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State passes pension cost onto districts

By SHARON CONDRON Staff Writer

While Novi school officials may be applauding the state Legislature's efforts to maintain the district's revenues, there are certainly no kudos heading to lawmakers about their decision to increase the district's expenses by \$1.9 million.

According to Jim Koster, the district's assistant superintendent for business and operation, the new school aid bill requires school districts to absorb 100 percent of their retirement costs for all public school employees. Prior to the passage of the school finance reform bill, the State of Michigan paid 50 percent of district employees' retirement costs. The district paid the

Under the new bill, and regardless of which tax plan passes by voters in March, the Novi Community School District will have to shell out \$1.9 million this year to pick up what used to be the state's contribution to Novi's school employees' pensions.

The state has also kicked 100 percent of the retirement costs back to local school boards," Koster told the crowd at the Dec. 29 special

meeting of the Board of Education. "It will be tremendous cost in 1994-95 that we haven't had for years and we have no choice." he

But now the district will be picking up the tab for what the state is no longer willing to pay. Residents in attendance at the

meeting asked the board if the increase in expenses meant the

schools would have to cut back. "There will have to be some thrifting, yes," said Novi school board

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Packets of coupons - whose from a typical packet of coupons

The Novi school board decided last week not to collect all its property taxes in the summer, a decision which came after the state's actions alleviated concerns reform could cause severe financial difficulties here. The story is on page 7A.

Business is the big loser in the state's school finance reform, because the tax breaks which apply to most homeowners won't be given to businesses. The state Chamber of Cornmerce is considering a lawsuit. The story is on page

President Ray Byers. "The \$1.9 million in retirement is an estimate for retirement.

That's statutory, it's not contractual," he said.

Ariother resident asked Byers whether or not the district considered privatizing any of its internal operations as a means of saving money.

but did say the district's bargaining units have agreed to some contract concessions this year that will save the district money.

"We have received some fairly significant health care concessions from all of our bargaining units," he said. "Plus our health care costs were less than last year."

The money that can be saved

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coupons, it will actually pay them to

subscribe to our paper," said Per-

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cording to Perlberg.

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Boy Scout Glenn MacQueen organized storm drain campaign.

Scoutin' the sewers

MacQueen seeks end to river pollution

By JAN JEFFRES Staff Writer

Glenn MacQueen's mind was in the sewer last

That's because the Troop 407 Eagle Boy Scout candidate marshalled a team of volunteers to stencil "Dump No Waste, Drains to River plus the picture of a fish, on

852 storm drains throughout Novi. The project is sponsored by the Detroit-based Friends of the Rouge. When he came to us and said he wanted to do 400 drains, I was awestruck. I thought if he did half of that, I'd be pleased. When he told me he did more than 800 I was dumbfounded. That's incredible," said Jim Gra-

ham, Executive Director of Friends of the Rouge. Thirty to forty cans of white spray paint were dedicated to the effort. The purpose, MacQueen said, is to keep residents from releasing pollutants such antifreeze, motor oil and other substances down the storm

"It goes right into the Rouge River," the Novi High School student explained.

to aquatic life. "Friends of the Rouge" volunteers have done smaller-scale stencilling projects in Southfield, Detroit, Redford and Birmingham.

MacQueen's Novi accomplishment not only covered the largest territory, but also helps make people aware of the dangers of dumping into sewers in a region where the sensitive headwaters of both the Middle Rouge and Upper Rouge rivers are located, Graham said.

"We're making a lot of progress with aquatic life in the Rouge. We had a run of salmon last fall," he added.

"This makes it more apparent that all of us need to be more aware of what we do in our day-to-day lives." MacQueen said he needed a community service pro-

ject as part of the Eagle Scout requirement so he contacted Novi City Forester Chris Pargoff.

"He said it was the one project he really wanted

done," MacQueen added. Teams of three and four volunteers, chauffered by an adult driver, were given maps showing where the city's storm drains are located.

After 155 hours of work, the job was wrapped up in October, but MacQueen, 16, is still awaiting word from the Boy Scout's board of review to learn if he'll get his promotion. Eagle is the highest rank in the scouts and only an estimated one in 100 make it.

dowhen he gets to be an Eagle Scout. I want to be there," Graham said.

Police try to reduce trauma for victims

By SHARON CONDRON

Months after the Novi Police Department's Victim Interview room has proved itself a valued asset to officers and victims alike. Novi City officials will finally get around its

grand opening next week.
Police Chief Douglas Schaeffer
said Tuesday's official dedication ceremony was postponed late last year for various reasons, including the holiday season. But now that the hustle and bustle of the season has past, city officials are getting around to thanking those who made the room possible.

The list of guests at Tuesday 7 p.m. ceremony includes the Novi Jaycees, who provided stuffed animals for children of the victims, and the Novi Lions, who supplied the video and audio equipment that records the officers' interviews with the victims of traumatic crimes.

Novi City Council members and other city officials have also been invited.

Schaeffer said the room has been reserved for victims of traumatic crimes, including but not limited to sexual assault cases. It was intended he said to "create a wholesome and less hostile environment" for victims to tell their stories to

The room is decorated in warm, subtle hues of a pastel sea foam green and alabaster. Two overfilled couches face each other to create an intimate setting that allows at least two officers and the victim to talk candidly about the event that brought them together.

It has a side entrance that allows victims easy access to and from the station without parading them through the public portion of the police station.

Directly adjacent is a room stacked with stuffed toys, coloring books and crayons and a chalkboard in which to entertain young children while their parents complete the interview process. Schaeffer said children who have come through the interview process are allowed to take a stuffed animal home with them when they leave.

The chief said recently a young boy appreciated the gift so much he wanted to take his stuffed animal to school for show-and-tell.

Officers have used the room several times since it opened in October.

"It has really been conducive to good interviews and it's become very obvious to us that the victims appreciate it," Schaeffer said. "It provides a warm and friendly positive experience from something that was very negative.

"We've had lots of good success

The police chief said high tech recording equipment allows officers to tape the session and use it as evidence in subsequent interviews. The tapes reduce the number of times a victim has to retell the story and therefore speeds the healing process.

"The whole idea was to reduce the trauma," Schaeffer said. "So many times we (the system) have further victimized the victims by asking them to retell the story over and over.

"This makes good sense because we don't want to further traumatize our victims."

Rich Periberg, general manager of HomeTown Newspapers, which publishes The Novi News and five other community weeklies. Coupons will come from market- added.

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In today's issue North American International

A special section . . .

Once the substances reach the water, they are lethal "We're really proud of what he's done. Whatever they

By JAN JEFFRES Staff Writer

The longstanding feud between the City of Novi and tiny Novi Township may soon be so much water over the dam, as the two municipalities work towards an out-of-court settlement of their stormwater management differences.

Pivotal to the agreement is whether or not a proposed detention pond may be relocated to what is possibly Novi's largest singlefamily residence, the 30-acre Van Buren family estate on Nine Mile

They're now listening to all the ideas we have, after all these years," Novi Township Supervisor Ray Schovers said Monday. "May be the change in the city council means they're being more open-minded. It looks promising."

In 1986, township residents were horrified to learn that as part of the city's 1983 Stormwater Master Plan, a dam and a stormwater detention basin was planned on Miller Creek at the point where it flows through Novi Township. The township suggested a string of

Municipalities seek settlement

But in 1992, after 15 months of negotiation with the Chedworth Drive residents, the Novi City Council decided to seek condemnation of portions of their backyards in Oakland County Circuit Court.

A condemnation proceeding has two parts. First, the city must prove it has a need for the property. Novi Township did not contest this.

As the second phase, a trial was scheduled for March to determine how much the city would have to pay for the easements. However, the city council agreed to postpone

the action until May, allowing the city time to review a compromise proposed by an engineer retained

by the township, Larry Paxton. Key to a possible settlement is the Van Buren estate. Barbara Van Buren, who lives on the wooded estate, said last year she'd lost a \$2 million sale to a developer because of extensive flooding caused by upstream city development.

"We gave them (the township) more time. He (Paxton) has apparently worked out some potential

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Today, January 6

Nevi schools: The Novi schools Board of Education will meet in regular session in the Educational Services Building.

Monday, January 10

City council: The Novi City Council will meet at 8 p.m. in the council

Health tests: Community EMS will sponsor blood pressure testing and cholesterol testing in the Novi Civic Center from 7:30-9 p.m. in conjunction with the Novi City Council meeting.

Library board: The Novi Library Board will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi library building.

American Business Women's Assoc.: The Novi Oaks Charter Chapter of the American Business Women's Association will meet at Country Epicure Restaurant on Grand River, Social Hour is at 6:30 p.m. with dinner at 7 p.m. followed by a general membership meeting. Cost is \$15. All working women are invited. For reservations call Cynthia McKissack, 397-7990. For membership information, call 478-5048.

TOPS: Take Off Pounds Sensibly for all ages meets at 7 p.m. at Novi High School, Room 109, For more information, call 348-9691.

Tuesday, January 11

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. call manager Warren Ledger at 348-2955.

Camera Club: The Novi Camera Club meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Parks meeting: The Novi Parks and Recreation Commission will Civic Center. For more information, call Hugh Crawford at 349-5079.

Chess Club: The Novi Chess Club will meet from 7-10 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center. There is no charge to attend and all players are welcome. For more information, call Tim Sawmiller, 344-9833 evenings af-

CHADD: Children with Attention Deficit Disorders of South Western Oakland County, serving the Novi school district, will hold a support group meeting at the Novi Public Library on Ten Mile Road. Registration

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Wednesday, January 12

Lions Club: The Novi Lions Club will meet at Klm's Gardens at 6:30 p.m. for dinner followed by a meeting.

Seniors potluck: The Novi Senior Social Club will gather at noon in the Novi Civic Center for their monthly polluck luncheon.

AARP meets: The Walled Lake Area Chapter of the American Association of Retired People holds its monthly meeting at 1 p.m. at the Walled Lake Community Education Center, formerly Walled Lake Middle School, 615 N. Pontiac Trail. Any lakes area community member 50 or over is welcome to attend. Call 960-8444, or 669-6299 for more

SPARK: The Society for the Preservation of American Racing Knowledge, the all-volunteer support organization for the Motorsports Hall of Fame of America, meets at 7 p.m. at the Novi Expo Center. The meeting is open to anyone interested in supporting the Hall of Fame and

Youth baseball: The board of directors of Novi Youth Baseball meets at 7:00 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center. The meeting is open to the

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-H Education Center, Twelve Mile at Meadowbrook Road. For chapter information or an invitation to one of the meetings, please call 642-7725.

Thursday, January 13

meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center.

Friday, January 14

Used book sale: Faith Community Presbyterian Church, 44400 W. Ten Mile Rd., is sponsoring a used book sale from 9 a.m. - 7 p.m. Book donations may be left at the church 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday through Fri-

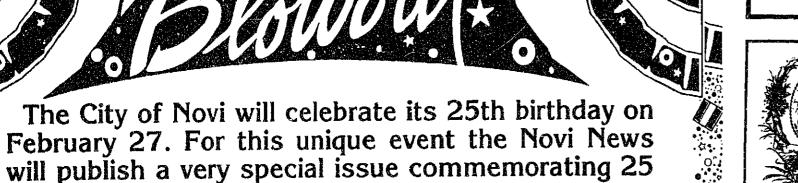


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Monday, January 17

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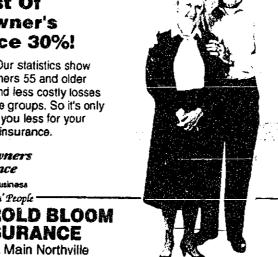
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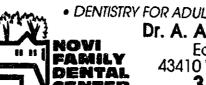
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Study says conservatives would emerge

By TIM RICHARD

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conservative after the 1998 election.

That's when term limitation takes effect under a

than two times," says the new Sec. 54 of Art. IV.

would be ineligible to serve if term limitation were

in effect today — cast a total of 33 yes and 11 no

29 yes and 31 no, just 48 percent in favor.

Senators in their first two terms cast a total of

In the House, all three bills received the bare 56

needed for passage and either 44 or 45 against.

House members serving four or more terms —

who would be ineligible if term limitation were in

effect today — voted 38 to 8, 34 to 12 and 36 to 13

in favor. Their favorable percentages were 83, 74

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Members in their first three terms voted 17 to 37, 22 to 32 and 20 to 31. Their favorable percentages were 31, 41 and 39, respectively. Michigan's Legislature is likely to turn more

The bills used for analysis were House Bills 5109, raising the single business tax by .4 percent to 2.75; HB 5110, the real estate transfer tax; and constitutional amendment approved by voters in HB 5111, establishing a statewide property tax

"No person shall be elected to the office of state Measures that passed overwhelmingly that representative more than three times. No person didn't focus on taxes or that required more than a shall be elected to the office of state senate more simple majority were not used. Amendments also

The findings were no surprise. Supporters of The conclusion that the Legislature will become term limitation said it would remove people who more conservative is based on this newspaper's study of voting patterns on three key school fi- had become part of "the system." They said it Party leaders trade votes. For example, Senate would bring in people closer to their constituents and to non-governmental jobs. Senators serving three or more terms — who

Party affiliation appeared to be a less important the privilege of voting no to look good back home factor than how long a lawmaker had served in In the Senate, 12 to 13 Republicans eight to

nine Democrats passed the measures.

In the House, each party put up 28 votes to make 56-vote majorities.

Party leaders like Sen. Dick Posthumus (Rfourth term), Sen. Art Miller (D-fifth term), Speaker Paul Hillegonds (R-eight terms) and of Gov. John Engler's pet ideas to come to a vote. Speaker Curtis Hertel (D-seven terms) voted for Junior members complain they haven't had

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Jack Faxon, D Farmington Hills, six terms skipped the session to perform in the *Nutcracker* ballet in Detroit; probably would have voted

David Honigman, R-West Bloomfield, first term gave two yes votes.

Robert Geake, R-Northville, four terms — had one yes vote out of three.

Other factors were at work to assure more yes

votes from senior lawmakers: Democratic chiefs promised to "put up" eight votes

and get reelected. ■ Veteran lawmakers have less reason to fear the

if Republicans put up 12. Junior members have

wrath of voters because of long service records and name recognition. Junior members frequently vote no to "send a message" to their elders that they are unhappy at not being consulted in deals. Jerry Vorva of Ply-

time to read lengthy bills before voting on them.

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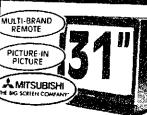
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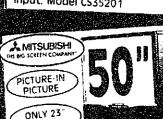


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forced entry. And the victims say they swerved hard to the left just in time to taken to Providence for a blood test. suspects broke one of the victim's didn't see any weapons nor did the avoid hitting the second officer's pat- He was arrested for felonious driving, noses and slapped and pushed the suspects imply they had any on rol car. He then took the eastbound operating under the influence of liq-other one. They fled the station in a

store opened for business. scription of the suspects but did say onto southbound 1-275. they were all black and between 5'10" There, one officer moved in behind INVOLUNTARY MISSING teens. The man with the broken nose

HIGH SPEED CHASE: A 36-year- slammed on his brakes.

By TIM RICHARD

the Twelve Mile McDonald's and stole 8-4.417 in cash from the fast-food re-

the manager for the keys to the safe. turned around to stop the man after driver to pass him.

after the suspects left, one of the em- officer, the driver aimed his 1984 ing traffic and clipped a pick-up Ford Tempo at another Novi officer traveling southbound on I-275. By the time police arrived, the sus- who had pulled a motorist over for Police ambushed the driver and

> ond officer to steer clear of the driver breathalyzer. Police secured a search entrance ramp to 1.96.

up and began chasing the motorist cious destruction of property for owner. The employees could not give a de- down the freeway. The trio merged ramming into the patrol car.

gesture to the officer before he police the man had not returned

Local governments would have a and harassment. It turned out to be Voting no: Democrats Jack Faxon

more difficult time pushing shooting true. The NRA was right. You (oppo- of Farmington Hills and Pollack,

ranges out of business under two nents of Holfman's bills) want to whose district includes Salem Town-

This would take away the right of 11. the key measure declaring a that would allow local units to im-

local units to control hours of opera-sport shooting range is not a public or pose "impact fees" on target ranges

tion," said Sen. Lana Pollack, D-Ann private nuisance" if its operation and use the money to buy nearby Arbor, an opponent. I believe people conforms to generally accepted ophouses that are affected by noise. It

who live in the neighborhood need to eration practices." Those practices drew only nine of the necessary 20

"These regulations have one prup The bill, opposed by the Michigan Chris Dingell, D-Trenton, opposing

ose: to harass sport shooters, said Municipal League and Michigan Faust's amendment. This Legisla-

the bills' sponsor, Sen. Phil Hoffman. Townships Association, also prohiture has expressed strong aversion to

R-Horton, "Thave 60 townships in my bits local units from restricting impact fees." The debate turned bit-

district, and they would have 60 dif-shooting ranges already in operation ter with religious and ethnic

(We Cater To Cowards)

"I used to think the National Rifle Area lawmakers voting yes: Repu-even if we're not blessed with the holy representative.

be able to turn to local elected offi- are defined as standards of NRA, al-

ferent sets of regulations," said the but not from writing restrictions remarks.

Senate guns down local control

Sen. Don Koivisto, D-Ironwood, "NRA Fred Dillingham of Fowlerville, and

said there would be licenses, taxes David Honigman of West Bloomfield.

controversial bills passed by the state license, tax and take guns away." ship. Sen. William Faust, D- same as the one it took in prohibiting

though NRA isn't named in the bill. This says 'soak 'em.' " said Sen.

repeatedly rammed his Tempo into Police first encountered the man the rear end of the patrol car. The of-She complied and then returned to speeding on Novi Road. The officer ficer switched lanes and allowed the

home after working his midnight

The Senate Tuesday passed, 25 to Westland, offered an amendment local units from having tighter hand-

Association was unreasonable," said blicans Robert Geake of Northville. water of the NRA."

She told police the man didn't drink and has never disappeared before. The family of the missing man contacted area police departments and local hospitals to see if he had been injured, but there were no leads. Police still have no leads in the onto the shoulder, but before police

day on Jan. 3.

ASSAULT AND BATTERY: Two Livonia men said they were assaulted by two unknown white males at the Speedway gas station at Eight Mile into the station. There he refused to and Haggerty roads Dec. 17.

last seen driving his 1974 Ford Tor-

ino. He was not scheduled to work

again until after the New Year's Holi-

The victims were walking to the gas station from Taco Bell when they Police say there was no sign of who was heading his way. The Tempo warrant for his blood and then was encountered their assailants. The uor, fleeing and eluding police, trans-1994 Lincoln Mark VIII that was re-The incident occurred before the The second officer provided back porting open intoxicants, and mali-gistered to a lease with no registered

The victims say their assailants were two white males in their late and 60° tall with medium builds. the Tempo while the other pulled up ADULT: The long-time girlfriend of told police he would press charges if Police are still investigating the along side of the vehicle. The driver of a 28-year-old Novi man reported that the suspects were caught. The secthe Tempo made an obscene hand he was missing on Dec. 22. She told ond victim didn't want to prosecute.

Citizens with information about the old Novi man led police through a The officer in front then merged in shift at his job in Plymouth that day, above incidents are urged to call the high speed cat and mouse game on front of the Tempo. The driver then The woman said her boyfriend was Novi Police Tip Line at 349-6887.

Added Virgil Smith, D-Detroit

"You white folks may be afraid o

The Senate's position was the

gun restrictions than the state. It as-

serts the state's pre-emption of gun

Michigan's constitutional protec-

tion of gun ownership, stronger than

the U.S. Bill of Rights', says: "Every

MICHIGAN'S LARGEST

them (the NRA). I'm not,"

Joint meeting: The Novi schools board of education and the Novi City Council will hold a special joint tonight (Jan. 6) beginning at 6 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Educational Services Building on Talt Road. The board's regualar meeting will commence at 7:30 p.m.

Cookies now on sale: Local Girl Scouts in your community will be taking advance orders for Girl Scout cookies between Jan. 7 and Jan. 23. Proceeds from the sale support a wide variety of programs for local Girl Scout troops and more than 31,000 girls throughout southern Oakland and Wayne counties. Cookies are priced at \$2.50 per package. There are seven varieties of cookies: Samoa, Thin Mint, Trefoil (short-

bread), Tagalong, Do-si-do, Chalet Creme and the brand-new Juliette. Football raffle: You've got a one in 1,000 chance to win two tickets to the 1994 Super Bowl in Atlanta, if you enter the Novi Optimist Club

The tickets, which sell for \$10 apiece, provide the winner and his or her guest airfare from Detroit Metro Airport to Atlanta, four days and three nights of deluxe accommodations in the Hampton Inn Hotel in northwest Atlanta, a daily continental breakfast, reserved game tickets, transfers to and from the Georgia Dome stadium and, last but far from least, \$300 in spending money.

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

The lucky sports fan will be chosen in a drawing on Friday, Jan. 14 at the Novi Civic Center Atrium, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road. Only 1,000 tick-You can get your raffle ticket at the Novi Parks and Recreation Depart-

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-

Education Notes

Mail-in registration: Schoolcraft College's continuing education winter mail-in registration is being held through Jan. 24. Continuing Education Services offers more than 400 classes, workshops and seminars that provide programs for professional development and just plain fun. Day and evening classes are available. Students can pay for classes by check, Visa, Mastercard or Discover card. For further information or a free copy of the winter continuing education course schedule, please call the Continuing Education office at 462-4448.

Transitions seminars: Free Transitions seminars have been set for February at all four Oakland Community College campuses. The Transitions Seminars are five-session weekly programs offering support, direction, educational guidance and career planning advice to adults thinking about their futures. Participants will examine personal, academic and career goals, and identify the methods for achieving their objectives with the help of counseling professionals.

Starting in late February, the winter series of Transitions Seminars person has a right to keep and bear arms for the defense of himself and will be offered at four OCC campuses. Participants may choose from morning or evening sessions. Admission is free, but advance registration is required. Participants must also meet income eligibility The bills have been sent to the House. Refer to Senate Bills 788 and rural Jackson County lawmaker. prior to establishment of a range. Said Pollack: "We can get reelected 789 when writing to your state

Call 340-6802 for further information and to reserve a spot in the Transitions Seminar of your choice.



Novi High Schoolers found out the hard way what it was like to be 'part of the system.' On Tuesday, Dec. 7, students in Diane King's Business Law class created a mock court with Honorable Judge Brian MacKenzie presiding. As part of what's become an annual event, Law Day, students ushered witnesses and other court personnel into the auditorium to have their hearings in front of Judge MacKenzie and his court personnel. Mackenzie, who has reportedly become known to his colleagues as 'Mad Mac', sentenced student offenders on a variety of charges.

Trucking bill speeds to Engler

By TIM RICHARD

State Sen. David Honigman wasn't smoking anything. His long-buffeted trucking deregulation bill is headed toward Gov. John Engler's desk for signing into law. "What if someone told you that the

government had just done something which will improve Michigan's business climate, reduce prices for consumers, expand opportunities for people struggling to make an honest living, while also reducing air potion and traffic accidents?" said Honigman, R-West Bloomfield. You'd probably wonder what he'd

escaped from. "But wait - This isn't an out-ofseason April Fool's joke. The government has finally managed to do something that makes almost everybody better off," said Honigman, whose district will include Novi after the Legislature returns to session

been smoking, or what loony bin he'd

The state would cease regulating 70 percent of intrastate trucking under Honigman's Senate Bill 581. "The political reality is that the votes simply aren't there to totally eliminate all economic regulation of intrastate trucking," Honigman and Democratic floor leader John Cherry of Clio said in a letter to colleagues.

During the Christmas Eve marathon session that rewrote school finance, the Senate quietly concurred, 34-0, in minor House amendments to the bill. The House holdup was over the question of total Honigman's bill ran into a buzz

saw of opposition when it first reached the Senate floor in the spring. He took it back into his Labor Committee, negotiated with business and industry, and won Senate passage in October.

The bill deregulates the largest shippers but allows state regulation of small, local movers. Many senators from both parties

feared total deregulation would bring the same result as federal deregulation of airlines and bus companies bankruptcy of small firms and no service in rural counties. About 20 to 30 percent of trucking

in Michigan is intrastate and subject to state regulation. Under a 1933 state law, the state Public Service Commission granted "operating authorities" to trucking companies to carry specified products over certain routes. PSC regu-

lated their prices. The process became lucrative for attorneys because whenever a company sought an operating authority. others could file protests with PSC. Results, said Honigman, have been intrastate rates 20 to 25 percent higher than interstate rates, and rates 15 to 20 percent higher than in

Ohio and Illinois. The new law says truckers won't have to file route, cargo or rate information with PSC. The state's role will be reduced to safety regulation.

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By JAN JEFFRES

Attorney keeps

shanty on ice

regulation was adopted, an officer at later than one-half hour after the Michigan Department of Natural sundown. Novi's two lakes.

what the law is," Marion Groton, a court, Stipp pointed out. spokesperson for the attorney gen- The DNR official who requested eral's office, explained Monday. "This the attorney general's opinion said has been longer than with other At that the daily removal could be a torney General's opinions. There is hardship to elderly and an attempt to get a consensus and handicapped.

At the urging of lakes area residents concerned about the chronic safety hazard to swimmers and boa-It might be easier to get a roomful ters posed by abandoned and parof anglers to agree on what's the best tially submerged shantles, the Novi bait than to get lawyers at the Michi- City Council adopted the ruling in gan Attorney General's office to reach November 1990 that shanties must an accord on Novi's ice shanty be registered with the city clerk's office and may not be on the ice earlier In the fall of 1990, shortly after the than one-half hour before sunrise or

Resources' Livonia office asked the This year, no one's registered a attorney general to investigate the shanty with the Novi City Clerk's oflegality of the requirement that ice fice and no one did last year, either. shantles be removed daily from That's because the ice fishers are all going over to the City of Walled Lake You could say the attorney gen-side of the lake, Novi City Clerk Gerry eral's office has been flip-flopping Supp said.

"Right now, it's working out pretty An official opinion on the matter good. We don't get the complaints abappears to be the one that keeps get- out the shantles floating up in the spring," she added.

"As we speak, we're working on yet Even if the attorney general's office another draft. It's not because we har finds that Novi's ordinance is not ven't worked on it. There are hold- constitutional, someone would still ups on getting people to agree on have to sue the city to get a ruling in

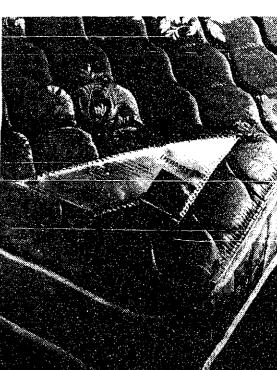
sometimes a consensus isn't easy to Groton said a decision on whether or not the city has the right to regu-The state has jurisdiction over late this activity on a public lake Walled Lake and after ice fishers should be reeled in soon.

complained to the DNR, the concern "I would hope it would be in the was raised that the City of Novi was foreseeable future. This has been one of the hardest ones," she added.

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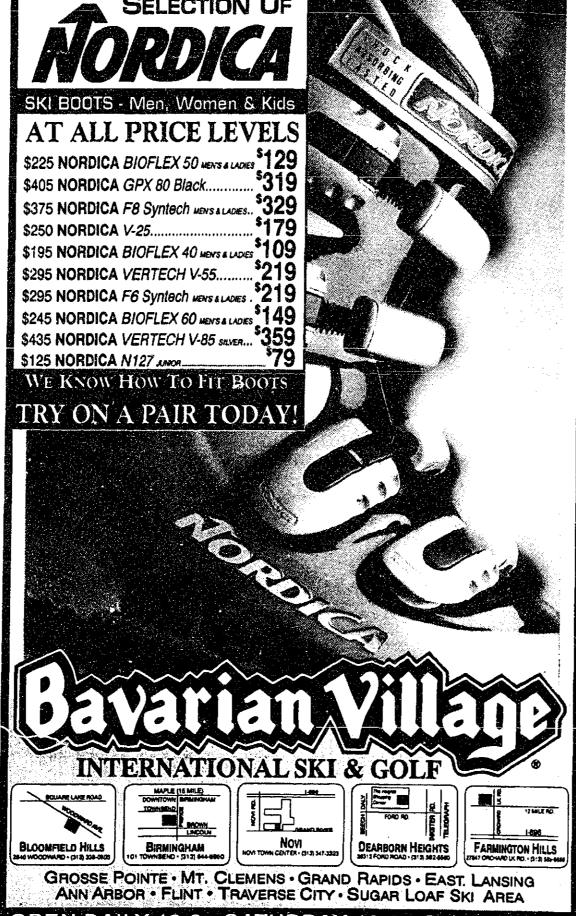
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Court of Appeals ruling ordering for six months or more and for those them to give up the eight-year-old girl they raised from infancy, their attor- for at least a year. ney said Tuesday.

Stephanie Meade lived with foster parents Jackie and James Meade she was 31/2 years old, her biological court to wrest her back.

The Meades' lawyer, Scott Bassett. said that if an appeal is filed by Jan. 17 to the Michigan Supreme Court, the couple will not have to immediately hand over Stephanie to Randall, who lives in Wisconsin.

"It will be filed by then. Then the Supreme Court will stop action by the appeals court and Stephanie will stay, Bassett said. "We're not telling her (about the ruling) yet. We don't want her to panic unnecessarily. We don't want to create unnecessary trauma for her. It's not good news.

There are things we can do." It could be as soon as February when the Michigan Supreme Court makes its decision, he added. The Meades could not be raised for

comment by press-time. As another approach in the battle wanted them to adopt the little girl. to keep Stephanie with the couple who raised her, Bassett said he is working with the Child Advocacy years old, Randall sought and won a Clinic at the University of Michigan law school, to determine if a civil legal guardianship. Because of this, rights lawsuit can be filed on the girl's the Michigan Appeals Court ruled

seek a "best interest" custody hear-

House Bill 4195, currently in the House Judiciary Committee, would provide this option for third parties A Novi couple will fight a Michigan who have raised a child under age 3 who have looked after a child over 3

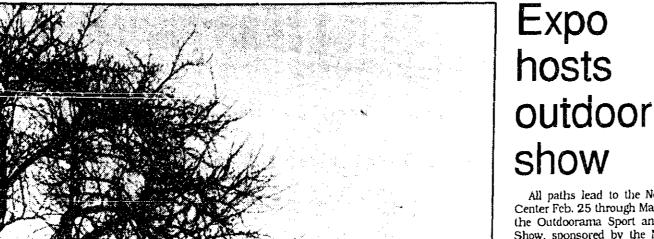
"We can't rely on the courts to protect children. Hopefully, the new legislation can take effect before Stesinceshe was four days old, but when phanie is taken away from the Meades," he said. "We will find a way mother, Lisa Randall, first went to legally to protect Stephanie,

> The Michigan Court of Appeals on Dec. 27 found that the Meades, who hoped to adopt Stephanie, were no longer technically her legal guardians and therefore did not have the standing to seek a best interest court hearing to determine who would win custody of the child. The Oakland County Friends of the Court have already recommended that the Meades

Stephanie, who is mentally disabled, first entered the Meades' lives in 1986 when she was removed from Randall shortly after her birth by the Menominee County Department of Social Services, Randall's two other children had also been put into foster care by Menominee County. The Meades say Randall told them she

gradual phase-out of the Meades' that they were no longer legal guardians when they filed their custody Bassett said he is hopeful new legislation will be passed allowing third to seek the best interest hearing.

The Meades have been backed by ing, even if they are not legal the Ann Arbor-based DeBoer Com-



All paths lead to the Novi Expo Center Feb. 25 through March 6 for the Outdoorama Sport and Travel Show, sponsored by the Michigan United Conservation Clubs.

Outdoorama, the granddaddy of outdoor recreation shows, offers outdoor enthusiasts an opportunity to explore over 300,000 square feet of exhibits displaying the latest in fishing and hunting equipment, vehicles and recreation destinations throughout North America with expanded space this year devoted to power and fishing boats.

The 1994 lineup of events and seminars at Outdoorama brings back such favorites to see and meet as Bob Jenni, the "Oklahoma Snake Man," along with Jim Clay, turkey hunting and calling expert, while taking on a new look with the addition of Leonard Lee Rue, worldacclaimed wildlife photographer, and

cooking demonstrations. Da Yoopers, with their unique varlety of musical antics, take the stage daily for an exclusive Detroit engage ment. Crowd-pleasing hits for the five-member troupe include "Rusty Chevrolet" and "Second Week of Deer

tional moments when visitors take close-range view of owls, hawks, falcons and a variety of wetland species under the supervision of MUCC wild

Admission is \$6 for adults; \$3 for children 12 and under; children under 5 admitted free; and senior ci tizens 60 and older, \$2.50 (weekdays only) before 6 p.m.

Outdoorama is a non-profit event. All net proceeds from the 1994 show will help support MUCC's conservation efforts and environmental education programs throughout the



photo, of the Fuerst estate barns next to Novi In harsh winter weather.

A change in the jet stream brought arctic cold High School at sunset on Dec. 29 — when the down on Novi, along with much of the rest of temperature was 5 degrees and wind chill was the country during the final week of 1993. This below zero - shows beauty can be found even

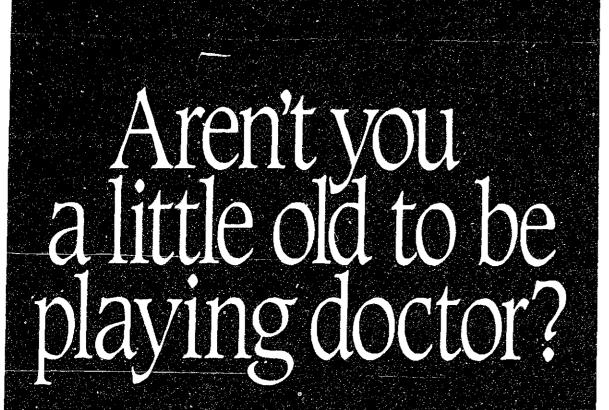
Wiring suspected in mobile home fire

The year 1993 ended on a tragic in the early morning hours of Dec. 29. She got there during the course of call at 5:04 a.m. By that time, it was The total loss was estimated at Janice Pruitt's mobile home at time, according to the fire depart- able cause was electrical."

note for an Old Dutch Farm Colony Prultt was not present when the fire the fire. Fire Chief Arthur Lenaghan too late to do anything to save the re- \$28,000. broke out; she was spending the said. "It was a total loss. It's a very un-sidence, Lenaghan said. The departnight at her parents home at the fortunate circumstance. The prob-The Novi Fire Department got the

hours until the flames were

to four mobile homes in Novi in 1993. 48909; or call (517)371-1041.



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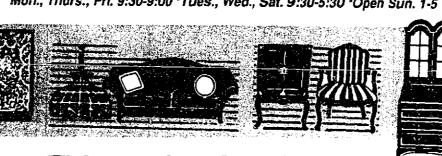
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"We might buy only as much as going to suffer from it. That's one

for comment by press-time.

that's a personal hardship. We're

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cuss it with our engineers."

with an offer of \$20,000.

didn't rule it out entirely.

city which was never settled to their wells.

thing" that the city will opt to purch- here.

they could actually 'gift' it to us if analyze.

compromise with regard to the age," Kriewall said. drainage. If we can work out an arrangement with Mrs. Van Buren, talked to her (Barbara Van Buren) we may be able to locate the deten-directly at all. A Realtor's representtion pond on her property," Novi ing us." City Manager Edward Kriewall "He's (Paxton) got to do most of Schovers contends the dam

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which were released on Dec. 16, 1993 by the Oakland County Department of Solid Waste Management, deal primarily with changes requested by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources at the time they issued a "conditional" approval to the plan in November 1991.

The amendments cover the flow of solid waste to and from other Michi gan counties; an interim siting process which contains objective criteria and which guarantees that future landfill applications, if all criteria are met, will be approved; and a revised

March 1994, after which the amendments will be redrafted by the Oakland County executive and his staff. based upon the comments received. The revised document will then be presented to the Solid Waste Planning Committee, which will then make its recommendations to the

One Public Works Drive, Waterford, MI 48328. Written comments and requests to be placed on the current mailing list for committee meeting notices should also be sent to the same

Obituaries

CHARLENE E. JONES

Oakland General Hospital in Madison Heights. She was 70. Mrs. Jones was born Oct. 3, 1923 in Collinsville, Texas. She had been a homemaker and a member of the VFW Auxillary.

She is survived by Donald, her great grandchildren.

The funeral was Dec. 28 at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home. The Rev. Dr. Edward Mattox, of Forest Park Baptist Church in Farmington Hills, offlciated. Interment was at South Lyon

Kids may park at 'Pink Cadillac'

there were a potential development plan that included potential drainat the mall can be a drag for even the "Anything's possible. We haven't most avid teenage consumer. And there aren't many public places around town catering expressly to - or even particularily wel Van Buren could not be reached coming - the 12- to 18-year-old set. Now, Kerope Arman, owner of the Peachtree Tree Specialty Center on Meadowbrook Road, has a solution the juggling. That's his job. He was would work better on the Van Bu-

As early as 1978, before the Dun- In the original strategy, the city tertainment Center. barton Pines subdivision was built, targeted 13 township properties for "It would be a tremendous benefit ings such as hula hoop contests, yothe Van Buren family protested to condemnation. The detention pond to youngsters to have a place to inter- yo demonstrations, '50s film festivals the council that the new develop- would keep standing water for as ment would flood them out. A long as five days in easements in the ing around the 7-11, having a nice atculvert from Dunbarton Pines backyards of some of these homes drains onto the Van Buren land. In Residents fear this would kil 1990, the Van Burens presented a their trees, flood their basements \$307,000 flood damage claim to the and endanger their septic fields and

satisfaction. The city countered "We're not just being belligeren neighbors and hard-core radicals Late last year, the city turned We have legitimate concerns. down an offer from the Van Burens Schovers said. "That is where the on that popular era in The Pink Cadillac, featuring the music, fast food to sell their entire property, includ- dam belongs, on the low area away ing the house, to Novi for \$2 million. from us. They're the ones who flood Kriewall said it's "not the likely it doesn't do any good to put it up

luke box, bowling, golf putting, shuting, sports, exercise and videos. Not company and test one another's bills," he said

"You can only go to the li-Spending your free-time hanging brary so much. There's a

he hopes is economically feasible. He tleboard, air hockey, billiards, backplans to spring it on young Novi in gammon, soccer, a movie viewing April — The Pink Cadillac Family Enmachine and a photo booth. Arman

act, to have some fun in lieu of hang- and sports hero showcases. The Pink Cadillac would also cater mosphere instead of just lurking ab- to special events like birthday parout," Arman said Monday. "You can ties. It would open in 4,600 square need someone to talk to, the church's "It was very well received. People only go to the library so much, feet of retail space at Peachtree Spe-

Don't think Arman copped the In a city that annually goes gaga name from a song title, he's the proud over the 1950s, Arman would focus owner of just such a vintage vehicle. The City of Novi has long been hip iness, not a babysitting service, sell enough '50s-style cream sodas to and fads of 40 years ago along with a to the fact that local teens feel the where kids younger than middle turn a profit? That's what Arman is full menu of 1990s-style electronic lack of a place to call their own. A school age would have to be accomtrying to work out now.

great void after school's

Kerope Arman Not much has happened on these

Holy Family Church on Meadow- three- to four- foot tall pieces. He'd brook Road. Groundbreaking is ten- like to replicate this on a somewhat tatively scheduled for this spring. smaller scale, to help teens develop church aims to create a small drop-in demands. While the details are not formalized.

1990 survey conducted by a MSU re-panied by an adult. But even teens 1 wonder from an economnic Among the fun stuff could be Engl- seacher here found that local young- could bring their parents along standpoint, will something like this ish darts, master shot basketball, a sters wanted a place featuring danc-sometime, to enjoy one another's fly? Obviously, I've got to pay the

long after that, the city formed a Teen skills at the games. Center Committee to find ways to "I'd like to expose kids to what At one time, the former Providence man, the father of one teen and one site at Ten Mile and Haggerty roads middle school-aged child.

was viewed as a possible place for the One experience he'd like to share teen center, as was the Novi Expo with the younger generation is his Center and the former Fuerst farm. enthusiasm for the game of chess. "If you ask a kid let's play some Another teen center is also in the from outer space," Arman said. city's future, this one as a small part In Europe, it is common to see in of a \$3.5 to \$4 million expansion of city parks large chess boards with

Father John Budde says the the ment... acuteness the game center for teenage parishioners. Arman says he's talked to homeit's likely there will be a billiards table—they'd feel about such a business in

and other games there. For teens who their neighborhood. youth group advisor will be available. were really happy. The majority "We hear a lot about it from teens thought it was necessary," he said. and from people in general that there The Pink Cadillac will sell retail

really isn't any place for teens to items, ice cream, sandwiches and other refreshments. What Arman is proposing is a bus-But can a business of this nature

County for Novi

The deletion of material recovery facility sites for the processing of recyclables in Novi, Rose Township and Pontiac is included in proposed amendments to the 1990 Oakland County Solid Waste Plan Update as authorized by the Solid Waste Planning Committee, along with the addition of new MRF sites in Southfield and Pontiac, and an expansion of the Wayne Disposal-Oakland Landfill in

A public hearing will be held in late

approval. The committees's final deliberations will occur in mid- to late-A copy of the amendments may be obtained by requesting the document in writing along with the remittance of \$4 to: 1990 Plan Update Amendments, Solid Waste Planning.

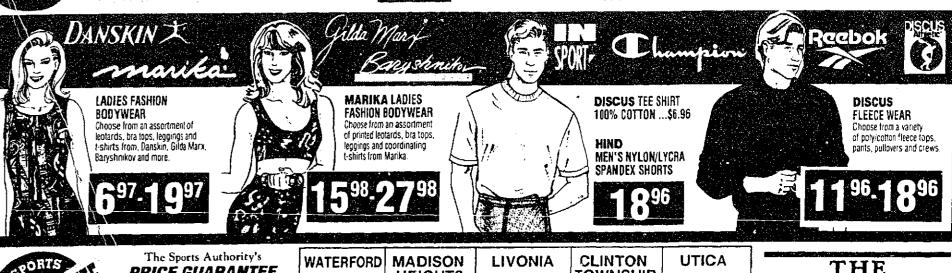
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School taxes still come twice a year

By SHARON CONDRON

The Novi Board of Education voted not to increase the summer tax col-

More than two dozen Novi residents braved sub zero temperatures to attend the special board meeting and voice their desire to maintain the 50-50 split in taxes residents now pay on bi-annual bills.

Two weeks ago, the school board had entertained the idea of collecting all of the taxes in July and eliminating the winter collection. But that was before the state Legislature passed the new school aid bill.

The new aid bill which emerged after a marathon session of the Legisladistrict officials' fears about a loss in mer. The bill guarantees school districts \$10 billion in state aid and affords them the opportunity to levy enough millage this year to maintain

the same level of funding as last year. the district would have a cash flow district has relied financially on the safety net if state revenues were restate and not on local tax revenue to duced. Koster said then that levying support its program, Koster said. the full tax millage in July would guarantee enough tax revenue for the tunate enough that it hasn't been dedistrict to stay afloat through school pendent on the state, but under the year 1994-95. Without it, Koster and new plan Novi will be dependent," other school officials feared they Koster said. would be cash deficient under the At the Dec. 16 meeting, Koster said 50-50 split if the lawmakers cut the new dependency could cause property taxes and withheld addi-funding problems for the district if

agreement with the City of Novi by problems. says the board had to squeeze a will be until October," he said. "Be- ers approval to levy additional mil

the board got around to addressing borrow." the issue, their fears about losing state aid under the state's new school aid bill were alleviated.

School officials worried that after to fund itself. the Legislature wiped out \$6 billion in all of their lost millage revenue. That clent," Koster said.

hasn't happened for districts like

Under the new plan, there are 35 districts in the state who will be allowed to levy an additional 1.5 to 3 mills above and beyond the statutory millage outlined by the state. The enhancement millage will afford Novi schools the opportunity to retain its current \$6,800 per pupil expenditure, and give it a a one percent

In addition, lawmakers provided \$10 billion in guaranteed aid to public schools regardless of which tax increase plan is put into effect after the March 15 ballot.

Michigan voters will be asked to decide whether they want to raise sales taxes to pay for education in the spring election. If voters reject Gov. John Engler's plan to raise sales tax from 4 cents to 6 cents and cap property tax at 6 mills, then the Legislature's plan to raise income taxes from property taxes at 12 mills will automatically kick in.

Last Wednesday, Koster gave a terse overview of the impact the new Jim Koster, the district's assistant bill would have on Novi schools. The for the 100 percent levy, residents new bill, he said, would force Novi Schools to rely on state aid to run its mer bill and nothing in the winter. lecton at a Dec. 16 meeting so that programs. It will be the first time the

> But it was still less than the 34 mills "The school district has been forresidents paid in two installments last year. (17 mills in July and 17 in December] And if Engler's 6 mill plan passes in March, under the full summer collection. Novi residents would have

forced the district to rely on state aid manent renewal in 1995.

had to pay 13 mills in July and nothing in December. state aid payments are late. That's State law requires the school dis- why he offered the full tax levy as a said the district can levy the entrict to have a signed tax collection safety net for potential cash flow year-end. If the board wanted to "If we are dependent on the state change the tax structure, the law we won't know what our revenues

public hearing in before Dec. 31. fore we were always in a positive cash lage. Byers said that if the board exer-The hearing was scheduled for position because we relied on prop-cises its right to the enhancement Wednesday, Dec. 29, but by the time erty taxes and we didn't need to mills before the 1995 deadline, board That could have changed if the the current millage and ask voters to state lowered Novi's millage rate and approve the new millage as the per

"If we become state-aid reliant, (we would be a permanent millage. We property tax revenues last summer, a face) the uncertainty of when aid will can't add to it, but it would be a pernew school aid bill would not replace come in so we might be cash defi- manent renewal.

SCHOOL FUNDING OPTIONS

Unlike last year's Proposal A election, in which voters defeated a sales tax increase that was tied to school finance reform, the current package does not give voters a choice of remaining with the status quo. If voters turn down a measure that would boost the sales tax, then a back-up plan takes effect, raising the income tax. Here's a rundown of the two proposals voters will decide on when they head to the polls March 15.

	CURRENT	BALLOT PLAN	BACK-UP PLAN
Income Tax	4.6%	4.4%	6%
Personal Exemption	1		
on State Tax	\$2,100	\$2,100	\$3,000
Sales Tax	4%	6%	4%
Single			
Business Tax	2.35%	2.35%	2.75%
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(per pack)	25¢	75¢	40¢
Property Tax			
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School Tax)	29.4 mills	6 mills	12 111115
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cottages, etc.		24 mills	24 mills
Local Millage option		3 mills	3 mills
Real Estate			
Transfer Tax	0.11%	2%	1%

and included the 4.7 mills of district

debt and two enhancement mills.

School Board President Ray Byers

hancement mills without voter ap-

proval until January 1995. After that

the board would have to seek taxpay

members would roll the increase into

"It's a one time deal," he said. "I

The board can levy up to 13 mills

Koster said if the board had opted this year and that is current until January of 1995," said Byers, "In Januwould have paid 19 mills on the sumary of 1995 we would ask your apeever, appears to allow one property The 19 mills was based on the 12 mill the additional two mills as a perma-homes. "Every tax other than the lard of Milford voted yes. allocation under the new state bill

Lawsuit may loom over business tax

By TIM RICHARD

Business is the interest that appears to have been left in the frigid article. cold as the state Legislature rewrote school finance laws last week. The Michigan Chamber of Commerce this week threatened a lawsuit

against the property tax portion of the complex plan. Owners of business property and second homes will pay 24 mills. Homeowners will pay 12 mills under the legislative bills or six mills if voters hike the sales tax March 15.

"We've got a clever scheme to have a six-mill tax on homesteads and a 24-mill tax for commercial property." said Robert LaBrant, general counsel for the state chamber.

tive for private businesses and entre preneurs," said Rep. Greg Kaza, R-Rochester Hills, a conservative Northville.

general ad valorem property tax shall be uniform upon the class or classes on which it operates," says sec. 3 of Art. IX, the Finance and Taxation

Currently, all classes of property - homes, farms, commercial, industrial, mining and forests - are charged the same millage rates within a district. The statewide average is 34.5 mills for school

The Legislature in July wiped out local school operating property taxes to the tune of \$6.9 billion. The new finance package is designed to replace

The Senate barely passed House Bill 5111, which sets up the state education finance authority to collect a statewide property tax. The vote "High tax rates discourage eco- was the bare minimum of 20 in favor nomic activity and act as a disincen- and 14 against, with four absent. Area senators voting yes included Republican Robert Geake of

Missing the vote were David Hor igman, R-West Bloomfield, and Jack

The Michigan Constitution, how- Faxon, D-Farmington Hills. The House also barely passed that proval to levy the millage and then tax rate for business and one for bill, 56 to 45. Republican Willis Bul-

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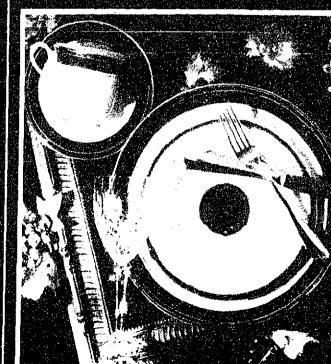
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constitutional amendment "now that the costs of printing and mailing were this school stuff is out of the way." becoming burdensome. Also interested is a House leader — The last successful ballot proposal Richard Bandstra of Grand Rapids. — in 1992 for term limitation — got

the Republican floor leader. "There's a groundswell going on from a national group, he said. against the MEA [Michigan Educa- Instead, Woloson's group will suption Association and the government port a yes vote for a state constitu-Northville and part of Livonia. "It's 16 years. It's automatically on the time to re-examine ourselves."

The school finance debate was Woloson's group had received Seclargely an argument of the House ver- retary of State approval for the wordsus the Senate more than a partisan ling of its proposal. Its Upper Peninargument. During the negotiations, sula coordinator was former maver-Vorva said, "Three or four members—ick state Rep. Stephen Dresch. where's that unicameral idea?" cameral (one chamber) legislature it.

Vorva said his proposal would be with 75 members (instead of the curtive to create a new legislative thirds vote of the Legislature and ap- gan, had emulated the U.S. Con-

to publicly endorse the Oakland and cut the Legislature's current op- other on statehood. State Rep. Jerry Vorva has picked group's one-house petition drive. Vorva has taken up the cause of a tee. It was headed by Henry Woloson, workers.

Only voters may amend Micha-Oakland County volunteer organiza- with a securities firm in Birmingham. gan's Constitution. There are two Woloson cited a "lack of proper methods of placing a proposed con- Fiscal conservatives — for a popular "I'm going continue to push for funding to run a petition drive. Even stitutional ariendment before voters: discussion," said Vorva. R. with 1,200 volunteers across the atwo-thirdsvote of each chamber of Plymouth, who is drafting a proposed state to circulate petitions, he said. the Legislature or 256,000 petition tions or rights; Kevorkian friends and signatures, collected in a six month Nebraska in 1937 became the only

state with a one-house legislature. \$750,000 of its \$800,000 budget "We know of efforts in California, Maine and Iowa," Woloson said. Michigan's current constitution industry, said Vorva, a freshman tional convention, referred to as Con on a vote of 811,000 to 803,000. Vot ownership. lawmaker whose district includes. Con. That Issue is on the ballot every ers in 1978 rejected calling a new constitutional convention by a three-November 1994 ballot. 10-one margin, 640,000 yes to 2.1

Woloson said there was an effort at the 1961-62 Con Con by Harold Norrts, a University of Detroit law profes sor, to create a one-house legislature. came up to me and said. "Vorva. Its plan would have: Created a uni- Fifty of the 148 delegates supported

That, said Weloson, was before the timed to go into effect in 1998, when rent 38 member Senate and 100 U.S. Supreme Court ruled in 1974 term limits (approved by loters in member House of Representatives); that state senate districts based on 1992) take effect. That timing would made the Legislature part time by land area violated the U.S. Constitugive incumbent lawmakers an incen- limiting sessions to 90 days (a two- tion. Many states, including Michi-

proval of the governor would have gress, where one chamber's member Vorva had been the only lawmaker been needed for special sessionsl: ship is based on population and the erating budget from \$96.7 million to

"We've already achieved ballot ac-The Oakland group was called Cut S50 million a year, eliminating staff cess if we use Con Con," Woloson Excess State Government Commit- members who double as campaign said. Then we need to get people in there for an intelligent discussion." Many groups are likely to look at

> Con Con to Institute their pet ideas: tion foes and defenders - for restric foes - for rights to or prohibition of assisted suicide; religious conservatives - for school prayer, Bible reading, teaching of creationism. vouchers, "parents rights" and abolition of the State Board of Education: law and order zealots — for the death was barely adopted by voters in 1962 penalty: liberals — against gun

> > A Senate Fiscal Agency study said a Con Con would cost the state about \$24 million

That breaks down to \$9.3 million for delegates and staff and \$15 million for three statewide elections -- a partisan primary, a general election of delegates and an election to approve or disapprove a proposed new

Michigan has had four constitutions in its history: 1837, 1850, 1908 conventions in 1926, 1942, 1948,

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through another long, cold Michigan for the home and garden all under Academy' and lawn care informawinter. Start thinking spring at the one roof." second annual Spring Home & Gar-The Spring Home & Garden Show den Show, which opens Feb. 3 at the features over 200 exhibitors display-Novi Expo Center. ing the latest technology, products The show will inspire your creaand services for kitchens, baths,

Livity for springtime home and gardoors, windows, yard/gardens, reden projects," said Robert R. Jones, modeling, furniture, arts and crafts. president of the non-profit Builders decorative accessories, electronics, Association of Southeastern Michiheating, cooling and appliances. gan and Robert R. Jones Associates in West Bloomfield. The association

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Cross Country Skiing: Adults and children ages 8 and up will learn the basic skills of diagonal stride, uphill and downhill techniques, turning, and stopping in cross country skiling. Ski rental is available for \$6.25 at Maybury State Park and includes skis, poles, boots and bind-

ings. Students will meet at the ski concession area. The class will meet Tucsday, Jan. 22 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. or Saturday, Jan. 29 from 1 to 2:30 p.m. The is \$12 per day.

Cross Country Ski Tour: To participate in this event, some cross country ski experience is necessary. Ski rental is available for \$6.25 at Maybury State Park and includes skis, poles, boots and bindings. The tour will meet Saturday, Jan. 8 or Jan. 22 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Maybury State Park Concession area. The fee is \$10 per family.

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driving issues, teenagers and pa- states. rents may both need to change their attitudes and behaviors towards driving. Parents must remember that percent of teen passenger fatalities increasing to 61 yards. the example they set each day sends occurred in alcohol-related a message to their children. Teena- accidents. gers, on the other hand, should try to tions" their parents ask come from

causes are:

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Night driving. Parents and teens need to agree on

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> Drinking drivers don't just kill complete stop. At 50 mph the stopthemselves. In 1990, more than 42 ping distance more than doubles --Signing a "Contract for Life," deve-

understand that the "nagging ques- loped by the organization Students Against Driving Drunk (SADD), re- 60 mph. duces the chances of teen drunk The first step in reducing the an-driving accidents. The Contract for nual 250,000 teen auto-related Life" is a reciprocal pact parents and deaths and injuries is to learn what teens sign agreeing to seek safe, causes accidents and the importance sober transportation home if ever in a of safe driving habits. The four basic situation where he/she has had too much to drink or a friend who is driving has had too much to drink. Parents and teens also promise to wait and discuss the issue the next day.

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"The Two of Us" is a story hour designed for 2- and 3-year-olds to share with a parent or caregiver in attendance at the session. "On My Own" is for 4- and 5-year-olds not yet in kindergarten. The parent or caregiver is asked to remain in the library while the story hour takes place.

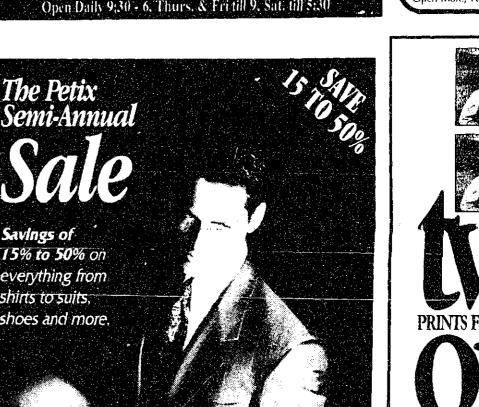
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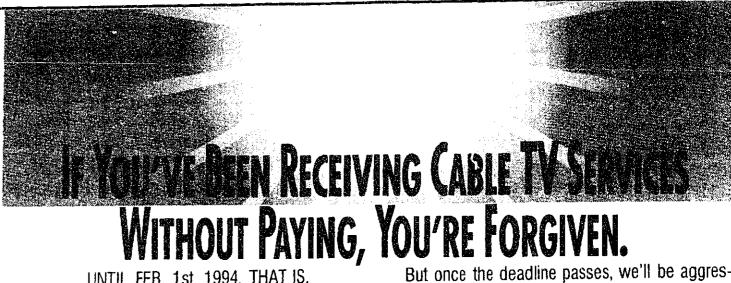
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Three try for one planning vacancy

Three Novi residents submitted applications and were interviewed Tuesday night to fill an unexpired seat on the Novi Planning

Former Planning Commissioner Robert Mitzel vacated his seat on the panel when he was elected to the Novi

There are six months remaining in his three-year term that a new commissioner will be asked to fill.

and Gary Myers all submitted applications to the Novi City Clerk Gerry Stipp before their Tuesday night public interviews by the city council. Stipp said the council is expected to decide who will fill the vacant seat

Phelps, 133 Maudlin, is a 11-year resident of Novi. He is self-employed as a planner and designer for Blue Wayne State University and Boston Carnegie course, according to his

ning. He has served as chairman of the Walled Lake Sector Implementa- nomics from Florida's Rollins tion Committee and as a member of College the Natural Resource Design Plan

I want to become more involved the Kiwanis and Lions Clubs since he with the planning and future deve- was 18 years old. He is currently a lopment on the City of Novi," Phelps stated as his reason for seeking the of the Novi Lions Club.

Attorney Gary Myers, 22477 served four years as a member of that Brook Forest, specializes in property city's planning commission. law with the BASF Corporation in Southfield. The five-year resident of serve the community I live in," he the city holds a law degree from the stated on his application. Detroit College of Law and a bache-

with raises

Three Northville school admini-

strators received Christmas presents

in the form of pay hikes late last

month, but according to Superinten-

dent Dr. Leonard Rezmierski the sal-

ary increases were long overdue.

each were granted a 3-percent

"position/responsibility adjustment"

and a 3-percent salary increase Dec.

The raises cover the period be-

tween July 1, 1993, and June 30. 1994, and bring Special Education

Director Robert Sornson's annual salary to \$80,464, Finance Director

John Street's salary to \$78,606 and Personnel Director R. Roy Danley's

Three other central office admini-

strators — Rezmierski and assistant

superintendents Dolly McMaster and David Bolitho - will continue to

abide by a voluntary pay freeze that building administrators and central office staff agreed to during the

Rezmierski noted that Sornson

Street and Danley have taken on added duties in the past two years

following the departure of two other

administrators. Operations Supervi-

sor James Hylman's position was eli-

minated during budget cuts in 1992, while Director of Instructional Ser-

vices William Hamilton resigned last

Somson's added duties include

supervision of the fourth Friday

count, supervising grant application budget and reports for the Student

Assistance Program and coordinating district parent training efforts.

meetings and analysis of state ballot proposals and the state Legislature's

school funding debate. Danley has assumed responsibility as chief ne-

gotiator for all employee groups and supervision of school transportation.

"It's a matter of playing catch-up."

Street's added responsibilities include teacher negotiations, attendance at school funding citizens'

June to take a position with Walled Lake Schools. Hamilton's position

was not filled.

salary to \$76,466.

1992-1993 school year.

20 following a closed session of the Northyille Board of Education.

The central office administrators

greets

By STEVE KELLMAN

State University. He says his experience as a research and development chemist and training in toxic substance control and pollution prevention may help him make wise decisions as a planning commissioner.

Myers is a member of the State Bar of Michigan, the Oakland County Bar Association, the American Chemical Society and Toastmasters

government and to assist in local government's objectives and standards Edward Phelps, Jr., Pete Hoadley son Myers is seeking the planning seat. "Planning is especially importion and growing public concern with environmental quality," he also said.

Hoadley has fewer years invested seems to have more ties to the com-Hoadley has lived in Novi for two and

Collar Enterprises. Phelps graduated a half years at 31084 Arlington from Notre Dame High School and Circle. He is retired now but had juster for years with various compa-College. He has also completed a Dale nies in Florida and Michigan. Hoadley also was an executive vice president for the Michigan Claim Service Phelps is no stranger to Novi plan- in Lansing. He holds a bachelor's and master's degree in business and eco-

> member in several local chapters of In Maitland, Florida, Hoadley

"I've always have had the desire to

Wildcats

Those

wacky

Novi High basketball fans rise to their feet cheer on their team, with hoots, hollers and rattled cans. The fans were doing their best to keep the 'Cat cagers alive in late season action in December.

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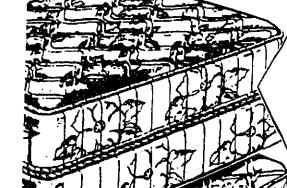
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Rezmierski said. He noted that the salary increases were included in the school district's budget for this fiscal Rezmierski added that the move is an attempt to keep Northville's salaries competitive with other school districts. He noted that Street, for one, could leave Northville for a comparable job in Novi and receive \$23,000 more in base pay. "We've got to continue to be cometitive or we're going to continue to ose people," he said. Rezmierski noted that he is in the process of reviewing a complete five-year salary and fringe benefit plan for

board of education.

all central office administrators to start in the 1994-1995 fiscal year.

The plan still must be reviewed by the

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THURSDAY

January 6,

As We See It

How many ice arenas can our area support?

Just how ice arenas can be built which will draw on the populations of surrounding communities to get enough patrons to financially support them?

If that question has not been posed by the City of Novi as its special lee Arena Implementation Committee prepares to go out for bids on a joint public/private to build such a facility here, perhaps it should. Already, there are arenas in operation in Livonia and Plymouth and both Farmington Hills and Northville Township are now also exploring the idea of building arenas.

Because of the nature of ice arena financing, proponents always seem to point out that they'll have to rely on more than just the local community for patrons and that they'll draw on the populations of surrounding communities to get skaters. Usually they do. And ice time is at a premium right now. Novi skaters know they have to travel a long way to get on the ice.

But it seems to us that with all the plans for rinks in the works now, the

A tentative bid package was presented to the Novi City Council Dec. 20 by the committee, along with a timetable which set a February date for seeking the bids and a March 3 deadline for submitting them. The committee still has to submit a final recommendation to the happen.

nated chunk of city land and reimburse build these facilities. Novi through ice time and community recreation programming.

ber 1992, has studied the feasibility of arena, their likelihood of success would



Recreation

cility for Novi, which could cost a private developer about \$4 to \$6 million. The city would need to provide a six-acre site.

Farmington Hills also is working on a public/private ice arena venture. In Northville, a two-rink facility is being proposed for township-owned land on

Seven Mile Road. Northville Township has already received a report from its consulting firm Ice Center Management that says the facility will draw a great deal of business, from skaters and hockey players, throughout the area.

But what is not clear is just how big area could soon be overbuilt with ice the skating market is altoginer and how many such arenas it could support. If rinks become overbuilt, some arenas are going to experience financial trouble. perhaps even go broke and close up. The result could be a white elephant of a building in Novi.

We certainly don't want that to

Coordination with surrounding Bidders would be invited to come communities would seem to be the order up with ways to lease an as-yet undesig- of the day. Not all should be trying to

And it also seems to us that if the interested communities got together and The committee, set up in Septem- worked as a consortium to build an an ice rink and suggested a two-rink fa- be better as well.

The northern Novi oil rush

If you happened to miss the debate—tion to the city tree fund. over whether Novi should give its permission for seismic testing for oil deposits on the parkland it now owns in the north

ine Gas and Oil Company's request to safe. test there until the middle of the holiday season, when most residents were quite clear that they don't like wells here. thinking about something else. Then the In northern Novi, they are concerned abdecision was made by council quickly out environmental hazards a well might with little public input.

Now, it has been pointed out that area. this does not commit the city to an oil well there, but if a deposit is found it turned down requests for testing and seems likely the company will be able to find some land somewhere nearby to put in a well. And this in a town where residents have been adamant, if unsuccess-

ful, in their opposition to drilling. Wolverine has retained Eagle Exploration to do the testing and was given the go-ahead by the council in December. The firm will conduct a three-week seismic survey beginning in late February using a series of small dynamite charges on both public and private land north of Twelve Mile Road, including the Novi Tree Farm site. For it, the company will pay a permit fee and make a dona-

City officials said a well would be a revenue producer for the city if it retained the mineral rights when it bought end of the city, that's understandable. the land. They also pointed out that Nothing was said about the Wolver- Novi's two existing wells have proven

> Still, Novi residents have made it pose to the wetlands and wildlife in that

Now the city has successfully leases in Novi's Rotary Park on Nine Mile Road. So it can be done.

And regardless of whether a well is likely to benefit the city financially or not, we think the citizens should have a chance to have their say. It may well be that they didn't envision the north end parkland for an oil well when they voted for the bond money a year ago.

Ultimately, the decision was made too quickly. More time for citizens to respond should be given when oil exploration on pubically-owned land comes up

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Put kids ahead of schools



Malott

The question came from a finance reform parkage.

"Technical reading," you may

recall from my column last week, is a skill American students lack, according to education reformer Willard Daggett. When Daggett spoke recently to Novi and Northville school technical information, such as the owner's manual toyour and applied mathematics.

VCR, and using it is a distinctly different skill than reading schools don't teach that skill. I don't want to sound like I'm getting uppity with Sena-

learned about it too. At the same time, Honigman was asking this question after having just worked with the legislature to "reform" Michigan's education system. And I think that's a poignant statement about how far we have to go to upgrade our

Now, I want to point out that even Novi schools Superintendent Emmett Lippe admitted he'd never heard of this skill either until Daggett mentioned it in his speech. And European and Japanese schools are already teach—and The Northville Record.

ing technical reading, according to Daggett.

The basic problem with American schools, Daggett said, is that that they are still teaching "grandpa's 1938 state senator who had, just a curriculum. They're a lot better at it these days. The stuweek earlier, spent several gut dents are learning it better, as testing shows, according to wrenching (literally) evenings Daggett. He claimed the Class of '92 was America's best with his colleagues in Lansing educated class in history. But it is still the same basic curhammering out the final school riculum that was in use 60 years ago.

Take algebra for example. Why teach it? Daggett asked who uses it after leaving school. He said only one person has told him that they really do use algebra in adult life — a mother who helps her children with their algebra

Daggett suggested that all the same algebra concepts and formulas should be taught, but in an applied fashion teachers and administrators, he explained that reading as part of other courses like statistics, probability, logic

In his speech, Daggett talked about his own kids. He novels or newspapers. But that is also the kind of reading has five. Among them are some good students. Two are in most people have to do on their jobs. And American special education. He pointed out that it is easy for him to get subjects like technical reading and applied mathematies taught to his two special education youngsters, betor David Honigman, R-West Bloomfield, for not knowing cause those skills can be listed as specific goals in their

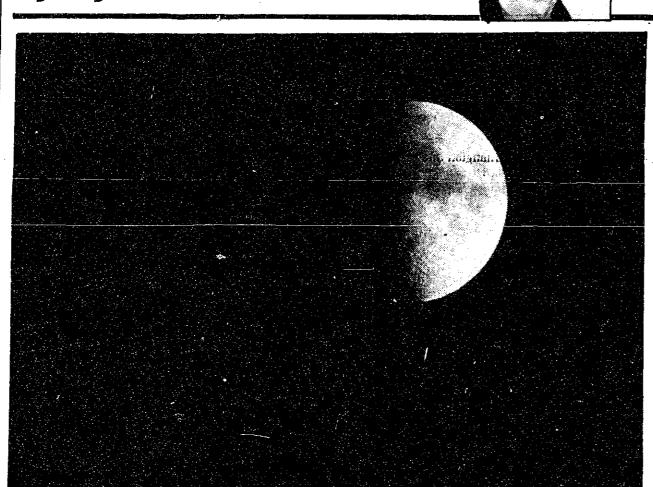
what technical reading is. As I said last week, I had just files. But, he argued, his other children who are good students, even gifted, in regular classes can't get those subjects in most American schools.

"It is time," Daggett concluded, "for us to love our students more than we love our schools." Wise words, I think.

Michael Malott is the Managing Editor of The Novi News

Moments

By Bryan Mitchell



Hello out there

Japan's schools' down side



Snider

at the newspaper. Actually, not press releases contain information on subjects that someone would find useful — topics like

But while the releases might relevance for a community newspaper. I'd say about 95 percent of the mail I open eventually ends up in the recycle

Among the items that come in on a regular basis are Japanese Translation Series articles from something called The Asia Foundation. These folks, whose U.S. base is in California, translate essays from a variety of Japanese publications and send them out to newspapers across the country. Their packets, often containing two or three different articles, arrive about about every other week.

Usually, the stories are like most everything that comes across my desk - engaging but unusable. One article had to do with the recent royal wedding, while others have been on subjects ranging from environmental pollution in Japan to the role of women in the workplace.

One story said the Japanese should stop apologizing for World War II, while another, sent only a few weeks later, praised Japanese leaders who make a habit of admitting

This week, though, they sent me an article that really caused me to do a double take. The essay, which appeared in the Tokyo Shimbun, bemoaned the Japanese problem of the story. The side we never hear. corporate collusion. It said that Japanese executives often influence governmental leaders with bribes, while officials Lee Snider is editor of The Novi News and The Northville in competing firms just turn their heads and look the other Record.

I've written before about the way. This results in "a corporate culture averse to competvolumes of junk mail we get here ition," according to author Makoto Sataka.

In attempting to explain where Japanese comformism all of it's junk, as many of the comes from, the article makes the claim that schools in Japan demand sameness, gloss over individual distinctions and churn out graduates in cookie-cutter fashion.

"Japanese society, and its schools, stamp out differhow to house-break your cat or ences and eliminate individuality, in much the same way how to manage your credit card as the players of a popular arcade game try to knock the pop-up moles back into their holes," it says.

Then the article does something truly remarkable - it hold interest, few of them have compares the American system of education favorably

with that of Japan! "American education assumes that every child is unique. Those special characteristics are what make each person an individual. What would happen if the topic (I'm Different') were assigned to Japanese kids? We'll never know, because the emphasis here is on everyone march-

ing to the same drummer." Can you believe it? A Japanese writer making the point that American schools do something that Japanese schools should emulate. Will wonders never cease? For years all we on this side of the Pacific have heard is

that American academic discipline is nonexistent compared to the rigid standards of the Japanese. We've been told that the Japanese mania for hard work is largely responsible for Japanese automakers' extraordinary inroads into the domestic auto market.

One Japanese executive was pretty blunt about it a few vears ago, saving American auto workers were basically stupid and lazy. Those remarks put Lee lacocca on the defensive, remember? Well, now it seems that there might be another side to

Dismayed with 'education reform'



exhaustion on

per day. Eventually. Christmas Eve. So we get to vote on tax policy on March 15. If we don't pass

the ballot plan (hiking the sales tax and cutting the personal income tax), we get the statutory plan (jumping the income tax and the single business tax). Big

ised? Sort of, depending on which tax plan we gel stuck with and where you live, but certainly not the big drop most folks are expecting. What about school quality - what our kids actually learn - that supposedly was at the core of this whole effort? Virtually nothing. Whether or not a wholesale choice plan would have brought improving competition Core curriculum? With no certain way at-

merely centralizes what hitherto has been a hodgepodge of locally selected subjects. Worse, nobody's accountable for what the students do (or do not) learn. And with the "foundation grant" paid directly from Lansing to school districts, local voters have now lost

to hold schools accountable for performance. I've been involved in the education reform movement at the national level for a number of years now. I serve on the board of the Center for Education in the Economy, a leading reform group, and have participated in countless meetings and conferences on how to improve our schools. As far as the national school renow to believe it ever will be.

The strategy for getting something concrete done about educational performance in our schools is painfully simple: Define what we expect kids to learn; develop a fair and demanding assessment system to measure what they learn; associate rewards with success and pe-

nalties with failure. This is not rocket science; this is common

That's why it is so disheartening to realize that at every point where the governor and Legislature could have adopted here in Michigan the proven components of the national reform model, they chose not to.

Over the next couple of months, there will be much fire and brimstone about the two tax plans before us. That's fine, but let's never forget during the debate that the subject at hand is tax reform, not education or school improvement

Sorry, Virginia. There is no Santa Claus.

Phil Power is chairman of the company that owns this newspaper. You can reach him by touchtone phone at (313) 953-2047, mailbox

Cable rates waiting for FCC action



Samouelian

mington Hills have a multi-jurisdictional agreement ordaining he Southwestern Dakland Cable Commission to oversee and administrate the cable contract. The contract runs

from 1982-97. This year 1994 enables the cable company. MetroVision, to negotiate for a new franchise with conditions and terms to be determined, emphasizing the quality of service available to

our citizens. 'The Federal Cable Act of 1992 establishes the process appropriate for such discussions. The commission has hired Mr. Neil Lehto, attorney from the law firm of O'Reilly, Rancilio, Nitz, indrews and Turnbull, P.C. to cooperation with the Commission and executive director,

Lark L. Samouelian. The commission would like to thank commissioner Ben Marks for his conscientious work as part of the commission representing the City of Farmington Hills. Marks has been on the commission for eight years and served in the capacity as vice chairman. We welcome Councilman Aldo Vagnozzi as the new representative of the City of Farmington Hills. Each of the cities of Novi. Farmington and Parmington Hills have been certified to regulate the basic tier rates at a local level. The FCC has

also put a stall on rates until Feb. 15, 1994. The FCC sought rate information from 25 ompanies to scrutinize the results of the Sept. charges. Eleven of the 25 companies significantly changed service levels simultaneously. The results proved to be inconclusive, as it was

therefore impossible to gather an accurate before and after scenario. Therefore . . . we wait . . .

Locally, we are reviewing customer service standards and planned projects within our communities for Institutional Network interac-

As you watch local television you might begin to notice a diversity of production techniques. In the latest anthropological series to appear on cable, about Guyana Todd Whitman, the subtitling technique of "Creolese" is used. Creolese is

by Philip Singer. There are three programs. It is important for the television viewer to watch each show from the beginning. Because these documentaries are from an anthropological perspective, viewers will need to see them from the beginning and watch the entire program to

Trance, Dance, and Healing in Guyana is the

Kali Mai — Devine Madness is the second of the series and will be submitted to the Margaret Mead Film Festival. These programs are case histories of village psycho-therapy. Described are problems of attention deficit disorder, school anxiety, sexual dysfunctions and psy-cho sematic problems. Handled by the village therapist, they are brief and resolved without

How the Mental Hospital Functions in Guy-

ramming is as qualitative as you can find anywhere on television.

What are we really watching? In the past several months I have been to a few seminars. which were marketed as educational forums for those of us in the business of cable and telecommunications. The sessions turned out to be "your guess is as good as mine."

The main issue appears to be — what mergers really mean. All the press you are hearing and reading is all based upon an "adopted concept." Stockholders of participating companies must be considered; the justice department will hold an antitrust examination; and regulators must be convinced that mergers will enhance competition. Thousands of local franchises will have to be reviewed for assurances that customer service and competition will prevail.

The upcoming new year of 1994 will find those of us in cable franchise administration orging continuing new vistas. I venture a guess that few people who know of us recognize that over the past 12 years we are the folks who have had to learn all new technology, building new ranchises, develop first time-ever community services and diplomat our way through megamulti-layered bureaucratic structures, which are intertwined at a local, state, county and fed-

And guess what? We are all here to talk about -it and are taking a deep breath ready to dive into the new adventures required to protect our communities' continued involvement within the telecommunication arena.

Lark Samouelian is the Executive Director of which oversees the operations of MetroVision

General Oil must clean up its own

"We've moved ahead and kept the free oil off the surface

By STEVE KELLMAN

General Oil of Redford spends a lot of the pond, and are moving on to the next phase." of time overseeing clean-up efforts for client companies. But these days General Oil is its own biggest client, and the com-

blending plant. The facility, at 175 Railroad Street, the surface. has made the Department of Natural Several years later, oil from under Resources' list as one of the worst- the northernmost lagoon began leakcontaminated sites in the state for ring out of an embankment to the west

pany's largest clean-up project is

now under way at its Northville oil-

The site came in at number 30 on Rouge River, and the hunt was on for he DNR's list of highest-ranking its source. sjtes of environmental contamina. While refusing to admit responsition, in its proposed list of Michigan bility at first, General Oil placed float-Sites of Environmental Contamina ing booms in Ford Pond to contain tion for fiscal year 1995. It had been the oil leaking out of the embankranked at number 29 for fiscal year ment, and the company has main-

tained the booms ever since. The General Oil scores 43 out of a max-company has also commissioned two Imum 48 points on the state's Site series of soil and groundwater tests Assessment Model score. The SAM through Swanson Environmental score is based on contamination of Inc. of Farmington Hills, and Swan-problems in a small package." soil, groundwater, surface water and son is beginning the third phase of air quality at a site, and its potential testing now. "We've moved ahead and kept the

(polychlorinated biphenyls), petro- and are moving on to the next phase," leum byproducts, chlorinated sol- said General Oil President Tim vents and heavy metals, several of Westerdale. which are known carcinogens ac- But for Steve Kitler, an environmental quality analyst with the cording to DNR toxicologist Linda

77 Doheny Drive.

the ground was saturated.

General Oil's current problems vision in Livonia, the case has been according to Act 307, our state envirdate back as far as 1950 when the an exercise in frustration. now-defunct Mergraf Oil Co., then owner of the site, reportedly began been painfully slow," said Kitler, produmping petroleum products into ject manager for General Oil. infined retention basins known as Kitler noted that the site is a comlagoons. The two largest lagoons, plicated one, marred by years of con-There most of the contamination has struction at the site and character-Oil." since been found, were located north ized by a porous geology that allows of General Oil's facility while three contaminants to travel quickly once Inc. have jointly prepared plans for a "We're concerned by how extensmaller ones were located southeast they get into the ground. of the facility, one of them under the been done there to disturb it," he

The contaminants seeped into the said round over time, and more petroleum products and industrial sol- now known as Lake Success, the clean-up efforts other than to allow we can undertake a project that big vents were added over the years until ground around the site has been torn access to the property. Westerdale By the time General Oil purchased unlined lagoons, as well as for the recooperative . . . They stepped right of the Ely Fuel Co.'s storage facility at most of the Mergraf Oil site in 1982, moval of some of the contaminated up and were willing to put up some 118 Railroad Street, a site that has

the lagoons had been buried and soil in the past. reportedly been removed, but the high potential for human exposure," been an easy one, as the companies' those at General Oil.

"Unlined lagoons are a bad idea anyways, but there's a lot of sand and gravel in this area," he said. "There's a lot of oil bound up in the soil, and there's also free oil floating on top of the groundwater . . . There's also solvents and PCBs that have dissolved

into the groundwater. There could be direct contact problems, particularly down at the pond. There is surface water impact. obviously, and there is drinking water affected . . . It's got a lot of serious

major players in the clean-up, Gen-Pollutants at the site include PCBs free oil off the surface of the pond, eral Oil and former site owners be available until Fiscal Year 1995. Stuart-Ironsides Inc. of Illinois. responsibility for the clean-up. "They are not as convinced of their

> "And it's our understanding that and the Northville Rotary Well just Stuart actually used those lagoons 500 feet west of the site. before they sold the site to General

General Oil and Stuart-Ironsides ceive Superfund cleanup funds. trench to be constructed between the sive the contamination is and how "The site's complex, it has complex embankment and the pond and head expensive it will be to clean it up," he Jack Doheny Supply Co. building at geology, because a lot of things have off the oil before it reaches the explained. The state has limited fi-

> On the edge of a former gravel pit to assist the companies in their dollar range. We're not confident that up for railroad construction and the characterized Stuart as "very money as a previous owner."

each others' designs and the trench The delays resulted in a Nov. 10 letter from the DNR to the companies and seeking payment from the par-

"Whatever agreements General Oil contamination remained just below due to the fact that groundwater and and Stuart have between themselves surface water are both being is not our concern. We're interested in the final product," Kitler said. Really, I think our patience is

The DNR finally received final specould be installed by the end of the

phase in the project, and far from the Also, he said, those funds will not

Kitler recently requested a DNR in-

If General Oil makes the national priorities list, Kitler said, it could re-

nance capabilities, because this While Ford Motor Co. has declined could range in the 10 and 20 million

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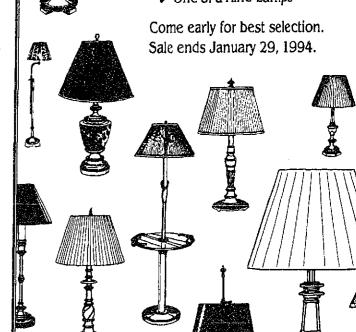


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tached to measure what kids actually learn. mandating a core curriculum from Lansing

Do we get a big property tax cut, as promthe local tax millage vote, the only tool they had

into the monopolistic world of K-12 schools is a form community is concerned. Michigan

The cities of Novi. Farmington and Far-

a grammatic interpretation of English. Programming from Guyana was videotaped

understand the emphasis.

first of the series. This program was selected to be shown in the Margaret Mead Film Festival For New York.

the use of drugs.

and is the third of the series. This program shows the hospital in contrast with the village therapist's approach. This "visually demanding" television prog-

and into Ford Pond and the Middle

the Southwestern Oakland Cable Commission

warning that the state was considering building the trench on its own

running out on the project." cifications for the trench early this month, and company officials said at a Nov. 19 meeting that the the trench

last. Still to be determined is the full extent of contamination and how the site will be decontaminated. While state legislators are now in the process of allocating \$1.5 million But part of the problem has appa- to clean up the site, Kitler said, "that rently been friction between the two may be just a drop in the bucket."

Kitler noted that Stuart has been spection for the federal Environmenhesitant from the beginning to admit tal Protection Agency's national priorities list that resulted in a series of soil and groundwater tests Nov. 30 DNR's Environmental Response Di- liability in this scheme," he said. "But by DNR specialists from Lansing. The onmental response act, any owner or ger to collect soil borings from be-"There has been progress, but it's operator after the release takes place tween 15 and 30 feet deep and took water samples from the groundwater

The General Oil site sits just north had its own contamination probthousands of gallons of sludge had Kitler added that the site has "a But the alliance has not always lems, though not nearly as severe as

But the trench is just the next

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Northville salutes Martin Luther King

By STEVE KELLMAN

For such a forward-thinking community. Northville has long lagged behind some of its neighbors in recognizing the country's greatest civil rights leader.

That will begin to change Jan. 17 Luther King.

7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 17, on the front Chase family always took part. steps at Northville City Hall.

From there participants will where songs will be sung and local officials have been invited to read pasa dream."

have Martin Luther King's Jan. 17 schooling. birthday off, and municipal offices in

Northville Township and Novi are closed on the national holiday, Northville City Hall remains open. Northville Public Schools also remain open, as do surrounding school districts including Novi, Farmington, Livonia and Plymouth-Canton.

But for Charlene Chase, who moved to Northville from Southfield during a walk in honor of Martin with her two daughters six years ago, the schools' stance put her in a di-Northville's cultural awareness lemma. Southfield Public Schools group, A Community Organization take King's birthday off and the city Recognizing Diversity (ACORD), is commemorates the occasion with an sponsoring the walk, which starts at annual march, a march in which the

"We've been torn, because when we moved to Northville we didn't have march to the Main Street Bandshell. the day off," Chase said. For three years, she took her daughters out of school for the day so they could partisages from the slain civil rights cipate in the march that had become leader's most famous speech. I have a family tradition, but eventually Chase decided to leave her children While state and federal employees in school rather than jeopardize their

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> Charlene Chase Mother

Martin Luther King because we're an African-American family, but I didn't want it to be at the expense of their education," she explained. "Believe me, it was a fight to explain to my kids why they should go to school and not go to Southfield."

That's why Chase was so glad to hear of ACORD's efforts to organize a King remembrance, and why she loined with ACORD members Mary Ellen King and Lou Wolf to organize the event.

"We have to educate people around us and work within the system, and this is one way that we can do it."

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and 27. Both programs begin at 7

historian, genealogical researcher materials. and member of the Oakland County Genealogical Society, will present

search in a two-part program at Novi duction to Resource Materials and Public Library Thursday, Jan. 20 Sources." This portion will include suggestions for developing a recordkeeping system, recommended read-On Jan. 20, Kathy Mutch, local ings and a display of genealogical

> On Jan. 27, Mutch will explain "Documenting Genealogical Re-

Learn how to do genealogical re- "Genealogical Research: An Intro- search: Overcoming the Problems. Avoiding the Pitfalls." Here, using handouts and a brief slide presentation, Mutch will provide suggestions on uses of research data.

To register for these free programs. call Novi Library at 349-0720. The library is located at 45245 W. Ten Mile



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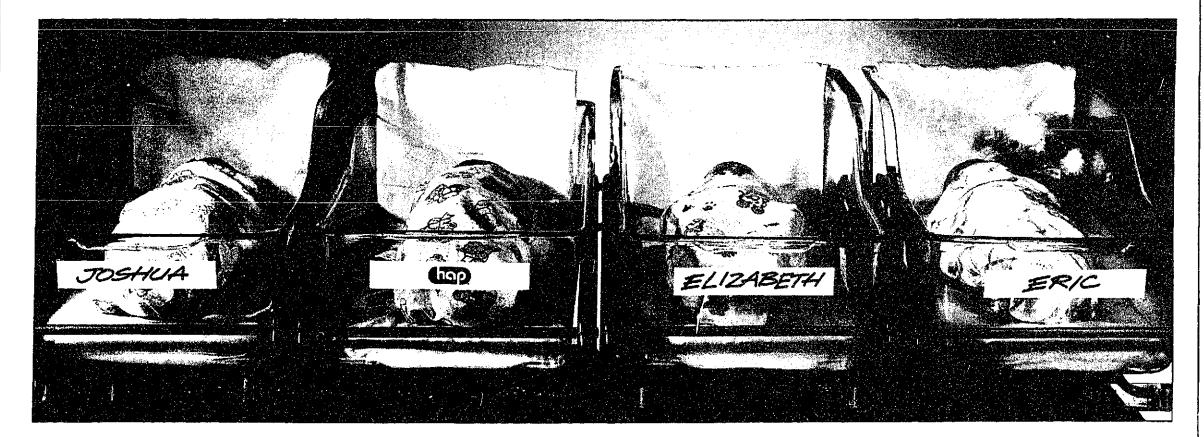
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Photos by BRYAN MITCHELL

Greg (above) seemed to really get a lick out of Greta, a boxer who gave an ample amount of kisses. Holly (below in the wheelchair), who always seems to have a smile on her face, reaches out to Merlin, a 16-month-old Bouviers. Kate Gillette, kneeling, is Merlin's owner.



Dogs, cats provide therapy

By MICHELLE HARRISON

Greg tentatively reached his hand out to Greta, a wrinkly-faced

The dog responded warmly, soundly licking Greg's face with its long, pink tongue, leaving Greg wet and in a fit of giggles.

On the other side of the third

floor conference room at Northville's Old Village School, Neil, confined to a wheelchair, calmly petted a white kitten. Named Navidad, after the Christmas season, the kitty seemed content perched upon Neil's chest.

The pets and their owners, all members of the Animal Welfare Society of Southeastern Michigan, visit Old Village School once a month as part of the "Pet-A-Pet" program. Volunteers loan their pets for therapy purposes to developmentally disabled and handicapped children.

Cathy Totzkay, who grew up in Northville, coordinates the volunteers and pets for the Old Village

program. "They (students) bond with the animals," she said. "The animals sense that they're special. I think the kids have responded wonderfully.

"A lot of the kids are deaf and blind or very crippled. When they see the dog or touch it, the get more mobile. Some cry, but they warm up. Of course, the animal's unconditional love is always there."

The Animal Welfare Society also visits nursing homes and other schools for severely handicapped children in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties.

Ruth Curry, who along with Joann Gersens coordinates and directs the programs on the west side of the region, began the Old Village program eight years ago after impressing the school's administrator, Chris Cali, with the idea.

"lt's a good program," Curry said. ... We started out with one (program) and now have 36."

In order to participate, all dogs must have obedience training (either professionally or by the owner), American Kennel Club papers and up-to-date vaccinations.

Totzkay trained her black Lab. Mandy, herself.

"I found that she was good with kids," Totzkay said.

That was evident as Mandy, wearing a red kerchief around her

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Julia, who doesn't speak, "talks" with a keyboard to relate what she's thinking. She had no problem, however, communicating her joy while cuddling this kitten, named Navidad.

Volunteer



Marietta Rathbun

Docent greets guests at historical Mill Race

By DOROTHY NASH

If you want a touch-and-feel experience of life in the Victorian Era, Marietta Rathbun said visiting Mill Race Historical Village is the way to get it.

And it's so worthwhile that elementary school teachers in the area bring their students, one class at a time, for the day. Rathbun, dressed in a costume

supplied by the Northville Historical Society, greets them at Wash Oak

The children, she said, are dressed in costumes they have made, and they're carrying lunch boxes they've designed.

She takes them on a half-hour tour of the buildings, telling them about each one - New School Church, Hunter House, Yerkes House, Cottage House, and the Hirsch Stone Blackstone Shop, all of which are original Northville buildings moved into the Historical Village.

After that the teacher, who has researched the times, takes over and gives the children a taste of what a one-room school house day was like in the 1870s. Rathbun said, "They use McGuffey Readers and slates, and at recess they're apt to play games children did at the time."

At the end of the day Rathbun returns to the school to "lock the doors and be sure everything is back where it should be." She does this volunteering, she

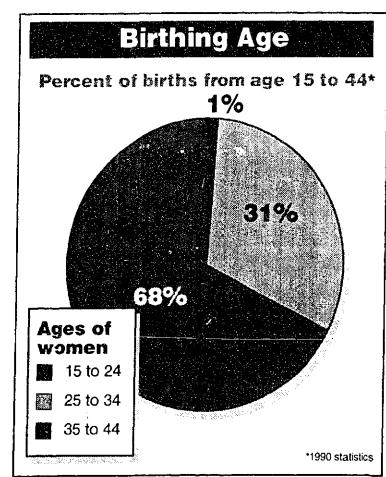
said, five times in the fall and five times in the spring. "The weather is too uncertain in the winter" to do it

Her qualifications? "I was a substitute teacher after my children were grown," she said.

More importantly, she is a Village Docent, a hostess in one particular building, "bringing its previous users and occupants alive for the visitors."

She serves as a docent three or four Sunday afternoons in May through October.

It's A Fact



City gearing up for annual Chilly Willy festival

tion 1994 Winter brochure, full of up- for everyone in the area. coming programs for the whole family, is available at the office if you HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH didn't get one in the mail. One of the very first family activities is the 7th Church is hosting a family day outing meet separately on January 16 from ning a family Wallyball evening at

breakfast from 9-11 a.m. Plan now to late will also be available. bring your whole family and give A Baptismal Remembrance Suntional information regarding progited A Weekend Get Away to Chicago month and headed up by Leslie Cassion will be held during the month of mom a break by having breakdast day will be held Jan. 9. Each child rams all the church office. with the members of Novi Youth As- who is five years of age or younger sistance. Other sandwiches and hot and who has been baptized is en- NOV! NEWCOMERS AND NEIGHBORS drinks, etc. will be available at the couraged to come and recommit the

presented by a number of area re-certificates, etc. staurants, and vote for your favorite A very special ceremony will take all ages have been planned, including Church will turn 17 years old. Pastor advice. The program is entitled "Re- the month and an evening Bunko on the morning group is Tina Knabl; call 349-0720. the Old Man/Old Woman Contest Victor Mesenbring, the founding pas- xford's Review, a Living Trust and Jan. 11. with prizes for the adult who best tor of the parish, will be the preacher Wills Seminar." Novi attorney John The crafts group will be meeting any, Barb Shrader. The group also two-part program called "Genealogiportrays the winter season; face of the day and will be expressing his Rexford will talk about a simple will Jan. 17 and making rhinestone finished up their yearly service pro- cal Research" with speaker Kathy

and Recreation Winter brochure in- the Adult Choir presenting a new set- designations.

tines Daddy-Daughter Dance Feb. reunion of people who have been on evening will be plans for the various liday Christmas Potluck at her home any the group will be learning how to the Programs, Avoiding the Pitfalls. 18-19 go on sale Jan 10. The Feb. 18 the Via de Cristo retreat. The first reevent will be a dance only, and the treat was held in March 1993 and Feb. 19 event will be a dinner dance was attended by over 125 people from which includes refreshments, area churches. photos, flowers, gifts, music by Dee- Other activities at the church inlay Willie and much more.

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The first general meeting of the for the trip.

Theatre of Hansel and Gretelon Jan. church has invited the congregation—the upcoming February meeting—and Tots program. 29 and 30. Refreshments included in to join the Via de Cristo community when the special guest will be Jill Ditfrom 4 to 7 p.m. when the community mire of TV-2 morning news, who is MICHIGANDER SMOCKERS

year of the Novi Newcomers and Many couple events are being president. Neighbors will be on Jan. 20 at 7:30 planned including Couples Bridge.

painting; a Bridge Tournament; and thoughts regarding the goals and and whether or not it will suit your sweatshirts. Ladies Night out will be ject and presented several lovely gar- Mutch, a local resident and a memmission. The liturgy will be entitled needs. He will explain powers of at- Jan. 12 at 7 p.m. at Station 885 in ments to Hutzel Hospital Neo-Natal ber of the Oakland County Genealog-Other events included in the Parks "Now the Feast and Celebration" with torney and patient advocate Plymouth. Men's Night Out includes Unit. These include "bishop baby ical Society. The first program will be clude a production by the Novi Youth ting for Holy Communion. The information will be available about scheduled for Jan. 21 for the Mom's suits. They have worked on these not "An introduction to Resource Mater-

Tickets for the 6th Annual Valen- will present an "Ultreya," which is a also a Novi resident. Included in the Tina Knabl hosted the annual Ho. Van Dyke Stitch. Coming up in Janu- Genealogical Research; Overcoming

in Brighton for the group. The makea Victorian Smocked basket or-"Smocker of the Year" was awarded nament and smocking baby booties. to Tina Knabl, which entitles her to a Visitors are welcome to come but free membership for a year. Sue Ack- must pay \$2. For further memberman received the Nancy Smith ship information call Mary Williams Award for all the assistance she had at 474-4049.

Annual Chilly Willy Winter Festival to to Mayberry Park at 1 p.m. A snow 6:30 to 8 p.m. Adults are invited to Farmington Racquetball Courts and and has grown throughout the last the new Novi Story Hour Programs. be held Saturday, Jan. 15 at the Novi sculpturing will be one of the con- join in the Parent Support Group special arrangements can be made few years, making it necessary to Entries will be selected this week and tests held during the afternoon. To- which meets at the same time. A dis- regarding babysitting, with pizza and form two groups. One group meets in classes will begin the week of Jan. 10 The event will start with a pancake baggoning, sledding and hot choco- cussion on Parent/Child Communi- pop following. Date is Jan. 15 at 5 the evening at 7 p.m. at the Novi Li- and end the week of Feb. 14. Recation" will be the focus. For addi- p.m. Number of participants is lim- brary on the first Monday of the gistrations for the March/April sesis scheduled for Jan. 29-30. A coffee poney, co-president. The other group January. Deadline for the lotteryat Lyrin Bunn's home has been schemeets at the library at 9:45 a.m. on type registration is Monday, Jan. 30. duled for today to make final plans the third Thursday of the month and The session begins the week of Feb. is headed up by Sue Ackman, co- 27 and ends the week of April 3.

The group is a SAGA local chapter Registrations have been taken for

The Adult Book Discussion Club Other officers for the coming year has just finished a discussion on the p.m. at the Novi Civic Center. Hus. Bunko, Whirlyball, Golf, Euchre and include Membership, Mary Williams; book the Republic of Love by Carol bands are invited to this important Pinochle. In addition, there is a day- Program Chairperson for the evening Shields. Anyone wishing more infordish. Many, many other activities for place on Sunday, Jan. 23 when Hope meeting, which will present free legal time Bunko on the last Wednesday of group is Beverly Weidendorf and for mation on the next discussion can

Treasurer, Lois Nelson; and Secret- The Library will be presenting a poker this Friday. Bumper Bowling is dresses" all smocked and little boy's Thursday Jan. 20 at 7 p.m. entitled only at the meetings but also at ials and Sources." The second part of home. Some of the programs have in- the program will be Thursday, Jan. cluded instruction on how to do the 27 at 7 p.m. entitled "Documenting



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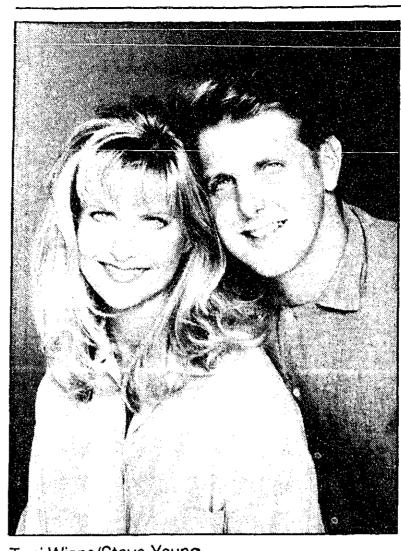
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Engagements



topic of discussion at the Jan. 11 and serves as the director of the Na-

meeting of the Northville-Novi tional Center for Infertility Research

branch of the American Association at U-M. She is an expert in women's

fessor of nursing at the University of ogy at the U-M School of Medicine

Michigan, is the featured speaker for and women's studies at Stanford

the 7:30 p.m. meeting, to be held in University. Her undergraduate de-

the library at Amerman Elementary gree in nursing is from Michigan

Nancy Reame, Ph.D. and pro- low in both reproductive endocrinol-

Toni Wisne/Steve Young

Anthony Wisne announces the en- Novi Sheraton Oaks. gagement of his daughter Toni Ann to Steven Joseph Young, son of Donald and Gloria Young of Farmington

The bride-elect is a 1982 graduate of Dearborn Divine Child and a 1989 graduate of University Central Flor-

The bridegroom-elect graduated from North Farmington High School

with Ashton Young Financial. A July 16, 1994 wedding date has from Ferris State University in 1991 has been set.

health, trained as a postdoctoral fel-

in 1982 and Oakland University in

1988. He is an investment broker

Women's health expert to speak

Dennis and Ruth Clynick an- as a financial analyst.

and Joanne Barrett of Grand Blanc. ance in Southfield.

nounce the engagement of their son The bride-elect is a 1990 graduate

Brian D. to Patricia Jo Barrett. The of Ferris State University and is em-

bride-elect is the daughter of Wardell ployed at Metropolitan Life Insur-

The bridegroom-elect graduated An Aug. 27, 1994 wedding date

Reame teaches and supervises students from all four levels: undergraduate, master's, doctoral and postdoctoral. She played a leadership role in developing the first nurse-midwifery training program in the state in 1990.

Patricia Barrett/Brian Clynick

The recipient of a number of large School, 847 N. Center St. in State University, her master's was grants from the National Institute of obtained from Wayne State Univer- Health, she has researched premen-

Women's health issues will be the the Reproductive Sciences program is from WSU's School of Medicine. pause and infertility.

Frequently called upon to testify before government panels as a women's health expert, Reame is especially proud of her long-standing role as consultant to the Boston Women's Health Book Collective for its internationally-recognized best seller, Our Bodies, Ourselves, now in its third edition.

Wedding



Elizabeth Kerns

Hutchinson Kerns were married Dec. com, Atlanta, Ga. 11 at Independent Presbyterian Church in Birmingham, Ala. Dr. M. berry crepe gowns with mulberry sa-Scott McClure officiated at the double ring ceremony. Music accompan-

french horn and trumpet. The bride is the daughter of Mr. mingham, Ala. The groom is the son Bruce Jones III, brother of the bride, of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Meyer of Anchorage, Ala.; Christopher Ken-Kerns of Chesapeake, Va.

The bride wore her mother's dress of candlelight satin, with cathedrallength train. The bodice of Aloncon try Club of Birmingham. lace was long sleeved, off the shoul-

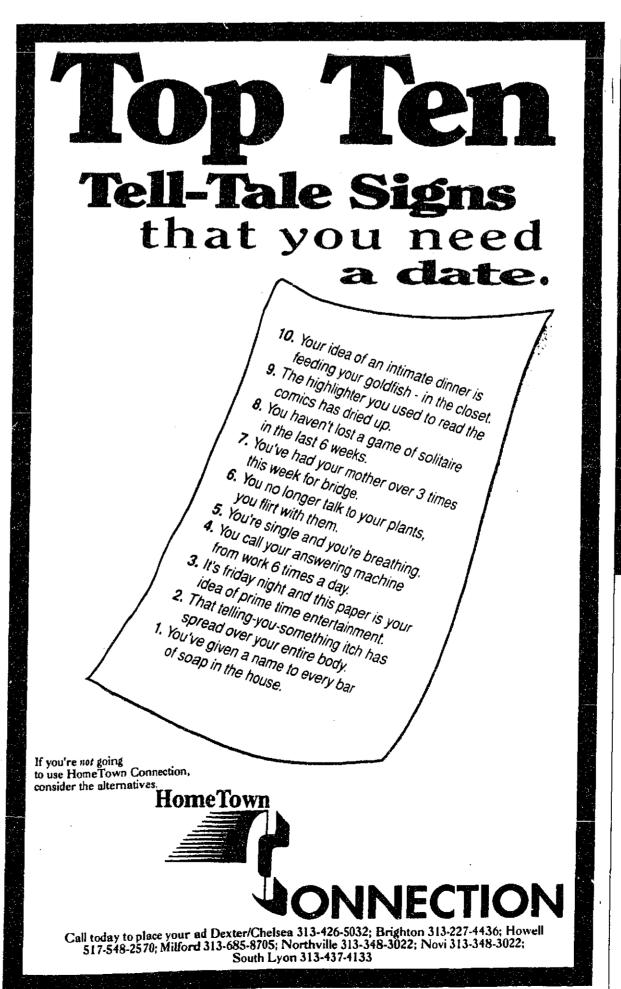
The matron of honor was Mrs. Davis, Miss Danielle Meadows, all of chitecture. Birmingham, Ala.; Miss Christine The couple will reside in Birming-The meeting is open to the Lynn Kerns, sister of the groom, Her- ham, Ala.

Elizabeth Euell Jones and Thomas shey, Pa.; and Mrs. Randal Hans-The bride's attendants wore mul-

tin collar and cuffs. The best man was Timothy Animent consisted of a pipe organ, drew Kerns, brother of the groom. The ushers were David Holden Merrifield, Christopher Brian Kaley, Eric and Mrs. Bruce McGill Jones of Bir- Robert Lelendecker, all of Northville;

Northville; and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas nedy Klein, Atlanta, Ga; Charles Rogers IV, Valdosta, Ga.; and Thaddeus Behrens, Dallas, Texas. A reception followed at the Coun-

The couple met while both were atder and beaded with over 6,000 tending Auburn University. The bride is a graduate of Auburn University with a bachelor of science degree Robert Allen Kinchler, Overland in English; a U.S. Peace Corps volun-Park, Kan. Bridesmaids were Mrs. teer; and a Ballet Guild member. The Theodore Robert Serota, Mrs. Barry groom will graduate from Auburn Skelton Lanier, Mrs. Evelyn Jones University in May 1994 with a bache-Hill, sisters of the bride; Mrs. Luther lor of arts degree in landscape ar-



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"It takes certain personalities," Totzkay continued. "If they're shy hear laughter. and fearful, they tend not to do well in strange places and will not work

after reading about the Pet-A-Pet thoughts. She said the level of funcprogram in The Northville Record in tioning of the children participating the spring of 1991.

teer, she said. Mandy was good with riching programs to help the children kids and my husband Jim and I have grow no kids of our own." Although Lecann Colby had taken forget to say it's fun."

her cat to several nursing homes as her first time at Old Village during its mally get, Lutz pointed out.

"Tenjoy it," she said, clutching her regular visits to Star Manor, a nurs-

cat Smoky. It's just amazing what Ing home in Northville. this cat has done for me. He was so ugly to me as a kitten. . Shari Moore had her Asti Borzi, a said. "It's very organized."

liama, complete a certified therapy tices to remind them of the Old Viltraining," Moore explained. "They see Pet-A-Pet program have been dohow the dog handles . . . watch the nated by the Animal Welfare Society temperament of the dog, see if it's after area volunteering veterinarians

ing the dog from Ohio, Moore said her Michigan at (313) 548-1150.

dog's breed has the least health problems among other canines. neck, was tugging on her leash ex- in the midst of the confusion citedly when the students began to caused by 11 dogs and two cats making their rounds, Curry looked out across the room to see smiles and

"Look at the reaction out there, she said aloud, thinking to herself. Lela Lutz, a paraprofessional at Totzkay got the idea to volunteer Old Village, affirmed Curry's in the Pet-A-Pet program has in-"I just felt like I wanted to volun- creased. The school trys to offer en-

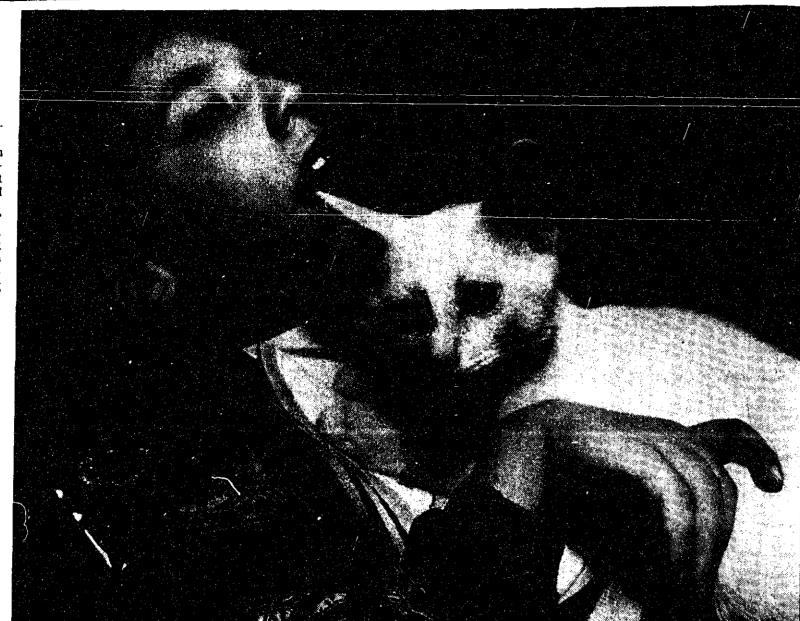
"And it's fun," she smiled. "Don't The program also gives the stupart of the Pet-A-Pet program, it was dents contact they might not nor-

The Westland woman, who has whole community," she said. "A lot of been in treatment for depression. kids don't have pets at home so they was advised to get involved in the don't have that intimate contact." The Pet-A-Pet program also makes

There's a lot of cooperation (of volunteers) meeting together," Curry Russian wolf dog almost the size of a Totzkay will send volunteers no-

lage scheduled visit. Some of the animals used in the cordial with someone else or other examine the animals.

For more information about Pet-A-Moore has been researching the Pet, or the society itself, call the Ani-Russian breed for 10 years. Purchas- mal Welfare Society of Southeastern



Nell was hamming it up for the camera while he held Navidad. Both seemed to respond positively to each other.

On campus

Michigan State University lists CARRIE LEE RUELLE, bachelor of 30 area students among its 2,348 arts, advertising; KRISTIN LYNN degree candidates for fall 1993. Re- SPADE, bachelor of arts, MLMcelving degrees at the Commence- purchasing and operation manment held Dec. 11 were: from agement; DEBORAH ANN STEcounting: CHAD W. BOSSCHER, aging; and from Novi, AARON dent of the Michigan Farm Bureau styles. The group performs six to 10 rights and services. Much of the MLM-purchasing and operation CIONCA, bachelor of arts, account management: NANCY P. DOYLE, ing: BRIAN F. CORBETT, bachelor bachelor of science, apparel de- of arts, history; SYBIL SHELLEY sign; BLAKE WILLIAM FOX, bache- CUMMINS, bachelor of science, melor of arts, MLM-purchasing and chandising management; CAROoperation management; JAY C. LYN BETH FOX, bachelor of arts, GRIFFITH, bachelor of science, communications; TIMOTHY J. GILpackaging: JULIE ANN HILFINGER, BERT, bachelor of arts. social scibachelor of science, mechanical ence; JULIE ANN GREYWALL, baengineering; WENDY ELIZABETH chelor of arts, MLM-purchasing give exceptional students a chance KOHi., bachelor of arts, elementary and operation management; Mieducation: JAMES K. NORBECK, CHAEL GARY HAY, bachelor of concentrated study in areas of govbachelor of arts, accounting; RO- arts, history; JILL ELAINE LEM- ermment and public service, re-

Speaking and receiving honor- to seek leadership roles on Northville, SYED KAMRAN AH- VENS, bachelor of science, child work and Alfred Taubman, bu-MAD, bachelor of science, social development and teaching: Mi-sinessman and founder of the Mi-selected by audition to play percusscience-prelaw; ROBIN MICHELLE CHAEL STEWART TODD, bachelor chigan Partnership for New Educa- sion in the Albion College Jazz ALLEN, master's degree in labor of arts, Am public affairs-social retion based on the MSU campus. Ensemble. and industrial relations; TODD lations; JAMES MATTHEW WIL- Also receiving honorary degrees ALAN BOOTH, bachelor of arts, ac- LERER, bachelor of science, pack- were Elton R. Smith, former presi- performs jazz literature of all serving and promoting student

bachelor of arts, finance; TODD MI- EMERSON BALL, bachelor of sci- and Frank Garrison, president of concerts throughout the year, both Senate's work is done in three CHAEL DANIELS, bachelor of arts, ence, civil engineering; JEREMY J. the Michigan AFL-CIO. the son of Michael and Annie Schroder and is a 1993 graduate of

Northville Nigh School. The Ford Institute is designed to to broaden their education through BIN A. PATRICK, bachelor of arts, MING, bachelor of arts, marketing; gardless of their major. Students Am public affairs-social relations; CATHERINE D. NAGY, master's departicipate in a city government si-

ences; DAVID L. RUSSELL, docto- work concerning political science, Northville. lor of arts, accounting; and TRA- brought to campus and an intern- located in the south central Michi-CEY L. TYRELL, bachelor of sci-ship in an area of interest. The gan town of the same name. ence, clinical laboratory sciences. program also encourages students

ary degrees were Mary Fisher, campus. founder of the Family AIDS Net-

Albion College freshman JEF- ville High School, is the son of Ed- Affairs and Student Affairs. FREY SCHRODER has become a member of the Gerald R. Ford Institute for Public Service. Schroder is

Unity prayer gree, audiology and speech sci- mulation and complete course ward and Christina Rohn of rate, arts letters-interdisciplinary; history, and ethics. Their educa- Albion College is a private, breakfast set LAURA MARIE STREETER, bachetion is continued through speakers coeducational, liberal arts college

The fifth annual Ecumenical Prayer Breakfast will be held from Albion College junior AMANDA 7:30-9 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 19, at PARKE has been named co-chair of the Novi Civic Center. faculty and administrative affairs

EDWARD ROHNhas been of Student Senate at Albion The event, sponsored by Novi area clergy, is held to mark the week of The official voice of the students Christian unity and prayer. and the disburser of the activity The Jazz Ensemble studies and fee, the Senate is charged with

Guest speaker will be Eleanor Jositis of Focus Hope, a school and training center for young people in

standing committees: Internal Af-Tickets for the program and break-Rohn, a 1993 graduate of North-tairs, Faculty and Administrative fast are \$10. The event is open to the

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the Southeast Michigan counties of (same address) on Wednesday, January

The public is invited to review and Livingston, Macomb, Monroe, Oakland, submit comments on amendments to the Washtenaw, Wayne and the City of De-Fiscal Year (FY) 1994-1996 Transportatroit. The types of proposed projects intion Improvement Program (TIP) during clude construction of new roads, the public comment period, January 3 widening of existing roads, resurfacing to January 28, 1994. The TIP is a listing and repair of roads and bridges, large of federally and non-federally funded bus and equipment purchases by transit major road and transit service improve- agencies and operating assistance for ments proposed by various commutransit agencies. The TIP document nities, road agencies, transit agencies identifies the location of each project, and the Michigan Department of Trans- estimated cost, the source of funds and portation. The Federal Intermodal Surthe agency or community which has juface Transportaion Efficiency Act risdiction over the project. (ISTEA) emphasizes the public's opportunity to review and comment on road projects should be submitted to John M. and transit projects proposed for federal Amberger, Executive Director of SEMfunding. This public comment process is COG, at 660 Plaza Drive, Suite 1900, part of SEMCOG'S overall respon- Detroit, MI, 48226. Verbal responses sibility for fomulating the TIP and for may also be made, at SEMCOG's Transapproving projects for federal funding. portation Advisory Council (TAC) The additional projects are located in meeting to be held in SEMCOG offices

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The TIP amendments are available

lowing locations: SEMCOG offices (address above) The Surburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation (SMART), First National Bldg., 660 Woodward Oakland, St. Clair and Washtenaw and Ave., Detroit.

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Ann Arbor. The Ann Arbor TransportationAuthority, 2700 Industrial Hwy., Ann Arbor.

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Library offers plenty of programs

The library isn't just for reading anymore. A host of how-to and informational programs are being offered at the Novi Library this

Adults can listen to a Michigan Reconstruction, Osthaus will point chigan, making history come alive special speaker will highlight the

the winter doldrums. For adults, the line-up of prog-qualities. rams begins Feb. 3. "Preserving Family Heritage: How to Document and

the generations. Carl Osthaus, Ph.D., of the Oakland University history department. will present "The Qualities of Abra- Larry Massie will present "Sand older Registration for the 45-minute ham Lincoln's Leadership" on Thurs- Dunes, Sawdust and Shipwrecks" on class begins Feb. 1.

historian and kids can learn the art of out how Lincoln's leadership can be through his storytelling. paper origami at the Novi Library this used as a yardstick to measure other. All of the above programs begin at Henry and the wild ponies of Chincopresidents' leadership. He will also 7 p.m. To register, call the library Those two programs, as well as a speak on the six qualities of a suc- 349-0720. host of others, are sure to help beat cessful leader and relate Lincoln's For children, the following progsuccess as a president to these rams have been scheduled:

preservation, Holtman will explain Nurse Association of Southeast Mitton begins Feb. 1. in a creative photo-safe family album - which recently celebrated its nesday. Feb. 16, 1 p.m. Learn that can be handed down through 100th anniversary - started, its or through creative hands on activities

ing a slide presentation.

"Origami," the tricky art of paper

On Thursday, March 10, Karen folding using colorful origami paper. to 1:50 p.m. Observe first-hand a Kessler, community representative Classes are 50 minutes and begin at Preserve Photos and Memorabilia" for the Visiting Nurse Association of 1 and 2 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15. Class will be presented by Jeanette Holt- Southeast Michigan, will give "A His- size is limited, third grades and older. man. An expert in photo/document torical Look at the Original Visiting There is a \$1 materials fee. Registrahow to preserve and organize photos chigan." Learn how the association "Preserving Family History," Wed-

iginal purpose and its evolution dur- how you can record and preserve your family's history. Class size lim-Michigan author and historian ited and open to fourth graders and

day, Feb. 24. A specialist in American Thursday, March 24. Massie will tell "Horses and Ponies: Fact and Fichistory, the Civil War, the South and stories of many coastline cities in Mitton," Thursday, Feb. 17, 1 p.m. A

teague Island. The 45-minute ion class is open to those ages kindergarten and up. No registration is

"Wild Things," Tuesday, April 5, 1 variety of wild animals and birds of prey, including owls that will visit from the Howell Nature Center. This program is geared toward those ages kindergarten and up. No registration

is required. "Music and Fun, the Old-Fashioned Way," Wednesday, April 6, 1 to 1:45 p.m. Class size is limited: kindergarten and up. Registration begins March 28.

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Nine men ages 20 to 70 and one woman in her early 20s are sought for roles. Readings will take place from der to The MacGuffin. Entries must the script, no prepared monologues

Peformance dates are Feb. 18, 19, 25, 26 and March 4 and 5. For additional information, call

The Ridgedale Players will be holding auditions for Lil Abner, the musi-tions will also be awarded. The six sometimes speaking roles in the accal comedy based on the Al Capp winning poems will be published in tion — to help them figure out who comic strip, at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 11 at the playhouse, 205 W. Long Lake Road, Troy.

ages are needed. All roles are Come prepared to sing; bring Monday, April 11. sheet music in your key.

For further information, call direc- Lindenberg at Schoolcraft College,

POET HUNT ON: Distinguished poet Herb Scott will judge the 11th annual "Poet Hunt," a poetry competition sponsored by Schoolcraft College and The MacGuffin literary

The competition is open to all Michigan residents. Individuals may placed, along with a daytime phone

number, on 3- by 5-inch index cards. There is an entrance fee of \$1 per ter 5 p.m. poem, payable by check or money ornot be returned.

\$50 for second place and \$25 for \$25.95 per person. third place. Three honorable menthe fall 1994 issue of The MacGuffin. dunnit. Prizes are given out to the Scott will announce the winners of best guessers.

and 18-20. Adult singer/actors of all the Waterman Campus Center. The Novi Road. their poetry at the college at 7 p.m. call 347-0095.

462-4400, ext. 5292 or 5327.

NORTHVILLE PLAYERS: The

Northville Players will perform The Man Who Came to Dinner during the first two weekends in March. Barb Underwood of the Birmingand Men at 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 9, less. Entries should be typewritten. harn Village Players will direct the Names and addresses cannot appear winter production. The show will be tions will take place at the guild, on the manuscripts, but should be performed at the American Legion Hall in Northville. For information, call 349-1205 af-

HOME SWEET HOME: A dinner be received by Feb. 1, 1994; Mail to theater program will continue on the "Poet Hunt." Liberal Arts Building. last Saturday of each month at the Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty 1920s-era Novi mansion which now Road. Livonia, 48152. Entries will houses Home Sweet Home restaurant. The murder mystery and a ten-Prizes include \$100 for first place, derloin and salmon dinner are

Diners are given clues - and

the poetry competition at his reading Home Sweet Home is located at Show dates are March 4-6, 11-13 at 8p.m. Monday, March 21, 1994, in 43180 Nine Mile Road just east of top six poets will be invited to read For information and reservations.

For more information, contact Art GENITTI'S: Genitti's Hole-In-The-

Wall Restaurant has two production companies performing different Murder Mystery Dinner Theaters every Friday evening at 7:30 p.m. Reservations are required. Special performances of the Murder Mystery Dinner Theater are available.

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Oliver Stone adds chapter to war trilogy

"Heaven and Earth," the latest of- Unit! now, the Vietnamese have fering from Academy Award-winning remained an unexplored abstraction director Oliver Stone, is the story of to most people in the West - nameone Vietnamese woman's heroic less faces that passed before our eyes struggle to survive war, hardship and on TV news broadcasts, their fate alupheavel in her own country and in ways of secondary concern to na-

her adopted land of America. tional interests.

The extensive supporting east into be one of the producers of "Heaven cludes many well-known actors as and Earth. Asians who are non-professional ac-book, "When Heaven and Earth tors appearing on-screen for the first Changed Places," an "engrossing

Hayslip's autobiographical books, award-winning "Platoon" and "Born "When Heaven and Earth Changed on the Fourth of July." Places" (written with Jay Wurts) and "But for some reason," Stone con-

cho - not only describes the light, trasted with the East."

As their country was turned into search trip with Hayslip. swept up in great historical gales and America.

"Heaven and Earth."

Bangkok.

forces much more powerful than film."

Director Oliver Stone decided that most of the

Ly herself, would be filled by Asian non-

professionals - and by Vietnamese non-

Casting got underway in September 1991 with

nada, wherever large communities of Viet Kieu -

former Vietnamese nationals now living elsewhere

Some 16,000 Vietnames responded to adver-

tisements in newspapers and on television in San

Francisco; San Jose; Houston; New Orleans; Ar-

lington, Virginia; Washington D.C.; Orange

County, California: Vancouver, Hong Kong and

California was Hiep Thi Le, a physiology major at

the University of California at Davis.

Responding to one of the open calls in Northern

"Because all my friends were doing it for fun,"

professionals as often as possible.

the University of California at Davis to play Le Ly in year-old sister as her only companion.

Vietnamese roles in the story, including that of Le in Northern California's East Bay region.

open calls throughout the United States and Ca- going to carry that role," said Stone. "Then Hiep

Filmed on location in southeast It is the unique and, to American Asia and southern California, audiences, unexplored perspective of 'Heaven and Earth' stars Tommy Lee one of these courageous survivors Jones, Joan Chen and Dr. Haing S. that attracted Olive Stone to Le Ly Ngor, and introduces Hiep Thi Le as Hayslip's extraordinary tale. It was Le Ly, a veteran of nearly four de- called to his attention by Robert cades of political and personal Kline, a former president of Hayslip's East Meets West organization, later

well as many Vietnamese and other Stone said he found Le Ly's first

quest for a life from beginning to end. A Warner Bros.' production, "It was very much a spiritual odys-"Heaven and Earth" is the epic and sey and about humanity, growth and heroic story of Phung Thi Le Ly, a wo-wisdom, and I fell in love with both man of Vietnam. It is the tale of what the project and Le Ly," said Stone, happened to a woman, her family whose own tribulations as a decorand a country when "Heaven and ated veteran of the Viet Nam War informed his two previous cinematic The film was inspired by Le Ly examinations of the conflict, the

ment missing from the story that

sive waves of players with conflicting 'Child of War, Woman of Peace,' and which I found out is a key element of age, confusion and tragic desperaideologies - the French, the the manuscript was on her lap," re- their universe. Vietnamese of both communist and called Stone. Tasked her what it was, "Ancestor worship is the core of ans, both during and after the war,"

"What was interesting about Le



Hiep Thi Le stars as Le Ly in Oliver Stone's epic drama, 'Heaven and Earth'

Ly's story was its chance for me to that appreciation of Vietnamesespir step outside of my own experience ituality in his film. again," Stone continued, "to see the "Child of War, Woman of Peace" (writ-tinued, "I felt that there was an ele-war from another point of view.

In the lyrical Vietnamese lan- would help to make it a fuller film. . . the infrastructure of the country, the her story to create a film with a visual guage, the word for rice chaff - gao something more of the West con- agricultural structure, and made the and dramatic life of its own. people dependent on government.

from their ancient cemeteries where the United States. an incendiary chessboard by succes- "Le Ly was writing the second book they worshipped their ancestors, "Butler is an example of the cour-

capitalist persuasions and, finally, and Le Ly said that it was just some. Buddhism and spirituality in the said Stone. The invaders, and often the Americans — the peasants were thing she was writing about her life in East. When that was taken, as well as the invaded, of Vietnam developed twisted in a thousand different grabbed it, started reading it on system, the people were never able to perience that often led them into pasthe airplane, and before we reached get it back. That was one of the great sionate but troubled relationships." North to south, east to west, and Saigon, knew — that thrilling feeling underlying tragedies of Vietnam that For these people, the war didn't back again, they were at the mercy of -that I had found the third act of the I was never aware of as an end with the fall of Saigon - a point infantryman." Stone was determined to preserve crucial to the film.

early 1980 and now makes its home in San Pablo. film world.

Stone said Hiep is exactly what she appears to

the medical profession," noted the Academy

shocked that she ended up with this role."

And it is quite a role.

College student earns starring role

history led to the hiring of a physiology major from undergoing a dangerous journey with a seven- the beginning of principal photography.

Her family of nine completely reunited in the are some of the strongest performers in today's

Although she had never before even considered for his role as Clay Shaw in Stone's "JFK," was cast acting as a career option, Hiep Thi Le was the per- as Steve Butler, the war-haunted U.S. Marine who

fect choice to play Le Ly, according to Stone. falls in love with Le Ly and takes her back to

showed up at an open call in the Bay Area with a known for her starring performances in Bernardo

friend. The moment she walked into the room, I Bertolucci's 1987 Oscar-winning epic, "The last

"Iwin Peaks."

"There was no girl that I saw that I thought was America as his youthful bride.

He also decided — with Hayslip's blessing — to employ creative The war completely eradicated license, condensing and broadening

dried husk that blows away in the Stone discovered the missing ele- That's what militarization seems to Steve Butler, played by Tommy Lee wind, but is also the name that the ment while on a Vietnam Airlines Come to - government control. Jones, is a composite of four Ameripeasant farmers applied to them- flight from Hanoi to Ho Chi Minh So there was a division: people can men who had a profund impact selves during decades of war. City, the former Saigon, during a re- were put into hamlets and removed on Le Ly's life, both in Vietnam and in

their tradtional agricultural support strong bonds of mutually shared ex-

that both Stone and Hayslip felt was

Tommy Lee Jones, an Academy Award nominee

Cast as Le Ly's mother was Joan Chen, best



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knew she was special. There was a light around Emperor." and on David Lynch's cult TV series, "The 'COOL RUNNINGS' of The choice for Le Ly's father was Dr. Haing S. est girl with ambitions to finish college and go into

Ngor, who won an Academy Award in 1984 for his role in The Killing Fields. Dr. Ngor has much in basketball films." Award-winning director. "I'm sure she was common with Le Ly Hayslip. Like her, he endured incredible suffering during the Southeast Asian

conflicts to become a powerful force for healing. Hiep Thi Le would be required to age more than After surviving the brutal Khmer Rouge regime 30 years on-screen and work every day of a gruel- in Cambodia, Dr. Ngor established six internaing 64-day shoot under difficult conditions in tional relief organizations devoted to helping Born in Da Nang, Central Vietnam -- very near Thailand and the United States. in addition, she Southeast Asian refuges around the world,

to Le Ly's home village of Ky La, Hiep exited her had to complete field research in Vietnam and a whether Cambodian. Vietnamese or Laotian.

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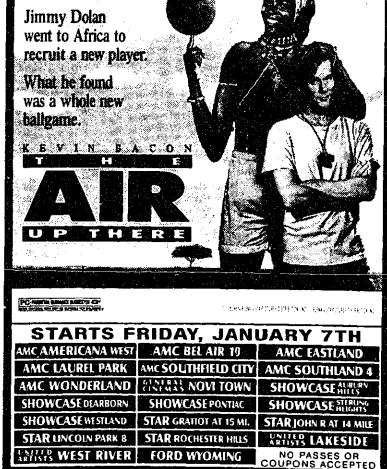
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By SCOTT DANIEL

Valley Conference girls basketball

litle in November, Novi High coach

Athletic Director John Fundu-

lack of students in the program and

sity level were reasons for the

district semi-finals to Plymouth

"I have been fired," said Hoffman. playing.

final season as head coach.

from the middle of the year."

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Fundukian described Hoffman aren't ready to play at the varsity

"In many instances," he said, "he ger players over seniors sends a bad

at the JV and freshman levels. Fundukian in late November, Hoffman

level. He said also that using your-

"It sends a message that they

Hoffman said he met with Fun-

"They obviously want to go in a

That direction appeared to be

Hoffman took over a losing prog

ram in 1990 and slowly began to

turn it around. The Wildcats went

5-16 in his first year but improved

sons. He leaves Novi with a 41-44

did that. I think the program was

headed in a positive direction."

"My whole purpose was to make

different direction than I was taking

wouldn't be renewed.

them," he said.

Basketball coach fired

after winning KVC title

as a good young coach.

licipation from students.

something is wrong."

to a program than titles.

Novi carried nine players on its varstly and about the same number

kian made the decision not to retain duktan said he was concerned that said he was told his contract

the squads didn't have enough par-

"Kids vote with their feet," he

The AD said he was happy that

"The bottom line is not the busi-

Hoffman guided the Wildcats to ness of wins and losses," said Fun- to 10 and 11 wins the following sea-

He added that a positive educa-

dized with younger athletes

men and sophomores physically

After winning the Kensington did a lot for the program during his

younger athletes playing it he var-commented. "That's a sign that

"We are going to make a change the school won the KVC crown. He

next year," said Fundukian. "We added, however, that there's more

their first league title in more than a dukian. "We are in the business of

Canton, posted a 15-6 record in his tional experience was being jepor-

"It wasn't a surprise. I saw it coming Often, Fundukian said, fresh-

at Novi High.

to say the least.

It's time for the inmates

to stop running the prison

The firing of Wildcat ba-

sketball coach John Hoff-

man was wrong, just plain

wrong. And, it would

seem, the circumstances

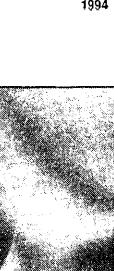
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Hoffman's dismissal says something about program



Scott

Hoffman got the ziggy from Novi Athletic Director John Fundukian shortly November. It was a season in which Novi won the Kensington Valley Conference championship for the first time in years, the first win school had seen since 1986.

Fundukian didn't fire the four-year coach for his on court performance, though. He said a lack of students in the program and younger athletes playing at the varsity level were his reasons for giving Hoffman the pink slip.

On the surface, the athletic director's reasoning appears legitimate. But taken in a larger context, Fundukian's statements are really alibis for parents who wanted Hoffman fired.

In May of last year, boys basketball coach Bob Shoemaker resigned for what he termed financial reasons. He said he needed to hook on to a school where he could work not only as a coach but also on the business side by fund-raising and other duties. In reality, Shoemaker was forced out by folks that

turned a laughing stock program into a two-time KVC champion in four years. Boys swimming coach Mark Mason met a similar fate. Although he didn't enjoy the same success that Shoemaker did in his short two-year stay, he did a

But, Mason wasn't liked in certain circles either. They said he didn't have any personality. So, his con-

losses. He said the bottom line was providing a posttive educational experience through athletics. I can understand that to a point. High school

coaches shouldn't go to any lengths to win. Sports should be fun. A child shouldn't be playing if they truly don't enjoy competition and practicing. Winning at the varsity level is important in my estimation, however.

When any varsity team steps into the athletic work hard enough in the offseason or simply wasn't arena it's representing the school. These are or should be the school's best athletes — regardless of age. The point is, the school should be putting its best foot forward.

didn't agree with his coaching style or the way he handled kids. It didn't matter much that he had "I don't think (parents) understand," she said, "that at the varsity level we are there to win. We aren't there for everybody to play or to make everybody

> Winning brings pride to the school and, more importantly, the players. The only way to bring that about is through stability in the coaching staff. Look at the recently completed fall sports season.

The girls tennis team, which is led by longtime In firing Hoffman, Fundukian said the Novi country team, run by the only coach the school has School District wasn't in the business of wins and ever known, Norm Norgren, had a great year in placing second to Brighton, using primarily freshmen

runners. The list goes on. This winter, each of the high school's four teams are coached by newcomers.

Fundukian also said that using freshmen and sophomores over seniors on varsity teams sends a bad message. Hogwash.

The message it's sending is that the senior didn't

of message is using a weaker player, because they happen to be a senior, sending? Hard work doesn't count? Skill doesn't matter? Well, in the real world those things do matter. Wildcat basketball player Christine Edwards put

When these kids go on to college or the business world what's going to happen? Is the professor going to say, "Gosh Johnny, I know you tried hard, I'll give you an A even though you didn't know the material." Is a boss going to say, "Well Sue, we're going to give you a big fat raise even though your performance was mediocre this year."

good enough to be at out a younger player. What kind

The fact is, people have to accept roles in life. Not Handing someone something they don't deserve really isn't doing them a favor. If you think about it, it's actually an insult.

In the final analysis, the truth about coaching athletics at Novi High isn't if you win or lose or even how your team plays the game. It's how well you appease the parents.

Scott Daniel is Sports Editor for The Novi News and The Northville Record.



Erin Bjerke (above left) was one of the reasons the Wildcat softball team had its best season in year last spring. Andy Sill (right) was a workhorse for the football team in the fall.

1993: a year of success, failure for Wildcat teams

In many respects, 1993 was a Novi High had its only losing season banner year for Novi High in the in coach Tom Fritz tenure at 13-17. athletic arena.

lonships were hoisted by the Wildcais. And making these great teams great were some fine athletes.

David York, Tom Grigg, John Crawford, Andy Sill, Jason Fischer Oleszek were just a few Novi High the state tournament. athletes that made 1993 a year to takes a look back at each of the Salem in two games. The Wildcats Wildcat teams, how they fared and beat Baseline rival Northville to who led the pack.

Five Wildcats missed all or part of the year with injuries. As a result,

Tim O'Sullivan emerged as one of Kensington Valley Conference ti-the team's big surprises. The senior tles and even a few district champ- won nearly 30 matches and placed second in the KVC championships. Fritz resigned at the end of the

JV coach Brad Huss. Volleyball: A disappointing Kelly Barton, Barb Lowes, Kelly regular season was made up for in Kearney. Erin Bjerke and Megan part by the Wildcats tough play in Novi made it all the way to district emember. The following article finals before falling to Plymouth

make it to the finals. Wrestling: Injuries were the mark and a 6-8 overall record. The Schluter took over during the sum-

took over in November. Basketball: After winning two straight league titles, the air came

season. He later switched jobs with KVC standings. York led the team. An excellent

The squad wound with a 5-7 KVC a few months after the season. Pat

Kenny, Christine Edwards and Coach Arny Wagner resigned at the end of the season. Julie Fisette

out of Novi's balloon. Graduation losses from the previous season couldn't be made up for as the Wildcats went with younger players. Novi wound up with a 7-14 record and well down in the

shooter, he was complimented by youngsters Rocky Dunlap, Jason Fannon, Greg Pierman and Chad Coach Bob Shoemaker resigned

Swimming: Despite low numbers of athletes, Novi High fielded a competitive team in '93. Only 16 athletes swam or dove

have a team without being cancelled. The team went 5-5 despite the numbers and qualified four swimmers to the state finals. Mike Lafferty, Mike Speerscfor the Wildcats, just enough to hneider, Erich Kelly and Dennis

Suchyta led the way for Novi. Coach Mark Mason was not retained at the end of the season. Dave Maker eventually took the

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File photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

Kristin Kenny said there were long standing tensions between John Hoffman and players.

Basketball coach fired after winning KVC crown

unior Christine Edwards, "I liked direction." him as a coach. I don't think he was difficult to play for."

"I feel sorry for the juniors," said senior Kristin Kenny. "It's easier to have the same coach than a different one in your senior year. Like any other team, the Wildcats play for."

had problems this past season. Juwere upset over playing time. spoke with each team member about Wildcats. their role before the start of last season. Snider said the coach didn't always follow what he had told them. teams at the high school, described point, he added. Hoffman said he felt

(Schubert) or play if she wasn't play-

ing well," she added. than him," she said, "and some not as Snider said Hoffman "sometimes" lived up to his preseason promise tough." and sometimes didn't. Despite the friction, she said she didn't want Hoff-

"I didn't want a new coach for my enior year," Snider said. Kenny said it wasn't the first season where problems had erupted. year. "The tension between him and "This year...there was no reason" I'm not bitter about it," Hoffman

players was long standing," she said. to yell or scream at everybody," he commented. "I learned absolutely a "He was sometimes a little difficult to said. "Of all the years I've been there ton."

Reaction to the firing from Wildcat "My whole purpose was to make them a winner. We "I was preity upset about it," said did that. I think the program was headed in a positive

Former coach

Kenny played for Hoffman over successful." nior Laura Snider said some players much of her four years at Novi High. She said that even with the problems in his position. According to players, Hoffman that it had been "fun" playing for the them as far as I could take them." he

"I had a good time," Kenny said. said Edwards, who has played on many My role was to rest September her former coach as being middle of next season would have been sucthe road in terms of toughness.

> Hoffman said he was aware of the problems. But, he said, he thought boys JV basketball at Royal Oak they weren't anything out of the or- Dondero, said he currently has no

Willy festival Hoffman added that he was happy coming "I would have stayed until I took

Chilly

By CINDY STEWART

Calling all Novi and surrounding

Willy Winter Festival each year has

been the chili cook-off. It doesn't mat-

terif we get snow or not and what bet-

ter way to warm your insides than a piping hot bowl of our area restaur-

To date, Kosch's Deli-Pub, Eli & Denny's Restaurant at the Sheraton, Red Robin, Crawford's and Rocky's of Northville, and the Bon-A-Rose of

New Hudson are already registered

Chilly Willy is an entire day of fam-

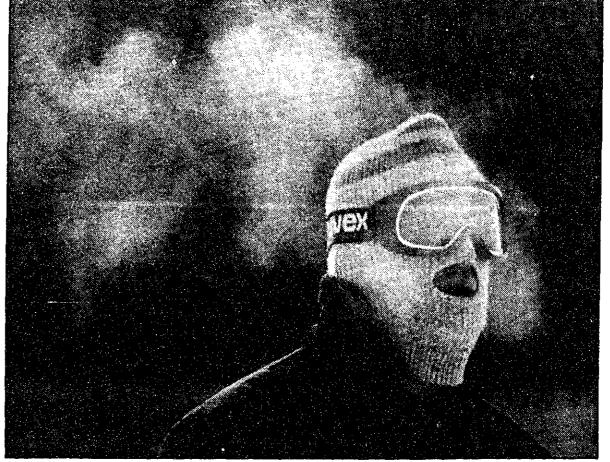
for the great chili cook-off.

ants' famous chili.

The Wildcats hadn't reached that cessful and upperclassmen would Tve had coaches a lot tougher have played more.

area restaurants who serve chilil We need you for the 7th Annual very smooth," he said. Chilly Willy Winter Festival Chili Cook-off/Tasting Contest on Satur-

day, Jan. 15. Everyone in Novi loves chili, and dinary. Compared to other seasons, plans to coach a girls team next fall. what better way to bring exposure to Hoffman said it was a relatively quiet He said he will look back proudly at your establishment than Novi's own Chili Cook-off. The highlight of the annual Chilly



File photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

THURSDAY

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The Chilly Willy Winter Festival comes to Novi next week

ily fun and entertainment at the Novi fun begins. Activities for all ages in- winter season. You could walk away best dressed booth award. Start off the day by watching for par- nament (\$2 entry fee - advance re- honors. ticipating in) the Sno-Ball Softball gistration required), Euchre Tourna-

Recreation

Civic Center on Saturday, Jan. 15. clude coloring contest, Bridge Tour- with the old man/woman contest While all this is going on, the in the multi-purpose room for the 2

The crowds stand in line at their favo-Civic Center and feast on a pancake Wing Tickets. Get into the Chilly ing who walks away with first, second Circly Stewart is the Director of

When the chili's all gone and the awards are packed away, take a seat

breakfast from 9 to 11 a.m. before the Willy Spirit by dressing up for the and third place honors, as well as the Public Information for the City of Novi.

Tournament. Crazy men compete in ment (advance and on-site registra- aroma of steaming hot chili will be p.m. performance of "The Chaua bone chilling, finger freezing, fast tion), face painting, and imagination wafting through the Civic Center. action game of sno-ball like you've stations (take home your creations). What better way to warm your in- tainment program glorifles the family never seen before. Neither snow, nor There will also be plenty of indoor sides than a bowl or two (or three) of unit. The Chautauqua Express our area restaurants' famous chili. promises to delight and thrill the enwind, nor freezing temps will stop concessions for those hungry these teams from their quest of sno- youngsters. ball champs. If you're brave for crazy Last year we asked everyone to rile booths and eat to their hearts enough) the entry deadline for teams think snow and it worked - we had 10 content (or until the chill's gone). Afis Thursday, Jan. 13. All games will inches of snow for Chilly Willy. This ter stomach's are full, don't forget to Jan. 15 on your new 1994 City of Novi be played at Power Park with outdoor year, weather permitting, there will vote for your favorite chili. Every reconcessions and bonfires going to be snowman building contest, ice staurant would love to win the Peo- ation at 347-0400 for additional warm the players as well as the skating, sledding, cross country ski-ple's Choice Award. The infamous Chilly Willy information. See you ing and the annual Score-O/Super team of chili connoisseurs (judges) Cool enough? Come on inside the Score-Ocontest with first prize of Red will also have the tough job of decid-



Friendship Club: Novi Parks and Recreation sponsors this club for mildly to moderately handicapped youths ages 14 and older. Activities are scheduled monthly and consist of events such as DJ dances, family pollucks, arts and crafts, treasure hunts, hay rides and more. The cost is \$5 to join and there is a nominal cost for each activity.

Fitness Notes

Botsford Hospital: The fol-

lowing is a listing of Botsford

General Hospital Community

Calendar health events for

On Jan. 10 free blood pres-

sure and vision screening will be

done from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. The

checks will be done in the hospi-

On Jan. 17 cholesterol

screening will be done. Total

cholesterol screening by finger-

stick method from 1 p.m. to 4

On Jan. 25 a lecture about

nutrition, "All About Fat," will be

given. The program tells you

how to cut fat in your diet and

gives you the chance to taste fat-

stration on making the perfect pasta will be held. The two-hour

demonstration costs \$3 at the

Ask-a-nurse: Marcia Gra-

ham, a public nurse from the

Oakland County Health Depart-

ment, will be at the Novi Senior

Center twice a month from 9

a.m. to noon. She is available to

discuss problems and issues

concerning senior health with

individuals or families. This

program is free and although in-

formation and education are im-

portant, it is not meant to re-

place physician care.

p.m. for a cost of \$5.

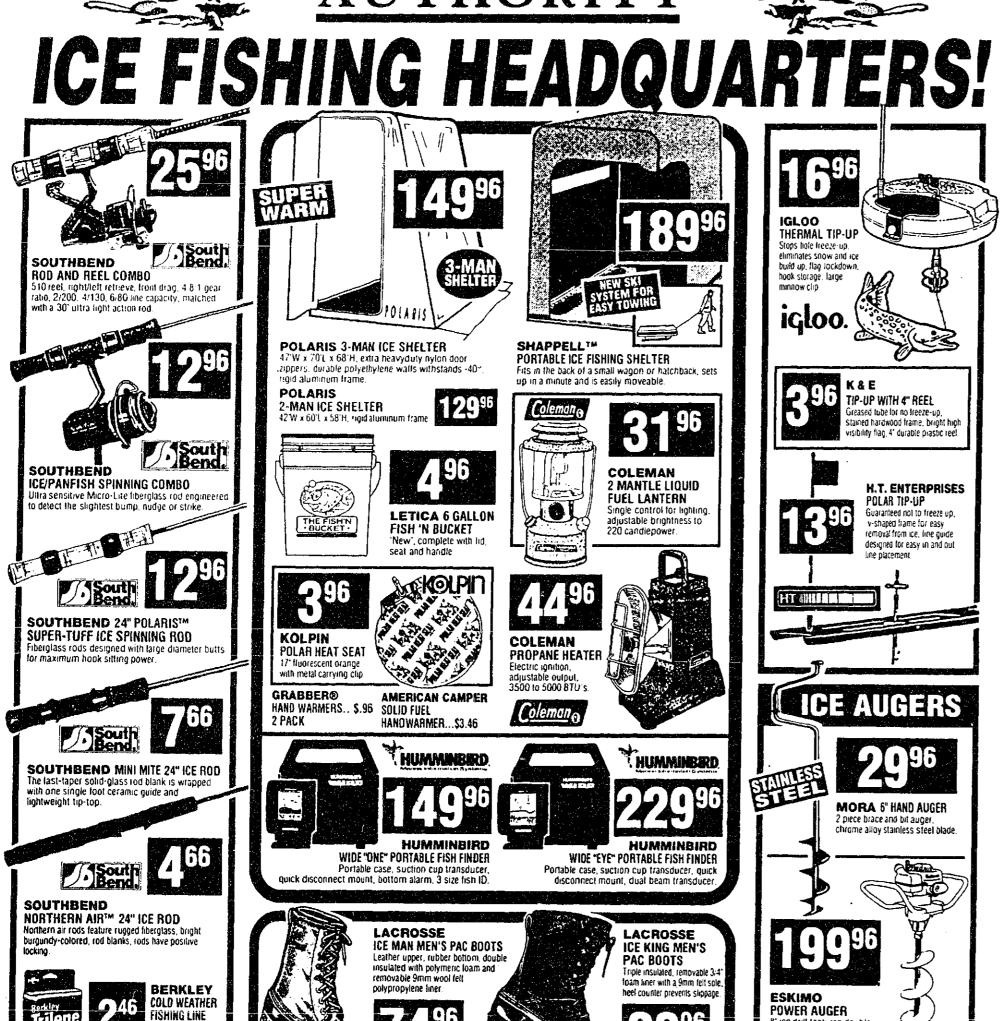
January:

Foot Care: Family Foot Care will be in the Novi Senior Center the first Friday of each month. They will use a whirlpool bath, clip toe nails, trim corns and address foot care. Medicare will be accepted as payment. Call 347-0414 for an appointment. Walkers' Program: Health education programs are presented on the second Tuesday of the month by the U-M Health Centers at Center Court of

Twelve Oaks Mali. Coffee and bagels are served. "Fitness Over 50," is presented by a certified instructor on Mondays and Wednesdays from · 9-10 a.m. It's a low-impact aerobic session designed by the U-M Physical Education Department.

Mall entrance doors open at 8 a.m. Monday through Saturday and at 10 a.m. Sunday for walkers. New walkers need to register in the security office located on the upper level, JCPenney corridor. For more information call 348-9438.

Walking Program: Walkers of all levels are welcome every Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. at the Novi Town Center. Short motivation discussions are followed by a walk of varied distances. Call 347-4949 for more



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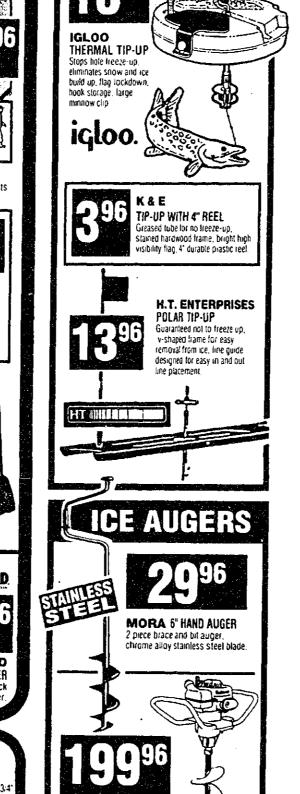
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traditionally blamed sticky, high-sugar Health tips

Soft drinks cause tooth decay

foods, even raisins, for much of the nation's tooth decay. Alcause decay, sugar- of tooth decay.

to the teeth have a greater decay-causing po-sticky foods. tential than the less adhesive foods, such as

Dr. Kathryn

though sticky, sug- diet patterns of a cross-section of the U.S. poary foods, such as pulation, scientists have found a strong link betoffee can and do tween soda pop consumption and the incidence sweetened soft Researchers admit that gram for gram,

sumption are taken into account, soft drinks body functions. Previously the belief was that foods that stick appear to cause just as much damage as sweet, It is documented that in 1982, Americans

soft drinks. But this theory is now being drank large quantities of soda pop, an average NovtRoad in Novt. This column is coordinated by In analyzing data on the dental health and The frequency with which sweetened soft Centers.

drinks are consumed is closely linked to tooth decay. The quantity consumed each time is not nearly as powerfully associated with decay as how often sugary liquid is consumed.

In other words, sipping sweetened soft drinks all afternoon is more harmful to your teeth than drinking a large soda with a meal and then abstaining from soda for the rest of the

With this knowledge, controlling your family's pop intake makes a lot of sense in cavity drinks may be the sticky foods may actually have more decay prevention. Substituting or adding more water Hoppe, D.D.S. cause of just as much causing potential than soft drinks. But when to your daily liquid consumption is a great way factors such a quantity and frequency of con- to prevent tooth decay and enhance proper

> Dr. Kathryn Hoppe, has a dental practice located in the Novi Professional Village, 23985 of 420 twelve-ounce cans a person that year. Peg Campbell and the staff at the U-M Health

Drawing class ready to start in Novi

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 has begun for Novi residents. All reservations must be made in person at the Novi Parks and Recreation office.

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

Novi Trackers: The Novi Trackers is a running club whose members range from the casual jogger to serious competitor. The Trackers meet twice weekly and all runners are invited to join any of the club runs. Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. at Novi High School and Saturdays at 8 a.m. at the Sundowner Restaurant parking lot, across the street from the Northville Post office. For more information, please call Hub Copp, Club

Aerobic Exercise: Designed for men and women, this aerobic ex-

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ercise program stresses an individual workout at your ow. The class, sponsored by Novi Community Education, meets at in-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 8:30-9:30 p.m.

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. Handball, Racquetball: If you enjoy handball, racquetball or paddleball, open court time is being offered by Schoolcraft College.

Courts can be scheduled for doubles play. Gloves, paddles, racquets, balls and lockers are furnished. For more information, call 462-4413.

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Success and failure visits Wildcats in '93

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Swimming: Despite low numbers of athletes, Novi High flelded a competitive team in '93.

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Mike Lafferty, Mike Speerschneider, Erich Kelly and Dennis Suchyta led the way for Novi.

tained at the end of the season. Dave Maker eventually took the position.

Tennis: The Wildcats repeated as KVC champions despite the departure of 1992 star Mark McGrew.

The Wildcats finished the league tournament tied with Brighton. But a better overall conference record gave Novi the title.

Baseball: Speaking of repeat championships, the baseball squadgot its second straight last spring as

Novi split a doubleheader with Brighton on May 26 to take a share of the KVC title.

"Eating part of the cake is still good," coach Barry Howard in describing the achievement. The kids played hard and earned the championship. I don't care if was 'co.' "

Shortstop Grigg led Novi to the title. The junior was named Hometown Newspapers' East All-Area Player of the Year for the second straight time. Other outstanding players included Kevin Serra, Andy Sill, Fischer, John Lahti and Paul

Boys Track: The tracksters had a repeat performance of sorts, too. For the second year in a row, the Wildcats were fourth in the KVC. Novi was tied for third going into the league meet in late May, but Lakeland moved ahead by beating the

'Cats by seven points. "It's a better fourth than last year," coach Bob Smith said in assessing. "We were in more meets than last year and I think we had a little more Top athletes included, Crawford,

Vince Meehan and Jason Stimac. Girls Track: Although Novi finished fourth in the league, progress was made.

Performances improved for the Wildcats but not enough to rank team without being cancelled. The among the top in a tough KVC. Brighton was league champ.
"I was really pleased with our

whole season," coach Connie Atia said. "Our times improved each

Christy Carmichael, Ursula Place. Coach Mark Mason was not re- Karle Jettle and Claire Sheldon were among the top athletes. Softball: It was the best season

in years for the softballers in 1993. A 10-3 romp over Pinckney in early June gave Novi its first district championship in cons. The Wildcats finished 24-15 and were knocked out of the state tournament in regionals

by Belleville. Strong pitching and enough hitting filled the order for Novi. Bjerke and Julie Swinehart dominated from the mound while Barton and newcomer Melissa Strikulis railied the offense.

Soccer: Coach Larry Christoff termed 1993 a surprise year.

He made that conclusion noting his roster of young players like Becky Pylar, Betsie Becker, Erin Vogel and Lisa Antuna. Even with that youthful group. Novi put together a 9-6-3 campaign and made noises in the state playoffs before falling in the district final to Baseline rival Northville.

"The girls surprised everybody," Christoff said, "If it wasn't for all the injuries we could have finished in second place (in the KVC)."

Lacrosse: Novi High's newest sport made its debut in the spring with moderate success.

The Wildcats went 7-8 in their first campaign and went to the quarterfinals of the state tournament. In addition, three all-staters were named from the young sqaud: Mike Sill, Mike Hicks and Eric Hoffman.

Other top players included Mark Lopez, Kevin Garcia and Steve Wells. FALL Golf: Also the first season for the linksters, the Wildcats were able to post only a few victories.

Lowes turned out to be the story of



Joe Schmizzi was a vital cog in the Wildcat soccer team's success.

the team. She earned a trip to the state finals for her excellent play.

Alisson Omura, Jennifer Presson and Gretchen Harvery were others to compete on the squad.

Footbail: It was a year of highs and lows for John Osborne's crew in

Big wins over Walled Lake West-

ern, Mt. Morris and Lakeland were highlights of the year while stinging losses to Milford, Brighton and South Lyon turned the KVC season into a losing proposition. A year after winning the Baseline Jug from Northville, the Wildcats surrendered it back as the Mustangs crushed Novi at home 28-0 on a frigid October

Serra replaced graduated John Lahti at quarterback and exceeded all expectations. He, in fact, led the conference in passing and put up

good rushing numbers. Fischer was the defensive horse for Novi. Other top players included and Andy Sill.

Basketball: In early November, the Wildcats claimed their first KVC championship in more than a A 50-47 win over Milford gave the

team its title. Kearney was the star of that game as scored 26 points. A total team effort was led by senior star Kenny, junior Christine Edwards, Megan Barton and September Schubert. Novi made it to the second

round of the state playoffs. Coach John Hoffman was fired in late November, shortly after the

championship was won. Soccer: It was also a watershed John Wroe, Brian Csordas, Hicks year for the kickers.

After finishing second in the KVC to Brighton, the Wildcats had an excellent playoff run. Novi first beat league rival South Lyon in districts then ousted heavily favored Plymouth Canton. Plymouth Salem finally stopped the upstart 'Cats 4-1 in

the district final in late October. Novi finished the year at 15-4-1. A solid lineup was led by Hometown Newspapers' Player of the Year Chris Young, who scored better than 20 goals. Other top players included Joe Schmizzi, Keith Barber and Joe

Girls Cross Country: Norm Norgren's runners had the turnaround year of the decade in '93.

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