts

In Michigan, a motor vehicle is stolen every eight minutes and more of these thefts are occurring in outstate areas. It is no longer just a big city crime, according to Terry Buckles, president of Michigan Association of Insurance Companies (MAIC).

The number of auto thefts decreased 5.7 percent statewide through September of 1989, compared to the same period a year ago. Meanwhile, motor vehicle thefts in the City of Detroit declined 17.7 percent.

However, cities such as Battle Creek, Jackson, Dearborn, Grand Rapids and Saginaw each experienced increases in this type of crime so far in 1989.

"There has been a lot of recent emphasis placed on the motor vehicle theft problem in southeastern Michigan," Buckles said. "Criminals are responding to increased law enforcement there by redirecting more of their activity to other areas."

Although the number of thefts in Michigan has declined significantly in the past few years, the state's 1988

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motor vehicle theft rate of 741 per 100,000 people was considerably higher than the national rate of 540. The most populated areas of the state still experience the highest theft rates, of course.

According to Michigan Department of State Police statistics, the value of the 67,211 motor vehicles stolen here in 1988 is estimated at

\$472 million, or 70 percent of all the property stolen in the state last year.

State motorists typically pay from around \$50 to several hundred dollars a year per vehicle for theft insurance coverage. Rates vary according to factors such as geographic location and value of the vehicle.

Qualified HEAT tips are rewarded with up to \$1,000 each for information that leads to the arrest and prosecution of suspected individual auto thieves, or up to \$10,000 each for tips that result in the arrest or binding over for trial of chop shop operators.

Also, state legislation enacted in 1980 contained a number of provisions which have proved to be beneficial in combating auto theft.

These include 1) permitting insurers to impose large deductibles on claim payments made for vehicles stolen with the keys left in them, 2) requiring vehicle owners to file a theft report with the police to recover any claim, and 3) creating the Auto Theft Prevention Authority within the State Police to provide financial support through a \$1 fee on each insured vehicle to law enforcement agencies and private groups for theft prevention programs.

Furthermore, insurers and the National Automobile Theft Bureau helped establish the Michigan Anti-Car Theft Committee, which is comprised of numerous manufacturers, insurers, banks, automotive service groups, and law enforcement agencies. The committee helps create and provide funding for public awareness campaigns, works closely with law enforcement task forces to develop and implement sting operations, and provides a forum for discussion about problems related to automobile theft.

To reduce the possibility of vehicle theft, MAIC recommends:

1. Park in a lighted spot whenever you can. Thieves prefer vehicles located in darkened areas.
2. Close all windows and lock all doors. Police officers say far too many car owners leave their cars unlocked while they run into a store for "just a minute."
3. Keep costly items out of sight and locked up. There's nothing more tempting to a would-be thief than to spot a collection of gift-wrapped packages or newly-cleaned clothes or expensive sporting goods lying in plain sight. Put them in the trunk where they can't be seen.
4. Park with front wheels turned sharply to right or left, making it difficult for the professional to tow your car away.
5. Always activate any theft deterrent device you may have installed on your car.
6. If you park in a commercial lot or garage, leave only the ignition key with the attendant. Retain all other.
7. Keep license and registration in your wallet or purse.
8. If you have a private garage, use it. Lock both the vehicle and garage.

## Local kids to eat with Santa Claus

Local youngsters will have an opportunity to have breakfast with Santa Claus again this year thanks to the Novi Jaycees.

The Jaycees will hold their popular "Breakfast with Santa" program at the Novi Civic Center this Saturday, Dec. 16.

Santa is scheduled to arrive promptly at 9 a.m., and breakfast will be served from 9:11 a.m., according to Jaycees Project Chairperson Jodi Condon.

Tickets are priced at \$2.50 per person. The breakfast menu includes

pancakes, sausage, fruit, coffee, and tea or juice.

Reservations are not required. Condon said youngsters will have an opportunity to talk to Santa throughout the hours of the breakfast. Parents are encouraged to bring their cameras in order to take pictures of their children conversing with the jolly old gentleman from the North Pole.

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## Woman critically injured in accident

A Canton woman is listed in critical condition at Botsford General Hospital as a result of injuries suffered in an accident at the Ten Mile/Haggerty Road intersection last week.

The accident occurred Thursday, Dec. 7, at 5:37 p.m.

Norma Jean West, 42, was a passenger in a car

driven by her 15-year-old daughter, Colleen May West. The girl was driving under a special learner's license which permits her to drive when accompanied by a parent, according to police.

Reports said that the daughter had been traveling westbound on Ten Mile and was stopped in the left turn lane at the Haggerty Road intersection.

When the light turned yellow, the girl started to complete the left-hand turn onto southbound Haggerty when her vehicle was struck broadside by a panel truck being driven eastbound on Ten Mile by John Chaucey Dost, 39, of Detroit.

Police said the accident remains under investigation.

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# New planner Gilberg replaces Digiralomo

By BRUCE WEINTRAUB  
staff writer

Armed with knowledge of city ordinances and a vision for the future, Tim Gilberg has assumed his seat on the Novi Planning Commission.

Gilberg was nominated by Mayor Matthew Quinn from a field of eight candidates to fill a vacancy on the commission, and the city council gave unanimous approval to the mayor's appointment at its Nov. 20 meeting.

The vacancy was created by the resignation of Enrico Digiralomo last September.

"I believe everyone should give something back to the community," said Gilberg, "and this is my way of doing something beneficial for Novi."

A Novi resident for nearly 12 years, Gilberg said traffic congestion is one of the main issues he would like to address while serving on the commission.

"Because of its heavy importance as to comfort and convenience of Novi residents, I think traffic should be a priority," he said. Gilberg added that the Haggerty Road Corridor and improvements to Eight Mile rate at the top of the agenda.

Quinn said he was very impressed by the eight individuals who applied for the planning commission vacancy. "It's always a tough choice," commented the mayor.

"He (Gilberg) has shown an intelligent and well-thought out perspective for his point of view," continued Quinn. "He also has good knowledge of the planning commission's inner workings."

"Tim has good ideas for the growth of the city."

Citing the need for a learning period on any commission, Gilberg said he'll have to familiarize himself quickly with the material because the city is currently dealing with important issues.

He noted he is especially excited about the city's "Grand Plan" for moving many heavy industrial users

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out of the Town Center Area to a heavy industrial park.

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"With the possible institution of the 'Grand Plan,' Gilberg said he believes Novi should have an equitable mix of multiple and single-family housing, commercial and industrial uses."

"I think all of these uses can function and exist in Novi in an equitable fashion," he said. "We need to raise the chin bar to get the best use of property to have a good homogeneous mix."

Gilberg said he believes it is important for Novi to be a proactive rather than reactive planned community. "I think the 'Grand Plan' is a perfect example of proactive planning. I'm excited to learn about it and work with it."

In commercial districts, Gilberg

said he favors having a "regionalized shopping area. I don't think people want Novi to be the strip mall capital of the world."

As for housing, Gilberg said he believes Novi planning commissioners have job an excellent job of residential planning so far.

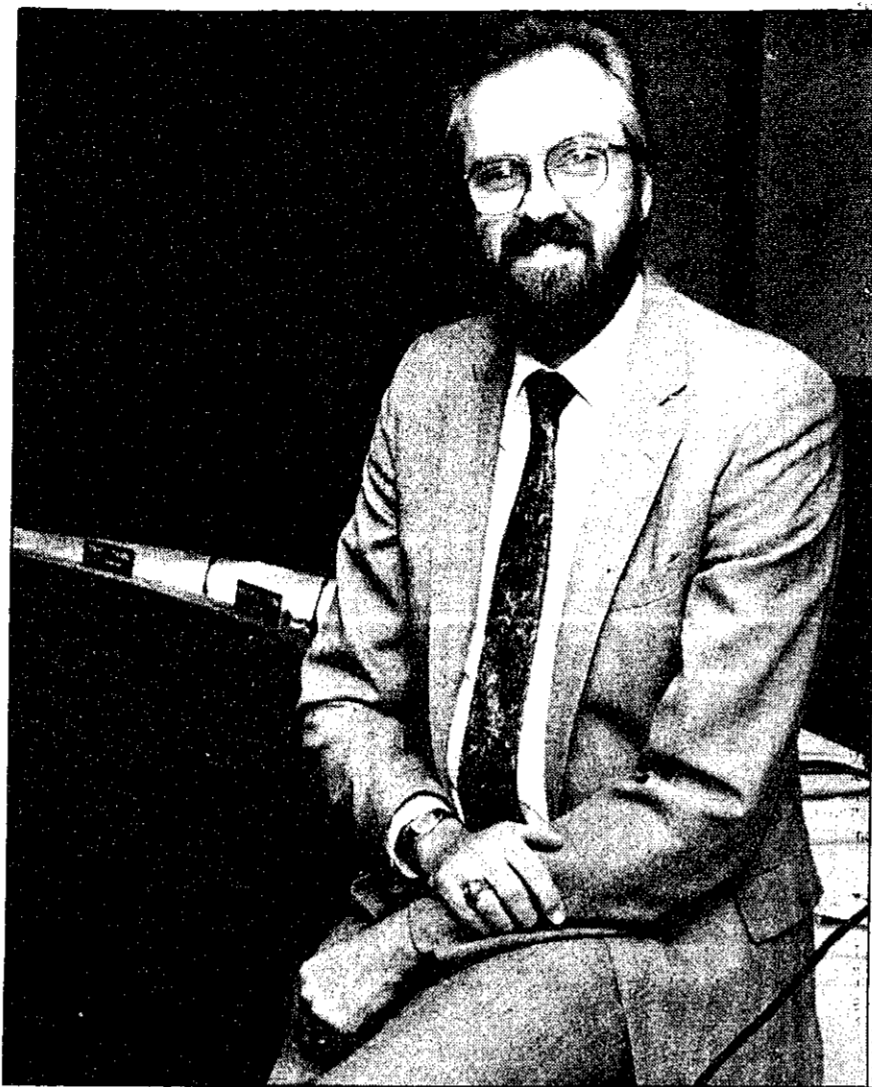
He said, however, that he will do what he can to continue to protect homeowners from realizing any adverse affect to their property values.

"I think there should be more single-family homes than multiple housing in Novi, though I have no percentages in mind," Gilberg said.

"Stability is my major reason," he added. "Multiple housing involves more moving around and doesn't lend itself to stability. Stability is important in a community, and we need a solid core of residents to keep it that way."

An engineering supervisor at Ford Motor Company, Gilberg has been a member of a number of community groups including Novi Parks and Recreation, the Novi Boy Scouts and the Novi Jaycees.

"What's important is that we have the right to express our views and then together devise a plan," he said.



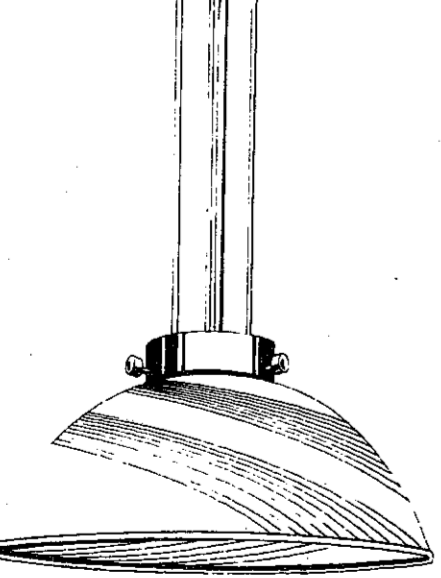
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# Novi Chamber

**General membership luncheon:** The Novi Chamber of Commerce will elect officers for 1990 at the next general membership meeting. The meeting will be held at the Red Timbers restaurant at 40380 Grand River on Tuesday, Dec. 19.

Nominees are Lee Mamola, president; Keith Tappan, president-elect; Amy Hamlin, vice president; and Richard Kern, treasurer.

There are also nine candidates for four two-year terms on the board of directors. The candidates are J.R. Atyeh, Victor Cassis, Kevin Crain, Ray Davis, Michael Gabriel, Brenda Graves, Dean King, Marilyn Klocke and Brian MacKenzie.

A cash bar opens at noon and lunch will be served at noon. Advance registrations are requested.

Entertainment will be provided by the Novi Chorales.

**New chamber members:** The Novi Chamber has welcomed nine new members.

Newest Chamber members are Bruce Lloyd, president of Homeowners Concept; JoAnn Perkins, a representative of Dale Carnegie Courses; Carey Peters, director of the Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan; Greg Raymond, owner of Flowers & More; Darlene Raisanen, owner of All Brile Cleaning in Union Lake; Eric Schaefer, controller of Waste Management of North America; Judith Wilson, secretary with The Baker Team; Tom Bjorklund, vice president and regional manager of MetroVision Inc.; and Tina Pratto, owner of Silk Plants, Etc.

**Chamber offices closed:** Novi Chamber offices will be closed for Christmas and New Years Day (Monday, Dec. 25, and Monday, Jan. 1).

The next meeting of the board of directors will be held at Victor's Novi Inn on Jan. 9 at 9 a.m.

Other upcoming dates include the next general membership luncheon on Tuesday, Jan. 16, and the annual meeting with installation of officers at the Sheraton Oaks on Thursday, Jan. 25.

There will be a Chamber Business Mixer at the Saddle Creek Apartments on Jan. 31 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

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# Japanese may rent Novi school

By BRUCE WEINTRAUB  
staff writer

Japanese citizens may be using Novi school facilities for classes on weekends, if details can be worked out.

The Novi school board last week authorized administrators to negotiate the lease of classroom facilities to a Japanese group for Saturday afternoon and Sunday.

"The Japanese community offers special programs on Saturdays that are currently housed in another district in Oakland County," said Novi Superintendent Robert Pwko. "We've been approached for our facilities for their (the Japanese school use)," he added.

Pwko said if an agreement can be worked worked between Novi schools and the Detroit Society of Japanese, it would be on a rental basis for Saturday afternoons or Sundays.

"We simply have too many activities on Saturday mornings to allow them to use our facilities at that time," he said, adding that it is not known if

the Japanese group would find Saturday afternoons or Sundays appropriate meeting times. Assistant Superintendent William Barr said the district's current charge for classroom rental is \$4 per hour, plus custodial fees.

Barr said about 700 or 800 students attend the Japanese classes, which translates into the use of 25 to 30 classrooms. He added classes are held approximately 45 weeks per year.

Barr said the students are Japanese children who attend public schools throughout Oakland County, but want to maintain an ongoing study of the Japanese culture.

"The families in this program are here a maximum of five years," Barr added. "This program provides them with some ongoing education in their (Japanese) way of life."

He said two problems — parking and Novi teacher's reaction — could potentially preclude an agreement between the two parties.

"The Japanese group said they park between 400 and 500 cars which presents an obvious problem for us on Saturdays or Sundays," Barr said.

"The other problem is that teachers are usually very possessive when it comes to the use of their rooms," added Barr. He noted, however, that this has not been a problem in other districts.

Following his presentation, Barr asked board members if they would approve the agreement if details can be worked out.

Without formally voting on the proposal, board members indicated they were very much in favor of working out an agreement between the district and Japanese group.

"I can appreciate the sanctity of a teacher's classroom," commented Trustee Robert Schram, "but this would be a unique opportunity for us to learn about educational programs in Japan."

"I think this is definitely worthwhile in pursuing," he added.

Board Treasurer Stephen Hitchcock said he thinks the idea has all kind of opportunities for cultural exchange between the Novi community and the Japanese.

"And we'll have the opportunity to bring in some extra money," he said.

# Nursing home owner to sell facilities

The owner of two nursing homes in Novi has filed for protection under Chapter 11 of the Federal Bankruptcy Code.

"This absolutely will not affect the quality of care. That will continue," said Earle Erman, attorney for Care Centers of Michigan. The company is owned by Dr. Edwin C. Blumberg, a Farmington Hills osteopath.

Blumberg is looking for a buyer for all the nursing homes, including Novi Care Center and Great Lakes Care Center, both in Novi. He also owns the Livingston Care Center in Howell.

Other properties are Oak Hill Care Center in Farmington Hills, Williamsburg Care Center in Farmington Hills,

and Lincoln Care Center in Detroit. Two other centers — Greenbriar in Howell and St. Benedict's in Detroit — have been closed and are being liquidated through the bankruptcy courts, Erman said.

"We think the homes will continue to operate and be sold," said Erman, a Southfield attorney.

The seven chapter 11 cases have been combined for administrative purposes in the bankruptcy division of U.S. District Court in Detroit under Judge Walter Shapiro. Combined, the nursing homes employ about 1,000 and have 1,066 beds. A year ago the company's assets were frozen by the Internal Revenue Service.

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# City staff members opt to pay own dues to club

By JAN JEFFRES  
staff writer

The Novi City Council has agreed to give four city employees their dues.

But it appears to have been an empty gesture, as four of six city staffers joining the Optimist Club have indicated they will now pay their own way and two plan to withdraw from the newly-formed service club.

On Dec. 4, the council held back payment on \$120 per person Optimist Club dues for six staff members who

signed up for the service organization.

Monday, the council decided to pay 50 percent of the dues for four staff members — a total bill of \$240.

But Assistant City Manager Craig Klaver, Police Chief Lee BeGole, Special Recreation Coordinator Kathy Crawford and Fire Chief Arthur Lenaghan have now decided to pay the dues themselves. BeGole had always intended to do so, but the city initiated the dues payment request for him, Klaver reported.

"The other two employees, (Novi Police Department Juvenile Officer)

John Zimmer and (Crime Prevention Officer) Bob Galt indicated they are resigning from the club because of the concern over the dues and the publicity," Klaver said.

Galt works with the city's anti-drug abuse program for children, D.A.R.E., which is supported by the Optimist Club as part of its mandate to assist Novi youth.

According to a report prepared by Klaver at the city council's request, no written policy exists on the payment of service club dues for city staff members, but it has been the administration's policy to encourage

participation in these organizations among upper-management employees.

The city has tried to maintain at least one staff member in each of the major clubs in an effort to maintain contacts with some of the Novi's most active and concerned residents.

A list prepared by Klaver of 14 city employees belonging to service organizations showed that all paid their own dues except the Optimist members and two other staff members. One employee's membership in the Chamber of Commerce and the Rotary is paid by the city,

and a second employee belongs to the Jaycees at the city's expense.

Klaver said the six joined without realizing that other Novi employees had also enrolled in the Optimists.

"We have to maintain at least one member in each of the major organizations. If I look through the upper-level staff, we have many people who are paying their own dues," said Councilwoman Martha Hoyer.

"I don't have a problem with the city sending a staff member and paying the dues as a government liaison. I do have a problem with the city extending this beyond the upper management level or by more than one person."

The resolution to pay \$60 per person dues for the four employees passed on a 4-2 vote. Councilman Hugh Crawford, the husband of Kathy Crawford, abstained. Councilpersons Martha Hoyer and Joseph Toth cast the dissenting ballots.

"I'm aware of some people who joined this organization paying one-half their dues, assuming that the other half of their dues was going to be paid. If that doesn't happen, that could be detrimental to some people," Crawford said.

# School district's business office to get accounting clerk

By BRUCE WEINTRAUB  
staff writer

Following a lengthy discussion, the Novi Board of Education unanimously approved the hiring of an accounting clerk for the district's business office.

"We need additional hands to do the work that we need to get done," said Assistant Superintendent William Barr. "An additional person will allow us to get a great deal of work done that we need to get done."

He said the position pays roughly \$22,800 with fringe

benefits included. The motion approved by the board allows the district to immediately fill the position.

Along with this new position, Barr said the district administration will review the responsibilities of three current positions in the business office — purchasing clerk, payroll clerk and accounting clerk.

He added it is the intention of the business office to re-evaluate all of these responsibilities and their respective assignments, following the board's approval of a new position.

Barr said the actual assignment of responsibilities of

the new person will conform to the auditors' recommendations for better handling of money by the district.

In addition, he noted that the new position has been budgeted by the district for the 1989-90 school year. He said three full-time positions were approved by the district for the current budget year.

Apparently two people were hired part-time to fill one position, while one other person earned a full-time position — leaving one position available.

Before voting on the position, Board Member Robert Schram asked Barr whether the district was adding a

fourth person or fourth position. Barr responded that the district was adding a fourth person to fill three positions.

Schram then asked Barr whether hiring a new person for the business office would fulfill the concerns of the auditor definitively.

Barr said "yes," with regards to the handling of money in the district.

Trustee Craig Foreback said he would like to have what the "general responsibilities of the new person will be written up specifically."

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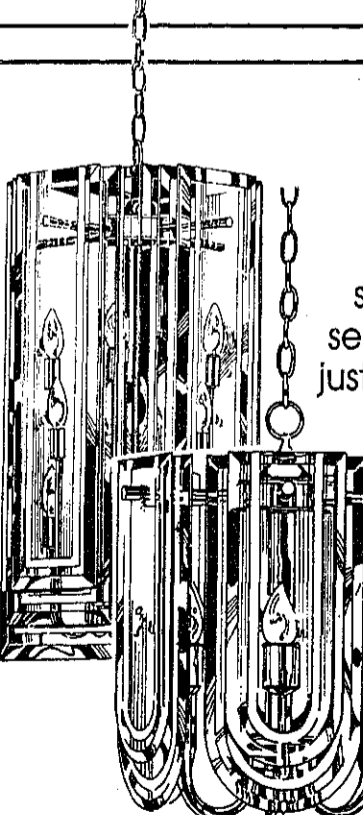
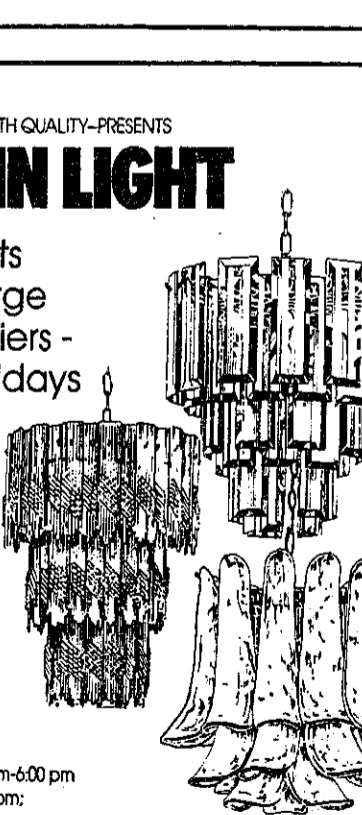
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### Little ballerinas

Young dancers with the Geiger Classic Ballet Academy of West Bloomfield perform in the opening scene of "The Nutcracker" which was presented in conjunction with the Michigan Classic

Ballet Company at Novi High School's Fuerst Auditorium last Sunday afternoon. An estimated crowd of more than 1,000 people attended the event.

## Board okays trip for debate team

By BRUCE WEINTRAUB  
staff writer

Novi High School's debate and forensics teams will be able to match wits with other schools across the state at a tournament held on Mackinac Island next May.

Novi school board members approved the teams' request to travel to Mackinac Island via a school bus to compete in the Lilac Festival Tournament.

However, while board members voted to pay the expenses of the bus, driver and coach, they refused to pay for a chaperone to accompany the teams.

"I think we're setting a dangerous precedent (by paying for the chaperone's expenses)," said Board Member Sandra Thornton. "For Novi Middle School, I know the parents have to pay for the cost of accompanying children to Cedar Point."

Board Member Robert Schram said he believes it is inappropriate for the district to pay for the debate team chaperone if they don't do it for others.

"The district does not support chaperones for choir or band," said Schram. "So I think it would be inappropriate to do it for this group."

Board Treasurer Stephen H. Cheek said he supports Schram's concerns and added that he's in favor of the district paying only for the bus, driver and coach of the team.

"The Lilac Festival allows students to compete in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere," said Superintendent Robert Piwko. "It combines excellent cultural and competitive experiences."

The Lilac Festival, which is an annual event, is the first debate tournament on the "1990-1991" topic. The Novi High School team has attended the Lilac Festival six times in the past.

"Participation in this event helps the team prepare for and anticipate trends concerning the topic they will debate at next season," Piwko said.

"This event has been an exceedingly good moral builder for the participants in debate," he added. Piwko said that because demand for the event is high and the district would like to include Forensics, "we request that this year we be allowed to use a school bus for safer travel and supervision."

The trip is set for May 18-20 (Friday through Sunday) at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island. Students will pay \$150 for the cost for the trip.

## Planners approve proposal for medical center

By BRUCE WEINTRAUB  
staff writer

Site plans for the proposed Novi Medical Center were granted preliminary approval by the Novi Planning Commission at its Wednesday, Dec. 6 meeting.

The medical center is slated to be built adjacent to the Meadowbrook Glens subdivision. The Novi City Council paved the way for the development last September by rezoning half of the 9.48 acre parcel from a single-family residential classification (R-4) to an Office-Service District (OS-1) classification.

The council approved the rezoning despite opposition from Meadowbrook Glens residents. More than 200 subdivision residents signed petitions opposed to the rezoning and presented them to the commission in September.

Despite that opposition, only two Meadowbrook Glens residents appeared at the commission meeting last week to observe consideration of site plan approval for the Novi Medical Center.

One Meadowbrook Glens resident cited a number of concerns related to the medical center project.

"I have a big interest in this development since it will be built directly adjacent to homes (in Meadowbrook Glens) and the entrance of the subdivision," he said.

He then listed concerns associated with the project such as the extension of a sidewalk from the medical center to Cherry Hill Drive and screening of a brick wall at the building's rear.

Chif Sieber, a representative of Max Sheldon who is developing the

project, said the group will put in a safety path to Cherry Hill and work to install either a brick wall, berm or a combination of both.

Sieber said Sheldon is planning to phase the development into two portions. The first phase would consist of a 59,000 square foot building containing 21 medical suites. The second phase would contain a 43,000 square foot building housing 19 medical suites.

On the preliminary site plan, city Planning Consultant Brandon Rogers said the proposed buildings are slated to be two stories in the first phase and 2½ stories in the second phase.

He added that 4½-foot brick-on-brick wall or landscape berm is required along the south and west sides of the site abutting the adjoining residential property.

Sheldon proposes to construct the

medical center on a 9.48 acre parcel bounded by Grand River Avenue, Meadowbrook Road, Cherry Hill Drive and the O'Brien Funeral Home.

Prior to city council rezoning, 4.35 acres of the site were zoned R-4. The remainder of the land carries the Non-Center Commercial (NCC) zoning classification, which allows OS-1 development.

During discussion of the site plan, commissioners inquired about the traffic generated by the medical center. Planner Tim Gilberg said it already takes a long time to turn left from Cherry Hill onto Meadowbrook Road.

City Traffic Consultant Karen Urman said the medical center site will produce about 3,420 trips during a 24-hour period and 394 trips during the p.m. peak hour.

She added the development will

not have an adverse impact on the level of service (LOS) of the Grand River/Meadowbrook Road intersection.

However, to improve traffic flow in the area surrounding the medical center, Urman said right turn lanes "are to be constructed next year on each leg of the Grand River/Meadowbrook Road intersection."

She said a right-turn lane on east-bound Grand River is to be extended, by the developer, to the proposed driveway location.

In addition, Urman said deceleration and acceleration lanes will be constructed at each driveway or connected to existing by-pass lanes.

Also, a three-lane cross-section on Meadowbrook Road will be extended to and through the proposed driveway.

Sheldon would be willing to make improvements to Meadowbrook Road near his site.

Sieber said the owner would not be willing to make improvements past his frontage or on roads that do not affect his development.

He said the developer proposes to use a temporary driveway for access to the site until the second phase of the project has been completed.

In granting preliminary site plan approval, the commission asked Sheldon to consider making the temporary driveway permanent.

With regard to disposal of medical waste generated from the site, Novi Medical Center architect Victor Siroke said the waste will either be incinerated to sterile waste on-site or be contracted for disposal by a medical waste firm.

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### Enrollment rises in Novi classes

By BRUCE WEINTRAUB  
staff writer

The number of people enrolled in Novi Community Education programs showed a slight increase in 1989 over 1988 levels.

Community Education Coordinator Clara Porter said approximately 2,188 people registered for classes for the 1989 fall session — compared to 2,024 people for the same session last year.

Porter said the community education brochure was mailed out the week of Aug. 21, with the registration period beginning Sept. 5.

She reported that two new registration procedures were introduced this fall to make it easier for people to register for community education classes.

"The use of credit cards (Visa & MasterCard) and utilizing a Saturday morning as an additional registration day both proved to be successful," Porter said.

She said that using the Visa & MasterCard registration option eliminated a lot of congestion in the office, "but it caused our phone line to ring off the hook."

However, even with the credit card option, 685 people registered for classes in person — compared to 300 people who used a credit card either by phone, mail or in person.

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**Bereavement support group:** "Dealing with 'I won't be home' for Christmas" is the theme of the December meeting of the Novi Bereavement Support Group.

The group usually meets the fourth Monday of the month but will be meeting the third Monday in December due to the holiday. The meeting will be held in the Novi Civic Center on Monday, Dec. 18, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. The Rev. Eddie Stubbelt will share a brief prayer and reflection. Dr. Michael Meyer, D.Min., will facilitate the session. Anyone experiencing grief due to the loss of a loved one is encouraged to attend.

**Parkinson's Disease:** A support group for individuals suffering from Parkinson's Disease in the Novi/Northville area meets the first Wednesday of each month from 7-9 p.m. at the Holy Family Church in Novi. The church is located on Meadowbrook Road between Ten Mile and Grand River.

In addition to people afflicted with the disease, the group includes friends and relatives of those suffering from Parkinson's. For more information call Frank Raabe at 348-2651.

**Narcotics Anonymous:** Narcotics Anonymous, a non-profit fellowship of men and women for whom drugs has become a major problem, meets at Botsford Hospital's Family Service Center in Farmington Hills every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

It is a group of recovering addicts who meet regularly to help each other stay clean. For more information call 537-1110.

**Women for Sobriety:** An organization of women for women, the purpose of Women for Sobriety, Inc., is to help all women recover from problem drinking through the discovery of self, gained by sharing experiences, hopes and encouragement with other women in similar circumstances.

The group meets every Wednesday afternoon at 1 p.m. at Botsford Hospital's Family Services Center. The group is not affiliated with Alcoholics Anonymous, but is a "New Life" program. Membership requires a desire to stop drinking and a sincere desire for a new life. For more information call 537-1110.

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## Council goes with new agenda

By JAN JEFFRES  
staff writer

The Novi City Council Monday night chose to keep the agenda first proposed in August.

In a memo to council dated Aug. 7, City Manager Edward Kriewall suggested a revamping of the council's agenda, which traditionally reserved a time before the beginning of the city council meeting and after its conclusion for audience participation. A new approach was proposed in response to protracted audience participation sessions and to allow council to get on with council business, Kriewall wrote.

The revised agenda features one audience participation feature on the agenda scheduled on the first half of the agenda. This half of the agenda focuses on items requiring the attendance of citizens, petitioners and city staff.

A second audience participation is open to all topics, as is a final session at the end of the city council meeting. The new policy was criticized by

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several citizens when it was introduced.

The city council tried the revised agenda style out for several months before formally adopting it unanimously Monday. The new agenda format was endorsed by City Clerk Gerry Stipp and Kriewall.

"The business of the council gets done last and that's the way it should be," said Mayor Matthew Quinn. In a Dec. 7 letter endorsing the new policy, Stipp noted that previous audience participations lasted

anywhere from five minutes to two hours.

"I think the agenda format we've been using is outstanding; it's worked very well," said Councilman Joseph Toth.

Toth suggested that people who wanted to address the council fill out 3-by-5 cards with their names and addresses and leave it to the mayor's discretion as to who would speak at the first audience participation or when the subject was brought up. "I've watched everybody. It's as though they have to keep this thing

rolling for some reason," he said. "It may turn it off so you don't have a lot of them coming in at the last minute to say something."

But Stipp noted that under the state's Open Meetings Act a person is not required to give his or her name and address as a condition of speaking.

Instead, the council opted to keep to the current agenda. "The system seems to be working. It certainly allows for people to be heard. It allows for the business of council to proceed in a timely action," said Councilwoman Nancy Covert.

However, the mayor was given the flexibility to decide if someone could address the council during the first audience participation on an issue other than that scheduled for the first half of the meeting.

"I think we've made our audience participation process very successful and now if we can only make our council process equally successful, so we're not in here until 1:30 in the morning," said Councilwoman Martha Hoyer.

## Bill simplifies elections procedures

LANSING — Petition circulators will have more time to solicit signatures, but candidates for public office will have shorter filing deadlines, under bills making their way through the Michigan Legislature.

The Senate last week amended a bill to give petition circulators a full year instead of only six months to circulate petitions to place proposals on the state ballot.

As written, Senate Bill 411 would have allowed circulators 18 months, but Sen. Jack Faxon, D-

Farmington Hills, objected.

"One and a half years, in my opinion, is way too long. People will probably sign more than once petition. It creates the potential for duplication of signatures," said Faxon.

Senators adopted an amendment to cut the time to 12 months. The bill then will go to the House.

In other action, the Senate approved bills to shorten the time for candidates in charter townships and community college districts to file

nominating petitions 12 weeks prior to an election rather than nine weeks.

Other bills will apply to cities, counties and other units of government.

The reason, according to one sponsor, is to give local clerks more time to print absentee ballots and mail them overseas to military personnel and others living abroad. Clerks had complained that they were receiving overseas ballots too long after elections.

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A Farmington Hills fireman walks past the utility pole that was struck by a truck during an accident at the Nine Mile/Haggerty Road intersection last Monday.



A Foodland Distributors truck rests on the northwest embankment of Nine Mile and Haggerty Road after the accident.

Novi News/CHRIS BOYD

### Man killed in crash

A Union Lake man was killed when he disobeyed a red light at Nine Mile and Haggerty Road and drove into the path of a tractor-trailer truck Monday morning, according to Farmington Hills police.

A utility pole on the northwest corner was snapped as a result of the crash, toppling power lines and shutting down Haggerty between Nine and Ten Mile until early Tuesday morning.

Arthur Lawrence Yacobelli, 33, was pronounced dead at the scene. He died of multiple injuries, the Oakland County Medical Examiner said.

According to reports, Yacobelli was westbound on Nine Mile at 10 a.m. in a 1987 Pontiac Sunbird when he disobeyed the red light at Haggerty. The driver of a northbound Foodland Distributors truck entering the intersection on a green light noticed the car and swerved on the wet pavement, but couldn't avoid crashing into the driver's side of the Sunbird.

## Police apprehend suspects in vandalism cases

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The officer proceeded to stop the suspicious vehicle. In the process of questioning the driver, the officer said he shined his flashlight into the back seat and observed several marbles and small stones lying on the floor at the feet of the individual occupying the back seat.

The officer subsequently ordered the three suspects out of the vehicle and proceeded to conduct a search of the interior, according to reports. As a result of that search, police reportedly discovered a wrist slingshot shoved under the seat and many more marbles.

All three individuals were subsequently transported to Novi police headquarters where they were detained for further questioning. The juveniles later were released to the custody of their parents.

All the incidents have occurred in the southern portion of the city. Since the Thanksgiving Eve incidents, there have been several other outbreaks. The windows of at least five vehicles in the Village Oaks, Turtle Creek and Whispering Meadows subdivisions were shot out on Wednesday, Nov. 29, and there were additional incidents on Saturday, Dec. 2.

"We can't say for sure that we have the people responsible for all the incidents, but we're confident that we're close to clearing up the entire situation," said Gatt.

Gatt also commended the officers responsible for apprehending the trio of suspects in Meadowbrook Glens last Saturday. "It was good police work, and it reflects well on the department," he said. "Extra patrols were out to try to stop these incidents from occurring and the officers caught them. I think the police department has shown its true colors."

## Education group appoints members to fill four seats

By BRUCE WEINTRAUB staff writer

Two vacancies were filled and two members were reappointed to the Novi Community Education Advisory Council (NCEAC) by the Novi Board of Education last Thursday.

Newly-appointed NCEAC members Cheryl Bass and Harry Manza were approved by the school board to fill three-year positions.

The positions were previously held by Bill Charles and Ken King, who was senior representative on the NCEAC. Both members submitted letters indicating they did not wish to be reappointed.

In finding replacements for Charles and King, Novi Superintendent Robert Pivko said an article was placed in The Novi News notifying residents of NCEAC vacancies.

According to advisory council by-laws, current council members interviewed all interested applicants, then made their recommendations to the Novi school board.

Clara Porter, director of Novi's Adult Community Education Department, said four people applied for the two NCEAC vacancies.

Pivko said four applicants were asked five identical questions at the last advisory council meeting.

School Board Member Robert Schram asked Pivko if current school board procedure was followed in terms of advertising and selecting the appointees. Pivko said all district policies were followed.

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### CITY OF NOVI NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, January 3, 1990 at 7:30 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Rd., Novi, MI to consider MAP AMENDMENT NO. 18,481, A PROPOSED CITY INITIATED REZONING OF PROPERTY LOCATED IN NORTH-EAST CORNER OF SECTION 16 AND NORTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 15 (south side 12 mile between Beck Rd. & the C & O Railroad) TO BE REZONED FROM: 1 LIGHT INDUSTRIAL AND R-A RESIDENTIAL AGRICULTURAL DISTRICTS TO OS-2 PLANNED OFFICE SERVICE DISTRICT OR ANY OTHER APPROPRIATE ZONING DISTRICT.

#### ZONING MAP AMENDMENT NO. 481

To rezone a part of the N 1/2 of Section 16 and a part of the NW 1/4 of Section 15 T.1N., R.8E., City of Novi, Oakland County, Michigan, being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the north line of Section 16 (nominal C/L of 12 MI. Rd.) said point being the NE corner of "WILSON FARMS SUB." as recorded in Liber 53, Page 24 of Plat, Oakland County Records, said point also being described as N89°50'50" E 1317.76 feet from the NW corner of Section 16; thence Easterly along the north line of said section (nominal C/L of 12 MI. Rd.) 3926.02 feet to its intersection with the southwestern line of the C&O Railroad; thence Southeasterly 93.26 feet along said southwest 1/4th line to its intersection with the east line of Section 16; thence continuing Southeasterly along the southwestern line of the C&O Railroad 2291.31 feet to its intersection with the northerly line of the I-96 Expressway; thence Northwesterly along said northerly line to its intersection with the east line of said Section 16; thence continuing Northwesterly along the northerly line of the I-96 Expressway to its intersection with the east line of said WILSON FARMS SUB.; thence Northerly along said east line to the point of beginning.

Also, all that part of Lots 1 and 2 of said "WILSON FARMS SUB." lying northerly of the I-96 Expressway.

EXCEPTING THEREFROM: Any parts of the above described lands taken, deeded or used as a street, road or highway FROM: 1) LIGHT INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT FROM: R-A RESIDENTIAL AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT TO: OS-2 PLANNED OFFICE SERVICE DISTRICT

All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments will be heard at the hearing and any written comments may be sent to the Dept. of Community Development, 45175 W. Ten Mile Rd., Novi, MI 48050 until 5:00 P.M. Wednesday, January 3, 1990.

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# Petitions circulate for proposal

By TIM RICHARD  
staff writer

The state Legislature would have to give a bigger piece of the budget pie to public schools and property owners would get a hefty tax cut, if voters approve the Patterson-Anderson "Citizens Tax Limitation" amendment.

The combination — high taxes and poor public schools — has frustrated our citizens," economist Patrick Anderson, one of the leaders, told an Oakland County Young Republicans (YR) Club meeting Monday in Farmington Hills.

Many YR members promised to circulate petitions to get 300,000 signatures to put the proposed constitutional amendment on the 1990 state ballot.

**Anderson: 'Michigan has the fourth highest state-local tax burden in the country. You hear (from Blanchard) that we have to 'be competitive' with Korea, Taiwan and Japan. We've gotta be competitive with Tennessee, too. The way to do that is cut taxes.'**

Here is how it would work:

- In 1991, school operating taxes, which average 33 mills (\$33 per \$1,000 of valuation), would be cut to 30 mills and capped there. The gross property tax cut would be \$600 million minus \$75 million in lost "circuit breaker" income tax rebates. (Those rebates currently go to households whose property taxes exceed 3.5 percent of family income.)
- The Legislature would be required to add \$750 million to K-12 school aid, more than making up for the property tax cuts. That amount is about 10 percent of the entire 1990-91 general fund budget of \$7 billion.
- Every school district would

receive at least \$4,100 per pupil — the equivalent of 28 mills in property taxes — narrowing the gap between rich and poor districts. School districts levying less than 28 mills would receive a pro-rated share of \$4,100 per pupil.

- Property assessments, rising in many suburban areas at 15 percent or more a year, would be capped at the rate of consumer price inflation — about 5 percent a year currently.
- To Anderson, it would be easy for the Legislature to shift 10 percent more of the \$7 billion state budget into schools.
- "The state has cut its contribution to local schools from 45 to 32 percent

of their budgets since 1978," he said, echoing the Michigan State Chamber of Commerce's plea for "new priorities, not new taxes."

Some \$75 million of the money would come from property tax rebates that would no longer have to be sent out with income tax refunds, he said.

A major share could come from the so-called "supplemental" budget of \$500 million which Gov. James Blanchard customarily introduces in mid-year.

In an interview, Anderson conceded the Legislature may opt to end the entire \$600 million program of property tax rebates, and it might not be a bad idea. "The circuit breaker has functioned as an incentive to raise property taxes," he said.

Michigan politicians often ask tax increases for schools, then divert the money to social services. "When's the last time you heard a legislator say, 'we need a tax increase for welfare?'" Anderson asked.

"Michigan has the fourth highest state-local tax burden in the country. You hear (from Blanchard) that we have to 'be competitive' with Korea, Taiwan and Japan. We've gotta be competitive with Tennessee, too. The way to do that is cut taxes," Anderson said.

Anderson and Postle, in particular, would benefit from tax cuts because of their high per-family tax burdens. "Detroit has a huge number of empty lots and empty houses that people don't pay taxes on," he said.

# People

**ROBERT MITZEL**, a junior at Michigan Technological University (MTU), recently received a \$250 Campus Campaign Award from the university. Mitzel was one of six MTU students to earn the award which was made possible through gifts from faculty and staff.

University employees contributed a record level of funds to campus programs of their choice through this year's 12th annual Campus Campaign. Recipients of the Campus Campaign Award were chosen based on their participation, leadership, and service to the University.

A 1988 graduate of Novi High School, Mitzel is majoring in environmental engineering at Michigan Tech. He is a member of the MTU Undergraduate Student Government, Omicron Delta Kappa National Leadership Honor Society and the Michigan Society of Planning. He is also secretary of the MTU German Club. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Mitzel.

**ROBERT HUOTARI** of Novi has earned a BS degree in Mechanical Engineering from Michigan Technological University.

**JOHN PHILIP IRWIN** of Cherry Hill in Novi graduated Nov. 9 from the Northwest Auto Diesel College in Lima, Ohio, with a diploma in Automotive Technician program.

He also was cited for perfect attendance while attending Northwestern.

**LISA MCCARTHY** of Novi is among the upperclass students at Alma College whose scholarships have been renewed for the 1989-90 academic year. She is a sophomore at Alma.

The daughter of James and Kathleen McCarthy of High Meadow Drive, she graduated from Novi High School in 1988 and is majoring in Exercise and Health Science and Business Administration at Alma.

Alma's Renewal Scholarships are awarded to students showing intellectual promise and outstanding academic achievement. McCarthy is also receiving a Designated Scholarship from an anonymous donor. Designated scholarships are provided by individuals or corporate donors with awards based on varied criteria, all of which take academic achievement into account.

# Residents, city scrutinize ambulance responses

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West Road experienced a number of delays in ambulance arrivals for the last year-and-a-half, said director Stacey McMaster. This has been a worry for some of the 75 seniors who live there, she added.

McMaster said the drivers frequently were unfamiliar with the area and had to be given directions over the phone. Often, ambulances without advance life support systems answered calls and were not in direct communication with the hospital, she said.

"When you're dealing with senior citizens, every second counts," McMaster said. "We're talking 12 to 15 minutes before getting an ambulance here."

"There have been a few times when time is of the essence... I've seen residents' families go berserk

because the ambulances hadn't got there and there's nothing you can do but wait."

McMasters says the response time has improved over the past few months and credits the City of Novi for arranging the opening of the new CEMS ambulance station, which is located about 1 1/2 miles from The American House.

Six-and-a-half years ago, the city entered into an agreement with CEMS, which is owned by Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills. When 911 is dialed, the phone caller reaches the city's police department, which in turn may contact the ambulance service. The city's agreement calls for the company to send out ambulances with advanced life support units.

The city also is concerned that ambulances without advanced life support systems have answered calls,

Lenaghan said.

A basic unit or transfer ambulance carries bandages, splints, First Aid equipment and oxygen. It is staffed by state licensed basic emergency medical technicians.

In addition to this, an advanced life support unit ambulance carries an electrocardiogram monitor, a medications box, a defibrillator, intubation equipment, advanced airway equipment and a biotelemetry communications unit, which allows the paramedic to talk directly to doctors at the hospital. An advanced life support unit is staffed by licensed paramedics.

Rogers said that because CEMS corporate headquarters is in Novi, at times a transfer ambulance passing through the city may be routed to an emergency call.

"If they were the physically closest ambulance, we would automatically

send them and then follow with an advanced life support unit in the majority of cases," he said.

Rogers said the company plans to place identification logos on all advanced life support units to avoid "any confusion on the scene."

Several neighboring communities have recently questioned the level of service provided by CEMS. In September, Plymouth dropped out of an agreement with Northville that called for CEMS to provide advance life emergency services for the two cities. Plymouth instead engaged Huron Valley Ambulance Service.

In a memo on CEMS sent to the Northville police department, Plymouth officials said they were dissatisfied with quality of service, the response times, the fact that basic units were sent instead of the agreed-upon advanced life support units, and the ambulances were too

long at scene before transporting patients.

Novi, the city and township of Northville, and Farmington Hills all entered into a pact with CEMS several years ago.

A report on CEMS prepared by the City of Northville Police Department on ambulance runs from May 1 to September 1 found response times ranging from 3 to 30 minutes, with an average of 8.7 minutes. Thirty percent of the runs were over 10 minutes.

Medical studies show survival rate of heart attack victims decrease dramatically after eight minutes. Northville continues to use CEMS's services.

CEMS response times have also been closely scrutinized by members of the Lakes Area Residents Association (LARA).

"It's sometimes 20 to 30 minutes before an ambulance shows up," said LARA President Sarah Phelps said.

"We're not satisfied with the response times."

Keeping tabs on police, fire and ambulance times has been a special assignment for LARA Vice-President Harry Avagian.

"We continue to closely monitor the response times. We are happy that they have opened a facility at Thirteen Mile and Novi Road. We hope it will bring positive results," Avagian said.

Meanwhile, both LARA and the city plan to continue to keep tabs on the situation.

"I certainly don't want to make any rash decisions on it. We're not comfortable right now with what we're seeing right now. The management assures me this will be corrected," Lenaghan said.

# Weather watchers survive winter

Ignorance can be your worst enemy during a Michigan winter.

Your best defense against winter storms is keeping informed about weather conditions, according to Oakland County Emergency Medical Services/Emergency Management personnel.

"A few hours warning can be the difference between being caught in a storm or being safe at home," said Gail Novak, manager of the Oakland County EMS/Emergency Management. "We urge all Oakland County residents to stay informed about weather conditions in their area."

There are several ways for Oakland County residents to keep up with changing weather developments. The first, and easiest, according to Novak, is to listen to local television and radio forecasts. Also, a tone alerting receiver system is available by purchase through

EMS for businesses and residences.

The receiver system is activated when the National Weather Service issues a severe weather alert. The Oakland County EMS/Emergency Management's 24-hour personnel then broadcast detailed weather information over the receivers.

The second step to keep informed is to familiarize yourself with terms used by the weather service.

Terms commonly used in winter weather forecasts include:

- Winter Storm Watch — Severe winter weather conditions may affect your area
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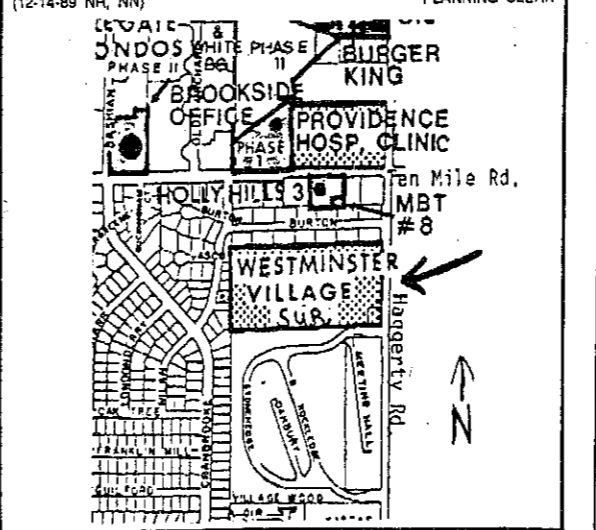
For more information about winter survival contact Gail Novak at 888-8300.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, December 20, 1989 at 7:30 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Rd., Novi, MI to consider WESTMINSTER VILLAGE SUBDIVISION, west side of Hagerty Rd. south of 10 Mile Rd., a proposed 84 lot subdivision on a 19.037 acre, R-4 zoned parcel. Possible Tentative Preliminary Plat recommendation to City Council for approval, may follow public hearing.

All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments will be heard at the hearing and any written comments may be sent to the Dept. of Community Development, 45175 W. Ten Mile Rd., Novi, MI 48050 until 5:00 P.M. Wednesday, December 20, 1989.

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## Attention collectors:

### New Northville shop features collectibles

By CATHERINE BILEK

Valente's Gifts & Collectibles may be off the beaten path, but it captures the unique Northville charm. Located at 219 Hutton Street, the shop, which opened in September, carries a variety of items that delight avid collectors or customers looking for a one-time special purchase.

"Nobody in town really recognizes a location as being in town if it's not on Main Street or Center Street," said owner Al Valente. But Valente promotes his shop and its unique merchandise in an effort to change that attitude.

"There are no gift shops like this in Northville that carry these collectibles," he emphasized.

Collectibles increase in value rapidly, providing an interesting way to make money.

Walking through the small shop is an adventure... a flight of fantasy. You don't know which way to look. You take a step and are stopped in your tracks. You turn, and see something that takes your breath away. Everyone has a favorite... an image that tweaks a special memory. Valente's is a virtual time machine.

The store carries unique Jack-in-the-boxes with characters from the Wizard of Oz... the Tin Man, Dorothy, the Cowardly Lion and the Scarecrow.

There are a variety of carousels and music boxes with ballet dancers, skating girls and other familiar

figures on top.

The Dickens Village and the Original Snow Village have a special old-world charm.

There's an assortment of "Gone with the Wind" plates and figurines. The figurines of literature's most romantic couple are not only popular, but very profitable, as are most collectibles.

Other interesting musical figurines include a clown playing the "squeeze box" and another playing the violin, and a cowboy whistling his favorite tune. Norman Rockwell sculptures and collectors plates are also popular.

A treasure trove of collectibles and other specialty items ranging in price from a \$2 brass bell to a \$3,400 Chilmark pewter stage coach are available at Valente's.

Christmas ornaments, collector's plates and porcelain dolls, are part of the fare. Native Indians and clowns stand along side brides and cherubs. Renowned Swarovski Crystal is featured, as are collectibles by Lladro Hummels, David Winter, Lowell Davis, Arni, Disney, Dickens, Snow Village and Precious Moments. Emmett Kelly, Jr. can be found, as can characters from the Wizard of Oz, Beatrix Potter and Gone With the Wind.

The Enchanted Kingdoms collection by Ann Arbor-native John Hopkins offers a flight into fantasy. Colorful, magical castles and wizards perform their sorcery on wistful dreamers,



Photo by CHRIS BOYD

Al Valente straightens a display at his new gift shop near Northville's downtown district

Especially appropriate at this time of year are the Perillo American Indian nativity sets.

Specially-commissioned "Northville" T-shirts and sweatshirts are exclusive to Valente's. The colorful shirts depict many of the city's landmarks.

Valente is actively involved in the community. He and John Genitti, owner of Genitti's Hole in the Wall restaurant, purchased a trolley to transport shoppers and to use on special occasions. The trolley is a non-profit service, supported by

advertising on the exterior of the vehicle. A box for donations is located inside the trolley.

Valente said that the Merchant's Association and the Northville Community Chamber of Commerce are also involved.

"I believe in attracting people to Northville... to experience all the Victorian homes and to see what we have here," he said.

"It's a combined effort of a lot of retailers. It's good for the city and good for the residents," he stressed.

Owning a gift shop is a "relaxing" sideline for Valente, who also owns the neighboring Little Italy restaurant. He has been in the restaurant business since 1973 when he abandoned a 20-year career as a record promoter. The career change was motivated by Motown's move to California.

Valente opened three carry-out pizzerias and a restaurant, Ristorante Di Maria in West Bloomfield still remains in business. A family operation, it is operated by his wife Joyce, who makes the pastries, and his son Jeffrey, who is the chef.

Little Italy is also a family operation, with nephew John Gallagher as chef. Next summer, outside dining will add to the restaurant's considerable charm.

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## Business Briefs

**DR. EDWARD A. ROSE** of Novi has completed continuing medical education requirements to retain active membership in the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP), the national association of family doctors.

The requirements call for the members to complete a minimum of 150 hours of accredited continuing medical study every three years. The Academy, the country's largest medical association with more than 60,000 members, was the first national medical group to require members to keep up with medical progress through continuing education.

The Academy, founded in 1947 and headquartered in Kansas City, Mo., was instrumental in the establishment of a new primary specialty in family practice in 1969.

**ELAINE CAVIN** of Novi has been promoted to Marketing Manager for University of Microfilms International's (UMI) new Preservation Division. UMI is a world leader in the information industry, providing research materials to educational institutions and public, academic, corporate, government and medical libraries.

The Preservation Division was created to address the international need for preserving embrittled books and other materials on microform.

Drawing on her familiarity with UMI's academic library customers, Cavin will be responsible for developing and implementing marketing and sales programs for preservation projects. Cavin will serve both as UMI's liaison to preservation librarians and other prospects, and as coordinator for internal activities such as the contracting and completion of projects. Other responsibilities include researching national grant activities, monitoring the preservation marketplace and recommending new product or service additions as market growth indicates. Cavin will report to Chris Nicely, Vice President of Sales and Marketing for UMI's Research Information Services.

Cavin, has worked for UMI for nearly two years in both full- and part-time positions. She holds a bachelors degree from Michigan State University and received her MBA from the University of Michigan.

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## Quick action now can save tax dollars

### Money Management

While you're wrapping up your holiday packages, don't forget to wrap up your tax year as well. In the next few weeks, you can take some quick tax-action steps that can result in a lower tax bill.

Start by reviewing your miscellaneous expenses, suggests the Michigan Association of CPAs. Although miscellaneous expenses are deductible only to the extent they exceed 2 percent of your adjusted gross income (AGI), they can still provide substantial tax benefits. For example, a taxpayer with an AGI of \$20,000 can deduct any miscellaneous expenses in excess of \$400.

Of course, miscellaneous expenses can help reduce your taxes only if you itemize, so find out now whether you will be able to itemize on your 1989 tax return. If some quick calculations indicate that itemizing is in your future, you may be able to vault over the 2-percent threshold by accelerating some of your qualified expenses into this year. To help you get off to a running start, here's a list of miscellaneous expenses taxpayers often overlook.

**Attend a Work-Related Seminar.** Before the month ends, attend a one- or two-day seminar related to your current job. Educational expenses for courses that maintain or improve your job skills are generally deductible as a miscellaneous expense.

**Stock Up On Uniforms.** Does your job require you to wear a uniform? If so, December may be a good time to pick up a few extra sets of work clothes. To be deductible, the clothes must be suitable for general wear. The expense may help you reach or pass the 2-percent threshold.

Start subscribing. You can deduct the subscription cost of any

newspaper or magazine related to your business. In addition, you can write off subscription fees to invest-ment or tax-related magazines. But the costs have to be reasonable. If you take out a three-year subscrip-tion, you can generally deduct only one-third of the entire cost. The re-maining two-thirds can be deducted in subsequent years.

**Buy Tax Books.** If you want extra advice this tax season, start purchas-ing tax publications before the year ends. Any tax book you buy now will trim your taxes in April.

**Join A Professional Society or Union.** The membership fees or union dues constitute a miscellaneous ex-pense.

**Look For A Job.** If you are con-templating a job change, start pound-ing the pavement right away. Any job-hunting expenses you incur through the remainder of the year can be written off on your 1989 re-turn. Eligible expenses include phone calls, transportation costs and fees charged by a career counselor. In addition, any cost related to revis-ing your resume — from typesetting fees to xeroxing charges — is deduc-tible.

**Get A Safe Deposit Box.** Store in-vestment papers or taxable securities in a safe deposit box and the fees become deductible.

**Hire An Appraiser.** If you hire an appraiser to evaluate a real estate in-vestment or the value of a charitable

contribution, the appraisal fees in either situation are fully deductible. Remember, too, that if you donate property valued at more than \$5,000, an independent appraisal is not op-tional — it's mandatory.

**Give A Holiday Party For Clients or Employees.** Here's a great way to score points with clients or employees, and reduce your tax bill at the same time. Hold a legitimate business meeting and follow it up with a holiday gathering and you may be able to deduct 80 percent of the expenses. Be sure to document the purpose and extent of the business meeting, the names of at-tendees and all related expenses.

**Buy Flowers For Your Secretary.** Or send a get-well bouquet to an employee laid up in the hospital. You may deduct the cost of business gifts worth up to \$25 presented to any one person in one year.

**Deduct Miscellaneous Business Ex-penses.** You can also deduct miscellaneous business expenses, such as those incurred by mailing holiday cards to employees or clients, but be ready to prove that the

cards serve a valid business function. Other items that may fall under this category include buying a poster for your office or a pen and pencil set for your desk.

**See A Tax Advisor.** You know that tax preparation fees are deductible, but do you know that you can also deduct the cost of consulting a tax ad-visor about the tax implications of a divorce or an employment contract? If you have any questions on these matters remember that a meeting held in 1989 may turn into a very smart investment — and a much-needed tax deduction.

**Visit Your Financial Advisor.** If you're worried about the perfor-mance of your favorite stock or mutual fund, visit your financial ad-visor. If the visit is "ordinary and necessary" and you discuss your in-vestments, the costs of attending the meeting are usually deductible.

**Deduct Business Meals.** You can generally deduct 80 percent of the cost of a business meal if it is "directly related to" or "associated with" the active conduct of your trade or business. Just make sure the ex-penses are not lavish or extravagant.

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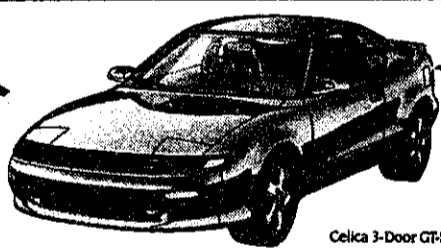
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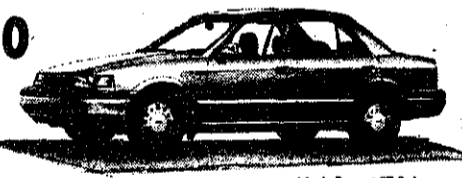


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## How to celebrate down-home Christmas

If you like a little of everything in your Christmas decorating, an area resident can give you a few tips on where to get it.

Try the craft shops in the Smoky Mountains of Tennessee, said Sherry Whittaker of Oakwood Meadows in Green Oak Township.

The Whittakers — Sherry and husband Gary — really love Christmas and enjoy decorating for it the way most people enjoy taking a vacation. It's a total all-out effort to celebrate, always keeping in mind that Jesus is the "heart" of Christmas.

Members of the Calvary Baptist Church in Plymouth, the Whittakers invite their whole congregation, plus friends and relatives in to enjoy the Christmas season with them.

Hot cider, steaming in a crockpot and filling the air with a delightful aroma, is always ready for guests. Christmas cookies are also close at hand — some purchased from a bakery and some made with loving care in Sherry's kitchen.

"We had 450 guests through here in December last year," Sherry said from the comfort of her Christmas bedecked family room.

And the dining room table is



A shepherd-style Santa is a special guest at Whittakers

always set for guests in a Christmas theme with lots of red napkins and candy canes, Santa plates and plaid placements. The centerpiece consists of greens and candles. The chandelier above the table is well dressed with greens and a small lighted tree adorns the bay window.

The front "parlor" of the Whittaker home is the sitting room for "Grandma and Grandpa." Lifesize stuffed figures purchased at a craft shop in the Smokies. An old-time wooden wagon holds a load of "kids," also ready for Christmas.

From the mantel in the family room hang decorative stockings for the Whittakers' three youngsters — Jamie, 14, Carrie, 11, and Travis, 7. Christmas lights and greens are tastefully displayed everywhere.

The floor-to-ceiling Christmas tree has the old-fashioned flavor of popcorn and cranberries carefully strung by Sherry and the children. What appears to be cornhusk ribbons and bows on the tree are actually a form of "paper twist" which Sherry purchased at a craft shop.

"Real cornhusks take too long to do and this really gives the tree an old-fashioned look, I think," she explains.

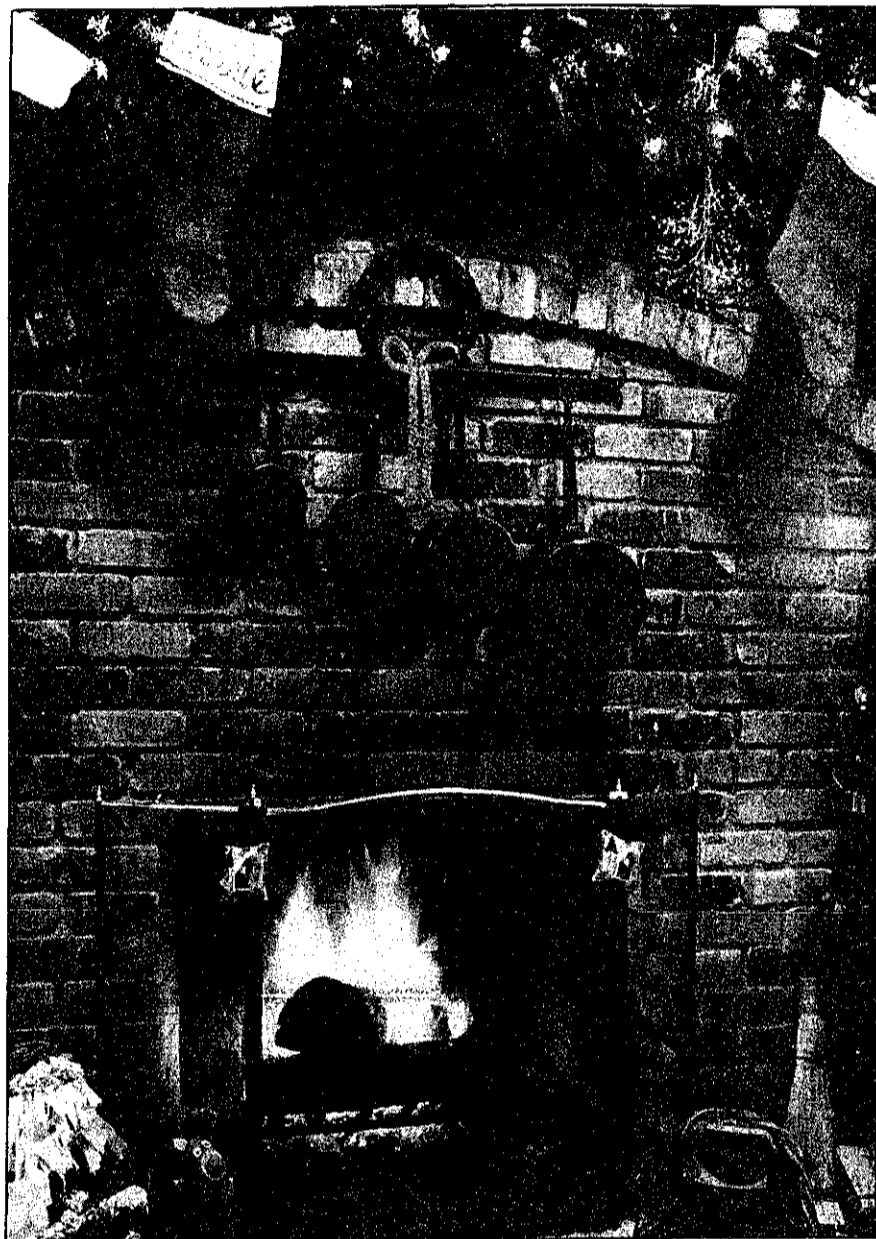
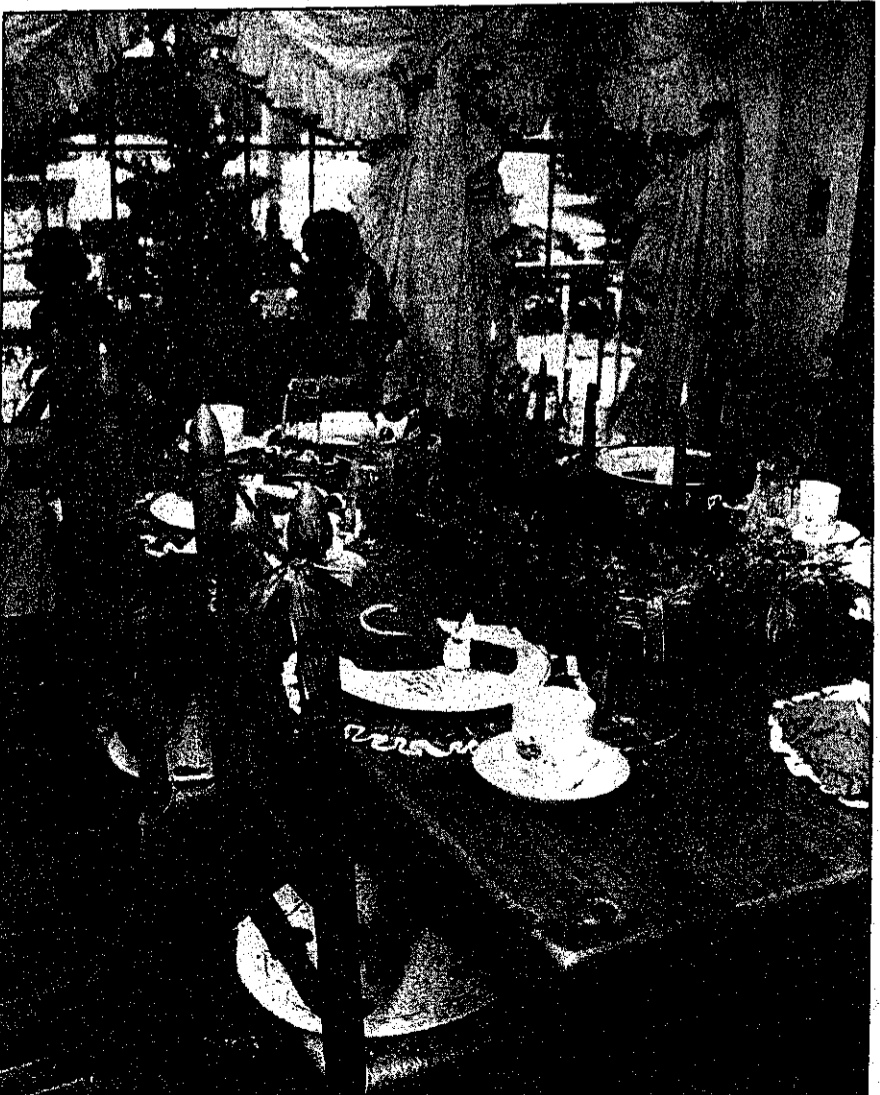


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The stockings are hung by the chimney with care



The heart of Christmas for the Whittaker family is Jesus Christ



The holiday table is always colorfully set at the Whittaker home

ed. "We always have a real tree and this is a Fraser fir that holds its needles well."

In the family's eating "nook" where food is served when the dining room table is set for Christmas, another "granny" figure with a bowl of apples on her lap sits by the fireplace. Greens and miniature lights decorate all the hanging lights in the Whittaker home.

"I get a lot of ideas from Country Living magazine," Sherry admitted. "We know a lot of people who make furniture and we have ordered some of our things from them."

The figures in the nativity scene are also attractively carved in a simple folk-art manner by a "girl in the Smokies." More greens and lights give the creche a seasonal backdrop.

While the inside of the Whittaker home is a delightful setting for celebrating the birth of Christ, the outside is the drawing card which beckons to all who drive by. Many cars just stop for a few minutes while

the passengers take in the scene.

A huge heart, outlined with red lights, is the centerpiece for the large Nativity scene in the front yard. It enforces the message of Christ as the heart of Christmas.

A large painted plywood Christmas card proclaiming a similar message of Christ sets beside the Whittaker driveway at the north side of their yard and a group of carolers "sing" for company.

On the lighter side of the season, a smiling Santa with his sleigh and prancing reindeer decorate the Whittakers' roof. A line of toy soldiers lights the driveway for visitors.

A lighted "Merry Christmas" sign welcomes guests and another Santa figure stands on the porch. This year Gary also dressed the backyard and deck with lights that reflect over the small lake in the center of their subdivision.

"Each year we try to add a Santa to our collection (every room has at least one)," Sherry commented.

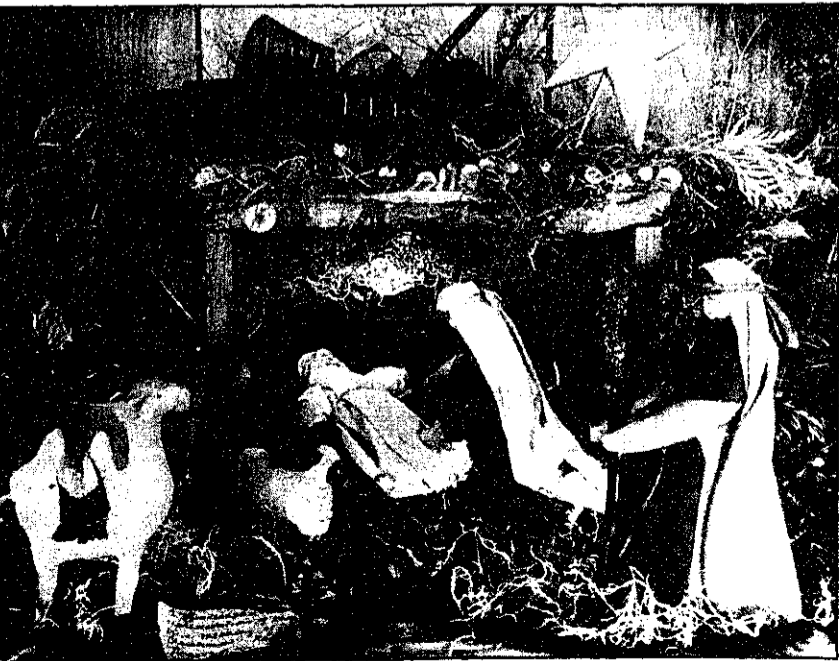
"We've been putting out some new lights or decorations every year since we were married 15 years ago. We lived in Livonia before moving to the South Lyon area."

The Whittakers' passion for collecting Christmas decorations created the almost overwhelming task of where to store everything during the other 11 months of the year.

"When we built this house three years ago, we planned it so that there is storage over the garage for all the Christmas things and lots of electrical outlets both inside and out," Sherry explained.

"When Gary goes up in the storage space and gets it all down in November, we check all the lights in the garage before putting anything up. It really works out well and it is very handy."

Sherry's advice to other homeowners on Christmas decorating is simple — study the magazines, visit the craft shops and add a little something new each year.



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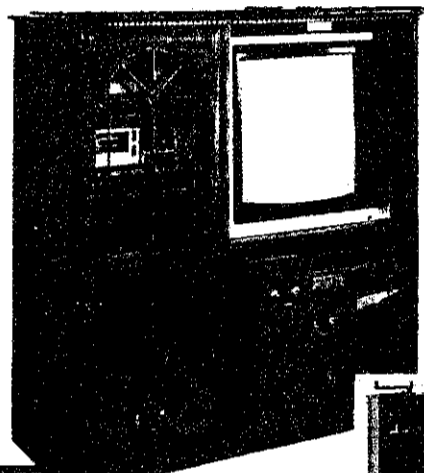
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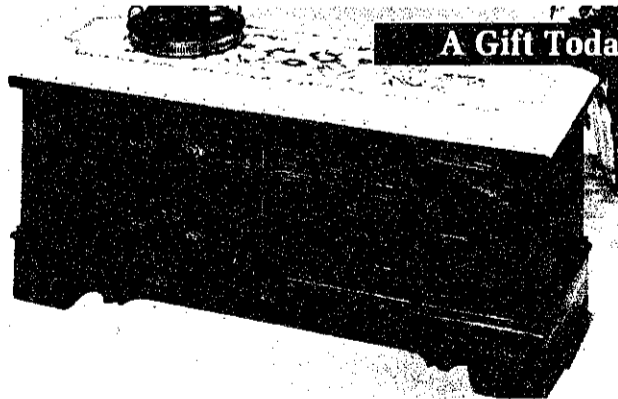
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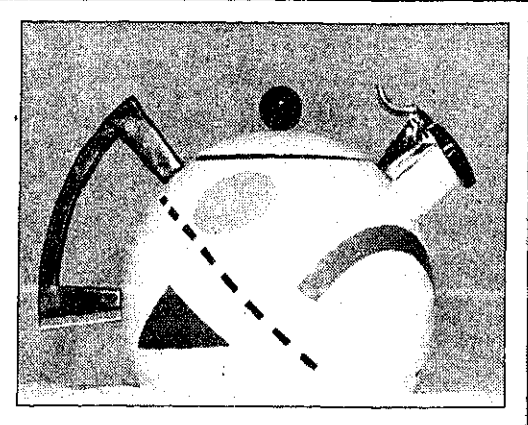
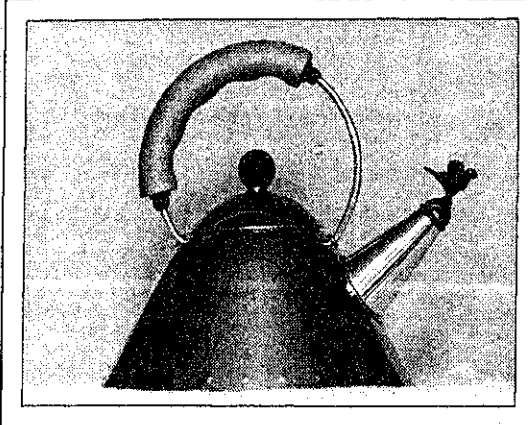
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## TEAPOT

Text by Brenda Dooley • Photos by Chris Boyd

**W**hether they're whistling shrilly from a stovetop or perched delicately upon a silver tray, teapots are finding their way into more and more homes these days.

They come in all sizes, shapes, colors and designs. No longer are homeowners doomed to buying a standard dome-shaped aluminum teakettle from the Sears catalog.

Today they can choose from teakettles made of enamel, porcelain, stoneware, bone china, copper or steel, just to name a few. Geometric designs, cozy holiday scenes, flower bouquets or solid colors may decorate the modern teapot's exterior — there's something for every taste and occasion.

Jim Howe, manager of the Coffee Beanery at Novi's Twelve Oaks Mall, said teakettles are increasing in popularity as the store expands its line.

"Most people will buy them (teapots) according to the design and how it fits into the scheme of their kitchens," Howe said.

Big sellers at the Coffee Beanery are enamel kettles made by Copco. White and black are the most popular colors, he added. Sizes range

from two pints to 2½ quarts, with the larger sizes being the most preferred, according to Howe. Prices range from \$2.99 to \$200.

The cream of the crop in teapots is created by Alessi. Designed by architects, this brand offers teapots with interesting trademarks. One Alessi teapot, for example, features a bird per-

ched atop the spout of a silver-plated model.

Another exclusive line is offered by Bodum of Denmark, known for its round, stout teapot equipped with tiny peg legs and a removable filter basket inside.

Marcia Weber, manager at Heslop's in Twelve Oaks Mall, noted that the Novi store

sells a lot of teapots year-round. However, teapots are especially popular for special occasions — such as Mother's Day, Christmas and other holidays, she remarked.

"They're popular gifts for moms or wives or grandmas for birthdays, also," Weber said.

Neither Howe nor Weber recommend a certain type of teapot over another. They both said most of their customers know just what they want when shopping for a teakettle.

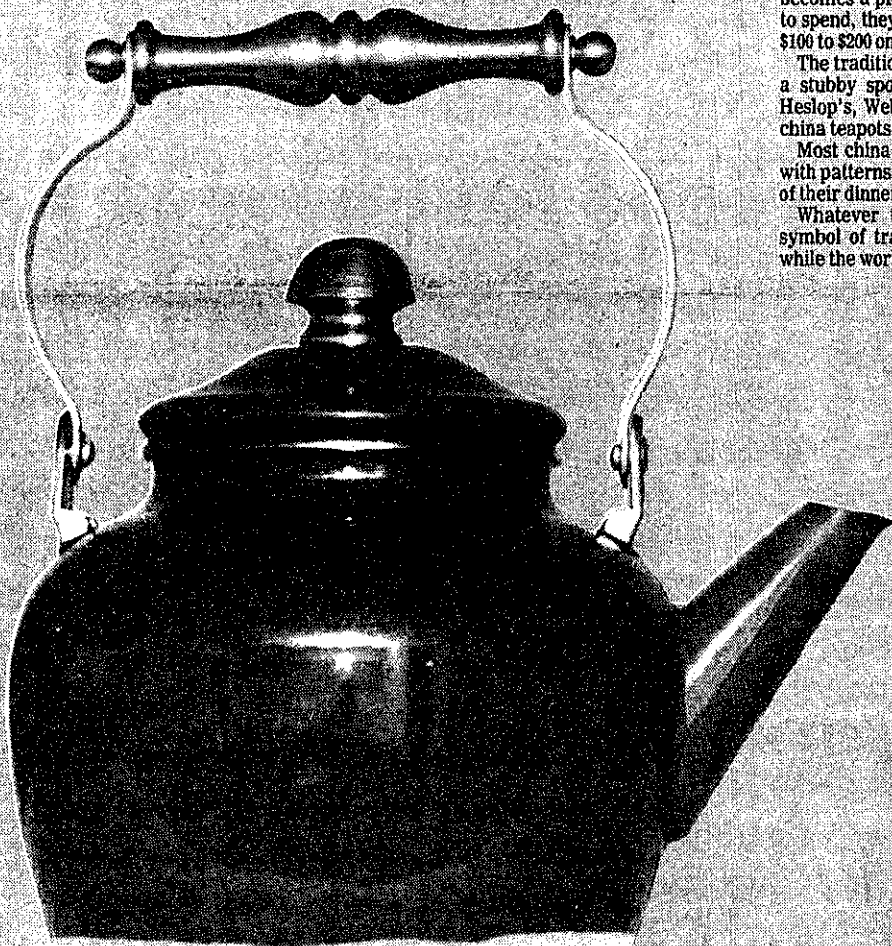
"A lot of it has to do with the price range," Weber said. "If a couple is just starting out and they don't have a lot of money to spend, they tend to choose a teapot that isn't really expensive."

"Once the home is established, entertaining becomes a priority and they have more money to spend, they don't think twice about spending \$100 to \$200 on a teapot," she added.

The traditional teapot — short and squat with a stubby spout — are highest in demand at Heslop's, Weber said. White porcelain or bone china teapots are the big sellers at the store.

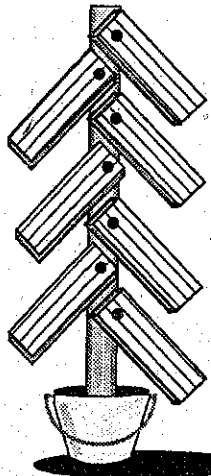
Most china companies offer teapots adorned with patterns that coordinate or match the style of their dinnerware.

Whatever the occasion, teapots provide a symbol of tranquility — sipping a cup of tea while the world goes by.



### Random Sample

**Q:** Do you have a real tree or an artificial one?



Six said: "Real"  
Four said: "Fake"

"It's something that comes from childhood memories of Christmas."

"We had an artificial one but the kids wanted a real one."

Random Sample is an unscientific poll conducted by the staff of The Northville Record and The Novi News.

### Volunteers

## Elfring leads scouts

By DOROTHY NASH  
special writer

It's a go-go world, and Carol Elfring, a Novi housewife and the mother of two girls, 10 and 5 years old, has been racing in it for four years as a volunteer in two main areas — Village Oaks Elementary School and Girl Scouts.

One morning a week she helps as needed at the school, and also this year she is co-chairing its Spring Fling money-raiser.

As for Girl Scouts, she is leader of a troop of 12 Junior Girl Scouts — fourth graders — one of whom is her daughter.

"We meet every other week in the girls' homes from 7 to 8:30 in the evening," she said, and she does most of the planning for the meetings, but she's trying to get other moms involved, too.

The troop meets only every other

week because, typical of this fast-paced world, there are many competing after-school activities inviting children to fit into their schedules.

But that isn't all that Carol Elfring does for Girl Scouts. She is also Neighborhood Service Unit Director for the 350 registered Girl Scouts in Novi. This, she said, "is the highest volunteering position in Girl Scouts," and it puts her into more meetings and interaction with other leaders.

She plans and conducts a monthly meeting in her home with the seven women who coordinate Scout activities in the Novi schools. She plans and conducts meetings with all of the 60 leaders. And she attends a bi-monthly meeting in Detroit of all of the Neighborhood Service Unit Directors in the council.

It's a lot of involvement, Elfring said, and she likes it because "I like to work with people." But she also said she is now learning her limitations, and "I know I have to be selective in outside activities."

The up-shot for you is that if you are not involved in either of these areas and would like to be — at a pace that suits you — why not go to your nearest school and inquire about volunteer opportunities?



Novi News/CHRIS BOYD

Carol Elfring volunteers for Girl Scout program





### Happy feet

Sixth Gate Clogger Kit Glad, front, practices some fancy footwork during the clogging group's

first anniversary party at the Novi Civic Center earlier this fall.

Novi News/CHRIS BOYD

## Special Olympics program to host training for skiers

Michigan Special Olympics, a sports program for the mentally impaired, will hold a training school for volunteer cross country (nordic) skiing coaches on Saturday, Jan. 6, at the Glen Oaks Country Club in Farmington Hills.

The training school will run from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. and is open to any novice or advanced nordic skiers interested in coaching Special Olympics in nordic skiing or anyone interested in the Special Olympics program.

For registration information contact Nancy Joseph at 674-4924 or contact the Michigan Special Olympics state office at Central Michigan University, Mount Pleasant, MI 48859. The phone number is (517) 774-3911.

Nordic skiing is part of Michigan Special Olympics' year-round program of sports training and competition for mentally impaired children and adults. Michigan Special Olympics is part of the world wide Special Olympics program which reaches more than 1 million athletes in 80 countries.

## College sets poetry contest

LIVONIA — Distinguished poet Alice Fulton will judge the seventh annual "Poet Hunt," a competition sponsored by Schoolcraft College and "The MacGuffin" literary magazine.

The competition is open to all Michigan residents.

Entrants may submit from one to five previously unpublished, original poems of 50 lines or less. There is an entrance fee of 50 cents per poem.

Poems must be typed on 8 1/2 by 11-inch paper. Name, address and daytime telephone number should not be placed on the poems, but on a separate 3 by 5-inch index card. Entries should be mailed to: "Poet Hunt," Liberal Arts Building, Schoolcraft College, 1900 Haggerty Road, Livonia, MI 48152. Entries will not be returned. The deadline for submitting material is Jan. 31, 1990.

Prizes include \$100 for first place, \$50 for second place and \$25 for third place. There will also be three honorable mentions. All six finalists will be invited to read their poetry at the college on Monday, April 9, 1990, at 7 p.m. All winning entries will be published in "The MacGuffin."

Fulton will be at Schoolcraft College to read poetry and announce the winners' names on March 12, 1990, at 8 p.m.

For more information contact Art Lindenberg, English Department, Schoolcraft College, 462-4400 (extension 5292).

## Give blood, get fuel

The American Red Cross and Total Petroleum announce the kickoff of a statewide campaign entitled "Give a pint, get a gallon."

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For more information call the AIFS local representative, Lynne Levenbach, at 453-8562.

## Church plans event

Disciples Christian Church will host a Christmas celebration on Sunday, Dec. 17 at the Orchard Hills Elementary School, 41900 Quince, at 3 p.m.

The celebration will include a service of carols and scripture and a fellowship time. This will be an initial gathering for persons interested in being part of this new congregation in Novi, sponsored by the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). For more information contact Eddie K. Stubblefield, pastor/developer, at 477-2766.

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## Tiny troupe Acting group formed at Marquis Theater

By BRENDA DOOLEY staff writer

Their bodies may be small, but their dancing and singing talents are big enough to fill all the space inside Northville's Marquis Theater.

An enthusiastic group of 23 children from Novi, Northville and surrounding areas has gathered to form the Marquis Theater Children, a new theater troupe for young performers.

"We have all these talented kids and nowhere for them to perform," said Inge Zayit, owner of the Marquis Theater.

The idea for the troupe was developed by Zayit and director David Leibold. They wanted to give local children a place to experience live stage and knew the talent was out there.

"There's a professional children's acting group in Royal Oak and we thought it was about time for one in this area," Leibold said. "We have a good group of kids."

A graduate of the University of Detroit, Leibold has directed several stage productions at the Marquis and other arenas, including the theater at Cranbrook. Most of the time he works with young actors, including his role as director of the Marquis Theater Children.

"I want to keep it fun," he said. "It's amazing to see the kids grow in their abilities." The troupe members range in age from 7 to 14 and most of them have previous acting experience.

Members of the Marquis Theater Children are Angela Austin, Amanda Benish, Anne-Marie Bondy, Katie Bortel, Mary Kay Cook, Kristi Lynn Darkowski, Kori Davis, Amy Fowkes, Carla Freshwater, Laura Gentili, Sarah Habitz, Jillian Herick, Patrick Lokey, Valerie Longro, Marissa Megge, Ernie Nolan, Tracey Parker, Janet Patton, Leslie Soriano, Delrid Steljes, Missi Surma, Stephanie Unger and Chris Berzac.

Dates and showtimes for the Christmas show, a dancing and singing medley of holiday songs, are as follows: Friday, Dec. 15, 22 and 29 at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 23 at 11:30 a.m. and 3 p.m.; and Wednesday, Dec. 27 and Thursday, Dec. 28 at 7:30 p.m.

Another member of the troupe, Ernie Nolan, 15, is becoming a seasoned performer on the stage at the Marquis.

"I auditioned in 'Peter Pan' and that started it," the Northville resident said. "I like being different people and doing different things."

Following the Christmas show, the future of the Marquis Theater Children is uncertain.

"I want to see how well it goes off," Zayit said about the troupe.

If it's successful, Leibold said he's hoping to work with the troupe on a spring show, which will probably consist of a play.

"It's important that they develop some acting experience — to learn lines and work with a script," he said.



Novi News/CHRIS BOYD

### Curtain calls

Members of the Marquis Theater Children, a newly-formed acting troupe for area youths, rehearse for a special holiday show. The Christmas show, featuring dancing, singing and comedy, is currently playing at Northville's Marquis Theater. For performance dates see story at right.



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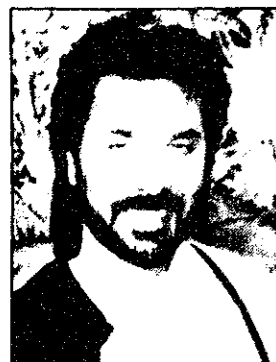
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## Shining stars

A lineup of seven well-known performers is featured in the upcoming variety series offered at the Fox Theater in Detroit. This is the second year the series has been offered.



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## Fox features variety series

After the hectic pace of the holiday season settles down the winter doldrums are likely to set in.

Entertainment seekers can fight the winter blues by attending upcoming performances at Detroit hotspots. Those who enjoy live performances may be interested in upcoming performances at the Fox Theater.

Six performances are planned in the Fox Theater's second annual "Buy Three, Get Three Free Fox Variety Series." The 1990 variety series features performances by Englebert Humperdinck, Sammy Davis Jr., Jerry Lewis, Tom Jones, Frank Sinatra, Mel Torme and Rosemary Clooney.

patrons enjoyed the inaugural variety series, which became one of the nation's top grossing theater packages. Performers included Steve Lawrence and Edie Gorme, Wayne Newton, Paul Anka, Bob Hope, Miki Gaynor and Tony Bennett.

"Hopefully this is the second of many to come," said Julie Parise, public relations manager at the Fox Theater. "Tickets are doing very well... it should be an exciting series."

Scheduled performances are Englebert Humperdinck on Jan. 28-29; Sammy Davis Jr. on Feb. 15-16; Jerry Lewis on March 6-11; Tom Jones on March 29-April 1; Frank Sinatra on April 19-22; and Mel

Torme and Rosemary Clooney on May 17-20.

Each artist featured in the Fox Variety Series will perform Thursday through Sunday evening with a matinee on Sunday.

Since its reopening in November 1988, the Fox Theater has attracted millions of concert-goers.

"We've been lucky to have such a beautiful building," Parise noted. "It has attracted many performers back to Detroit. I can't tell you how many people have commented on it."

Ticket prices are \$175 for Super VIP, seats in front of the orchestra pit on down; \$115 for VIP, seats on the main floor; \$90 for Gallery A, seats in the first section of the

balcony; \$75 for Gallery B; and \$35 for Gallery C.

Series tickets are currently available at the Fox Theater box office, open 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.; the Joe Louis Arena box office, open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and all Ticketmaster outlets. To charge tickets by phone using credit card, call 645-6666.

Parking is available in the theater's parking structure, located immediately north of the Fox Theater. Cost of parking in the structure is \$5. Parking lots also are located directly across the street from the theater.

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# Sports

## Fisher leads Wildcat five past Franklin

By PHILIP JEROME managing editor

One win. One loss. That's how the Novi Wildcats opened the 1989-90 season last week.

The Wildcats surprised Livonia Franklin 65-53 in the season opener on Tuesday but dropped a 67-54 decision to Lakeland in the Kensington Valley Conference (KVC) opener on Friday.

The results left several impressions on Bob Shoemaker, who has taken over the reins of the Wildcat cage program this year.

"I thought our kids played fairly well considering that we have had so little time together," said Shoemaker who has a career record of 217-38 and two state championships to his credit.

"We didn't play particularly well in either game. I use a lot of multiple defenses and have put in some new offensive schemes. And it takes awhile to learn the system.

"Right now, the kids have to think about what they're doing instead of just reacting. And basketball is a game of reactions. Eventually, we're going to be a pretty good team."

The Wildcats have learned Shoemaker's new offensive and defensive schemes well enough to hang a 65-53 defeat on Livonia Franklin in the season opener on Tuesday.

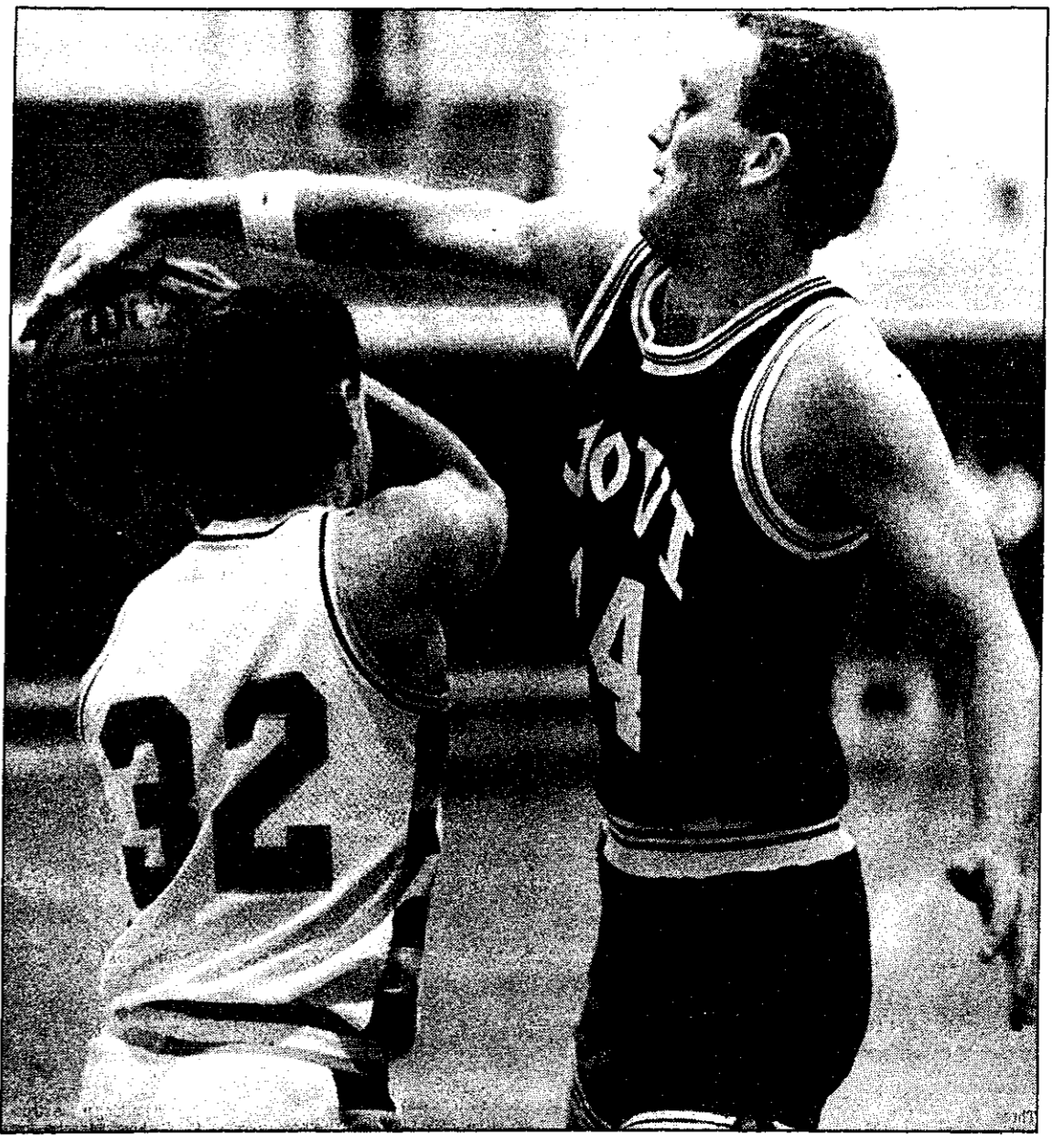
The big gun in the Novi arsenal was senior forward Mark Fisher who led the offense with 23 points.

The Wildcats got off to a fast start, outscoring Franklin 15-10 in the first quarter and extending the lead to six points with a 17-16 scoring advantage in the second quarter that made it 32-25 at the half.

It was the fourth quarter, however, which proved decisive. Franklin came out strong at the start of the second half and outscored the Wildcats 17-10 in the third quarter to take a 43-42 lead in the final period of play.

With the game on the line, Novi outscored Franklin 23-10 over the final eight minutes to clinch the 65-53 victory.

"We had to make some adjustments," commented



Novi Wildcat forward Steve Lang shuts down Ron Shindorf of Lakeland. Novi News/JANET L. COX

Shoemaker about the decisive 23-point spurt in the final quarter.

"The kids just executed better," he continued. "They did the little things."

The new Novi mentor was quick to cite improved defense and strong shooting from the charity stripe as key factors in the fourth quarter rally.

"Doug Soper turned in a good fourth quarter," said Shoemaker. "He scored five points and had a couple of steals which helped turn the game around."

The Wildcats also took advantages of their free throw opportunities in the fourth quarter, collecting 13 of their 23 points from the line. For the game, Novi was 21 of 26 from the charity stripe.

Fisher sparked the offense with his 33 point performance in addition to collecting 10 rebounds. Chris Weiden, a senior guard, added 19 points to the Novi attack.

Craig Overaitis paced Franklin with 22 points.

LAKELAND 67, NOVI 54: The highly-louted Lakeland Eagles jumped off to a big lead in the first half and then held on as the Wildcats clawed back to make it close in the second half.

"We were coming back," commented Shoemaker. "We just ran out of quarters."

The game looked like it would be a blowout in the early going. Led by Matt Hutchins, the Eagles came out firing from long range in the first quarter and built up a 28-14 lead during the first eight minutes of play.

Things quieted down a bit in the second quarter, but Lakeland still scored twice as many points as Novi, outscoring the 'Cats 14-7 to make it 42-21 at the half.

"They came out shooting," reported Shoemaker of Lakeland's early surge in something of an understatement. Hutchins, who may be the finest player in the KVC this season, led the barrage - personally accounting for 17 of Lakeland's 28 points in the first quarter and were down by 20 points after the first half, but the kids never gave in," he said. "They kept fighting back and they got the lead down to

seven points with about five minutes left. But that's when we ran out of gas. They (Lakeland) had to keep their starters in the game all the way to the end.

"I'm not the kind of guy who takes kindly toward losing. But I think I was more proud of these kids after this game than I was after their win over Franklin.

"I typically have a really tough

practice after we lose, but I couldn't be angry at the way these kids played. They really gave it their all."

Hutchins finished the game with 28 points - 10 fewer than the 38 points he had in Lakeland's opener against Walked Lake Western on Tuesday earlier. Keith Butler added 18 for the Eagles.

Fisher once again paced the Novi

## Lakeland stops Ladycat spikers

"It wasn't a victory in the traditional sense, but Amy Rademacher was claiming a moral victory despite the fact her Novi Wildcat volleyball team lost to Lakeland in straight games-out before the Eagles last Thursday.

Rademacher's claim of a moral victory was based on improvement.

"We played Lakeland in the opening game last year and they beat us 15-0 and 15-1," reported the enthusiastic young coach of the Ladycat spike squad.

"They beat us again this year, but it wasn't a blow out like it was last year. We played them a lot tougher than we did a season ago."

And how much have the Ladycats improved under Rademacher's tutelage?

23,000 percent... if the Lakeland game is any indication.

After earning just one point in two games against the Eagles in 1988, the Ladycats led 16-14 and 15-9 in the 1989 season opener.

What's more, Rademacher believes her Ladycats had a legitimate chance of winning the match.

"If we could have won that first game, I think we could have pulled it off," commented Rademacher, who is now in her second year at the helm of the Novi volleyball program.

The fact is that the Ladycats almost did win the opening game. After trailing 7-6 midway through the game, Novi came on strong and actually led 14-12 late in the game.

"Game-point," moaned Rademacher. "We had them game-point, but we couldn't get the decisive point to clinch the victory.

Lakeland fought back to take a 15-14 lead, and the two squads then exchanged sides-out before the Eagles scored the point it needed to register the win.

Rademacher reported that Novi's serving was outstanding. "Three out of six kids served 100 percent," she said, citing the efforts of Deanna Reed, Jenny Forward and Stephanie Tolsdorf.

Forward sparked the offense with eight hits and six points, while Tolsdorf had three hits and three points.

"We were setting the ball extremely well," reported Rademacher. "We were staying low on our passes, and the setter (Deanna Reed) was really setting them high so we were able to run our offense."

Rademacher also cited the efforts of Gina Knight and Andrea Schwandt. A top defensive player, Knight also served for five points and hit 88 percent of her passes.

Schwandt earned the "hustle award," according to Rademacher. "She passed one-third of all the balls that came over the net," noted the Ladycat volleyball coach. "She played very aggressively in the back row. She's a good all-around player."

The Ladycats are scheduled to play host to Hartland in another Kensington Valley Conference match tonight (Thursday) at 7 p.m. On Saturday, they'll travel to the Farmington Harrison Invitational, then meet Northville in another away-match next Monday.

## Just blame the coach

You can blame the coach for Novi's 67-54 loss to Lakeland last Friday.

He does.

"It was my own inexperience that cost us the game," asserted Bob Shoemaker, the Novi basketball coach.

"I can't blame the kids. They played awfully well. The thing that hurt us more than anything else was my own inexperience."

Novi fans got their first glimpse of Shoemaker last week as the Novi five opened the season with a win over Livonia Franklin on Tuesday before falling to Lakeland in the Kensington Valley Conference (KVC) opener on Friday.

What they saw was a highly-animated man who was in perpetual motion along the Wildcat sideline, questioning officials and exhorting his players on to greater heights.

"Actually, I've mellowed over the last few years," said Shoemaker, who brings a career record of 217-38 and two state championships to his new position at Novi.

Shoemaker blamed himself for the Lakeland loss because he says he just doesn't know his players well enough yet.

"We were at a decided disadvantage because the Lakeland coach knows my players better than I do at this stage of the season.

"One of the nice things about coaching basketball is that you learn something new about your team every game. In my case, I learn something new about my team every quarter.

"It's just going to take time," he added. "Time for them to learn all



Novi Coach Bob Shoemaker (right) disputes a penalty call against the Wildcats. Novi News/JANET L. COX

my offensive and defensive systems. Time for them to learn about me. And time for me to learn about them."

So what did Shoemaker learn about his Wildcats in the loss to Lakeland?

"I learned that we're not good enough to play good man-to-man (defense) yet," said Shoemaker, referring to the fact that he had directed his Wildcats to play man-to-man in an effort to combat the long-range shooting of Lakeland stars Matt Hutchins and Keith Butler.

Hutchins burned the 'Cats by hitting all six of his shots from the floor in the first quarter - five of them from three-point range. Hutchins finished the quarter with 17 points and had 28 points for the game.

More importantly, Shoemaker learned about his team's character. Despite trailing by 20 points at the half, the Wildcats battled back and

actually narrowed the gap to seven points with approximately five minutes left in the final quarter.

"Our kids just refused to quit," Shoemaker observed. "We got bombed in the first half, but they just kept coming back. That showed me a lot."

The new Wildcat mentor also displayed a sense of humor about the results of the first week's games.

Commenting on Hutchins' first-quarter shooting spree, Shoemaker said the game started like the fourth of July. "We've never seen fireworks so quick in a game in my life," he remarked. "They were throwing up three-pointers when they had us 2-on-1 on the fast break."

Shoemaker also said he was pleased that Hutchins finished the game with only 28 points. "He had 38 against Western in their first game and he had 17 against us in the first quarter. The way he was

going, I figured we'd be lucky to hold him to 68."

Other examples of Shoemaker's sense of humor came out in Novi's 65-53 victory over Franklin in the season opener.

The Wildcats squandered a 32-26 halftime lead and trailed 43-42 heading into the final frame. They pulled out the victory by outscoring Franklin 23-10 during the final quarter.

"I just reminded them of the team rule - 'don't lose,'" said Shoemaker in explaining the decisive surge.

Part of that surge came at the free throw line where the Wildcats collected 13 of their 23 fourth-quarter points.

"We were 21 of 26 (81 percent) from the line for the game," said Shoemaker. "It's the only thing we haven't practiced... which tells you something about the kind of coach I am."

## Breakfast with Santa event set

Novi Jaycees sponsors its annual "Breakfast with Santa" this Saturday, (Dec. 16), at the Novi Civic Center.

Santa will arrive at 9 a.m. Breakfast will be served from 9 to 11 a.m. Tickets are \$2.50 each.

Menu items include pancakes, sausages, fruit, coffee, tea or juice. Santa will be available to talk with children throughout the breakfast hours. Reservations are not required.

Parents are encouraged to bring their cameras. Proceeds from the event will be donated to the Novi Police Department's DARE program.

## In Town

**Cinderella:** Northville's Marquis Theater presents "Cinderella" Dec. 16, 17 and 30. Showtimes are Saturdays at 11:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. and Sundays at 1 and 4 p.m.

The show will also run Wednesday, Dec. 27; Thursday, Dec. 28; and Friday, Dec. 29 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$8 adults, \$7 children. Reserved seating is available for groups of 20 or more. Tickets can be purchased at the door or at the Marquis Theater box office, 135 East Main Street in Northville.

For more information call 349-8110.

**Film series:** Novi Arts and Culture Committee welcomes the fall season by hosting a family film series called "The Dog."

The series features films shown on the second Friday of every month through May 11, 1990. All films will be shown in the 136-seat council chambers at the Novi Civic Center.

Following is a schedule of films: "The Courage of Kevin" on Jan. 12; "Big Red" on Feb. 9; "Pilot" cartoons on March 9; "Where the Red Fern Grows" on April 13; and "The Incredible Journey" on May 11.

**In Town lists upcoming events in Northville and Novi. To have events listed write to "In Town," Novi News, 104 W. Main, Northville, MI 48167.**

## Groups to perform 'Nutcracker' Nearby

Plymouth Symphony and the Ann Arbor Ballet Theater join for two special performances of the "Nutcracker Ballet" this Friday and Saturday (Dec. 15-16) at the Plymouth-Salem Auditorium, 46181 Joy Road in Canton.

Performances are at 8 p.m. each day. Young dancers from the Plymouth-Canton-Northville area will join the musicians for the shows.

Tickets are \$10 adults, \$5 children kindergarten through 12th grade. Local businesses selling tickets for the shows include Orin Jewelers, 101 E. Main St. and Bookstall on the Main, 116 E. Main St., both in downtown Northville.

To purchase tickets in advance by phone call 451-2112.

costumed musicians, dancers, singers, a court jester and a feast. Menu items include Cornish game hen, apple stuffing and all the trimmings. Presentation of the peasant, wassail toasts and Christmas caroling will also be featured. Participants may dress in costume if they wish.

Tickets are \$30 per reveler with tables of six or 10 available at discount. For information or reservations call 591-5044.

Madonna College is at 1-96 and Levan Road in Livonia.

**Art house:** Local architectural historian and University of Windsor professor Michael Farrell will host a Victorian Christmas dinner at his art home, a restored Gothic revival house on Saturday, Dec. 16 at 7 p.m.

The house was formerly occupied

made by the Metropark naturalists on a variety of subjects, will be held at the Nature Center of Kensington Metropark near Millford/Brighton on Sunday, Dec. 17 at 2 p.m.

**Ice sculptures:** The eighth annual Plymouth Community Ice Sculpture Spectacular takes place Jan. 11-21 throughout the streets of Plymouth.

Major, multi-block carvings will be placed in town as well as in Kellogg Park. There also will be three carved competitions for viewing, including student competition on Jan. 13; multi-block, team competition Jan. 15; and single block, professional competition Jan. 20. National-recognized carvers throughout the country will participate in the event.

Several area colleges and universities also will provide major sculptures.

The theme of this year's Ice Spectacular is "Local Motion: Laying the tracks for the future." This name has been coined because of the newly-formed, community-based organization that is controlling the event.

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**Nature event:** "Nature on Film," an opportunity to view movies

# Mat champs

## Matmen take fourth at Gibraltar Invite

By PHILIP JEROME  
managing editor

Mike Gowans, Rich Heiler and Jeff O'Neill claimed individual championships to lift the Novi Wildcats to a fourth-place finish in the Gibraltar Carlson Invitational Wrestling Tournament on Saturday.

Brian Paquette and Jason Wladischkin added second-place finishes, while Randy Thompson and Todd James contributed fourth-place finishes for the Wildcat grapplers.

And even though Tom Fritz is not the type to be satisfied with fourth place in a 10-team tournament, the veteran Novi mat coach let it be known that he wasn't terribly disappointed either.

"I don't feel too bad," admitted Fritz. "We had to forfeit two weight classes. And we were without 'Big Bob' Ahrens at heavyweight. And we've only had two weeks of practice, so I don't feel too bad."

"It's early in the season so it's too early to put a lot of emphasis on what happened Saturday. We're a young team and we're going to get better as the season goes on."

Gowans led the team championship with 184 points, barely edging out Warren Lincoln which finished second with 182 points. Gibraltar Carlson was third with 168 points, followed by Novi with 140. Rounding out the standings were Mt. Clemens (132 1/2), Lakewood Lake Odessa (121), Melvindale (87), Woodhaven (81), Royal Oak Kimball (51) and Riverview (10).

"It was a pretty good field," commented Fritz. "Mt. Clemens is the defending state champion in Class B, and several other teams are among the

top five teams in the state in their respective classes this year."

Novi's three individual champions came as no surprise. Gowans, Heiler and O'Neill were all top seeds in their respective weight divisions, and all three won convincingly.

Gowans, Novi's lone state qualifier last year, breezed to the 135-pound title with ease. After dispatching each of his first two opponents with quick pins, Gowans defeated Jim Kerr of Gibraltar Carlson 12-2 in the championship finals.

Heiler, a defending Kennington Valley Conference (KVC) champion, had almost as much ease in winning the 152-pound division. After pinning his first opponent, Heiler defeated Royal Oak Kimball's Dave Young 9-2 to move into the finals where he defeated Mark Mamusia of Woodhaven 12-2 for the championship.

Even more impressive was O'Neill's march to the 160-pound title. The rugged senior grappler, another KVC champion, pinned his first two opponents and then defeated Jim Uspdyke of Lakewood Lake Odessa 11-0 in the finals.

"I'm not taking anything away from Mark Gowans," said Fritz. "But if there was a wrestler like that in our team, it would have to be Jeff... he was awesome out there."

Paquette and Wladischkin also made it to the finals but had to settle for runner-up honors in their respective weight divisions.

Paquette needed only 16 seconds to pin his first opponent in the 103-pound division. He also pinned his second-round opponent to move into the finals where he lost to Ed Grace of Mt. Clemens 10-4.

Wladischkin's second-place finish at 171 was a

pleasant surprise because the Wildcat junior is a true 160-pounder. "Jason did a real nice job for us," commented Fritz. "He wasn't even seeded, but he managed to defeat the second and third seeds in his first two matches before losing to Jim Davis of Grosse Ile in the finals."

"It was a good strong performance," added Fritz. "The Novi mat mentor was just as pleased with his two fourth-place finishers. Todd James, another grappler forced to compete in a higher weight division, took fourth at 189, and Randy Thompson, filling in for Ahrens, did the same at heavyweight."

"James almost had third at 189," said Fritz. "He lost in the final three seconds of the consolation finals or he would have had third."

Thompson took over at heavyweight in the absence of Ahrens, who was taking a SAT test, and filled in admirably. He lost 10-6 in the consolation finals to Marty Sciamano of Warren Lincoln.

"Big Bob (Ahrens) probably would have won the heavyweight division, but I can't say enough about the job that Randy did for us," commented Fritz. "We would have had to forfeit that weight class if he weren't there, but he filled in and did it well enough to give the team a fourth place finish."

Fritz also lauded the performance of Steve Meyers, who failed to place but still added team points by pinning his opponent in the first round.

"To be a good tournament team, everybody in every weight class had to get points," said Fritz. "Everyone on the teams that finished ahead of us scored points; we have to do the same thing."

Gymnastics for children: Another session of gymnastics classes for children will be offered by the Novi Parks and Recreation Department after the holidays.

Cathy Cabay and her staff will teach students the fundamentals of gymnastics as well as how to have fun while doing them. Classes will be held at Novi Middle School on Mondays and Wednesdays for eight weeks from Jan. 8 through March 12. The schedule is the same on Mondays and Wednesdays—pre-beginners (3-4 year olds) from 5-6:45 p.m.; beginners (5 and over) from 6:45 to 8:15 p.m.; and advanced beginners (5 and over) from 8:15 to 9:45 p.m.

The fees are \$20 for pre-beginners and \$26 for beginners and advanced beginners. There's a limit of 21 students per class, and registration deadline is Friday, Jan. 5. Call Novi Parks and Rec at 347-0400 for more information.

Cross-country ski clinics: Novi residents can learn the basics of cross-country skiing at two clinics offered in January by the Novi Parks and Recreation Department.

Instructor Frank Smith will teach the sessions at Maybury State Park in Northville on Saturday, Jan. 13, and Saturday, Jan. 27. Both sessions run from 9 to 10:30 a.m.

There's a fee of \$10 per person (\$13 with ski rental) and class size is limited to 15 skiers.

A state park daily or season pass will be required to enter Maybury State Park. Registration deadline is 24 hours before the class begins. Call Novi Parks and Rec at 347-0400 for more information.

Korean karate classes: Novi residents can learn the "Tang Soo Do" style of Korean karate through classes offered by the Novi Parks and Recreation Department.

## Rec Briefs

Adult volleyball league: The second season of Novi Parks and Recreation Department adult volleyball leagues will begin in early January.

Existing teams from the fall league will be given first priority. Co-ed volleyball is offered Mondays and Thursdays; men's volleyball is offered on Wednesdays.

Registration deadline for returning teams is Friday, Dec. 22. League registration deadline is Friday, Dec. 28 (or at 12 teams per league). A mandatory managers meeting will be held Thursday, Jan. 4, at 6:30 p.m., and the season begins the week of Jan. 8. Call Novi Parks and Rec at 347-0400 for details.

Youth floor hockey: Boys and girls in grades 3-8 can enjoy the excitement of floor hockey through a special league offered by the Novi Parks and Recreation Department and sponsored by the Novi Lions Club.

Floor hockey is a non-contact game which stresses cardiovascular fitness, team work and fair play. Registration deadline is Friday, Dec. 22, at 5 p.m. The fee of \$21 per player includes a T-shirt and awards.

The season is scheduled to run from Feb. 3 through March 31 with games played on Saturdays. Practice times and locations are subject to the availability of coaches. Teams are co-ed.

For more information or to register call Novi Parks and Rec at 347-0400.

7-8th grade basketball: Seventh and eighth grade basketball players have the option to keep their skills sharp by participating in this league.

Separate divisions for boys and girls are planned if there's sufficient enrollment. The fee of \$21 per player includes a T-shirt. Registration deadline is Friday, Dec. 29. Call Novi Parks and Recreation at 347-0400 for information or to register.

AAU basketball tryouts: Tryouts for five AAU girls basketball teams based in Novi will be held the next four weekends in December. Teams will be offered for the 11-under age group through to 18-under.

The coaches include Novi varsity mentor Chris Drogosch, Walled Lake Western's Bill St. John and Livonia Ladywood's Toni Gasarovich. For more information call 622-1664.

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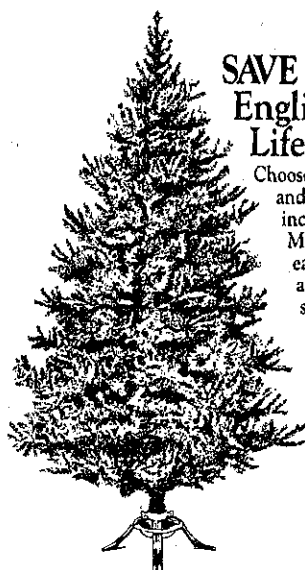
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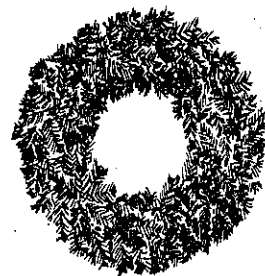
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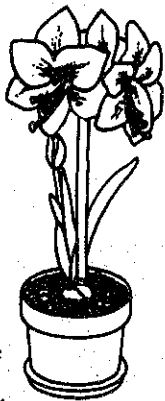
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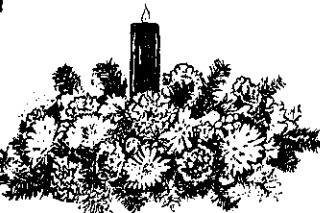
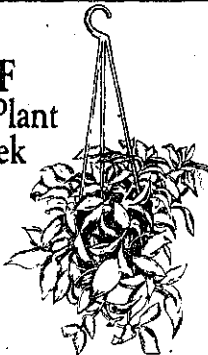
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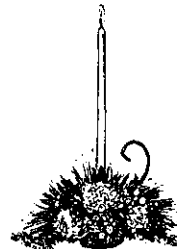
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