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## Council balks at Novi Expo variance plan

By JAN JEFFRES  
Staff Writer

It was the night before the night before Christmas. And while City Council members appeared reluctant to play Scrooge with the Novi Expo Center, plans to seek a zoning variance for the project did not sit well with some.

The council therefore unanimously adopted Council Member Robert Schmid's proposal to ask the Planning Commission's implementation committee to come up with a special expo center ordinance by April.

"I don't think the ZBA can give them a temporary permit. Legally, it's supposed to be a hardship basis," Schmid said.

Mayor Matthew Quirin also asked for a monthly memo to give the council "a closer tie" to the project.

The Novi Expo Center, in the former Mohawk Liquor building, will

operate in an area now zoned for light industrial. The variance requested by the private corporation, Novi Expo Center Inc., would allow the conventions to begin there in spring 1992.

Schmid also said he'd like to see the project proceed without seeking any variance from the Zoning Board of Appeals, if possible.

To win the variance, the center's operators must prove that property as currently zoned will not yield a reasonable return, that the hardship was not self-created, that the proposed use is unique to that parcel and that it will not alter the character of the neighborhood. Assistant City Attorney Dennis Watson said.

Council Members also expressed concerns about additional traffic at an already heavily-congested area, as well as the visibility of the center's proposed parking lots from the freeway.

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### Meals for the homebound

Volunteers help out with meals, prepared at the Novi Senior Center in the Civic Center and then delivered to homebound senior citizens across the city. A regular program, the effort takes on a special significance for homebound seniors at this time of year. At left, Lil Perry serves up a meal, packaging it for transport to a senior citizen. Below, Novi resident Irene Weyer, a volunteer driver for the program, removes a stack of meals from the oven so they can be delivered fresh and hot.

Photos by BRYAN MITCHELL

## Council asked to close road again

By JAN JEFFRES  
Staff Writer

"California stops" apparently are common on East Lake Drive these days.

A Dec. 11 video taped by East Lake resident Asa Smith reveals that since stop signs were installed on the lakeside road, many motorists slow down and roll right through without coming to a full halt. A few didn't bother to reduce their speed at all.

The tape was shown at the Dec. 23 Novi City Council meeting as part of a 60-day report on East Lake Drive. The final, 90-day report is scheduled for late January.

Residents' input will be sought for this wrap-up look at the situation. Mayor Matthew Quirin said.

After a temporary closure of the road led to an area wide protest, the council re-opened the drive in November and agreed to the stop signs, which were placed along East Lake at New Court, Lashbrook and Fourteen Mile.

But residents like Smith who live near these corners say motorists stopping at these signs gun their engines, squeal their tires, blow their horns and verbally abuse East Lake residents.

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## Rowdy New Year's party brings lawsuit

By MICHAEL MALOTT  
Managing Editor

It's fast becoming a trend among under-aged drinkers, according to one Novi attorney, to rent a hotel or motel room to serve as the place to stage their party.

And some hotels and motels appear to be specifically catering to this crowd, especially for the New Year's Eve holiday.

Attorney Daryle Salisbury filed suit last Monday against one Novi hotel, the Travelodge-Novi at 21100 Haggerty Road, saying his client was injured at one such party there last year on New Year's Eve.

Filed on behalf of Northville resident Adam Stuart, the suit alleges that lax security during the New Year's Eve celebrations at the

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## Barr looks at coming school year

Novi Community Schools' Associate Superintendent William Barr took over as the school district's interim superintendent after 11-year Superintendent Robert Plwko accepted a position in Illinois last June. A new superintendent is expected to be named in January.

Barr recently discussed his six months as Novi schools' top administrator with Novi News reporter Suzanne Hollyer. The text of that interview follows.

**NEWS:** What has been the most important issue you have dealt with in your six months as superintendent?

**BARR:** Probably two issues. One that has to do with school finance, and the other that has to do with the construction of the Tech Center.

**NEWS:** How is the Tech Center coming along? Is it on schedule?

**BARR:** Yes. It appears to be. The steel is nearly all up, and the roof deck has been put on part of the building. The insulation is being applied today (Dec. 16). I assume then that they are going to get the roof on shortly. You can see that

"The first thing that would have to be done would be to regroup, and try to determine how we're going to operate the school district. That would represent nearly 55-60 percent of the school district's funds. It would be impossible to operate without that 13 mills."

William Barr  
Interim Superintendent

it's enclosed or partially enclosed with plastic, which will enable them to provide temporary heat and work during this cold weather.

**NEWS:** Has the cold weather slowed construction?

**BARR:** Well it always does. Anytime you're working with steel, particularly in cold weather, it would slow anybody down. But they anticipate that.

**NEWS:** Are you still expecting the center to be ready for use by next fall?

**BARR:** I have always said that it ought to be operative probably a year from now, during the Christmas time. The architects and the contractors say September. But I would think that the later part of November or December would be more realistic.

**NEWS:** Do you expect to be able to spend all of the bond issue money on the Tech Center project? (District administrators have said construction costs are lower than originally were projected due to the recession.)

**BARR:** If you recall, and that's why I say it is one of the important issues, originally when the Tech Center was designed it was designed as a Tech Link, linking the fifth- and sixth-grade building with the seventh and eighth.

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## Community Calendar

**Tuesday, December 31**  
**New Year's Eve:** City offices and the Novi public library will be closed. Have a happy holiday.

**Wednesday, January 1**  
**New Year's Day:** City offices, school and the Novi public library will be closed. Have a happy holiday.

**Athletic Boosters:** The regularly scheduled Novi High School athletic boosters meeting will be cancelled due to the holiday break. The meeting will be rescheduled for January 8.

**Monday, January 6**  
**Choir Boosters:** The Novi High School Choir Boosters will meet in the library in the school building at 7 p.m.

**Senior parents:** Senior parents of Novi High School students will meet in the high school in lecture room A at 7 p.m.

**City Council:** The Novi City Council will be meeting at 8 p.m. in the council chambers of the Novi Civic Center with its various appointed boards and commissions.

**Party planning:** The parent planning committee of the Novi High School senior all-night party will hold its organizational meeting at 7 p.m. in the Fuerst Auditorium of Novi High School. Volunteers are needed to make this all-night party a success. Contributions and donations are also needed. Tickets for the party will be sold at the meeting for \$25. For further information, contact Kathy McCarthy, 349-6525 or Lisa Willard at 478-7087.

**Tuesday, January 7**  
**Quest speaker:** Pat Hinz of the Family Works Counseling Center in Novi will be the monthly Quest speaker before the Middle School PTO. Hinz will speak on the topic of parenting skills at 7 p.m. in the school's media center.

**Financial aid:** A college financial aid workshop will be held in Novi High school in lecture room A in the high at 7 p.m.

**Wednesday, January 8**  
**Athletic Boosters:** The Novi High School Athletic Boosters Club will meet at 7 p.m. in Room 107 of the high school.

**Planning Commission:** The Novi city planning commission meets in the council chambers of the Novi Civic Center at 7:30 p.m.

**Thursday, January 9**  
**School Board:** The Novi Board of Education will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Educational Services Building on Taft Road.

## Student actors to perform 'Crucible'

Students in "Performance Plus," a new acting class sponsored by the Novi Parks and Recreation Department, will put their newly learned skills to the test with a performance of Arthur Miller's "The Crucible." The 16-week class begins Jan. 7. The performers will not only rehearse their individual roles in the play—based on the Salem witchcraft trials—but also learn how to develop characterization, as well as other aspects of the production, including promotion, set design, lighting, costumes and make-up.

Instructor Linda Wickert has a bachelor's degree in performing arts from the University of Detroit and over 20 years of experience in teaching and directing. Auditions for "Performance Plus" will be held at the Novi Civic Center tonight at 7 p.m. and Monday, Jan. 6 at 2 p.m. Anyone interested can register after an audition. The class will meet each Tuesday and Thursday from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. for both instruction and rehearsal. Sessions begin Jan. 7 and run to May 3.

**Historical commission:** The Novi Historical Commission will be meeting in the Old Town Hall, next to the Novi Library, in the city complex on Ten Mile Road.

**Parks and rec:** The Novi Parks and Recreation Commission will meet in the council chambers of the Novi Civic Center.

**Saturday, January 11**  
**Goal setting:** The Novi City Council will meet for a "goal session" in the activities room of the Novi Civic Center.

**Monday, January 13**  
**Out early:** Novi High School students will be dismissed from classes at 10:55 a.m. today.

**Debate Boosters:** The Novi High School Debate Boosters will meet in the Novi High library at 7:30 p.m.

**City Council:** The Novi City Council will meet in regular session at 8 p.m. in the council chambers of the Novi Civic Center.

**Library board:** The Novi library board will meet in the library building.

**Tuesday, January 14**  
**Out early:** Novi High School students will be dismissed from classes at 10:55 a.m.

**Wednesday, January 15**  
**Out early:** Novi High School students will be dismissed from classes at 10:55 a.m.

**Thursday, January 16**  
**A day off:** Novi High School students get the day off as teachers will be taking in-service training.

**Friday, January 17**  
**A day off:** Novi High School students get the day off as teachers will be taking in-service training.

**Saturday, January 18**  
**Winter Dance:** Novi High School will host its Winter Dance in the high school Commons from 8-11 p.m.

**Chilly Willy Festival:** The Novi Parks and Recreation Department will be hosting its annual Chilly Willy Festival at the Novi Civic Center and in Power Park behind the civic center. The event will include a snoball softball tournament. Teams must register for the event at least four days ahead of the tournament. Contact the parks and recreation department for more information at 347-0400.

**Monday, January 20**  
**Semester begins:** The second semester begins in Novi schools.

**Band Boosters:** The Novi High School Band Boosters will meet in room 511 of the high school at 7 p.m.

**Debate Banquet:** The Novi debate team will host a banquet dinner in the Novi High School Commons at 6:30 p.m.

**Martin Luther King Day:** City offices will be closed.

**Wednesday, January 22**  
**Planning commission:** The Novi city planning commission will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the council chambers of the Novi Civic Center.

**Thursday, January 23**  
**School board:** The Novi Board of Education will meet at Novi Middle School at 7:30 p.m.

**Monday, January 27**  
**City Council:** The Novi City Council will meet at 8 p.m. in the council chambers of the Novi Civic Center.

To get your event listed in the Community Calendar, send information regarding the event, activities to be included, who is sponsoring it, location, time and date, ticket information and the purpose to which any proceeds will be put to the Novi News at 104 Main Street, Northville, 48167.



Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

**Santa came to school**  
 Interim Novi school Superintendent William Barr went to Novi Woods Elementary Dec. 18 dressed up like Santa to visit with good boys and girls in the preprimary program. Pictured is Barr asking Mariem Gunnuzaman what she wants for Christmas.

## School board sets millage renewal vote for February

By SUZANNE HOLLYER  
 Staff Writer

Novi schools will ask voters to approve a three-year, 13-mill renewal on Feb. 11.

The Novi Board of Education approved the February election date at its Dec. 19 meeting.

In past years, the school district has levied only 10.5 of the 13 mills approved by voters. This year, district administrators have discussed levying the full 13 mills to make up for a shortfall expected in the 1992-93 school year.

The 13 mills account for \$13 on each \$1,000 of assessed value of a home. For example, the owner of a home valued at \$150,000 would be assessed at \$15,000. A 13-mill levy on \$75,000 would cost \$975.

A tax freeze was approved by the Legislature in 1991. The state equalized valuation (SEV) of property in Michigan is frozen at 1991 levels for 1992.

But increasing costs and a rising enrollment will leave Novi schools with less money than it needs to operate in the 1992-93 school year.

Interim Superintendent William Barr said he is unsure if the school district legally could levy the full 13 mills, even if they are approved by voters.

The Headlee Amendment has required school districts to roll back their levy to the rate of inflation in past years. But Barr feels that the tax freeze may have voided the Headlee Amendment.

"It all depends on somebody's interpretation of whether the Headlee Amendment applies," Barr said.

"If the Headlee Amendment applies, then all of the (13 mills) cannot be levied," Barr said.

"If the 13-mill renewal fails Novi schools will have some time to develop a contingency plan.

"The first thing that would have to be done would be to regroup, and try to determine how we're going to operate the school district," Barr said.

The 13 mills represents nearly 55-60 percent of the school district's funds.

"It would be impossible to operate without that 13 mills," Barr said.

The school district would have until September of the 1992-93 school year to hold another election or find some other way of funding the district, Barr said.

"You would have six or seven months to determine the course of action," Barr said.

Anyone not registered to vote who is interested in participating in the Feb. 11 election must register no later than Jan. 13 before 5 p.m. in the city clerk's office in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 Ten Mile Road.

## Novi to get tough with drunk drivers under new ordinance

Just in time for New Year's, the City Council amended the Novi Traffic Code to bring it into line with new state laws cracking down harder on drunk drivers.

The revisions were passed unanimously Dec. 23 without discussion.

The new Michigan legislation goes into effect on Jan. 1, tightening up 15 areas of the state law.

Even a first-time conviction for unlawful blood alcohol level (UBAL), operating under the influence of liquor (OUIL) or operating under the influence of drugs (OUID) will be awarded a mandatory 30-day license suspension with no possibility of getting a restricted license.

A person with a blood alcohol level of 10 percent or more is considered to be legally drunk.

For a second conviction, the driver will spend at least 48 hours in jail or 10 days in community service.

Under the new laws, drivers who refuse to take a chemical test will have their licenses confiscated on the spot and will gain six points on their driving record. Suspended and re-

Figures released by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration show that about two of every five Americans will be involved in an alcohol-related crash at some time in their lives. One of every three people killed by a driver under the influence of alcohol is a non-drinking driver or pedestrian.

State Sen. Robert Geake, R-Northville, recently hailed the new drunk driving laws and urged House passage of a package of bills he sponsored to toughen the laws governing driving under the influence of drugs.

"We have made significant progress in our battle to get drunk drivers off our roads and this new law will further these efforts," Geake said.

Sen. Robert Geake, R-Northville

States causing a death while drunk driving will become a 15-year felony and causing a long-term, incapacitating injury will be a five-year felony. Both crimes would lead to the revocation of the convicted felon's driver's license and six points on his or her driving record.

The proposed bills would impose stiffer penalties on those convicted of drug offenses by amending the state vehicle code to require the Secretary of State to delay or suspend issuance of driver's licenses to those convicted of drug offenses and certain violations of the Liquor Control Act.

## Compromise reached on senate wetlands bill

By TIM RICHARD  
 Staff Writer

Local governments could still govern small wetlands, but only under uniform state rules put forth by a compromise measure before a state Senate committee.

"Chairman Dave Honigman has done a good job of bringing the parties together," said Don Stygula, environmental specialist for the Michigan Municipal League.

As written by Sen. Paul Wartner, R-Portage, Senate Bill 522 would have prohibited cities, villages and townships from controlling wetlands at all.

But local units and environmentalists set up a howl of protest in November. The Senate sent the bill to the Local Government Committee chaired by Honigman, R-West Bloomfield.

The new draft would require local units to use a uniform state definition, limit regulated wetlands to a half-acre, impose time limits for local action on development applications, and allow only one local board to rule on an application.

Gerald Fisher, a Farmington Hills attorney, drafted the new version, currently circulating among the 30 cities and townships that have wetlands ordinances.

Fisher represents Oakland County units with wetlands ordinances.

"My guess is that it will circulate among the developing communities and get some more work," Fisher said.

"When you purchase, you know you don't have an unlimited right to use the property. A 'taking' (by government) occurs only when you interfere with the owner's reasonable expectations."

Sen. David Honigman, R-West Bloomfield

The 1979 state Goemaere-Anderson Wetland Protection Act gives the Department of Natural Resources jurisdiction over wetlands four acres or larger.

But local and environmental critics say the DNR lacks the regulatory staff and the knowledge of small wetlands to do the entire job without local help.

Here are some of the major changes in Fisher's draft:

- Local units would be required to use the state definition of a wetland. This is aimed at the criticism of Detroit lawyer Norman Hyman, who represents developers, that there are "conflicting definitions" and some are "off the wall."
- Local units would have 60 days to approve, modify or deny an application. Developers, for who time is literally money, object to long delays.
- Local units may regulate wetlands down to a half-acre "unless it is contiguous to a larger wetland area, a lake, pond, river or stream." They may regulate only limited "buffer" areas. This is aimed at Hyman's criticism that "potholes of one-fifth of an acre" are regulated. The Municipal League, too, said some lower size limits now are arbitrary.
- Local applications for small wetlands developments must use the same form the DNR requires for larger developments. The Michigan Townships Association lobbyist cited the need for uniform application forms.
- Local applications "shall be reviewed by the same bodies or officials reviewing the site plan or preliminary plat." This is aimed at developers' criticisms that they must appear before three or four different boards, many staffed by "amateurs."
- The Fisher draft also requires that local units submit copies of their ordinances to the DNR. Applications for wetlands development permits would have to be submitted both to DNR and local units with wetlands ordinances.

Developers accuse environmentalists of favoring "catalysts over children." Environmentalists cite President George Bush's promise of "no net loss of wetlands" during his administration.

Sen. Gil DiNello, D-East Detroit, a real estate broker friendly to developers, likes the idea and has a separate bill to require state purchase. DiNello is a member of the Local Government Committee.

But Honigman said the idea is legally unsound. "When you purchase, you know you don't have an unlimited right to use the property. A 'taking' (by government) occurs only when you interfere with the owner's reasonable expectations."

Developers may like an idea inserted by Fisher on "development rights," a concept new in Michigan but used in other states.

He gave this illustration: "Assume one has five acres, with two acres in wetlands. You're not allowed to use two acres. But the owner would be allowed to develop the rest as if it were larger than three acres," though the owner couldn't develop it as if it were the full five acres.

"It's a win-win situation," Fisher said.

His draft also would allow local units to transfer development rights to other properties.

Even a compromise won't satisfy

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The provisions of this Ordinance shall become effective January 1, 1992. The Ordinance was adopted December 23, 1991. A copy of the Ordinance is available for public use and inspection at the office of the City Clerk.

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# Police find peeping tom's footprints

A resident in the Woodland Glen apartment complex reported Dec. 17 that a "peeping tom" might be prowling the area.

The woman showed police a set of footprints that snaked throughout the entire complex, moving from one window to the next.

Police said the footprints were size 9 1/2 to 10 Nike tennis shoes. Extra patrol was ordered for the complex.

**HARD TIMES:** A manager at Hudson's in Twelve Oaks Mall called police Dec. 20 because a woman was standing outside one of the entrances holding a sign begging for money.

Mall security asked the woman to leave, and she did. She had no identification and refused to give her name.

**STOLEN DOG:** A resident in Lakewood Park Homes reported Dec. 22 that someone stole his golden retriever.

The man said he was walking through the Lakewood complex park with the dog when some unknown people drove a truck through the dog.

However, police said the dog had returned home by the time they arrived.

## Police News

**MORTAR SHELLS FOUND:** A resident on Garfield reported Dec. 23 that he found two mortar shells in his basement and was concerned about their safety.

Police examined the shells for any markings and notified Selfridge Air Force Base. A sergeant at the base told police, based on the description of the shells, that they were probably dead.

However, to be safe, police removed the shells from the home and placed them in a vacant field until a representative from the air force could pick them up.

Area residents were notified of the shells and warned to stay away from them.

**MDOP TO LAWN:** A resident in Royal Crown Estates reported Dec. 19 that someone drove through his lawn.

Police said the unknown suspect drove from Randall Street through the complainant's back yard and

onto White Plains. Police could not determine whether lasting damage was done to the lawn.

**OUIL:** A 35-year-old Livonia man was arrested for operating under the influence of alcohol Dec. 16. Township police stopped the man who was traveling south on Haggerty Road north of Five Mile Road. Breath tests showed a .22 blood alcohol level.

A Lincoln Park man was arrested Dec. 18 for OUIL, according to police reports. The 19-year-old man was stopped by township police after he hit a curb and a second vehicle on Eight Mile Road outside of the Meljer parking lot. Police confiscated two knives found in the man's car.

**HOME DAMAGED:** A Farmington Hills man reported Dec. 18 windows in his township home, which is under construction, were broken, according to police reports. The home's front

windows were valued at \$1,000.

**THEFTS AT MEJER:** A 64-year-old Northville man was arrested Dec. 19 after attempting to steal cigarettes valued at \$16.96 from Mejer, 20401 Haggerty Road. The man did purchase groceries, but he walked out of the store with cigarettes in his pocket, township police report.

On the same day, a Southfield man and woman were arrested at Mejer after attempting to steal jewelry and video tapes valued at \$38.18.

**CAR VANDALIZED:** The back window of a Dodge Spirit was smashed out while it was parked in a Rayburn garage on Dec. 16-17, according to police reports. Damage was estimated at \$400.

A second car was vandalized between Dec. 17-18 at a Harbour Village Drive residence. Township police reports said the hatchback window of a Mercury Tracer was smashed out causing \$300 damage.

Citizens with information about the above incidents are urged to call the Novi Police Tip Line at 349-6887.

## Novi Briefs

**Blackwell arrested:** Novi Charter House employee Richard Blackwell was arrested at his home Dec. 24 after the Michigan Court of Appeals overturned his bond.

Blackwell, who was arrested by Novi Police Sept. 7 on a 1969 South Carolina murder warrant, had been free on a \$5,000 bond set by Oakland County Circuit Judge Francis X. O'Brien pending an extradition hearing.

The extradition hearing was originally scheduled for Dec. 9, then rescheduled for Dec. 19. Blackwell appeared in court both times. The Dec. 19 hearing was adjourned to Dec. 26 and continued through Dec. 27 without a decision. It is scheduled to reconvene today. Blackwell maintains that he is innocent of the original murder charge.

**Homearama favorites:** The home most popular with those who attended the Homearama show in Novi, which concluded this past weekend, wasn't the one with the latest innovations or newest design. The honor went to the "Victorian Rose" — a home which contained many features common in homes a century ago. The "People's Choice Award," the result of a vote by those who attended Homearama on the opening weekend, went to the ranch home built by D & J Property Development Co. of Canton. Among its highlights were a claw foot bathtub, a pull chain toilet, and a octagon shaped parlor.

Just nine votes back was the "Baybrook" by Pulte Homes of Royal Oak, a brick colonial with dining room with two walls of windows, a fireplace in the bedroom and a step down family room.

**Special visitors:** The Novi School District will be hosting some special visitors from Japan in January. A delegation from Novi's sister city in Japan, Owari, will arrive Jan. 6 and leave Jan. 10. Included in the delegation are the superintendent of Owari schools, a member of the Owari school board, and Japanese students. Activities will include a tour of the school district, a ride on the People Mover, and a visit to the Henry Ford Museum. A reception will be held in the Novi Civic Center in which the delegation will meet school board members and members of the Novi City Council.

**Winter camp:** Novi Community Education is offering a winter mini camp in baseball immediately after the holidays. The American Baseball Hitting Camp will be held on Jan. 2 and 3 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Novi Meadows school. The baseball camp is for boys and girls in grades three through eight. The cost of the camp is \$36. Registration will be in person at Novi Meadows on the first day of the camp. Contact the Community Education Department for more information.

**Bottle drive:** The Tollgate 4-H Education Center is collecting returnable bottles and cans to fund an Exceptional Equestrian program. The program helps handicapped children develop their muscles and self-confidence through horseback riding.

From now through Jan. 15, Tollgate is accepting returnable bottles and cans to fund the program. Drop bottles off at the center, on the northwest corner of Meadowbrook and Twelve Mile roads, or call 347-3860 to have the center pick up your returnables. Drop off sites also will be located at some Novi grocery stores.

**Calling former band members:** The Novi High School bands are in need of uniforms and only former band students and their parents can help. Uniforms are in short supply for both symphony and concert bands. Through the years, some students have failed to return uniforms upon graduation, causing a serious shortage for current students. If you have one or part of a uniform, or know someone who does, call Paula Joyner-Clinard, 344-8300 or Nina Harris, 347-0054.

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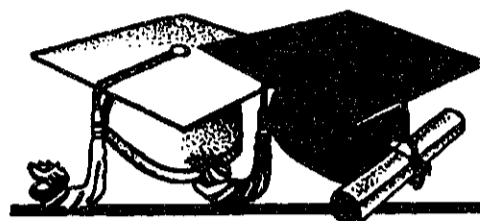
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## As We See It

### The year ahead in Novi's school district

Novi schools recently received its scores on the Michigan Education Assessment Program tests, and the scores appear to be well above expected state averages. But don't open the champagne and begin celebrating yet. The school district has a difficult year ahead.



## No reason for feeling guilty



"DINKS" is what they call us. You know, DINKS — Double Income, No Kids.

Which is all well and good. People have their own lives. Make their own decisions about how to live those lives. And if my wife and I have decided to be DINKS, well... I guess it's our business. And we have to live with it.

Obviously, the decision to be DINKS has its advantages and disadvantages. We don't get to enjoy the pat of little feet running around the house, but we don't have to endure the patter of little feet thundering around the house.

All this is by way of introduction to the fact that one of the disadvantages of being a DINK is that you usually take it in the ear at Christmas time.

While the missus and I have decided on a life without children, the same cannot be said for my brothers and sisters who have taken seriously the admonition to go forth and populate the earth.

At last count, I think we had something like 14 nieces and nephews to buy Christmas gifts for.

Even if you manage to get away with \$10 per gift, you're talking about \$140. And, if you don't want the nieces and nephews to think Uncle Phil and Aunt Diane are a couple of cheap skates, you shoot for gifts in the \$20 range — which, of course, lifts the bill up around \$280.

What brings all this to mind is a rather strange conversation I had with my sister Jane a couple of weeks ago. I called Janie to find out what her three children might like for Christmas.

And that's when Janie said it.

"You know, Phil," she said, "You and Diane make all the rest of us feel so guilty. You always get our kids something nice for Christmas, and you always remember to send them presents on their birthdays."

"It's really nice," she continued. "But the thing that makes us feel guilty is we can't reciprocate — because you don't have children."

I listened carefully to what she said because something just wasn't adding up right.

"You feel guilty because we buy presents for your kids and you can't reciprocate because we don't have children?" I asked, trying to ascertain that I had heard correctly.

"That's right," she replied. "We all feel so guilty."

"Listen, sister of mine," I countered. "Guilt is a terrible thing. People shouldn't go around feeling guilty, and I hate to think that I have been the source of all this guilt you're experiencing."

"The thing that strikes me about all this is that there's such an easy solution."

"Okay, we don't have kids. But where does it say you can't buy presents for me and Diane? Lord knows, there are tons of things we would like. And when you stop to think about it, we've been buying two gifts a year for each of your three kids who range in age from 12 to seven at an average price of \$40 per year... Well, you can figure it out."

"A couple of \$500 gifts would help you catch up for last time, and then you could shoot for something in the \$100 to \$120 range each year after that, adjusted for inflation, of course."

"It's a small price to pay to rid yourself of all that guilt you're carrying around."

It sounded like a good plan to me, but Janie wasn't buying it.

"Actually," she said, "We don't feel that guilty."

# Drivers ignoring new stop signs

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Smith would like to see East Lake closed to all but residential traffic once more.

"They've [the signs] created a lot of frustrated drivers who say 'What's going on here?'" he said.

Novi Police Chief Douglas Shaeffer said enforcement continues along East Lake, where one district car has been assigned, backed up by other police vehicles. Since Nov. 18, 32 speeding tickets and 10 stop sign violations have been handed out by the police.

All teams have been notified to maintain that presence and they do so, Shaeffer said.

"Some of the traffic is probably coming back but not at the previous level. Stop signs and the previous action taken by the city have been beneficial there."

The chief said there was also passing on the residential drive since the stop signs were put in place.

Traffic studies in the lakes area are already under way, as part of the city's Walled Lake sector study.

In January, a computer-based analysis of the area's key intersections is planned.

Administrators from Novi and Walled Lake have already met to discuss the area's traffic problems and will get together early in 1992 with the Oakland County Road Commission to study traffic signal timing along Novi Road and Decker Road.

City Manager Edward Kriewall said a time will soon be set for the Novi and Walled Lake joint city council meeting to ponder their mutual traffic problems. Feb. 11 is the tentative date for this.

Traffic consultants are also reviewing a proposal to build a restaurant at East Lake and Fourteen Mile Road.

Kriewall in November unveiled a proposal for a new north/south road which would circumvent East Lake Drive to the east, traveling past Frigate's Inn and up to Fourteen Mile Road. In return for the

land for the road, the Andris and Roman families, would be able to build a 250-seat restaurant on Walled Lake opposite Frigate's, as well as a shopping complex along the proposed by-pass.

Two hundred signatures opposed to the new road have already been collected, as have 25 in favor of the project.

East Lake resident Dave Clark is opposed to the idea.

"I expect the restaurant to have a lot of traffic, the same as Key Largo now. Novi has already done its part and built Decker Road. The other cities haven't done anything to ease this problem," he said.

But lakes area resident Linda Lloyd thinks it may be a solution.

"I know a lot of people don't like that. I don't want to start a war on East Lake. All of us would like to see the traffic alleviated. Some of us see this as a way to do it," she said.

# Novi council delays zoning variance for Expo Center

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"I'm particularly concerned about routing, parking and traffic issues. Novi Road is already a heavy, heavy generator of traffic," Council Member Nancy Cassis said.

"There's no question that there's a lot of potential in this site. I think we want the best possible facility. What I'm concerned about is that it meets the standards of the city and that short cuts don't occur."

A variety of possible zonings for the site were discussed. City Manager Edward Kriewall discouraged a rezoning to a commercial or town center category. The city doesn't want any more retail in the Novi Road/Grand River Avenue region, he said, and Montgomery-Ward, ABC Warehouse and Wal-Mart are among the interested businesses the city has

steered away from the long-vacant Mohawk building.

The Expo Center, located behind the Big Boy restaurant on Novi Road, has been considered for inclusion in the city's town center district, which has tough landscaping and facade criteria.

"The only reason they would not ask for Town Center zoning is they would have to meet landscaping and other town center standards," Council Member Carol Mason said, questioning why the site would not be incorporated in the district.

Expo Center spokesperson Blair Bowman, of Thompson-Brown Realty, said town center facade requirements on the huge building would be a "practical impossibility."

The building is held by three trusts set up by the Adell family. While the facility was under a long-term lease to the Mohawk Liquor, this lease has

been bought out, Bowman said.

Two groups have been organizing the project. An Expo Center Committee chaired by Bowman and the private Expo Center Inc. The corporation's backers include Thompson-Brown Realty, Progressive Tool and the Wisne Group, Bowman said.

The Adell family is not directly involved in the project, he explained: "They are not inclined to get into the Expo Business. It is a landlord/tenant relationship."

A Novi Convention and Visitors Bureau to be set up by the Novi Chamber of Commerce will use the building rent-free in exchange for handling some of the convention bookings, Bowman said.

The Motorsports Museum will begin using the facility rent-free, but will pick up its operating expenses when financially able to do so.



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# Hotel sued over rowdy party

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Travelodge contributed to Stuart's injuries.

Stuart, who was apparently participating in a party in a room rented by his brother, was shoved in the hotel hallway, resulting in the re-injuring of ligaments in his knee. Stuart, then a student at Grand Valley State College, missed several months of schooling due to the injury. He now either undergo surgery to replace those ligaments or wear a brace in order to walk.

The suit, filed in Oakland County Circuit Court, asks for more than \$10,000 in damages.

"Also named in the suit is Robert Curtis Laird, of Livonia, who reportedly shoved Stuart. Stuart has claimed the shoving was intentional, but according to Salisbury, Laird has claimed the incident was accidental and that he was pushed by another person in the crowd into Stuart. Misdomestic charges against Laird resulting from the incident were earlier dismissed.

Laird, contacted at his home in Livonia, declined to comment on the lawsuit.

"It seems that certain hotels/motels in the metropolitan area, in an effort to obtain rentals during what would otherwise be times of very low occupancy, such as New Year's Eve and New Year's Day, are willing to encourage under-aged drinking parties by renting out rooms and then managing conveniently and collecting they turns its head and closes its eyes to what is happening," Salisbury stated in a letter regarding the case.

"My investigation regarding my client's case has disclosed that many injuries to the participants and innocent bystanders and problems

during the holiday season (traffic accidents, fights, drug and alcohol arrests) may be traced back to such hotel/motel room parties.

"This lawsuit, which was filed (Dec. 23) and assigned to Oakland County Circuit Court Judge Gene Schneck is my attempt to raise the consciousness of at least one motel (the Farmington/Novi Travelodge on Haggerty and Eight Mile) to the dangers inherent in their New Year's Eve and New Year's Day rental policies," Salisbury concluded.

The acting manager of the Travelodge declined comment on the case, explaining she had just received a copy of the suit. She said the hotel's general manager, who was out of town last week, had not yet been notified of the suit.

The lawsuit argues that Travelodge employees "knew or should

have known" they were renting rooms to customers likely to be in under-age drinking parties, that the hotel had a duty to protect its guests and visitors from injury; that the hotel had a duty to remove rowdy parties from the premises; and that the hotel should have provided adequate security staff to protect the hotel's customers.

Salisbury contends that officers from the Farmington Hills Police Department (since the hotel is actually located over the municipal boundary in Farmington Hills) had already been to the hotel three times that evening.

He further contends in the suit that while hotel security was called about the crowd in the hall where Stuart was injured, security officers never arrived.

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## In passing

By Hal Gould



A teacher calls a student before performing in "Christmas Around the World" at the William Allen Academy

## Salting roads is unhealthy



Imagine that. A salt vampire. One of those could do pretty well around here, judging by the streaks running down the sides of my car.

Maybe it's just me, but I don't think there's anything healthy about the fact that we in Michigan salt our roads so heavily in winter. I'm told Michigan uses more road salt than any other state.

If there was one thing I did get out of my college chemistry class (and my prof would contend that there is only one thing), it is this: Road salt (either sodium or potassium chloride) combines with water (the main component of ice) to make sodium hydroxide, which is lye, and hydrochloric acid, one of the most corrosive substances known to man.

That's why you're replacing exhaust pipes in your car every two years and wiper blades twice a year. That's why after 10 years, most cars in Michigan have aeration along the bottoms of the fenders. That's why a new stretch of roadway will disintegrate in about the same amount of time.

Salting also does some pretty unfriendly things to the

environment. If you've ever taken a close look at the vegetation alongside an interstate, where all that salted snow and ice piles up, you'll get the idea that we're doing something wrong.

Now, I understand very clearly why it is that we salt the roads. It's so that we don't do piroettes in our Corvettes and snap-turms in our Saturns every time the roads turn slick. Salt is also cheap, and since Michigan is cheap... well, you get the picture.

But there are alternatives. We're not the only state that gets snow and ice, you know. I've driven in Oklahoma and northern New Mexico and Arizona in midwinter. Over there, they use a combination of grit and salt, or just straight grit. Minnesota, home of the nation's coldest temperatures each winter, uses grit only, but does a very thorough job of plowing.

Surely by cutting our salt with grit, and upgrading our plows, we could reduce some of the damage being done to our environment and our property. Unfortunately, this is a more costly alternative, a hard sell during these recessionary times.

An idea that has some merit, though, is allowing the use of studded snow tires and chains. They're allowed in the Northeast, the Northwest and all the Rocky Mountain states. With careful regulation, they're no worse for roads than applying layers of salt.

The best thing this idea has going for it is that it fits right in with Gov. Engler's call for privatization of government services. By allowing chains and studs, he could reduce the workforce in the various road commissions. The responsibility for safe winter driving would be taken out of the hands of government and placed in the hands of the individual.

And it would keep away all those pesky salt vampires.

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# Tech Center, finance are most challenging issues

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We have redefined its focus, and it now will not only link the seventh- and eighth-grade building with the fifth and sixth, but it will also provide technological services for the total school district. If not next fall, then in the very near future.

The so-called surplus monies that were saved by receiving low bids on the construction will be used to provide that equipment that will be necessary to add service for the Tech Center.

**NEWS:** Will you then be able to use all of the surplus money?

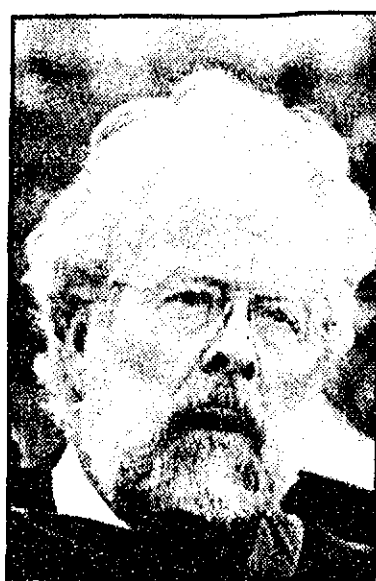
**BARR:** I'm sure that will not be a difficulty.

**NEWS:** What do you do in those kinds of situations where a voter-approved bond sale yields more money than you need for a particular project.

**BARR:** The bond issue was described in such a way that it would enable us to equip and construct the building. So if we had, and we normally don't, a surplus of funds from the construction aspect, we probably would spend it for equipment.

**NEWS:** You also cited school finance as an important issue you have faced in your tenure as superintendent. (Novi Community Schools fall out of the state's funding formula because the district is considered properly wealthy. This out-of-formula status has left the district open to several, varying cuts in funding in recent years.) Do you expect the school district and the state to ever come to an agreement about funding that you both can live with?

**BARR:** I don't know. We've had out-of-formula school districts for as long as I've been in education. Years ago, they used to call them high-deductible millage and low-deductible millage. And that was written in the State Aid Act. And, yes, I should think there is enough brain power in the state, maybe not necessarily in the Legislature but certainly in the state, that could fashion a for-



William Barr  
Interim Superintendent

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mula that would treat all kids and school districts equitably.

**NEWS:** Do you think the current formula is equitable?

**BARR:** If it's properly funded, yes. But it is not properly funded.

**NEWS:** Have you set a date for the 13-mill renewal? (The school district has 13 mills up for renewal this winter.)

**BARR:** If I remember correctly, we're proposing that it be Feb. 11, which I think would be the second Tuesday in February.

**NEWS:** What would you do if the renewal failed?

**BARR:** The first thing that would have to be done would be to regroup, and try to determine how we're going to operate the school district. That would represent nearly 55-60 percent of the school district's funds. It would be impossible to operate without that 13 mills.

**NEWS:** Would it be immediately impossible to operate the school district, or would it be impossible to

open the schools next year?

**BARR:** It is funding that's necessary to fund the 1992-93 school year.

**NEWS:** So, you would have some time to develop a plan.

**BARR:** Yes. You would have six or seven months to determine the course of action.

**NEWS:** How difficult has it been for you to operate as both the superintendent and the associate superintendent for the past six months?

**BARR:** Busy hands stay out of mischief.

**NEWS:** Has anything suffered.

**BARR:** My home life.

**NEWS:** You are one person doing two jobs. It seems like something in your work performance has to give.

**BARR:** I've had a lot of cooperation from a lot of people that have assumed some of the things that I personally did before. And, probably, I haven't paid as much attention to some of the things that Dr. Piwko did before.

I haven't had a chance to visit any of the school buildings yet. I plan to do that during the week before the holidays. This week in fact, January and February will enable me to do much more.

**NEWS:** Why will January and February be slower months for you?

**BARR:** We've got the Tech Center operating. And we've had the Truth-in-Taxation hearing, which was difficult in terms of providing information to the board. Things have just quieted down a little bit.

**NEWS:** Don't you have plans to retire soon?

**BARR:** Yes. I plan to retire at the end of this school year.

**NEWS:** Do you think the school board would consider the second-place candidate in its superintendent search for your job? Would that require a whole new search?

**BARR:** I assume that would require a whole new search. Not necessarily. It depends on the capabilities of the individuals. I'm quite sure that neither one of the two individuals being considered for the superintendent would necessarily want to assume my responsibilities.

**NEWS:** What is the status of the high school radio station's expansion.

**BARR:** It's in the process. I'm not sure as to the exact date they're going to (increase their signal). I'm not sure of the date, but it's very soon.

**NEWS:** What's the status of the high school facilities study. (The district hired a consultant to review the current and future needs of the high school buildings.)

**BARR:** We should receive a report by them, I'm quite sure, by the first meeting in February. (The school board meets Feb. 6 in the Educational Services Building, 25345 Taft Road.) We changed the process a little bit.

The consultant has met with all the departments at the high school, and they've gotten their input, which originally wasn't planned. We've had reports from each department, but in order to clarify those and be sure that he knew what they were talking about, we decided to have the consultant meet with them. That has slowed it down.

We also had difficulty providing the consultant with the historical information. We had it on a computer tape, but no one knew how to get it off properly. That slowed it down a little bit.

**NEWS:** Do you think the final report will endorse a millage increase to update the high school facilities?

**BARR:** I really haven't got the slightest idea. Seriously, until we can actually determine the scope of that, I don't know. I really don't know.

**NEWS:** What do you think will be the biggest issue facing the district next year?

**BARR:** School finance.

**NEWS:** Anything specific. You have talked about a tax freeze that goes into effect at the first of the year.

**BARR:** The tax freeze makes it difficult for our type of district to operate because we have built-in personnel costs of somewhere between \$1.25 million and \$1.75 million. If we don't have the ability to receive that amount of money, then some cuts have to be made somewhere.

With the SEV (state equalized valuation) freeze, which as I understand freezes the millage, then we will face some kinds of problems.

**NEWS:** Have you been able to find out if the 13-mill renewal will be frozen? (Novi schools traditionally has levied only 10.5 of the 13 mills up for renewal in February. Earlier in 1991, Barr discussed the possibility of increasing the actual levy to 13 mills to account for expected shortfalls in the 1992-93 budget.)

**BARR:** No, I haven't. It all depends on somebody's interpretation of whether the Headlee Amendment applies. If the Headlee Amendment

applies, then all of (the 13 mills) cannot be levied. If the Headlee Amendment does not apply, then it can be levied.

**NEWS:** If voters approve 13 mills, then can't you levy 13 mills? Headlee rolls back tax increases to the rate of inflation, but doesn't the Headlee Amendment come into effect the year after a millage rate is approved?

**BARR:** The only time you can levy the full amount voted without any effect of Headlee is if you vote the millage after May 1. If you vote it prior to May 1, then last year's factor applies.

**NEWS:** You have mentioned in the past that local hotels are protesting their assessments. If they are successful, that would cost the school district some of its tax revenue. Has that case been resolved?

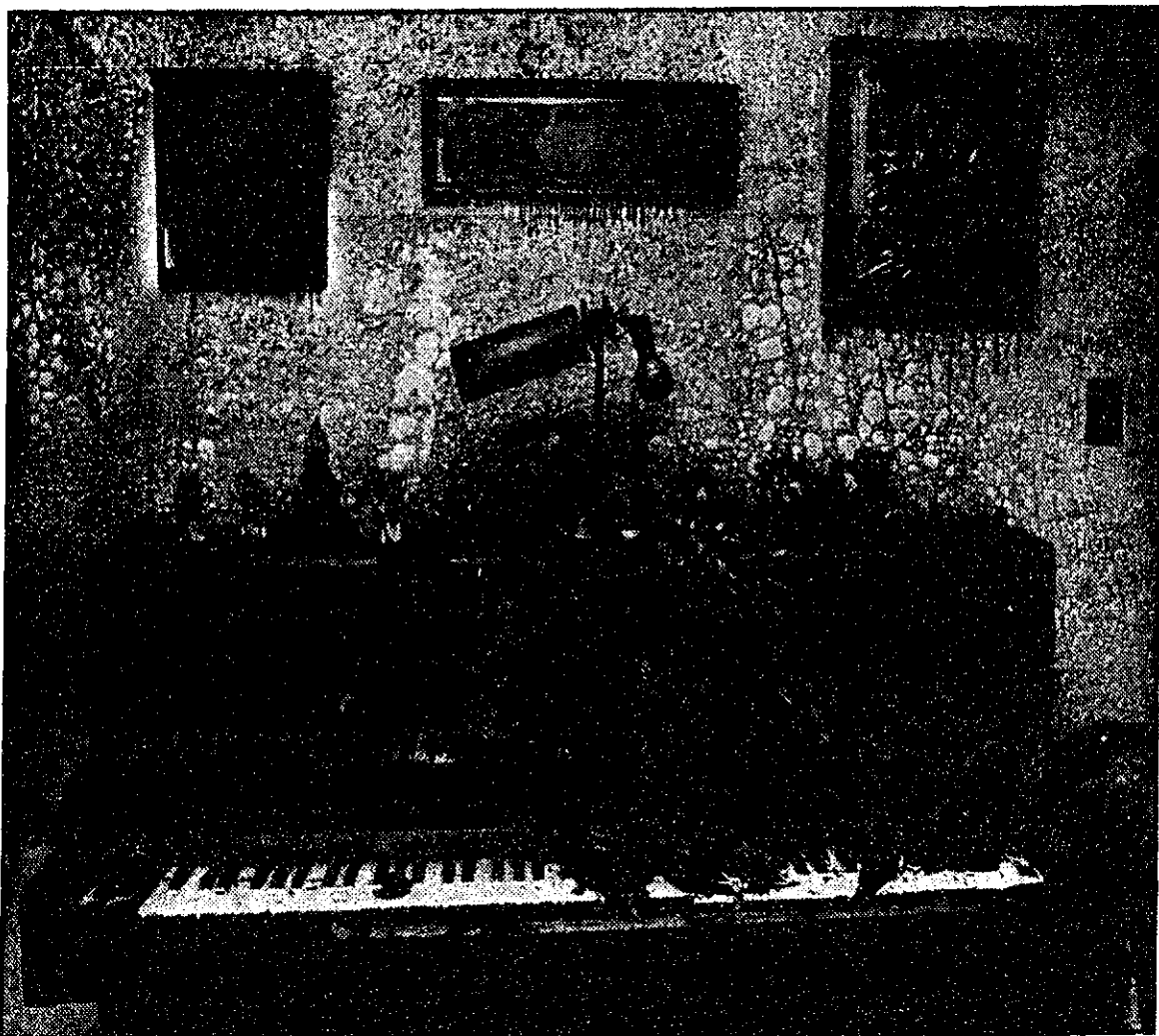
**BARR:** Not to my knowledge. Mr. (City Assessor James) Klausmeyer has been in close contact with me all the time, keeping me informed. They have not resolved that. If they have, they have not contacted me regarding that.

**NEWS:** Do you see people who cannot afford a home in Novi moving into apartment buildings, so they can send their kids to Novi schools?

**BARR:** We have more kids coming from apartments than we've had before. If you recall, the only apartments we had for a long time were . . . just west of Orchard Hills school. We didn't get very many kids from there. Now we're getting more young people from the apartments.

**NEWS:** What other factors will influence the school district's finances next year?

**BARR:** Only that it appears that the houses that are being constructed will be about the same numbers we've had in the past. It appears that we will have roughly the same number of increased kids as we've had in the past. So, our problems will not be any less than what they've been.



The fire was hot enough to melt the keys on this piano, but not hot enough to burn its way to the outside of the building. The fire ran out of oxygen and put itself out.

## House fire puts itself out

By STEVE KELLMAN  
Staff Writer

A Christmas visit turned tragic for a Northville family, but the family's late arrival home may have averted a larger tragedy.

Wayne and Mary Kay Pryce and their two young children were out visiting relatives Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 25 when a fire tore through their 225 South Ely Drive home. The blaze damaged much of the home's interior but extinguished itself without burning through to the outside of the house.

By the time the Pryces returned home at 9:30 that evening, the fire was out.

"Really, from the outside the house looks normal," said city Fire Chief Jim Allen. "Everything was in the front room and burned itself out. It used up all the oxygen in the house."

Though several windows were broken, the house's storm windows held firm and kept the fire from reaching fresh air.

Allen, in a bewildered tone of voice, said it was one of the most unusual fire runs his department has ever made.

"We didn't use a drop of water; the fire was out when we got there," he said. "And nothing had to be boarded

up. To close up the house we just had to lock the front door.

"I can't recall ever seeing anything quite like that, a fire of that magnitude that just burned itself out."

Before it died out, however, the fire claimed the life of the Pryces' dog, which was found in the basement. It also destroyed the family's just-opened presents and melted a just-constructed model railroad track that ran around the Christmas tree.

"The front room is totally burnt, the furniture, the Christmas tree, the walls, and there's smoke and soot damage throughout the house," Allen said.

But he said the toll could have been much greater.

"If (the Pryces) had come home earlier and opened the door (while the fire was still burning), they could have got the backdraft, and it could have blown them across the street," he said.

Firefighters searched for the origin of the blaze Dec. 25 and 26, but had not determined the exact cause by press time. The Christmas tree and a nativity set were ruled out because they were found unplugged.

A wall clock stopped at 5:30 p.m., Allen said, indicating that the fire was still raging at that point. "The heat melted the clock," he said. "It was actually running, but the face

had melted and the hands couldn't go around.

"The keys on the piano melted together. It got that hot in there."

For the Pryces, the tragedy has turned into a demonstration of neighborly goodwill.

"Luckily we have a lot of friends at the First Baptist Church, and a lot of good neighbors who were able to put us up for the night and take care of us," Wayne Pryce said.

Pryce was still sifting through the ashes of his home Thursday afternoon, Dec. 26, but he hoped to be done with the task soon.

"I've got an insurance adjuster over there now," he said. "I'll be leaving about four o'clock. I can't stand going in and out of there . . ."

Donations to the Pryces may be sent to the First Baptist Church of Northville, 217 N. Wing St., Northville 48167. Pastor Stephen Sparks said the family's main concern is finding a house to rent while their home is being rebuilt.

"The problem is the time lag," Sparks said. "I would assume that it may take them three months to get the place refurbished . . . The thing that they're hoping to avoid is staying in a hotel all that time with two little kids."

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**New Year's toast derives from spiritual tradition**

Holiday toasts have long been used to ring in the New Year, honor friends and relatives, and heighten the spirit of the season.

In France at the end of the 16th century, it was customary to place a piece of toast in the bottom of a wine glass. The glass was passed from hand to hand until it reached the honored person whose health was being drunk. This custom gave rise to the expression, "to drink a toast."

Superstitious people clinked glasses because they were afraid the devil would enter their bodies with the wine, so they made a noise to scare the demon away.

Today, lovers in France often intertwine forearms while sipping champagne after a toast.

"To paraphrase Mark Twain, too much of anything is bad, but too much champagne is just right," is a favorite toast of Smitty Kogan, director of the Champagne News and Information Bureau in New York.

Many Americans associate champagne with the holidays because its bubbles convey conviviality. Indeed, a New Year celebration with champagne seems appropriate.

Champagne and sparkling wine is easily understood since there are only a few basic styles and types. Non-vintage champagne is a blend of wines from one harvest with reserve wines of varying ages obtained from previous harvests.

Vintage champagne is blended only from wines of a single year's harvest. No reserve wines are used, and the year of the crop appears on the label.

Blanc de blancs is a wine made only from white grapes. Blanc de Noirs is produced only from red grapes. Rose derives its color from the skins of red grapes. Superior (expensive) champagnes are blends of rare, costly wines and represent a producer's best effort.

There are two principal designations of dryness: Brut (very dry) and Extra-Dry (slightly sweet).

The house of Louis Roederer offers these tips for champagne and sparkling wine service.

Serve well-chilled. The best and fastest way to bring champagne to the proper serving temperature is to place the bottle in a bucket filled with half ice and half cold water. About 30 minutes should do it.

Use caution when opening a bottle of sparkling wine; there are 60 pounds of pressure per square inch in there! Remove the wire cage with the bottle facing away from you and your guests. Then, using a towel, slowly rotate the bottle while easing the cork from the neck, releasing it with a soft sigh. A loud pop is festive, but not desirable.

Use tulip-shaped glasses or champagne flutes, not wide shallow glasses. A tall, slender glass allows the fine bubbles to rise without disappearing quickly.

For party planning, figure on pouring six glasses per bottle.

What to do with leftovers? An old French trick says putting a sterling silver fork into the bottle will keep it fresh and bubbly. One of the new champagne stoppers, available at gourmet or wine shops, is recommended. Another option: Use it in cooking and open another bottle to enjoy with your meal.

**WINE SELECTION OF THE WEEK**

**Domaine Carneros Brut (#21)** is a stellar California sparkler. The parent French company is Champagne Taittinger and the Domaine Carneros bubbly is reminiscent of the Taittinger Brut. "La Francaise" style while exhibiting the distinct fruit elegance of the Carneros region.

Produced by the *methode champenoise* (French method of making champagne), it has a lively fruit aromas with toasty, creamy, mature flavors and crisp, full body. It is a perfect accompaniment for foie gras, salmon pate or canapes, soft cheese such as Brie, duck pate, and mildly spiced dishes.

While Americans use sparkling wines and champagnes primarily as toasts, they are perfect throughout the meal. Subtle and delicious changes in the Domaine Carneros bottling occur as it is paired with multiple courses.



**Bartenders are the toast on New Year's Eve**

By RICK BYRNE  
Copy Editor

With a smile and a friendly "Happy New Year," George Petrides sets a drink upon the copper-clad bar at the Red Timbers in Novi.

A bartender for seven years at the restaurant and lounge on Grand River Ave., Petrides has seen his share of New Year's Eve celebrations. This year again, Red Timbers will be open through the midnight hour.

"We'll be serving our regular dinners until 9 p.m.," he says. "Then after that we'll have our New Year's Eve celebration and people will be here until 2, 2:30, maybe 3 in the morning. At midnight we pass out the party favors and open champagne and everybody has a good time."

But to Petrides, who claims to have been a bartender "all my life," there is

no real secret to making sure everyone has a good time.

"All you do is please the customer," he says. "You do it in a prompt and efficient way. That's what does it."

When people flock to the bars to share in the celebration and camaraderie, some of them can lose control. For Marty Meyer, Petrides' partner behind the bar at Red Timbers, taking care of the customer means knowing when not to serve him, just as much as knowing when to serve him.

"People are more careful now, and we have to be careful," he says. "You've got to take care of them. Look around here now (it's a little after 11 p.m.). I've got a bunch of coffees going already."

New Year's Eve has always been neat, though. People start off with their highballs, Manhattans and

fuzzy navels, and then around 11:30 or quarter to 12 they start ordering bottles of champagne."

And he should know. The veteran barkeep hasn't had a New Year's Eve off in 25 years. He even got married in the Red Timbers on New Year's Eve for the first time at age 50.

Down the road at Diamond Jim Brady's, Karen Hyland, a nine-year bartender, says people order a different batch of drinks on New Year's Eve.

"People go for champagne cocktails, of course," she says. "But they also order a lot of whiskey-and-waters or seven-and-sevens, and not so much of the real fro-frou drinks. They want something they can spend the whole night drinking without feeling filled up."

**Drinks dazzle without alcohol**

The winning drink was the apple of the judges' eyes. A runner-up melted the panel's hearts with hot fudge sauce, coffee and ice cream. A third tempted taste buds with cider, orange juice and whipped cream.

While ingredients differ, the 20 drinks in AAA Michigan's "Great Pretenders Party Guide" have one thing in common: all are non-alcoholic.

The free guide, now available at all AAA Michigan branch offices, is designed to provide holiday party planners with alternatives to alcoholic beverages.

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**Chef Mary Brady**

**A healthy kitchen is not just a clean kitchen**

As I begin to write, I realize that today is our three month "anniversary" in Novi.

It seems much longer than that. It's nearly a year since Tom and I started this project. And it's been a year since we were in Ireland. Ah, the good old days. We were able to travel at the drop of a hat. Not now. It will be a while before we can do that again.

We are still going through our breaking-in period. Nearly daily we change a procedure or method — for the better. Luckily everyone is open-minded and flexible. We are all in this together. Anything that can be done to make the work easier and expedite service is to our advantage. Of course, this does not come without expense.

A second ice machine was purchased for behind the bar. We were consistently running out of ice, not because the machine wasn't good, but because of the demands put on it. One thing that we hadn't counted on was the amount of ice that the kitchen would

use — believe it or not, as much if not more than in the front of the house. Every time that fish comes in, it is put into perforated "hotel" pans that fit into a drainage container. Then it is covered with Saran wrap and iced down.

The ice is changed twice daily and the drainage pans emptied. Fish is so perishable that a one degree rise in temperature steals a day of shelf life. We treat it like a baby, constantly watching.

When stock or soup is made, it must be cooled before it can be put into the walk-in cooler. This is done to prevent bacterial growth. So each bucket is put into a large sink and surrounded with ice and water. It is stirred every few minutes until it reaches the proper temperature. We make tremendous quantities — gallons of chili and chowder. If it was put into the cooler before lowering its temperature, disaster could strike.

Several things can happen. First, the temperature in the entire walk-in could rise,

putting all the other food in jeopardy. Also, if a large amount of food is put away hot and not stirred, the center stays hot while the sides cool. Then there is great potential for food poisoning. The idea is frightening.

At home, especially with leftovers, follow the same rules. Cool food before placing it in the refrigerator. Each kitchen employee was given a pocket thermometer when we opened. It wasn't to make them look like doctors, but to ensure that proper temperatures were adhered to. Most of them have been through a food sanitation class. Those who haven't will.

The proper storage and handling of food is imperative. The health department requires an employee hand sink. We have three. At each one is an antibacterial lotion that is to be used after washing. It's a wonderful invention. A lotion that is harmless chemically, yet kills bacteria. It's such a great idea that we installed two in the front of the house.

It gives me great pleasure to see the staff walking around and rubbing their hands, especially during the flu season. It is amazing that people in this business don't get sick more often, considering their exposure to colds and such. We should wash our hands a thousand times a day.

About a month after opening, Morris our health inspector came in for an inspection. I learned a long time ago not to try to fool the inspector. Rather, do it right in the first place. Still, every time he walks through the door I wonder, what could we have overlooked? There is always something.

Once in Southfield, we scored a 99 out of 100. This time the verdict was a 96. I wasn't unhappy. The goal now is to keep up the good work. Interestingly enough, the emphasis isn't on a perfectly spotless kitchen. It is on proper storage and handling of food, and clean and healthy food workers.

The same things are important in your

home. Bacteria need certain conditions to grow: food, moisture, time, temperature, proper pH, and in most instances, air. Take away any of these, and you reduce your chances for growth. The designated temperature "danger zone" for food is 45 to 140 degrees. Bacteria grows best in this temperature range. The rule of thumb is, keep hot food hot and cold food cold.

Do not handle food unnecessarily. The less you handle it, the fewer chances of transmitting bacteria in the first place. Wash your hands whenever and every time you think of it.

Invest in a thermometer. It's a good idea to have a hanging thermometer in your refrigerator and keep an eye on its temperature. Avoid extensive use of leftovers. The more you reheat and cool a food product, the greater the chance of bacteria growth.



### The Refrigerator Door

**STORAGE TIPS:** "Lots of people have been calling the Food and Nutrition Hotline to find out how long that leftover turkey can be safely used," says Sylvia Treitman, home economist for the Oakland County Cooperative Extension Service. "Cooked turkey or other meat or poultry can be safely kept in the refrigerator for three or four days, providing it has been handled correctly."

It is very important to separate turkey meat from the bones and remove all stuffing and separate it immediately. The turkey should not be left out of the refrigerator more than two hours. If the turkey or meat is left in gravy or a cream sauce in the refrigerator, this shortens the storage time to one or two days.

Leftover turkey can also be frozen, but it must be frozen promptly. Do not wait until you are doubtful of the food's safety before you freeze it.

Cooked turkey meat will keep about three months; if wrapped in small packages, it makes excellent sandwiches for brown bag lunches.

Some foods don't freeze well, however. They may become mushy, soft or too salty; some separate when defrosted.

Foods that should not be frozen include cream or custard fillings, sour cream, mayonnaise or salad dressing, gelatin, meringue, cooked egg whites, raw salad vegetables and fried foods.

For a free brochure, "Spotlight on Freezer Storage," send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to the Cooperative Extension Service, 1200 N. Telegraph, Pontiac, Mich., 48341. For answers to other nutrition and safety questions, call the Food and Nutrition Hotline Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., 858-0904.

**MICHIGAN TRAVEL:** The Michigan Travel Bureau and Farmer Jack's & P. have produced a new Michigan Travel Calendar that will be distributed free at the grocery stores. The calendar, designed to help promote Michigan tourism, contains many interesting facts about the state.

Did you know that Michigan has over 40 downhill ski resorts, 4,200 miles of groomed stromobile trails and 1,500 kilometers of groomed cross-country trails? Or that there is a continuous 3,200-mile freshwater "sea-coast" bordering Michigan? At any point inside state boundaries, you are only six miles from one of its 11,000 inland lakes or from its 36,000 miles of rivers and streams.

For information about this book and other holiday offerings at Farmer Jack's & P. contact Elise Minch, 844-5140.

**RED LOBSTER RECIPES:** Red Lobster restaurants are offering free seafood recipes for entertaining. The brochure is available at all Red Lobster restaurants, or may be requested by mail by sending a self-addressed, stamped No. 10 envelope (4 1/2 x 9 1/2 inches) to "Entertaining Ideas," P.O. Box 593330, Orlando, Fla. 32859-3330.

**FOOD GUIDE:** Bring on Healthy Food Choices! Oakland County Health Division has updated the American Red Cross Food Wheel for healthy eating. The revision is the work of the Health Division's registered dietitians. The colorful one page handout features plenty of fruits, grains and vegetables.

Are you confused about fats? Where are they hidden? How do make trade offs? The new Food Wheel will show you how. A special section describes fat serving sizes.

The guide is based on the new U.S. Department of Agriculture and Health and Human Services Dietary Guidelines for Americans and the American Cancer Society recommendations. The daily plan is easy to follow. It shows suggested numbers of servings from each food group for different ages.

For your free copy, if you're an Oakland County resident, send a self-addressed stamped (20 cent) business envelope to: Food Wheel, Materials Center, Oakland County Health Division, 27725 Greenfield Road, Southfield 48076.

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## Toasting the New Year's bartender

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If someone steps up to Hyland's bar and says "surprise me," she'll whip up a Golden Margarita using Cuervo Gold tequila, Cointreau and Grand Marnier mixed with "the juice of a whole lime."

Hyland says customers have certain expectations of the bar and bartenders on New Year's Eve.

"You have to serve them with a smile, be upbeat and make it contagious," she says. "If I'm smiling, I can help them along. Some people come in with their own recipe, though. They're the ones that help me along."

Kelli Sheffer, who will be working her first New Year's Eve behind Hyland's bar, says she learned as a waitress how to keep customers under control.

"When the people start acting different, that's when you start trying to talk them into something to eat," she says. "You slow them down. You still have to take care of them, but you don't offer them anything to drink."

When it comes right down to it, a friendly bartender can make sure you toast the New Year, without getting toasted.

**GOLDEN MARGARITA**  
1 to 1 1/2 ounces Cuervo Gold  
1/2 ounce Cointreau  
1/2 ounce Grand Marnier  
1/2 ounce sweet and sour  
juice of one whole fresh lime  
Blend with ice and serve in a margarita glass.

## "Great Imposters" use no alcohol

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"In the last 10 years, 266 people have been killed in 230 vehicle crashes during the Michigan Christmas and New Year's holiday periods," said Jerry Basch, AAA Michigan Community Safety Services manager. "And 43 percent of those fatal crashes involved alcohol."

"The 'Great Pretenders Party Guide' assists people in celebrating the season safely and helps 'Bring 'Em Back Alive' during the holidays," Basch added.

Winning drink recipes were selected during the "Zero-Proof M.O.P." contest conducted earlier this year in Frankenmuth. "A Bavarian Holiday" theme spurred contestants to think of Germany's snow-covered mountains and fairy-tale castles for inspiration.

The winning recipe, "Bavarian Apple Strudel Christmas Creamy," blends apple pie filling, cider and ginger ale into a warm drink perfect for a winter evening in front of a fireplace.

The 11th annual guide also includes recipes for Bavarian foods.

**1991 GOLDEN STIRRER AWARD WINNER BAVARIAN APPLE STRUDEL CHRISTMAS CREAMY**  
by John McEwan, Blissfield, Mich.  
2 cans apple pie filling  
1 can apple cider  
2 cups half and half whipped topping  
1 tablespoon apple pie spice  
2 cups ginger ale  
1/2 cup brown sugar

Heat until steamy (do not boil). Pour into mugs. Top with whipped topping.  
Sprinkle with strudel topping. If desired, garnish with apple slice skewered on cinnamon stick.  
Serves 6-8.

**THE BURGOMASTER'S CHEERFUL "SPIRITS"**  
by Larry Boguslawski, Farmington Hills  
1 quart orange juice  
1 quart soda  
1 quart ginger ale  
1/2 gallon vanilla ice cream  
Pour orange juice, soda and ginger ale into large punch bowl. Spoon in vanilla ice cream and allow to melt slightly. Stir thickened

punch before serving.  
Serves 12.

**GERMAN CHOCOLATE DELIGHT**  
by Jerry A. Frohlich, West Bloomfield  
1 1/2 cups chocolate ice cream  
2 cups milk  
2 tablespoons chocolate syrup  
1 ounce cream of coconut  
canned whipped cream  
1 tablespoon chopped pecans

Blend milk, syrup and cream of coconut. Add ice cream and blend until smooth (about 30 seconds). Pour into stein and top with whipped cream. Sprinkle with chopped pecans.

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## Hotels, restaurants plan hearty parties

A number of area restaurants and hotels are offering New Year's Eve parties.

The Novi Hilton will host a gala event which features a dinner of shrimp cocktail, holiday salad with Michigan dried cherry vinaigrette, filet mignon, seafood medley on linguini, seasonal vegetables, rolls and butter, and a confetti torte served with an ice cream trio and melba sauce. There will be an open bar, and dancing and entertainment featuring Intrigue. A champagne toast at midnight

includes a complimentary commemorative flute glass.

A special late checkout on New Year's Day will allow patrons to attend a morning brunch and watch football games on the giant screen TV. The price is \$140 per person double occupancy or \$168 per person single. Call 949-4561 for information and reservations.

Diamond Jim Brady's will be offering dinner

and a movie at the adjacent theaters in the Novi Town Center (the pass may be used at a later date if desired). Meal options include fresh ground in tosa batter with fresh pasta and crab; tuna, simply broiled with citrus; salmon; duck with shrimp; "Singapore style" veal loin chops; and individual beef Wellington. The price of \$60 a couple includes dinner for two with appetizer and dessert, two movie passes, and a glass of wine or champagne per person.

### Florine Mark/Weight Watchers

## Alcohol wrecks America's favorite resolution

Not only does the alcohol sneak up on you, so do the calories. Alcohol also can stimulate your appetite and weaken your resistance to nibble.

For those who for the umpteenth straight year have made their annual New Year's resolution of "I will lose the 10 pounds I gained over the holidays," there are other choices. Drinking alcoholic beverages in moderation is all a positive alternative. Alcoholic drinks are high in calories and have low nutritional value.

There are 100 calories in a four-ounce glass of wine or champagne, 150 calories in a 12-ounce beer and more than 350 calories in a mug of eggnog spiked with brandy.

At your next gathering, choose a diet soft drink, tomato juice, fruit juice mixed with soda, or sparkling water with a twist. No one will know the difference.

As a rich non-alcoholic treat—that's also low in calories—enjoy Golden "Eggnog" or a mug of Dutch Mint Coffee. A Cranberry Cooler is sure to satisfy your taste as you munching on healthy snacks such as raw vegetables and unsalted popcorn.

Remember that being social does not have

to include alcohol. You can have just as much fun sipping a non-alcoholic beverage served in a festive glass. And, chances are, you won't wake up Jan. 1 with a weight-loss resolution to make.

Happy, healthy holidays!

**GOLDEN "EGGNOG"**  
1/2 cup skim milk  
1/4 ounces vanilla dietary frozen dessert  
1 tablespoon thawed frozen dairy whipped topping  
1/2 teaspoon granulated sugar  
1/4 teaspoon each rum and brandy extract  
Dash ground nutmeg

In blender container combine all ingredients except nutmeg and process until smooth; pour into champagne glass and sprinkle with nutmeg. Makes 1 serving.  
Each serving provides: 1/2 Fruit Exchange, 1/2 Milk Exchange, 25 Optional Calories.  
Source: "Weight Watchers Fast & Fabulous Cookbook," 1984.

**DUTCH MINT COFFEE**  
1 envelope (1 serving) reduced-calorie chocolate-marshmallow-flavored hot cocoa mix  
1 cup skim or nonfat milk  
2 tablespoons white mint-flavored liqueur  
1 cup strong coffee (hot)  
2 tablespoons thawed frozen dairy whipped topping  
1/4 ounce (about 1 tablespoon) chocolate, grated

Using a wire whisk, in 1-quart saucepan combine cocoa mix, milk and liqueur and cook over high heat, stirring occasionally, until mixture is hot but not boiling, 2-3 minutes; stir in coffee. Pour into thermos to keep hot until ready to serve.

Divide into two 10-ounce mugs. Spoon half the whipped topping onto each serving of coffee. Sprinkle each serving with half the chocolate and serve immediately. Makes 2 servings (about 1 cup each).

Each serving provides: 1 Milk Exchange, 70 Optional Calories.  
Source: Weight Watchers 1990 Engagement Calendar.

**MOCHA NOG**  
2 packets (1 serving each) reduced-calorie milk chocolate-flavored hot cocoa mix  
2 cups water  
1 egg, separated  
1 teaspoon instant coffee powder  
1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract

In 1-quart saucepan combine cocoa mix with water, egg yolk, coffee and vanilla. Using wire whisk, mix well; cook over medium heat, stirring frequently, until thickened, 2-4 minutes (do not boil). Reduce heat to low and keep warm.

In small mixing bowl, using electric mixer, beat egg white until stiff peaks form. Into each 2 mugs spoon half of beaten white; pour half of cocoa mixture into each and serve immediately. Makes 2 servings.  
Each serving provides: 1/2 Protein Exchange, 1 Milk Exchange.  
Source: "Weight Watchers Favorite Recipes Cookbook," 1986.

## Festive dinner offers a break from leftovers

Holiday time is often a busy time—with shopping, trimming the tree, party planning and out-of-town guests. It's no wonder that many cooks find preparing an elegant dish a daunting task. Yet preparing a festive meal for friends and relatives need not be difficult.

Here's a dish that's perfect for a built-in main course for that get-together among friends, or as an alternative for a family tied of turkey leftovers. The recipe combines penne (Italian for pens) pasta with Norwegian smoked salmon and roasted leeks in a winter pesto cream sauce.

This simple recipe brings together several wintry elements in one dish—the winter pesto is an unusual, yet inexpensive combination of olive oil, parsley, walnuts, Parmesan cheese and garlic. The pesto, as with most of the ingredients, may be prepared a day or two in advance. The final step is a simple reduced cream sauce, prepared just before serving.

Traditionally used as a holiday hors d'oeuvre, here Norwegian smoked salmon is laid on top of the pesto and sauce, where the vapors gently heat the delicate slices of smoked salmon. The visual contrast between the soft green of the pesto and the rich pink of the Norwegian smoked salmon provide for a festive table.

Many people are reluctant to use smoked salmon in a recipe because they think it's salty, smoky, or has a dry texture. But because Norwegian smoked salmon is produced from mild tasting, farm-raised Atlantic salmon, it has a smooth, buttery flavor.

Norwegian salmon also contains an ideal fat content that keeps the flesh moist through the smoking process and avoids the salty taste that other smoked fish may have. For nutritionally conscious people, the fat content of Norwegian salmon holds other benefits beyond enhancing the good taste.

It contains the health-promoting Omega-3 fatty acids that have been shown to reduce blood cholesterol levels. Wild Pacific salmon, because it has a more strenuous life cycle in the open ocean, is leaner than its farm-raised cousin, and often results in a fishier tasting, drier-textured

smoked salmon.

To complement the flavors of the pesto and smoked salmon, choose a light, dry white wine, such as Ernest & Julio Gallo North Coast Chardonnay.

**PENNE WITH NORWEGIAN SMOKED SALMON AND ROASTED LEEKS**  
IN A WINTER PESTO CREAM (Serves 6 — Can be doubled)  
4 cups lightly packed parsley leaves  
4 cloves garlic  
1/2 cup chopped walnuts  
1 cup olive oil  
1 teaspoon salt  
1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese

3 leeks  
1 tablespoon olive oil  
salt and pepper to taste  
3 cups heavy cream  
1 1/2 pounds dry penne pasta  
12 slices Norwegian smoked salmon

To prepare Winter Pesto (can be prepared up to two days in advance):  
In food processor, combine parsley, garlic, walnuts, olive oil, salt and pepper. Process with a metal blade until all elements are finely chopped. Stir in the grated Parmesan cheese. Store in refrigerator in a tightly covered container, until ready for assembly.

To prepare Cream Sauce (can be done one hour in advance):  
In a heavy-bottomed saucepan, bring the heavy cream to a boil. Boil, stirring frequently with a whisk, until the cream has been reduced in volume by one-third.

To Assemble:  
In a large pot of boiling salted water, cook the penne until tender. While the pasta is cooking, bring the reduced cream to a simmer, and stir in the winter pesto sauce and the roasted leeks. When the pesto is done, drain the pasta and return it to the pot. Add the pesto cream and toss it quickly with the pasta.

Arrange the pasta on a serving platter, or large bowl and lay the slices of Norwegian smoked salmon on top. The heat from the pasta will warm up the salmon. Serve immediately.

Most delicatessens and specialty shops carry Norwegian smoked salmon vacuum-sealed in plastic to maintain the absolute highest standard of freshness. Look for the Golden Guarantee label of freshness in the package, which tells you the Norwegian smoked salmon is of the highest quality, with a mild, buttery flavor.

Use any smoked salmon left over from the pasta recipe to prepare simple hors d'oeuvres. The mild taste of Norwegian smoked salmon combines well with many kinds of foods. Here are some suggested finger-food combinations:

- Fill fresh endive spears with fresh cream cheese, chopped black olives and fresh mint.
- Roll up slices of Norwegian smoked salmon with a filling of cream cheese, chopped black olives and fresh mint.
- Open up chilled, blanched snow pea pods and make "sandwiches" with a mixture of fetta and cream cheese, and wrap them up with strips of smoked salmon.

## Chocolate does grow on trees

If you think a chocolate tree sound like something out of an old Walt Disney movie, think again. Chocolate—or at least the raw materials for it—really does grow on trees.

Chocolate, explains Michigan State University horticulturist Tom Stebbins, is made from the beans of the cacao plant, an evergreen tree that lives in moist tropical climates. Most of the world's cacao production occurs in the Ivory Coast and other African countries and eastern Brazil.

The first part of the cacao plant's scientific name, Theobroma cacao, means "food of the gods," a description that dedicated chocophiles might readily agree with.

The cacao is believed to have originated in the Amazon area of South America. The Incas used its beans as currency, and the Aztecs brewed a bitter-tasting drink from the roasted beans.

The seeds occur in large pods. The pods grow to 10 to 14 inches long and resemble elongated acorn

squash, Stebbins says. Each pod contains 20 to 40 white seeds.

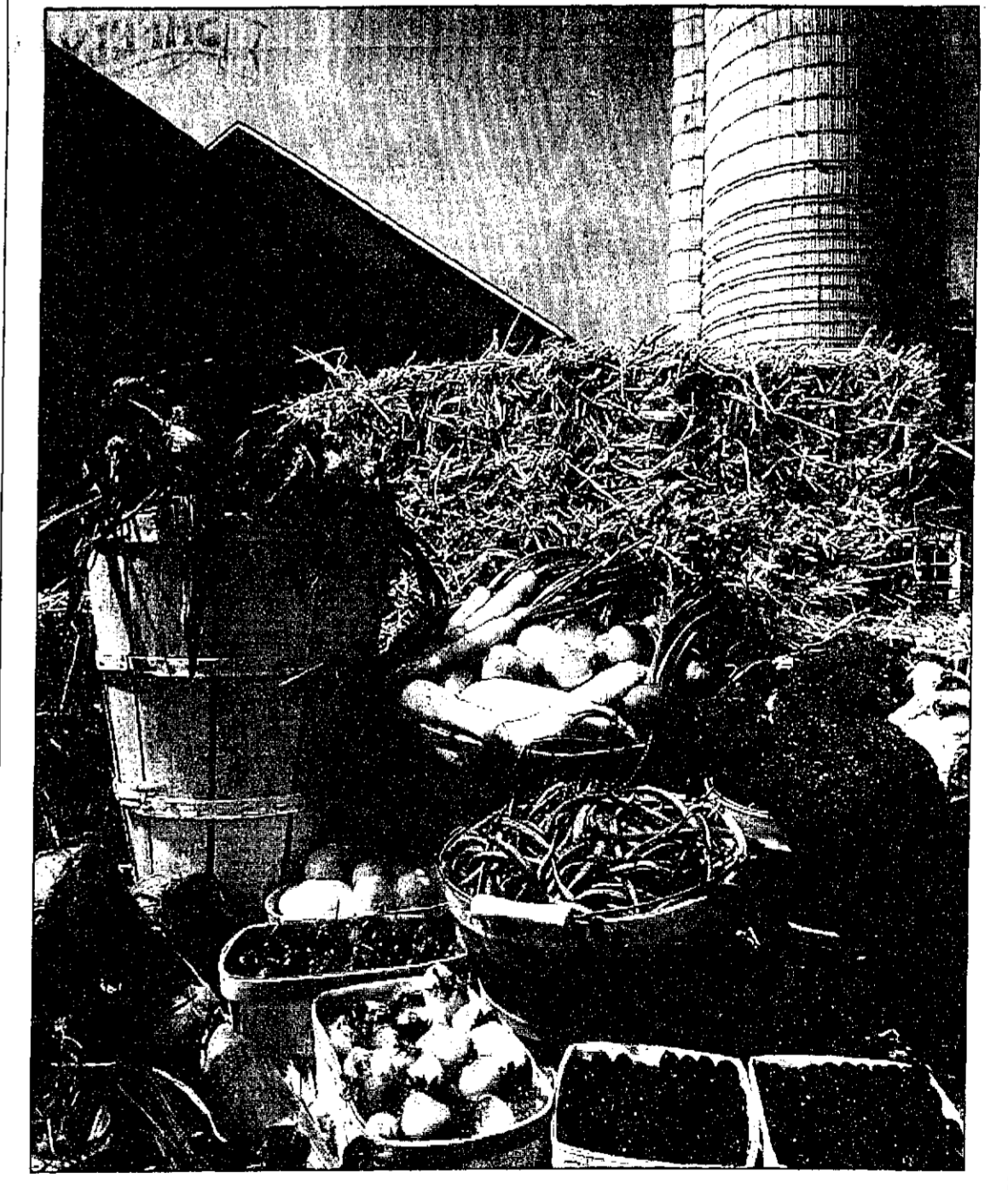
The first step in producing chocolate is to ferment the seeds for several days. This causes them to turn brown and develop a bitter chocolate taste. After drying, the beans are shipped to a processing plant where they are cleaned, roasted and ground into a thick, dark paste. The paste is the basis for all chocolate and cocoa products.

Hardened, the paste becomes unsweetened baking chocolate. Heated, it yields cocoa butter. The dry material that's left after the cocoa butter is extracted is ground into cocoa powder. Blending the paste with additional cocoa butter and sweeteners turns it into chocolate candy. While chocolate is made of cocoa butter and sweeteners without the dark paste, a product that looks and tastes more or less like chocolate candy but it labeled "confectionary coating" contains other fats in place of cocoa butter. It cannot be labelled "chocolate."

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**NANNY** wanted for 22 mo. old. Non smoker, part-time and full time days and nights, own transportation. (517) 548-0013 ask for Lucinda.

**SITTER** in my Northville home, 5 days a week, before and/or after school. Two kids. (313) 420-0206.

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**163 Nursing Homes**

**COOK** needed in dietary dept. 11:30am to 7:30pm part-time. Experienced \$5.50/hr. Apply at: West Hickory Haven, 3310 W. Commerce Rd., Milford between 9:30am and 3:30pm. (313) 685-1400.

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**169 Help Wanted Part-Time**

**ACCEPTING** applications for part-time evening janitorial position. If interested, please call collect. (313) 653-7305 or apply at: City Building Maintenance, 738 Airport Blvd. Ann Arbor.

**170 Help Wanted General**

**ARBY'S OPENING SOON!** Need full and part-time help. Senior citizens welcome. Taking applications at Arby's, 3639 E. Grand River, Howell.

**KITCHEN** help, \$425/hr. Mon-Fri 7-12noon. Call Judy. (313) 227-6055.

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**LOCAL** based corporation looking for 6 permanent full time positions in our customer service department. Salary starts at \$1,500 per month plus benefit package. Company training provided. For interview, call between 1pm and 4pm Monday thru Friday. (313) 227-6650.

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**DIRECT** care staff wanted for small group home in Highland area for full time position. Motivated individuals, contact Roy or Denise at (313) 887-3021.

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**171 Help Wanted Sales**

**IMMEDIATE** opening for experienced Sales Manager. Send resume to: Nancy Fritch, Coldwell Banker Brighton Town and Country, 102 E. Grand River, Brighton MI 48116.

**Part-time** experienced floral designer and sales person needed in Novi area. Call (313) 349-8450.

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**187 Business Opportunities**

**PARTY** Store. Reduced to \$40,000. Terms available. Must sell. At Old US-23 & Bergin Rd. (Ray's Market), Jim Thompson, Century 21 Brighton Town Co. (313) 229-2913, (313) 437-4122.

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**1991** GMC Jimmy S-15 4 door Blazer. Loaded, \$16,500. (313) 629-8166.

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**1987** DODGE D150, 6 cylinder, manual 3 speed overdrive, air, am/fm, 42,000 miles. \$6100. (313) 878-0218.

**233 4 Wheel Drive Vehicles**

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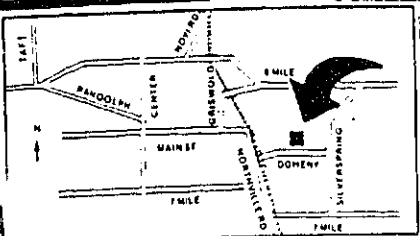
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# 1991

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"Where did the year go?"

It is a question we all seem to ask ourselves at this time of year. Memory often fails us, and we may find it difficult to keep in mind all that occurred during the course of 1991. It is true of our lives individually, and in the life of the community.

It is also impossible at this point to determine what the true significance of 1991 really was. The truly monumental events, the ones which shape our lives for years after, have a habit of going unnoticed at the time. Such events may make headlines. Just as often, the importance of the event does not become clear until much later. So we'll leave the meaning of 1991 to the Novi historians to determine in the years and decades to come.

But as we examine our lives — kind

of a New Years tradition — to determine where we are headed in the year to come, it is necessary to keep in mind where we have been.

To that end, the staff of the Novi News offers the following chronology of the events which shaped our lives in 1991.

—Michael Malott  
Managing Editor

### About the cover

Novi soldier Charles Radcliffe's triumphant return from the Persian Gulf in February was captured on film by Novi News photographer Bryan Mitchell. Radcliffe is pictured standing with his father, Louie, as he greets an estimated crowd of 8,000 during a rally for U.S. troops at the Oakland Pontiac Airport in Waterford.



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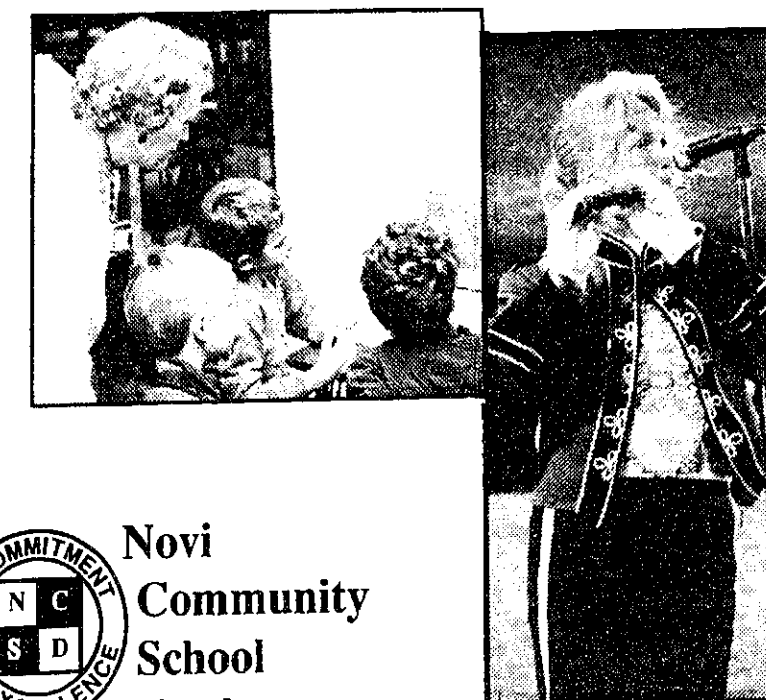
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With the construction of the district's new Tech Center and the continuing growth of the Novi community, 1992 promises to be another exciting and challenging year in the Novi Community School District.

Best wishes for a Happy New Year!



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Firefighters battle the blaze from an gas leak on Grand River Avenue in January.

Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

## Year begins with a bang, from Persian Gulf to Grand River

### JANUARY

**January 2:** A tiny spark of static electricity was believed to be the cause of a 30-foot gas main blaze on Grand River Avenue. The fire, which started due to a leak in the gas main where contractors were drilling, resulted in the shut-off of gas to 650 Novi homes and businesses. Six Consumers Power workers sustained minor injuries in the blaze.

**January 7:** Novi calls a halt to its 14-month war against Detroit Edison over street lighting price hikes. Novi led 15 communities in the charge, but the Public Service Commission in Dec. 1990 dictated a compromise allowing the rate increases. Newer, developing communities are expected to be hit hardest by the fees.

**January 7:** The Novi City Council shows its commitment to buying more park land, encouraging Parks and Recreation Director Dan Davis to go on a scouting expedition with \$230,000 in hand.

**January 7:** A bomb threat forces Novi High School administrators to evacuate the building on the first day of classes following a winter break. No bomb was ever found.

**January 8:** A South Lyon man led police on a wild chase through four cities after he stole a 1990 Grand Am from the Speedway station at

the Pontiac Trail and Beck Road intersection. He ran through a road block in White Lake Township only to lose control of the car and be arrested.

**January 14:** Novi City Council narrowly refuses to approve the area plan for the \$122 million planned unit development, Sandstone. The project will change the landscape of north Novi. Traffic problems are cited.

**January 14:** Election year 1991 gets its first controversy as several citizens rap Mayor Matthew Quinn's bid for re-election in the city-funded calendar.

**January 14:** Harry Avagian joins the Planning Commission, filling the seat vacated by Chuck Kureth.

**January 16:** War explodes in the Persian Gulf. Novi parents of soldiers and sailors sit rapt before television news broadcasts — so does everyone else. Residents say they support the U.S. expedition. Stores struggle to keep enough yellow ribbons in stock.

**January 17:** A Canton woman died when she was struck by a car driven by an off-duty Novi police officer. Canton Police ruled the death an accident after the investigation revealed the woman was intoxicated and standing in the

middle of the road.

**January 18:** One of the two Puerst sisters, Iva, dies at age 93. The long-time Novi sisters were known for selling their family farm at a cut-rate price to the Novi school district. Novi High School, the city hall and library now stand on the property.

**January 23:** Little Roger Umble undergoes open-heart surgery. The three-year-old Novi resident suffered from a congenital heart defect. The family's earlier call for blood donations was answered with overwhelming community support.

**January 24:** 1990 U.S. Census figures are official. Novi has 32,998 residents — a 46 percent increase from 1980.

**January 24:** A student was expelled by the Novi school board in closed session for making the Jan. 7 bomb threat. He was to be provided homebound instruction until the fourth semester and then returned to school in the adult education program. The boy was not to be permitted back in Novi High School.

**January 27:** Novi resident Errol Gordon Stump becomes Adjutant General of Michigan, head of the state's air and army national guard. Just days earlier, his routine flight of a

F-16A Falcon fighter ended when Stump was forced to bail out. The jet crashed. Stump was bruised.

**January 28:** After much debate and soul-searching, the City Council adopts a code of ethics for Novi.

**January 28:** Council Member Hugh Crawford asks that the Sandstone area plan be brought back for another vote and switches his previous 'no' to a 'yes', thereby musclicating the project. Previously, he argued that a traffic bottleneck would be caused by the mega-development. The developers allayed his concerns, Crawford said.

**January 28:** Discord between the Novi Planning Commission and City Council surfaces at a joint meeting. The squabble results over tension in the two bodies' roles in Novi.

**January 28:** At a preliminary examination in Walled Lake's 52nd District Court, a witness testified that Nelson Cobas and a second suspect murdered Dorlando Kenney in November, 1990, because they believed him responsible for a \$27,000 cocaine deal gone awry. The body of 33-year-old Kenney, a Detroit resident, had been discovered along Twelve-and-

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The owner stares at the shell of his home that caught fire because of a child playing with matches in March.

Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

## Council says no to a new Tiger Stadium and goes on the air

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3-half Mile Road in Novi.

January 28: A routine stop by a Novi police officer led to the arrest of two men and one woman on felony drug warrants. The suspects, all Detroit residents, were pulled over for a loud muffler. Police confiscated various drug paraphernalia, including hypodermic syringes.

January 29: Twenty-year-old Novi soldier Charles Radcliffe returns home from the Persian Gulf War with a shoulder wound from the shrapnel of an explosion. He receives a hero's welcome.

### FEBRUARY

February 4: Novi announces it doesn't want the new Tiger Stadium here. Council members don baseball caps and plea for a restoration of the historic downtown stadium. The Tigers say they haven't even formally explored a Novi location yet.

February 4: Novi City Council formally throws its collective weight behind Operation Desert Storm.

February 4: The largest graduating class ever of volunteer firefighters is sworn-in — 14 men and three women.

February 6: The 36-year-old son of former Oakland County Commissioner William Foley is discovered dead in a room at the Fairlane Motel. There was a single shotgun wound to his head. Police ruled William Foley, Jr.'s

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death to be a suicide.

February 7: The Novi school board begins to worry about Gov. John Engler's support of schools of choice. Board President Robert Schram compares Engler's choice plan to Saddam Hussein's invasion of Kuwait, saying the attack "pales in comparison."

February 7: The school board votes to keep a community service program at the high school voluntary. Some school officials had hoped to make the program mandatory for graduation.

February 11: Plans to open a Tourism and Visitors Bureau are discussed by Novi City Council.

February 11: The Historic District Study Committee talks about its "windshield survey" of Novi. Members will scope out old buildings for a possible spot on a future historic register.

February 18: A battle is heating up between the City of Novi and tiny Novi Township. As part of its stormwater management program, the city plans to wrest an easement from homeowners along Miller Creek in the township's only subdivision, tiny Brookland Farm. The township wants the city to just go away.

February 19: State slaps a \$100,000 fine — the largest ever — on Novi-based U.S. Real Property Holding Company for filling wetlands at a Wixom building site. The firm is affiliated with New Bright Industries of Hong Kong.

February 20: Acting on a tip from the Novi Police Department, Chicago police arrested Felipe Planes. Planes was the second suspect in the Nov. 1990 murder of Dortado Kenney in Novi.

February 21: The school board reverses an earlier decision and votes to allow the student accused of making a bomb threat to return to Novi High School if certain requirements are met. The board also begins to look at writing a new Student Code of Conduct that specifically addresses the action it should take in similar cases.

February 25: The Novi City Council goes show biz. The first cable broadcasts of government meetings begins on Novi's own Channel 13.

February 25: Developer Sam Blumenstein donates the first mile of Novi's Linear Greenway System. The plan calls for 35-miles of nature trails winding through the city.

February 26: Voters approve a 10.5-mill school tax renewal. A total of 5.6 percent of registered voters turn out for the election.

February 28: Developers promise to rebuild the historic Yerkes home as part of a subdivision development.

February 28: Planning Commissioner Ernest Aruffo suffers a stress attack. As a result, Aruffo drops out of the upcoming council race.

February 28: As of this date, seven candi-

dates had tossed in their hat for what will be a hotly-contested race for three city council seats — Joseph Toth, Diana Canup, Dr. Kevin Crain, Gerald Schulman, Ernie Aruffo, David Ruyle and a "mystery" man. Mayor Matthew Quinn runs for re-election.

### MARCH

March 1: A man wearing a nylon stocking over his head stormed into the Fantastic Sam's beauty salon in Novi and threatened to kill two employees. He then made off with the day's cash, and remains at large.

March 7: School board incumbents Michael Meyer and Stephen Hitchcock announce they are running for re-election. No challengers ever surface.

March 7: Anthony Malija, a former employee of the Novi American Enclosures plant, pled no contest to charges of starting a fire that destroyed the plant in June, 1989.

March 8: Novi residents Bob and Linnea Roberts and their son, Jack Cantrell, were gunned down in their Detroit butcher shop by an unknown man. Two employees in the store survived injuries and later described the suspect, but he remains at large.

March 11: Grand Rapids-based Meijer Inc. withdraws its bid to open a store in Novi. Originally part of the ill-fated Grand Plan, city officials are unable to woo Meijer into staying.

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An anti-abortion activist blocks an OBY/GYN door.



March 30th marked the 100th birthday for Hilda Furman.

Photos by BRYAN MITCHELL

## Sandstone still makes news; tax base exceeds \$1 billion

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March 13: The Michigan Department of Labor finds Consumers Power and Statewide Excavating of Wixom in violation of the Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Act for injuries sustained by workers in the January gas fire explosion.

March 15: A child playing with matches started a fire that destroyed a home in the Chateau Estates mobile home park. No one was hurt in the blaze.

March 17: A 27-year-old Lansing man committed suicide at the rest area along I-96 near Beck Road. The man shot himself in the chest after state police unsuccessfully attempted to get him to leave his car.

March 19: A developer of the Sandstone Planned Unit Development refuses to discuss whether or not he will attempt to have school district lines redrawn in the project. The PUD currently straddles the lines between Novi and Walled Lake school districts.

March 21: Novi High School custodians ask the school board to apologize for an administrative decision to search them following a sting operation. School administrators planted \$20 in the guidance office. When it turned up missing, administrators searched the janitors. The school board vindicated the custodians of all guilt, but refused to approve the custodians' claim their contract had been violated. The issue remained in arbitration at the year's end.

March 21: Additional athletic fields for the city are placed on the capital improvement plan wish list.

March 25: The children of Wayne and Patricia Loder died when a speeding motorcyclist slammed into their vehicle just yards away from their Commerce Township home. Patricia Loder is a former Novi deputy clerk and long-time resident.

March 29: Anti-abortion advocates from "Operation Rescue" protest at a Novi gynecologist's office.

March 29: The spring's first violent storm hits, leaving 3,200 Novi residents without power. Area hotels offer cut-rate prices to heatless homeowners.

March 30: Novi resident Hilda Furman celebrates her 100th birthday.

### APRIL

April 1: A chlorine gas leak at the Walled Lake-Nowi Waste Treatment Plant led to the evacuation of the facility and hospitalization of two construction workers at the site.

April 8: Lakes area residents say they're kicking up a property tax revolt. East Lake Drive has an average tax assessment increase of 34 percent. Citywide, 1,000 appealed their assessments to the Board of Review.

April 8: During a state moratorium on new water taps, Novi adopts an ordinance requiring homeowners to water their lawns only every

other day. First offenders face a \$5 fine. Second offenders will pay out \$10. Children playing in lawn sprinklers are exempt from the regulation. The water conservation is seen as a way to get another 800 taps out of the health department.

April 9: Sean Harding returns from duty in the Persian Gulf for a visit with his family in Novi. Harding is a member of the 12th Aviation Brigade, and flew a Chinook helicopter during the war.

April 12: Novi's tax base exceeds \$1 billion mark for the first time.

April 15: The planning budget is targeted for cuts by City Council.

April 16: The Zoning Board of Appeals overturns a City Council ruling and gives a land use variance to the Southern Michigan Oil Company, which hopes to sink a well along Ten Mile Road. Echo Valley Estates residents are livid. The oil company is suing the city after they were turned down by the council in 1990.

April 18: The Novi Board of Education approves plans for a bonfire to be held at the high school in the fall.

April 18: A drug bust that began in Novi ended in the fatal shooting of 33-year-old Ronald Melnyk of Westland. Police said Melnyk, the suspect, panicked and was shot by officers when he attempted to flee in his car, injuring an officer.

April 22: Retiring planning commission chair Chuck Kureth tells City Council the "Team Novi" spirit is gone. In a bid for a better understanding between the council and the commission, he calls for respect of opposing viewpoints.

April 25: The Maples of Novi, the city's first PUD, begins its final phase of development.

April 26: Eleven Mile Road residents are irate over extent of city's road bonding-funded paving and widening plans.

### MAY

May 2: The Novi school district administration proposes a 1991-92 school year budget that includes a tax increase, the addition of Japanese classes and the addition of an instrumental strings' program.

May 3: The Michigan Department of Public Health says Novi's lawn sprinkling ordinance is too lenient.

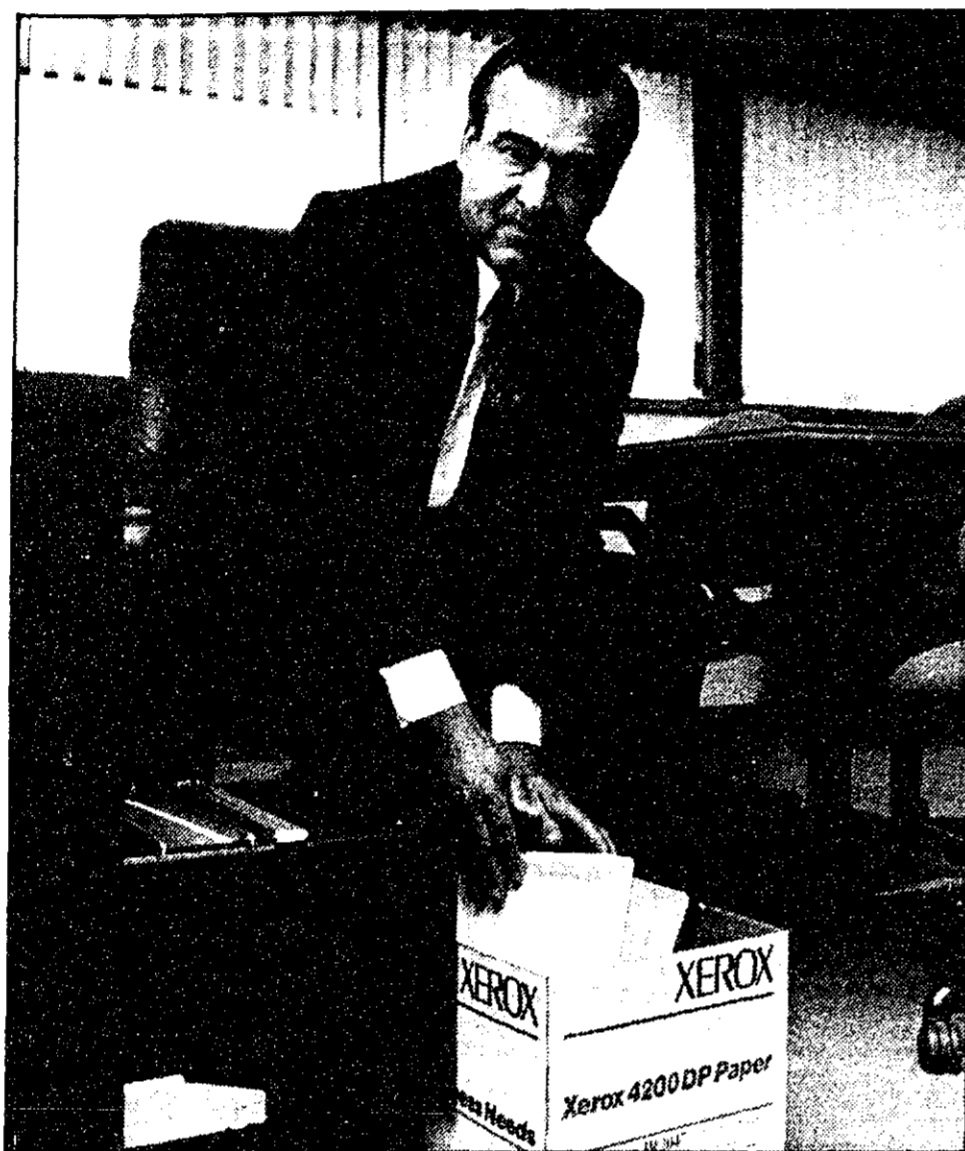
May 9: Novi Police Officer John Zimmer announces he had solved the mystery of a tombstone discovered in a ditch in Novi in 1989. The tombstone, belonging to Lucinda Cleveland, was determined to have been taken from a cemetery in Pulaski, near Jackson. Cleveland died in 1861. Zimmer later returned the headstone to the Pulaski cemetery, but was unable to find Lucinda's exact resting place.

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Dr. Robert Piwko announces his retirement from Novi Schools.



Sculptor David Barr makes plans to finish his art in the Soviet Union.

## Sprinkling debate rages; Rouge River loses a half-ton

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**May 12:** An \$11.77-million city budget for 1991-92 is adopted. City Manager Edward Kriewall notes Novi had the lowest increase in state equalized valuation of property in the past five years. Residents will see a .04 increase in the library millage, to pay for a switch-over from card catalogues to computers.

**May 12:** Council Member Martha Hoyer calls for a repeal of the sprinkling ordinance, saying the enforcement staff won't be able to keep up with it.

**May 13:** A Michigan Department of Transportation environmental impact statement on the Haggerty Connector is okayed by the Federal Highway Authority. One major roadblock is down.

**May 15:** The City Council and Planning Commission squabble over the planners' budget. As the city's budget process winds down, the planning commission's budget is cut by 20 percent. Eliminated are several studies the commission had asked for.

**May 15:** A proposal for an quick oil change station on Novi Road, Big Al's, draws heavy community opposition and is rejected by the Planning Commission. Owners bring plans back over the summer.

**May 20:** City Council goes public on a deal with the Amoco gas station at the northeast

corner of Grand River and Novi Road. Amoco agrees to raze the station, clean up the site and give the city right-of-way easements. In return, Novi proposes to approve rezoning needed for two new Twelve Mile Road gas stations and a Cooker's Bar and Grill.

**May 20:** Word gets out that Superintendent Robert Piwko may take a job in Illinois.

**May 23:** Commission and council squabbles heat up. Councilman Joe Toth calls for an investigation of Community Development Department Director Jim Wahl, but the matter isn't pursued.

**May 23:** Piwko officially announces his retirement.

**May 23:** The Novi school board looks at cutting the strings' program and Japanese classes from the budget.

**May 23:** Detroit Tiger's coach Sparky Anderson speaks at the graduation of a school-sponsored Drug Abuse Resistance Education program for middle school students.

**May 24:** A Department of Natural Resources official says the Amoco station is a candidate for the 1992 Public Act 307 Priority Lists of Michigan Sites of Environmental Contamination. The state and Amoco have been working on a clean-up since 1990 of soil and groundwater pollution caused by leaking underground fuel tanks.

**May 27:** Novi's Memorial Day celebrations

honor a new generation of veterans. Of at least 17 Novi residents who served in the Persian Gulf War, only one was on hand — Army Reservist Stacey Maresh who served with the 301st Military Police Prison of War Camp in Saudi Arabia.

**May 30:** Providence Hospital begins hearings with the state to try and garner a certificate of need. Hearings continue throughout the year on the certificate, which must be obtained before the hospital can build its proposed 300-bed facility in western Novi. Meanwhile, construction of the medical office building gets underway. By late fall, Providence officials requested and are granted approvals for additions to the offices.

**May 30:** Novi Planning Commissioner Harry Avagian was charged with using a neighbor's credit card to illegally withdraw over \$1,000 from automatic teller machines. He later resigns his seat and pleads "no contest" to the charges.

**May 30:** A 78-year-old Novi man was robbed by two men who claimed to be from the cable company. Police said one of the suspects lured the man to his backyard while the other suspect went inside and stole cash from a bedroom drawer.

### JUNE

**June 1:** Sixty Novi volunteers pull 1,000 pounds of debris out of the river during the annual Rouge Rescue.

**June 3:** Novi resident David Barr prepares for

a trip to Uelen in the Soviet Union, where he will install the second part of his Arctic Arc sculpture overlooking the Bering Straits. The American half of the artwork — which draws attention to the land bridge which once linked the two continents — was put in place in 1989.

**June 4:** Members of the public give input on what they hope to see in a new superintendent.

**June 6:** Novi High School's radio station asks for funding to increase the power output of the station.

**June 6:** Some school board members suggest a bond issue may be in order at a future date to upgrade the high school facilities.

**June 10:** Stephen Hitchcock and Michael Meyer are re-elected to the school board in an uncontested election.

**June 17:** State officials discuss the environmental impact statement for the Haggerty Connector. The just-released document states that when the road is done, residents along Sunmit Hill Drive will hear traffic noises three times louder than at present, but that sound walls are too expensive to build there. At least 24 acres of wetlands will be destroyed, the report says.

**June 19:** The City Council approves the Amoco contract. Council Members Nancy Cassis and Tim Pope dissent.

**June 20:** The school board approves a power

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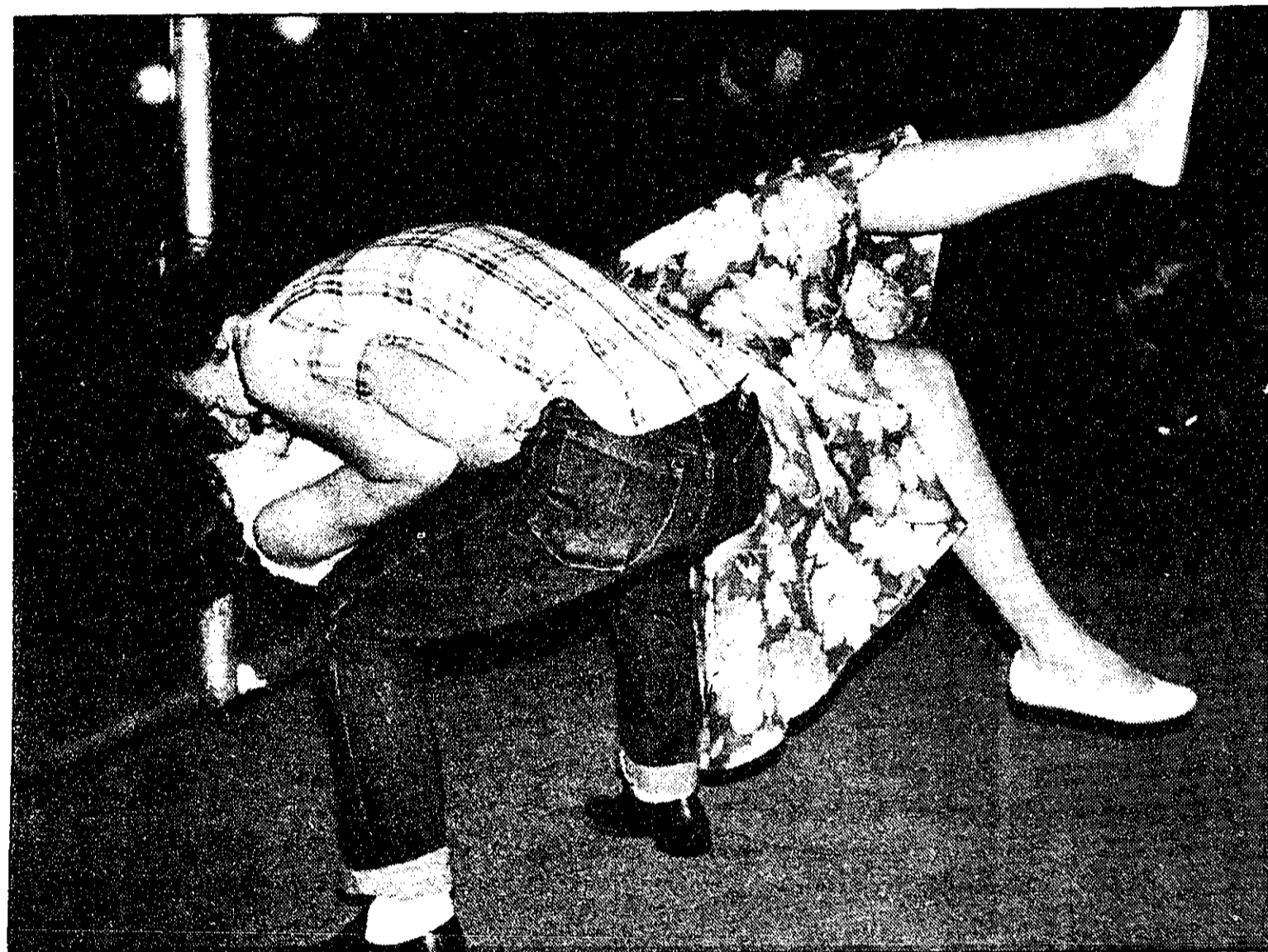
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Dancing at the Michigan '50s Fest was just one of activities, as dance winners Jim Weller and Corinne Martinez show. Photo by HAL GOULD

BeGole announces retirement; 65,000 rock and roll

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increase for the high school radio station limiting costs to \$18,000.

June 20: Superintendent Robert Piwko is honored in a farewell tea.

June 21: A state Department of Public Health official says the water moratorium is back in full force in Novi, because the state thinks the city's new sprinkling regulations have no teeth.

June 27: The school board reaches an agreement on the budget that raises taxes a tenth of a mill less than the administration originally proposed.

June 27: Associate Superintendent William Barr is named Interim Superintendent and given a \$7,500, one-year raise. Barr says he will not apply for the superintendent position.

June 27: National chain restaurant Olive Garden gains preliminary approvals from the city. The restaurant, slated for opening in 1992, calls for a site adjacent to the town center.

JULY

July 1: City Manager Ed Kriewall announces plans for the Novi Expo Center to be located in the vacant Mohawk Liquor building. Immediate interest in the site emerges as the city Chamber of Commerce, Motorsports Hall of Fame and the post office make plans to move in.

July 3: Twenty-two-year-old Novi resident

Laura Richards is charged with smuggling Southeast Asian heroin into the country from Thailand, as part of a Nigerian-led drug gang. She will be sentenced to 10 years imprisonment in October.

July 3: PUD ordinance repeal process begins with the Planning Commission.

July 4: Steve Gorgas joins the Planning Commission, replacing the seat vacated by Avagian.

July 7: Monster storm rips through Southeastern Michigan, singling out Novi for the strongest punishment. Twenty-two power lines fall in the city; thousands are without electricity. The Calvelly family lose their Novi Meadows home to a fire sparked by candles, but their lives are spared when son, Joel, not yet 3, alerts his parents to the danger.

July 8: An electrical wire is down at Lakeshore Park following the storm. The fire department closed the park down the previous evening, but it is re-opened this morning for daycampers. Six-year-old Brett Schneider somehow connects with the 13,200-volt line. He hovers in critical condition for several days before beginning a long and painful recovery.

July 8: Lee BeGole, who served as Novi's first and only police chief for 37 years, announces he will retire at the end of the month. BeGole went on to accept a position as interim chief of the Green Oak police department.

July 8: The school board elects Stephen Hitch-

cock as its president. Former President Robert Schram moves to the vice presidency. Craig Foreback takes over as secretary, and John Streit accepts the position of treasurer.

July 8: Big Al's appears before the commission again. Despite community outcry, plans are ultimately approved by the city's Zoning Board of Appeals.

July 10: Anti-abortion picketers from the group Operation Rescue are dispersed by police after chaining themselves to the doors of the OBGYN Clinic on Novi Road.

July 15: After listening to reports of water pressure problems in Simmons Orchard and Roma Ridge subdivisions, the City Council majority opts to keep the lawn sprinkling ordinance.

July 15: Novi goes out for bids for first city-wide trash collection contract.

July 15: Novi's option to purchase the Amoco station site is placed out to bid (there will be no takers). A swap with Novi Town Center for the Michigan '50s Festival site is under consideration.

July 17: Ed Kramer is re-elected as Planning Commission chair.

July 18: \$10,000 was reported stolen from the movie theater at Twelve Oaks Mall by a suspect wearing a ski mask. The suspect remains at large.

July 18: Financing sought for proposed indoor soccer arena, also proposed to be the home of the Detroit Rockers, on Meadowbrook Road.

July 22: In order to get rid of the contaminated site on the corner of Grand River and Novi roads, the city plays make-a-deal with oil giant Amoco. In return for the contaminated site, the city agrees to approve gas stations at Twelve Mile at Novi Road and Twelve Mile at Haggerty Road.

July 25: Construction workers at Yorkshire Place subdivision unearth 1868 tombstone of Elizabeth Shaw, who died at age 14 on the former family farm.

July 25-28: Some 65,000 rock and roll in Novi for the next four days at the Michigan '50s Festival. Headliner act is Danny and the Juniors, who topped the charts in the 1950s with "At the Hop."

July 28: A Novi man was fatally shot while driving through Detroit's west side during the early morning hours. The victim, David Vaughn, was driving a friend home after spending the evening at the '50s Festival. Police said Vaughn was stopped at an intersection when he got into an argument with the man in the car next to him. The man then allegedly pulled a gun and fatally shot Vaughn.

July 29: Sixteen-year-old Jeremy Trudell is bound over to circuit court to be tried as an adult for attempted murder. Witnesses said that

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Carla Beers and her daughter, Larissa, negotiate the high water at Woodland Glen Apartments as a result of a summer storm. Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

Schools hire a consultant; former mayor bike hikes 2,910 miles

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Trudell stabbed another teen during an argument over some Dungeons and Dragons books.

July 29: Building Official Earl Bailey is the last of eight long-time Novi staffers — holding a collective 215 years of experience — to exit through a new retirement "window."

AUGUST

August 1: Wisom mulls the Meijer proposal for a store — just across the city's border. After months of discussion with the company and Novi, Wixom City Council rejects the plans in early fall.

August 1: The state Department of Natural Resources discusses plans to mitigate wetlands which will be destroyed by the construction of the Haggerty Connector on state land in St. Clair County. The East Michigan Environmental Action Council says it'll sue.

August 1: The school board announces it will hire a consultant to examine the needs of the high school.

August 5: City wraps up investigation of Lakeshore Park accident and releases police reports. Earlier, the Schneider family complained that officials refused to discuss the incident with them. Report shows parks officials decided to keep camp closed, then reversed the decision on the belief that the downed power line had been turned off.

August 5: Novi's second ever female police

officer, Karen Koester, amends a 1988 lawsuit against the city, charging she was forced off the job by sexual harassment during her second pregnancy.

August 5: City Council decides to ask voters if they will pay a .25-mill tax increase to build a veterans memorial home, a goal promoted by a coalition veterans groups including the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, AMVETS and Disabled Veterans of America.

August 7: The Planning Commission votes to recommend repeat of the PUD ordinance.

August 15: The city and school district clash over plans for the construction of the school district's Techlink building.

August 18-19: Another terrible thunderstorm takes its toll in Novi. Flooding is bad in Village Oaks. Five inches of rain are recorded. One-third of the W.F. Miller warehouse on Trans-X Drive collapses during the rain. A later analysis suggests a mini-tornado may have hit.

August 19: Village Oaks Subdivision celebrates 20th anniversary.

August 23: City Council candidate Rob Manoch drops out of the primary race, leaving eight in the running.

August 25: A 34-year-old Grand Rapids woman was struck and killed by a vehicle as she attempted to cross I-96 between Beck and Novi roads.

August 29: Meadowbrook Glens residents complain that Oakland Disposal has not picked up their trash for three days. Simmons Orchard would later have similar gripes and drop the service.

August 29: Citing business and family reasons, Commissioner Tom O'Branovic resigns.

August 29: Motorsports Hall of Fame plans move to Novi Expo Center.

August 30: Michigan Public Service Commission raps Detroit Edison for its July storm response and neglecting tree-trimming. This reinforces earlier statements by Novi officials that reductions in tree-trimming led to power lines knocked down by branches.

August 30: A Bloomfield Hills woman and her three children were abducted from I-96 in Novi by a 22-year-old Canton man. The family had stopped to assist a truck driver who was having an altercation with the Canton man. He later released the family, unharmed, at Kensington Metro Park in Milford.

SEPTEMBER

September 1: Former Novi Mayor Gil Henderson arrives home, after a 2,910-mile bike ride from the Seattle area to Novi.

September 3: Oakland County Circuit Judge Richard Kuhn sentenced DeMarco Hawkins to a total of 64 to 102 years in jail for his part in a December 1990 attempted robbery of the McDonald's restaurant on Twelve Mile.

Hawkins faced a plethora of charges in connection with the robbery, during which he held the manager and her son at gunpoint. Hawkins was arrested after the son managed to call 9-1-1. Police surrounded the building and the victims escaped after the manager punched Hawkins in the face.

September 5: Longtime planning clerk Karen Tindale resigns to move to the Big Sky country of Montana.

September 8: Novi Police Officer Terry Whitfield stops Novi Charter House employee Richard Blackwell for a vision obstruction and, through a computer check, discovered a 1969 South Carolina murder warrant. Blackwell is arrested on the warrant, which was issued after he escaped from the South Carolina State Penitentiary.

September 9: Bidding closed on city's Amoco option. No applicants applied.

September 10: Composting, earlier illegal, now allowed but regulated as new city ordinance takes effect.

September 10: Bob Schmid, Carol Mason and Joseph Toth lead in the Novi City Council primary, followed by Kevin Crain, Diana Camp and Gerald Shulman. David Ruyle, Michael Freeman and Robert Huntington are trimmed from the field.

September 11: Kevin Vigna was charged with

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One of the few remaining barns in Novi basks in the warm glow of the first day of autumn.

Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

## The last of the Fuersts dies; City gets desired street car

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three felonies in connection with the death of Sara Panke of Wixom. Vigna was reportedly attempting to elude Walled Lake police when he crashed at high speed into the side of Panke's car.

September 13: Novi city officials announced that the Novi Police Department will be renamed to honor retired chief Lee BeGole.

September 19: The school board adopts a new Student Code of Conduct that specifically prohibits certain acts, like making a bomb threat. The new code also advises administrators on how to discipline students who commit prohibited acts.

September 20: The last Fuerst sister, Ruby, 91, dies. Her home, held in a lifetime estate, reverts to school district.

September 20: Novi police discovered 85-year-old Handie Morrow lying beaten on the floor of his home where his daughter left him two days earlier. His daughter, Edna Brenda Zehnder, was arrested on assault charges.

September 26: Car dealer Bill Cook wins preliminary approval for proposed auto mall on Haggerty Road.

### OCTOBER

October 1: A Commerce Township woman was fatally injured while driving through the intersection of Pontiac Trail and Beck Road. Police said the accident was caused by a second driver who ran the red light.

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October 1: Heeding the pleas of East Lake Drive residents, Novi City Council agrees to a 90-day shutdown of the lakeside route — not a popular decision. Traffic safety has long been a concern on the residential drive cum regional north/south thoroughfare.

October 1: Lodia Richards named to fill Tom O'Branovic's spot on the Planning Commission.

October 2: A warrant was issued for a Wixom man who claimed he was carjacked in Novi in September. Police said the man was attempting to collect on his car insurance.

October 3: School officials predict lower scores on the Michigan Educational Assessment Program math tests due to major changes in the test.

October 3: The Novi school board approves a change in the Techlink, an addition joining Novi Meadows and Novi Middle schools. The "link" is changed to a "center" that will provide access to technology for all district school buildings.

October 3: The school board votes to join the city in forming an official sister-city relationship with Owani, Japan. Board Vice President Robert Schram abstains in the vote because he feels Novi will be an unequal partner. He feels Novi might not be able to send delegations to Owani as frequently as Owani sends visitors to Novi.

October 7: Novi City Council lavishes moral

support — but no money — on Novi Expo Center.

October 8: Walled Lake City Council condemns East Lake Drive closing. Residents of adjacent communities are outraged about the road closing.

October 9: Oakland County Circuit Judge Francis X. O'Brien released Richard Blackwell on bond, and rescheduled his extradition hearing for December. Blackwell, who Novi police arrested in September on a 1969 South Carolina murder warrant, claims he was granted asylum in Michigan in the 1970s by then-Governor William Milliken.

October 10: The Parks and Recreation Commission gets serious about creating a Teen Center. Local kids say they have nowhere to hang out.

October 16: Band Director Craig Strain is suspended with pay after a student accuses him of sexual misconduct.

October 17: Parents and some school board members remain unconvinced that the Techlink should become a Tech Center.

October 18: Handie Morrow died in Huron Valley Hospital as a result of his alleged Sept. 20 beating at the hands of his daughter, Edna Brenda Zehnder. An amended first-degree murder warrant was later issued for Zehnder, who is undergoing a psychiatric evaluation.

October 21: Residents of neighboring municipalities — and Novi, too — storm City Council

to protest East Lake Drive closing. Council stands firm.

October 21: State officials discuss Walled Lake 52-1 District Court, saying overcrowding there is a security hazard. Novi is eyed as home of new, improved court.

October 21: The Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation gives Novi its very own trolley. The city prepares to take charge of the \$215,000, San Francisco-style street car.

October 28: A jury finds Nelson Cobas and Felipe Planes guilty of first-degree murder in connection with the November 1990 death of Dorando Kenney. The pair will spend the rest of their lives in prison without the possibility of parole.

October 28: Oakland County Circuit Court Judge Rudy Nichols tells Novi City Council to renounce one more time on an oil and gas permit for the Southern Michigan Oil Company.

October 31: An 8-year-old Novi boy bit into a Tootsie Roll from his Halloween candy collection and discovered a straight pin. Novi police were unable to determine where the boy received the tampered-with candy, except that it was somewhere in the Old Dutch mobile home park.

### NOVEMBER

November 4: Reports are confirmed that retired Novi Deputy Police Chief Richard

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## November election brings back past, Homearama arrives

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Faulkner is investigating Strain's case for the school district.

November 4: Walled Lake business owners, saying the East Lake Drive closing has hit them in their financial solar plexus, tell Novi City Council they're boycotting Twelve Oaks Mall. They won't be the last to do so.

November 4: Taxpayers United protests user fees Novi is planning to tag onto the new city-wide recycling program and threaten a lawsuit. Council approves the contract, subject to the city attorney's review.

November 4: Novi City Council praises retiring members Martha Hoyer, a 16-year veteran, and Mayor Pro Tem Edward Leininger, who served for eight years.

November 5: Former Mayor Robert Schmid is swept back into office as a City Council member, to be joined there by newcomer Carol Mason and incumbent Joseph Toth. Mayor Matthew Quinn, running unopposed, is the first Novi mayor to win a third term.

November 7: School board members ask for public input on a second proposed tax hike this year.

November 10: The second of Ruby Fuerst's two wills is filed. The first leaves the bulk of her \$1 million estate to Novi for the creation of senior citizen housing. Fuerst's housekeeper stands to gain most in the second will and the city is disinherited.

November 11: Outspoken schools-of-choice critic Robert Schram says he feels choice has become a dead issue for the time being.

November 12: Novi man John Ziants II perishes when a tire on his tanker-trailer gives out while he is traveling west on I-96 near the Meadowbrook Road bridge. The out-of-control vehicle crashes, spilling its 13,000-gallon cargo of gas and diesel fuel onto the highway and into its sewer system. The freeway is engulfed in flames, but miraculously, Ziants is the only casualty. State police investigate the accident. A clean-up of the fuel spill begins.

November 18: Novi City Council formally protests plans to mitigate in St. Clair County the wetlands to be destroyed by construction of the Haggerty Connector.

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November 18: East Lake Drive is re-opened to through traffic. But additional stop signs are promised.

November 18: Novi Police Officer Deanna Hall files a sexual discrimination complaint with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. Hall, 26, who is eight months pregnant, files the suit because the city refused to give her light duty assignments during the final months of her pregnancy. Assistant City Manager Craig Klaver says Hall could not be given light duty assignments due to city policy.

November 19: A split group of Novi citizens tell the Novi Board of Education what they think it should do with the proposed tax hike plan.

November 19: The names of three finalists are announced for the position of superintendent

of Novi schools. They are Williamston Superintendent Emmett Lippe, Waverly Superintendent Jon Reynolds and Zeeland Superintendent Kenneth Harper.

November 20: Brett Schneider's parents sue Novi, four city employees and Detroit Edison, seeking a jury trial and over \$10,000 in damages for the boy's injuries at Lakeshore Park when he was shocked by a downed power line July 7. The city says it tried to settle out-of-court.

November 26: The Novi school board votes against raising taxes in a 4-3 decision.

November 29-31: The United Auto Workers boycott Hudson's during the Thanksgiving shopping weekend, trying to force the retail chain to the bargaining table. Picketers are stationed at Twelve Oaks. But Hudson's says the sales figures surpassed previous years.

### DECEMBER

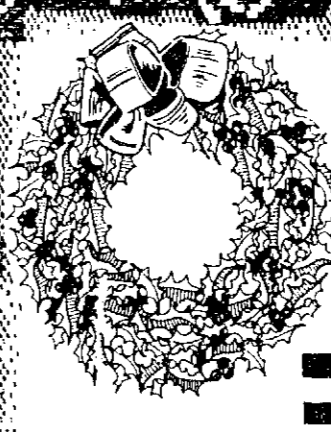
December 1: CSX railroad reroutes the notorious "death train," by-passing Novi. The Toledo-to-Midland run carried hazardous Dow Chemical products.

December 4: A May 1991 trial date is set for the dueling Ruby Fuerst wills.

December 6: Novi's new trolley makes its first mall-to-mall run.

December 6: Homearama opens in River-bridge subdivision north of Eight Mile. The Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan anticipates a crowd of 100,000 will troop through the 13 decorated new houses.

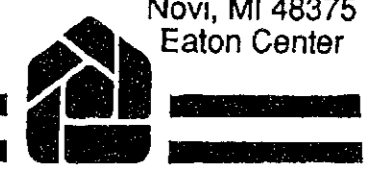
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