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Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

Mayor Kathleen McLallen presents a key to the city to Santa, so he can deliver gifts to Novi homes Christmas Eve.

Santa welcomed at tree lighting

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

He's not exactly a candidate for the cover of *GQ*.

He's been wearing that same old suit for years and years. Gaudy to begin with, its value as a fashion statement has diminished with the years. All that white fur from some indeterminate critter, animal rights activists are sure to get their hackles up. And when's the last time the old boy's seen a barber, never mind a stylist?

Still, he's Santa Claus and we love him. And at least in Novi, he won't have to squeeze that pudgy bod down any chimneys. Mayor Kathleen McLallen gave Santa the oversized key to the city Monday.

"All the little people are just so excited to see you. This key will open every home in the

city," McLallen told him.

Santa didn't bring the reindeer, he arrived instead in a Novi fire truck. The seventh and eighth grade choir from Novi Middle School had to sing their hearts out to get him here, helped by a full house in the Novi Civic Center atrium.

Santa shows up every year to turn on the lights of the Novi Christmas tree. After generating a few oohs and aahs as he lit the tiny white lights, which wrap around the purple and gold-ornamented tree, he worked the crowd.

Easily a couple hundred kids turned out to place their orders with St. Nick. But just in case he didn't listen up, here's what a few Novi children want for Christmas.

Mary Anolick, 3 and a half, would like a "special bear," preferably white and fuzzy.

Jonathan Kammo, 5 and a half, wants a Bugs Bunny puppet. His sister Monique, not quite 4, put in a bid for a Barbie doll, while brother Christopher, 7, prefers a computer.

"They get older and their stuff gets more expensive," mom Margaret Kammo laughed.

How true it is. Take Kelly Gibson, 7. Her list kept growing, starting with a Sega, working its way through Big Blocks and a sticker-making machine, all the way to Rollerblades. Big Blocks are cool, her friend Brandon Coles agreed. Brandon, 6 and a half, already has one set but wants another, plus a Super Nintendo.

So get that straight, Santa. And if you accidentally leave anything behind at the North Pole, not to worry. Novi has plenty of shopping opportunities.

Novi school bond goes before voters

By SHARON CONDRON
Staff Writer

The average homeowner in Novi would pay \$150 more a year in property taxes if voters approve the Novi Community School District's \$33 million bond proposal in a special election next Tuesday.

The proposal asks voters to approve a bond sale to be repaid over 25 years so proceeds from it can be used to build a new \$23.1 million middle school and to cover \$9.9 million worth of renovations at Novi Meadows and Novi Middle School.

The proposal is the lone question on Tuesday's ballot.

An average \$150,000 homeowner can expect to pay two additional mills of property taxes or \$150 a year more in taxes if he or she votes yes on Tuesday's proposal, according to James Koster, assistant superintendent of oper-

ations. ■ A detailed look at the building proposal and its financing appears on page A6.

The new middle school is expected to provide space for the school district's bulging student population for at least the next five years. The renovations will transform the existing middle school facilities into an upper elementary complex, school officials said.

Superintendent Emmett Lippe said the two-part proposal provides the most feasible solution to the school district's two-fold facilities problems.

"It is a reasonable solution to get us beyond the next five to

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Detroit is seeking Novi's Hall of Fame

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

The Motorsports Museum and Hall of Fame may have been founded in Novi, but that doesn't mean it's parked here for good.

A Grand Prix official approached director Ron Watson last week to discuss moving the museum from the Novi Expo Center to Belle Isle.

"The Detroit Grand Prix is involved with the City of Detroit in developing a long-term plan for the island. One of the things to be considered is the idea of a Motorsports Hall of Fame. We've taken a look at the collection out there," Bob McCabe, vice president for community and civic affairs for the ITT Automotive Detroit Grand Prix, said Tuesday.

"Maybe there's a way we can combine forces and make it better. We're eager to take a look at it and will move as quickly as possible."

Using a combination of private and public funds, the Grand Prix and Detroit could make a bid to transfer the Novi museum to either an existing or a new building on Belle Isle, McCabe added. If the local museum doesn't move, McCabe said, it's likely that Detroit will start its own Motorsports Hall of Fame.

Meanwhile, Novi museum enthusiasts are revving up their engines in an attempt to keep the facility planted here.

"We're pretty upset about it,"

Novi City Manager Ed Kriewall said.

An ad hoc committee, led by former mayor Matt Quinn, was set up last week to brainstorm strategies, including funding raising strategies, to convince the museum to stay put. The group will be seeking the support of local businesses for the museum.

Museum director Ron Watson confirmed that an initial contact had been made by the Grand Prix: "We know no details. Apparently, there's a discussion. It might not happen. There is a possibility."

Boasting a collection which includes 75 vehicles, the Motorsports Museum opened in the Novi Expo Center in January 1993. While visitors just love the hydroplane, holding the pride of place is the Novi Special race car. "Most people are pretty impressed when they come in here. We've started a monthly lecture series. We're expanding our programs," Watson said.

The museum is already drawing sightseers from all over the U.S. and from as far away as Germany, England and New Zealand. Now, Watson says the trustees and volunteers are working "harder than ever" to build a strong support system in Novi.

"The museum is getting better all the time. We're trying to get the revenue to cover our expenses."

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Residents irate over Taft proposals

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

South Lake Drive homeowners want commuter traffic directed off their narrow road ... now.

West Road residents hope they won't see the route of the more than \$2 million Taft Road extension, approved by voters in 1990, shifted west to direct industrial traffic past their homes.

And City Manager Ed Kriewall says the original path for the proposed road, which lines up with the existing Taft Road, could negatively impact the sensitive wetlands environment of the city's new Novi Tree Farm park.

Alternatives recommended by city engineers would drive the road either through an existing or a proposed industrial park, running it north about 1,200 feet to the east of Beck Road.

Most of the 25 people who spoke at a Novi City Council public hearing on the project Monday didn't favor the redirection.

"What you have asked me to

pay for is a disaster ... Using the name Taft Road is a deception," said West Road resident Brooks Decker, who favored the extension when it bypassed the residential area.

"Who's going to benefit? A very small handful of developers is the answer. They get the road and we get to pay for it."

In early February, Kriewall said city engineers will return with more more data on the seven proposed routes. They'll also do addi-

tional research on the cost of building the road through the park wetlands.

"There's no final determination on the route. We can redirect it in any direction. We can do anything we want to do from this point forward," Kriewall said.

"We need to get it to a point where it's going to happen or not happen very quickly."

What everybody's looking for is an easy way to get to the freeway

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A special section ...

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AD wants free passes curbed

By SHARON CONDRON
Staff Writer

For all you do, Community Appreciation Day is for you.

For years, Novi Community School District has hosted Community Appreciation Day during the fall football season. Free passes to a Friday night football game affords the district an opportunity to say thanks to district residents for their support year-round.

Last year however the annual event posed some problems for Novi High School administrators and Athletic Director John Fundukian.

Fundukian aired his concerns about the evening at the Dec. 1 Board of Education meeting. The athletic director said that while the concept accomplishes several positive outcomes, it raises some serious concerns about crowd control and student safety.

Specifically, the athletic director said the free pass policy

makes it hard to control the "no-out pass policy," which means those who come to the game can enter and exit as often as they want.

"This means attendees can exit to parking lots and return as often as they wish," Fundukian told board members in his memo to them last week. "The 'no-out policy' discourages alcohol use along with other inappropriate out choices."

In addition, football games - especially this one - draws a high concentration of middle school students. The students, Fundukian said, come to the game without adult supervision. Middle schoolers come to the game in large groups but few if any watch the game.

"It has been my experience that they seldom seek a seat to watch the contest," Fundukian said. "Often they roam, seek to play pick up games or run and chase,

push and shove. This contributes to injuries and complicates assistance when parents of this age group are not present."

Last year a lack of parental supervision nearly proved disastrous for a young girl who suffered a breathing problem during the game.

"We had everyone attending to her and there were no parents there," Fundukian said. "It complicated things."

And with everyone's attention diverted to caring for the girl, supervision and crowd control was lax.

It raises some issues. The problem is compounded because the game usually draws a large crowd because admission is free. Therefore the game is largely attended by fans of the other team or students from neighboring schools.

"A large number of attendees are not connected with Novi or the visiting school. These specta-



JOHN FUNDUKIAN

tors' have heard about the free admission. If they are not here to watch the game, cooperation is

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Community Calendar

To get your organization's activities, regular meetings or special events listed in the Community Calendar, send information to Community Calendar, The Novi News, 104 W. Main Street, Northville, MI 48167

Thursday, December 8

Optimist Club: The Novi Optimist Club meets at 7:30 a.m. at the Novi Civic Center.

Friday, December 9

Madrigal Dinner: The Novi High School Choirs presents its annual Madrigal Dinner in the Great Hall of the Novi Civic Center at 7:30 p.m. For reservations call 344-4288 or 349-1984. Tickets are \$23 per person. Sales end Dec. 4.

Saturday, December 10

Breakfast with Santa: Novi Parks and Recreation and the Novi Jaycees present breakfast with Santa at the Novi Civic Center. The fun begins at 9 a.m. and visits with Santa are from 9 a.m.-noon. Breakfast is \$2 per child and \$3 per adult, payable at the door.

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Monday, December 12

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

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 Betty Booher at (313)397-7708. For membership information, call 960-9559.

TOPS: Take Off Pounds Sensibly for all ages meets at 7 p.m. at Novi Meadows School, Room 6. For more information, call 348-9691.

Tuesday, December 13

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 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 after 6 p.m.

CH.A.D.D.: Children with Attention Deficit Disorders of South Western Oakland County, serving the Novi school district, will hold a support group meeting at the Spirit of Christ Lutheran Church, 40709 W. Ten Mile between Meadowbrook and Haggerty roads. Registration begins at 6:45 p.m. and the meeting at 7 p.m. Parents, educators and health care

professionals are welcome. There is a \$5 donation for non-members. For information call the hotline: 486-2876.

Wednesday, December 14

Lions Club: The Novi Lions Club will meet at Kim'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 potluck 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 information.

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.

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 public.

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 4-11 Education Center, Twelve Mile at Meadowbrook Road. For chapter information or an invitation to one of the meetings, please call 642-7725.

Parks meeting: The Novi Parks and Recreation Commission will meet at 7:00 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center.



Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

A better speed trap

Novi police officer Terry Whitfield displays the department's new laser device, for traffic enforcement, expected to be put into operation early next year. Currently, Novi officers are undergoing training in the use of the new speed detection unit, and they should be ready to go after the first of the year ... All the better to catch you with, my dear.

24 Novi sites on DNR's list

By JIAN JEFFRES and RANDY COBLE

Twenty-four Novi locations made the latest Michigan Department of Natural Resources' draft list of environmentally-contaminated sites in the state.

Nineteen locations were pinpointed as having leaking underground storage tanks (LUST) and five properties were included as Public Act 307 sites of environmental contamination, with the Mobil Oil Station on Grand River Avenue ranked as worst locally.

The sites are rated on a zero to 48 Site Assessment Model (SAM) system, with 48 being the highest. This is the twelfth year the DNR has published these lists, which are used by the state legislature to determine which sites are to be funded for evaluation and cleanup.

Public comment will be taken at a hearing tonight in Lansing on the proposed lists for 1995.

"This is to give the public the opportunity to comment on the list," DNR District Office Supervisor Dip Oynyrans said.

"This is their chance to tell us what they think."

No clean up action is currently taking place at the old Anderson Municipal Landfill at Eight and Napier roads, where domestic, commercial and heavy manufacturing wastes were once thrown. This has a SAM score of 20.

Some interim remedial action is underway at a second old disposal site, the Munn Landfill, located under the Holzman & Silberman property on Meadowbrook Road. The DNR has found that the Act 307 site is contaminated with PCBs, methane and four-

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Dip Oynyrans
DNR District Office Supervisor

approved a cleanup plan for the location.

The landfill has featured in a lawsuit filed against the City of Novi.

Also on the Act 307 list with a SAM score of 22 is the Bye Rite Oil Company, now Delta Fuels, on Grand River Avenue. The DNR has found contamination due to petroleum products on the site.

This location as well as the following two are undergoing long-term maintenance or cleanup plans. Pollution from petroleum products, including diesel fuels, benzene, ethanol and toluene were found by the DNR at Leemon Oil on Grand River, which has a SAM score of 27. Mobil Oil Gas Station at Grand River Avenue has shown evidence of benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene and xylene contamination and was given the SAM score of 30.

All cleaned up and removed from the list is Novi Industries, at 44000 Grand River Avenue.

Leaking underground storage tanks have been detected at these Novi locations:

- Alor Manufacturing, 46350 Grand River.
- Amoco gas station site, Grand River and Novi Road.

- Clair Investment Property, 46410 Grand River.
- Ford Transit, 43443 Flint Street.
- Former BP Oil Station, 45500 Ten Mile.
- Guernsey Dairy Farm, 21300 Novi Road.
- Leemon Oil, 40890 Grand River.
- Michigan Tractor, 24800 Novi Road.
- Michigan Tractor & Machine Company, 2500 Novi Road.
- Mobil Station, 24375 Haggerty Road.
- Mobil Station, 43407 Grand River.
- MSU Tollgate 4H Educational Center, 28115 Meadowbrook Road.
- O'Laughlin Construction, 24460 Novi Road.
- Sears, 24460 Novi Road.
- Spartan Concrete, 44922 Grand River.
- Total Station, 24141 Novi Road.
- U-Haul Novi, 25701 Seeley Road.
- Victor Muscat property, former BP Oil, 1930 Novi Road at Thirteen Mile.
- Whitehall Convalescent Home, 43455 W. Ten Mile Road.

by the Michigan Environmental Response Act (MERA), passed in 1982. DNR officials and state lawmakers use the list to make decisions about the priority of sites; which ones get a slice of the limited monetary pie for evaluation and cleanup.

The latest list will be finalized this March. The DNR list now includes 10,009 sites in Michigan. The total represents a six percent increase over last year's final list of 9,439.

Of the 10,009 locations, some 1,350 LUST and non-LUST sites, as defined by MERA, a site is defined as having "environmental contamination" when there has been "the release of a hazardous substance, or the potential release of a discarded hazardous substance in a quantity which is or may become injurious to the environment, or to the public health, safety, or welfare."

MERA spells out how such sites are identified, evaluated and cleaned up. Since 1982, the state legislature has approved more than \$380 million for MERA activities.

Written comments may be sent to these addresses:

Field Operations Section, Underground Storage Tank Division, Department of Natural Resources, P.O. Box 30157, Lansing, MI 48909

(For LUST sites)
Act 307 Section, Environmental Response Division, Department of Natural Resources, P.O. Box 30426, Lansing, MI 48909

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Novi woman nabbed for drunk driving

A Novi woman was arrested for fleeing and eluding police and driving drunk on Nov. 30.

An officer spotted the woman's Ford Taurus speeding on I-96 just east of Meadowbrook. The 29-year-old driver of the Taurus was clocked driving at 95 miles per hour.

The officer activated his overhead lights and tried to enact a traffic stop, but the woman exited the freeway and headed onto M-5 towards Ten Mile Road. At Ten Mile, she exited without stopping for the red flashing light. The officer followed the woman down Ten Mile until she turned north onto Halsted.

Soon after she turned off her headlights and turned into an apartment complex driveway. She parked the car and exited it. The police officer said the woman looked directly at him and then fled on foot to the east. The officer chased and apprehended the woman within 150-200 feet from her parked car.

In police custody the woman told the officer she fled the scene because she was afraid and knew she had had too much to drink.

She was arrested and booked for fleeing and eluding police and for driving under the influence of alcohol.

DOMESTIC ABUSE: A Novi man's daughter called police after he

Police News

father slapped her across the face for allegedly not cleaning up after herself and talking back to him.

When police arrived at the family's home on Nov. 26, there was evidence on the girl's face that she had been struck. The father didn't deny the girl's allegation but did say she refused his repeated requests to clean her room, kitchen and basement.

Police arrested the man even though the girl recanted her claim that he had hit her.

At the station, the man was cooperative during booking and police said he called the girl several times to tell his daughter that he was OK and that it was not her fault he was arrested.

RECKLESS DRIVING, OPEN BEER: Two Novi residents were ticketed for having open beer bottles in the car after residents in Village Oaks subdivision complained the car was driving recklessly in the subdivision on Nov. 26.

Police received two complaint calls from residents living in the sub after they saw and heard a car speeding and squealing its tires.

Police traveled over to the subdivision and found the Mercury

Cougar parked in the Village Oaks Elementary school parking lot.

The driver, a 22-year-old male, was being chased by the driver of a Grand Am, with whom he had had a traffic altercation with earlier that day.

While the man told police about the other driver, police detected a strong odor of intoxicants coming from the man's breath.

The officer looked inside the car and saw two opened bottles of beer seated next to the car's 22-year-old female passenger.

The woman and bottles were both removed from the car. The car was impounded. Its two passengers were taken back to the station and ticketed for open intoxicants.

The man posted the immediate \$50 bond and was released. The woman was held until her bond was posted.

COUNTERFEIT CHECK: An unidentified male walked into the Franklin Mint store in Twelve Oaks and presented a counterfeit check for \$2,448.60 for games that were ordered by phone in his

name before he arrived.

The man left the store before store employees learned that the check was fake.

Citizens Bank returned the check to the store as a fake a day later. Bank representatives said the check was just one of several copies of an original that is being passed around town by the same man.

Police have been able to trace the check and its passer through Grosse Pointe Farms police who are investigating the same man for the same thing.

LARCENY: The owner of the Novi Commerce Center told police he may know who stole a \$900 pair of diamond earrings that were taken from the store last month. The owner told police the earrings were taken when the suspect was in the store on Nov. 26 but weren't discovered missing until three days later.

The owner said he suspects the man who was in the store that day because the same person was caught trying to pawn something he stole from the family a year ago.

Police are still investigating the incident.

Citizens with information about the above incidents are urged to call the Novi Police Department at 348-7100.

Novi Briefs

Shutterbugs: Love to shoot pictures? Love money? Take a chance at both and enter the annual Novi Photo Contest. A \$100 cash prize will be taken home by the Best of Show winners in both the adult and youth categories. The deadline date for entries is January 30.

Each year, contest entries are displayed in a show at the Novi Civic Center atrium.

Contact the Novi Parks and Recreation Department at 347-0400 for more details. Entry forms are now available at the parks and rec office and at local camera shops.

Gift Idea: If you're scouting around for the perfect holiday present for somebody who just loves their hometown or a newcomer here who knows nothing about the neighborhood, the Novi Historical Commission hopes you'll think of No. VI on the Trail, a Novi history written by local librarian Barbara Louie.

The book comes in two versions: softcover for \$15 and hardcover for \$20. Published in 1993, Louie's book is the only printed history of Novi and covers areas of interest such as the community's early pioneer days and life here during the Civil War.

No. VI on the Trail may be purchased at the Novi City Clerk's office, the Novi Community Library and at Border's Book Store.

White Christmas: Home Sweet Home restaurant has either a new look or an old look, depending on your perspective. The historic Rogers mansion, lately shades of gray, has been repainted white. And that's the color it was up until 1987, back when it was an eatery called The White House.

Owner Joan Collins says the place is being repainted and redecorated inside and out.

"We've gotten rid of the dark look and the eclectic look inside. We are doing it in a more elegant style," she explained last week.

"It's amazing what white does. It opens everything up."

Workers have been scurrying around at night while the restaurant is closed to get the job done. The restoration is expected to be a fait accompli by Dec. 10.

Cut your own: The Novi Parks and Recreation's Christmas tree sale is underway. All trees are \$30.

The cut-your-own sale is being held at the Novi Tree Farm, the newly-purchased parkland held by the city on Twelve and A Half Mile Road, approximately a half mile west of Novi Road. The park is located at 44030 Twelve and A Half Mile.

For more information, contact the Novi Parks office at (810) 347-0400.

The Log Book

The following is a complete list of the emergency runs of the Novi Fire Department for the last week. Each incident is listed by type, location, time and the engine and station number which responded to the call.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28
Medical, 40111 Buckingham Ct., 9:34 a.m., Station 3.
Medical, 45182 West Lake, 10:55 a.m., Station 2.
Wire Down, Nine Mile and Meadow Brook, 5:32 p.m., Engine 3.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29
Medical, 39518 Ardel, 9:03 a.m., Station 1.
Medical, 44239 Twelve Mile Rd., 10:52 a.m., Station 1.
Fuel Spill, Chase Drive and Eight Mile Road, 11:49 a.m., Engine 3.
Medical, 25651 Lincoln, 2:40 p.m., Station 1.
Medical, 50585 Arizona, 5:38 p.m., Station 4.
Medical, 520 Eckstein, 6:50 p.m., Station 4.
Injury accident, Haggerty and Fourteen Mile, 7:02 p.m., Station 2 and Engine 2.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30
Medical, 45182 West Rd., 1:45 a.m., Station 2.
Medical, Novi Village Apt., 65, 10:12 a.m., Station 2.
Medical, 41111 McMahon, 2:06 p.m., Station 3.
Wire Down, 48600 Nine Mile Rd., 3:20 p.m., Engine 4.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1
Structure Fire, 44239 Twelve Mile Rd., 3:08 a.m., Engine 1 and 2.
Medical, 43500 Genmar, 6:54 a.m., Station 1.
Fire Alarm, 43635 West Oaks, 10:26 a.m., Engine 1 and 2.
Structure Fire, 24800 Novi Rd., 2:38 p.m., Engine 1 and 3.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2
Fire Alarm, 47801 Grand River, 8:58 a.m., Engine 1 and 4.
Injury Accident, 196 at Beck Rd., 5 p.m., Station 1.
Fuel Spill, 39601 Grand River, 10:07 p.m., Engine 1.
Medical, 39601 Grand River, 10:16 p.m., Station 1.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3

Medical, 43420 Twelve Mile Rd., 3:50 p.m., Station 2.
Medical, 27736 Novi Rd., 8:52 p.m., Station 1.
Medical, 179 Pen Hill, 11:20, Station 2.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4
Medical, 29693 Wexford, 3:13 a.m., Station 2.
Medical, 39535 Village Wood, 11:44 a.m., Station 3.
Medical, 24803 Old Orchard, 3:31 p.m., Station 1.
Fire Alarm, 43700 Expo Center Dr., 4:15 p.m., Engine 1 and 4.
Medical, 26821 Lowrey, 5:32 p.m., Station 1.
Investigation, 41162 Village Lake, 5:35 p.m., Engine 3.
Injury Accident, 30951 Savannah Ct., 11:43 p.m., Station 2 and Engine 2.

NFL legend to speak at Novi Sheraton, high school

National Football League legend Craig Morton comes to the Northville/Novi area Dec. 9 and 10 as part of a speaking engagement tour of the nation.

Morton, a three-time Super Bowl champion whose career spanned 18 years in the NFL, played with the Dallas Cowboys, the New York Giants and the Denver Broncos. He is a member of the College Football Hall of Fame and was named the AFC's Most Valuable Player in 1977.

Morton currently serves on the Board of Directors for the NFL's Quarterback Legends, which includes names like Johnny Unitas, Bart Starr and Joe Namath. Morton will attend a continental breakfast at Elt & Denny's at the

Novi Sheraton from 8:30-9:30 a.m. Friday, Dec. 9. The event, including breakfast, is free and open to the public.

Later that day, he'll speak to student athletes and sports representatives from 2:15-5:15 p.m. at Northville High School. Attendance is free with reservations. To make a reservation, call 1-800-348-6170 or (610) 348-6172.

Morton will cap off his visit to the area with an appearance at the grand opening of MGM Bike and Fitness in the Novi Town Center 10-11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 10.

Morton has paid a heavy price for his football fame. He has undergone 22 operations to repair damage to his shoulders, knees, neck, feet and elbows. Doctors

estimate that the punishment he suffered over his career was the equivalent of 50 major car accidents. Arthritis has set in in his neck, shoulders and knees.

As do millions who suffer from arthritis, Craig searched for relief. This search led to heavy involvement with the study of pain and physical therapy and sports medicine. He even owned physical therapy clinics in an attempt to help himself and others.

Morton says he tried all types of pain relief with very little success before discovering a product called PR10. He now spends much of this time traveling the United States to share his story.

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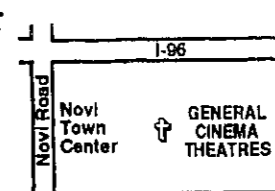

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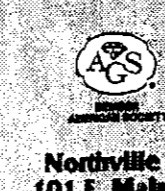
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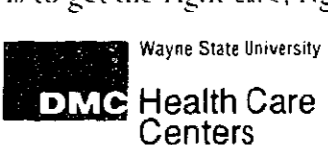
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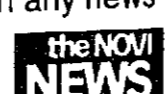
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The \$33 million question

Novi School's building bond proposal goes to voters Tuesday

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seven years," Lippe said Monday. "And it is the best solution to get us that building and give us a solution to the fourth, fifth and sixth grade enrollment. That's the real plus of this proposal - it solves both problems."

Novi's continued economic growth has brought 258 new students to the schools this year, Lippe said. Enrollment projections suggest similar trends will occur in the next five years as the city continues to take on more residential development.

School officials have been criticized for asking voters for more tax money in the past every two to three years. The last bond proposal for additional facilities passed by voters two years ago. But this plan, Lippe said, provides longer relief.

It is he said the best short- and long-term solution to the district's continued growing enrollment.

According to the superintendent's enrollment forecast, the district is expected to have 1,111 new students or a 24 percent increase in the student body over the next five years. At Novi High School that means about 500 more students or an increase of 38 percent.

In the high school, however, renovation and addition plans were approved by voters two years ago. Those plans will provide ample space to accommodate the projected growth well into the year 2000, Lippe said.

The bigger problem comes at the elementary- and middle-school level where enrollments are expected to continue to climb at a steady pace without adequate space in existing facilities.

In five years, the school district is expecting 419 more students, or a 30 percent increase in fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth grade enrollment. If those projections are accurate, the district is expected to take in 178 new students in the fifth and sixth grades and 241 kids into the seventh and eighth grade classes by the year 2000. The figures suggest a 25 percent jump in fifth and sixth grade enrollment and a 34 percent boost in seventh and eighth grades.

"That's about the size of one of our elementary schools," Lippe said about the anticipated middle school growth.

That's not good news for the existing Novi Middle School where student enrollment met building capacity at the onset of the 1994-95 school year.

The district's strategy to accommodate the growth is to move the seventh and eighth grades into a new school and bump the fourth, fifth and sixth grades into the renovated Novi Meadows and Novi Middle School complex. Classroom space in the Instructional Technology Center will also be used to accommodate one of the three grades. The Instructional Technology Center will however not be included in the renovation plans.

The fourth grade move, school officials say, will provide much needed additional space and alleviate future crowded conditions at the four elementary schools.

"If we don't do something we could in five years be at the elementary maximums," the superintendent said.

If voters approve the proposal, construction work on the three facilities will begin as soon as possible to ensure opening the new building and dedicating the renovated schools by the start of the 1997 school year.

At the time, the district intends to move the fourth graders out of the existing elementary and into the renovated Novi Meadows facility that will be designed to meet their needs. Fifth graders will then take residence in the Instructional

Technology Center and sixth graders will be housed in Novi Middle School.

The three grades will be segregated in their own "houses" or pods but will share common areas like the gym, the cafeteria and lab space as needed. Movable walls in the renovated facility will spur team teaching among individual grade levels and multi-class, integrated classroom projects.

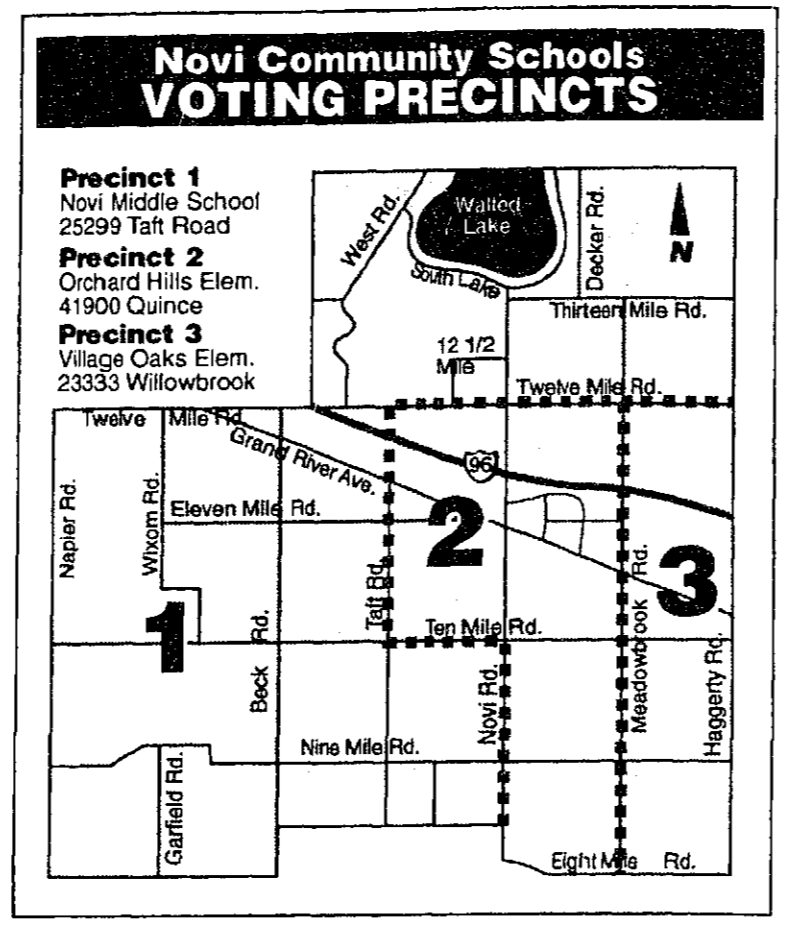
The move will leave ample classroom space at all of the existing elementary schools. The vacant classroom space will be used for new enrollment or community education and preschool programs as needed.

But the move isn't being done to stimulate growth in either of the paid programs.

"The preschool program is a non-issue," he said. "If we have the space we will provide it. If we don't, we won't."

"... We aren't anxious about opening up the flood gates," he said.

"This proposal is a fine balance between making sure we are providing adequate building and not building under building," the superintendent said.



Novi Community School District voters casting ballots in Tuesday's special election have to vote at one of three school election precinct polls rather than precincts used by the City of Novi for general elections.

The precinct map above indicates the locations of the polling places and tells voters where they are registered to vote. Polls at the three precincts will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

What bond proposal money will buy

By SHARON CONDRON Staff Writer

More than 70 percent of the \$33 million bond proposal will be used to build a new middle school. The balance or \$9.9 million will cover the cost of renovating and updating Novi Meadows and Novi Middle Schools.

James Koster, assistant superintendent of operations, said at that price voters will be getting a slew of renovations for their tax bucks.

Inside the two schools, at least 39 classrooms will be renovated and new cabinetry will be added. Markerboards will replace chalkboards. Classrooms and corridors will be carpeted and both schools will be air conditioned. Movable walls will be installed in several classrooms to spur large group, integrated, team taught classes.

Lockers in the fourth grade wing (which is now Novi Meadows) will be removed and replaced with storage closets inside the class-

rooms.

Gym floors will be replaced or repaired as necessary.

Superintendent Emmett Lippe said Monday there has been talk of enclosing a courtyard at Novi Meadows to provide additional space for either staff development or large group meeting space. Both uses are needed at the facility, he said but school officials are committed to a plan.

Five science labs will be renovated to accommodate more students along with art labs and life skills and technology labs. Four locker and boiler rooms will be replaced with upgraded facilities and equipment and the administrative offices will be redesigned.

Ten bathrooms will all be redone along with refurbishing two kitchens, two cafeterias, two band rooms and one choir room and stage area.

Classroom doors will be replaced and both schools will be repainted.

Sloped roofs will replace the flat ones there now, new windows with operable vents, screens and mini-blinds will give the two schools an updated look too.

There will be other mechanical and electrical improvements to update the systems and assist the technology.

Parking lot and playground improvements are necessary at both schools to bring the buildings into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

The renovations work is necessary, Lippe said, to convert the two schools to fourth, fifth and sixth grade use in the future. Today, Novi Meadows serves fifth and sixth graders and Novi Middle School houses seventh and eighth graders. The Instructional Technology Center accommodates the over spill from those grade levels.

A short history of the school district's bonded indebtedness

Here is a history of Novi schools' previous voter-approved bond issue questions:

In 1974, voters approved a \$13.5 million request to build Novi High School and Novi Woods Elementary.

In 1980, voters gave a nod to a \$6.2 million bond to build Parkview Elementary, a warehouse, the Educational Services Building, renovations to classrooms at Parkview Elementary, \$1.4 million of work completed at Orchard Hills, \$1,060,533 for renovations at Novi Meadows which included removing the school's kitchen, \$1.9 million for site acquisition and fees related to the bond.

In 1993 came the \$31.9 million request, the largest in the district's history. The money was used to cover \$17.5 million worth of additions and renovations to Novi High School, \$7.8 million on technology, \$824,269 to put a new roof on windows on Village Oaks, \$2.2 million to add 10 classrooms at Parkview Elementary, \$1.4 million of work completed at Orchard Hills, \$1,060,533 for renovations at Novi Meadows which included removing the school's kitchen, \$1.9 million for site acquisition and fees related to the bond.

Budget cutting made easy

By SHARON CONDRON Staff Writer

Cutting the Novi schools' annual budget by \$325,000 was easier than most expected.

In July, the Novi Board of Education directed Jim Koster, the assistant superintendent of operations, to balance the \$325,000 deficit and increase revenues by \$100,000.

Thursday the board passed a \$34 million budget 6-0.

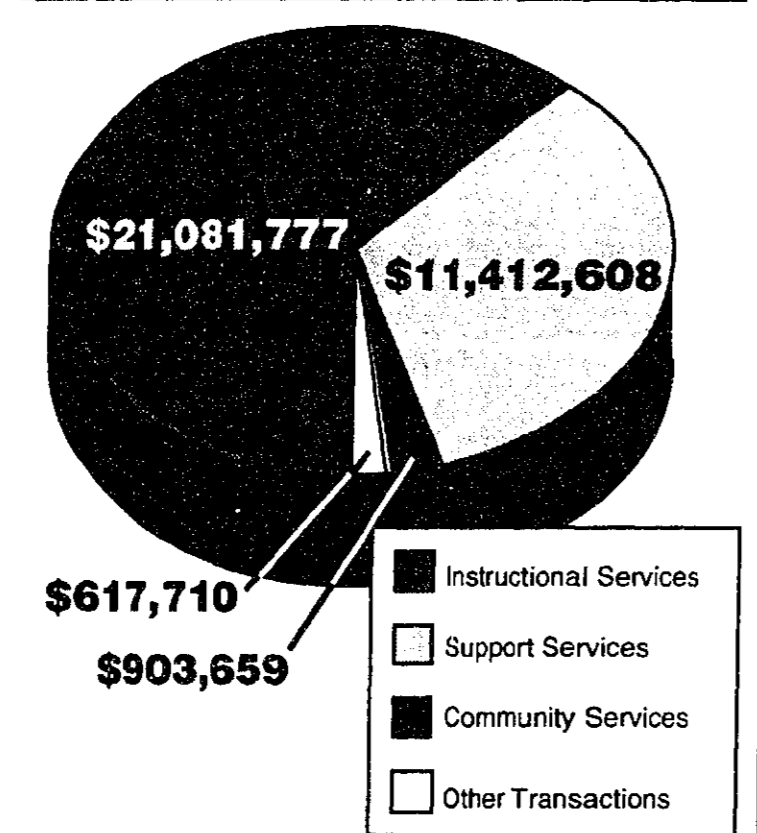
"This turned out to be a lot easier than I thought," said board Treasurer Stephen Hitchcock. "It turned out to be no pain at all."

Koster said two turn of events bring in additional revenues. The first was the district's decision in August to take Novi's Adult Education under its wing proved to be a \$65,918 revenue generator for the 1994-95 annual budget. Another \$30,279 in revenues came from the state as a result of additional students who enrolled in the school district this year.

A \$157,515 reduction in fringe benefits also provided relief on both sides of the balance sheet. Koster said district administrators were anticipating a 4 percent increase in insurance rates for employees but instead a move from the State Insurance Bureau forced MESSA to reduce their rates for public school employees this year.

The changes all amounted to a \$100,775 excess in receipts over disbursements.

Novi Community Schools EXPENDITURES



Although still a budgeted expense, the district is still looking to fill an accountant's position.

The district will be purchasing \$35,899 less in textbooks this year and spending \$34,500 less in capital outlay projects.

The end result is a \$325,746 reduction in expenditures that still leaves a nine percent fund equity account in the \$34,015,754 annual budget.

The 1.5 percent increase in fund equity over the preliminary budget approved in July holds the district harmless this year from borrowing money from the state for operational uses.

Of the total, \$21,081,777 is dedicated to instructional services; \$11,412,608 for support services; \$903,659 for community services; and \$617,710 for other transactions.

How funds will be used

If voters approve the school district's \$33 million request to renovate the two schools for fourth, fifth and sixth grade use, students will be segregated by grade. Novi Meadows, which now houses fifth and sixth graders, will house only fourth graders when it opens in 1997.

The Instructional Technology Center will be home to fifth graders and Novi Middle School will be used for sixth graders only.

Students will be placed in "houses" designed for their grade levels and share common areas like gymnasiums, cafeterias, media centers and special class

classroom spaces. Movable walls in the shaded areas will encourage teachers to share students and resources in a team taught classroom environment.

The gyms, kitchens, cafeterias, science, art and technology labs, activity, band and vocal rooms, media center, and at least 39 classrooms will all be refurbished under the renovation plan. Lockers in Novi Meadows will be removed. Four locker and boiler rooms, two life-skills classrooms and the stage will also be updated. Administrative offices and 10 bathrooms will also be renovated.

Both schools will be carpeted and air conditioned through a four pipe heating/ventilation system. Sloped roofs will replace the ones there now and the schools, park Meadows, which now houses fifth and sixth graders, will all be updated and brought into compliance with federal handicap regulations.

The proposed \$33.2 million new middle school will echo the design of the renovated facility. It too will have movable walls so teachers can teach more than one class at a time. Seventh and eighth graders will be segregated into separate houses and share common areas.

Novi's Heintz picked for top state Republican party position

By TIM RICHARD Staff Writer

The 28-year-old Republican rascal was correct. Susan Heintz is on her way to becoming Michigan Republican chair.

Gov. John Engler late Friday said Heintz, 46, of Novi, who now heads Engler's Detroit office. She currently is chairing the inaugural committee for her boss' second term.

Did she seek the job, or did he ask her? "It's something we both felt would be a perfect fit," she replied. "The governor felt I was best for the job."

Heintz is known for governmental rather than party work. She's a former Northville Township trustee, clerk and supervisor, former Wayne County commissioner, former Rouge Watershed Council chair, and former board member of SEMTA, the regional transportation authority.

"I love this work in the Republican Party. It has been real supportive for me. I was a precinct delegate and secretary of the old 2nd Congressional District (in Carl Pursell's days as U.S. representative).

"I have a proven track record within the party. I'm a proven fund-raiser. I had two for John Engler in Detroit when he was Senate majority leader. I've worked with candidates. "I had an excellent reception (in Crayling). I haven't had a single person not say they wouldn't support me."

Even from the Religious Right, which quizzes even secretary of state candidates for their views on abortion? "I met with many from the Religious Right. They were happy with my views," she said.

The election is up to delegates to the Republican State Convention in Detroit Feb. 2-3. Engler's decision to back her now - prior to local district conventions - will head off the likelihood of other candidates getting into the race.

If and when elected, Heintz will succeed David Doyle, 36, retiring after two-year terms. Engler spokesman John Truscott said the governor had discussed his pick with top GOP leaders, and there should be no problem at the state convention.

Doyle said his decision not to seek a third term was difficult. He announced no plans, but there is speculation he may become Engler's chief of staff, replacing Dan Pero, who is leaving to work on the presidential campaign of former Tennessee Gov. Lamar Alexander. Truscott said Engler told his staff he has picked a new chief of staff but isn't ready yet to say who it will be.

Heintz said she will be a full-time party chair, like Doyle, working from the party's suite of offices in Lansing Township.

Heintz said she has two goals: "Taking over the district of Rep. Dominic Jacobetti, D-Negaunee, who died suddenly last week after winning his 21st House term with nearly 70 percent of the vote. Heintz's prospectus: "We always do well in special elections. We're not going

to let anything go."

Capturing U.S. Sen. Carl Levin's seat in 1996. Democrat Levin hasn't announced whether he'll seek a fourth term.

Some Republican chairs have moved up the political ladder while others have sunk into obscurity.

The first woman to lead the GOP was Ely Peterson, of Charlotte, in Gov. George Romney's days in the 1960s. She was drafted for a U.S. Senate campaign and lost.

Peterson was succeeded by William McLaughlin, Northville, who had been her executive director. McLaughlin led the GOP during Gov. William Milliken's early years and went on to direct the state Commerce Department.

Following McLaughlin was former state Rep. Mel Larsen of northern Oakland County. He ran for secretary of state and was swamped.

River Friends offer gazebo to Novi city

Some words immediately conjure up memories of pleasant times. Gazebo is one of those.

White linen, pink lemonade, summer concerts all come to mind. And recently, so does the phrase fire gift.

The Friends of the Rouge has offered to give the City of Novi a 21-foot wide, 24-foot high, Victorian-style gazebo. But as with many freebies, there's a price attached. In this case, just \$250.

The Detroit-based environmental group contacted Novi in November to offer the gazebo as a token of thanks for the city's support of their annual efforts to clean up the Rouge River.

Nothing's been decided yet, but City Manager Edward Kriewall has suggested that a location near the old Novi Township Hall at Taft and Ten Mile roads might be suitable.

The Friends of the Rouge plans to use the gazebo as a rally site to thank communities and individuals who have supported the cause. However, the organization has also asked other Rouge Basin communities if they'd like the gazebo, which will be constructed with volunteer labor from the Carpenters Local 114 Union.

But the move isn't being done to stimulate growth in either of the paid programs.

"The preschool program is a non-issue," he said. "If we have the space we will provide it. If we don't, we won't."

"... We aren't anxious about opening up the flood gates," he said.

"This proposal is a fine balance between making sure we are providing adequate building and not building under building," the superintendent said.

Fire damage is less extensive than estimated

A flash fire in a test cell at Michigan Engine Power last week resulted in damages of about \$5,000 to the structure and an expensive engine.

Employees of the Novi Road firm who are trained volunteer firefighters were able to extinguish the flames and the Novi Fire Department had the fire totally under control in a half hour.

At the scene, the fire department was given a damage estimate of \$100,000, Novi Fire Chief Art Lenaghan said. The Dec. 1 fire broke out at 2:38 p.m. and was apparently caused by fuel in the engine. The flames were contained

inside, towards the rear of the building.

There was smoke throughout that whole portion of the building, Lenaghan said.

But early this week, things didn't look quite so bad.

"There wasn't a lot of damage. I wouldn't expect it would be more than \$5,000," the firm's product support manager Dick Jones said Monday.

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The garage of Landeruth residence on Twelve Mile Road almost seems hinged.

First the structure, which was once a three-car garage, partially burned several years ago and was converted at the time to a two-car garage. Then, Dec. 1 at 3:08 a.m., a second, more devastating explosion ignited the structure.

Novi Fire Chief Arthur Lenaghan said from \$10,000 to \$12,000 in damage was apparently caused by

an overheated wood burning stove. The fire department was on the scene at 4:23 p.m. Twelve Mile Road for two hours.

"It was fully involved when we got there. The fire totally destroyed the remainder of the garage," he added.

The garage as well as snowmobiles, tools and other equipment stored there were about a total loss, Lenaghan added.

Santa breakfasts with kids

Kids of all ages can have breakfast with Santa on Saturday, Dec. 10, from 8 a.m. until 11 a.m. at the Novi Civic Center. Breakfast will be served throughout the morning, during which time Santa will be available to visit with children and to hear those last minute Christmas wishes.

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pancakes, sausage, coffee, juice and tea at the cost of \$3 for adults and \$2 for children age 10 and under. Tickets can be purchased at the door and no advance reservations are necessary. Breakfast with Santa is being sponsored by the Novi Jaycees. For more information, call the Novi Jaycees at (810) 348-NOVI.

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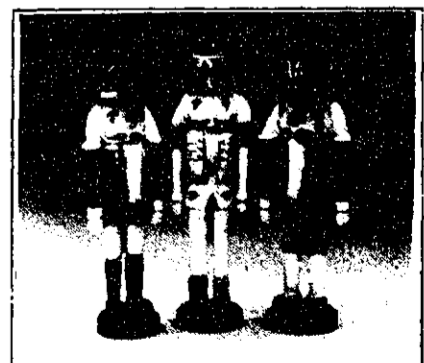
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Council must keep trying to spend block grant money

By JAN JEFFRES Staff Writer

Most Novi City Council members wanted to use \$56,000 in federal funds to help buy park land. But the simple majority of four was one short of what is needed to get the issue passed, city attorneys ruled.

So Monday, they tried again. Meanwhile, Parks and Recreation Director Dan Davis reshuffled his proposal of how the Community Development Block Grant funds should be used, winning over the votes needed.

This thwarted an attempt by Council Member Rob Mizel to designate the money for East Lake Drive and South Lake Drive safety paths, rather than park lands.

"I believe property acquisition is a noble cause, but I believe safety paths are more important in that (lake) area," Mizel explained. Novi gets a share of the grants based on the number of lower income households in the city, which in this case are located in the Walled Lake area.

The \$56,000 is leftover money from funds allocated and never used for areas such as historic

preservation, safety paths, beautification and recreation facilities. Part of it was set aside for Decker Road safety paths but never needed, Davis explained. It now has to be used to pay off five acres of land which were purchased by the city to add on to its Novi Tree Farm.

"I believe it's a self-induced problem by administration. It's been three to four years since we had these funds. It's a little frustrating to see funds available and projects not getting done," Mizel said.

Novi was under the gun to reprogram the money or lose it, but Oakland County granted an extension of its deadline after the city council failed to reach a consensus at a meeting in November. Davis explained that the city could not get bids and contracts for the safety paths by the Dec. 31 deadline. Some council members expressed their displeasure that the sum had been unused.

"We have to get tighter practices. I realize staff has many pressures. I think all of us have to work much better and more efficiently so we're not put in this position again," Mayor Kathleen McLallen said.

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PTO News

Orchard Hills: The first grade students are beginning their letter writing to senior citizens so that they will each have pen pals. This will culminate with a face to face meeting of these new friends next year. This is a heart warming experience for all involved.
 Second grade continues to read and enjoy humorous stories and poems. This month we will prepare grocery bag book reports to be returned to Farmer Jack's on Ten Mile Road. Be sure to stop in anytime after Dec. 14 to enjoy viewing hard work. The store has graciously donated bags and will be using them during the holiday season.

An especially exciting event was a Thanksgiving feast in Mr. Carter's second grade class. With help from parents, the children created pumpkin pie, bread, nutcrackers and of course the turkey all as done many years ago. All of these delicious items were prepared right in the classroom. The children then dressed as Native Americans or pilgrims while enjoying the results of their cooking and making. What a delicious feast.
 Third graders have been studying biographies. They have prepared oral book reports dressed as the characters in their books.
 Fourth grade finished "Potato Week." Their curriculum is centered all week on potatoes using Math, language arts and creative writing. The children make potato people, bringing them to life through a biography on their "person."

Our reading specialist, Mrs. Sullivan, is launching an exciting and challenging program called the Accelerated Reader to further motivate our second, third and fourth graders. It combines outstanding books with easy to use computer software that tests comprehension and records performance.
 We hope our students will read many excellent books and continue a life long love of reading.
 Orchard Hills wishes everyone a happy and safe holiday.
 —Janice Wesley

Novi Woods: The holidays are a special time of year for giving, sharing and friendly togetherness and Novi Woods is participating fully in them. Again this year, Novi Woods' families donated coats and jackets in good condition to the Salvation Army. Also, in conjunction with the Salvation Army, our Giving Tree will provide new hats, mittens, gloves, scarves and canned goods to those in need.
 During the last week of November, the PTO sponsored a Holiday Shoppe for Novi Woods students. This service project allows the children for shop for lovely inexpensive items for their parents, siblings, grandparents and other significant people in their lives. The children are proud of their purchases and learn the importance of budgeting their money too.
 On Wednesday, Dec. 14 at 7 p.m. our annual Holiday Sing-Along will take place in the school cafeteria. Entertainment will be provided by the Musical Moms and a special visitor for the North Pole has taken time from his busy schedule to make an appearance. Parents don't forget your cameras. Families are asked to donate at least one canned food item to participate. Happy Holidays!
 —Bonnie Szlagay
 Novi Woods PTO President

The Holiday Shop: The holiday season brings many special activities for Parkview students and their families to enjoy. This week students have an opportunity to shop for gifts for their family members at the PTO-sponsored Holiday Shop. Children browse through a wide selection of inexpensive gift items, most of which are priced at \$1.25. The students will be assisted by PTO volunteers who help the students follow a shopping list brought from home. After the students make their gift selections, the surprises are wrapped to be taken home and given proudly to lucky recipients.
 PTO volunteer Colise Roy, chair of this year's Holiday Shop, noted that the students often spend a great deal of time ensuring that they pick the perfect gift for the special people on their lists.
 Giving to others is also the focus of another Parkview activity this week, according to Principal Joseph Inrick. Parkview is participating in the Novi Jaycees Food Drive to provide holiday food for the needy. Students are encouraged to bring canned and non-perishable food to school through Dec. 8.
 The school's annual Holiday Sing-Along will be held Dec. 13 at 7 p.m. in the school cafeteria. This festive evening provides an opportunity for Parkview families to join together to sing seasonal favorites and visit over punch and cookies, explained PTO President Beth Belter. As in previous years, the singing will be led by Parkview's talented George House, school custodian. Music teacher Suzanne Korzyn will provide piano.

Village Oaks: Congratulations to Village Oaks students, their families and school staff for making the Gift of Reading book collection drive a success. Over 1,000 new books have been collected for distribution to children who have none. The books will be distributed by the Detroit Free Press, to children throughout the metro Detroit area. It's wonderful to see the students' enthusiasm as they share with children who are less fortunate.
 Congratulations, also to more than 400 student in grades 1-4 who participated in the Feelin' Good Mileage Club. The program ended in November, with students walking more than 4,000 miles during their recesses. Sixty-five students walked 15 miles or more. Thank you to physical education teacher Joyce Green and parent coordinator Pauline Zofkoff for helping our students learn how much fun keeping fit can be. An added reward was the visit of Channel 4's Peter Nielsen to film student participation in the Mileage Club. Village Oaks students were featured recently in one of his fitness segments on the *Newsbeat Today* morning news show.
 Watch out, David Copperfield. Shirley Snyder's third grade magicians dazzled a packed audience of parents with a variety of magic tricks and sleights of hand. Each child in the class performed at least one trick on a "stage" featuring a backdrop of stars. Parents and classmates volunteered enthusiastically to assist the magicians and the show was enjoyed by all. First grade classes attended a dress rehearsal of the show, and left the performance wondering, "How did they do that?" The magic show culminated activities for the Integrated Language Arts series theme of It's Magic which the students have been studying.
 Aspiring actors and actresses in Donna Jenvey's third grade class entertained parents and other third graders with a play entitled "Thanksgiving Dreams." The play is about children dreaming that their Thanksgiving dinner is replaced by bread and water. Each child in the class had a speaking part, so the audience was filled with proud parents. The performance was a wonderful way for students to prepare for the Thanksgiving holiday.
 What day is anticipated eagerly by third grade classes each month? The answer is easy - Fantastic Friday. Once each month, students and teachers take a break from their routine, and spend one hour on a Friday afternoon learning something new. Students may choose to participate in a math, science, cooking or language arts activity. So far this year have offered students an exciting array of choices, including Quizzo with addition and subtraction facts, making a Native American "dream catcher," baking pretzels, constructing a constellation viewer and making cookie-and-candy turkeys. There's something for everyone, so Fantastic Friday is fun the students don't want to miss.
 —Fred Richter and Anita Sauerer
 Village Oaks PTO



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Kids' cash

David Kimball, left, and Ryan Bunn were named assistant manager and branch manager at Novi Woods Kids Cash, a branch office of Michigan National Bank that was set up at the school through the Business Partnership Program. Stu-

dents interested in applying for the positions were actually interviewed for the job by Michigan National Bank Representatives. The grand opening of the bank was held in November but students posted their first transactions Wednesday.

Students learn that money just doesn't grow on the trees

Third and fourth graders at Parkview Elementary are learning that money doesn't grow on trees.
 In fact they are learning more than just that. They are learning about supply and demand, the function of the economy and its effect on businesses.

To illustrate the concept, students were teamed together to start their own mini-society. Each society has its own name, flag and currency. Students create the businesses inside the society and learn a little bit about competition, pricing strategies and a lot about balancing money to cover expenses.
 The lesson plan incorporates written and verbal communication skills, math and computational skills, and problem solving techniques. Students are encouraged to be as creative as they can and as responsible as business owners need to be.

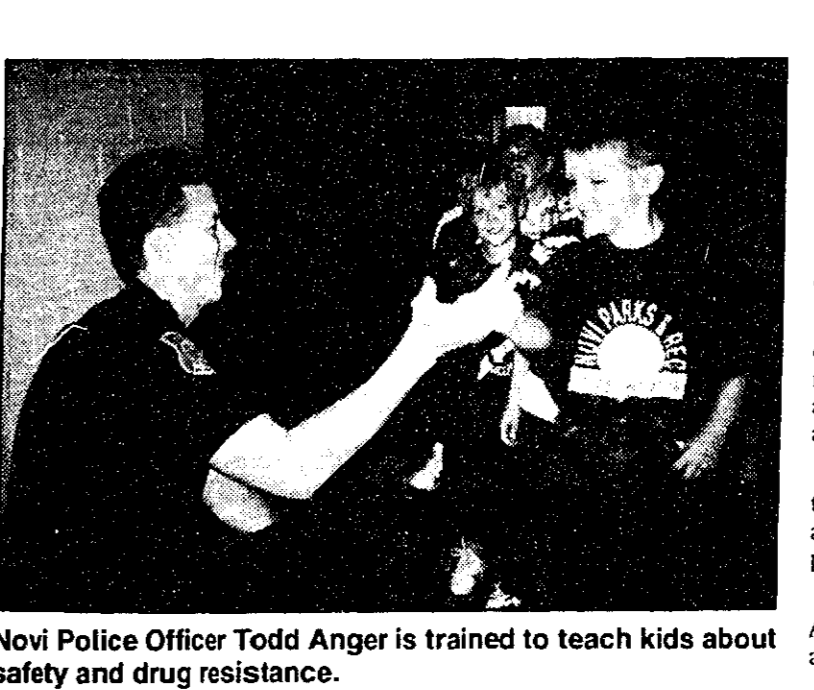
As part of the program, third and fourth grade entrepreneurs had to manufacture and sell their products to students in the opposite grades. Purchasers of the goods had to use the right currency to make their purchases. Product lines had to be made by students. Parents were asked to limit the costs of providing supplies to their students to \$5. Teachers encouraged parents to either rent, lease or sell supplies or tools to students that were to be used in the production of the product.
 Aside from the academics of the lesson plan, students are taught to make decisions and accept responsibility for those decisions. Teachers said the activity forces students to set their own values, living in a society they designed and discovering economic principles that apply to every situation.



Photo by HAL GOULD

Parkview fourth grader Kim Norman, CEO of Good Scents, tries to sell her perfume line of products at last week's business expo at Parkview.

Police, PTOs join forces to increase safety for children on the streets



Village Oaks Elementary has joined with Novi's other elementary schools in adopting the Michigan Child Watch Program.

The program, a cooperative effort between the school district, Novi Police department and PTO groups, was formed in 1979 to ensure children aren't the victims of crimes. Parkview, Orchard Hills, and Novi Meadows has had the program in operation for one year.
 The program's success depends on volunteers who have been trained to observe, recognize, record and report suspicious activity and people. Each volunteer is provided with a poster to display in their homes' windows and a reference handbook.
 The sign indicates homes that children are encouraged to enter in the event of an emergency. Volunteers are trained to know how to calm and react to children who come to their doors for shelter. Volunteers must apply for the position and are screened by the Novi Police Department. If approved, they are required to complete a one-hour training session.
 Training sessions are also provided for elementary students. They are taught how to report incidents they see or are involved in while playing and safety rules and precautions to take while they are playing, shopping or walking to and from school.
 The Child Watch program is administered by Novi Police Det. Todd Anger. Anyone interested in volunteering should contact him by Dec. 10 at 348-7100.

Novi Police Officer Todd Anger is trained to teach kids about safety and drug resistance.

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 OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN
 TO BE HELD
 DECEMBER 13, 1994
 TO THE ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT:
 Please Take Notice that a special bond election of Novi Community School District, Oakland County, Michigan, will be held in the school district, on Tuesday, December 13, 1994.
 THE POLLS OF ELECTION WILL OPEN AT 7 O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING AND CLOSE AT 8 O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING.
 The following proposition will be submitted to the vote of the electors at the special bond election:
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 • erecting, furnishing and equipping a new middle school; acquiring, installing and equipping the school for technology; acquiring a site therefor, and constructing and equipping outdoor physical education facilities and developing and improving the site;
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 PRECINCT NO. 2
 Voting Place: Orchard Hills Elementary School, 41900 Quince, Novi, Michigan.
 PRECINCT NO. 3
 Voting Place: Village Oaks Elementary School, 23333 Willowbrook, Novi, Michigan.
 All school electors who are registered with the city or township clerk of the city or township in which they reside are eligible to vote at this election.
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As We See It

Don't accept it unless you're satisfied with it

We would guess, dear reader, that like most of us you work for a boss. If not, you are probably self-employed and work for customers, who can be even more demanding. Imagine for a moment that your boss, or one of your customers, was dissatisfied with some work you had done. Do you think he or she would hesitate for one second to send it back to you to redo? Would he or she have to be concerned that if the project were sent back that it might not get done again, that it might not ever come back to him or her completed? Why, you'd be likely to get fired.

Keep in mind who's the boss in the Novi Community School District. It is not the Board of Education, nor the district administrator, nor the teachers, nor the facilities committee. It certainly isn't this newspaper.

The voters are the boss, pure and simple. And if they are not completely satisfied with the bond proposal coming before them Tuesday, Dec. 13, they should have no hesitation about sending it back for revision.

We sense voters are not satisfied with the \$33 million bond proposal as it appears on the ballot to build a new middle school and make renovations to the Nov Meadows/Middle School complex. The need for a new building is there, and we sense most of the community understands and appreciates that fact. So some bond proposal will eventually have to get passed and some new building will have to be constructed. But this does not appear to be the one.

To frame the issue as simply as we can, the growing population — a trend that will not abate anytime in the near future — is putting strains on the district's facilities. The high school should be all right for a while as a result of the renovations and additions done through the last bond issue, but other buildings are already feeling the strain.

Novi Middle School reached its capacity this year. Orchard Hills Elementary will soon be at capacity. The other elementary will be strained within the next five years, according to the projections made by the district. And those projections for growth in the student population do appear to be sound.

What the district is proposing here is to build a new middle school to house seventh and eighth graders and renovate the current Novi Meadows/Middle School complex into an "upper elementary" which would house fourth, fifth and sixth graders.

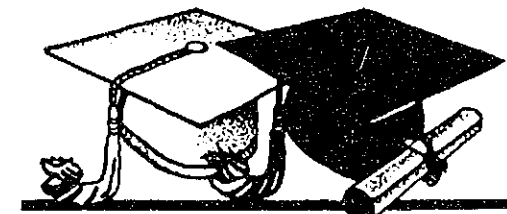
There is much that is right with this proposal. We'll list those aspects first:

- Oddly, the largest portion of the package, the \$23.1 million for the new middle school, is the least controversial portion of the proposal. Almost everyone recognizes the need for more building space because of the growing population.

- The Meadows/Middle school complex, already at capacity, is expected to see a 30 percent growth in its student population in the next five years. And no, Novi will not stop growing suddenly in the next few years. Only about 40 percent developed, the city is expected to see a glut of new home construction through the year 2010. A dip in the economy won't affect that much either. It didn't in the last recession.

- The middle school would be built around the "teaming" concept in teaching, an instruction style winning increasing acceptance in the educational community. The idea is that classes would be grouped and the teachers would work together to instruct all the students in those classes. It goes along with the trend of integrating subject matter, and it is proving itself to be a better way to teach. It is part of the district's long range plan and it is worth pursuing.

- The proposal takes a long-term view of the district's facilities needs. Superin-



Education

tendent Emmett Lippe has pointed out that residents are tired of frequent requests by the school district for further bonding. That's been necessary because previous bonds have been short range solutions to housing the student population. The design of this plan is to get enough space for the district for at least the next five years.

But maybe it doesn't need to be taken care of all at once. Maybe the purpose would be better served by creating a long range plan for buildings too, and putting them up as needed rather than right away.

And this is where we part with the district and its current proposal.

- It appears to us the renovation of the Meadows/Middle school complex could wait for a future bond proposal, and thus this proposal would be less expensive to taxpayers; it could be taken care of gradually out of capital outlay, or it could be done away with altogether.

- Much of the \$9.9 million for the renovation work at the Meadows/Middle school complex will not benefit educational programming. The sloped roof to give the schools a "residential" appearance doesn't seem to have much benefit at all. New carpeting, windows, ceilings, paint and site modifications would be a little educational benefit. Even the movable walls between classrooms could be dispensed with ... you don't have to have movable walls to use the "team" teaching concept.

- The issue of moving the fourth grade from the elementary buildings to the Meadows/Middle school complex is one that has not been resolved. Parents and teachers alike have spoken against the move. The response has been that the Meadows/Middle school would become an "upper elementary," but that does not alleviate the concerns of parents. It is both a question of exposing fourth graders to older students and a proximity issue. Unfortunately, the school district has not examined adequately the alternatives to this move. Moving programs around a bit might just solve the immediate crunch on some elementary buildings and allow district voters to wait a while.

- The process has been flawed almost from the beginning. While administrators will argue that it was a citizens committee that first came up with the proposal, input to that committee from the general public was neither solicited nor facilitated early on in the process. The facility committee's work was inaccessible to many parents who might have wanted a say. And once the committee's work was done, the school board and administration gave the public the distinct impression public input was not welcome despite the hearings it held. Many walked away with the belief the decisions had already been made.

- Novi voters will have to live with the results of this ballot — the buildings that will be up — for a long time. They'll also have to live with the two-mill property tax a long time too, even though it will slowly drop off as the years go by. Nonetheless, it is a long-term commitment.

- If voters are satisfied with this plan, they should definitely support it. But if they are not, we encourage them to vote NO.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

This newspaper welcomes letters to the editor. We ask, however, that they be issue-oriented, confined to 400 words and that they contain the signature, address, and telephone number of the writer. The writer's name may be withheld from publication if the writer fears bodily harm, severe persecution, or the loss of his or her job. The writer requesting anonymity must explain his or her circumstances. Submit letters for consideration by 4 pm Monday for that Thursday's paper. We reserve the right to edit letters for brevity, clarity, style, and taste. The week prior to an election, this newspaper will not accept letters to the editor that open up new issues. Only responses to already published issues will be accepted, with this newspaper being the final arbiter. This policy is an attempt to be fair to all concerned.

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Back in the food biz again



Michael Malott

I worked my way through college as a bus boy and dishwasher in a variety of eateries, Big Boy included.

Mind you, I wasn't very good at it, but I wasn't that bad either. Sure, I broke my fair share of plates over the years, but I spilled food and drinks on the customers only occasionally.

Once I got my degree, I thought my career in the food service industry was over, and I think my boss was glad to see me go. But I'll be back in the hash-slinging biz this Saturday as a part of the Nov Big Boy "Celebrity Server Night."

Apparently when Public Information Director Cindy Stewart recruited me to participate, she didn't bother to check references. Big mistake. But I probably won't be the only waiter or waitress dripping spaghetti sauce on the patrons that night. More than a dozen local "celebs" have been signed up to take part in the benefit event. And after seeing the list of names, I'm about to start a betting pool on who's customers will be wearing the most food by the end of the night.

Not to worry, said Cindy, each "big name" server

will get the assistance of one of Big Boy's own full-time, competent waiters or waitresses.

The Celebrity Server Night will run from 6-9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10 to benefit the Novi Emergency Food Program and needy area families. Those who come to dinner will be served by a local "star" and all the tips collected will go to help feed needy families and seniors this holiday season. In addition, the Big Boy restaurant will donate 10 percent of the days total sales to the cause.

On the list of "humanities" are Mayor Pro Tom Hugh Crawford; Michigan '90s Festival Manager Rhonda Gage; Fr. Leslie Harding, Vicar of Holy Cross Episcopal Church; City Manager Ed Kriciwal; Novi Fire Chief Art Lenaghan; Councilwoman Carol Mason; Mayor Kathleen McAllen; Councilman Tim Pope; Councilman Bob Schmidt; Police Chief Doug Shaeffer; local businessman Tom Marcus; Middle School Principal Milan Obrenovich; and Stewart herself. Oh, ya, I'll be there too.

You'll notice I'm not the only one with experience on that list. Those council members have been accused of "serving it up" on a regular basis.

I guess I've been accused of that myself now and again ... in this very column.

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

Moments

By Bryan Mitchell



Shop till ya drop...

It's the season for heavy shopping excursions to malls like Novi's Twelve Oaks

Give ice arena a fair hearing



Randy Coble

It's time again for my two cents, this time on that recent sports arena proposal.

John Hamilton, a Northville Township resident, owns some land off of Beck Road between Five and Six Mile. He's had preliminary talks with township officials about building a multi-purpose sports arena there.

It would be privately financed, built, owned and operated. The arena is proposed are a prison, park, electrical power station and a water tank. Despite that, expensive homes are still being built.

Moreover, most homes there are a fair distance from the proposed site. Again, let's also remember recreation opportunities for Northville youth and adults — all without one tax dollar. Opponents, however, give the plan flak for a number of reasons.

- Some don't like the fact that Hamilton plans to ask for a liquor license for the restaurant. Others are skittish about the idea of rezoning the parcel for non-residential uses, which could allow anything from a strip mall to an industrial park there.

- Still others worry about the permit route, saying it could open the door to putting an arena in any residential area in the township. Many of those living near the proposed site say they don't want the

arena near their homes because of the potential for problems like noise, lights and traffic.

Both sides have good points. I say this: give this thing a fair hearing. It's not every day that Northville has a chance to get a facility like this. It deserves the chance to see if careful planning could satisfy everyone's concerns. Consider these points:

- How often will a private-money arena like this be proposed in Northville? Heck, Mike Illich is trying to stick the state with the bill for a new Tiger Stadium.

- Hamilton is ready to invest a lot of his own money in this project. Moreover, he's going to be literally living right next door to it. Common sense tells me that he's getting to be very interested in making this a first-class facility.

- Good planning might allow the township enough control over the project to prevent a strip mall or a bushel of new arenas. I'm not sure that's the case, but it's worthy of careful study.

Randy Coble is a staff writer for The Novi News.

Why newspapers are courtwatchers



Phil Power

Alarmed by political mudslinging? Consider this: "A malignant cancer to our judicial system ... a witch ... crazy ... unstable ... a shrew ... gives PMS and women a bad name."

That's just a sample from a flyer used by attorney Stephen Korn in his unsuccessful effort this fall to unseat Southfield 46th District Judge Susan Moisev.

The comments on Moisev's performance on the bench came from a survey that Korn mailed to some 7,500 Oakland County lawyers. A low 9 percent responded, all anonymously. They weren't told their comments subsequently would be used by Korn in his campaign literature.

This certainly wasn't the nastiest campaign in Michigan this year. But the fact that the name calling occurred in a normally staid and dignified judicial election caused a lot of notice.

There are lots of reasons why electing judges is silly.

Most voters have no idea who the candidates are. No one outside the legal fraternity knows about candidates' legal skills

or experience or ethics or judicial temperament. Worse, the canons of judicial ethics seriously caution for judge from talking seriously about any serious subject.

So judicial contests come to revolve around name ID (mysteriously, often emphasizing Irish ancestry) and increasingly nasty name calling. And that, in turn, reduces respect for judges as representatives of the legal system and contributes to the general breakdown of law and order.

I asked Judge Moisev about that. Her reply — "Society wants judges to be wise and just, but then they make us run in the muck, along with all other politicians" — seems on point. I also tried to talk to candidate Korn, but he declined to respond to my telephone calls.

So let's pick judges in Michigan the way they do it in Missouri and some other states: The governor appoints judges, who then run unopposed for re-election, allowing voters to throw out any bad apples.

Most authorities — including the State Bar of Michigan, the American Bar Association and most of the thoughtful lawyers and judges I have talked to — agree appointing judges would be far better than electing them.

There's only one catch: To do it, we'd have to amend the 1963 Michigan Constitution. I doubt very much that anybody is exercised enough to go through that

thrash.

Until that line day, it's the job of home town newspapers like this one to keep voters informed about candidates in judicial races. Wayne Peal, editor of the Southfield Eccentric, made the point perfectly in a memo to me about the Moisev-Korn race:

"Everything we heard — from phone calls to the office to conversations with voters, both informal and for the purpose of a pre-election article — told us Korn's campaign tactics were a bigger issue than Moisev's perceived lack of judicial temperament."

Our endorsement had credibility because we were there. As a community newspaper, we witnessed Judge Moisev in action over a period of years. Korn himself said he'd never actually seen her in action. By talking to voters, we were also able to judge the impact of Korn's campaign mailing.

Home town newspapers like this one spend a lot of time and money covering trials and reporting on campaigns, including those for judge. Wayne's memo is a wonderful explanation of why.

For the record: We endorsed Judge Moisev, who won easily.

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Editorial statement boggles the mind

To the editor:

It boggles my mind that you could state in your Nov. 24 editorial that it is difficult to get good information concerning the upcoming school bond issue. I attended the Nov. 15 bond "information night" sponsored by Novi CARES, the school district and the facilities committee, where a wealth of pertinent information was presented, clearly and intelligently, regarding the overcrowding situation in grades 5-8, future enrollment projections, and the various options considered by the facilities committee before reaching their final decision to recommend building a new 7-8 facility. Before attending the meeting I was undecided on the issue, but now I feel that the proposal is a sound one and that passage of the bond is definitely in the long-term best interests of the City of Novi and its school children (two of which are my grade-school daughters). A reporter from The Novi News was also present at the meeting and privy to the same information that I was. Weren't you listening?

Letters

above people to listen to us and provide a bond issue that we can support.

Kathy Patterson

Be a part of the school solution

To the Editor:

On the Dec. 13 bond proposal, Novi school district voters will decide the fate of their children's and our community's future. This bond will correct the overcrowding of the 5, 6, 7, 8 grade levels and the future overcrowding at the K-4 level. Unless the City of Novi changes the zoning maps to allow for greater housing density, this should serve the needs of all age groups into the 21st century.

The Novi school district has chosen the only solution that corrects both problems of overcrowding without building two additional buildings, restricting all the lower elementary buildings or using double shifts and portable classrooms. Naysayers have offered no other solution that would solve the problem without increasing the cost to the taxpayer even more. The state would be unlikely to approve a proposal to build two buildings (over capacity is a no-no) building only a 7-8 building would not solve the K-4 problem in the long term.

Our children deserve to be educated in surroundings which will maximize their potential to succeed in the future. Science labs need to be placed with world class learning. Access to and use of technology should be made available in as many ways possible. Physical education and fine arts facilities need to be improved to serve the needs of all students, not just the gifted. Climate controlled buildings are necessary to permit learning environments which can be used 365 days a year.

I hope all voters on Dec. 13 will be part of the solution. Our children are our most precious resource. Let's show them we are. Vote YES!

Patricia C. Kortlandt

Parents and teachers have raised questions about this proposal. Many of these concerned parents have children who will be directly affected by any changes in the schools. Would they vote no if they thought this would negatively impact their children? Their apprehension should not be dismissed as dwelling on "small negatives".

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Andrew I. Match

Vote no if you're not comfortable

To the Editor:

On Tuesday, Dec. 13, Novi school district voters will decide the fate of the Novi school board's bond proposal. Supporters of the proposal have predicted disaster if the bond does not pass. However, voters should not be afraid to vote "no" if they are not comfortable with this proposal.

What happens if you vote no and the bond fails? Supporters have implied that the board may resort to extreme mea-

sures in which parents will have no input. That may be the board's reaction. However, as a representative body, the board will be called to account for its actions.

Board members who ignore the concerns of the community will not long remain members of the Novi school board. Bullying voters with threats of drastic measures only alienates people from the process. This bond proposal is not an instant solution and its failure will not create an instant crisis.

Are critics of the proposal lacking in civic spirit? The idea that critics of the proposal are not civic-minded is completely backwards. The board and its proposal have been criticized because voters do care. If voters did not care, they would not have been involved. By airing their concerns, critics presented the board with an opportunity to address those concerns, clarify its position and correct potential problems with the proposal.

As a result of expressed concerns, the superintendent promised last Wednesday that the proposed 4-5-6 grade building will have the same capacity as the current facility. However, many concerns still remain. Asking voters to ignore their own concerns and vote blindly for a flawed proposal is hardly a call to civic duty.

Are those voting no focusing only on the negatives? Parents and teachers have raised questions about this proposal. Many of these concerned parents have children who will be directly affected by any changes in the schools. Would they vote no if they thought this would negatively impact their children? Their apprehension should not be dismissed as dwelling on "small negatives".

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AD asks for curbs on 'Appreciation' game

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 difficult," Fundukian contends. The athletic director said the problems that occur at the game on the eve of Community Appreciation Day are not exclusive to the annual event. They occur at paid games too, but it makes the evening less enjoyable. He suggested changes to the game plan. Among them were charging fans of the visiting team and non-residents as well as stamping hands to enforce the no-out policy. Novi High School students would be admitted free by showing their school identification. Novi residents would be admitted with a free coupon they could clip

from the school district's newsletter and middle school students would be admitted free when accompanied by a parent. Fundukian also suggested the district move the game to a date when the Wildcats play a team outside the KVC league to avoid a larger crowd at the game. Some board members agreed there needs to be changes, but few were willing to accept all of those suggested by the athletic director. "It's a good start," was board vice president Roy Byers' reaction to Fundukian's suggestions. "I have always liked Community Appreciation Day. I liked it more with dinner but the construction

at the high school interrupted that. "To change it for some bothers me," he said. Instead of placing restrictions on admission, the board of education asked Fundukian to explore other options to improve crowd control at the annual event. Among the ideas board members favored were moving the game to an out-of-league game and stamping hands to avoid a revolving door at the gate. The board asked the athletic director to explore other options and update the board with his findings.

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 12:30 p.m.—Senior Messenger

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 7:00 p.m.—Rainbow of Promise
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 12:30 p.m.—Abundant Life Arabic Ministries
 1:00 p.m.—Rising Tide
 2:00 p.m.—Seniors Beware: The Furnace Man
 2:30 p.m.—Livonia Jr. League Football: Orioles vs. Gators Freshmen
 4:00 p.m.—Crisis in the Modern Family: Volunteerism
 5:00 p.m.—Legally Speaking
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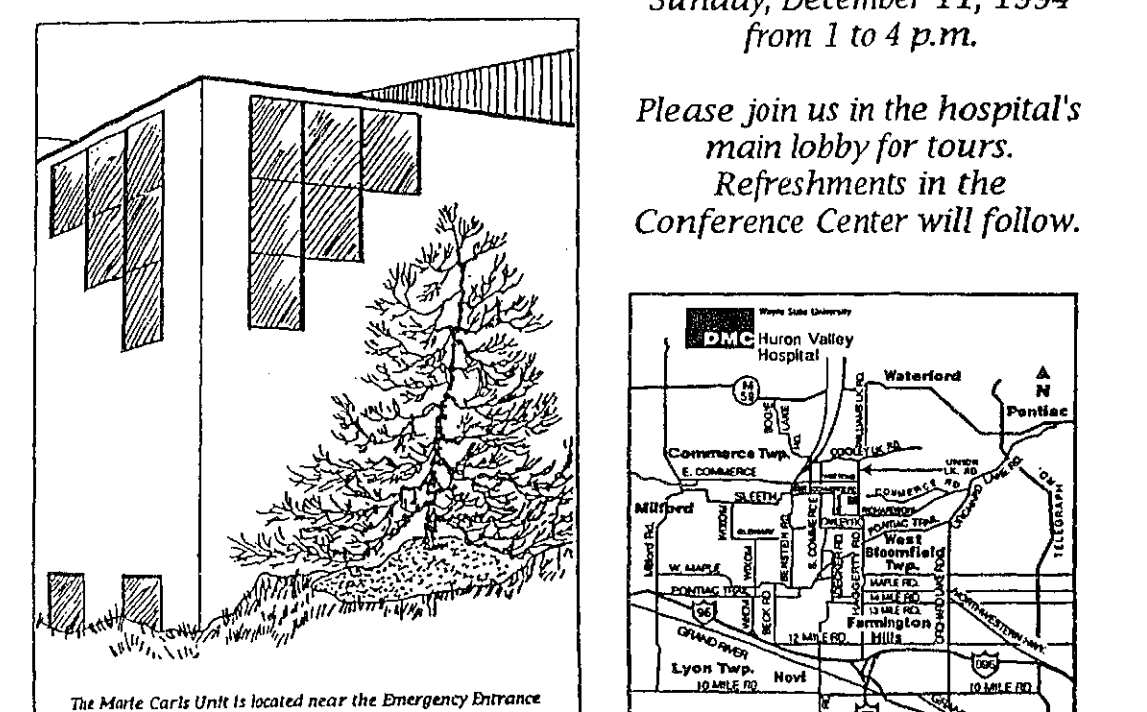
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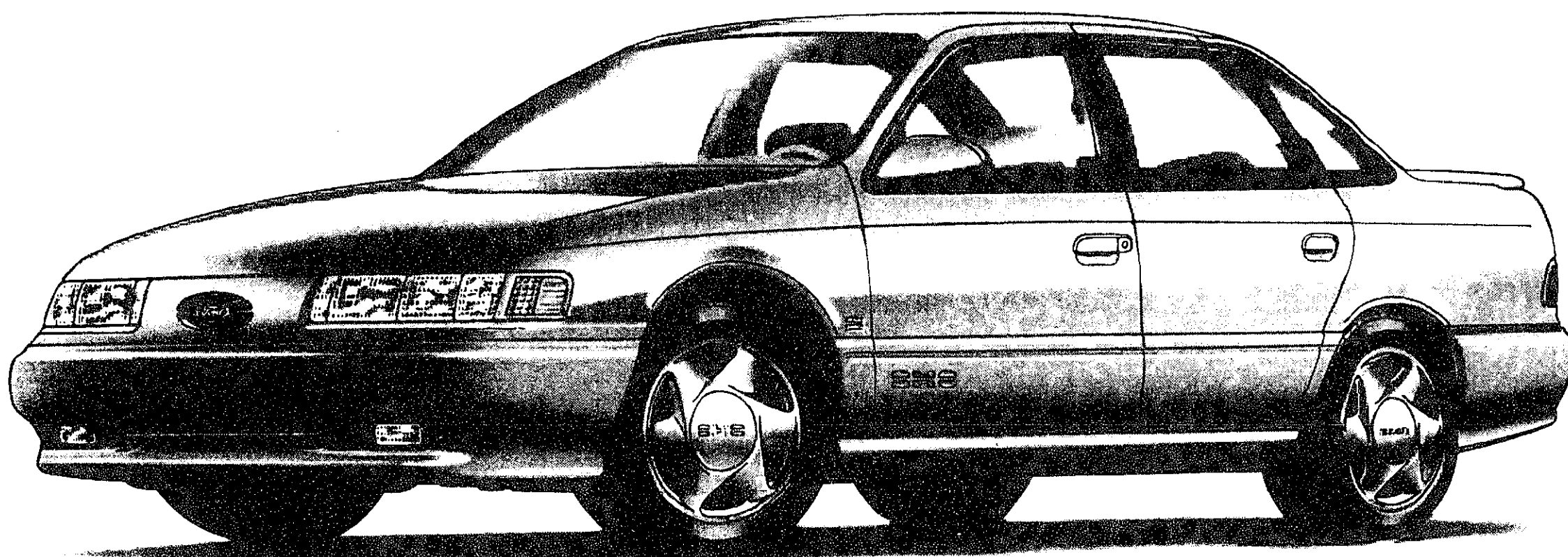
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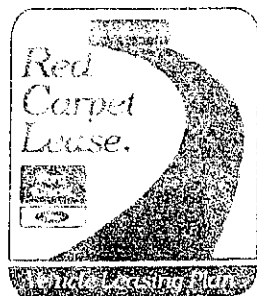


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TREE TIME

By CAROL WORKENS
Staff Writer

The decision to buy a real Christmas tree rather than an artificial tree poses a genuine dilemma to environmentally aware consumers.

While it would seem apparent that purchasing an artificial tree that would last for years would seem like the environmentally-sound solution to the yearly seasonal celebration, it may not be.

According to Laurie Dornbush, executive director of the Michigan Christmas Tree Association, a real tree is an all-American, recyclable resource. Artificial trees, most of which are manufactured in Korea, Taiwan or Hong Kong, consist of plastics and metals that aren't biodegradable. When disposed of, artificial trees will never deteriorate.

Real trees are reusable and recyclable. The branches can be removed and used as mulch for gardens, or in horse and animal stalls. Sunk into private fish ponds, trees make refuge and feedings areas for fish. After the holiday season, by adding orange slices, suet and bird seed, the tree can be used as a bird feeder.

"Michigan is the number two producer of Christmas trees in the nation," she said. "Oregon and Washington State, which have a combined production, are number one."

A major commodity for Michigan, 5 million trees will be harvested this year, she said, with 1 million staying here and the remainder going to most states across the nation, Mexico and other foreign countries.

Available in Michigan are the Scotch, White and Austrian Pines, Douglas, Balsam, Fraser, and Concolor Firs, and the Blue, White and Norway Spruces.

The Scotch and White Pines tend to yellow because of the shorter days and greater rainfall. That makes them candidates for color tinting.

"The consumer might think it unfavorable because it doesn't look like they see it through most of the year." Color tinting is much the same as the tinting done on fruit such as oranges, she said.

Which type of tree is best? "It's really a consumer preference," said Dornbush. Scotch are dense and good for decorating the outside of the tree. For an old fashioned look, fir and spruce are more open, allowing for decorating toward the center of the tree.

"The state tree, the White Pine, has soft needles but is not good for heavy ornaments. Light weight ornaments and bows and ribbons work well on this type of tree."

For heavier ornaments, Dornbush recommends the Scotch Pine, spruce and some firs.

There are 1,200 tree farms in the state, according to Dornbush.

"There are 10 trees growing for every one cut down," she said. For every tree harvested, three seedlings are planted. "They don't all live, and some are not good quality." The average growing time is seven to 10 years for a seven-foot Christmas tree.

When selecting a real Christmas

tree, Dornbush recommends grasping the outer six inches of a branch, the needles should feel firm, supple, not brittle and falling off. It is natural for secondary needles to drop from the center of the tree, she said.

Also look for a fresh cut on the bottom of the tree. Put the tree in water within 12 hours and keep it out of direct sunlight. "There is a seal which forms across the base of the tree," Dornbush said. "Once this happens the tree will no longer take in water." That's why it is necessary for the consumer to make a two inch fresh cut off the bottom of the tree to allow the tree to take in water daily. "Check the water twice the first day and every day after that for adequate water," she said.

Safety precautions are always a consideration. Place the tree away from heat outlets and sources. Check electrical lights for frayed cords and cracked sockets. Always turn the lights off when leaving home or retiring for the evening. Never burn the tree in a fire-place or a woodburning stove.



Volunteer



ELINOR HOLLAND

Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

Holland envisions more Novi gardens

By DOROTHY NASH
Special Writer

If you like lilies-of-the-valley and fresh green beans, you can understand Elinor Holland's senior citizen stance on volunteering time and effort.

As president of The Novi Garden Club, which she sparked into life three years ago, Holland is committed to broadening the horticultural interests of the club's members and herself, too, by introducing speakers on subjects from what-to-grow-where to making centerpiece and arranging flowers.

As a City Beautification Commission member, she helps evaluate landscaping around businesses and residences, encouraging perking up the scenery by planting flowers and trees.

As an activist in the Senior Citizen group at the Civic Center, she is promoting the creation of a memorial garden in the back and to the right of the parking lot.

She has consulted with the city forester about purchasing a tree

which will provide shade for a bench to be put there. The bench will have a plaque naming deceased seniors who were active in either club which meets at the center.

There will be flowers there, too. And, of course, members of the Garden Club will help weed and water.

Senior citizens may come out to sit in the garden. And, she hopes, others in the community will offer support with contributions in memory of the deceased.

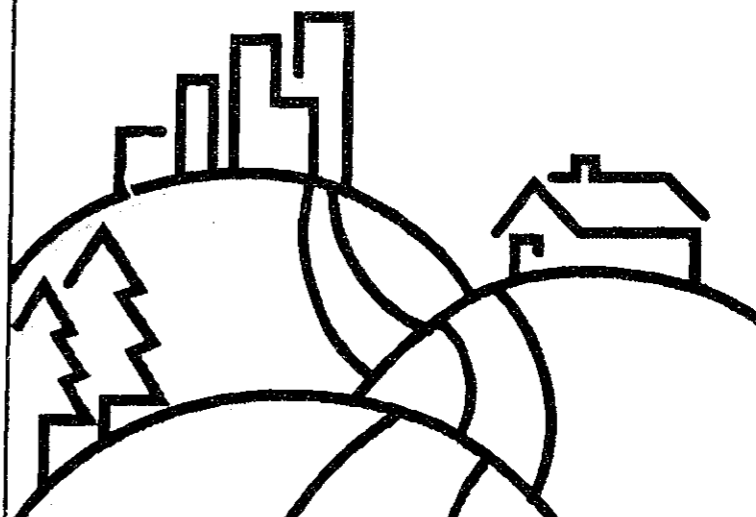
But that's not all. She would like to have a vacant plot of land set aside within the city limits in which apartment and condo dwellers could rent space to grow their own lilies-of-the-valley and green beans.

Do you like Elinor Holland's ideas? If so, and if you're not already a member of the Novi Garden Club, meetings are held on the third Tuesday at 1 p.m. at the Civic Center. P.S. Men and children are invited, too.

It's A Fact

Housing Values

Housing values in Novi have increased from a median house value of \$80,100 in 1980 to \$127,900 in 1990. Median rent level went from \$304 in 1980 to \$602 in 1990.



Holy Family parish busy with service projects

Holiday activities have already started at Holy Family Catholic Church as they held their Parish Christmas Dinner Dec. 2, followed by the annual pilgrimage across Ten Mile to Charter House on Dec. 3. Carol Ann Donnelly of Christ Service has been busy working on this project for months and has encouraged the church family to be as generous with gifts for the residents as they have been in the past. They were joined by the Agape Singers, volunteers, young people and of course Santa Claus.

Church members are picking the names of senior citizens of Detroit's St. Patrick Church and will send \$2 in a Christmas card and a few stamps to the senior.

Another Christmas Service project is the Christmas Angel Sponsor-A-Family project. The first day of work for the program will be Dec. 12 when supplies will be transported to the church. More work days have been scheduled for later in the week to prepare food boxes, wrap gifts and make deliveries, by Dec. 17.

The "Soup Troop" will be going to St. Leo's Church on Saturday, Dec. 10 and will be preparing holiday food. The church soup troopers would also like to give out presents, including socks, caps, gloves, scarfs and children's gifts.

Breakfast with Santa will be held in the Family Center at the church Saturday, Dec. 10.

On Friday, Dec. 9 a special program called "But First Today" will be presented in the Family Center at 10 a.m. by Jill Walker, M.A., Older Adult Services of Catholic Social Services in Oak

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land County with the emphasis on senior adults not believing everything they hear about aging. The teens will be conducting a food drive to help the baskets for the needy and will be going out on Dec. 18. There will be a blood drive, Dec. 19 from 2:8 p.m., and the goal is 60 donors. Call 349-8847 to make an appointment.

NOVI LIONS CLUB
The Lions report that Candy Cane sellers equaled last year's fundraising. Chairman Manny Harbosa headed up the project and was assisted by his committee of George Green and Jim Cooper. In addition, Lions and Lioness members were out on Novi Road, Grand River, Eight Mile, Haggerty and at some stores.

Some of the generous donations this past year included Leader Dog School for the Blind, \$6,000; The Welcome Home for the Blind, \$2,500 and the Princeton Center for the Blind, \$5,000.

The club also collected about 1,000 used pairs of eyeglasses and these were sent to Maric, Ind. where they were packaged and sent to needy people at no charge. There are collection boxes for both used eyeglasses and hearing aids at the Novi City Hall and at the Nu-Vision store in the Twelve Oaks Mall. Other areas where monies were dispersed included Beaumont Silent Children in Royal Oak, the Lions visually impaired youth camp in Lapeer County, the Quest Club with the Lion Club purchasing necessary teaching materials and assisting in training teachers for this project for middle school

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children, and Novi Youth Assistance.

Those receiving the awards were Janice Church, Neighborhood Registrar and team member, Brenda Kern and Christine Wilkins-Goodard for their position as neighborhood school project organizers; and Neighborhood Project Site Managers Lynn Kocan and Rosanne O'Sullivan received the award for their respective efforts in the Cookie Sale and the calendar/nut sale.

Another big event of the year involved 33 of the 41 troops who are presently registered in the Novi neighborhood and that was the "Harvest Goodness" Entertainment "That's Dancing." Entertainment was furnished by "That's Dancing." Winners of the decorating contest included Cadette Troop No. 518, Jr. Troop No. 2018, Brownie troops 737 and 23853. Prizes were donated by Little Caesars, McDonald's, Burger King and Nancy Gretch. Other activities included service projects done by Brownie Troop No. 2387 who collected food for animals in a drop box at school and the food being given to the Humane Society, Troops No. 2382 and No. 848 made care packages containing socks, underwear, jewelry, gloves, etc., for girls at Sarah Fisher

Weddings



Melissa Baynes/Jeffrey Skvarce

Melissa Anne Baynes and Jeffrey Robert Skvarce were married May 14 at Faith Community United Presbyterian Church of Novi. Rev. Richard Henderson officiated at the double ring ceremony. The bride was given into marriage by her mother, Marlene Baynes of Novi.

The groom is the son of Dennis and Linda Skvarce of Novi.

The bride wore a traditional gown with full bottom, high neck and lots of beads. She carried a colorful spring bouquet.

The maid of honor was Jennifer Henderson. Bridesmaids were Nancy Ward, Dawn Skvarce, Kristy Yulawski, and Amy Kepler. Junior bridesmaids were Katie and Sara Ward. Laura Ward was the flower girl.

The best man was Terry Jolly. Grooms men were Dave Ward, Dennis Skvarce, Kurt Simon, Bernie Forward, Jeremy Skvarce was the ring bearer.

A reception followed at Laurel Manor for 210 guests.

The couple took a wedding trip to the east coast, including Vermont, Boston and Cape Cod.

The bride is a 1989 graduate of Novi High School and graduated from the University of Michigan-Dearborn. She is employed at Detroit Diesel.

The groom graduated from Novi High School in 1987. He is also a graduate of Lawrence Technology University and is employed at ITT.

The couple reside in Royal Oak.

Church

THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY, 24505 Meadowbrook Road in Novi, will host a blood drive Monday, Dec. 19, from 2 to 8 p.m. Contact Mary Lee-Sulhyta at 349-8847 for an appointment.

During the month of December, the Community Clothes Closet will only be open on Dec. 19 from 8:30 a.m. to noon.

NEW HORIZON COMMUNITY CHURCH, Novi Town Center General Cinema Theaters, is currently presenting the series Finding the Presence of God in the 90s. The worship service on Sunday is at 10 a.m. For additional information, call the church office at (810) 305-8700.

NORTHVILLE CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY: The Northville Christian Assembly is presenting *Hope is Just Around the Corner* a Broadway-style musical, complete with live orchestra, choir and drama.

The Big Band sounds of the 1940s and the golden days of radio will be brought to life in the Christian musical drama about how one family dealt with the uncertainty of war through faith and hope.

Performance dates are Friday, Dec. 9, and Saturday, Dec. 10, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 11, at 4 and 7 p.m.

Northville Christian Assembly is located at 41355 Six Mile Road one mile west of I-275. For more information, call (810) 348-9030. There is a \$2 ticket donation charge.

DETROIT FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE, 21260 Haggerty near Eight Mile Road, will present *Breakfast in Bethlehem* as part of the Christmas celebration on Saturday, Dec. 10 at 9 a.m. Family members of all ages will enjoy a delicious breakfast followed by a short drama. Tickets are \$2.50. Ages 2 and under are free and a nursery is provided for infants. To make reservations, call Pam Diephuis at (810) 380-1217.

On Campus

Alma College has recognized the academic achievements of its returning students for the fall of 1994 with scholarship awards totaling more than \$4 million.

More than 60 percent of the approximately 860 upperclassmen will receive these merit-based scholarships, recognizing outstanding academic achievement. In total, Alma College gives \$7.2 million in merit-based and need-based awards to its student body of about 1,300.

MELISSA LUTES, a resident of Northville and a graduate of Novi High School, and **KENNETH FENCEL**, a resident of Novi and a graduate of Novi High School, received trustee honors scholarships.

Local ballerina has a busy month ahead

Jamie Planko is cast as a principal dancer for the Nutcracker

By CAROL WORKENS Staff Writer

Jamie Planko will be one of the principal dancers performing in *The Nutcracker* presented by Detroit Symphony Orchestra and Dance Detroit, the resident dance company of Marygrove College.

The Novi resident will dance the Sugarplum Fairy, Snow Queen, Mirilton Solists, Pas De Quatre, and is also one of the Claras. This is the 20th anniversary of *The Nutcracker* as presented by the DSO and Dance Detroit.

Northville residents dancing include Jennifer Kuzmarek, dancing in the Flowers, Chinese Solists, Pages, Friends, and Mouse; Jacquie Kuhn, Erin Moore, and Stephanie Simpson are in Snowflakes, Mirilton, Flowers, Spanish, and Friends; Erin Moore also dances in Vivandiere; and Christine Price will dance in the children and soldier scenes.

All are members of Dance Detroit and are among 160 cast members chosen through open auditions this year. The dancers have been busy rehearsing on the weekends since September.

The Nutcracker tells the story of a young girl who is given a nutcracker doll for Christmas. During the night, the doll comes to life and leads the toys in a battle with the house mice, led by the Mouse King. Clara strikes the King Mouse with her slipper just as he is about to attack the nutcracker. The nutcracker turns into a prince who rewards her with an invitation to the Kingdom of Sweets, where she is entertained by subjects of the court. In the end, Clara awakens and realizes it has all been a dream.

Various guest prima ballerinas and dancers will be performing during this season's *Nutcracker* which runs from Friday, Dec. 9 through Friday, Dec. 23 at the Fox Theatre. For ticket information, call (313) 833-3700.

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Engagements

Mark Michalak/Laura Swarhout

Mark Michalak of Novi would like to announce his engagement to Laura J. Swarhout of Novi. The bride-elect is the daughter of Joel Swarhout of Centerline. Mark is employed at Johnson Control-ASC in Plymouth as a seating prototype technician. A December wedding is planned.

In Service

Army Cadet **DANIEL A. ROWELL** has recently completed Cadet Basic Training and has been accepted as a member of the U.S. Corps of Cadets, Class of '98.

The acceptance ceremonies culminated six weeks of basic training designed to prepare the new cadets for entry into the U.S. Corps of Cadets. The training program emphasized physical fitness, military customs and courtesies, familiarization with West Point's Honor Code, leadership, duty, marksmanship, mountaineering and nuclear, biological and chemical warfare training.

The academy is the nation's oldest service academy. Each year more than 4,000 men and women are enrolled in the four-year educational institution, which is charged with the task of producing the nation with leaders of character who serve the common defense. Upon graduation cadets receive a bachelor's degree and a commission in the U.S. Army.

Rowell is the son of James H. and Janice L. Rowell of Novi. He is a 1994 graduate of Novi High School.

Singles

SINGLE PLACE, an adult ministry for single people meets at First Presbyterian Church of Northville.

For further information about any of the Single Place programs or to register, call 349-0911.

HOLY FAMILY SINGLES is a group for separated, divorced, widowed or never been married persons.

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SINGLE POINT MINISTRIES offers a unique opportunity to join more than 500 persons of varied backgrounds together for a class about Jesus Christ. The group meets at 10:45 a.m. each Sunday in Knox Hall of Ward Presbyterian Church, 17000 Farmington Road on the corner of Six Mile in Livonia. The Rev. Paul Clough will lead with scripture messages relevant to single living.

"Talk it Over" is held on the second and fourth Fridays of each month in Knox Hall.

BYOS - Bring Your Own Sneakers, Livonia Family YMCA on Stark Road near Farmington Road and I-96. Second and fourth Saturday of each month 8 p.m. till midnight. The pool is reserved until 10 p.m. Cost is \$6. On the fourth Saturday, children are invited for an extra \$2 per child. BYOS Nov-Nov through April.

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For further information about Single Point Ministries call (313) 422-1854.

PARENTS WITHOUT PARTNERS INC., is an international, non-profit, non-sectarian educational organization devoted to the welfare and interest of single parents and their children.

For information about the West Oakland Chapter 273 Inc., write to P.O. Box 2130-48343, Pontiac, MI 48343.

THE CATHOLIC ALUMNI CLUB is a singles club for Catholics who are four-year college graduates and are free to marry in the Catholic church.

For more information call Tom at (313) 561-7564 or Carol at (810) 682-1807.

EXPRESSIONS, an adult discussion group, meets from 7:30 to 11:15 p.m. on the second and fourth Friday of each month at First Unitarian Universalist Church, 1917 Washtenaw in Ann Arbor. The program is non-church-affiliated. The group is open to those ages 21 and older.

For more information, call (313) 390-6361. Admission is \$5 and includes refreshments.

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These are some of the images writer Rishikavi Raghudas' creates in his multi-media play, *The Lotus and the Dawn: A Pilgrimage into the Light*. The play will premiere in metropolitan Detroit and be staged for one performance only on Sunday, Dec. 18, at 8 p.m., in the Southfield High School Auditorium, 24675 Lahser Road, between Nine Mile and Ten Mile in Southfield.

Raghudas is a 1972 graduate of Northville High School where he was known as Ibbie Clarke. He later devoted himself to Eastern mystical philosophies and had his name legally changed.

He is now a poet, inspirational speaker, lecturer and yoga teacher. *The Lotus and the Dawn* is described as a world peace play featuring poetry, dance, video, lighting effects and original music.

"I can't stop the killing in Bosnia. I can't stop the killing in Rwanda... but I can do this for



Vidya Chandrasekar (left) and Dr. Robert Huchingson play the lotus flower and the Great Sage as Rishikavi Raghudas recites the poetic tale of how the two seek a solution to peace.

world peace," he said of his work. The lotus flower, played by Vidya Chandrasekar, is the symbol of the human soul. Dr. Robert Huchingson plays the Great Sage, or wise man, who bears the burden of the world's problems. The Great

Sage beholds a solution to world peace and sees the lotus flower bloom. Over two dozen dancers will represent all the world's major faiths in this one and a half hour play. Tickets for the show are \$10 in

advance, \$12 at the door, and are available from phone NEWS, 18444 West Ten Mile, Suite 105, Southfield, MI 48075. Cans of food will also be collected for the hungry. For more information, call (810) 569-3588.

Entertainment listing

Submit items for the entertainment listings to The Novi News, 104 W. Main, Northville, MI 48167; or fax to 349-1050.

AUDITIONS

NEW HORIZON COMMUNITY CHURCH: The church is looking for actors and actresses to occur in weekly participate in Sunday morning dramas and skits. Dramas and skits are based on topical issues.

Scripts are provided and minimal rehearsal time is needed. All creative input is welcome. A local community church featuring a contemporary format, the church meets at Novi Town Center General Cinema Theaters in Novi. Those interested should call Ann Marie Frey, (810) 348-3563.

NOVI THEATRE: Auditions for *The Miracle Worker* are still being held for male roles ages 13 and up. Call Linda Wolkert at (810) 347-0400 for an audition date. Performances of *The Miracle Worker* will be staged Feb. 3 and 4, 1995.

SPECIAL EVENTS

ANNUAL MADRIGAL DINNER: The Novi High School Chorus are presenting a Renaissance dinner created and presented in the Great Hall of the Novi Civic Center on Friday, Dec. 9, and Saturday, Dec. 10, at 7:30 p.m. Dinner will be prepared by Two Unique from Bloomfield Hills.

The madrigal dinner will include the procession of singers through the hall, the hoisting of a toast from the wassail bowl, the procession of the traditional boar's head, the serenade of minstrels at each table, and the performance in concert of Novi Chorus. Tickets are \$20 per person. Seating is limited. No refunds. Sales end Dec. 4. For more information or reservations, call 344-4288 or 349-1984.

PERFORMER'S SHOWCASE: The Novi Arts Council wishes to showcase the talents of area performers. Performances will be held in the atrium of the Novi Civic Center prior to selected city council meetings. On occasion, performances may be taped by MetroVision and broadcast to residents. Musicians, actors, poets, dancers, etc. are invited to submit application forms and audition tapes, if available, to the Novi Arts Council.

For further information, contact the arts council, 347-0400.

OAKLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE: The 100-voice Oakland Community College Chorus, conducted by OCC faculty member G. Kevin Dewey, will perform selections from Handel's *Messiah* and John Rutter's *Gloria* on Monday, Dec. 19 at 8 p.m. at Our Lady of Sorrows church in Farmington. The chorus will be accompanied by a live orchestra. Featured soloists will be the Renaissance Voices, a women's ensemble, and the Wags 'n' Rogues, a male/brass quartet. Our Lady of Sorrows is located at 23615 Power Road at Shiloh in Farmington. Tickets are \$5 at the door. Call (810) 471-7795 for more information.

MUSIC

CAFFE BRAVO: Caffe Bravo features the talents of area artists performing everything from classical guitar, jazz and blues to contemporary and folk music every Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Upcoming performances are: Dec. 9, 8:30 to 11 p.m. singer/guitarist Carol and Mike; Dec. 10,

THEATER

MARQUIS: A musical adaptation of *Beauty and the Beast* will come to life on the Marquis stage on Saturday, Dec. 10, 17, 31, at 2:30 p.m.; and Sundays, Dec. 11, and 18 at 2:30 p.m. Special holiday break performances are scheduled for Monday through Friday, Dec. 26 through 30, at 2:30 p.m. All tickets are \$7. For general ticket information, group rates, birthdays and for teachers to arrange for special performance times and rate, call (810) 349-8110.

The Marquis Theatre is a professional theater located at 135 E. Main Street in downtown Northville.

HOME SWEET HOME: A dinner theater program will continue with scheduled Saturday performances at the 1920s-era Novi mansion which now houses Home Sweet Home restaurant. The murder mystery and a tenderloin and salmon dinner are \$25.95 per person. Diners are given clues - and sometimes speaking roles in the action - to help them figure out who dunnit. Prizes are given out to the best guessers.

Home Sweet Home is located at 43180 Nine Mile Road just east of Novi Road. Also, comedy night returns on Thursday, Dec. 8, and Saturday, Dec. 10, at 7:30 p.m. Dinner will be prepared by Two Unique from Bloomfield Hills.

GENIUS'S Christmas Capers will be the marigal dinner performance from now until Dec. 30, with a special New Year's Eve performance. The show revolves around Christmas Eve 1859 and WOODEN preparing for its annual live Christmas Eve special. An announcement is made just before the show that the whole staff has been fired. The show must go on, however. Songs and situations as they put together a live television show eventually tell the real meaning of Christmas.

Genius's Children's Theatre will present *Santa is Missing* on Sundays, Dec. 10, 11, 17, and 18 at 11:30 a.m. *Santa is Missing* revolves around the search for Kris Kringle, who just days before Christmas disappears because he thinks kids don't believe in him anymore because he isn't cool. Once found by his loyal elves, he decides to hype up his image. The message learned through songs and humor is that being yourself is the best thing of all.

Admission to the performance and dinner is by reservation only. Call (810) 349-0522 for reservations.

GENIUS'S 'Hole-in-the-Wall' restaurant is located in downtown Northville at 108 E. Main St., just east of Center Street.

SUNSET GRILL: The Grill hosts a blues 'jam' every Tuesday, by the Sunset Blues Band, beginning at 9 p.m. The grill is located on the corner of Thirteen Mile and Novi roads. For more information, call (810) 624-8475.

TOO CHEZ: Too Chez, located across from Twelve Oaks Mall, Novi, offers live jazz entertainment from 10 to 10 p.m. Mondays and 7 to 11 p.m. Fridays.

JAZZ NIGHT: DePalma's Dining and Cocktails, 31735 Plymouth Road, Livonia, is offering live entertainment. Larry Nozera and Friends perform intimate jazz from 8 to 11 p.m. on Mondays.

Ron DePalma plays jazz piano from 7 to 11 p.m. every Tuesday featuring a vast array of guest performers. Guest singers are welcome.

On Wednesdays, the Enrico Caruso Society performs live opera from 7 to 10 p.m. every Wednesday and Francesco entertain diners with accordion, mandolin and guitar from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. Thursdays.

ART

LITTLE ART GALLERY: The Little Art Gallery at Genitt's Samuel Little Theatre in downtown Northville features two shows a month. Michigan fine artists who would like to display their works are encouraged to contact gallery manager and artist Julie Giordano at 348-0282.

The Little Art Gallery is at 112 E. Main St.

PAINTER'S PLACE: "Flowers of America and Europe" is the theme of the watercolors in Northville artist Caroline Dunphy's Center Street gallery.

In addition, there are drawings of Northville scenes as well as greeting cards featuring Mill Race buildings and other Northville locations. Gallery hours are noon to 4 p.m. on Tuesdays through Thursdays, or by appointment. Call 348-9544 for more information.

MUSEUMS

MOTORSPORTS: The Motorsports Museum and Hall of Fame houses the famous Novi Special Indy car, stock cars, sports cars, dragsters, race trucks, open wheelers and champion and record holding race vehicles, including the fastest open cockpit powerboat and others. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays through Sundays.

The museum is located at the base of the Novi Expo Center tower on Novi Road. For information, call 349-RACE.

PLYMOUTH ORCHESTRA and the **PLYMOUTH-CANTON BALLET COMPANY** are presenting *The Nutcracker* ballet at Plymouth-Salem High School on Dec. 9 at 8 p.m. and Dec. 10 and 11 at 3 p.m. After each matinee performance there will be a Sugar Plum Fairy Tea, sponsored by the Plymouth Symphony League.

The performances are sponsored by Panasonic. Ticket prices are \$14 for adults and \$8 for students in kindergarten through 12. For ticket information, contact the Plymouth Symphony at (313) 451-2112.

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Movies

Arnold learns facts of life in 'Junior'

Dr. Alex Hesse is precise. He is disciplined. He has less than one percent body fat. And all that is about to change.

For years, Dr. Hesse and his associate, Dr. Larry Arbogast, have been working on the development of Expectance, a revolutionary new drug to ensure healthy pregnancies.

Then, on the eve of success, the FDA and their university pull the plug on the project.

Disheartened but determined to put Expectance to the test, Hesse and Arbogast steal a frozen egg and implant it in the last place anyone would think of looking — inside the body of Dr. Alex Hesse.

What begins as a daring medical experiment soon leads to unexpected and wondrous consequences in "Junior," a comically conceived love story directed by Ivan Reitman.

Arnold Schwarzenegger stars as Alex Hesse with Danny DeVito playing gynecologist Dr. Larry Arbogast and Academy Award winner Emma Thompson portraying Dr. Diana Reddin — three lonely, goal-oriented researchers who take a fantastic and hilarious journey into the irrational realms of emotions and romance.

Besides reuniting Schwarzenegger and DeVito (the co-stars of "Twins," which also was directed by Reitman), the cast of "Junior" also includes supporting players well-known to fans of other Reitman comedies — Pamela Reed from "Kindergarten Cop" and Frank Langella from "Dave."

"Junior" follows the intertwined fates of three scientists who have spent their careers analyzing the ins and outs of that most basic human desire to reproduce and form families. Unfortunately, these wizards of the laboratory have



Emma Thompson, Arnold Schwarzenegger and Danny DeVito face unpredictable results in Universal Pictures' "Junior"

able to identify in this age of working parents and test tube babies.

"I'm man can carry babies to term. It's going to really confuse our perception of what makes us different as men and women," said Reitman.

"Are we really that different? I think so, but emotionally we have much deeper connections than one would expect. To explore this, I wanted to take Arnold

Schwarzenegger, an icon of masculinity, and see what happens when he has to deal with one of the great events of life heretofore reserved for women — giving birth.

"The idea of a man carrying a pregnancy is not far from reality, according to the extensive medical research the filmmakers did in preparation for "Junior." Working closely with consultant Dr.

Poignant 'buddy' picture features a man and his cat

HARRY AND TONTO By Helaine Blustock Novi

This 1974 video may be found in the comedy section, but don't expect to laugh. "Harry and Tonto" is more serious than troll, one or two chuckles at best.

Getting old is the pitiful imagination how you'd feel to discover your apartment, where you've lived for so many years, is being displaced by a parking lot.

Well, Harry won't budge! The octogenarian's landlord finally evicts him, literally carrying him downstairs as Harry stubbornly remains seated on a chair.

Nobody will rent to Harry because of his cat — and best friend — Tonto. Harry has faithfully cared for Tonto — fed, talked and sung to him forever. His other friend (the human one) just died and Harry now lives exclusively for his furry friend.

Harry's forced to move in with his son's family, a son with whom he never got along, not to mention the son's rotten wife. Spending his dwindling years like this torments him. Invasion of his privacy, and there, is unbearable.

So Harry purchases a used car and suddenly takes off with Tonto on a cross-country trip, picking up weird friends along the way.

Art Carney won an Oscar for his performance in this film about adapting.

SANTA CLAUSE
By Mike Kapusky Northville

READER MOVIE REVIEWS

CITY SLICKERS II
By Heather Wadowski Northville

Billy Crystal, Jack Palance and Daniel Stern are back in "City Slickers II: The Legend of Curly's Gold."

It's a year after the cattle drive. Mitch (Crystal) has just turned 40 and is convinced he buried Curly (Palance) alive. Phil (Stern) is this close to a mid-life crisis. They both are close to going over the edge.

Then Mitch discovers a map in the hat Curly gave to him before he died. It's a treasure map leading to \$20 million. So he invites Phil and his brother (Jon Lovitz) to find it with him.

During their adventure, they run into Curly. Actually, it's Duke, Curly's twin. Together, they're out to find the gold. Instead, they're going to find "the one thing."

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the NOVI NEWS Sports

Grapplers face new classes, tough schedule

New weight classifications and a typically tough schedule has left Novi High School wrestling Coach Brad Huss a bit unsure of what lies ahead for his team.

Huss won't predict how the Novi mat men will do this year, but he'll see soon enough, he said.

Novi's annual round-robin tournament, scheduled for this Saturday, will be the wrestlers' second meet of the season, and it will give a good indication of how well they'll do. The six-school tournament includes some of the area's toughest competitors, including Romulus and Lake Orion, and gives the team and early indication of how they'll do.

"We will definitely see very quickly what we're made of," Huss said.

As the Novi grapplers open their season today (Thursday, Dec. 8) against North Farmington, Huss predicted the team would be strong in the middle weight categories, where most of his returning wrestlers fall. But the categories have been changed, he explained, with one middle weight category being eliminated and new categories being added at the upper and lower end of the weight scale.

"That poses several problems for the Novi team. For one, the elimination of the middle weight category may mean some of Novi's experienced wrestlers will get bumped from the lineup. In the meantime, the team will have to add less experienced wrestlers in the upper and lower weight categories."

Huss has no one right now to compete in the 100-pound category and the Wildcat's representative in the 106-pound classification will be a freshman and a first-year wrestler. In the 215 class, Novi will put forward a second-year contender.

"We follow the National

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Dec 8	N Farmington	A 6:30
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Dec 15	Oakland County	A TBA
Dec 17	Oakland County	A TBA
Dec 23	Piquette	A 6:30
Jan 5	Romulus	A 5:30
Jan 7	Salem	A 9:30
Jan 14	Berkley	A 10
Jan 20	Harford	A 10
Jan 21	Rock Adams	A 10
Jan 27	Brighton	A 5:30
Jan 28	L. Waverly	A 10
Feb 3	Lakeland	A 5:30
Feb 8	Berkley	A 5:30
Feb 11	KVC of S.L.	A TBA
Feb 15	Team Detroit	A TBA
Feb 18	Ind. District	A TBA
Feb 24	Team Regional	A TBA
Feb 25	Ind. Regional	A TBA
March 3	Team Final	A TBA
March 10	Ind. Final	A TBA

Wrestling Federation. They changed their categories, so the state has a choice of changing this year or next, and we chose to change this year," Huss explained. "Filing these categories will really be hit or miss for a given school. You might get lucky and be able to fill those new categories. You might have some lucky football players, to fill those heavyweight slots. But a lot of schools have trouble filling the lower weight categories. By the time most kids get some experience, they are out of those weights."

Huss won't make claims right now on a KVC crown. The league is one of the toughest in the state. A KVC crown virtually guarantees a school will be in the final eight in the state, he said.

Among the toughest competitors in the league are Howell, Brighton, South Lyon and Hartland. But if Novi can score



Mark McBride is expected to be a powerhouse for the Wildcat wrestling team.

enough points in the middle weights, Huss said, the team might fare pretty well in the KVC. Novi has filled 14 of the 16 dates it is allowed. Huss said he has a preference for tournaments rather than dual meets, because they insure his wrestlers will get a number of matches in during the course of the day. That's why Novi schedules its round-robin early up in the season, Huss explained.

On Saturday, Novi wrestlers will host Walled Lake Central, Romulus, Lake Orion, Piquette and Hartland in the tournament.

Although the lineup is not finalized, Huss said he anticipates J.J. Balagala will wrestle in the 119-pound category, Nick Simon

and Garrett Barrons will be in the 126 slot. Last year, Barrons showed great improvement over the course of the season and finished with an even record.

Sophomore Skip Becker will fill the 160-pound slot.

At 172, senior Mark McBride is another of Novi's returning regional qualifiers. Last year, McBride notched 25 wins and placed second in the KVC finals.

Senior Jason Wigley, a first-year wrestler, will compete in the 185-pound classification.

James Probyn, a junior and a second-year wrestler, will fill the 215 category.

Before the team began practicing, Winn said more students expressed interest in joining the team but were competing at the private club level and decided to stick with that route of competition.

"It is a difficult decision (whether to quit club competition)," she said. "But if we do well this year we may get more next year."

With her, Winn brings a long history of gymnastics experience that should be an asset to the team. She began competing in gymnastics in high school and then competed on a full-ride scholarship at Indiana State University.

Winn, who teaches kindergarten at the Plymouth-Canton Public Schools, has 15 years of high school coaching experience, including a stint at Plymouth-Canton High School, and 20 years of judging experience.

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Newkirk named 'Camp Champ' at cheerleading clinic

Lisa Newkirk, a third year member of the Novi Varsity Cheer Team, was named 1994 Camp Champ by Champion Cheerleading. Newkirk was one of 50 girls chosen from over 3,000. She was awarded the honor in July at the close of the summer cheerleading camp.

The Camp Champ status is awarded to senior cheerleaders who demonstrate strong leadership qualities and outstanding athletic ability.

As Camp Champ, Newkirk represented Novi Community School District as a staff member at a Champion Winter Perk-Up Clinic which was held Dec. 3 at Walled Lake Central High School.

She was also awarded the opportunity to front for the Champion Cheerleading staff. At the competition, Novi's varsity Cheerleading squad earned the 110 percent award for its hard work and dedication.

Results from the Kick Off Classics are listed below:
Girls 8 and under: Becky

Club swimmers kick off season

A total of 70 swimmers from Novi/Northville Aquatic Club opened the USS Michigan Short Course season at the Kick Off Classic last month.

Held Oct. 29-30 at Royal Oak Dorrado High School, the Spartans feature local swimmers such as Leslie Nimer, Emily Nichol and Deirdre Schwirning.

The aquatic club is a competitive swim team sanctioned by United States Swimming, the governing body of amateur swimming in the United States. About 150 swimmers, ages 5 to 18, from Novi, Northville and surrounding communities belong to the Spartans.

Results from the Kick Off Classics are listed below:
Girls 8 and under: Becky

Gasivcek was first in the 25-yard backstroke and second in the 25-yard freestyle; Shannon Farris was first in the 100 freestyle, third in the 100 IM, fourth in the 50 backstroke and fifth in the 50 freestyle; Jessica Pierce was second 50-yard backstroke; Erica Cook was fifth in 25-yard backstroke.

Boys 9-10: Jack Tyler was first in the 50-yard backstroke, third in the 100 backstroke and fifth in the 100 freestyle.

Girls 11-12: Beth Kruszewski was fourth in the 50-yard backstroke; Leslie Nimer was second in the 100 IM, second in the 200 IM; Brandi Mohr was third in the 100 IM and third in the 200 IM; Emily Nichol was first in the 100 breaststroke, first in the 100 IM, second in the 100 butterfly, fourth in the 100 freestyle, third in the 200 freestyle and fifth in the 100 backstroke.

Girls 13-14: Leah Voytal was first in the 100 IM, second in the 200 IM, fourth in the 100 breaststroke and fifth 200 IM and Kisty Vermillion was first in the 200-yard backstroke.

Other 11-12-year-olds: Krysta Lynch second in the 100 butterfly, third in the 100 IM and third in the 200 freestyle; Kris Utley was fourth in the 200 IM, fourth 200 freestyle and fifth in the 100 breaststroke; Adrea Yocum was first in the 200 yard freestyle, second in the 100 breaststroke, and second in the 200 IM; Natalie Arsteno was fourth in the 200-yard freestyle; Christina Moeen was third in the 100 backstroke and Lindsey Vermillion was fourth 100 IM.

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COLTS: The Northville-Novu Colts football association will be selling Christmas trees at the corner of Griswold and Main streets until Dec. 18. Hours are weekdays, 6-9 p.m., and weekdays 9-9. Prices range from \$20-\$35.

WSSL: The Western Suburban Soccer League is a travel league which allows players to gain experience in playing children from other communities, such as Farmington, Plymouth, Northville, South Lyon, Howell, and Livonia.

Games are played on Saturdays, Sundays and one occasional mid-week game. Practice times are subject to the availability of our volunteer coaches. A birth certificate must accompany registration (unless previously verified - contact the Parks and Recreation office). Teams will be formed for the following age groups:
Boys - under 10, born between Aug. 1, 1984-July 31, 1985; under 11, born between Aug. 1, 1983-July 31, 1984; under 12, born between Aug. 1, 1982-July 31, 1983; under 13, born between Aug. 1, 1981-July 31, 1982; under 14, born between Aug. 1, 1980-July 31, 1981.
Girls - under 10, born between Aug. 1, 1984-July 31, 1985; under 12, born between Aug. 1, 1982-July 31, 1984; under 14, between Aug. 1, 1980-July 31, 1982.

The season begins in mid-April and runs to mid-June. The registration deadline is Feb. 10, 1995. Call Novi Parks and Recreation at 347-0400 for more information.

ADULT SOFTBALL LEAGUES: Novi Parks and Recreation hosts men's, women's and co-ed leagues during the spring and summer months. All games are played behind the Novi Civic Center in Ella Mae Power Park. There will be an informational meeting regarding these leagues on Feb. 2 at 6:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center. All program details such as fees, format, awards, registration and process will be thoroughly explained. For these leagues, Novi Parks and Recreation registers teams only. Individuals looking for teams are encouraged to call our department at (810) 347-0400. We then compile a list of interested players names and phone numbers and distribute them to our softball team managers.

IN-HOUSE SOCCER: Learn to play soccer in Novi. Games are played on Saturdays. Practice times are subject to the availability of our volunteer coaches on weekday evenings. A birth certificate must accompany registration (unless previously verified - contact the Parks and Recreation office). The season runs from April 22 to June 10. Practice starts two weeks prior to games. The house-leagues are offered in four divisions: co-ed junior (born 1989-90), co-ed junior (born 1987-88), girls junior (born 1987-88), co-ed senior (born after Aug. 1, 1985-86). The registration fee is \$30 with a deadline of Feb. 10. Call Novi Parks and Recreation at 347-0400 for more information.

YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUES: Boys and Girls in grades 3-8 can enjoy the excitement of floor hockey. Floor hockey is a non-contact game which stresses cardiovascular fitness, team work and fair play. Practices are subject to the availability of coaches on weekday evenings. All teams are co-ed. The season runs from Feb. 25 through April 1 with games being played on Saturdays. The registration deadline is Jan. 5 and the fee is \$31. Call Novi Parks and Recreation at 347-0400 for more information.

GYMNASTICS: Novi Parks and Recreation will be offering three levels of gymnastic instruction this winter, beginner, advanced beginner and intermediate. Classes run from Jan. 9 to Feb. 20 on Monday and Wednesdays. Fees range from \$20 for pre-beginner to \$36 for intermediates. The registration deadline is Jan. 5. Call Novi Parks and Recreation at 347-0400 for more information.

VOLLEYBALL: Join the fun of adult volleyball in Novi. The Adult Volleyball League will conduct its winter season from January through April. All teams are allowed a maximum of three non-resident players. Each league is limited to 12 teams. Leagues play on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Call Novi Parks and Recreation at 347-0400.

FITNESS FACTORY: Fitness Factory offers classes for everyone. We have step, combination and low-impact. Each class offers a full 30

minute cardiovascular workout and an additional 30 minutes of muscle toning (with rubber bands) to complete your total workout package. All instructors are trained and CPR certified. Winter classes run from Jan. 10 to March 25. Call Novi Parks and Recreation at 347-0400 for more information. The registration deadline is Jan. 13.

KARATE: Learn "Tang Soo Do" style Korean Karate under the direction of fifth degree black belt, master Bob Gordon. A qualified staff of black belts assist with instruction. The eight week course begins Jan. 10. Registration deadline is Jan. 10 for winter session and March 14 for the spring session. Call Novi Parks and Recreation at 347-0400 for more information.

COACHES NEEDED: Manager and coaches for travel baseball teams are being sought by the Novi Baseball Alliance. The NBA currently coordinates three teams of Novi youth in metropolitan Detroit travel baseball leagues, and is looking to expand for 1995. Several age brackets are offered by the NBA. For further information or to apply for a position, contact Brad Krause, NBA administrative manager, at (810) 347-4782.

MARATHON TRAINING: Free and helpful training tips and instructions to help prepare runners for the marathon. Guest speakers, group runs and more are included. Classes meet at 7:30 p.m. every other Monday at Running Fit in Novi. For more information, call (810) 347-4949.

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 president, at 348-7779.

NOVI BIKE CLUB: For information on bike club group rides call Gurdy Gray at 349-4235 or Novi Parks and Recreation at 347-0400.

Novi Spikers have shot at a KVC title win—Coach Fisette

Novi varsity girls volleyball coach Julie Fisette concedes that last year wasn't a good season for her team.

"They finished second to the last out of six teams in the Kensington Valley Conference. But this year looks promising, Fisette predicts.

"I'm looking forward to a positive and a successful season. I've got some returning hitters," she added. "I'm looking for some better team work this year and some overall better attitudes."

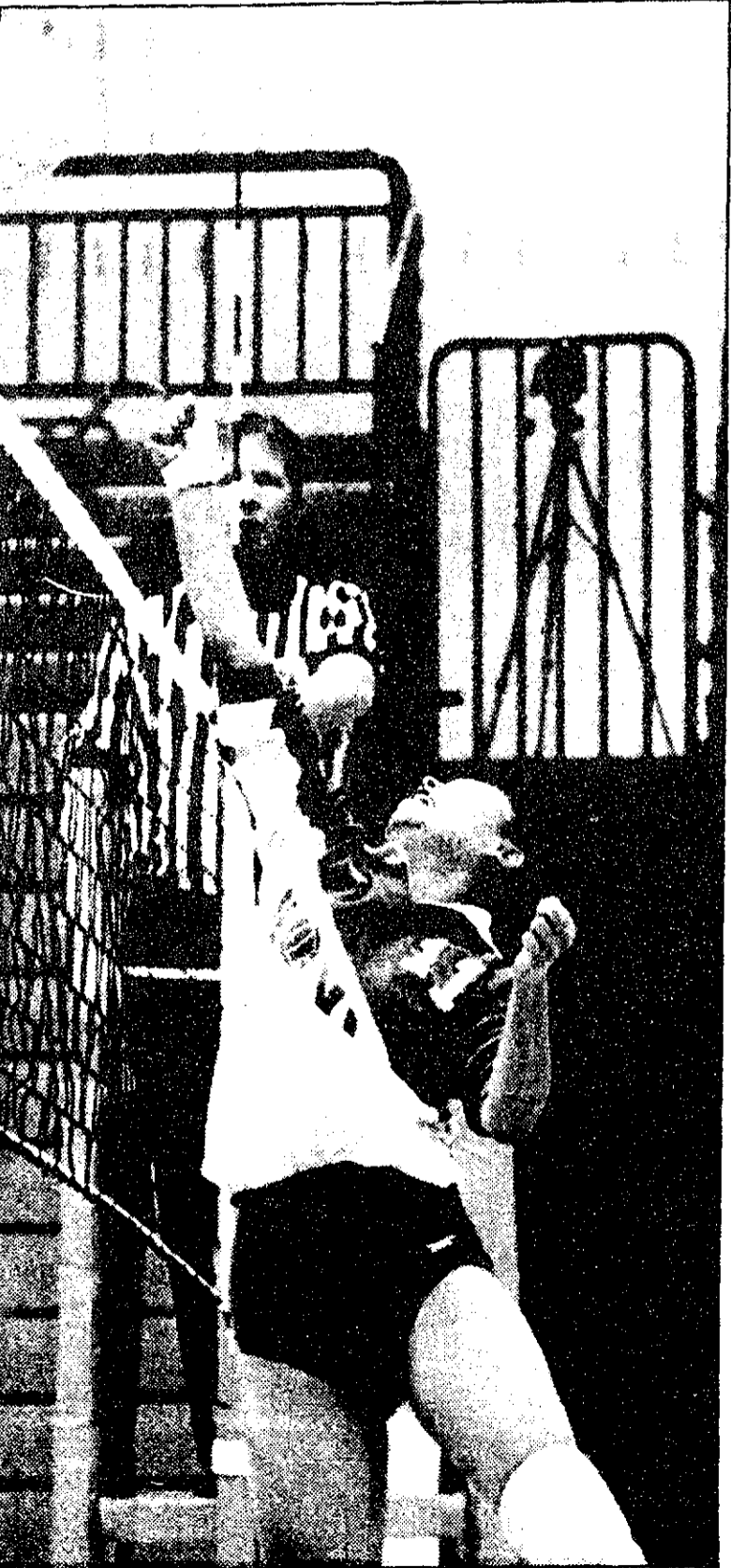
Try-outs were last week.

Twelve girls are in the varsity line-up. By short number, they're: Number One, Michelle Mott, a junior; Number Two, Ursula Place, a junior and returning player; Number Three, Shaunnah Yelzer, a junior; Number Four, Nichole Borashko, a senior and returning player; Number Five, Lori Dewitt, a senior and returning player; Number Six, Laura Snider, a senior and returning player; Number Seven, Renee Suenkonis, a junior; Number Eight, Junko Matsunaga, a junior and returning player; Number Nine, Lindsay Drury, a senior; Number Ten, Katie Shaw, a senior and returning player; Number Eleven, Chiko Amemiya, a junior; and Number Twelve, Nicole Greco, a senior and returning player.

The girls will get their first chance together as a team in a tournament Saturday at South Lyon High School, where they'll play in a pool with Lakeland, Saginaw, Milan and Heritage.

On Dec. 14, they'll meet Farmington Harrison at home in their first regular game. The season runs through the district tourna-

VOLLEYBALL		
Dec 10	South Lyon	A 9 a.m.
Dec 14	F. Harrison	H 6
Dec 15	Northville	H 6
Jan 5	Harford	A 6
Jan 9	South Lyon	H 6
Jan 16	Milford	A 6:30
Jan 19	Lakeland	H 6:30
Jan 21	Salem Inv.	A TBA
Jan 23	Brighton	A 6
Jan 26	Howell	H 6
Jan 28	Central Inv.	A 9 a.m.
Feb 2	Harford	H 6
Feb 4	Northville Inv.	A 9 a.m.
Feb 6	South Lyon	A 6
Feb 11	Western Inv.	A 9 a.m.
Feb 13	Milford	H 6
Feb 16	Lakeland	A 6
Feb 20	Brighton	H 6
Feb 23	Howell	A 6
March 4	District	A TBA



Back this year on the volleyball squad is Junko Matsunaga

Novi launches joint gymnastics team with Northville

The high school gymnastics program may have a trick up its sleeve this year.

At first glance, with only eight members on the team - six of which are freshmen - it may appear that the recently launched program would be lacking in strength and experience.

Not so, says Coach Barb Winn of the new team, composed of four Northville students and four from Novi High School.

Although the girls are young, they have a vast amount of competitive experience at the private club level, and that will be a definite asset, Winn said.

"We may be small but we are definitely strong," she said.

The Western Lakes Athletic Association will be welcoming the gymnastics program back into competition this year. The program had to bow out of the 1993-94 winter season due to lack of interest from students.

This year Northville combined forces with Novi High School, which has never offered a gymnastics program, in order to recruit enough students to create a team. The team will maintain its Northville name and will compete in the WLA league but not in Novi's Kensington Valley Conference.

Combination teams at the high school level like the new Northville/Novi partnership are common for gymnastic programs, Winn said. The expensive and difficult nature of the sport often results in few students getting involved, she said.

Winn, who is excited to take on her first season as the Northville gymnastics coach, said she feels confident the girls can hold their own in the league, even against historic heavy weights and fre-

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Parks Dept. gets into the spirit

City is selling trees at new park, hosts Santa b-fast

By CINDY STEWART
Special Writer

Christmas is only 16 days away, time to get out those holiday ornaments, decorate the tree, bake Christmas cookies and finish your Christmas shopping.

Well, first things first. This weekend would be the perfect time to bundle up the kids and buy that special Christmas tree. Where can you find that perfect Christmas tree? Where else, but at the Novi Parks and Recreation Tree Farm.

Novi Parks and Rec doesn't just offer innovative programs, excellent classes, organized leagues, super special events and hard working staff. They now offer "cut your own" Christmas trees at the newest Novi park on Twelve-and-a-Half Mile Road, west of Novi Road near Dixon.

Thanks to you, Novi residents, the Parks and Recreation bond fund was utilized to purchase the tree garden and other parcels of land totaling 328 acres. This spectacular piece of property backs up to Lakeshore Park and has natural hiking trails, deer and other wildlife, as well as some of the finest trees around.

Why not combine this year's trip for a Christmas tree with a visit to Novi's newest park. Bring the family and check out the pines (Austrian, red, white and Scotch), firs (Douglas and white) and spruce (Norway, Colorado blue and white). The sizes range from 3-20 feet and you can cut any tree for \$30. Hay wagons will be on hand to haul your special tree back to the car. Saws, rope and twine are available free of charge.

There also will be a number of pre-cut trees for sale for only \$20. Parks and Recreation laborer Steve Tillman will be on hand to help identify the trees for you. He can help you pick the best tree for your family. Proceeds from all tree sales will be used for future park improvements.

The Christmas tree sales continue each Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 10, to Sunday, Dec. 18. Hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. In the true spirit of Christmas, why not bring the family out to the Novi



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Breakfast with Santa brings a special smile to a youngster's face.

Parks and Recreation Tree Farm and cut down that very special tree. The park is located at 44030 Twelve-and-a-Half Mile Road. Take Novi Road one-half mile north of Twelve Oaks Mall. Go west on Twelve-and-a-Half Mile Road approximately one-half mile.

Don't forget to stop by the Novi

Civic Center on Saturday, Dec. 10, for some great holiday fun. It's Breakfast with Santa sponsored by Novi Parks and Recreation and the Novi Jaycees. The fun begins at 8 a.m. and visits with Santa begin at 9 a.m. to noon. Breakfast is \$2 per child and \$3 per adult (payable at the door).

For more information about any and all Parks and Recreation events, call 347-0400.

Mark your calendars now for the Chilly Willy Winter Festival coming to Novi on Saturday, Jan. 21.

Cindy Stewart is the Director of Public Information for Novi.

The dangers of 'smokeless' tobacco



Kathryn Hoppe

As a young boy gazes at his favorite professional baseball player, he sees more than the pitcher's great techniques or a batter's effortless swing - he picks up all kinds of cues from his hero, including the kind that can be hazardous to his health.

Many of these athletes chew wads of tobacco while out on the diamond. In an effort to become like those they admire, many youngsters begin chewing smokeless tobacco.

To millions of kids, the use of smokeless tobacco products - "snuff," "chew" or "plug" - is glamorous. Unfortunately, many of these youngsters, including teenage girls and very young children, don't realize the potentially harmful and unglamorous consequences of such a habit.

Oral cancer is expected to increase five-fold over the next 30 to 40 years. In recent years, there has been an enormous increase in smokeless tobacco use among young people. An estimated 13 to 15 percent of children between nine and 14 years of age are regular users of smokeless tobacco.

The American Dental Association wants youngsters to know smokeless tobacco is not a safe alternative to cigarettes. Like cigarettes, smokeless tobacco is habit-forming. It contains

irritants that can permanently destroy gum tissue and damage the sensitive tissues of the mouth. And, like cigarettes, smokeless tobacco contains high concentrations of carcinogens, or cancer-causing agents. Snuff dippers and tobacco chewers run an increased risk of developing cancers of the mouth and throat, just as cigarette smokers do.

If you have or know children who use smokeless tobacco, urge them to stop. There's nothing glamorous about such a dangerous habit with such ugly consequences.

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Who has most demanding job



Barry Franklin

Three friends asked me to settle a bet: Who has the most physically demanding job? One was a construction

worker, one a firefighter and the other a heavy machine operator. A beer or two rode on my answer.

No contest. I had previously reviewed the physical demands in a variety of occupations. Firefighting was clearly the most physically demanding of the three - perhaps of all occupations.

Firefighters cannot control their work environment or require-

ments. They must respond to ever-changing conditions, often involving extreme environmental as well as physical stresses. Firefighters may have to increase energy expenditure 12 to 14 times, a fitness level compatible to many athletes.

Firefighters also have a high strength requirement, both of the upper and lower extremities. They must have above average agility, speed, power and reaction time. Firefighters may be exposed to such harsh environments as high temperatures, deadly gases and excessive noise.

The ambient temperature inside a burning building can rise to 450 degrees Fahrenheit. Firefighters wear heavy protective clothing to keep heat and fire away. That clothing inhibits dissipation of body heat, increasing the work load on the heart.

Finally, many dozens of firefight-

ers die and hundreds of others are injured in the line of duty every year.

At the end of the evening, the firefighter assured me that seldom had a cold beer tasted so good - except, that is, after safely fighting a fire.

Q. A thought struck me: what if an athlete inhaled oxygen during competition? Wouldn't that improve his or her performance?

A. Sorry. There is no good scientific evidence that inhaling oxygen during competition can improve athletic performance. Any benefits are more likely psychological.

Q. What about inhaling oxygen during recovery after competition?

A. Many athletes think they're

speeding their recovery by breathing oxygen on the sidelines, but they might as well be inhaling plain old air. Researchers found no significant difference in post-exercise performance whether plain air or tanked oxygen was given after exhaustive treadmill running.

Q. So exercise makes the heart more efficient?

A. Definitely. On average, a regular endurance exercise program will decrease a person's heart rate by more than three million beats per year. That's efficiency!

Barry Franklin, Ph.D., is director of Cardiac Rehabilitation and Exercise Laboratories at William Beaumont Hospital. His new book, Making Healthy Tomorrows, is available by calling 1-800-289-4843.

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