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## Byers reacts positively to tax hike plan

By SHARON CONDRON Staff Writer

Novi Board of Education President Ray Byers called the state's tax shift plan for school finance reform Tuesday a "mixed bag" for the Novi

"it's a mixed bag to a degree it's harmless because we aren't having huge cuts but on the other hand our growth will be restricted to one percent," he said.

Byers was reacting to the state's plan for school finance reform that surfaced last week as a substitute to replace the \$6 billion in school property taxes lawmakers wiped out in July.

The plan, which passed by legislators on Christmas Eve day, offers a pair of tax hike packages to restore funding to Michigan schools. Taxpayers will choose one of the two options and decide which taxes will be increased on a state wide ballot on March 15.

Gov. John Engler is backing the ballot plan which seeks a two cent increase in sales tax and a twotenths of a percent cut in the state income tax. The Legislature's version will kick in if voters reject Engler's plan. It calls for increases in income taxes, single business taxes

Michigan voters on March 15 will put the finishing touches on the biggest change in school finance in 60 years. Whether that ballot plan wins or loses, Gov. John Engler won a major reform: state government not local districts - will pay for public schools. The story is on page 5A.

and a one percent tax on home

Either way, the good news is that public schools are guaranteed \$10 million regardless of what passes or fails in March.

The only positive thing that we see right now is that funding will be provided," he said. "But we won't know until March 15 how that will be provided, but we know it will be

Knowing that the state intends to finance public education was the good news school districts were waiting to hear after lawmakers



#### Watch that speed

Novi police have joined with four other communities to purchase the SMART (Speed Monitoring Awareness Radar Trailer) to help educate local drivers of the importance of obeying speed limits. The trailer was placed on Walled Lake Drive just north of Fourteen Mile Road the week before Christmas to remind speeders of the posted 25 mile per hour speed

## City braces for Main Street plan

In the opening weeks of 1994, Novi planners will engage in some heavy-duty brainstorming with developers, scuttling to find ways to pay for the \$2.2 million paving of the proposed Main Street, as well as the water and sewer lines needed

for the project. "At this point, we're very optimistic that the private sector will pick up the tab for the most part. I'm not going to make promises that the private sector is going to pay 100 percent," Novi's Community Development Director James Wahl said

"We are looking at other possible trade-offs. We are looking for ways to make the numbers work. This is not a standard road, we're looking for a streetscape ambiance."

Some of these trade-offs could involve the environmentallycontaminated, city-owned land fronting on Novi Road, the proposed west outlet for Main Street.

Evergreen III, a Farmington Hills-based investors group, has stepped up to build the \$50-\$60 million Main Street not far from the southeast corner of Novi Road and Grand River Avenue. The first building of ten to go up will be a

Vic's Quality Fruit Market. Novi staff planner Mike Csapo says he anticipates the site plans for this and another business to arrive across his desk sometime in

Both Wahl and Csapo say that Evergreen seems to have the same goals the city has been targeting for almost a decade.

"We're going to take a really, hard critical look at it. We've got to make sure he (developer James Chen) doesn't walk in and say, 'I'm going to do this and this and this because I'm paying for the land," Csapo

Novi first began getting serious

about its downtown - the four corners of Grand River Avenue and Novi Road in 1980 and has put money where its goals are. Wahl said the Town Center Steering Committee, appointed by the City Council to monitor the project, has an annual budget of \$10,000 or so a year, not including special planning studies they've commissioned with city council approval. In 1993, an \$11,000 study of the proposed downtown was commissioned. And the city's consulting engineers, JCK & Associates, were hired to engineer a model Main Street.

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## Sen. Faxon misses landmark decision

By SHARON CONDRON

Even though Senator Jack Faxon, D-Farmington Hills, has said school sinance reform is an important issue to him, the politician wasn't willing to forego his holiday festivities to be in Lansing for last week's final voting on the issue.

Faxon was excused and did not vote in the 26-hour marathon session of the state Senate held Dec. 23 and 24. While lawmakers haggled over the school sinance reform package at the eleventh hour, Faxon danced his way through the holiday classic, The Nutcracker

Faxon did not return phone calls to The Novi News prior to press time Tuesday to comment on his absence from the Senate floor.

But during a regular session of the Senate on Dec. 21, Faxon made these comments to explain his upcoming absence on the Senate floor.

". . . I may not be able to make these statements because these sessions have been running into the obscene hours of the morning and going far beyond what we would normally require in the way

of a day. I am hopeful for the recess and the subsequent adjourning for the day, that I can be back here in the daytime because I am really, in fact, a daytime legislator. And at nighttime I might be doing something else, but I always thought I had the right to perform my other activities at night without disrupting my legislative schedule.

This is the first time I have been put in the position where the legislative schedule has actually encroached into the Nutcracker season. After so many years of doing The Nutcracker, this is the first time the legislative session has done this. I, however, will be where you can find me tonight and I will be back here tomorrow if we are going to be back in session because I believe it is an important issue and I wanted the members here to know that and I do feel stongly about the need to identify replacement of

The Senator however wasn't back in Lansing when the Senate decided the bills fate. According to the roll calls of the Dec. 23 and 24 session of the Senate, Faxon was absent and did not vote in the final hours of the school sinance debate.

## Dognapping leaves man growling

By RANDY COBLE

It was, by all accounts, an unusual event for Novi - or anywhere else, for that matter. City police are investigating an alleged dognapping which occurred Dec. 13.

However, the woman accused of the crime told officers that she took the dog only because she thought it was a stray or being abused by its owner.

The owner, a 32-year-old Novi resident, told police of the unusual Monday afternoon occurrence.

The man said that he was visiting his neighbor's apartment, located off Novi Road. He said that he was only going to be a moment and thought it would be all right to leave his dog outside on the porch.

While in the apartment, the man continued, he looked out the window and saw a woman in a goldcolored Ford trying to entice the dog into the car. The dog, he said, walked towards the car and then re-

treated several times. He yelled to the woman, the man said, and at that point she went onto the porch, grabbed the dog by a bandana it was wearing and

dragged it to her car. He came out of the apartment, the man added, and went to the passenger side of the car to get his dog out. The woman, however, backed out of her parking space very quickly, he said, the vehicle striking him and knocking him

The man said he got up and went to the driver's side window. The woman then ran over his foot, he said,

and the vehicle struck him again, throwing him across the hood. He reached for the driver's window, he continued, and the woman rolled it up, snagging his sleeve in the process.

She then began to drive off, the man said, dragging him along for 50 feet. He freed himself before the vehicle reached the main roadway, he said, but was struck by it a third time as he fell. A witness getting gas at the nearby G and River Avenue

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#### R-E-S-P-E-C-T

An aggressive Novi Wildcat cager squad came away from the annual Christmas Tournament with the respect of the taller, larger and favored Northville team, if not the win. At right, Greg Pierman, Shawn Kelly, Chad Dicken and Jason Fannon give an example of just how tough a game they can play. "Novi was very aggressive. They don't give up," Northville coach Larry Taylor had to admit after the see-saw battle that ended in a score of 63-53. The story is on page B6.

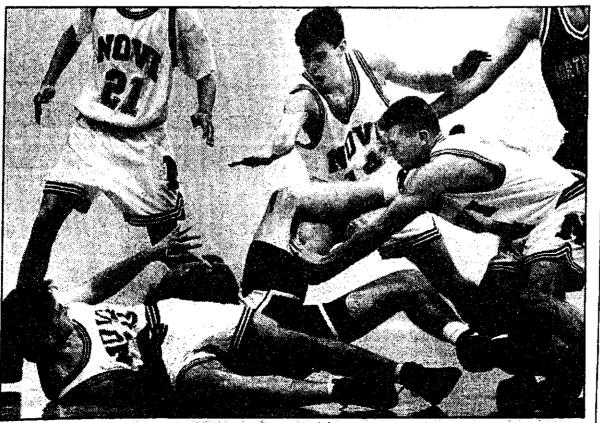


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#### Friday, December 31

New Year's Eve: City offices and the public library are closed. Recycling Center: The City of Novi Recycling Center will be closed

#### Saturday, January 1

Recycling Center: The City of Novi Recycling Center will be closed for the New Year holiday.

Sunday, January 2

Recycling Center: The City of Novi Recycling Center will be closed for the New Year holiday.

Monday, January 3

Recycling Center: The City of Novi Recycling Center will be closed

TOPS: Take Off Pounds Sensibly for all ages meets at 7 p.m. at Novi

Chess Club: The Novi Chess Club will meet from 7-10 p.m. at the

Band rehearsal: The Novi Concert Band rehearses at 7:30 p.m. in the band room at Novi High School. For more information on the group, for the New Year holiday. call manager Warren Ledger at 348-2955.

Motor City Speak Easy Toastmasters: The Motor City

Speak Easy Tostmasters Club meets from 7-9 p.m. at the First United

Methodist Church, 777 W. Eight Mile. For more information call Char-

Tuesday, January 4

Seniors meeting: The Novi Center Seniors will hold their general

meeting at 11 a.m. in the Community Center of the Novi Civic Center.

Menopause Support Group: Providence Medical Center's Con-

ference Center, 47601 Grand River Ave., hosts a monthly menopause support group from 7:30-9 p.m. for women with concerns about meno-

Board of Appeals: The Novi Board of Appeals will meet at 7:30

isse Ryan at 420-2045. Visitors are welcome.

pause. Call 380-4115 for more information.

## County parks just keep getting better

restorations are the focus of the \$2.6 greens, tees, and fairway water immillion capital development portion provements at Glen Oaks in Far- \$3.50 per vehicle; the charge is \$4.50 daily park entry fee on weekdays and of the 1994 Oakland County Parks mington Hills; parking expansion at on weekends and holidays. These can purchase an annual vehicle perand Recreation Commission budget. Red Oaks in Madison Heights; cart fees have remained the same for four mit at the discounted rate of \$15. At Addison Oaks, north of Roches- path improvements at Springfield years. The charges are \$7 and \$8, reter. conference center restorations Oaks in Davisburg; and parking lot spectively, for non-residents.

continue and a new picnic shelter will recapping. 18th fairway improvebe added near the lake. A major ments, and a water retention project will rise from \$20 to \$22 for County Heights remain the same. A day's children's play area, development at White Lake Oaks, in White Lake residents and from \$40 to \$44 for worth of swimming and sliding is near the beach area, and road im- Township. provements will be started at Grove- The total 1994 budget is set at year-round access to Independence land Oaks, nearly Holly.

dence Oaks will be expended with and \$7.4 million from millage re- Oaks. some of the funds raised through the venue and interest on investments. Oakland Parks Foundation. In addi- The state's first refrigerated tobog- Oaks and Groveland Oaks stay at \$9 tion, new restrooms will be added at the Trailside Shelter.

gan run at Waterford Oaks County for primitive sites and \$13 for modern. Non-county residents will pay

At the Springfield Oaks Activities | Ject near completion. "The Fridge," \$13 and \$17 respectively. expanded and the park perimeter will ing, food concession and viewing be fenced at Lyon Oaks in Lyon area, is expected to open late in Janu-courses remain at \$11 for nine holes Township. Wave Pool improvements ary. General admission is \$8 with and \$18 for 18 holes. At Red Oaks, will continue and a youth camp prog- County residents' discount fee at \$6. greens fees rise 50 cents for the first ford Oaks in Waterford Township. County residents will remain the Senior citizens, age 62 and over. 858-0906.

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ram area will be completed at Water- Most other discounted fees for and second nine holes.

p.m. in the Novi Civic Center.

\$12.6 million with \$5.2 million Oaks, Addison Oaks, Orion Oaks titled to a reduced rate. There is no The nature center at Indepen- generated through fees and charges and seasonal access to Groveland

Center, the roadway and front park- with two toboggan flumes, a Weekend greens fees for County ing area will be paved. Trails will be 4,000-square-foot warming build- residents at Glen Oaks, Springfield

Improvements, renovations and Golf course projects include new same or rise slightly. On weekdays receive a discount on most fees, Oak-

Cost for annual vehicle permits Waterford and Red Oaks in Madison non-residents. The permit provides \$6.50 for residents (non-residents pay \$8). Seniors and groups are en-

Daily rates for camping at Addison The Oakland County Parks and 5,000 acres of land, providing faciliand programs range from two wave-

General admission fees at the waterparks, Waterford Oaks near

charge for children under 43 inches

parks and golf courses, on nearly ties and programs for individuals of all ages and abilities. The facilities complex to boating, fishing, tennis and cross-country skiing. For more information, call the

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

Wednesday, January 5 Athletic Boosters: The Novi High School Athletic Boosters Club will hold its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. in room 107 of the high school.

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

Business Network International: The Farmington Hills chapter of The Business Network International, made up of members from 10 neighboring communities, meets at 7 a.m. at the Tollgate 4-HEducation Center, 12 Mile at Meadowbrook Rd. For chapter information or an invitation to one of the meetings, please call 642-7725.

Thursday, January 6

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Kindergartners at Parkview Elementary embraced the Christ- bara (left) and classmate Amanda Brandemihl give their pabased on fees. We own the property. We share the risk with them with regard to the success of the facility," Ja-

## Expo owner wins support for signs

By JAN JEFFRES

What's "bigger than a bread basket and smaller than a water

ident Blair Bowman describes the signs. on Novi Road, as well as a sign along the freeway and its name embla-

"It's not much of a sign. It certainly served its function," Bowman told the Novi City Council. "It's important to have visual con-

tact with directional signs." Armed with letters of support from

Novi Chamber of Commerce, Bow- place could prove difficult, but not tional signage," he said. "I have a man appeared before the city council everyone was happy with the signs problem with 14 feet high . . . I don't on December 20 and secured their proposed. However, that aspect of mind a sign of reasonable height in for two of the signs. He'll also be seek- the ZBA.

created a traffic hazard as drivers trance off Novi Road and double back or cut across lanes to make their way in. In addition, the police dispatch center has been "deluged" with calls

The council agreed finding the

okay to use a city-owned right-of-way the deal is under the jurisdiction of the right of way. This is the tallest sign in the area. I can remember. ing approval in January from the Proposed are a fourteen foot sign turning down sign after sign in this That's how Novi Expo Center pres- Zoning Board of Appeals for the on Novi Road, an eight foot sign on area. Denny's (restaurant) comes to Expo Center Drive directing visitors mind.

four signs he would like to put up by New visitors have experienced to parking, a backlit marquee Expo four signs he would like to put up by New visitors have experienced to parking, a backlit marquee Expo
his Novi Road business. The Expo trouble finding the Expo Center and,
Center currently has a smallish sign according to the police, this has awning with sign for the Motorsports on Novi Road, as well as a sign along created a traffic hazard as drivers

Museum and Hall of Fame, located to parking, a backlit marquee Expo

"I'd like to see a classy sign.
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You've doing quite well now. You've of about \$40,000 to RRRASOC, will "It's still cheaper than landfilling."

Novi, which pays membership fees

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You've doing quite well now. You've of about \$40,000 to RRRASOC, will "It's still cheaper than landfilling." Museum and Hall of Fame, located miss the rather inconspicuous en- within the convention center. Council Member Robert Schmides

agreed to allow the Expo Center to

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use the city rights-of-way on Novi Commerce, noting that the Expo Road and Expo Center Drive, but was Center brings business to local from the public, asking for directions not enamoured with the size of the hotels, restaurants and shops, supto the Novi Expo Center, the memo Novi Road sign. He suggested it ported the marquee and Novi Road signs, saying a major concern is the

had how many shows and there ha-

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Novi misses call

1994, but nowhere near Novi. And so doing something," Jadun said.

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Rather than following the original

Waste Management put up the

The trash disposal mega-

"We pay off everything in 15 years

She updated the Novi City Council

"This year was our most success-

"The private sector wants to make

munities with mandatory recycling

- are committed to using the MRF.

Novi, which pays membership fees

Ali Shifts on the weekend

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on the consortium on Dec. 20.

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pay a late joiner fee.

RRRASOC communities will pay

"Novi should be looking strongly at

"Some subdivisions are paying up

to \$250 a year for waste collection in

Novi's benefits from belonging to

RRRASOC, Jadun said, are the engl-

neering studies done on solid waste

collection, the education programs

"I think it helps Novi to have that

type of activity with the group of com-

munities we have. Solid waste is go-

drafted by the state and federal gov-

In 1994, state law will mandate

"I really think they're trying to put

that responsibility on the cities to en-

force this. Novi's probably going to

have to look at their ordinances that

"In the future there will be recy-

cling mandates. We can help them

RRRASOC, currently located in

Sixth Gate Drive, will move its offices

to Southfield when the MRF opens.

anyways, as Novi's new Main Street is

slated to cut through the building

The Southfield location is at the

corner of Evergreen and Eight Mile

Employees at the MRF will sepa-

rate and sell to recycling firms plas-

tics, glass, metals, aluminium, new-

papers, and corrugated cardboard.

Waste Management will have the

communities at higher rates than

member communities pay, while

Jadun said the authority antici-

"We never thought we'd be making

money off this project. We'll be break-

write ordinances."

RRRASOC won a grant from the The consortium will have to move

ful year. Our planning efforts came to option of bringing in non-RRRASOC

the money and will probably run the RRRASOC will collect a host fee.

Of the eight RRRASOC members. pates an \$18,000 profit the first year

only Farmington, Farmington Hills, of the contract and a \$40,000 profit

South Lyon is expected to join in in ing even or slightly better." Jadun

citywide waste collection system is in Public Services, said she is resigning

place. If Novi opts to use it, it would pay a late joiner fee. from RRRASOC in January to spend more time with her young family.

Southfield and Wixom — all com- in the lifteenth and final year.

that compost materials such as yard

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## Holidays are happier for some

A 51 year-old South Lyon man was arrested on Wednesday, Dec. 22 for operating under the influence of liquor after police found him slumped over the steering wheel of his 1989 Ford van. The van was running in the left turn lane on eastbound on Twelve March 29, 1990 and of driving im-Mile Road approximately 100 yards paired on March 29, 1989. west of Haggerty Road when police found the man. The officer tapped on PURSE SNATCH: The store manathe window of the van in an attempt ger of Vie De France told police she to wake the sleeping man, but the suspected one of her employees had driver didn't respond. The officer stolen her purse from a back room on opened the door and startled the Dec. 19. The Wixom told police the driver. That's when police realized purse was taken from underneath the van was still in the drive position. her desk in the back room of the When the driver awoke and saw the restaurant-bakery sometime during officer he attempted to drive away, her shift on Dec. 18. The purse had but not before the officer reached her driver's license, credit cards and acrossed and put the van in park. blank checks inside, but there was The officer asked the man to step out- no cash there. The manager told poside, but the driver was unable to re- lice that only staff had access to the lease his seat belt. The driver was back room, although a back door transported to the station where he which led to a service cooridor was refused a breathalyzer. He was tick- unlocked at the time of the theft. eted for OUIL and faces a Jan. 5 court

She was driving a 1992 GMC Sonoma closed. Vandals also caused damage when police saw her swerve onto the to two 1979 Autocar Tractors that center line. Prior to this latest arrest, had no leads. the woman was convicted of OUIL on

#### **Police News**

lieves one of his employees may be behind two missing compact disc players that disappeared from the store on Dec. 16. The manager told police four Pioneer players were delivered to the Crescent Road on Dec. 9. Less than a week later, one of the units was sold and another remained in stock at the store. But the other two units which were stacked on the showroom floor were missing. The manager said the sound equipment was accessible to the public, but he believes both units were either stolen or sold by an employee who pocketed the cash for the units. The two units GAS AND GO: Police tried re were valued at \$920.

RETAIL FRAUD: A store manager MALICIOUS DESTRUCat Cache in the Twelve Oaks Mall said TION: Someone caused an unde-ANOTHER HAPPY HOLI- termined amount of damage to a bra on Dec. 20. The store employee DAYER: Police nabbed a 31 year- 1986 Ford pickup that was parked in reported the undergarment missing old Northville woman for a second op- a fenced in yard on Novi Road on Dec. after a customer had been eyeing it erating under the influence of liquor 22. The driver's side door, right fenon a rack. The employee told police offense on Thursday, Dec 23. The wo- der, bumper and windshield of the she didn't see the customer try to man was caught speeding 76 in a 40 truck had been vandalized by some-conceal it, but noticed it missing after mile-per-hour zone on northbound one who had driven the vehicle ar- the customer left the store. Police Beck Road just north of Eleven Mile. ound the lot after the business had were unable to locate the customer.

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AUTO LARCENY: The owner of a gravel shoulder and across the yellow were also parked in the yard. Police 1992 Ford Van said his former roommate may have been the one who

broke into the vehicle and stole an

LARCENY: A store manager be-

AM/FM compact disc player from in side it on Nov. 12. The man said he left the truck parked and locked in front of his apartment the night before he discovered the CD player missing. The car alarm had been activated, but the owner says his former roommate knew how to bypass the alarm. According to the police report, the man told police the alarm was not hooked up to a rear door. It was the rear door lock that was punched out and allowed the thief access to the inside.

The owner told police he suspected his former roommate because the roommate had to vacate the apartment after he displayed some "uncontrollable behavior including

peatedly to track down the man who pumped \$9.27 worth of gas at the Speedway on Pontiac Trail but didn't someone stole a \$69 black Sequin pay for it on Dec. 21. Police traced the registration of the vehicle back to the listed owner, but failed to find the driver at the listed address. They for payment of the gas.

> above incidents are urged to call the Novi Police Tip Line at 349-6887. | bread), Tagalong, Do-si-do, Chalet Creme and the brand-new Juliette.

#### **Novi Briefs**

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Although the playoffs haven't started, the AFC will meet the NFC on Jan. 30.

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ment. For more information, call Craig Klaver at 347-0448. Even if you don't get to the Super Bowl, you'll help out the Novi Optimist Club, which sponsors a number of youth programs including DARE, the Drug Abuse Resistance Education program, and the Novi Friend-

Joint meeting: The Novi schools Board of Education and the Novi City Council will hold a special joint meeting on Jan. 6, 1994, beginning at 6 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Educational Services Building on Tast Road. The board's regualar meeting will commence at 7:30 p.m.

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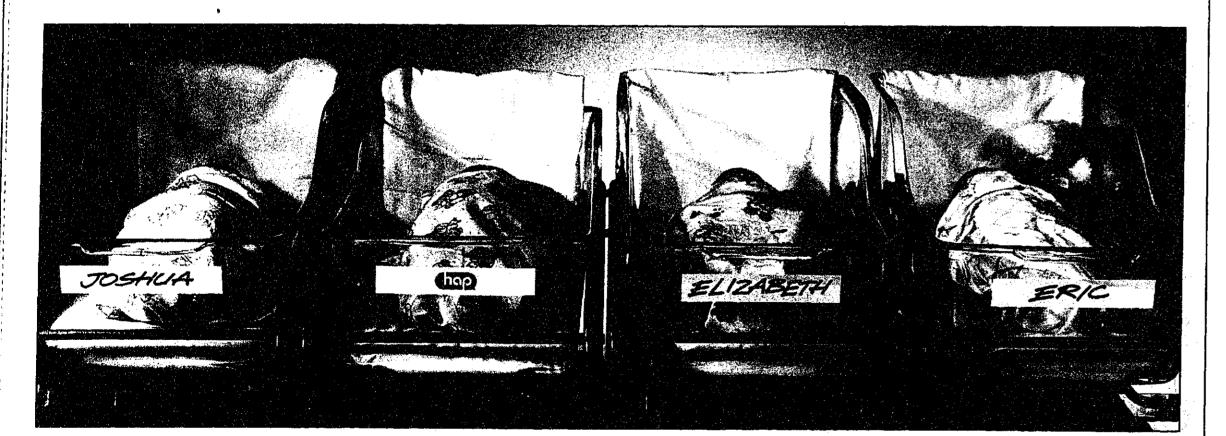
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## Lawmakers leave tax increase decision to voters

Michigan voters on March 15 will put the finishing touches on the biggest change in school finance in 60

Whether that ballot plan wins or loses, Gov. John Engler won a major reform: State government — not local districts - will pay for public

The Legislature adjourned at midday Christmas Eve after a 26-hour marathon session.

Democrats, who had objected last July to wiping out school property taxes with Senate Bill 1, also won a victory: Schools will have \$10 billion in place, even if voters reject the ballot proposal.

Both political parties win because the bulk of homestead property taxes will be cut.

There was little comfort, however, for Senate conservatives who wanted an overall tax cut. "The issue is going to be what kind of tax you want to pay," said state treasurer Doug

tax was approved during the Great erage of 34.5 mills to 12 mills — an roll and any profit. Depression and earmarked for average of 65 percent less. schools. Disparities between rich The personal income tax rate will Plan B must be put to voters beand poor school districts will be rise to 6 percent from the current 4.6 cause it involves amending the state addressed by "raising the floor" to percent. The exemption will rise from constitution to raise the sales tax \$4,200 per pupil without "lowering \$2,100 per person to \$3,000. the ceiling "on well-to-do suburban The real estate transfer tax rate tax laws). schools. That figure will eventually will rise by 1 percent — from \$1.10 Elements:

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Novi survives property tax reform Continued from Page 1 level by adding anywhere from 1.5 Wednesday night hearing. "It is not out there somewhere," he said. to three additional mills without a

withdrew the major source of revote of the people. venue last summer. But with the good news came the packages to be alarmed about now. proverbial bad news.

"There are pulses and minuses to this thing," Byers said. Among the positives, he said, is the end to disparities among rich and poor school districts. The new plan will raise per pupil funding to \$4,200 in poorer districts, but it won't lower those expenses in well-to-do suburmer tax bill or maintain the 50-50 ban districts like Novi, which spends \$6,500 per pupil.

"It creates better equity to districts in the state," Byers said. "And it provides for more pure funding to be set aside for education."

The new plan will also allow Novi to restore its funding to the current with the 50-50," he said prior to the

Whatever voters say, they are fac- Homestead property tax rates will rise to 2.75 percent from 2.35 per- again to 75 cents a pack. ing the biggest change since the sales be cut from the current statewide av- cent. SBT essentially is a tax on pay-

limit (as well as changing some other owners of second homes will pay 24

be cut to six mills instead of 12 mills. by the House bipartisan legislative property taxes to restore them to cur-■ The single business tax rate will ■ The cigarette tax would be hiked team (BLT), of which Reps. Susan rent spending levels in the fiscal year in.

that will be determined by the out-That took some of the heat off the come of either the Legislature's plan Novi Board of Education, which recently entertained the idea last or the Governor's plan and whatweek of collecting the full tax levy in ever voters decide." July. A week before Christmas the Aside from the immediate fiboard scheduled a public hearing to nancing issue. Byers was particudebate whether or not they would larly pleased that the new plan will collect the full tax levy on the sumalmost double funding for at-risk students in early childhood intax collection taxpayers enjoy now. tervention programs and mandate The hearing was held Wednes-

But Byers said Tuesday he was inclined to stick with the 50-50 split now that funding is guaranteed. "My guess is that we will stay

Byers said he saw little in the tax

it's going to cause any problems in

per \$1,000 to \$11.10 per \$1,000 of # The sales tax would be raised to 6 cents from 4 cents per \$1.

a state-wide core curriculum. "There will be some other board members who may be opposed to a core curriculum, but I don't think

■ The Lottery is authorized to run a keno game in bars. Under either plan, businesses and mills in property tax.

stead of being increased.

That's less than the current average of 34.5 mills. It's more than Gov. resort areas - will receive state aid of Engler's original proposal of 16 mills, \$6.500 per student but will be altion won two victories:

raise \$100 million," he said.

He said he is questioning the

state's ability to raise \$400-500

million in tax revenue from the ta-

bacco industry and another \$100

million from a new video lottery

"I'm not real comfortable with the

idea that video lottery gambling will

Byers expected now that the state legislature has done its job, state residents will have to hash out the rest of the Issue. The board president expected the two tax shift plans would provide ample ammunition to spark a debate between

Michigan taxpayers heading to the

"I think there has to be a model polls this spring.

as much of an urgency now as it Byers also had his own concerns

"I think we will be fine in the generated.

1994-95 school year, but beyond

was then, but we know more now. about how the funding would be

lard. R-Milford, were part. kept at the current 2.35 percent in-Any rate greater than 16 mills in being denounced by business groups

such as the Michigan Chamber of Commerce and Small Business Association of Michigan. The 35 highest spending districts

- including many in Oakland and northwestern Wayne counties and

beginning next July 1. Lawmakers call this a "hold harmless" millage. The other 537 school districts will be allowed to ask voters for three mills of additional property taxes.

Engler is unhappy about this provision. "School boards should concentrate on education, not millage campaigns," he said repeatedly. But school boards, with their long tradition of local control, insisted on

some local option. Engler will campaign for the March 15 ballot plan because it lowers — instead of raises — the personal income tax. Engler and conservatives consider the income tax anti

Democrats will be inclined to oppose the ballot plan. They consider the sales tax regressive for lowincome people.

Democrats will have mixed feelings, however, because defeating the ballot plan will raise homestead property tax rates from six mills to 12. Senate Democrats, including Lana Pollack of Ann Arbor, wanted to zero out homestead property taxes

Engler won a victory when the Legislature kept a watered-down version of his "charter schools" plan. Public educational institutions (local school boards, community colleges and state universities) will be able to issue charters.

The Michigan Education Associa-Plan A is the Legislature's work The cigarette tax will rise 15 cents The homestead property tax would and more than the 20 mills proposed lowed to ask voters for additional "Schools of choice" are out, and a

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and enjoyable vacation." Basch cited two key factors in successful trip planning: First, make sure your vehicle is in top operating condition, and second, thoroughly plan your route in advance. Other travel security tips:

■ Keep your car doors locked and windows up.

■ Drive on well-traveled roads or ■ Avoid high-crime areas.

Travel during daylight hours. ■ Use well-lighted convenience stores, gas stations, or other establishments frequented by the public ■ Use a cellular phone, if possible, for emergency calls.

For travelers using a rental vehicle, special conditions apply. Basch recommends choosing a car rental company that doesn't use stickers or other obvious rental company identification (including special license plates) on its vehicles. Some states

rental-car license plates to begin with a Y or Z. If your vehicle is struck deliberately, stay inside and lock the doors if you have not already done so. Don't get out to inspect damages. Instead, motion to the other driver to follow you, then drive to a welllighted, public area and contact the police. If you have a cellular phone,

have special laws which require

and Novi Road Mobil station agreed with the man's account. The responding officer found the woman and dog in question waiting for police in the Mobil station after he talked with the man, however, and she had a different version of events. The woman had proceeded to poice headquarters after taking the

was in danger. The police report window. quotes her as saying to the officer:

ken the dog because she believed it yelled at her from the apartment that day as well that he did not wish man got on the phone, saying that his

The woman told police she saw the of driving off, she said, was due to the the neighbor called the officer. He The case remains open.

dog, followed by another witness to dog as she was getting gas at the sta- fact that she was afraid and reacted said that his dog was stolen two the incident. After talking with police tion, and believed it at first to be a without thinking, she told police. weeks ago and wanted the woman inthere, she returned to the gas station. stray. She was trying to check it for a The man said that the dog had alvestigated for it. The woman said that she had ta- tag, she continued, when the man ways been thin but was OK. He said At that point, the officer said, the

to press charges, stating: "I don't injuries were feeling worse, espe-She took the animal, the woman want her to get in trouble." He also cially his foot. He said that he would "Look at this dog. It's starving. You said, because she was afraid the man did not seek medical treatment. The go to the hospital and would come can see its bones; this dog is being would take it and leave before police officer returned the dog to him. into police headquarters to help fill could arrive. Her subsequent action Later that day, the officer reported, out a report on the incident.

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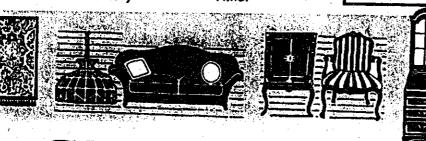
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By JAN JEFFRES

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joint public/private ice arena in the lion. Under this plan, the city would near future, if the Novi City Council need to provide a six-acre site. agrees. But nothings final yet.

tion. Once we digest the comments of Road. council on this, then the full proposal Novi council members were soliwill come forward," said Mayor Pro cited for their opinion on the prop-Tem Hugh Crawford, a member of the osed bid package. ice Arena implementation The committee welcomes any

Bidders would be invited to come tee, said.

up with ways they would lease an asyet undesignated chunk of city land

The package was applauded by Council Member Joseph Toth as and reimburse Novi through ice time "good effort."

and community recreation "If this doesn't make money, it

At that time, the only nearby ice A tentative bid package was pre- arenas were in Livonia and Plysented to the city council on Dec. 20, mouth. That hasn't changed, yet, but with a potential timetable setting a Northville Township and Farmington February date for seeking the bids Hills are also now exploring possible and a March 3 deadline for submit-public/private ice arena ventures. The Northville rink might be on This is Just preliminary informatownship-owned land on Seven Mile

changes or recommendations. This The committee is expected to subis not in cement or ice," Council mit a final recommendation to the Member Tim Pope, a member of the Ice Arena Implementation Commit-

won't be a good operation. I would

In September 1992, the Ice Arena rather put a good operation in place Wanted — a company willing to Implementation Committee was set even if it costs more money than a skate into town to build and operate up by the city council after an ad hoc poor operation that wouldn't make an indoor ice arena on land owned by committee of residents studied the any money for us," he cautioned. feasibility of an ice rink. The ad hoc Council Member Robert Schmid committee suggested a two-rink fa- warned the committee that he wants A special committee is contemp- cility, which would cost a private de- a great deal of information. There's a lating going out for bid proposals for a veloper about \$4 million to \$6 millot of questions about ice arenas."

> creation Director Dan Davis to potential bidders cautioned that the successful investor would have to be willing to negotiate a lease agreement with the city. The city would likely award the bid to the ice arena developer who offered the greatest benefit

> > The rink developer would be asked

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## Skaters waltz in with rink plan Northville Township may shoot for \$5 million public ice arena

By RANDY COBLE

Some Northville residents want an ice arena there — and are doing more than writing to Santa for it. They've put together the outlines of a plan to build and run a two-rink facility to be located in Northville Township without using govern-

Township board of trustees Treasurer Rick Engelland presented the proposal — which he stressed was a preliminary one for discussion — to the board at its Dec. 16 meeting. Trustees asked that the Northville Parks and Recreation Commission consider the issue at public hearings it will hold in coming weeks.

The plan Engelland described calls for a two-rink arena to be built on 16.5 acres of land the township owns near the Michigan State Police post on Seven Mile. The proposal says the township would retain ownership of the land and the arena but would agree to a longterm lease of it to a non-profit community foundation.

The estimated \$5 million cost for the facility's construction would come from a Northville Economic Development Corporation revenue bond issue. Those bonds, Engelland said, would not be municipally guaranteed — in other words. bond buyers would receive a return on their investment only from

arena proceeds. The arena would generate nearly \$1 million in revenues after three years of operation, according to an economic feasibility study done by a Detroit firm which Engelland presented to the board. The report, prepared by Center Ice Management, used market re-

ville arena would fit into the area ice rink market. It concluded that the proposed arena would attract a great deal of business from area skaters, particularly youth and adult hockey leagues.

search data to predict how a North-

Members of the board said they supported getting public input on the plan. The commission will hold a Jan. 12 hearing in the township on a number of recreation issues,

and a similar one in the city on Feb.

The proposal Engelland discussed calls for the arena to be built into the slope of a hill on the Seven Mile property --- a two-level facility abutting a 500-car parking lot. It would include two rinks, one with seating for up to 1,200 and one for up to 200.

In the target market in question, the report said, there are only three rinks: two in Livonia and one in Plymouth. Both, it added, have booked 100 percent of their \*prime ice time," indicating a strong area customer interest in skating

That interest is what the Northville rink could successfully tap into, the report said. It also noted that there were no arenas in those prime market areas to the southwest, west or north of the proposed site. That leaves open fertile potential markets in areas like Farmington Hills. Novi and Milford for the Northville arena to take advantage

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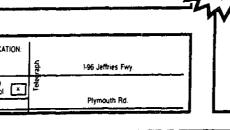


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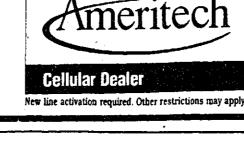
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## Homes sprouting up fast in Novi Community Education

EV SHARON CONDRON

Novi planners are hoping 1993 will be end figures for 1993, City Staff Plan- in the survey's ranks over the fifth

ier Mike Csapo said it just may be. ovi may be following its own trend retaining the title it was awarded st year as the fastest growing burb So far this year, Csapo said the city

as issued 347 new single family uilding permits. That's just 52 units hy of the number of single family omes built in the city in 1992.

OG) listed Novi as the fastest grow-

but 1992 was the first time Novi took ing to the 1990 land survey. nermits, 947.

homes with 456 new starts in 1992. mits than did the second runner up. zoned for commercial development. Clinton Township in Monroe County. but only 49.9 is vacant. Industrial The survey stacked Novi up land constitutes 9.7 percent of the against communities in Wayne, Oak- city. Sixty-three percent of it remains

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land, Macomb, St. Clair, Livinston, vacant, Washtenaw and Monroe counties. Ranking was based on the number of new residential construction permits

issued in 1992. The 1992 residential growth bumped the city up four spots higher spot Novi placed in 1991. That was three spots lower than the second place ranking the city earned in

COG survey reflect what's in the city's master plan and what's evolved According to the city's master

of 1990. The results of the survey were used to compare similar data Since then, there has been 963

that growth, 653 acres has been used

Tell-Tale Signs that you need

To develop that area in a more dense fashion would defeat the pursaid. "That land has always been residentially planned property and we don't want to deviate from that without compelling reasons.

the city or 15,334 acres is zoned for The Haggerty Connector is there to mitigate traffic congestion not to tial boom, commercial and industrial

The entire northeastern quadrant

of the city remains zoned for

residential-argriculture [R-A] deve-

lopment, even though the thorough-

fare might someday spur new com-

mercial and industrial development.

main zoned R-A because that classi-

density. The R-A zoning will help to

But Csapo said the area will re-

And even though city planners

a date.

10. Your idea of an intimate dinner is o The highlight of the closet. 9. The highlighter you used to read the

8. You haven't lost a game of solitaire

7. You've had your mother over 3 times

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That proves there is ample land growth here has, he said city officials available in Novi for residential deve- aren't out marketing the city to commercial developers or discouraging lopment. That's why Csapo said the city has no plans to try to control resifurther residential growth. Instead, they're looking to re-align dential growth or alter its master the city's zoning ordinances to acplan to allow for more residential

commodate new trends in commercial and industrial development That would include rewriting ordiareas and turned them into residennances to meet the changing needs of dential growth either," he said. manufacturing and technology. Nor are planners willing to con-Specifically, Csapo said there are developers out there looking for zoning northeast corner where the Haggerty classifications that will allow a mixed use of light manufacturing and high Connector (M-5) has bisected large tech office or retail and warehouse

> zoning ordinances are keeping abreast of technological advances. Csapo said. "We need to ensure that our permitted uses are appropriate for this day and age." That's why staff planners and con-

sultants will begin to revisit the zon-

Novi Community Education is offering the following:

Country Western Two-Step: In this beginner class students will learn the Texas Two-step, Shuffle, Charleston Bump, Rebel Strut. and more. A partner is not required, but it does help.

The four-week class will meet on Mondays from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Middle School Cafeteria starting Jan. 1, 1994. The fee is \$22 per person.

Computer Art Creations: Using computer graphics and some imagination, children in grades 3 through 6 can create colored paintings to go along with the short stories that they write on the computer. Each student will be able to assemble their collection of paintings and stories

The four week class meets on Tuesday, Jan. 1 through 25 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Pakview Computer Room. The fee is \$15.

Science Fun: Children in grades 1 through 4 can learn a little science and have fun experimenting with everyday projects. One topic for the younger children will be volcanoes, while the older group will discover vinegar rockets. Students will explode with knowledge!

The six week class meets on Monday, Jan. 3 through Feb. 7 in the Novi Woods Art Room. Grades 1 and 2 meet from 3:20 to 4 p.m. and grades 3 and 4 meet from 4:10 to 4:50 p.m. The fee is \$17.

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Northville, Michigan 48167

the higher priority . . . especially for a

guy who is an educator himself and

In explaining his decision on the se-

Even if his performance in the bal-

still in session and cast its final votes.

performance was better . . . his ballet at

members have received kudos. Some

even have had streets named after them.

troversial. And it is little secret that many

No doubt about it, Cassis was con-

Much has been said about the

Team Novi spirit and that it no longer ex-

ists in city government. Perhaps this is

to be a large part of that old spirit.

So now we have to decide which

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THURSDAY December 30,

## As We See It

## Too busy to vote on school reform bills

We've all been put in the position at one time or another when personal commitments conflict with professional demands, when promises made off the job detract from our ability to meet the terms of our employment.

And there are times when it is ap-Government propriate to walk away from work, to draw the line as it were. The trick is know when. The important part is to keep the priorities straight.

So, for example, what should a claims education as one of his highest state senator do when his legislature de- priorities. cides to hold a late session and he has a commitment to dance in a ballet that counts as a major cultural event of the nate floor Dec. 21 and objecting to the holiday season. What if that session is to late session, Faxon referred to himself as decide financial reform for school dis- a "daytime legislator" who "might have tricts all across the state. What if the ses- something else to do" during the evension holds the potential to resolve the ling. We just wish he'd told that to voters most troublesome issue the state has before he got elected to office. faced during the last twenty years.

Sen. Jack Faxon, D-Farmington let meant he couldn't fulfill his legislative Hills, who serves as Novi's representative duties, it does not explain why he did not to Michigan's upper chamber, faced that return to the senate when it was still dilemma last week. He could have stayed meeting into the early morning hours of late to vote on the final package of school the 22nd, long after the Fox had closed. finance reform bills, or he could have Nor does it explain why he didn't return headed off to the Fox Theater in Detroit on 23rd or the 24th when the senate was to dance in The Nutcracker Suite.

He chose The Nutcracker.

As important as the arts may be, the Fox or his tap dance on the senate school finance reform should have been floor.

ored former member Nancy Cassis.

this year when she ran unsuccessfully

for mayor without having to jeopardize

his council seat, since his term was not

up. And of course it was Kathy McLallen

who won the mayoral spot.

Cassis, of course, left city council

Tacky, tacky, tacky

Speaking of an outrage, there is the Such honors have gone to others.

question of why the Novi City Council Outgoing mayor Matt Quinn has had his

has not yet thanked or otherwise hon- fair share. All other outgoing council

for the post of mayor. The term of her in the administration and on council

council seat was up, and she had to were not at all unhappy to see her go. But

abandon a run for reelection there to the political positions of the council

take a shot at the mayoral post. Council members should not be the determining

member Joe Toth, on the other hand, ran factor in whether their service is

But in stepping down, Cassis has one good example . . . because we con-

not been honored by the remainder of sider the idea of setting aside political

council for the eight years of service she differences in the interest of community

commemorated.

#### Challenging our assumptions many years of that do you require?" education reformer Wil-

lard Daggert asked Novi and



Malott

Northville high school teachers and administrators recently. The response, I'm sure, was the same as it was in the taped version of his lecture I was given to view by Novi schools Superintendent Dr. Emmett Lippe . . . I'll go one better. After having graduated from high school and

even having completed four years of college, I'd never Frankly, the idea was kind of a revelation for me, that skills involved in "technical reading" - the kind of reading you do when you peruse the owner's manual of

your video cassette recorder to figure out how to set it up and program it - were different than those involved in other types of reading. In fact, Daggert used the VCR as a good example of the problem with our current educational system. A study was conducted to find out how technically literate Americans are. They were given VCRs. TVs, the proper cables, the owner's manual and 10 minutes to set them up and prog-

ram them. How do you think Americans did? Not very well. The study found, Daggert said, that 10- to 12-year-olds performed the best at this test. As Americans got older and better educated, their performance went down. Daggert went on to say that among adults, those who performed the worst were those with masters degrees, and that those who performed the best — in other words, those who had retained the technical reading skills they had when they were 10 or 12 — were high school drop outs.

Now, an inability to program a VCR may not sound like much of a problem, but Daggert argues this is precisely the kind of reading we are most often required to do on the job. He called it technical reading, or "reading for information." The kind of reading Americans are much better at is "reading for personal reaction." He said that is the kind of reading you do when you pick up a novel, a newspaper or a magazine. It is an important skill, but after you get out of school, you'll likely do this type of reading only in your lei-

Daggert contrasted this to the education given in other countries. Japanese and German students were given the same test, and their performance increased with age and Daggert did his best to explain the cause. In America,

10- to 12-year-olds have justed reached the stage in the development of their reading skills where they are asked to read short items and then respond to what they read. That's the skill needed for technical reading. But as they get better educated, they are asked to read larger amounts before reacting. They are asked less to "read for

In Japan and Europe, Daggert argued, technical reading is specifically taught as a separate skill. Daggert, invited by the Novi and Northville school districts to present is his views of the changing role of education in the U.S., said the problem is not that American schools are failing. He argues that the students of the class of '92 were the best educated students in the history of our

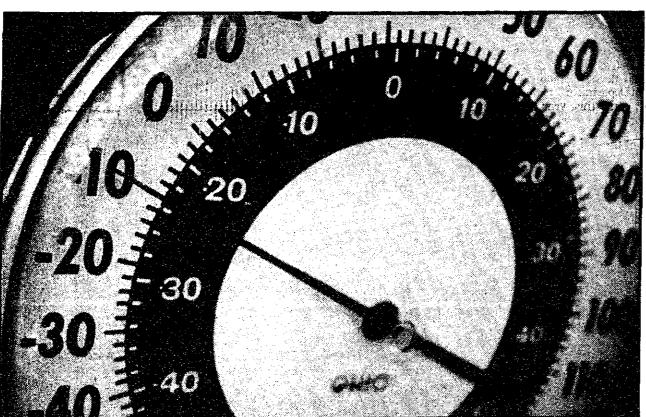
Rather he argues that there is a widening gap between what is being taught in our schools and what is needed to be employed after graduation. And he argues that our educational institutions are increasingly separated and isolated from the rest of our society.

These are intriguing ideas, well worth thinking about. It is good to see that local educators are receptive some of these ideas. Now it is the public's turn to let some of their assumptions about education be challenged.

Michael Malott is the Managing Editor of The Novi News and The Northville Record.

## Moments

#### By Bryan Mitchell



grip on the Novi and Northville area all week

#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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## Year saw memorable events



Snider

periods and epochs, creating down. permanent misnomers in the

For example, the " '60s" conjures up images of protests and ping down after her temper flared at a board of trustees peaceniks, flower power and free love. In fact, what has come to be known as the "counter culture" didn't begin to hap-

1960s were more like what we think of when we talk about the '50s. We listened to Connie Francis whine on the radio and watched Walter Brennen, Grandpappy Amos, on. grumble on television's The Real McCous. The closest we came to a protest came when they chased us away from the local A & Wat 11 o'clock at night and the most daring we ever got was when we cast off our

inhibitions doing the "Twist." Nevertheless, years and decades provide convenient memory devices and no one can seem to resist becoming reflective this time of year. Far be it from me to be different. I came to my position as editor of The Northville Record Novi News in late January, so I got the chance to witness most of the major local developments of 1993 up close. I pulled volunteer duty at the Victorian Festival, the '50s Festival and the Maybury Madness haunted forest, having

a great time on all three occasions. Though I've lived nearby in Livonia for several years, it was the first time I had attended any of those happenings. I didn't know what Some of the more memorable news stories of the year included passage of the Northville school district millage in June and the near-resignation of Northville Township

Supervisor Karen Baja in February.

A year is sort of an artificial In the former case, I was told, mostly by millage suppormeasure of historical time. ters, that our newspaper's editorial opinion would have a Though people are often con- considerable effect on the outcome of the vote. They scious of history in the making, turned up the heat, I think, in an appeal to my sense of events usually happen irrespec- civic responsibility. What they didn't seem to understand tive of the calendar. It's only la- was that my civic responsibility involves calling them as I ter that we try to pin labels on see them, regardless of whether that means thumbs up or

> As it turned out, we endorsed the millage, somewhat hesitantly, and it passed. In the Baja incident, the supervisor came close to step-

meeting. She ended up storming out of the session after

leveling a few choice words at her colleagues. Later, after she had cooled down, she came into our ofpen until about mid-decade. The first few years of the fice to do an extensive interview and explain herself. I tend to think she needed that outlet, and that the interview. which we published, helped influence her decision to stay

Another important development took place when Dr. Kevorkian helped a Novi man, 30-year-old Thomas Hyde. take his life on Belle Isle. Suddenly, a question that had world-wide implications became a local issue. The pros and cons of assisted suicide became a topic of discussion during our weekly staff meetings. We ended up taking an editorial stance in the paper, saying assisted suicide should be a lawful practice, provided certain restrictions

and safeguards were established. Probably the most important single development where our newspaper is concerned came when HomeTown officials decided to drop the Monday edition and return the paper to a weekly. After 31/2 years of experimentation, it was apparent a second edition just wasn't going to click. they said. We wrote the epitaph for the Monday on Nov. 29. dedicating ourselves anew to the improvement of our mainstay, the Thursday issue.

Here's hoping 1994 is as exciting as its precedessor was. Have a great new year. Lee Snider is the editor of The Novi News and Northville

## Zanies in Lansing had five months



Curtis Hertel, Democratic co-speaker of the his aunt's funeral. They skip another session different program. The problem was getting the House of Representatives, answered in one because the company attorney has booked a two chambers together. With a unicameral Lesentence: We do not have an agreement on anything until we have an agreement on issues. The chief neogliators put on rhetorical failure.

on my company's bargaining team than I ever off the table," as they say. As a strike deadline for anything. Naturally, our lawmakers have same in labor relations: You don't sign off on the their families divorce them. health and vacation benefits until you do And so it was in Lansing from July 21 to Dec. wages, too. Everything is tied to everything else. 24.

These sums are "a drop in the

As early as 1990, city and county

planners had pinpointed the south-

eastern site, held by a Texas bank af-

ter the original owner defaulted, for a

future Main Street. Turning a cold

shoulder to developers eyeing the 55

acres of mostly vacant land became a

common practice at city hall over the

"We had people in the past want to

put in auto malls, a Target store, an

apartment complex. Every big user

who needed 50 acres has been in and

Oakland County's planning de-

partment, asked by Novi to design

the project, borrowed the concept of a traditional neighborhood from

nationally-renowned Florida planner Andres Duany, Duany's work is

based on a philosphy of reviving the

sense of place, of belonging an old-

time neighborhood once gave its resi-

ment Department is planning a semi-

nar early this year on Duany's

"We're really excited that this is

one of the first developments in Michigan to carry on these ideas. We're

excited about this succeeding, not

only if we can make it work here, it

"You could look at any 1930s plat

of any town and that's what he's

(Duany's) expressing. It's the old-

fashioned way of doing things with

alleys and cars pulled up in front."

In 1990, the city council adopted

The picture will become clearer in

January or February, when a report

on the environmental contamination

left on the city land by an under-

ground storage tank and possibly in-

an auto mall or a Main Street. I don't said.

dustrial uses, determines what sort tem at the Novi Road/Grand River

Wahi and Csapo agree that Main Center and West Oaks do today.

The traffic is going to be there, no years from now as there is today. It

matter whether its a Target Store or just won't be unmanageable," Wahl

know if that makes it more palatable 
The city planners caution that

icles per day pass by.

ring road in the northwest town cen- their cars and actually walk through pointment," Wahl said.

in 1994 from the Michigan Depart- the intersection on all four sides will don't know if it (Main Street) could

ment of Transportation on whether take some of the burden, as will the ever live up to that (model). It's almost

or not it will fund an extension of the expectation that people will park like setting yourself up for disap-

Center all the way to Grand River destination to destination, as shop-teered for the Main Street project,

the overall concept presented by the

will have some implications else-

where," Wahl said.

county designers.

out of our door," Wahl said.

could bring to Novi.

past few years.

City of Novi

bucket," Wahl says, compared to the tax manual the completed downtown

Concept for Main Street Project

parking areas

Proposed retai

pay for a high-tech traffic signal sys. as in Northville.

ter quadrant, from near Novi Expo Main Street, rather than driving from A series of developers had volun-chain stores.

The city is also awaiting word early The ring road planned to bypass prototype. If they've got problems, I ject," Wahl added.

but so would anything else, they say. people complaining about traffic 30 apartments in downtown Northville pointed." he explained.

Novi is also aiming for a grant to "organically-grown" downtown such ers may come in under the Evergreen to run into that."

of clean-up, if any, will be mandated Avenue area, which sees 25,000 veh- Northville really without hearing ab- off. If other people build things, he

and office building area

Lunch compan- you won't see other states' lawmakers use to work on it, the deal would still have been ions, holiday visitors terms like "negotiations" or "getting all the par-struck Dec. 24. If they'd had just two months,

and work colleagues ties together." all ask me the same For 30 years Michigan's Legislature was will be an orderly flow of work. It's against the

question: Those za- dominated by Democratic leaders who had nature of the collective bargaining beast. nies in Lansing had grown up in, or near, organized labor. Their infive months to work fluence has been so pervasive that today even Lots of parents and school folks were scared on school reform. Republicans behave like labor negotiators. How come they hold a The Legislature held a 26-hour marathon much confidence that I publicly offered to wamarathon session, session to get a school tax deal on Christmas ger my Jascha Heistetz sweatshirt there would do everything at the Eve because that's what labor negotiators do. last minute, and take The parties start in summer whooping up their People were so upset that there will be strong such a chance that own troops. They come to the table with hun-support in 1994 for a petition drive for a one

anything until we have an agreement on issues. The chief neogliators put on rhetorical shows for their respective teams. The union The "zanies" in Lansing are us. We Michiga-That is not the language of legislative politakes a strike authorization vote. Sabers rattle. tics. It's the language of collective bargaining. I Picket signs are prepared. learned more about the Michigan Legislature In time, all the ridiculous little demands "fall

did in high school civics or college poli sci. looms, the two chief negotiators go out in the the same trouble. Michigan's Constitution says. No law shall hall and cut the deal. The bargaining teams are As Baltimore journalist H.L. Mencken once embrace more than one object." (Art. IV sec. so worn out from their all-night session that said: "Democracy is the theory that the people 24.) Hertel, however, says the opposite. Every they'll agree to almost any damn thing just to know what they want and deserve to get it bill is bargained against every other bill. It's the get the hell out of there and get home before good and hard."

the deal would have come Dec. 24. There never A few final thoughts:

there would be no deal by deadline. I had so be a deal - but I was in the minority. public schools will be dreds of doomed demands. They skip a session chamber Legislature. Consider the facts: The because the chief union negotiator has to go to House passed a program. The Senate passed a

> nians find it easy to put together majorities against the sales tax, the income taxor property taxes but extremely difficult to form a majority

Tim Richard reports on the local implications of state and regional events. His touchtone voice Read papers from around the country and Even if Michigan legislators had had all year mail number is (313) 953-2047 ext. 1881.

City of Novi. Notice Dated: December 30, 1993 CAROL J. KALINOVIK, PURCHASING DIRECTOR

## City eyes 'downtown' details

#### NOTICE — CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR BIDS —

(12-30-93 NR, NN)

The City of Novi will receive sealed bids for Team/League Photography Bid ac Bids will be received until 3:00 P.M. prevailing eastern time, Tuesday, January 1,1994, at which time proposals will be opened and read. Bids shall be addressed as

TEAM/LEAGUE PHOTOGRAPHY BID

CITY OF NOVI CAROL J. KALINOVIK, PURCHASING DIRECTOR

All bids must be signed by a legally authorized agent of the bidding firm. ENVELOPES MUST BE PLAINLY MARKED, "TEAM/LEAGUE PHOTOGRAPHY BID" AND MUST BEAR THE NAME OF THE BIDDER. The City reserves the right to accept any or all alternative proposals and award the contract to other than the lowest bidder, to waive any irregularities or informalities or both; to reject any or all proposals; and in general to make the award of the contract in any manner deemed by the City, in its sole discretion, to be in the best interest of the

City of Novi. Notice Dated: December 30, 1993

(12-30-93 NR, NN)

NOTICE — CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR BIDS STREET TREE PLANTING -CHASE FARMS

The City of Novi will receive sealed bids for Street Tree Planting - Chase Farms according to the specifications of the City of Novi.

Bids will be received until 3:00 P.M. prevailing eastern time, Thursday, Februarv 3, 1994, at which time proposals will be opened and read. Bids shall be addresse

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CAROL J. KALINOVIK PURCHASING DIRECTOR

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amborne-Westminster according to the specifications of the City of Novi.
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Novi. Ml 48375-3024 The City reserves the right to accept any or all alternative proposals and award

PURCHASING DIRECTOR

#### NOTICE — CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR BIDS

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45175 W. Ten Mile Rd.,

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PURCHASING DIRECTOR

#### Take a stroll down Main Street By JAN JEFFRES

That's the challenge facing a group they prepare to build an old- Street (in Novi Town Center.)" Wahl fixtures? fashioned Main Street, sort of a gla-said. morized, urban sophisticate version

of "Mayberry, RFD" in Novi. - once Evergreen III has built the center." anchored by an Arbor Drug-feeling." Beckett explained. nucleus of the city's proposed down- store, at the southwest quadrant, Beckett says that first the two town at the four corners of Grand where the historic and vacant Novi southern quadrants will have to be River Avenue and Novi Road — is Methodist Church now stands. individually successful, before they kind of meander from a sidewalk case to, say, an art gallery to a clothing store, maybe pausing at a band shell to listen to music or stopping to chat Novi officials also aim to also have a blocks, he points out. up a few friends and neighbors you hand on the steering wheel. The city The walks in many cases are

nay run into along the way. of a fun and pleasant place. People soon, but a move is afoot to keep it inthose strip centers, "Novi's Commun-proposed downtown, the city has lots behind the Main Street. ity Development Director James hired John Beckett, of Beckett and Beyond being convenient to park ence," he added.

Wahl and staff planner Mike firm of landscape architects, plan- to be an enticing prospect. Csapo Csapo concede that the pedestrians ners and engineers, to work on the says that Flint's downtown began to How do you get car-crazy people to will likely only stick to the southeast "streetscape" of Main Street. Beckett decay because it had one or two isoditch their vehicles and get out (Main Street) and southwest quad- will focus on details like road, park- lated, large anchor stores, and shoprants of the targeted intersection. ing and sidewalk surfaces, benches pers there were unwilling to hike the "If you're at Vic Tanny's, you're and trees — and most important of distance to the next series of retail of developers and city planners as probably not going to walk to Main all, the lighting fixtures. Lighting opportunities.

but it is a fact," Wahl explained. Main Street won't replicate an theater corporation. Other develop- With today's lease prices, we're going

While Evergreen III, as the deve- can be tied together via pedestrian

- is among those firms which

council-appointed Town Center probaby less than from the parking "We're trying to create that feeling Steering Committee is set to sunset lot to Twelve Oaks Mall," Beckett

"It's the lighting fixtures that lend Main Street is visualized as a se-

umbrella. Wahl predicts.

people will expect too much of Main

Street. It won't be just a series of cute

boutiques but may also bring in

"If they're thinking of Northville or

"I love Northville but you can't go to "I think you're going to see splits

out parking problems. Here's the (Chen) may not build the entire pro-

Detroit-based developer George the character of the streetscape. ries of small shops with just one or Keros already has plans for what They give a colonial feeling, or a con- two larger outlets, he said. All will What they'd like you to do, driver Csapo calls a "close cousin of a strip temporary feeling or an Old World need snazzy display windows to pique the strolling consumer's

> out of a storefront, they can see lopers to the southeast, will be bring- walkways. The entire area isn't much where the next store is. People are ing in the Main Street businesses, more than the equivalent of two city then more inclined to walk." Csapo

> > Beckett agreed

"The scale of the shops is going to be very important. The market and say, why are you doing this? Those tact, now that the goal of the 1980s is While some "symbolic street parkthe developer are going to drive that. of us who have been in these downbecoming the reality of the 1990s. ing is eyed, the idea is for would-be
The smaller the scale the shops, the towns feel like it's more fun than

As part of an \$11,000 study of the pedestrians to leave their wheels in greater, the more variety you have,

#### pers hitting Twelve Oaks, Novi Town then backed out before Evergreen III Milford, there will be a disappointentered the scene. Singh Development. If they think of a mixed-use at-Street will bring in more traffic to an already jammed up area of the city— There probably will be just as many already jammed up area of the city— There probably will be just as many complex of shops, restaurants and lot of activities, they won't be disap-CAROL J. KALINOVIK, PURCHASING DIRECTOR 45175 W. Ten Mile Rd., dropped the reins on Main Street. "To some peole, if a mom-and-pop But Singh may still be in the picture store is downtown, that's acceptable. for portion of the project, as is a movie If it's The Gap, that's a mall store.

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STREET TREE PLANTING -**REPLACEMENT 1994** 

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## Local guidelines for shooting ranges gunned down

By TIM RICHARD Staff Writer

Local governments would have a more difficult time pushing shooting ranges out of business under two controversial bills passed by the state

"This would take away the right of local units to control hours of operation," said Sen. Lana Pollack, D-Ann Arbor, an opponent. "I believe people who live in the neighborhood need to be able to turn to local elected offi-

cials for protection."

"These regulations have one prupose: to harass sport shooters," said the bills' sponsor, Sen. Phil Hoffman, R-Horton. "I have 60 townships in my district, and they would have 60 different sets of regulations," said the rural Jackson County lawmaker.

"I used to think the National Rifle Association was unreasonable," said Sen. Don Kolvisto, D-Ironwood, "NRA said there would be licenses, taxes and harassment. It turned out to be true. The NRA was right. You (oppo-

nents of Hoffman's bills) want to license, tax and take guns away."

The Senate Tuesday passed, 25 to 11, the key measure declaring "a sportshooting range is not a public or private nuisance" if its operation "conforms to generally accepted operation practices." Those practices are defined as standards of NRA, although NRA isn't named in the bill.

The bill, opposed by the Michigan Municipal League and Michigan Townships Association, also prohishooting ranges already in operation but not from writing restrictions prior to establishment of a range.

Area lawmakers voting yes: Republicans Robert Geake of Northville, Fred Dillingham of Fowlerville, and David Honigman of West Bloomfield.

Voting no: Democrats Jack Faxon of Farmington Hills and Pollack. whose district includes Salem Township. Sen. William Faust, D-Westland, offered an amendment and use the money to buy nearby houses that are affected by noise. It drew only nine of the necessary 20

"This says 'soak 'em,' " said Sen. Chris Dingell, D-Trenton, opposing Faust's amendment. This Legislature has expressed strong aversion to impact fees." The debate turned bitter with religious and ethnic remarks.

Said Pollack: "We can get reelected

Added Virgil Smith, D-Detroit: "You white folks may be afraid of them (the NRA). I'm not."

Michigan's constitutional protection of gun ownership, stronger than the U.S. Bill of Rights', says: "Every person has a right to keep and bear arms for the defense of himself and the state."

The bills have been sent to the House. Refer to Senate Bills 788 and 789 when writing to your state

### Cable 'thieves' asked to 'fess up

If you've got a dark secret you're hiding, now is the time to come clean - rather than wait until you're tracked down electronically or turned in by a neighbor.

MetroVision, the cable television firm serving Novi, has proclaimed January as Cable Theft Prevention Month and is willing to make a deal with offenders.

Next month, if you've been tapping into unauthorized cable service, you can become "legal" with no penalities. But you will have to pay up for past services rendered.

Nationally, the industry estimates its lost revenues to cable theft at about \$4.7 billion annually. MetroVision contends that allowing these clandestine customers to come forward and make good on their accounts saves them the embarrassment and expense of a criminal prosecution and the firm many hours of effort, as well as money.

"The bottom line is that if you're getting a service and not paying for it, whether you ordered it or not, you are stealing cable," MetroVision's regional marketing manager Dan Dinsmore said.

"We designed this program to give people a chance to come forth, free of guilt and set up an honest relationship with our company."

You are considered by law to be stealing cable service if you are: ■ Receiving any cable programs without becoming a subscriber.

■ Receiving premium services such as The Movie Channel or HBO for which you are not being billed monthly (except for free previews of the premium channels.) This applies both to susbcribers and nonsubscribers.

■ Receiving pay-per-view movies or events, such as boxing or wrestling matches, for which you are not billed. Again, both subscribers and nonsubscribers may fall into this

All of the above applies whether customers requested those services or did not.

In 1993, MetroVision tracked numerous tips about illegal use of their service, paying the tipsters rewards ranging from \$25 to \$300. These tidbits of information also resulted in several criminal convictions. Other alleged offenders opted to settle out-of-court to avoid criminal and civil prosecution.

"Our goal is not to punish people, especially when they don't believe they're doing anything wrong. What we do want is to show them what the law says and make the system fair for all paying customers." Dinsmore

During January, illicit viewers will have a choice. Pay their bills for the programming they've been enjoying illegally or have the service disconnected altogether.

MetroVision says it will not ask questions about unauthorized service and will not investigate those people who turn themselves in during the month-long program.

Cable Theft Prevention Month also applies to giving up illegal cable converter boxes, those which are being used to tap into unauthorized

"Some people think it's okay to get converter boxes from someone other than the cable company and use them to receive our services for free. That's absolutely not true," Dinsmore said.

\*Both the sellers and the users of those boxes are breaking the law if they use the boxes to receive services they don't pay for."

In Michigan, the criminal penal-ties for a first offender in cable theft include up to two years in jail and/or a \$500 fine. Penalties in civil court are not dictated by law, but are determined by a judge who considers the amount of damages due the cable

After Jan. 31, MetroVision will resume its year-round cable theft prevention efforts and will solicit tips from anonymous sources, as well as investigate and prosecute alleged offenders. That doesn't mean the company will not accept tips in January. only that it won't start investigating possible illegal couch potatoes who have not turned themselves until after January 31.

If you wish to take advantage of the Cable Theft Prevention Program, call MetroVision sometime in January at 553-7418.



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As far as teen-agers partying on

New Year's Eve, Stilec said parental guidelines shouldn't be any different

\*Know where your kids are going,

than any other night of the week.

just like any other day," he said.

will not be tolerated."

had a great time."

"Have the phone number to where

they're going and check up on them.

Get the message across that drinking

Stilec also suggested that activities

be planned, such as dancing, skiing,

tobogganing, camping up north, play-

ing pool or participating in a church

"There's not a whole lot to do in

this community -- that's part of the

problem," he said, "But I've known

kids who rented a bunch of videos

and sat at someone's house and

Still, parents have to get the

"Parents have really got to sit

message across not to drink or

use drugs. Stilec insisted.

down with their kids and let

them know they're not allowed

to drink," he said. "It would be

great if parents could act as an

example ... Alcohol is not good

for (teens) and its use could

end in tragic circumstances.

Alcohol shouldn't be part of

their New Year's situations."

activity, to discourage drinking.

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THURSDAY December 30,

of mint or maraschino cherry. Serve imme-

**Mock Pink Champagne** 

1 6-oz. can frozen orange juice concen-

1 28-oz, bottle cold ginger ale or lemon-

Early in the day, mix sugar and water in

from heat. Add frozen juice concentrates.

Refrigerate. At serving time, add ginger

ale or lemon-lime soda and grenadine

syrup, stirring lightly. Garnish with fruit

pan and boil for five minutes. Remove

1 6-oz, can frozen grapefruit juice concen-

1/2 cup sugar

1 cup water

trate

slices.

## Teers parties

#### By MICHELLE HARRISON

Don't pull any punches if you're hosting a New Year's Eve party.

Make sure at least one punch bowl is filled with a non-alcoholic alternative for responsible party-goers and designated drivers, suggests members of the Michigan Safe Holiday Campaign.

Hosts may even want to stock up on non-alcoholic beverages such as O'Douls and Sharp's for those who prefer the taste of beer over the alcohol content, said Charlie Stilec, coordinator of the Student Assistance program at Northville High School.

Above all, make sure "people are OK before they drive home," Stilec

The Michigan Safe Holiday Campaign, sponsored by the Michigan Beer and Wine Wholesalers, Michigan Licensed Beverage Association, Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning, Michigan Restaurant Association, Michigan Association of Broadcasters. Michigan Liquor Control Commission and the Michigan Department of Public Health, also gives the following advice for holiday party hosts:

 Serve food with alcohol. High protein and carbohydrate foods like cheeses and meats are especially good. They stay in the stomach longer, slowing the rate at which the body absorbs alcohol. Be aware, however, that salty snacks encourage people to drink more. Plan foods so that guests can also snack on unsalted crackers and chips with dips and spreads.

 Don't put too much punch in the punch. If serving an alcoholic punch, use a noncarbonated base, such as fruit juice. The body absorbs alcohol faster when mixed with carbonation.

• Don't force drinks on guests. Wait until your guests' drink glasses are empty before offering refills, and then don't rush. If a guest says no thanks, respect the decision. Don't insist.

· Make non-alcoholic drinks available. Be sure to have a variety of beverages on hand, such as juices, teas, coffees, soft drinks and non-alcoholic refreshments such as punches and malt beverages.

• Stop serving alcohol before the party ends. Close the bar one to two hours before the party ends. Serve coffee or other non-alcoholic beverages and food.

· Keep guests busy. Plan activities for your guests that include more than just eating and drinking. Set up various rooms in the house with popular board games or playing cards. Organize a game or charades or sing holiday carols.

• Arrange a safe ride home. Only time will sober up a drunk guest, not coffee or cold water. Be alert to signs of alcohol impairment in each of your guests.

If guests do become impaired, make sure they have a safe ride home. Don't accept excuses. Call a cab if a guest has been drinking, or offer to have them spend the night and drive home

## Some non-alcoholic drinks to help with a safe evening

#### Wet Your Whistle

### Strawberry Demi-Daiquiris

Blend to medium consistency: 23 scoop crushed ice 4-1/2 oz. sweet and sour mix Splash of cream 1-1/2 oz. strawberries

#### **Orange Sour**

1 envelope instant whiskey sour drink mix

1 cup orange juice 3/4 cup apricot nectar Combine ingredients in a blender. Blend for 15 seconds. Pour into on-the-rocks glasses over ice cubes. Garnish with an orange slice

and maraschino cherry.

#### **Salty Puppy**

Salt rim of 9 oz. glass Fill glass with 1 scoop crushed ice, 3 oz. grapefruit juice and a splash of club soda. Garnish with a grapefruit wedge and mint.

#### Citrus Collins

Fill 10 to 12 oz. glass with ice cubes Add 2 oz. fresh orange or grapefruit juice, 1 oz. lemon juice and 1 oz. simple syrup. Fill with club soda and garnish with half an orange slice and cherry.

#### Strawberry Breeze

Combine in blender: 1/2 cup grapefruit juice 1/4 cup strawberries (fresh or frozen) 1 tbsp. honey

Puree and pour in a tall glass. Add 1/3 cup club soda and crushed ice as needed.

#### **Faux Chablis**

1/3 cup grenadine syrup

1 24-oz. bottle white grape juice 5 cups water 2 qts. water 2 qts. club soda 1 tbsp. citric acid Mix all ingredients, adding club soda just before serving. Garnish with seedless

#### **Pleasing Punches**

white grapes and an ice mold using the Frosty Fruit Punch drink mix. Serve in a punch bowl. 1 qt. cranberry juice cock-28 oz. unsweetened pineapple juice 8 oz. orange juice 1/4 cup lemon juice 1 qt. chilled ginger ale 1 dip raspberry sherbet Combine fruit juices. Chill thoroughly. Add ginger ale at before serving and pour into chilled glasses. Add one dip of sherbet-to each glass and garnish with a sprig

### Volunteer

Robert Russell

#### Russell promotes senior citizens advisory council

By DOROTHY NASH Special Writer

What to do with senior citizens is a problem that many communities have been largely solving since the early 1980s by setting aside places for them to meet and enjoy recreational activities.

In Northville the place is 215 Cady Street, and Robert Russell is a senior citizen who is a member of a group promoting it.

The group is the Northville Area Senior Citizens Advisory Council. It is composed of residents of the city and the township and representatives from the Parks and Recreation Department, Schoolcraft College, the public schools and the Senior Center Coordinator.

Since Russell is a resident of the township, he went to the Township Hall and said, "I am a senior citizen, newly retired, and I would like to help somewhere.

He was put on the Advisory Council, and in short time he volunteered to participate in financial meetings

because, he said, "I've always had an interest in figures and finances." Funding dollars for the senior

program, Russell said, come from state, federal, and local governments, and he figures that each township resident's share is about \$1 a year. The city resident's share is about the same.

One primary use of the money this year, he said, is for the purchase of a new bus to transport seniors.

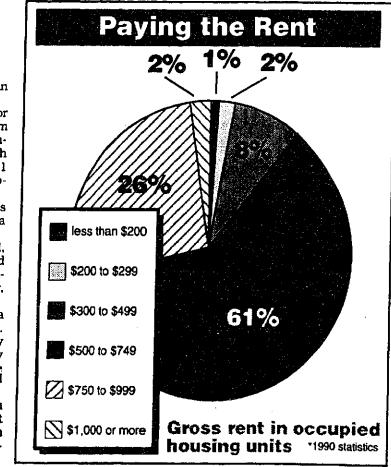
"It's a group-activity bus," he said. "not a taxi." Its cost will be around \$50,000, and he expects that maintenance will run about \$7,500 a year. going for tires and repairs.

It will have such features as a wheel lift, seat belts, and hand rails. About his year-round monthly meetings and work on the Advisory Council, Russell said. It keeps me busy, and with little pains and effort I

feel I'm making a contribution."

No matter what your age, if you would like to volunteer in some part of the senior citizen program in Northville, contact Karl Peters, coordinator, at 349-4140.

#### It's A Fact



#### By JEANNE CLARKE

The American Legion Post No. 19 mailed the gifts for them. the happiest of holidays. On Vet- call Bob Sale at 474-7022 or to the several other service groups at the 477-9084. Novi Charter House for a special program for those residents in the CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS

Duane Bell reading a tribute to the vilian Defense on Dec. 1, 1941.

At the business meeting in Decem-transferred to the control of the U.S. ber, members heard good reports of Army Air Force. The Squadron, the Veteran's Alliance of Novi Christ- which regularly meets at the Novi mas party when the post was joined schools on Tuesday nights, offers a church office. by the AMVETS (Perry Kenner Post program of leadership training and No. 76) and the Marine Corps League career motivation for its teenage at the regular meeting place, the Novi cadets. Father Leslie Harding and Fire Department Training Building. others in the church have been active They had a buffet potluck and a in the group for many years and were "Bring One and Take One" \$3 gift happy to help them with their

Also, during the holidays Evelyn The church continues to collect Sale and Mary Lolli co-chaired the VA stamps, labels and containers with and P Committee and spent many deposit value. The labels will be sent hours shopping and getting gifts to St. Jude's Ranch for Children so

ans selected gifts for their entire farn-**Novi Highlights** ily and the auxiliary wrapped and and Auxiliary would like to extend to Anyone wishing information abthe community their best wishes for out membership to the Legion should

eran's Day, the Legion joined with Auxiliary, Shirley Schollett,

Meadowbrook Room and in the large The Church of the Holy Cross hosted the Six Gate Squadron of the Robert Sale, commander, was Novi Civil Air Patrol this month to toined by Tom Greaves, Tony Lolli, commemorate the founding of the Bob Pohlman, Willard Goodson and patrol as part of the U.S. Office of Ci-

in 1943, this volunteer group was

The Legion is being represented by During this Christmas season the Sales at the City of Novi's 25th birth- church has been celebrating Advent day celebration in February. He will Sundays and also participating in report back to the post as planning Lay Reader Training at St. Ann's meetings continue. Sunday evenings.

The Auxiliary reports it has re- New Lectors were recognized by ceived six new members and mem- the parish recently and were each bership chairperson Dora Greaves presented a special Lector pin as ackhas received a lovely "quota unit" pin nowledgement. New Lectors include: and will be eligible for awards at con- John Polumbo, Ginny and Johnny Waymouth and Tristan Hendy.

ment and supplies for the children. which feature dinosaurs, Robin Mark Cooper is in charge of the pop Hood and forests, sell for \$5 each and bottle collection. He will turn the bot- can be obtained by calling Robin tles in for deposit money, then turn Rhea. the montes into the church for oper-

HomeTown

NOVI LIONESS CLUB

The Lions and Lioness clubs held a joint holiday party at the Village Oaks In addition, the church is collectclubhouse with a potluck dinner. ing recipes for a parish cookbook This year, instead of exchanging from each family and can be turned gifts, party-goers brought canned into Bernadette Letzring or Mark goods and monetary donations for Cooper. For additional information needy families. about the above activities, call the

President Barr also reported that several Lioness members attended the Penrickton Home for Blind Children at its Christmas party along with several Lions Club members.

December has been a busy time for \$10,000, with Lioness Monica Rhea December.

over, these would make excellent American flag, the president's gavel and six (Jan. 4); a non-recital dance contact her with information for this birthday gifts. The coloring books, and much more with the following of class, session three, (Jan. 4); the reci- column, please call 624-0173.

ficers: Barr, president; Mary Flero, tal dance classes are continuing and

The new brochures for Novi Com- you munity Education will be mailed Jan. 10 with classes starting in February. Some of the new classes to be offered will include Bonsal, spring baskets, PIN POINTER water safety for instructors, and a lifeguard class as well as alternative Marilyn Vaillancourt of the Never A health methods and herbs.

Mighty Mite Supersports (Jan.

3-Feb. 7); Clay, Color and Creativity Four members attended the Dis- [Jan. 10-31]; Science Fun [Jan. the newly-formed but fast growing trict Lioness forum at the Leader Dog 3-27]; Phonics First for grades one Lioness Club headed up by Patti School. The next forum will be held through six (Jan. 4-Feb. 10); Aerob- Bowling Bags 64-41 Barr. The group helped the Lions Jan. 26. In addition, several attended ics for Kids (Jan. 14-Feb. 10); cross Adventurers 54-51 with its candy cane sale, which was the 43rd Annual Leader Dog Day country skiing instruction for adults Eager Beavers 52% -52% very successful collecting over Luncheon in Warren in early and children ages 8 and up (Jan. 11 Hi Lo's 481/4 561/4 or 18 and Jan. 22 or 29; a family Century 21 W 44-61 assisting Lion Chairman Jim The Certification Party was held at cross country ski tour (Jan. 8 or 22 at B and L 43-62 the Wyndham Gardens. Twenty to 25 \$10 per family at Maybury State By a Hair 39-66 The group has been selling giant members and guests from around Park); American Youth Fitness clasjunior coloring books as a fundraiser the district were present. They re- ses, session two, for grades two and even though the holidays are celved gifts of money, a banner, through four (Jan. 3) and grades five Jeanne Clarke. Should you wish to

vice president; Kathy Rhea, secret- will hold its recital Thursday, June 2. ary; Jane Coonce, treasurer; Teresa Classes for adults include one Coonce, two-year director; Karen starting Jan. 10 called Country Burnett and Joan Morris, one-year Western Two-Step; ballroom dancing directors; Robin Rhea, tail twister; Jan. 4 and line dancing, Feb. 8. Tax and Sarah Young, Lioness Tamer. Sensitive Issues" will be offered Jan. 4. Class discussion will include the new tax laws and how they will affect

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Sports camp will also be offered Thorpe of the Hi Lo's with 174; Lorduring the midwinter break, as well aine Cooney of the M and Ms with as the popular movie star camp. 174; Minnie Legal of the Eager Beav-There are several second and third ers with 173; and Barb Walling of the sessions of courses remaining in the Bowling Bags with 170. This was a fall and winter brochure, including busy week as they had their annual Garden in the Novi Town Center. Never a Doubt 75-30

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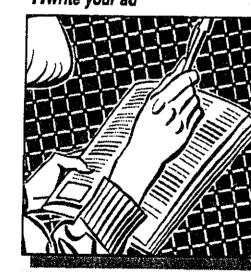
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THURSDAY December 30,



Local folks in show

Mary Bremer's Lunch Bunch Players and the Genitti's Hole in the Wall restaurant team up for a holiday season of family entertainment with an energetic production of the classical musical, Wizard of Oz. The Lunch Bunch is a professional troupe of polished young actors, singers and dancers from the tricounty area. Christina Genitti, a 5-year-old student at Amerman Elementary, will play the part of a munchkin while veteran

performer Bob Ketterer of Northville will take to the stage as Uncle Henry. The Lunch Bunch will perform at Genitti's Little Theatre, 112 E. Main St. The 1 p.m. shows are preceded by a noon spaghetti luncheon today and Jan. 8. Tickets for children are \$11,50 (\$7,50 for show only) and \$13,50 for adults (\$8,50 for show only). For information and reservations, call 349-0522.

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#### Intown

Special events

NEW YEAR'S STAY-OVER: Ring in the New Year at The Hotel Baronette's New Year's Eve Extravaganza. The evening will begin at 8 p.m. with cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and a Bruschetta table. A 9 p.m. dinner of chilled seafood platter. Michigan open after dinner for all to enjoy. Party favors and champagne will be brought out shortly before mid-

night. Sterling will entertain. As the evening draws to an end, party goers will retire to one of the guest rooms. An Italian brunch will be served on New Year's morning. For cost information and reservations, call the Novi Road Hotel at

NEW YEAR'S PACKAGES: The Wyndham Garden Hotel in Novi is offering two New Year's Eve packages. The Rendezvous Package offers deluxe overnight accommodations for two and buffet breakfast. The Celebration Package includes deluxe accommodations for two, prime rib buffet dinner, dancing in the Grand Ballroom, cocktails, champagne toast at midnight, breakfast buffet

and party favors. For cost information and reservations, call 344-8800. POET HUNT ON: Distinguished poet Herb Scott will judge the 11th annual "Poet Hunt," a poetry competition sponsored by Schoolcrast Col-

lege and The MacGuffin literary The competition is open to all Michigan residents. Individuals may Wall Restaurant has two production less. Entries should be typewritten. Friday evening at 7:30 p.m. Reserva-Names and addresses cannot appear tions are required. Special perfor- For information, call 348-3490. placed, along with a daytime phone ner Theater are available. number, on 3- by 5-inch index cards.

der to The MacGuffin Entries must mood. be received by Feb. 1, 1994; Mail to "Poet Hunt," Liberal Arts Building. performance, the guests try to dis-Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia, 48152. Entries will not be returned. Prizes include \$100 for first place.

place. Three honorable mentions will also be awarded. The six winning poems will be published in the fall 1994 issue of The MacGuffin. Scott will announce the winners of the poetry competition at his reading at 8 p.m. Monday, March 21, 1994, in

For more information, contact Art Music Lindenberg at Schoolcrast College,

Monday, April 11.

ALADDIN: The classic story of a Theme salad, prime rib and sour- boy and his genie, Aladdin, condough breads will be held in the Sa-tinues at Northville's Marquis ing at 261-0318, or Continuing Eduvov Ballroom. A sweet table will be Theatre. Tickets for the musical, featuring adult and child performers, are \$6.50. Performance dates and times are

462-4400, ext. 5292 or 5327.

Saturday, Jan. 1 at 2:30 p.m., and Sundays, Jan. 2, at 2:30 p.m. In addition, a special holiday break performance is scheduled for Dec. 31, at 2:30 p.m. The Marquis Theater is located at

formation, call 349-8110. HOME SWEET HOME: A dinner theater program will continue on the last Saturday of each month at the 1920s-era Novi mansion which now

derloin and salmon dinner are \$25.95 per person. Diners are given clues - and sometimes speaking roles in the action - to help them figure out who dunnit. Prizes are given out to the best guessers.

43180 Nine Mile Road just east of Novi Road. For information and reservations, p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Heartbeat will percall 347-0095.

on the manuscripts, but should be mances of the Murder Mystery Din-

cover who committed the murder. Audience members are asked to perform roles in the play. Gifts are \$50 second place and \$25 for third the identity of the culprit. Genitti's "Hole-in-the-Wall" re- p.m. to 1:30 a.m. staurant is located in downtown

of Center Street. The Murder Mystery Dinner Thea- VICTOR'S: Where can you find an ter with the seven-course dinner is active Hammond organ, great music Novi Town Center at 43267 Crescent Phone 349-0522 or fax 349-4641 Novi. Call 349-1438 ahead to find out day 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Saturday 10 top six poets will be invited to read for reservations. Group rates if nostalgic Connie Mallett will be on a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sunday noon to 5 their poetry at the college at 7 p.m. available.

PROJECT PIANO: Schoolcraft College is accepting registrations for Project Piano, a prepatory program offering a "group plus private study" format for elementary ages (grades 1-4) and transfer students starting in

cation Services at 462-4448. CAFFE BRAVO: On Fridays and Saturdays from 8 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

135 E. Main Street, Northville. For in- are planned, ranging from classical 855-8832. music to the blues. The coffee house is in the Main-Centre in downtown Northville.

For information, call 344-0220. MR. B'S FARM: Mr. B's Farm, on Novi Road north of Ten Mile, presents live music all week with no cover houses Home Sweet Home restaurant. The murder mystery and a ten-Sunday is a "Strings 'N' Things Jam" from 9 p.m. to midnight every week. Local artists get together for

impromptu jams. Music starts at 9 p.m. For more information call 349-7038. NOVI HILTON: Whispers Lounge, in the Novi Hilion, is open Tuesday a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Sa-Home Sweet Home is located at through Saturday, 8 p.m. to 1:30

form through Jan. 1. For information call 349-4000. GENITTI'S: Genitti's Hole-In-The-RIFFLES: Fridays and Saturdays submit up to five previously unpubcompanies performing different Murat 10 p.m., Riffles of Northville belished, original poems of 50 lines or der Mystery Dinner Theaters every comes a live rhythm and blues cafe. Riffles is at 18730 Northville Road.

SHERATON OAKS: It's live enter-Through New Year's Eve, a musi-tainment on Friday and Saturday at There is an entrance fee of \$1 per cal Christmas murder mystery extra- Eli & Denny's from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. poem, payable by check or money or-vaganza will put you in the holiday The music is Top 40. The hotel is at 27000 Sheraton As the crime unfolds during the Drive in Novi, across from Twelve

> For information, call 348-5000. STARTING GATE: The Starting Friday and Saturday night from 9 The Starting Gate is located at 135 Northville at 108 E. Main St. just east N. Center St. in downtown Northville.

Master of the Hammond, Mallett charms her audiences at Victor's with such favorites as "Misty" and 'Moonlight Serenade."

For information, call Linda Wotr-THE ARTISTS' GALLERY: Featured artists are Claudia St. Peter, furniture and decorative tiles; and paintings by Catherine Anderson

The gallery is located in Orchard classical guitarist Carol Smallwood Place Mall, 30905 Orchard Lake is continuing her engagement at Road, Farmington Hills. Gallery Caffe Bravo. Smallwood also appears hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, on Sundays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Friday and Saturday, 10 Also each Sunday, from 1:30 p.m. a.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday and 1 to 5 to 3:30 p.m., varying guitar concerts p.m. Sunday. For information, call

> ATRIUM GALLERY: Now featured is the work of South Lyon artist Dyana Hesson, who creates dramatic oil paintings using the finely-layered color technique of the pre-

Also featured are the watercolors of Marily Blinder of Southfield; new raku work by Suzanne Young of Berkley; glass by Birmingham artist Stan Megdall and Jewelery in silver and beads by the Madison Heights couple David and Kami Turner. The Atrium Gallery is at 109 N Center St. in Northville, Hours are 10

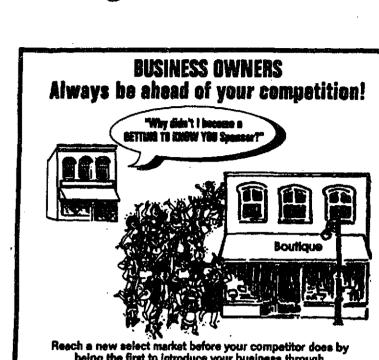
turday; and Sunday from noon to 4 a.m. Live entertainment is from 9 p.m. Contemporary arts and crafts, including raku pottery, glass, painting and jewelery are for sale. Call 349-4131.

> GATE VI GALLERY: The Gate VI Gallery in the atrium of the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile, features a changing show of the work of local

LITTLE ART GALLERY: The Little Art Gallery at Genitti's Samuel Little Theater in downtown Northville features two shows a month. Michigan fine artists who would like to display their works are en-

couraged to contact gallery manager and artist Julie Giordano at 348-0282. The Little Art Gallery is at 112 E.

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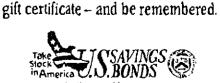
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## Movies

**NEWS** 

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Beethoven and his sweetheart Missy search for the pupples in 'Beethoven 2nd,' the sequel to last year's hit comedy

## Hollywoof!

### Beethoven's back — and this time he's fallen in love

our hearts in one of the most successful comedies

is back in an all-new adventure — and this time that Beethoven had spawned a dynasty.

With characteristic bravery and fortitude, the king-sized St. Bernard gallantly comes to the rescue of Missy - a none-too-shaggy St. Bernard, herself — and her four pupples. It's going to take a in the next one." lot of patience (not to mention puppy food) to keep is adopted family together. But, as in every great romance, he finds a way.

One of the screen's most resourceful comic performers, Charles Grodin ("Heart and Souls." "Dave") reprises his role as George Newton, the beleaguered head of the Newton family and Beethoven's hapless master.

Bonnie Hunt, Nicholle Tom, Christopher Castile and Sarah Rose Karr return as the rest of the Newton clan.

Rod Daniel "(K-9," "The Super") directs this warm and energetic comedy that will entertain audiences of all ages.

Yes, Beethoven's fallen in love with the fetching Missy and he's ready to settle down with a family of his own. Like it or not, George Newton is about to rediscover the meaning of chaos, times four —

Tchaikovsky, Chubby, Dolly and Mo, a quartet of irresistible puppies who have definitely inherited their father's talent for getting into trouble.

the puppies as well. Will Beethoven and the pups be runited with Missy? Will Regina get her comeuppance? Will George Newton ever know peace and quiet again? driving force behind such hits as "Ghostbusters,"

THE THREE MUSKETEERS

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Three cheers for the musketeers.

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Tim Curry plays their nemesis.

By Mike Kapusky

'Three Musketeers'

a movie for all to see

Last year he found a home, grew up and stole phenomenal success of the original Beethoven Grodin, whose protean accomplishments range movie -\$143 million in worldwide grosses and from acting to writing an directing, feels a simple more than 3.5 million videocassettes sold in the connection to his role. "I'm very close to this char-Now. America's favorite canine star, Beethoven. U.S. alone — it became clear to the filmmakers acter," he said. "I have kids and I don't want a St.

Director Rod Daniel didn't bat an eye when George may be the father, but is he the real head

Even so, Daniel sees a world of difference be
The title role is played by Beethoven himself. tween the two canine stars. "Jerry Lee was a bar- Owned by Karl Lewis Miller, he was just two years hand, is polite, loving, good natured, yet rises to gained more confidence and ease on the set and in

But dogs weren't the first thing that attracted sible," deadpanned Grodin. "Somebody told him Daniel to "Beethoven's 2nd."

ness and fun of the first film and expanded on it and he's always stuffed with food - steaks, dog biscuits, you name it." In the script by Len Blum ("Meatballs," In fact, producer Michael Gross said that "Stripes"), we rejoin the Newton family with Beethoven and his canine co-stars were provided George Newton still valiantly engaged in a comic all the amenities any dog could ask for. St. Ber-Trouble they find in the person of Missy's evil struggle for mastery of his own household. nard's are heavy-coated mountain dogs, and owner Regina (Debi Mazar), who heartlessly sev- George's business is in perpetual turmoil and his they're most accustomed to cold weather," said

lers Beethoven from his lady love and plots to steal 15-year-old daughter is smitten by a boy from the Gross. "So we always kept the stage in the low 60s needs is one more source of frustration. Nobody plays chagrin more humorously than Furthermore, the dogs always flew first class Charles Grown. George Newton tends to overreact between locations, albeit in specially constructed Ivan Reitman, the executive producer, is the to his very orderly life being messed up. He's very cages. excitable, and Grodin is a comic genius at portray-

Bernard. And I really don't want four more."

"In the first film, Beethoven started out as a Bonnie Hunt, reprising her role as spunky wife puppy," said producer Joe Medjuck. "He was so Alice Newton, finally sees some male bonding bedarn cute. Almost anything he did at that age was tween George and Beethoven in this film. "I think great. So it was a natural to put more of the same they can relate do each other a lot more now because they're both fathers," she said.

faced with the task of directing a plethora of nuns of the N in "Beethoven's 2nd." "I love dogs," said Daniel, who directed the Ger-she loves her husband and kids. She's the real man Shepherd Jerry Lee in "K-9," also starring strength of the family, but she always lets George James Belushi.

roomdog-always grumbling, snorting, knocking old when he filmed the first Beethoven. somebody over," he said. "Beethoven, on the other the occasion when he needs to. He's a gentle front of the cameras.

"I loved this script because it took all the sweet- wood. He's got a trailer that's twice as big as mine,

brilliantly," he said. wrong side of the tracks. The last thing George to accommodate the dogs and keep them from

"Kindergarten Cop," "Twins" and "Dave." With the ing that.

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Beethoven and his canine co-stars were provided	SHOWCASE 6789 10 11 12	SHOWCASE ALLELING	STAR GRA
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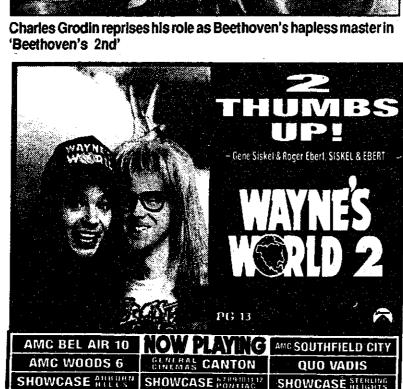
"The dog biscuty ratio also went up since the

character Alice is a sweet, stable, smart mom, and

Now that he's a seasoned four-year-old, he's

"The dog has become impossible - just impos-

thinks he is."



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#### Cagers fall to Mustangs 63-53 despite top effort By SCOTT DANIEL tangs for the final time with 4:42 12 in the second period, John left. Greg Pierman, who scored a Buser led the way for the home game high 23, swished three free team with eight points and Farrar

Facing a much larger team in lead on a pair of baskets by Mare Baseline rival Northville, the Wild Chiasson and a pair of George Lemcat basketball team put together a mon free throws. A three-point play gutsy effort but fell short 63-53 Dec. by the Wildcats' John Wroe cut the 22. The Mustangs sank eight of 10 lead to 55-52 with 2:11 left. free throws in the final two minutes Neil Yaekle then sank six of six to win their second straight from the free throw line in the final Northville/Novi Christmas minutes to put the game away for Tournament.

"I'm really proud of the kids." three games with ease, Taylor said said Wildcat coach Pat Schluter. "I his team needed a battle. think they are making believers out of a lot of people."

And he isn't kidding, either. Novi has already matched more than half of its win total from last year with its 4-1 record. Schluter said hard work and determination is doing wonders for his team. "Everybody we've played," he added, "we've outworked. The kids

are doing everything I ask of them. Northville coach Larry Taylor "Novi was very aggressive," he

said. "They don't give up." That became evident in the final period. Novi's Shawn Kelly hit Schluter. "I think he had really a running left handed hook shot in

the lane. Moments later, the forward sank a pair from the charity stripe to give the 'Cats a 42-39 lead. free throw after being fouled on the to lead the way.

Greg Pierman goes for the block.

By SCOTT DANIEL

.500 mark.

are state-ranked.

wanted, some have."

from there," said Huss.

Grapplers record

even after tourney

A 2-3 day at the Trenton Tour- but lost an 8-2 decision to Jake

nament Dec. 22 dropped the Wild- Mellows at 145 pounds. James cat wrestling team's record to the Cini got a Wildcat pin at 152

Gibraltar Carlson and Dearborn. shine in the early season with a

According to coach Brad Huss. 1:09 pin of Steve King at 171

the three setbacks were nothing to pounds. Ben Wendt was also a

"It's about where I expected to matches to collect a gold medal.

be," Huss commented. "Some Heavyweight Eric Norman closed

things haven't gone the way we the match and lost on a second

winner by a pin.

even started.

130 pounds.

for Novi's last three matches.

Novi easily beat Ypsilanti and a void at 160.

The coach said he isn't sur- said Huss.

Lincoln Park but fell to Trenton.

be ashamed of as all of the squads

Novi started the tournament in

"We new it would be a long day

The Wildcats opened the tour-

nament with a 39-31 victory over

At 103 pounds, Ryan Christ-

ensen collected a win by void. J.J.

Balagna lost by a pin to Kevin

16-5 decision to Joe Sellman at

sophomore, was pinned in the

Garrett Barrons was a 4-2 win-

third period.

119 pounds. At 125, Doug Lee, a as well at 189.

pounds. Chris Young fell at 135 born 48-15.

McGriff in the third period.

high gear by winning its first two

prised by his team's record.

pounds to Sam Hiens by a pin at

pounds while Tony Place collected

Mike McBride continued to

"Ben was really hot that day."

Wendt, in fact, won all five of his

Nick Biagini went the distance

throws to make it 45-45. Northville then built a six-point

man led the rally.

Northville. After winning their first Trailing the entire game and by "We needed to play a team like

that," he said. "It was good for us to play a close game. "They are always scrappy. The Northville-Novi game is always like that. It's always close and exciting." Balanced scoring was the key for Northville. Four players scored in double figures, including 12 from Yaekle and Farrar.

offense with 23 points while Kelly ame away impressed with the was the team's second leading standing player as he scored 27 in Farmington

Novi really stepped it up as a

Playing great in-your-face man-John Farrar tied the game with a to-man defense, the Wildcats built three-point play. He scored on a a 12-8 lead by the end of the first baseline drive then connected on a quarter. Pierman had seven points The Mustangs then took control

Novi drew even with the Mus- before halftime by outscoring Novi

ville led 26-18 at the half.

ven in the third but a late Novi rally cut the lead to one by the end of the

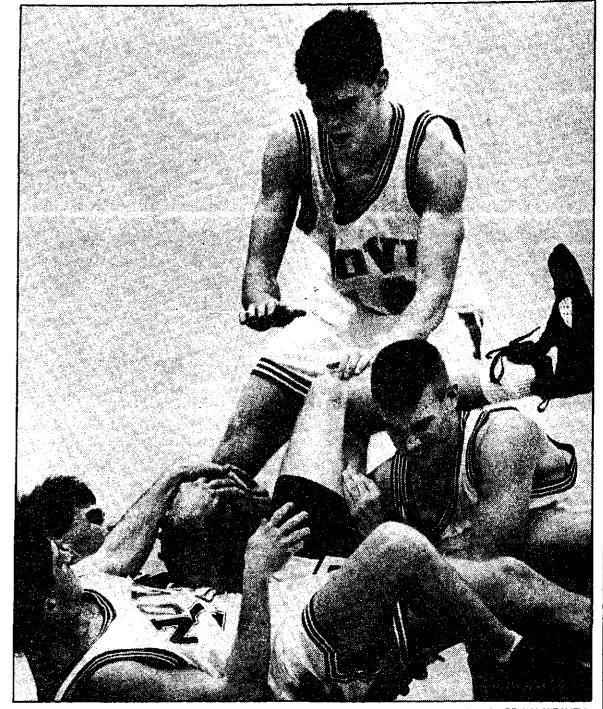
was the comeback from hell. It was pure jubilation from the Wildcats

eight points in the early stages of the fourth quarter, Novi pressed, hustled and fought its way to a 62-55 victory in the first round of the tournament Dec. 21. Pierman scored nine of his 27 points in the fourth to lead his team to victory. Schluter said he was proud of the effort and, he added, the way his team has played thus far this

"We were supposed to be 2-3 by now," he said. "But we are 4-1. I feel pretty confident about the team." The Widlcats began their come back with 6:44 left in the game. Pierman nailed a pair of free throws to cut North Farmington's lead to

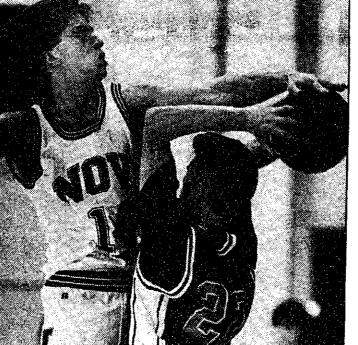
By the 5:27 mark, Novi trailed by just two as Wroe hit two free throws. The Raiders managed to maintain its lead until a Kelly basket put the Wildcats up 54-53 with 1:11 to go. Novi stretched its lead by making free throws in the final seconds. The

Pierman led the way with 27



Wildcats Chad Dicken (standing), Greg Pierman (left) and Shawn Kelly (right) fight for a loose

## Wildcats are to be respected



Scott

**Daniel** 

We need look no further than the Detroit Pistons. How much did you hear about Dennis Rodman and his problems or about how much Isiah Thomas was resented when the Pistons were winning their championships? The answer is, of course, not much. And, unfortunately, our own Wildcats we-

case in sports, los-

ing brings out the

worst in folks. Dif-

ferences of opinion,

personality con-

flicts and petty jeal-

ousles that are put

aside when a team

is winning come

bubbling out when

the L's start piling

ren't immune to this problem. After winning two straight Kensington Valley Conference titles, Novi High had to endure a 7-14 season Rumors flew. This one wasn't happy, that

one wasn't happy. Nobody liked the coach anymore. It was a mess. Then along came Pat Schluter, a young

oright-eyed coach with enough enthusiasm to

light up Tiger Stadium. In just a few short months, he has seemingly put the Wildcats much things can back on a harmonious track. As is so often the As I watched last week's Novi/Northville

Christmas Basketball tournament, I couldn't believe the change in the Wildcats. In March of this year, the two Baseline rivals met in the first round of district play. The Mustangs completely outhustled, outplayed and, eventually, embarrased Novi 80-50.

Now, just eight months later, the two squads met with virtually the same rosters. These same Novi players fought, dug, dove. scratched and gave Northville everything it could handle and then some.

It was clear right from the start the Wildcats were ready to play. A three-point bomb by Greg Pierman gave

Novi an early 5-4 lead. Not content to trade baskets, the Wildcats then applied some excellent defense to the taller Mustangs. Plerman and Jeff Katstra benefited with easy baskets. Novi held a 12-8 advantage by the end of the first quarter as a result of its

Northville showed its toughness in the second quarter. John Buser, a 6-foot-7 take-noprisoners kind of player, got loose in the perod as did teammate John Farrar. The forward-guard duo combined for 15 points and led the Mustangs to a 26-18 lead by

Instead of folding, Novi fought gamely back in the second half.

Trailing 38-32 late in the third quarter, the 'Cats fought back on baskets by Pierman, Shawn Kelly and Peter Kronsbein. Novi pulled to within one to start the final period. As in their amazing first round comeback victory over North Farmington, it appeared the Wildcats would catch lightning in the

Three straight Pierman free throws tied the game about halfway into the quarter. Novi kept falling behind and coming back. John Wroe cut the lead to three with 2:11 left. But that was as far as Northville would let the comeback go. The Mustangs Neil Yaekle was cool from the free throw line and helped preserve a 63-53 victory for his team. Northville players and coaches came away impressed with their Baseline opponents.

"They're a good team," said Farrar. Mustang coach Larry Taylor said Novi was the scrappiest team his club had seen all season. He added that the game was what he had come to expect when the two schools clash. "The Northville-Novi game is always like

that. It's always close and exciting." Novi is 4-1 right now. There will be more wins and losses this year. But, whatever happens, this is a team to be respected.

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was a shocker."

campaign.

play is killing us, but the kids are

getting kind of use to it. Last year it

Shock KVC foes Milford won't,

but the Redskins are definitely

back. With only one loss to gradua-

tion, the lineup fields more exper-

ienced wrestlers. That' something

Milford missed in the 1992-93

last year," Kramer said. "We've got

some tougher kids in the lineup."

are sophomore Mickey Cheyne and

junior Brad Scheck. Cheyne, a

119-pounder, was a real bright spot

for Milford last year with a 27-10

Cheyne has maintained his

weight but added muscle in the off

Leading the Redskin returnees

"We should do a lot better than

## South Lyon wrestlers loaded

This week, The Novi News con- ahead of KVC rival Howell (No. 3 in defending their No. 2 ranking and cludes its preview of the coming Class A). Those rankings are based Kensington Valley Conference wrestling season. Howell and Hartland high

chools were featured in the first part of the preview series last week. look at South Lyon, Milford, Brighton and Lakeland wraps our look at the league.

SOUTH LYON The South Lyon wrestling team is expected to be taken seriously this

year. Very seriously. The Wildcats had a much ea-Its members knew there would sier time with Lincoln Park 51-24. Novi collected five wins by void to be a big bulls-eye on their chest, that a win against South Lyon pile up 30 points before the match would be as good as a trophy to Christensen lost at 103 pounds many teams.

But the Lions didn't know how on a pin as did teammate Simon at big that target would be until the 119. Barrons got a pin for Novi at re-season rankings came out. The Lions are ranked No. 2 in Class A — Young, who went 2-2 on the a dubious honor for so early in the day, got on the winning track by winning a close decision. Cini took

"I'd just as soon not be ranked," Freshman Nick Simon lost a a pin at the 145 pound weight said South Lyon coach Larry Janes. class. Wendt was a winner by pin I don't like to start out that way; it puts a lot of pressure on the kids. The shoe was on the other foot "I'd like to be ranked 10th or omething and work up." The Wildcats lost to Trenton ner over Bill Mangold at 130 41-27, Carlson 57-18 and Dear-South Lyon is ranked behind powerhouse Bay City Western and

on returning starters and last year's The finish from 1993 is what has

set the Lions' motivation for 1994. South Lyon advanced to the quarterfinals in Battle Creek before falling 35-29 to Royal Oak Kimball. That loss, which came down to the final match, has been in the forefront of the wrestlers' minds

since that day.

"You could see it when we stepped off mat last year that they want to do it again," Janes said of the trip to the final eight. "They want to win the KVC and they definitely want to make it back to the state finals this year — they want to get farther."

The Lions have the talent necessary to make the return trip; as a matter of fact they almost have too much talent. "We had to make sure we had a

teams ranked in the top 10 of Class place for everyone in the lineup," Janes said. That's a key and it's still kind of a problem." The bonus for that problem is depth; the Lions have the people to

The Lions opened the season by

fill in for injuries at some of the weight classes this year. has leapt to almost 30.

But the spectre of superior competition doesn't phase Milford coach John Kramer, who is is set to enjoy a bumper crop of new talent. The Redskins fielded just 15 wrestlers last year; this year that number

taking the Richmond Invitational.

South Lyon's seven individual

champions cinched a clear-cut

Jason Firby put in an impressive

day as the Lions' heavweight, rack-

ing up three pins. Scott Wallace

placed third in his first varsity out-

ing, racking a 3-1 record at 103

Last year's 103 pounder, junior

John Howard, placed fourth in the

It seems like Milford wrestling

Of course, there's no such thing

has picked a tough time to rebuild

as a good time to rebuild in the Ken-

sington Valley Conference, ar-

guably the best wrestling league in

the state. And that argument has

major support this year with two

"We tried to do a lot more recruit-

112-pound class.

"He lifted a lot over the summer." Kramer said. "He's a lot stronger than last year and he's been working hard in the wrestling room." Scheck is coming off a solid football season where he was a two-way starter. The 152-pounder wrestled at 140 last year, but the 12-pound

jump doesn't mean he'll be giving

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#### "The Three Musketeers" equals action, comedy, villains, heroes and fun. Charlie Sheen, Kiefer Sutherland. Chris O'Donnell and Oliver Platt play the roles of the legends. REVIEWS I need not say why there are four musketeers, nor what Curry's evil plans to rule France are. The only President, Bill Mitchell, who decides thing I can say about this movie is to he needs a look-alike to pretend to be him so he can go have an affair with It may have a lot of the same traits another woman. But they had to look

In doing so it turns out that Dave is

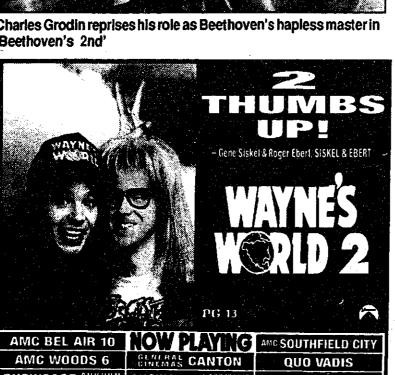
actually a better president than the

as many of the movies already made, no further than Dave Kovic. Dave but it is original in its own right. It is thought it would be a nice, simple action-packed, swash-buckling ex- and easy job, but little did he know citement that was casted perfectly. what he was in for. "The Three Musketeers" gets a big While with the other woman, the 41/4 stars (based on a five-star basis Presidnet has a stroke. So, rather with five being the best). Don't be he- than have the world know about the sitant because this is a Disney flick President, they decide to let Dave pretend to be the President a little longer. this is great fun. Go see it.

By David "Spike" Schultz original, until someone brings up the scandal. Also in the film are Sigourney
Kevin Kline plays a terrific role as Weaver, Kevin Dunn, Ving Rhames, Dave Kovic in a wonderful movie Ben Kingsley, Charles Grodin and

called "Dave." He's also been in Frank Langella numerous other films such as "A Fish It's a great and funny film, so go to Called Wanda," "Consenting Adults" your local video store and rent it. And and "Soapdish." But I think his best remember: Think funny, think performance has go to be in "Dave." "Dave."







## South Lyon wrestlers loaded

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"He's a lot bigger than last year," said Kramer. He's a solid 152-pounder. He cut down from ab-

A solid prospect for Milford is 103-pounder Matt Kaltz. A transfer student from Lakeland, Kaltz couldn't wrestle last year.

Heavyweight Sean Ralston should have a chance to shine this year. After three years of wrestling under Pete Christopher, a two-time state placer. Ralston moves into the varsity lineup for the first time.

"He's a big boy," said Kramer. "He's not going to that's his decision." find that many heavyweights out there as tough as Pete, that should give him a little more

Sophomore John McCurdy is a first-year wrestler, but holds some hope for the 112 pound slot. "He's a tough kid," said Kramer, "He'll win a

Senior Ken Perna brings some experience to the 125 pound slot. A third year wrestler, Perna should have a good season, according to his

Senior Adam Castiglione has his work cut out for him. Bumping up a weight class to fill a void in the lineup, Castiglione is a 125-pounder wrestling

Sophomore Art Ebert will battle for the 135 pound job as will junior Bill Ramsey at 140. Justin Hicks will be the Redskins 145-pounder.

First-year wrestlers Steve Gibbons and Al Grbac will take the 160 and 171 pound positions, respectively. Freshman Aaron Roan and sophomore will see action at 189.

The Lakeland wrestling team is looking at a good lineup with decent experience. The trouble is, in the state's best wrestling year of coaching - is looking forward to continuleague, good and decent will only land you in the

"We're looking at my team and looking at their teams and realistically I hope we can take third or fourth." said Eagle coach Ken Velzy. "It's hard to go up against teams with good junior high programs, and pay-to-play is devistating our team.

"But those are excuses. We'll give them matches, they know we'll be ready and we'll be ready and we'll give them everything we've got." The Eagles have got everything at 145 pounds. the territory of senior Brian Velzy. A two-time state pounds, the younger Velzy is looking to cap off his first Class A state finals, Bolstered by a 34-14 re-

It's hard to imagine running this College on Dec. 4.

athletes have been pounding the national meet for all age groups, "said

Rhode Island. Spokesperson Bob said the Striders practiced together

Olympic national competition in cross country season ended, Smith the Novi area.

Smith said he wasn't surprised with on a routine basis. Although work- own against America's best.

how the team, which is comprised of outs were informal, he said team Lorna Camp was the Striders top

The Novi Sunset Striders recently Track and Field Association. took fourth place in the Junior Since the regular high school

five Novi High runners and a White members worked very hard.

by winning a regional competition in thought. Smith said, in many cases,

The nationals saw competitors runners from each state. The Strid-

from every corner of the country with ers, on the other hand, are all from

time of the year, but a group of Novi

cross country trails and doing quite Smith.

high school career with a second league title and a cord last season. Dias will be competing at 119 strong showing at state.

Coming in with a career record of 114-35, many people are wondering if this is the senior's year. "He sure looks like it is," said Ken Velzy, his The senior grappler went 45-9 last year and fin-

ished fifth in the state. At 112 pounds, captain Roger Osborne is battling bigger kids. The senior was 22-12 and a regional qualifyer at 103 pounds last year. "He's a small 112-pounder," said Velzy. "He weighs 110 pounds, 109 all the time and the kids

At 119 pounds, junior Jason Cup could be a point-getter for Lakeland. He finished with a 3-11 varsity record but is already off to a 2-1 start this

are much too big for him. He may go down, but

Junior Aman Awan racked up a 5-15 varsity record in 1993, but 125 pound opponents would be As a freshman last year, Olson posted a 7-6 record Wayne is also set to make his mark in his senior year at 130 pounds.

Jermey Macbeth is gearing up for a big season. With a 20-19 record last year at 130 pounds, the senior captain is through paying his dues and is polsed for a superior year. Scott Richard and Nate Wayne will split time at 103 pounds. Sophomore Randy Capreva could

There may be a lot of new faces on this year's

ago. Once again, Ted Buckless - now in his 10th

R.D. Dias, now a junior, won the league's

field, R.i. near the campus of Divalle College on Dec. 4.

"It's probably considered the only national meet for all age groups," said

They all have very good atti- 16th overall with a time of 16:24 on

"They train hard every day," he spokesperson said the girls said. "They're a very dedicated Running against the nation's top Jenny Hampton ran a fine race as will now be off from competition until

The Striders qualified for the meet needed that power of positive place. Katie Zimmerman took 44th in ners will run track for Novi High.

ing the program's successful ways.

stronger as the year wore on."

Novi runners take fourth at nationals

athletes. The race was held in Smith-

field, R.I. near the campus of Bryant

Brighton High wrestling team, but the athletes for the 189-pound spot. aren't new to the sport nor are they unfamiliar Since Niles is presently sidelined, Finseth will with the success the team has experienced in retake the heavyweight position. Brighton's lone starting freshman is 103-pound Justin Dean, who The Bulldogs have won three Kensington Valley Buckless has high hopes for. A few other athletes Conference titles in the last four years and qualiwho are nursing injuries and may see action this fled for the Class A team state finals two seasons

this year.

"Some of the kids are pretty green right now as far as wrestling varsity," Buckless said, "but they're all working hard and they've come up "I think we'll be pretty good," said Buckless, whose team finished in third place at the KVC through a pretty solid program."

year are Chris Uren and Jack Mitchell.

also among the top wrestlers in the league.

meet last season after tying Howell and South Indeed, and most opponents don't need to be re-Lyon with 5-1 dual records. It's probably going to minded of Brighton's strong youth programs. Last be similar to last year, where we got stronger and year, Brighton had nine new athletes who wrestled at the varsity level and the team finished dead-The 1993-94 Bulldogs, who number 40 memlocked with South Lyon and Howell in the dualbers strong, will be led by three seniors and two re- meet standings.

"They train hard every day. They're a very dedicated

finisher. The Wildcat freshman was to finish the race because of cramps,

Novi had no problems holding its right behind in 16:55.

13- and 14-year-olds, the Striders well with a time of 16:30 for 20th the spring. Smith many of the run-

placer and the 1993 KVC champion at 135 112-pound title and then went on to qualify for his (Staff writers Scott Sigler and Dennis Topolinski

Spokesperson

16:54 while Lindsay Shelters was

Michelle Harrison was 76th over-

all in 17:26. Lauren Rice was unable

#### KVC WRESTLING **TOP PICKS**

pins, while Addy was unbeaten in the

league at 130 pounds and took the

favored in this class. A two-time state

placer who went 45-9 last year. Velzy

is off to a 3-0 start. Velzy won the KVC

title at 135 pounds last year. Howell's

K'Don LeChevalier has upset potential

South Lyon's Mike McDaniels (3-0)

looks like he could earn a reward for

maintaining weight. McDaniels placed

fourth in the 145-pound class last year,

McDaniels opened the year by winning

A cluster of second-place finishers are

wing for this title. South Lyon's Jason

vear, while Hartland's Cory Kuzinski

was second at 140 pounds and How-

ell's Brad Baron was the runner-up at

145. This division is up for grabs.

If he can maintain weight, South

Lyon's Jason Brown should have a

lock on this class. The senior, who

placed second in the division last year

was a hair overweight for the season

opening tournament but should soon

This division looks like another South

lighlanders' 160-pound KVC champ

from last year. Bob McKenney, moves

into the divison to be the early-season

favorite. Taking third at 171 pounds in

the league tourney, the Lions' Jeff

Archey is looking very strong in the

He qualified for the state tournament

as a heavyweight, and now he's

Lyon/Howell clash is brewing. The

Duncan was second in the division last

but all who finished above him have

graduated or moved up a class.

the Richmond Invitational.

152 POUNDS

160 POUNDS

171 POUNDS

189 POUNDS

Lakeland's Brian Velzy is highly

KVC title in that class.

if Velzy is not careful.

145 POUNDS

140 POUNDS

A brief class-by-class preview of this season's main Kensington Valley Con- KVC title with three straight first-round Kris Young, meanwhile, is back after having won the league's 103-pound crown and finishing HEAVYWEIGHT

at 27-11 overall. He moves up to 112 this winter. A transfer student from Pennsylvania. Brighton's seniors who saw varsity action last lowell's Joe Adams is making rumyear include John Deluca (135 pounds), L.B. bles in not only the league but in the Beurman (160) and Steve Hubert (171). Deluca state. Word is that this 255-pound was fourth in the league at 135 a year ago. Hubert neavyweight moves like a 189fought at 145, but now moves up to 171. On the pounder and could take it all this year. other hand. Beurman was Brighton's 103 POUNDS 189-pounder last year, but he's trimmed down to

Hartland's Jason Pogrmich was the runner-up last year and is a heavy Another athlete who may end up helping the favorite, but could see competition Bulldogs again this winter is junior Scott Niles, who is presently injured. Niles fought at 189 from an unknown factor in Milford's Matt Kaltz, Kaltz, a junior, was a transpounds last year and finished fourth in the KVC. fer student last year and could not wrestle. He is 2-0 this year after win-He'll be Brighton's heavyweight when and if he comes around in January. Sophomore Lars Olson ning the Richmond Invitational. should also make an impact on this year's squad. 112 POUNDS

Chris Young, the 1993 103-pound league champ, makes the big nine-Brighton lost a handful of strong athletes to grapound jump to the 112-pound division this year. Young pinned Pogrmich in duation this year, including state qualifiers 1:36 during last year's 103-pound Nathan Bufalini (119 pounds, 42-6 record) and Eric Lockridge (152, 39-5). Jami Huntsman (125, 119 POUNDS 27-18), Chris Taylor (130, 24-18), Ryan Darnell Brighton's R.D. Dias comes in after (130, 31-10) and Jason Gole (171, 23-17) were

winning the 112-pound KVC title last year, but don't forget Milford's Mickey To fill those holes, Buckless is looking toward a Schene who had a superb 27-10 solid corps of juniors. Josh Rowley will compete at record as a freshman. Schene (3-0) 125, Bill Gaetz takes the 130 slot, Chad Kaiser is opened the season with three straight at 140 and Steve Stroup will compete at 145. Also wins at the Richmond Invitational. Harry Carter and Jake Finseth will keep battling 125 POUNDS

This class could well see a rematch o the 119-pound battle from last season. Jeremy Brown, the 119-pound KVC champ last year, is out with a knee injury but should be back after Christmas. Hartland's Brandon Wehner, who lost to Brown 4-0 in the league finals, should give his South Lyon foe some

130 POUNDS Howell's Kurt Grover didn't wrestle in the KVC tournament but went 20-9 overall in 1993, South Lyon's Joe Connelly placed fourth in the tournament at 130 and finished with a 21-11 mark.

dropped a class. Howell's Kevin Matie This class should hold one of the best battles of the year. The league's mean- is sending shudders through the est wrestler. Howelf's Matt Schroeder. league this year and will be almost and South Lyon's finess grappler, Chris Addy, are going to bump heads.

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tals of uric acid form

in joints or other body parts. Just as sand thrown into dispose of it more directly than we can, (as in smoothly running the white portion of bird droppings). We need gears would disrupt certain enzymes to change it into chemicals we or hinder them, uric can more easily handle. In some people the level acid crystals affect of uric acid in their blood and tissues is so great how the joint works. that it changes from a liquid to a solid in the The result is redness, form of hard crystals. This is similar to adding

joint, and for 90 percent of people it is the joint tom of the glass. In attacks of gout it is possible at the base of the big toe. Intense pain can occur — to measure some of the fluid from the swollen. from pressure as minor as bed covers. joint and to actually see the crystals.

fect other organs besides the joint such as the arthritis that is caused when crys- Health tips

Because we understand how the body normally handles uric acid, several medications have been developed specifically for gout. The drug Colchicine can rapidly decrease gout pain but has little or no effect on most other types of arthritis. Other drugs such as Allopurinol or Probemicid directly effect the enzymes that control uric acid or increase the amount of uric acid in the urine. Many of the conventional arthritis medicines such as Indomethacin are also useful in gout.

Ray Hobbs, M.D., is an internal medicine

## from pressure as minor as bed covers. joint and to actually see the crystals. physician at the U-M Health Center in Northville. This column is coordinated by Peg Campbell and through digestion of certain foods. Animals can mimicked by other conditions such as lead points. Drawing classes planned for seniors

**Drawing Class:** Drawing with pen and ink class for seniors begins Jan. 4 from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center. The cost for the six-week class is \$25 for residents and \$30 for non-residents. Call 347-0414 for more information.

Kensington Metro Park: One of the most popular winter playgrounds in southeast Michigan is Kensington Metro Park near Milford. Facilities for ice skating, tobogganing, sledding, cross-country skiing with a ski rental service, ice fishing, nature hikes, farm center activities and photography are available. Park hours are 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. For more information call 1-800-234-6534.

Lakeshore Park: Sign-ups for the 1994 season Lakeshore Park Picnic Shelters and Tent Rentals begin Tuesday, Jan. 4 at 8 p.m. for Novi residents. All reservations must be made in person at the Novi Parks and

Basketball: Men's and women's basketball leagues are forming. Call Novi Parks and Recreation at 347-0400 for more information.

Photo Contest: The Novi Arts Council Photo Contest deadline is Dec. 30. Entry forms and information sheets are available at Novi Parks and Recreation.

Adult volleyball: Join the fun of adult volleyball in Novi. The league's winter session runs from January to April. All teams are allowed a maximum of three non-resident players. Each league is limited to 12 teams. Co-ed divisions one and two play on Mondays and Thursdays; men's league plays on Wednesday. For more information call

bers range from the casual jogger to serious competitor. The Trackers paddleball, open court time is being offered by Schoolcraft College. meet twice weekly and all runners are invited to join any of the club runs. Courts can be scheduled for doubles play. Gloves, paddles, racquets, Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. at Novi High School and Saturdays at 8 a.m. at balls and lockers are furnished. the Sundowner Restaurant parking lot, across the street from the For more information, call 462-4413.

Northville Post office. For more information, please call Hub Copp, Club

Rec Briefs

Aerobic Exercise: Designed for men and women, this aerobic exercise program stresses an individual workout at your own pace. The class, sponsored by Novi Community Education, meets at Novi Meadows Gym Monday though Thursday from 7-8 p.m. For more information, call 344-8330.

Pool Schedule: Open swimming at Novi High will be held 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursdays. Lap swimming is held from Call 344-8330, ext. 71, for more information.

Novi Bike Club: For information on bike club group rides call Gordy Gray at 349-4235 or Novi Parks and Recreation at 347-0400.

Senior Spotlight: Novi seniors host a feature-oriented half-hour show on cable Channel 12 Mondays at 6:30 p.m. Topics featured on the

show have included health issues. Novi sports leagues and many others.

Early Morning Jog & Swim: Class meets at the Novi High School gym each day of the week. For more information, call Novi Community Education at 344-8330.

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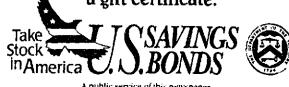
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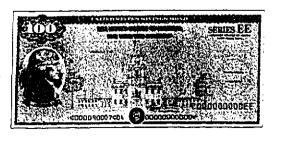
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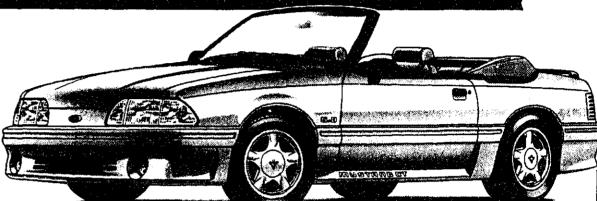
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## Home ownership obstacles diminishing

By Jarnes M. Woodard Copley News Service

Key obstacles to home ownership are diminishing, according to a recent survey. And action by the federal government will further expand opportunities for families to acquire an affordable home in

Most Americans are more optimistic about their ability to buy a home than they have been for years, said the study by the National Association of Realtors.

Lack of a down payment and closing costs most often prevent a family from buying a home, not qualifying for a needed mortgage loan and worry about job security.

The positive factors leading to more home ownership opportuni-

ties are the continuing low mortgage interest rates and lowering of home prices in many areas of the country.

A new strategy announced by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development will give homeownership opportunities another big push in coming

"A comprehensive, national commitment to homeownership could greatly help spur economic growth and provide more homeownership opportunities," said HUD Secretary Henry Cisneros. "It's time to turn things around."

The HUD plan calls for increasing the availability of home financ-

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#### **HOME DESIGNS**



#### The Squire offers plenty of space for families

By James McAlexander Copley News Service

ime together and sharing their lives with friends will find plenty of: space to do it in the Squire. Entertainment and family living spaces dominate the core of this home.

Vaulted ceilings increase the sense of spaciousness in the central section and dormer windows brighten the living room and dining room. The open floor plan is easy to adapt for wheelchair accessibili-

Formal spaces and an office are at the front while everyday activities take place at the back. Secondary bedrooms are to the left, master suite and utilities on the right, close to both the kitchen and the garage

Easy-to-clean ceramic floor tiles extend from the vaulted entry to the hallway that access the secondary bedrooms, dividing the formal from the informal in the pro-

A centrally located wood-burning stove provides heat and visually separates the dining room from the family room.

Skylights combine with two walls of windows to bathe the family room and nook in natural light. Hanging plants and other greenery can't help but thrive in this bright

The entertainment center can be viewed from the kitchen, family room and nook. French doors open Families who enjoy spending onto a wraparound deck with space for a hot tub.

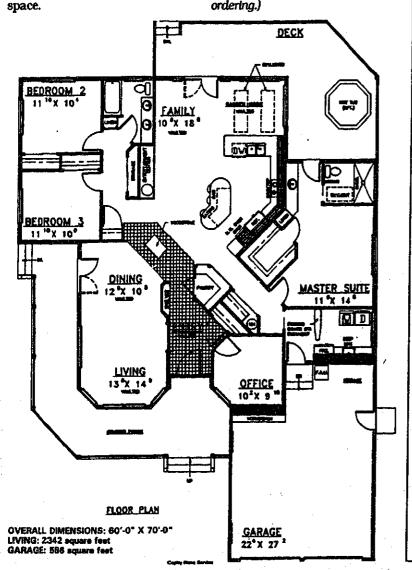
Standing at the kitchen sink. you can gaze out across the nook to the deck and beyond. The kitchen has two eating bars, one in the central work island and another in front of the sink.

Other conveniences include a large pantry, accessible from three sides, and built-in appliances -a cook top, microwave, oven and dishwasher. A broom closet lines the hallway to a large utility room with a deep sink, fold-down ironing board and space for a freezer.

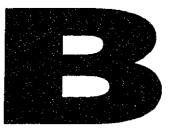
In the owners' suite, a huge walk-in closet provides plenty of storage space. The vanity is located outside of the separately enclosed, skylit toilet and shower. Access to the deck will be particularly appreclated if there's a hot tub outside.

The other two bedrooms share a bathroom with twin lavatories, and this home is rich in storage space throughout.

For a study plan of the Squire 332-210, send \$9 to Landmark Designs, c/o HomeTown Newspapers, 323 E. Grand River Ave., Howell, MI 48843. (Be sure to spectfy plan name and number when











#### CEO of Northville company is named Young Builder of the Year

ark Guidobono, chief executive officer of Cambridge Homes in Northville, was named Young Builder of the Year by the Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan (BASM) earlier this month.

The 1993 Leadership Recognition and Awards Night was sponsored by the BASM and the Apartment Association of Michigan

Guidobono remembers exactly when he decided to become a builder.

"It was 9:30 in the morning and already the temperature was 80 degrees," he said. "I had my shirt off and was soaking wet. The builder of the project drove up in his white Cadillac, spent 10 minutes at the site, and left. We never saw him again that day. I knew then that I wanted to be a builder."

As honest as that story is, Guidobono also believed he could put his education to better use as a builder than as a field con-

Born in Highland Park and raised in Detroit, Guidobono's family eventually moved to Southfield where Guidobono graduated from Southfield High School. In 1977, he graduated from Michigan State University with a degree in business administration and personnel management.

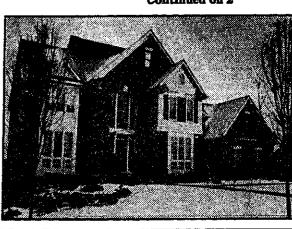
After working for his father's business, Guidobono decided to start his own company. He bought a lot and built a spec house with no building knowledge or experience.

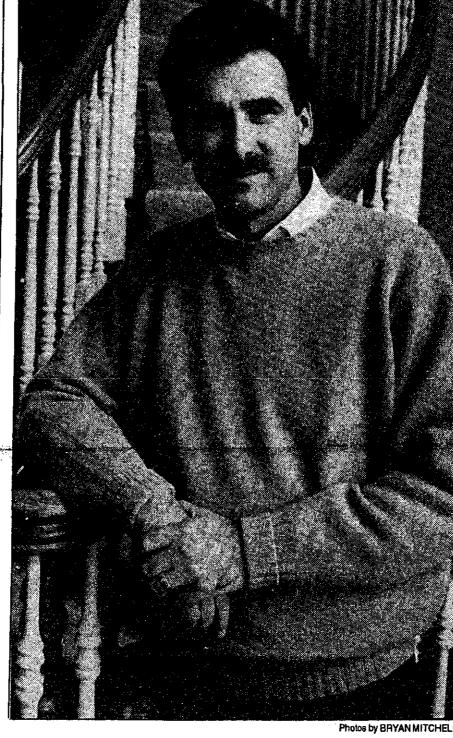
"I must have done something right because two months after we finished the house, I sold it," he said. "I made a profit,

Guidobono and his brother, Frank E., merged their own companies into the Cambridge Construction Corporation in 1980. In 1982, Frank moved to Hilton Head, S.C., to start Cambridge's Hilton Head operation. He was named builder of the year there in 1991, and today Cambridge Building Corporation is the largest building company on the island.

In 1981, a third brother, Eric, joined Mark and Frank Guidobono. Mark and Eric







Above, Mark Guidobono, chief executive officer of Cambridge Homes in Northville and at right, a model in Pheasant Hill Subdivision located along 8 Mile in Northville.

### Creating a small Christmas tree

By C.Z. Guest Copley News Service

People living in apartments, small houses and mobile homes often have little space to set up large Christmas trees for the holiday season. Although table-size trees may solve the dilemma, they may be too expensive.

Of course, one answer to this predicament would be an artificial tree, but they lack the fragrance and natural beauty of the real thing. Sound hopeless? Not quite. The solution is to create a small Christmas tree with all the trimmings of evergreen trees and shrubs.

A Christmas tree about a foot tall can be easily constructed at home. One item needed as the trunk of a Christmas tree in the project is a block of "oasis," a material used by florists in making flower arrangements. The block can be set on end in a plastic holder, also available at garden shops.

The top end of the block should be trimmed to about 1 1/2 inches in diameter with any excess cut off with a sharp knife. Form the block so that it resembles a cone, and be sure to do this before wetting the

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block.

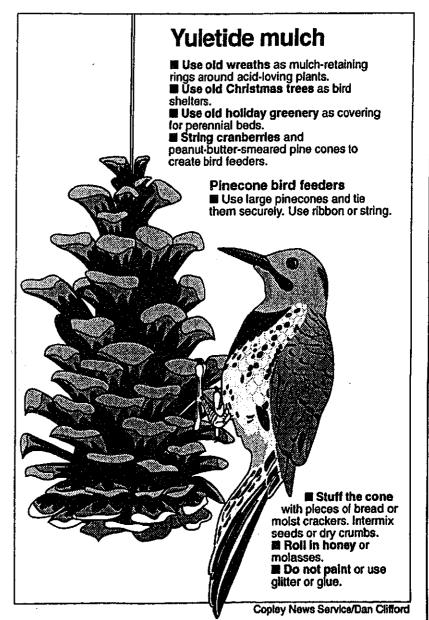
Trimmings from fragrant white cedar, Douglas fir and balsam fir are best. Boxwood, juniper and Japanese yew are good, too. Hemlock and spruce shed needles quickly when dry, but the moist oasis that forms the trunk of the tree supplies moisture to the trimmings, thus allowing them to hold their needles longer.

Most important for success, before putting together a tree. is to soak the oasis in water for several minutes. It absorbs a large amount of water, thus providing moisture to the greens for about a week. In a warm room, the oasis may need watering twice a week or more often, so just pour water into the holder, and the oasis will pick it up.

The next step is the construction of the tree itself. Insert the evergreen trimmings from the bottom up, using the longest pieces (6 to 8 inches) first to make a bottom circle of

Using progressively shorter pieces, build circles of trim-

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## Removing a stopper stuck in a bottle

By Gene Gary Copley News Service

Q. My husband was given a glass botremove. I'm sure you've written about you don't need to force the stopper. this problem before, with directions on how to unstick the stopper. Could you repeat this information?

If that doesn't work, try this: Use a piece A. Usually not, especially with betterof string similar to fishing cord of grade carpeting. Some shampoos contain assist. Loop the cord one time around the er, most do not. neck of the bottle. While one person holds Walking on a carpet that is not comthe bottle, have the second person pull the pletely dry will cause faster resoiling. cord rapidly back and forth for at least Most carpet is treated during manufac-

heat up and swell. The glass stopper will

If at first you don't succeed, try again. turing with a soil retardant. Although tle with a glass stopper that we cannot This method works almost every time, and shampooing and extraction do not remove

g. I need some information on how and when to clean wall-to-wall carpet-A. This is a frequent question. If there is ing. I am hesitant to have our carpeting glue present, you can try a mild heat cleaned because I have heard that once source to soften the glue, such as a hair cleaned it will attract and absorb dirt dryer or running warm tap water over the more and will be more susceptible to staining. Is this true?

yesteryear. Have a friend give you an oil that can contribute to resoiling; howev-

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soil retardant applied immediately after shampooing or extraction is wise.

Professional cleaning of wall-to-wall carpeting is best to remove accumulations of embedded grease and dirt. Hire a skilled area at a time. Foam cleaner can streak if through. professional who knows the best methods to use on different fibers and constructions and has special equipment to remove embedded grease and dirt.

tackle the problem yourself, the three into the pile, follow directions for drying types of home-cleaning methods for carpeting are shampoo, foam spray and pow-

Shampoo can be applied with a hand colors to fade or run, and won't cause interest can be answered in the column.

a heavily soiled area.

equipment. It is important not to use too When using any commercial cleaner, be much shampoo. Dry the carpeting as sure and read and follow label directions quickly as possible after shampooing. A carefully. Before proceeding, test any new fan or a vacuum cleaner blowing attach- product in an inconspicuous area to this retardant, foot traffic will. Therefore, a ment will help. In mild weather, open the assure that the product will not cause color to run or fade or damage the fibers. :

> Foam spray is applied in a thin layer, Don't start cleaning with one product rubbed in with a sponge mop, dried and removed with a vacuum cleaner. Do one and then switch to another halfway

Chemical interaction can cause stains. Protect furniture by moving it from the When cleaning with a powder, be sure and vacuum the carpet thoroughly before area to be cleaned or covering the legs Check references. If you do decide to using. Then sprinkle the powder, brush it with plastic or aluminum foil.

> Send inquiries to Here's How, Copley News Service, P.O. Box 190, San Diego, CA Powders absorb greasy soil, won't cause 92112-0190. Only questions of general

#### Northville construction company features Young builder of the Year

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tion: Cambridge Homes, Inc., which accounts for most of the time, Cambridge Construction tion which totals 30 completed

projects to date. Cambridge Homes builds custom houses with an average price include single family homes in Northville, but also on scattered and Bloomfield townships.

Recently, Mark and Eric Guidobono secured their first land development property. The land in Northville Township will be developed for homes ranging from \$350,000 to \$750,000. This development is the realization of a long-

The brothers amicably divide corporate responsibilities along

the field, construction work. scheduling and quality control. A member of BASM since 1979, Guidobono has served as membership chairman, as vice president executive committee. He assists

BASM in protecting against over-

regulation and in strengthening the building industry. has seen changes in the industry and in himself.

"There is more red tape, and there are many more restrictive ordinances than when I started," he said. "The attitude out there since 1992 and as a member of the today is 'not in my back yard." As for himself, Guidobono admits he has grown up.

business when we did," he said. taught us humility. It taught us we're not invincible. Builders need

because things aren't always going to be rosy." Guidobono believes in doing the best job possible, working hard, looking for opportunities and giving a good product to his cus-

to be attuned to business cycles.

ever received was one word: "Lis-

enjoys spending time with his wife Elizabeth and their infant daughter, Erica. All sports interest Guidobono, from softball to racquetball, and hunting and fishing are annual events in Michigan and Canada.

As for the car, Guidobono drives

#### Guidobono formed a new corporasites in Brighton, Ann Arbor, their natural interest lines. Mark In the relatively short time since "We had barely gotten started Farmington Hills, and Northville handles sales, marketing and he became a builder, Guidobono when the recession hit. That administration while Eric manages

residential business. In the meanhandles the commercial construc-

of \$450,000. Current projects

Making a small Christmas tree; preserving your holiday foliage and wreaths

Continued from 1 mings toward the top, tilting them slightly. needles and leaves, causing a terrible indoor dryness and winter cold. The pieces near the top should be almost

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Old Christmas wreaths made from ever-

They are perfect for bird shelters, and the soil. when brittle and dry, good kindling for stoves and fireplaces. The most important way to build your

allowed to dry before mopping or if used in

product is nontoxic, and nonflammable, placed around azaleas, blueberry bushes it. Rotten plant material such as leaves, wood chips, grass clippings, straw, hay or Just work the wreath down over the bark should be worked into the soil. Sandy dening" (Little, Brown & Co.), is an authori-This all-season plant protectant extends tops of the bushes to the ground. It will soil can be mulched anytime, but spring is ty on gardens flowers and plants. Send

mend spraying trees and other greenery greens and wound with wire or twine sandy soil into fertile crop-producing loam cones stuffed with peanut butter and with Safer's ForEverGreen. Because the make dandy mulch-retaining rings when is lots of organic matter. You can't overdo rolled in birdseed. C.Z. Guest, author of "5 Seasons of Gar-

> Old holiday greenery makes a perfect Service, P.O. Box 190, San Diego, CA covering for the perennial bed, newly 92112.

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questions to C.Z. Guest, c/o Copley News

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### Home ownership obstacles are diminishing

It also would increase home ownerwould be imposed—possibly 115 pership financing by working with state
cent of the area's median income, owned single-family homes. ship financing by working with state and local government, as well as private sector sources of capital such as pension funds and foundations.

"The revival of FHA's single-family ome mortgage insurance program is a key element in the housing production al Retirement Accounts to be used and home ownership strategy," Cis- toward a down payment on a home. neros said. "Although use of the prograin tapered off markedly in recent down payment shortage many buyers be expected. Send inquiries to James M. years, FHA use rose by 42 percent over face.

first-time home buyers."

Administration and developing a strate- to low-income families in urban renew- purchase. gy to expand home ownership opportu- al arear The mortgage limit for this pronities for low- and moderate-income gram would be restricted to about public housing residents to become cent of the area's median income. according to Cisneros.

Users of this program would be required to pay closing costs" he said. Yet another new HUD plan is to allow penalty-free withdrawals from Individu-This plan would help alleviate the

HUD also is considering a new no-members such as parents or grandparing insured by the Federal Housing down-payment FHA program targeted ents to enable the buyer to make the

\$75,000, and an income restriction home owners. They could purchase

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HUD's plan also would help working

"Many meetings with public housing residents have convinced us that most private home of their own rather than

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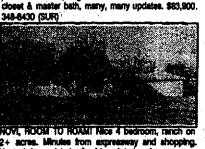


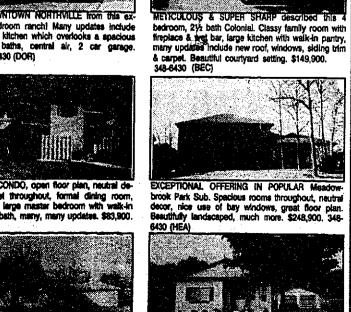




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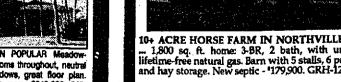


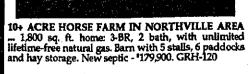














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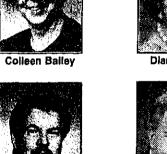
























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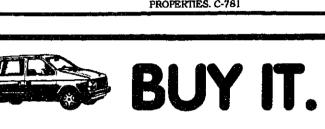
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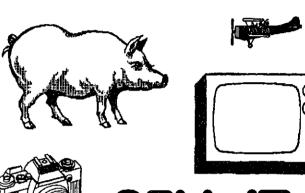
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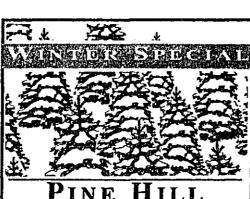
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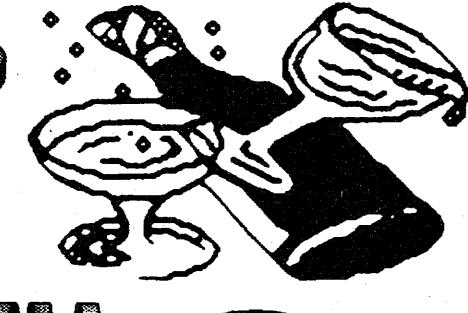
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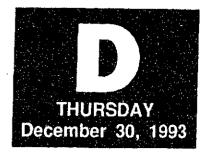


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## Restaurant demanded a set of skills

By RICK BYRNE

Trendy restaurants may come and go, but JR's Place in Highland Township has remained one of the area's most popular eateries for more than a decade.

Owned and operated by its namesake J.R. Henry, the restaurant has been a fixture at 2635 E. Highland Road for 13 years. There's little doubt that the place's success is driven by the warm and talkative Henry, who was recently named Highland's Businessperson of the Year.

That he always has time to chat with a customer, one would think he was born for the restaurant business. In fact, it was a late-life change that brought him to this place.

"I worked for the Burroughs Corp. in the computer business for 32 years," said Henry. "I retired as executive vice president in 1984."

He had already owned the restaurant for a couple of years, although someone else managed the day-today operations. When he took over the operation himself, it was no piece of cake to leap from a corporate job to a small business owner.

"It was a major change," Henry said. "I had been in a very technical business. But I found out this is a technical business on a different scale."

And a lot of the lessons that he learned as a successful executive translated well.

"Good business sense makes good business sense anywhere," he said. "You have to watch and plan. The problem everybody has is inadequate planning. There are three reasons most people don't make it in this business. One is they lack the capital to get them through the bad spots, another is poor management, and then lack of planning."

From the beginning, the plan was to make JR's a casual place where local people could come, relax and enjoy a good meal.

Indeed, JR's Place has achieved that goal. From the minute you walk in the door and observe all the antique toys and memorabilia lining the walls (most of it acquired by J.R. himself in his travels), you feel very much

The waitstaff is friendly and courteous, and willing to share with you their own favorites from the menu.

"A business has a character," Henry said. "You try to hire poeple that feel the same way, and know what you're about."

Though restaurants may come and go, Henry said his catery is as popular today as it was 13 years ago, if not moreso.

"Growth seems to have come in the casual restaurants," he said in a mild drawl. "Upscale restaurants even in New York and Los Angeles are having a tough time. People are more casual about their eating than they once were. I think by making meals nontax-deductable it put pressure on upscale restaurants.

"This place fits this area, and people come here."

When changes come, as with adding new items to the menu, they are done carefully.

'You don't want to make major changes because you could lose what you've got," Henry said. "That can be dangerous."

For example, Henry points out that while his menu offers some healthy items laden with flavorful vegetables, and a wide selection of dinner salads, he hasn't gone overboard on health food.

"There's no question that there's been an influence from healthy food," he said. "But not as much as it was just a short time ago. You'd be surprised how many people come in and just want a good steak.

"And of course we can always prepare to any diet or special needs. All you have to do is ask for it."

The menu at JR's Place remains contemporary. The new interest in Southwest-style fare is answered with a wide selection of Tex-Mex items. Adding those items was no great stretch for Henry. Though he claims to have lived darn near everywhere while working for Burroughs, his roots are in Texas. He gives credit for his popular fare to his top chefs Dave Bennett and Phil Gray.

What makes the business so enjoyable, Henry said, is the people he

"You meet some really nice people," he said. "We have our regulars, which we're pleased with because they're just the right kind of people."

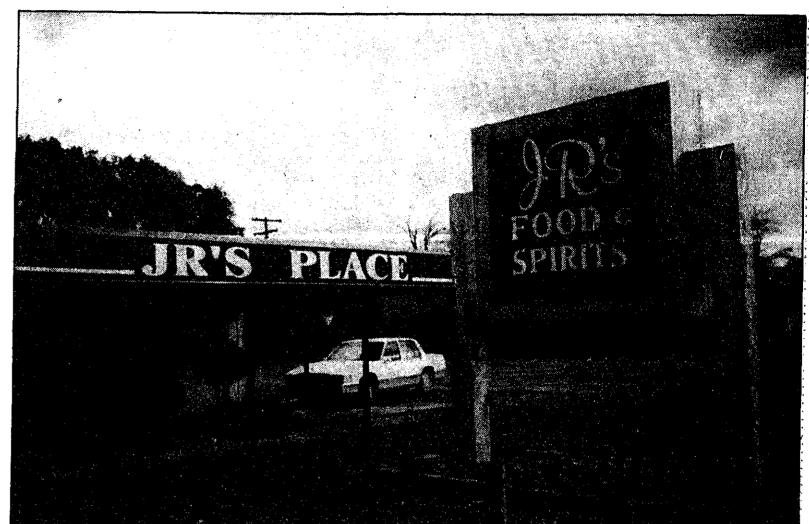
In the beginning, it was no easy task getting them in the door, though.

"One of the biggest problems we had to overcome was that this building was at one time a night club," said Henry. "There are people who have been here years and years think It's still that. Twelve years later, people are still coming in thinking that."

In addition to the regular dining room and bar, JR's offers banquet facilities for any occasion and any group size from eight to 80.

"We've done wedding receptions, showers, bowling banquets, golf league dinners, business meetings, birthdays -- the whole gamut really," said Henry.

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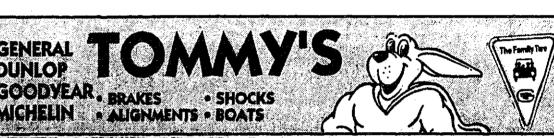
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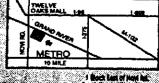
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VICTOR MILLER, president of John Adams Mortgage Company in Farmington Hills, was named president of the Mortgage Bankers Association recently. The Mortgage Bankers Association is a state-wide organization that helps provide educational and social programs. They help guide legislation for mortgage bankers along with promoting their welfare and improving their service to the community. The state-wide association has 818 members. Miller has been president and chief operating officer of John Adams Mortgage Company since 1988.

RICHARD P. PROBST of Northville has been awarded the designation of Certifled Financial Planner by the International Board of Standards and Practices for Certifled Financial Planners in Denver, Colorado. Probst recently completed his two years of study in the areas of of investment planning, insurance, income tax planning, retirement plans, and estates and trusts to earn the prestigious CFP designation.

nies, Remerica Village Realtors, lo cial and legal activities of Heslop's cated at 330 N. Center Street in and supervises the accounting and fully listed and sold over half a million the company and its outside counsel, dollars in home sales. This career banking and accounting firms. across the street or across the counbased Cohen & Ellias, P.C. Aresident time. try. Wolcik has served the Northville- of Royal Oak, he received his law de-

JOHN M. HESLOP has been named versity's College of Business.

"Jobless rates fell in five areas,

were relatively small, averaging

nd employment levels last month.

federal jobless benefits.

nistration this week.

Michigant Employment Security

Commission Director F. Robert Ed-

wards estimates that some 15,000

unemployed workers in Michigan

may immediately qualify for federal

Emergency Unemployment Com-

pensation (EUC). The EUC program

had ended on Oct. 2, 1993, and was

extended by Congress and the Admi-

rially health and business services; Rate — 6.5; 6.6; 8.1

two-tenths of a point."

Novi community for 12 years.



VICTOR MILLER

Vice President-Corporate Counsel for Novi-based Heslop's. The announcement was made by Ronald Heslop, president of the company. teamed up with one of the area's As Vice President-Corporate category killer in the tapletop seg- acheck for \$6,000 raised at a murder areas of patent, copyright, tradefastest growing real estate compa- Counsel, Heslop oversees all finan-Northville, Since joining the firm in purchasing departments. He also early November. Wolcik has success. serves as the legal liaison between Lewis MDA Telethon this year.

rise in joblessness



BARBARA WOJCIK

ment of the retailing industry.

National and local records fell dur-

Locally, ERA RYMAL SYMES



RICHARD PROBST

Heslop's has 13 stores throughout ing. This year ERA Rymal Symes tual Property Law Association (Al-Michigan, including eight metro-salespersons, CATHERINE CHAU-PLA). The national association has Detroit area and five outstate loca- DOIN and LORRAINE GERICH, ap- more than 7,000 attorneys whose in- tivity and reduce costs. The departtions. Heslop's is considered the peared on the Telethon and delivered terest and legal practice lie in the ment implemented a comprehensive

ing the 28th Annual Labor Day Jerry BEN SKELTON, ERA Rymal Symes private law firms, corporations, uni- machines. vice president, said "We are proud of ERA Real Estate has been the sole the generosity and community spirit has been a partner in the law firm of sponsor of MDA from the real estate of our ERA Rymai Symes salesper- Harness, Dickey & Pierce of Troy and FINCH was recently promoted from move will better enable to serve local Prior to his current position. He-industry since 1977, raising over \$15 sons. This is yet another example of Ann Arbor since 1990. Prior to joinrelestate needs, whether it be a move slop worked with Bloomfield Hills- million for Jerry's Kids during that the ERA theme, just the kind of help ing the law firm, Newtson was Chief dent of finance and administration of you'd expect from a friend".

> gree from Detroit College of Law and REALTORS, with offices in Novi, GARY L. NEWTSON, a resident of over 20 years. is a graduate of Michigan State Uni- Northville and West Bloomfield, has Salem Township, has been elected Newtson resides with his wife, ministrative and operational long been a leader in MDA fundrais- president of the American Intellec- Ruth, on Salem Road.



JOHN M. HESLOP

mystery dinner theater benefit they mark, trade secret and other intellec-

In announcing this contribution, AIPLA's attorneys are employed by versities and government. Newtson Patent Counsel for the Chrysler Cor- Square Lake Corporation, wholly

Detroit-based construction firm Walbridge Aldinger recently announced the promotion of Northville resident DAVID HAMILTON to senior vice president. In his expanded role. Hamilton will oversee the commercial, institutional and healthcare business unit. He has been with the firm since 1983.

Perni Corporation announced recently that ROBERT WASHER was named to Vice President of Business Development. Washer will be responsible for the overall marketing and sales effort of Perini Building Company-Central U.S. Division. A 1972 graduate of Clarkson College of Technology, Washer lives in Farmington Hills.

Maintenance department employees of the JOHNSON CONTROLS plastic bottle blowmolding plant in Novi has received the company's Chairman's Award for Excellence in Customer Satisfaction. The employees distinguished themselves by their commitment to improve producpreventive maintenance program to reduce downtime on all equipment and installed new pin locks and other new parts in three blow molding

Northville resident STEVEN L. chief financial officer to vice presiporation where he was employed for owned subsidiary of Preferred Health Care. The promotion expands his ad-

## Labor markets show Job change creates deductions

Michigan's 12 major labor mark- trucking and warehousing, which ets reported minor changes in their were related to the growth in retail unemployment rates from Septem- trade; and state and local schools. ber to October, according to sea- as fall classes were fully underway. sonally unadjusted work force esti- In October, the Ann Arbor area mates released recently by the Mi- had the lowest jobless rate at 3.6 chigan Employment Security percent, while the Flint area had the All of the labor markets had large

rose in six and held steady in the drops in their unemployment rates Grand Rapids area at 4.7 percent," between October 1992 and 1993, MESC Director F. Robert Edwards ranging between nine-tenths of a A breakdown of unadjusted October 1993 and comparative labor The largest October change force estimates for Detroit and Miized deductions. occurred in the Muskegon area, chigan major labor markets are as

where the jobless rate climbed by follows: half a percentage point to 9.6 per-cent, as scattered layoffs occurred Macomb, Monroe, Livingston, Lain many of the area's industries. peer and St. Clair Counties) for Oct. The Detroit and Jackson areas 1993, Sept. 1993, and Oct. 1992 had the largest declines. Rates in respectively

highest rate at 9.9 percent.

both areas fell by three-tenths of a Civilian Labor Force point to 6.6 and 7.3 percents, 2,170,000; 2,161,000; 2,141,000 Total Employment — 2,027,000; All of the areas, except for Mu- 2.012.000; 1,962,000 kegon and the Upper Peninsula, Unemployment - 143,000

iad increases in their work forces 149,000; 179,000 Rate - 6.6; 6.9; 8.4

Workers began entering the job narket in October," Edwards said, Civilian Labor Force "looking for either permanent jobs or temporary jobs during the up- 4,693,000; 4,663,000; 4,614,000 coming Christmas holiday season." Total Employment - 4,389,000: Among industries reporting em- 4,357,000: 4,240,000 ployment increases were: retail and Unemployment — 303,000; wholesale trade; services, espe- 306,000; 374,000

Benefits extended for jobless

ular state benefits."

nausted their state fobless benefits - received in state unemployment ben- - workers.

Jobiess Michigan workers who since early October and will begin efits," Edwards said. "And while

a week have been using up their reg- unemployment rate."

EUC claimants may be compensated retroactively for weeks of un-

employment since Oct. 2. The exten- for EUC before Feb. 5, 1994. The

sion, however, does not provide any program will issue EUC benefits

Those who qualify for EUC will re- issued \$1.3 billion of these federal

have used up all of their state unem- mailing them EUC applications over some states qualify to pay up to 13 ploymenmt benefits may now be enthe next two weeks," Edwards said. weeks of EUC, we can pay up to seven titled to as many as seven weeks of "On average, about 2,000 claimants weeks in Michigan because of our low

additional benefits to those who pre-

"We have identified those who ex- ceive the same weekly amount they benefits to 384,000 jobless Michigan

viously used up their federal EUC

If you had to relocate as a result of a job change, you may be able to take bursed job-related moving expenses.

The Michigan Association of Certitified Public Accountants point out that deductible expenses include the trips, transporting your family and

MEETING DISTANCE, TIME TESTS To meet the distance test, your new job location must be at least 35 miles farther from your old residence than the old residence was from your former job location. In addition to sa- and indirect expenses which are detisfy the 35-mile distance test, you ductible within certain limits. must work full-time for a specific per-

To meet the full-time work requirement, employees must work in the the first 12 months after arriving in the new area. The 39 weeks of work or renting a new one. Unlike direct sal costs and similar fees, title and appraisable deductions for moving sal costs and similar fees. These expenses. need not be consecutive or with the same employer. For self-employed workers, the full-time work requirement is double the requirement for employees. Self-employed taxpavers must work at least 39 weeks during the first 12 months following the move, and a total of at least 78 weeks

a job change, you may be able to take a tax deduction for many unreimMoney Management

costs of pre-move house-hunting ing a new house.

duction is not subject to the two- you to a new location, or if you lose

during the first 24 months immedi-

To be eligible for EUC, claimants

Since EUC first began in Nov. 1991

and through this October, MESC has

through April 30, 1994.

ately after the move.

your household to the new location. ployed and you file a joint return, than \$3,000 of these expenses. Of the as well as some of the fees associated either of you can satisfy the full-time \$3,000, no more than \$1,500 may be with selling your old home and buy- work requirement. However, you deducted for pre-move house-To claim these deductions, you works to those you work to satisfy the expenses. Special rules apply to foremust satisfy certain tests of time and time test. The 39-week requirement ign moves. distance and you must itemize on is waived if you are disabled and canour tax return. However, this de-not work, if your employer transfers

> your job for reasons other than your DIRECT, INDIRECT MOVING penses you may deduct: direct expenses which are fully deductible

indirect moving expenses fall into iod of time at the new job location. three categories: pre-move house- penses includes certain costs assonew area for at least 39 weeks during certain costs associated with selling cluding real estate agents' commis-

If you and your spouse are em-ductible, you cannot deduct more cannot add the weeks your spouse hunting trips and temporary living

new residence. If you need to live in costs for food (subject to the 80 per-

The final category of indirect exhunting expenses, temporary living ciated with the sale of your old house expenses at the new location, and and the purchase of a new one - in-

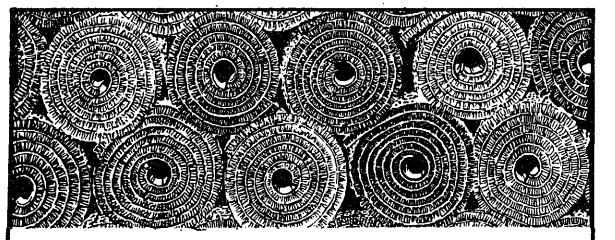
costs are deductible up to the \$3,000

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You may deduct the full cost of ing and 80 percent of meal expenses dence, as well as 80 percent of the or you and your family to travel to cost of your family's meals. Deductiyour new work location to look for a ble direct expenses also include the emporary quarters when you arrive cent limit), and lodging for one day in your new home town, you may de- before your departure from your old duct the cost of lodging and 80 per- home (assuming you were unable to cent of meal expenses for any 30-day live in it then), and for the day you arconsecutive period after obtaining rive at the location of your new home.

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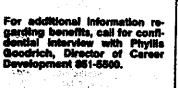
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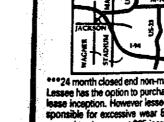
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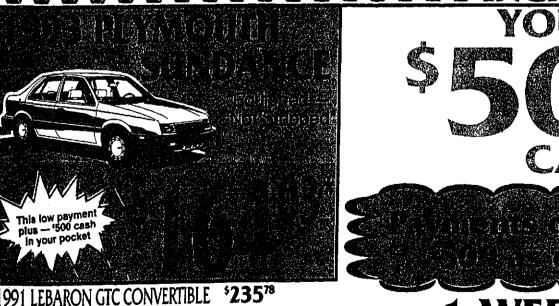
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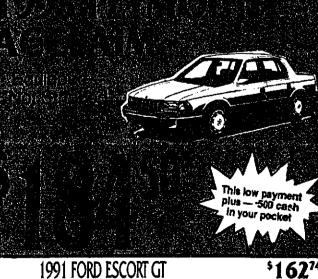
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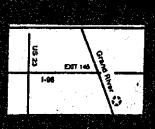
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