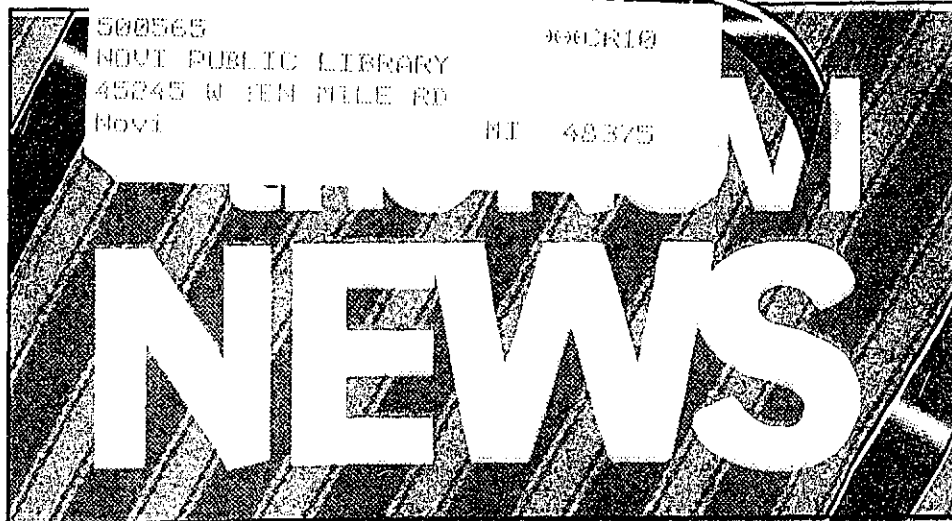


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Brent, 9, and Bryan Beeler, 11, get ready for Christmas in front of their house. The home was one of those honored in the city's holiday decorating contest. It's on Antler Drive, west of Meadowbrook between Eight and Nine Mile roads.

## Novi homes all aglow

Best decorated picked in homeowner association contest

By JAN JEFFRES  
Staff Writer

A long holiday weekend is ahead, and sometimes, just sometimes, all that togetherness can be a little too cozy.

So, cure cabin fever by checking out what your neighbors have done to make Novi beautiful for the season.

And these elves have been busy. So busy that the most outstanding were rewarded for their efforts Monday in the traditional ceremony before the Novi City Council Meeting.

Contest judges were members of the City of Novi Homeowners Associations. And a jolly job it was, according to association president Ruth Ann Jirasek. Eighteen volunteers split the city in to four regions, then piled into four vans.

"It was one of the best jobs one could ever want to have, to drive around Novi and find the prettiest homes," Jirasek said.

The judges were particularly pleased with Cedar Springs subdivision, which had, out of 207 homes, 196 all lit up and decorated.

Categories judged were homes, subdivision, condo and apartment entrance ways and businesses. Among the prizes distributed were gift certificates from Detroit Edison, one of the incidental beneficiaries of Novi residents' goodwill.

"Please drive around the city and enjoy it," an impressed Mayor Kathy McAllen told the winners.

"Thank you so much for making the holidays so wonderful. Merry Christmas."

### OVERALL SUBDIVISIONS

Awarded by City of Novi Homeowners Associations.

**BEST SUB IN NOVI:** Cedar Springs.  
Other winners are Deerbrook, Meadowbrook Glens, The Woods on Decker, Westminster

and Yorkshire.

### SUBDIVISION ENTRANCES

Awarded by City of Novi.

### BEST ENTRANCE: Timber Ridge.

Other winners are Woodland Glens Apartments, River Oaks Apartments, Meadowbrook Glens, Turtle Creek, Crosswinds West, Highline Club Apartments, Saddle Creek Apartments, North Hills Village Apartments, Yorkshire sub.

### BUSINESSES

#### FIRST PLACE: Novi Town Center.

Other winners are Anglin, Reid Lighting, Country Epicure, Burger King on Grand River, Diamond Castle, Novi Hilton, Marcus Glass, Marty Feldman Chevrolet.

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## Residents want Beck ramps repaired now

By JAN JEFFRES  
Staff Writer

How bad is the Beck Road/I-96 interchange?

Bad enough to inspire Novi Planning Commissioner Peter Hoadley to kick off a grassroots campaign Monday to get it improved. Hoadley's hoping residents will jump on the bandwagon and dash off letters demanding quick relief to their state and national elected representatives.

"Back in November, we saw a tremendous change take place both nationally and on the state level. One of the changes the voters sent was to eliminate gridlock in government. As we all know, we have been experiencing gridlock for a long time at Beck and Twelve Mile Road," Hoadley said.

"This intersection deserves top priority, as it is only one of three north/south roads serving Novi, Wixom, Commerce Township, Walled Lake and West Bloomfield."

The interchange, which exists onto Twelve Mile Road, has been dubbed "the gateway to Oakland County" and the "entrance way to

Give your two cents to the city, county, state and federal officials about Beck Road interchange. A form letter appears on page 14A.

the Detroit metropolitan area." But its design is considered to be substandard in respect to both safety and traffic-carrying capacity.

Current estimates are that it will take between eight to ten years before the antiquated interchange is rebuilt and before Beck Road is widened. Hoadley is urging constituents to push their elected representatives into "applying some great to this very slowly turning wheel" to "speed up the completion date to three to four years."

The massive project would draw on federal, state, county and local funds. In July 1993, the state estimated the project costs at

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## 'Dek Hockey' rink proposed for Novi

By JAN JEFFRES  
Staff Writer

You may not need ice to play hockey in Novi. Just tie on those sneakers or in-line skates.

Jamestown Green residents Bill and Lynn Bunn have apparently scored with their proposal to build an outdoor Roller Dek hockey arena on public land near the city's Department of Public Works (DPW) Building in the town center.

Popular on the East Coast, Dek Hockey is a gentrified version of street hockey, played on a special plastic floor. Players wear tennis shoes and vie for a no-bounce plastic ball, rather than a puck.

If it sounds like fun, don't rush to sign up just yet. At present, the nearest Dek hockey rink is in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Bill Bunn said the rink would be a safe alternative to the street hockey which is currently stopping traffic in subdivisions throughout Novi.

"Our cul-de-sac is heavily utilized as an in-line roller skating rink. Hopefully, this would channel a little hockey off the streets," he said.

At the proposed arena here, the Bunnns would also offer in-line hockey, in-line skating lessons

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## Area churches plan holiday celebrations

By CAROL WORKENS  
Staff Writer

Area churches have planned special services for Christmas Eve, and Christmas Day to observe the most important celebration of the year. Where special New Year's Eve and New Year's Day services are planned, they have been noted.

### WALLED LAKE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

309 Market Street, (behind First of America Bank off Pontiac Trail Road)  
624-2483  
Sunday worship 11 a.m.

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## Christmas will be brighter for many children

By RANDY COBLE  
Staff Writer

Thousands of children will have a brighter Christmas this year thanks to Novi and Northville folks' generosity and the hard work of a local coalition.

Think back to when you were a kid on Christmas morning. Remember the way it felt to see that present under the tree that was for you?

Unfortunately, all too many children don't know how that feels. Their families can't afford shiny new toys for them, even at Christmas. That's where the Novi-Northville Coalition Toys For Tots steps in.

The coalition is the local committee of the now-famous United States Marine Corps Reserve (USMCR) Toys for Tots program. For almost half a century, the program has aimed at making sure that every boy and girl has a present for Christmas.

The Novi-Northville group is a non-profit organization, part of Toys For Tots of Southeast Michigan. Locally, it has the help and support of Novi American Legion Post 19, Northville VFW Post 4012 and Northville American Legion Post 147. Rebecca

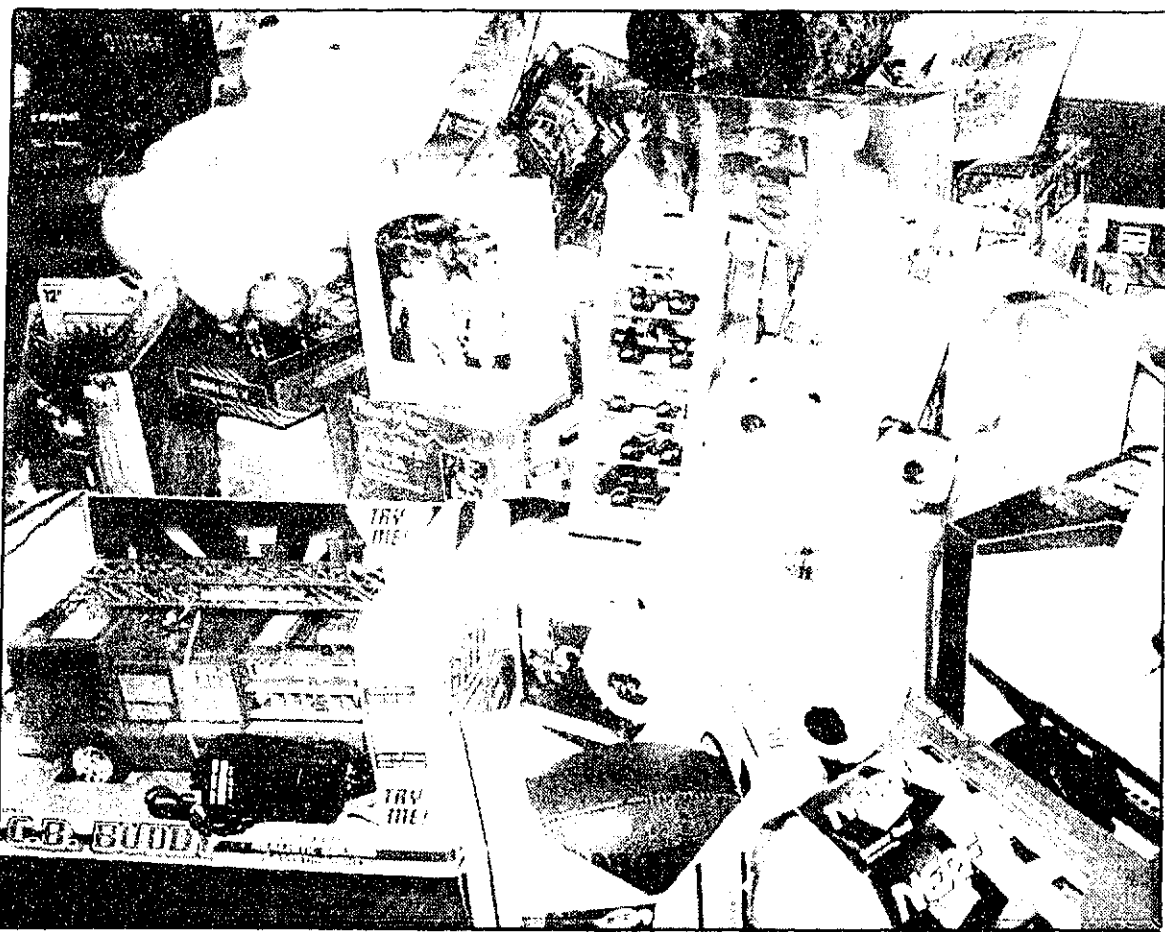


Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

### Just a few of the toy collected through Toys for Tots

Yarborough of Post 147 and Ed Sytsma of Post 19 are its co-chairs.

A lot of hard work over the last couple of months has really paid off: the coalition has received about 4,500 toys donated from area residents.

"It's been a phenomenal turnout," Yarborough said. "We've done just as good as last year, if not better."

Local businesses have given

\$5,200 in cash to buy more toys on top of that. Area business owners joined the coalition's "100 Club." For a \$100 donation to Toys For Tots, they get a baseball cap and the satisfaction of helping a good cause. The cap's logo is a reminder of that: "It's all about kids."

The largest donor was TGI Friday's of Novi. The restaurant, located in the Novi Town Center, donated \$2,500 to the cause.

That led to a big thank you from Yarborough to Tony Ritzen, TGI Friday's general manager.

"They're new in Novi, and they asked around for an organization that they could help out with," Yarborough said. "It's a super-nice thing."

The coalition handles communities within a 30-mile radius around Novi, including: Northville, South Lyon, New Hud-

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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 22

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

Friday, December 23

**Christmas Holiday:** The City of Novi offices and the Recycling Center are closed.

Saturday, December 24

**Christmas Eve:** The City of Novi offices, the Recycling Center and the Novi Public Library are closed.

Sunday, December 25

**Christmas Day:** The City of Novi offices, the Recycling Center and the Novi Public Library are closed.

Monday, December 26

**Christmas Holiday:** The City of Novi offices, the Recycling Center and the Novi Public Library are closed.

Tuesday, December 27

**Youth Assistance:** Novi Youth Assistance board will meet at 7 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center.

**FEMALE:** The Novi area chapter of F.E.M.A.L.E. (Formerly Employed Mothers at the Leading Edge) meets at 7:30 p.m. at Providence Medical Center, 47601 Grand River. For more information, please call 889-3018.

**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.

Wednesday, December 28

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

**Seniors business:** The Novi Senior Social Club will meet at 1 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center for its regular monthly business meeting.

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

Friday, December 30

**New Year's Holiday:** The City of Novi offices and the Recycling Center are closed.

Saturday, December 31

**New Year's Eve:** The City of Novi offices, the Recycling Center and the Novi Public Library are closed.

Sunday, January 1

**New Year's Day:** The City of Novi offices, the Recycling Center and the Novi Public Library are closed.

Monday, January 2

**New Year's Holiday:** The City of Novi offices, the Recycling Center and the Novi Public Library are closed.

Tuesday, January 3

**Seniors meeting:** The Novi Center Seniors will hold their general meeting at 11 a.m. in the Community Center of the Novi Civic Center.

**Menopause Support Group:** Providence Medical Center's Conference Center, 47601 Grand River Ave., hosts a monthly menopause support group from 7:30-9 p.m. for women with concerns about menopause. Call 380-4115 for more information.

**Board of Appeals:** The Novi Board of Appeals will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center.

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

Wednesday, January 4

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

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

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Thursday, January 5

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

Friday, January 6

**TOPS:** T.O.P.S. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) of Walled Lake will hold an open house from 7-9 p.m. at the Walled Lake Community Education Bldg., room 120, 615 N. Pontiac Trail. No charge. No obligation. For more information call (810)860-8444 or (810)624-0273.

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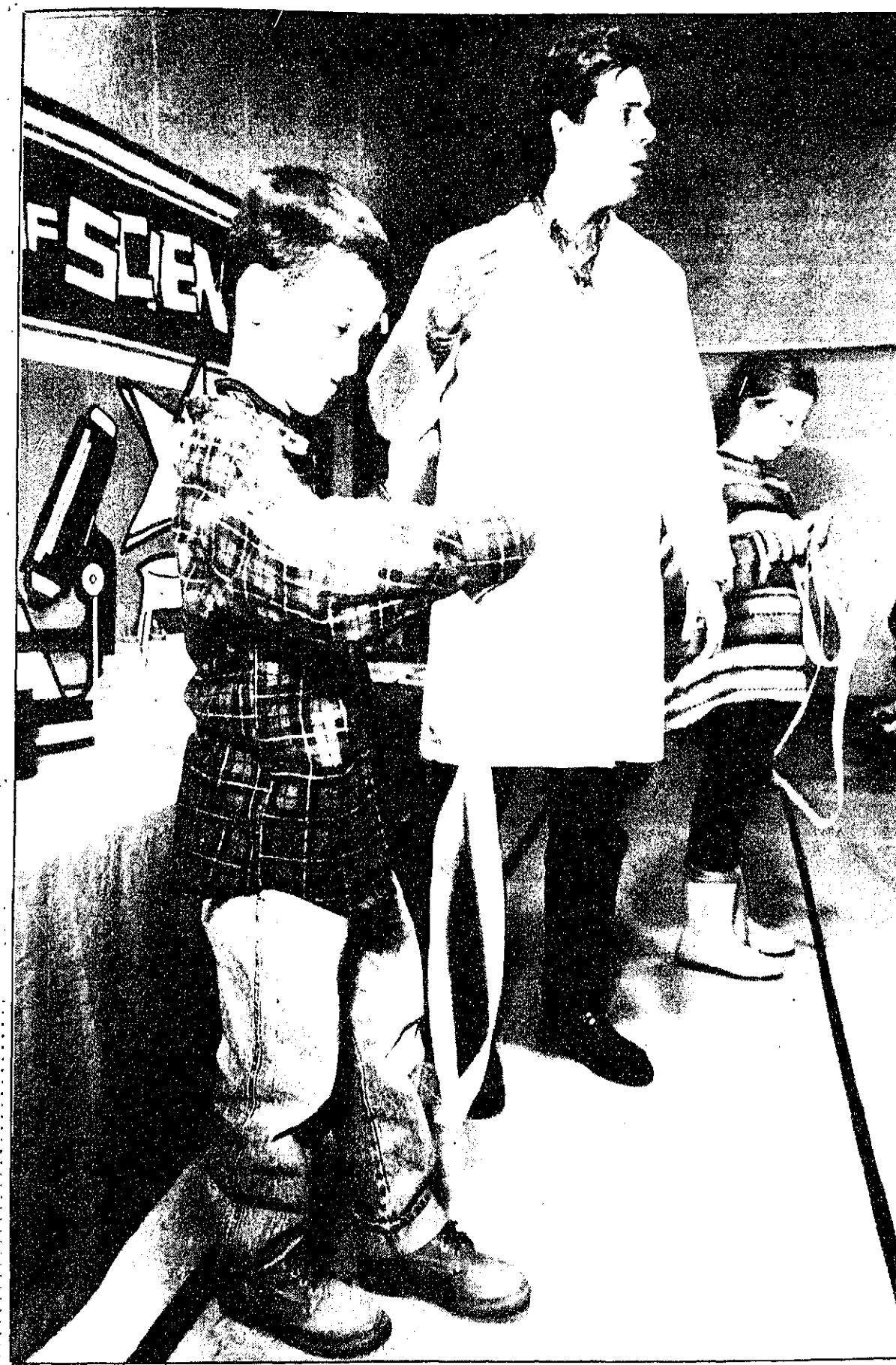


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**Dr. Science**  
Doug Scheer showed students at Village Oaks a "science mystery" last Wednesday with the help of Nick Junczaj. When students cut this "Möbius Strip," they found it did some interesting things. If there was a loop of the paper with one twist in it, cutting it in half would produce one giant loop. If there were two twists, cutting it would produce two loops hooked together.

## Council struggles with what to do with old tower

By JAN JEFFRES Staff Writer

Who collects the revenue from renting out antenna space is an issue of towering concern to both Novi and Oakland County.

The firm PowerFone Inc. would like a five-year lease on Novi's old and soon-to-be abandoned communications tower near the Department of Public Works (DPW) building on Crescent Boulevard. The city plans to move its communication equipment to a larger, newer 300-foot county tower at the same site.

Citing potential radio frequency interference as well as economic competition, Oakland County officials have qualms about Novi cashing in on the old tower, although a 1991 agreement reached between the two governmental units did not cover this issue.

PowerFone, which specializes in cellular communications, has offered to tear down the eight-year-old city tower, build a new one, lease the site from Novi for \$600 a month and deed the tower and a radio shack the company would build to the city. With the new tower, it's estimated Novi could rent out space to other firms, perhaps reaping as much as \$80,000 a year.

The City Council assigned city administrators the task of pinning down by early January what it will cost if the city tears down its old tower as well as renegotiating the 1991 agreement with Oakland County. One possibility, Assistant City Manager Craig Klaver pointed out, is that the city and Oakland County could jointly market the use of both towers. Novi's also seeking an escape clause in the 25-year agreement and a cut in the profits if the county does rent out its tower.

The problem, Council Member Tim Pope pointed out, is that the site is east of Novi Town Center shopping area and is included in the area Novi has targeted as a part of its future downtown.

"I think it's in the best interest of the overall planning of the city not to clutter up that area," Pope said at the Dec. 12 city council meeting.

In the future, the city could sell the land to developers and move its DPW building elsewhere.

Another concern, brought up by Council Member Carol Mason, is that the city as it grows may need to expand its communications ability and may not be able to do so on the county tower, which doesn't have the capacity.

"I could see a time we would need that tower for ourselves," Mason said.

The city had earlier broadcast a request for proposals for leasing the old tower, after PowerFone contacted the Novi Police Department. No other vendors responded.

It's estimated it will cost Novi \$40,000 to move its equipment from the old radio tower to the new one, a cost PowerFone says it'll assume.

Council Member Rob Mittel agreed with Pope that towers in an area Novi hopes to see as its showplace is not ideal: "I don't want to see more towers in the Town Center area. My concern is if we say 'no, we're not interested,' the tower is going to show up somewhere else in the city."

Council Member Robert Schmid and Mayor Kathleen McLallen had an eye on the bottom line and wanted to learn more about what the city stands to gain.

"We have to look at every potential source of revenue. I am sensitive to the fact that this is a window on the freeway. I would like to leave the door open," McLallen said.

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# Woman tries to run over boyfriend

A woman was arrested on Dec. 11 and charged with felonious assault with the intent of murdering her boyfriend.

The victim in the case told Novi police his girlfriend came into his home to break their relationship off. After she told him the news and collected her things, he said she sat on the couch and refused to leave.

He dragged her out of the apartment and down the stairs. En route to her car, the woman started hitting his car windows with an axe scraper. She then hopped into her car and tried to pin him between her car and his parked car. Seconds later she put her car into drive and pulled forward.

He escaped and then broke her car window with his fist. He told police he wanted to grab the steering wheel in an attempt to stop her from causing any more damage to him or his car. She pulled out of the parking lot dragging him 15 feet. The victim fell to the ground when she left the lot.

The victim's roommate saw the incident through the window and then hopped into the victim's car to follow the woman. The pair followed the woman on Sagbrush. They were traveling southbound while she turned and headed north. He said they tried to swerve away from the woman to avoid a head-on collision when she turned around and headed their direction.

The victim followed the woman to her parent's home where the two had an argument before he left to file a report at the police station.

## Police News

While the victims were telling police their story, the woman drove to the station and was arrested there.

She told police he dragged her off the couch and threw her down the stairs after she told him she wanted to break-up.

**BREAK-IN:** A Novi homeowner said he didn't discover his home had been robbed until at least two days after the theft had apparently occurred.

The man reported that more than \$13,000 worth of jewelry, televisions, and coins were taken from the home on Dec. 4, but the incident wasn't reported until Dec. 9.

The man told police he thinks he knows who was responsible for the break-in. His home has been robbed four times, he said.

**ASSAULT WITH A VEHICLE:** A Dec. 9 traffic altercation turned violent when the victim said the suspect purposely rammed his car into theirs on Twelve Mile Road west of Novi Road.

The victim said the suspect started tailgating him. And when the victim sped up, the suspect continued tailgating. The victim then said the suspect passed his car, cut him off the road and then slammed on his brakes. The victim passed the other car to avoid colliding with it.

It happened one more time, by this time the suspect slammed into the victim's car. The two drivers parted ways when the suspect headed eastbound on Twelve Mile and the victim went to report the incident at the police station.

Police tracked the suspected driver down by the license plate number the victim pulled from his plate. He denied slamming into the victim's car but did say he tapped it when he tried to downshift his Ford Ranger to slow it down when the victim passed.

There were no damage to either car but the victim wants to prosecute the suspect.

**STALKING:** A woman finally filed a stalking complaint against a former boyfriend after police were called to her home twice on Dec. 12 and 13.

Police were called to the woman's home on Dec. 12 because the man refused to leave. He was gone when police arrived. But the next day, he had returned and taped pictures and letters she had given him while they were dating to her apartment door. When she discovered the things on the door, the woman stopped at the same police officer she talked with the night before and asked him to take her stalking report. He did and then called the man's home several times. He was never at home when the officer phoned. His mother,

however, was and hung up on the police officer each time he called.

**FELONIOUS ASSAULT:** A Novi man was badly beaten when he and a friend were involved in traffic altercation that escalated into a fight in the parking lot of the Westford Apartments on Dec. 4.

After the altercation, the two victims followed the suspects into the parking lot. As soon as the cars were parked, the victims said their assailants jumped out of their car and began throwing punches.

The Novi man was struck in the head with a heavy object and fell to the ground unconscious. His friend was also struck several times.

The three suspects told police the victim's passenger threw the first punches in the parking lot.

But witnesses who saw the whole incident through an apartment window said the suspects used a baseball bat on the victims. Both victims were taken to Huron Valley Hospital and treated for injuries. The man from Novi was unable to give police a statement before he was taken to the hospital. But after he was treated for his head injury he provided a written statement that corroborated his friend's story.

Police went to the suspect's home and retrieved a baseball from one of the three suspects' homes.

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

## Novi Briefs

**Feathers ruffled:** The rather quiet Mayor Pro Tem Hugh Crawford got a little testy Monday as the Novi City Council discussed the hiring of a lobbyist.

"I get so frustrated with this council, I don't know why we continue to do this. We spent a good half hour on this topic which should have been a motion and a second and a brief discussion and pass. Let's get on with business and quit doing this every meeting," Crawford said.

"I'm tired of playing these silly games. I'm going to start playing these silly games."

Crawford, who said the original resolution to hire a lobbyist was "perfectly acceptable," then cast a protest vote of no on the matter of retaining Public Affairs Associates.

**Super cop:** Novi Police Officer David Molloy, on duty since September 1989, was commended Monday for a job well done by Mayor Kathleen McAllen. Since joining the force, he was selected for the Narcotics Enforcement Team. The youthful cop often went undercover to make drug busts.

In two years, Molloy's completed 88 undercover drug purchases, 76 drug seizures and 67 arrests of dope dealers, which included charges bearing 94 felony counts and 22 misdemeanor counts.

These statistics represent a superb accomplishment in narcotics enforcement. Novi has never seen such actively aggressive and successful drug interdiction activities as you produced," McAllen said.

"Through your vigorous efforts that have so significantly impacted illicit and abusive drug activities, Novi is a safer and higher quality community."

**Holiday bounty:** Members of the Lakes Area Residents Association (LARA) doubled their offerings this year to two local charities which provide holiday baskets and toys to needy families. The Novi Goodfellows and Walled Lake FISH, both similar types of organizations, each got a donation of \$200. LARA secretary Debbie Meyers reports.

"They raised it. It was \$100 last year," she said.

## 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, DECEMBER 12**  
Fire Alarm, 23333 Willowbrook, 6:26 a.m., Engines 1 and 3.  
Car Fire, 43382 Ashbury, 7:34 a.m., Engine 3.

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13**  
Fuel Spill, 27600 Novi Road, 2:28 a.m., Engine 1.  
Car Fire, 618 Chipmunk Trail, 7:48 a.m., Engine 3.  
Investigation, 29850 Rousseau, 5:11 p.m., Engine 2.  
Investigation, Eight Mile and Haggerty, 7:29 p.m., Engine 3.  
Medical, 43442 Serenity, 9:25 p.m., Squad 3.  
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Medical, 26262 Indiana, 6:29 a.m., Squad 4.  
Chemical Spill, Heslip north of Nine Mile, 9:21 a.m., Engine 3.  
Medical, Novi High School, 4:57 p.m., Squad 3.  
Medical, Grand River and Beck in Wixom, 6:55 p.m., Squad 4.  
Service, 50585 Arizona, 9:38 p.m., Squad 4.  
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Staff Writer

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Eleventh graders will begin testing on those standards in the fall of 1995 with the newly designed replacement for the Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) test.

"A state testing program is probably the most powerful tool we have at a state level," said Robert Schiller, state superintendent of public education. "We're trying to determine what's taught, how it's taught and how we teach it."

The Michigan State High School Proficiency Test, an eight-hour exam which will be administered over several days, will improve the ability of state educators and local school districts to judge what level students have reached in their education.

"We're not trying to take a snapshot of a student on a certain day or a certain hour," Schiller said. "We're trying to draw a broader mosaic of the student."

The test will support school reforms and align the curriculum of schools around the state, Schiller said.

Unlike MEAP, the proficiency test will be updated every three years. The first scheduled revamping of the proficiency test will be in 1998, Schiller said.

"The MEAP is a good assessment, but along the line it should have evolved," Schiller said.

In 1997, a social studies category will join the already developed math, science and communication arts portions of the test, Schiller said.

The test will be used to evaluate districts and students. Schools will receive state accreditation based on students' test scores. Students will receive a state endorsement of their diploma for each portion of the proficiency test on which they receive a satisfactory score.

The test consists of three parts: math, science and communication arts. Currently, state certification is based on MEAP results.

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math, science and communication arts. Currently, state certification is based on MEAP results.

"We think those endorsements will help college administrators and business help make the decision about what kind of students they want in their businesses and schools," Schiller said. "If they fail a portion they can retest in the spring of their junior year, the fall of their senior year and after graduation."

"Although students who do not earn a state endorsed diploma will still receive a high school diploma, it may not be long before satisfactory scores on the proficiency test will determine whether a student graduates," Schiller said.

"In my judgment, up the road and a few years from now it ought to be the culminating event of these tests," Schiller said.

The proficiency test was developed at a cost of \$2.6 million and will break new ground in the assessment of students, Schiller said.

"Nobody has this kind of assessment," Schiller said. "Most of the tests we've taken were multiple choice. We're trying to change that."

The questions are designed to put an emphasis on problem solving in a real world context. The proficiency test will consist of 75-80 percent multiple choice questions and 20-25 percent constructive, or written, answers. Future tests will expand the constructive answer portions of the test to 50 percent, Schiller said.

"No other state has this kind of intensive multiple form test," Schiller said. "We're really excited about it."

The constructive answer portion of the test adds to its cost of grading, Schiller said. Grading the test will cost approximately \$2 million a year, Schiller said. Scoring the MEAP test costs about \$1.3 million.

"I was encouraged to see improvement in the eight grade science," said Trustee John Sirel.

Students will answer 67 multiple choice questions and 15 multiple choice questions comprising the three articles.

The second portion of the test requires students to write an essay on a question relating to the reading using the articles, personal experience and knowledge to respond.

WRITING: The writing portion of the test is new to the Michigan assessment and one of the things

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### SELECTED MEAP COMPARISONS

DISTRICT	MATH			READING			SCIENCE			PER PUPIL EXPENDITURES
	4TH	7TH	10TH	4TH	7TH	10TH	5TH	8TH	11TH	
Avondale	71.1	57.1	33.1	45.6	40.1	48.9	86.3	66.5	51.9	\$6,783
Birmingham	86.5	82.6	61.8	71.9	66.5	71.7	92.8	82.8	77.1	\$10,247
Bloomfield Hills	87.8	84.6	66.2	69.5	62.9	68.2	80.0	80.0	70.5	\$10,500
Brighton	78.8	64.9	47.9	57.1	53.6	57.6	90.0	80.0	62.9	\$5,656
Clarencville	79.5	41.5	29.9	62.5	39.8	43.0	92.0	79.0	57.4	\$6,951
Garden City	62.0	40.9	24.9	40.1	29.4	37.7	73.8	54.6	43.6	\$5,614
Huron Valley	75.6	72.4	41.4	52.1	47.1	48.7	83.3	75.0	61.9	\$5,486
Farmington	75.9	63.5	50.0	56.1	50.3	57.8	88.5	71.0	66.4	\$8,207
Fowlerville	67.8	58.5	46.7	37.1	36.3	58.4	85.6	76.4	68.8	\$5,047
Hartland	86.3	66.7	47.6	71.4	50.2	55.7	94.0	80.2	61.9	\$5,311
Howell	75.3	62.7	47.3	50.7	35.2	56.0	86.0	69.4	57.9	\$5,389
Livonia	67.2	56.7	39.5	50.8	44.1	49.8	82.6	64.4	56.1	\$6,632
Northville	79.8	83.7	67.3	61.6	63.8	65.6	95.8	84.1	80.0	\$6,617
Novi	83.4	65.2	53.1	62.3	45.9	57.2	82.2	80.1	63.6	\$7,228
Pinckney	69.7	69.0	45.3	54.1	45.6	54.7	91.9	78.5	70.2	\$4,978
Plymouth-Canton	65.3	71.8	50.2	47.7	52.3	55.9	85.0	76.9	59.2	\$5,500
Redford Union	58.3	44.8	21.1	38.0	40.8	33.6	73.9	59.1	27.0	\$5,602
Rochester	82.1	77.8	53.4	63.7	52.2	65.1	89.7	75.2	68.1	\$6,675
Southfield	65.2	43.1	29.9	52.4	37.5	39.4	79.6	65.6	29.5	\$8,768
South Lyon	68.4	49.4	43.5	43.7	37.0	52.5	85.2	71.4	56.7	\$5,482
South Redford	67.6	64.1	38.6	36.6	44.0	45.7	80.6	67.7	59.1	\$6,120
Troy	87.4	78.3	60.1	70.6	60.2	65.0	88.6	86.6	66.9	\$7,593
Walled Lake	74.2	64.9	49.8	50.1	46.1	50.6	80.6	83.0	77.6	\$7,264
Wayne-Westland	50.6	33.9	20.4	32.0	24.6	32.6	61.4	46.3	39.8	\$5,400
West Bloomfield	86.1	79.2	53.8	68.0	61.6	58.4	94.7	76.3	72.0	\$7,357

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# Vandals armed with pellet gun on a spree

By SHARON CONDRON  
Staff Writer

Novi Police are looking for clues to the identity of a team of pellet gun bandits who have been blowing holes in glass windows around the city for the past two weeks.

Sergeant Herb Harbin said the police department has taken more than a dozen malicious destruction of property reports in the past two weeks. Residents all over the city are telling officers they are waking up to find their car windows shattered. Cars are parked in driveways, on the street or in parking lots. Reports have come from homeowners and apartment dwellers from all quadrants of the city.

"It seems to be spread all over," Harbin said.

Two weeks ago, glass panel doors at the Novi Expo Center were shot out. Police found a pellet gun cartridge among the shattered glass there. The cartridge came from a carbon dioxide pellet gun, Harbin said.

"The curbs took out the car's oil pan, Harbin said, which contributed to the car being caught at Six Mile.

Employees at the restaurant told police the three men threw open the back door of the store just after 2 a.m. The employees were held hostage at gun point while the crooks stole the cash, Harbin said. Only one of the three employees said there was a gun involved, Harbin said.



# Class Notes

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## PTO News

### Student council teaches leadership

The Novi Middle School student council, coordinated by counselor Mr. Cline, consists of both representatives and alternates from 27 homerooms. This student body is led by four officers who are Matt Kelmigian, president; Joe Hart, vice president; Sarah Papis, secretary; Matt Baeman, treasurer. The purpose of student council at Novi Middle School is multifaceted. It exists to keep students, administrators and staff informed of each others' ideas, opinions and needs. Student council also strives to provide opportunity for everyone to cooperate in day to day responsibilities, enjoy improvements and special activities and to work jointly on specific problems. Most importantly, Novi Middle School's student council exists in order that students will have the opportunity to learn about the democratic process and in some form, experience leadership.

The Novi Middle School student council has several points of focus this year. It organizes and provides leadership for the scheduled activity nights throughout the year. It will support the Novi Rotary Club in sponsoring their annual senior citizen luncheon. Currently, the council is giving assistance to the Novi Jaycees with the annual Needy Family Holiday project by conducting a food drive at school. Also, the student council will plan and hold its annual staff appreciation breakfast in the future. The Novi Middle School student council plays a vital role in the planned and conducted activities in the school.

—Doug Cline  
Novi Middle School

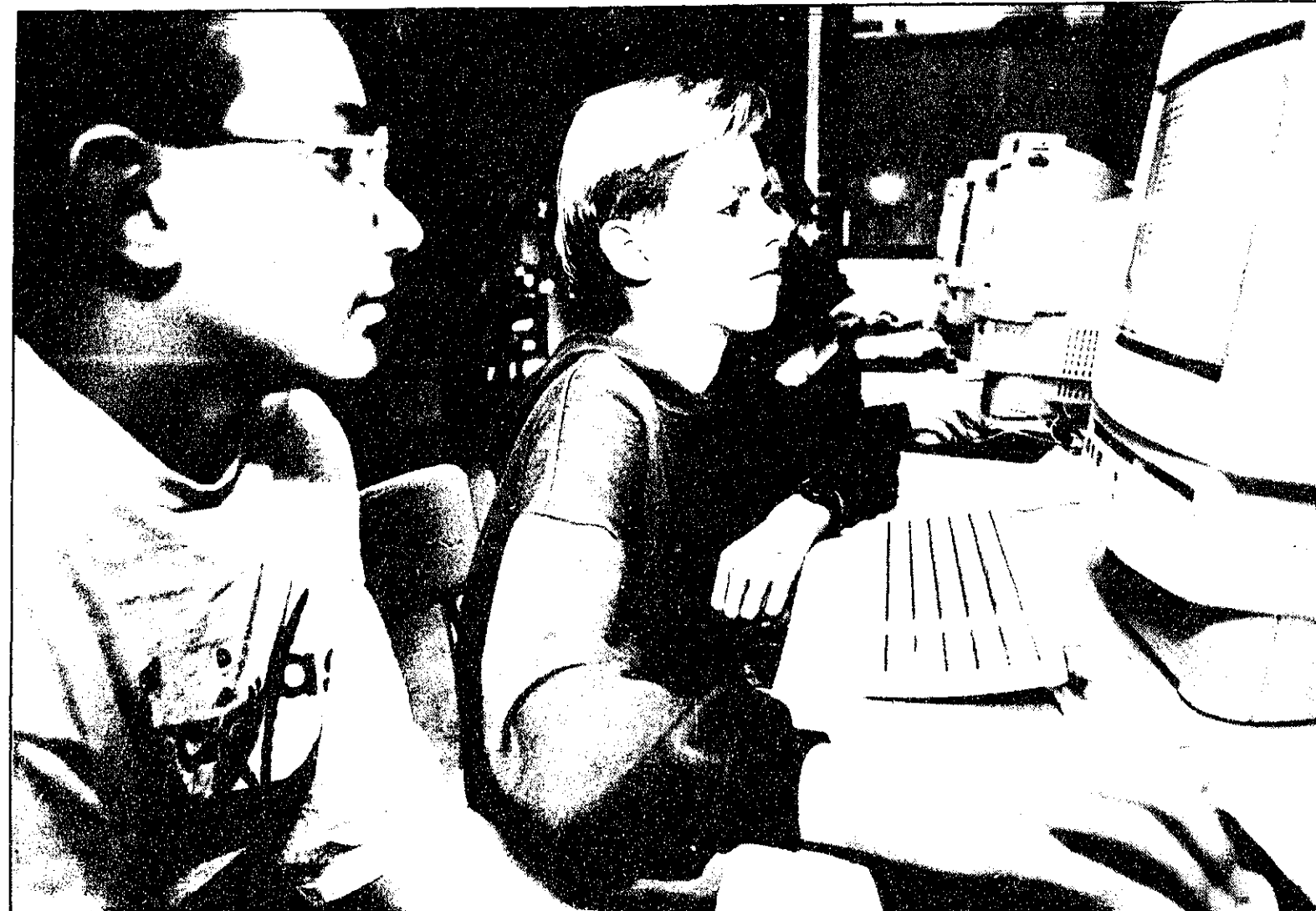


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### Computer kids

Eight graders James Morris (left) and Mike Kurtti write their first high-tech book reports on the district's new technology

and software. New technology allows students to create a report as a slide presentation on Macintosh computers.

### Middle school posts honor roll

Here are the names of students who made it to Novi Middle School's honor roll for the second marking period. Students are named to the list if they earn grades of B- or better.

#### SEVENTH GRADERS

Tracey Alban, Erika Alpert, Kristi Arrington, Luis Arzate-Faino, Erik Alagi, Sarah Bajorek, Gail Bane, Ryan Bateman, Celena Beard, Shannon Bishop, Nicole Bivins, Joshua Block, Jennifer

Bauer, Mark Boya, Stephanie Bowman, Matthew Braley, Deanna Brown and Michael Brazzowski. Andrea Bullen, Adam Burgess, Vanessa Byrwa, Katie Cameron, Rachel Carroll, Jonathan Cervi, Rebecca Chan, Jennifer Chen, Chloe Clark, Sarah Clark, Lara Clayton, Rachel Condon, Kevin Condon-Hadley, Kristi Copping, Sarah Corless, Natalie Core, Leigh Anne Costlow, Ashley Counsell, Autumn Coy, Amy Craddock, Katie Dvins, Joshua Block, Jennifer

and Anthony Danas. Grady Dickerson, Brian Dodds, Collin Dominguez, Angelica Dominick, Lindsay Doyle, Andrea Eberline, Kristy Eckerlin, Kurt Eriksson, Amanda Farrell, Matthew Flaherty, Fat Fuen, Joelle Frantz, Danielle Franz, Brent Frey, Michael Garback, Eric Garmann, Ezra Gibbons, Melissa Gillen, Jeff Gish, Michael Glass, Michael Glick, Michael Goebel, Elizabeth Greenberg, Amy Greschow, Brian Haas and Jennifer Hagopian.

Richard Harris, Sherie Harris, Michelle Heatherfield, Brandon Henkel, Angela Herbst, Jaclyn Hermesmyer, Benjamin Heusel, Mare Hoffmann, Seann Hogan, Valerie Holleran, Michelle Hoot, Crystal Hubel, Fawn Ison, Jill Daniel, Joel Kade, Frank Kava, Alethea Kazakos, Kristina Kennedy, Jami Kimball, Dan Kittle, Christopher Klein, John Kohl, Jessica Kopczyński, Michael Kosisk, Julie Kramer, Craig Kreutzberg, Aaron Kurnick,

Katherine La Pan and Erin Lahr, Derrick Land, Stephanie Lander-Goff, Nicholas Lehnert, Meghan Leon, Colleen Lewis, Janice Liao, Cassie Lin, Jessica Lofgren, Heather Luka, Philip Magcalas, Mitchell Maier, Matthew Marsoupan, Jessica Martin, Shane Martin, Paul Matter, Mary McDougal, Kristen McGlennen, John McGonagle, Sean McGiekin, Jennifer McGuire, Chris Miller, Scott Minke, Kristin Missangyi, Alec Moir, Angela Moran, Manu Muralidhar, Patty

Murphy, Chad Nadolni, Amrutha Nagarajan, Azusa Nakatsujii and Elizabeth Newton. Anthony Nguyen, Emily Nicol, Leslie Nimer, Brandon O'Neill, Brendan O'Neill, Joseph O'Neill, Lauren Oats, Toshifumi Oka, Kristin Overfield, Natalie Ozog, Danielle Panetta, Sergio Pastor, Jason Perras, Christina Poole, David Primore, Stephanie Prior, Tricia Putvin, Yusuf Qamruzza-

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## Middle school students make second quarter honor roll

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man, Erin Quinn, Frank Rabun, Jamie Rafalko, Erin Rettmann, Beth Rice, Shannon Ringelski, Emelinda Rodriguez, Ryan Rose, Crystal Rudolph, Lauren Russett, Ryan Rzepka, Joshua Sabal, Garrett Safford and Patrick Seymour. Sneha Shah, Sarah Shaui, Justin Shaw, Steven Shubert, Wagdy Sidrak, Scott Skowronok, David Sorek, Lauren Sorrentino, Kevin Southworth, Agnes Sowal, Valerie Stefanson, Justin Sterci, Tara Stevens, Michael Stith, Philip Scubyla, Michael Superfisky, Stephanie Suriani, David Tardella, Kathryn Thomas, Rachel Traub, Jennifer Urlick, Kristina Utley, Kristin Van Sickle, Christopher Wagner, Catherine Waller, Brennan Watson, Mark Watts and Johnny Waymouth.

Stephanie Weber, Lindsay Wells, Daniel Weston, Douglas (Chad) Wilby, Andrew Wilson, Jeanne Wilson, Robert Wilson, Ancljese Woolford and Rebecca Wysocki.

John Jones, Jacqueline Jozdir, Philip Kadaj, Natalie Kalk, Kyle Karvola, Kristen Kearney, Kimberly Keller, Jessica Kellogg, Shannon Kelly, Matthew Kelmigian, Kim Kocan, Mark Kometchey, Craig Kortlandt, Jillian Korzeniewski, Kimberley Korceses, Tamara Krause, Melissa Kcuharezyk, Brittanica Kuehn, Cria Kumrow, Shane Lafleur, David Langham, Michael Li, Jerry Lin, David Lusk, Alan Lyskawa, Douglas Macleanan, Lauren Madeja and Matthew Maier.

Carrie Mainella, Allison Martell, Ryan mastako, Christopher Matfey, Leslie McGowan, Sean McKenna, Joseph McKernan, Erin McQuinn, Michael MesShane, Thomas Messink, Alfredo Meyers, Crystal Mitts, Janet Morrison, Jun Myers, Armit Nagar, Judy Namm, Trisha Naughton and Kara Nittl, Kelle Noble, Michael O'Doherty, Nahoko Okui, Derek Orckian, Jared Otting, David Owens, Lind-

sey Pahl, Michael Panetta, Angela Pantaleo, Dacie Parker, Megan Parker, Shelia Patel, Matthew Pearl, Nicole Pelletier, Clayton Perry, Rebecca Phelps, Sarah Pigas, Laura Pletcher, Aaron Platt, Jerry Poppezak, Julia Rockeyfi, Ryan Rettmann, Rebecca Ritterer, Lindsey Root, Marla Rose, Shannon Rose and Andrea Rowe.

Elizabeth Schlenke, Angela Schultze, Jonathan Sheibels, Rebecca Slating, Danielle Slavin, Matthew Smith, Stacey Smith, John Song, Christina St Clair, Bettsey Staah, Jason Stenheilper, Robert Strickuis, Jennifer Studer, Regina Sun, Nicholas Sundberg, Ann Superfisky, Liesl Switzer, Mark Szawast, Danielle Thompson, Nicholas Thornton, Kelly Turusian, Hiroyuki Tsujimoto, Jennifer Tuck, Linzi Tullar, Chad Tyson and Philip Van Nortwick.

John Vechelawald, Maureen Vermeulen, Kristy Vermillion, Geoffery Wang, Jack Wang, Danielle Wask, Heather Weiss, Daniel Wickman, Brian Wilson and Brian Wolter.

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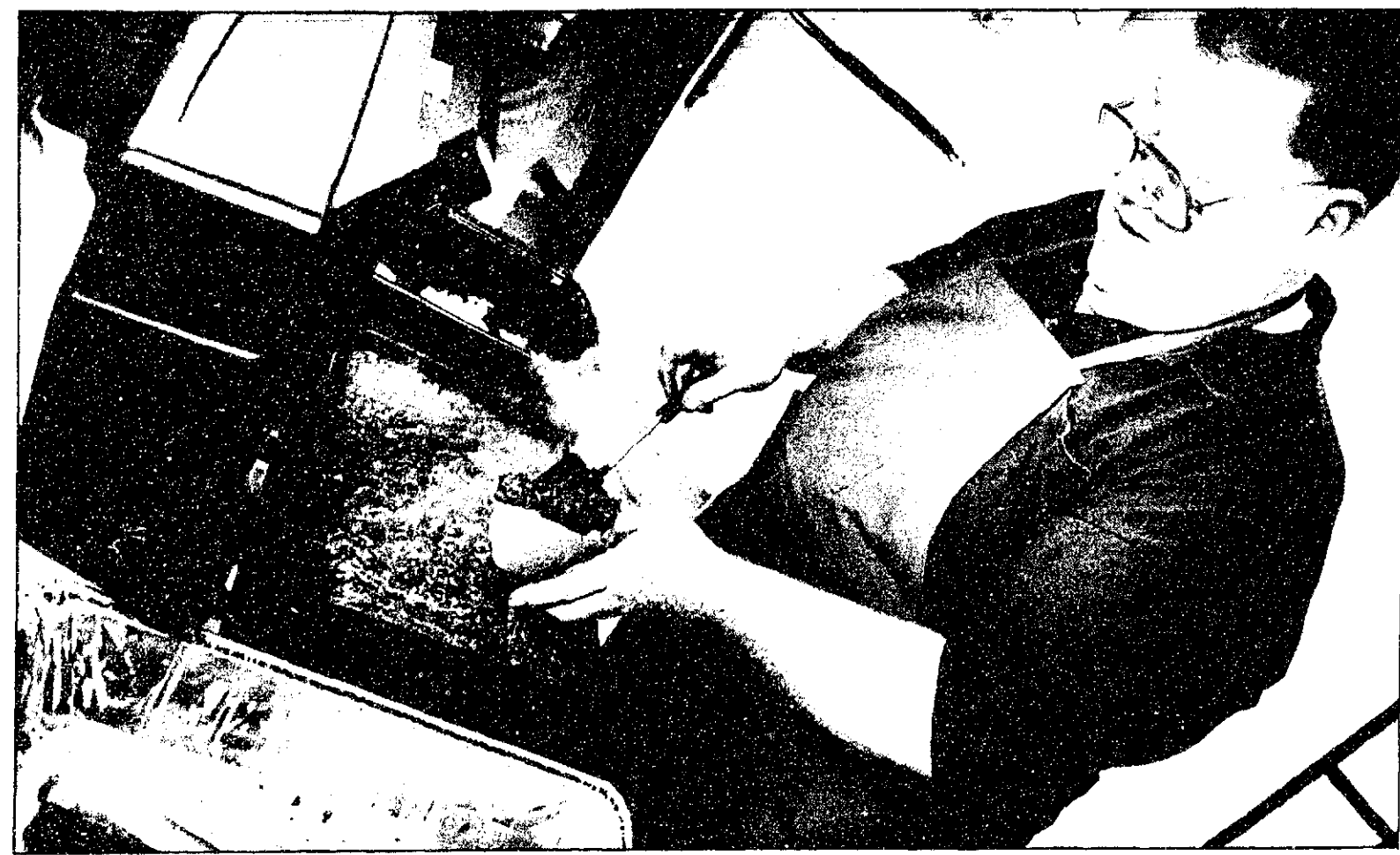
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**'All-Steaks' Day**

Last Wednesday was "All-Steaks" day at Harmon (Marcus) Glass on Novi Road. Above, Jerry Marcus serves up the "All-Steaks," a secret recipe created by his mother, Tom Marcus

explained the Euro has been thrown annually for 20 years. It started as a Christmas party for employees, then grew to include customers. This year, they served lunch to 2,000.

**'Day spa' ask for exception to rule**

By JAN JEFFREYS  
Staff Writer

Nalwa and Eric Breda aim to pamper their clients in a day spa which includes four types of massage therapy. They've invested \$1 million in the Greco-Roman-styled Salon Nadwa in Novi Town Center. There's just one problem. A city ordinance requires that each massage room door have a window, so ordinance officers can peek in periodically and make sure nothing kinky is going on. And the regulation also mandates that women massage women only and men massage men.

While the fairly new massage ordinance was written to keep dens of prostitution from operating in Novi under the moniker of "massage parlors," times have changed since the 1970s, according to Eric Breda, and Novi is not exactly Eight Mile and Woodward Avenue.

"Ask yourself if you would get a massage under these circumstances. I think the answer is clear we wouldn't have a prayer under those conditions," the Livonia resident said.

What the couple petitioned the Novi City Council for Monday is an exception to the city's massage ordinance for day spas, as well as for "wet room treatments" such as herbal wraps, which are currently not covered by the local law.

They've already applied for a massage license under the existing standards.

The day spa aims to give their patrons the "royal treatment," including a choice of European, Chinese, Shiatsu or aromatherapy massage. The salon's four massage rooms feature dark carpeting to create a warm, quiet atmosphere. Most of their clientele are unlikely to tolerate having their body therapy conducted under full view of anyone who happens to pass

by the window, Nadwa Breda said.

"We can't have that. We'll lose our business to businesses in West Bloomfield and Farmington Hills, Mira Linder and Tamara don't have windows," she said.

Besides, the spa owners don't want to chop up the newly-installed oak doors to insert the windows.

Another salon has raised similar concerns and the issue has been taken up by the city's ordinance review committee. Mayor Kathleen McAllan told the Bredas.

Meanwhile, Assistant City Attorney Dennis Watson is investigating if and how the couple could apply for a variance from the ordinance. Nadwa Breda said she was concerned about the requirement that the massage therapist be of the same gender as the client.

"A lot of men don't like men giving them a massage," she explained.

**'Hired gun' will go after road funding**

By JAN JEFFREYS  
Staff Writer

The City of Novi hopes its new hired gun will muscle some money for local roads out of state officials in Lansing.

Public Affairs Associates is now on the city payroll, at \$1,500 from January to June 1995. The Novi Expo Center has also agreed to chip in the same sum to retain the firm, City Manager Ed Kriewall said.

The money will be drawn from the city's road fund and the lobbyist will be restricted to seeking road grants only.

While the original resolution presented by Kriewall keyed in on the need for improved infrastructure in Novi's town center region, including the areas which serve the Novi Expo Center, the Motor Sports Museum and Main Street, the City Council Monday rewrote it to focus generally on roads throughout the city.

"You're hiring a lobbyist for one business in Novi. It's not concerned with roads that have anything to do with the general public so I'm totally against it," Council Member Carol Mason said.

By raising any mention of the

Expo Center et al., Council Member Tim Fogt explained, "It removes the perception that we're giving preferential treatment to someone who's paying for preferential treatment."

While Mason wondered how she could be sure city administrators followed through on the council's request to seek money for all roads, Kriewall assured her that a strategy session with the lobbyists would include some council members.

In signing up Public Affairs Associates, the city will join a client list that includes includes

**Board mum about school bond defeat**

By SHARON CONDRON  
Staff Writer

Novi school officials managed to stay silent Thursday about their bond defeat even after one resident offered his two cents on why the \$33 million proposal was rejected last Tuesday.

Andrew Mutch was the lone resident to offer any comment at Thursday's Board of Education meeting. Board President Craig Foreback complained Mutch's comments to the allotted five minutes and ended up cutting the resident off two-thirds of the way through his presentation.

Mutch, who has been active and involved in the issue since it was proposed, came to last week's meeting to share his impressions of why the proposal went down. The 1989 graduate of Novi High School said he has talked to many residents about the district's proposal and has written several letters in this newspaper opposing it. His letters have prompted solicited and unsolicited comments from residents.

But Thursday he wanted to share what he had heard on the street and to set the record straight.

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Judging from comments he heard from district residents, Mutch said most supported the proposal on its own merit.

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the proposal that caused voters a problem," Mutch said.

"A lot of people would have supported the new middle school but not the four, five, six building," he said. "They didn't like all the extras in the proposal like the sloped roofs."

Mutch said there are a number of factors he said board members are overlooking when writing the defeat off to an anti-tax sentiment.

People recognize there is an over-crowding problem but they couldn't support this proposal as a solution to the problem, Mutch said. Foreback said after the defeat the fourth grade issue didn't sink this proposal, tax concerns did.

Mutch disagrees.

"There are a lot of parents out there who don't like the idea," he said. "They like the elementary setting and they don't think they will get that in the renovated school."

Mutch said since the board combined the proposals, they put both clauses in jeopardy.

"It was defeated because you gave them no choice," he said. "You forced them to vote the whole proposal down."

Before Foreback called Mutch's presentation a "guilt" match, Mutch offered board members some tips for the future.

"Keep the fourth graders in because a sizable amount of people want it that way," he said. "Move the preschool out of Orchard Hills which is almost at capacity and reconfigure the Village Oaks and Parkview school districts to provide more space."

Board members had nothing to say after Mutch's presentation except to close the audience participation portion of the meeting. Last Wednesday, Foreback said he didn't expect to discuss the election results at Thursday's meeting or any time in the near future.

Superintendent Emmett Lippe said school administrators and elected board members would be analyzing the results and may discuss at a future board meeting when they've reached some conclusion.

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**Schmid picks up powerful position**

By SHARON CONDRON  
Staff Writer

Robert Schmid must be doing something right on the Oakland County Board of Commissioners to be appointed chair of one of the four most important seats in the county.

Schmid was appointed chairman of the General Government Committee for the Oakland County Board of Commissioners. In November, the Novi resident won her third consecutive term on the county board.

Schmid's new job is one of the four most powerful positions on the county board, it is preceded in power only by the chair of the entire commission.

Every action the commission takes must pass through this committee. That means every resolution, law, program or project has to win approval from the committee before it gets enacted.

As the chairman, Schmid will have a great influence on what comes out of the committee. She can expedite a proposal, put her mark on it, or kill it.

**Churches list their events for the Christmas holiday**

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**ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN**  
201 Elm  
349-3140  
Christmas Eve services will be at 6 and 8 p.m. with Holy Communion, and a candlelight 10 p.m. service. On Christmas Day, there will be a 11 a.m. service with Holy Communion.

**GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
Nine Mile and Meadowbrook  
349-0565  
On Christmas Eve at 7 p.m., there will be a children's program service, and at 11 p.m. there will be a candlelight/carols service. On Christmas Day at 10 a.m., there will be a Christmas Festival service. The choir will be singing at all three services.

**NORTHVILLE CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY**  
4155 Six Mile Road  
348-9030  
Christmas Eve service will be 6 p.m. with carols and candles. Christmas Day services will be 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.  
New Year's Eve Communion service will be at 6 p.m.

**NOVI UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
41671 W. Ten Mile-Meadowbrook  
349-2852  
Christmas Eve service will be held at 7 p.m. Christmas Day there will be a general session of Sunday school at 9:15 a.m. and a worship service at 10:30 a.m.

**MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**  
21355 Meadowbrook Road north of Eight-and-A-Half Mile Road  
348-7757  
Christmas Eve at 6 p.m. the church will have a candle lighting and nativity pageant. At 9 p.m., there will be lessons, carols and candles worship. Christmas Day worship is at 10 a.m.

**CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS EPISCOPAL**  
Ten Mile between Taft and Beck, Novi  
349-1175  
On Christmas Eve, there will be a children's and first Eucharist service at 5:30 p.m. At 9 p.m., there will be a Christmas Eve service. The Christmas Day service is at 8 a.m.

**CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY**  
24505 Meadowbrook Road  
349-0947  
Christmas Eve Masses will be at 4 and 6 p.m. and at midnight, with the choir singing beginning at 11:30 p.m.  
Christmas Day Masses will be at 8:45 and 10:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.

**VICTORY LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
Novi Meadows School  
Taft Road near Eleven Mile Road  
349-2669  
Christmas Day service is at 10 a.m.

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE**  
200 E. Main Street  
349-0911  
Christmas Eve services begin with a 5 p.m. service featuring the children's pageant, the 7 p.m. is a candlelight Communion service, the 9 p.m. service will be of lessons and carols, and at 11 p.m. it will be a candlelight Communion service. There will be one service on Christmas Day at 11 a.m. and on New Year's Day at 11 a.m. also.

**SPIRIT OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
40700 West Ten Mile, west of Haggerty, Novi  
474-6286  
The 5:30 p.m. service on Christmas Eve will be a family service geared toward children and the 11 p.m. service will be a candlelight service. On Christmas Day there

will be one service at 10 a.m.

On Christmas Eve, a service entitled "Christmas Around the Hearth" will be held from 6 to 7 p.m.

**NEW HORIZON COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
Meets at General Cinema Theatres  
Novi Town Center  
305-8700  
Services will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Christmas Eve at the Novi Hilton. The theme will be "Finding the Presence of God in the 90's" (park in the lot on the north side)  
No Christmas Day service.

**FAITH COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
349-5668  
On Christmas Eve there will be "A Celebration and Candle lighting Service" at the 6, 8, and 11 p.m. services.  
Christmas Day service is at 10:30 a.m. entitled "A Christmas Service" simultaneously there will be a children's birthday party for Jesus.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE**  
217 N. Wing  
348-1020  
A Christmas morning service will be held at 11 a.m.

**FIRST CHURCH OF THE**  
21260 Haggerty, between Eight and Nine Mile roads  
348-7600  
The service on Christmas Eve will be at 7 p.m. and at 10:30 a.m. on Christmas Day. Both will be celebrations of Christmas.

**OPEN DOOR CHRISTIAN CHURCH**  
145 N. Center  
348-2101  
Christmas Eve service will be held on the Dec. 23 at 7:30 p.m. featuring a special Christmas celebration. Christmas Day service will be at 10 a.m. On New Year's Day there will be a regular service at 10

and a service entitled "Christmas Around the Hearth" will be held from 6 to 7 p.m.

**OUR LADY OF VICTORY CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
770 Thayer  
349-2621  
Christmas Eve Masses are planned 4 and 7 p.m. and midnight, with Christmas Carols beginning at 11:30 p.m. Christmas Day Masses are at 9 and 11 a.m.

**ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN MISSOURI SYNOD**  
High and Elm Streets  
349-3140  
Christmas Eve services are at 6 and 8 p.m. with Holy Communion, and the 10 p.m. service will include a candle lighting ceremony. Christmas Day there will be one service only at 11 a.m.

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE**  
Eight Mile and Taft roads  
349-1144  
Christmas Eve Services are at 5 p.m. featuring "Youth Celebrate Christmas" (Choirs: God's Kids, Youth Handbells), at 8 p.m. "A Festive Celebration of Christmas" (Choirs: Sanctuary Choir, Brass Choir, Adult Handbells), and at 11 p.m. "A Peaceful Candlelight and Communion Celebration of Christmas" with special music. A single service, "The Blessing of the Toys" will be on Christmas Day at 11 a.m. with special music by the Christmas Chorists.

**ORCHARD HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH, SBC**  
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**Residents want Beck interchange upgraded now**

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\$17.8 million; that the federal government would pay 80 percent, the state 20 percent and Novi 8.5 percent of the state's portion.

He's asking residents to send copies of a letter he's drafted to Governor John Engler, Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson, Congressman Joe Knollenberg, R-West Bloomfield, Senator Spencer Abraham, R, and Senator Carl Levin, D.

The Novi City Council is driving in the same direction. Monday, they passed a resolution asking that the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) to speed up its efforts to get the interchange rebuilt.

Headley aims to get the Novi Chamber of Commerce behind him; he plans to have enough letters in 60 days for Mayor Kathleen McAllan to deliver them personally to Engler. And he's requesting that McAllan encourage her counterparts in Wixom, Commerce Township, Lyon Township and other nearby communities to launch similar campaigns.

The planning commissioner is also seeking the aid of local homeowners groups. He's asking the Lakes Area Residents Association (LARA) to pass out petitions. And he'd like the City of Novi Homeowners Association to secure signatures from the board members of each member association.

Headley's push comes on top of what the City of Novi has been attempting to do since the late 1980s.

In 1993, a task force on the Beck Road interchange, which includes representatives from both Wixom and Novi, has been meeting monthly at Providence Medical Center. In 1993, an attempt to win a federal grant for the reconstruction of both the Beck and Wixom road interchanges crashed, in part because federal funding was diverted to California for earthquake relief.

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son, Salem, Canton, Farmington, Farmington Hills, Walled Lake, Wixom, Commerce, Mt. Pleasant, Orchard Lake and West Bloomfield.

USMCR personnel have already had one truck filled with the toys, which have been stored at the Legion Post in Northville. They ferry them to the two main Toys For Tots distribution centers in southeast Michigan. The Broadhead Armory in Detroit and the old Selfridge Air Force Base. Toys For Tots then distributes the presents to various local agencies such as the Jaycees or churches, who then pass them on to families in need.

The coalition has distributed some of the toys right around here already. Yarbrough said.

"We've already filled a bunch of requests from churches," she said. "We've joined their adopt-a-family programs and we're going to be holding some toys back here to help out if any last-minute needs come up."

She and many others have given up a lot of time this holiday season

**CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF ADOPTION ORDINANCE 94-101.04**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Novi City Council has adopted Ordinance 94-101.04, an Ordinance to add Article IV to Chapter 9 of the Novi Code of Ordinances adopting and clarifying Federal Cable Television Customer Service Standards.

This Ordinance was adopted on December 19, 1994, and the effective date is January 3, 1995. A complete copy of the ordinance is available for public use and inspection at the office of the City Clerk.

GERALDINE STIPP, CITY CLERK

**CITY OF NOVI NOTICE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that there are upcoming vacancies on the Beautification Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals, Economic Development Corporation, Housing and Community Development Advisory Committee and Board of Review.

Applications may be obtained by calling the Clerk's Office at 347-0456. The deadline for receiving applications is Monday, January 16, 1995. If you are unable to meet the deadline, please contact the Clerk's office for further instructions. (12-22-94 NR, NN)

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**Toys-for-tots drive is a success**

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to make sure that kids get to enjoy Christmas.

Among those who deserve special thanks are the folks from Northville Girl Scouts Troop 122 and Novi Cub Scouts Pack 239, Yarbrough said. For Yarbrough, the reward for all her effort is the result.

"Kids without a Christmas is real big thing to me," she said.

If you want to help out, there's still time. Yarbrough said the Legion will continue to take toys this week, even though Dec. 20 was technically its cut-off date. You can drop toys off at the post, which is located at Center and Dunlap in Northville City. Don't wrap them, so they can be sorted for boys and girls and by age.

The post was something to see early this week. Toys of all kinds were stacked everywhere, waiting for pickup. There were so many that some even had to be put on the window sills and staircase steps.

Everything that a kid could want could be found. There were play vacuums, child-size table and

chair sets and a play vanity make-up table for girls. Dump trucks sat next to Malibu Barbie's Sport Truck.

Barbie also had a pink Corvette on hand, as well as the Malibu Beach House.

There were play tool kits, robots, basketballs, baseballs and gloves, footballs and board games of all kinds. Soft stuffed animals like the Muggets and Barney the Dinosaur were everywhere.

Army trucks, Matchbox cars, play kitchen sets with mock ovens and ear cars could be had. Stacks of building blocks shared space

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# Homeowner pick best dressed homes of holiday season

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**1994 BEST DECORATED HOUSES**  
**BEST HOME IN THE CITY:** Roy and Carolyn Wilson's residence in Cedar Springs, at 25747 Sullivan Lane, with the judges noting that "we were told that Roy is a direct descendant of Santa. One resident described their section of the subdivision as another Disneyland right here in Nov."

Other winners are:  
**CARRIAGE HILLS:** Richard Beyer, 41153 Coventry.  
**CEAR SPRINGS:** An exceptional award for Joann and Jim Egan, 25743 Sullivan Lane. Also an exceptional for Bob and Carla Ethern, 25844 Sullivan Lane.

Walter and Josephine Palwoda, 44511 Copland.  
 Diane and Denise Wieder, 44512 Copland.  
 Craig Perry, 25455 Buckminster.  
 Ed and Laurie Slavinski, 25658 Buckminster.

**CHASE FARMS:** Very good, the Keane family at 21046 Chase Drive.  
 Exceptional, Don and Sandra Rine, 42897 Ashbury.  
 Livin and Susan Capatani, 21584 Tern Court.

**DEARBROOK:** Best in the sub: Ben Becker, 22167 Antler Drive.  
 Very good, Michael and Susan Fedoruk, 41344 Fawn Trail.  
 Very good, Koji Watanabe, 22384 Antler Drive.

Jim and Monica Lewis, 41498 Reindeer Drive.  
 Davis and Chrysanthe Kohl, 22191 Antler Drive.  
 Marlene and Jim Alberty, 22227 Antler Drive.  
 Eugene and Deborah Szatkowski, 41529 Fawn Trail.  
 Peter Stan, 41517 Fawn Trail.  
 Pam Mazurek, 41468 Fawn Trail.

**DUNBARTON PINES:** Craig and Melissa Bonza, 44820 Forthway.  
 ECHO VALLEY: Rose and Harry Todd, 23971 Woodham.  
**GREENWOOD OAKS:** James and Teresa Latosa, 24425 Nantucket.

**JAMESTOWN GREEN:** James McCusker, 45054 Yorkshire.  
**LAKEWOOD PARK HOMES:** Jim Terzys, 39725 Villagewood.  
**MAPLES OF NOVI:** Exceptional, Richard Blake, 41516 Beldon Circle.

**MEADOWBROOK GLENS:** Best in the sub: Robert Kadaj, 24568 Cherrypointe.  
 Albert Blank, 41803 Cherry Hill.  
 Gary and Betty Dinsler, 41872 Cherry Hill.

**MEADOWBROOK:** Frank Cherevsky and Kendal Harding, 42100 Cherry Hill.  
 James Snider, 42338 Cherry Hill.  
 George Galt, 42455 Park Ridge.  
 John and Jackie Kuhn, 42480 Park Ridge.  
 Dave and Beth Vanderhoff, 24323 Hampton Hill.  
 Richard and Theresa Poole, 24777 Applecrest.

Gordon and Rosemary Buck, 23793 Harvest Court.  
**RIVERBRIDGE:** Craig and Kathleen Ellis, 43241 Ashbury.  
**ROMA RIDGE:** Mario and Michelle Grech, 24867 Venice.  
 Richard and Rochelle Lichorobe, 46653 Crestview.

**ROYAL CROWN:** Brian and Deborah, 23776 Randall Court.  
**SIMMONS ORCHARD:** Gerald Perski, 45866 Cider Mill.  
**TIMBER RIDGE:** Brian and Theresa Tucker, 43610 Serenity.

**TURTLE CREEK:** Exceptional, Janice Kovac, 22201 Heatherbrae Way.  
**VILLAGE OAKS:** Exceptional (2,000 lights), Lynn and Steve Milligan, 22935 Brook Forest.  
 Schultz residence, 22638 Chestnut Tree.

**WESTMINSTER VILLAGE:** Exceptional, Carol Singer, 39631 Westminister.  
 Very Good, David and Renee Piche, 39675 Westminister.  
 Bob and Lee Gatt, 39533 Squire.  
 Susan and Walter Kerrigan, 39570 Westminister.

**WHISPERING MEADOWS:** Louis and Susan Palmer, 39950 Whispering Lane.  
 Mike and Annette Senko, 40080 Whispering Lane.  
**WILLOWBROOK:** Very good, Natzi, 40921 Mooringside.  
 Very good, Makowski, 24250 24250 Lebest.

Mike Jurganum, 24303 Lebest.  
 Brian Luka, 24415 Millstream.  
 Patrick Fennelly, 41039 McMahon.

hon. Betty Sherwood, 41076 Malot.  
 Bethel family, 24340 Willow Lane.  
**THE WOODS ON DECKER:** Sue Saliyskiak, 42540 Wimbledon.

**YORKSHIRE:** Mike and Denise Yaylajan, 24383 Forthcourt.  
 Sherry and Gary Wilson, 25069 Daventry.  
 Bev and Bob Hatcher, 24954 White Plains.  
 Robert and Janet Gaydos, 4574 White Plains.  
**MILE ROADS:** Exceptional, Phil Brodak has his

entire farm at 46330 Eleven Mile lit up.  
 Exceptional, the Shaffers, Myrtle Crest Farm, 49680 West Eight Mile Road.  
 Jean Signor, 22077 Garfield.

**LAKES AREA:** Mary and Kathryn Shook, 1109 South Lake Drive.  
 William and Anna Mae Martin, 2202 Bullington.  
 Three homes together really light up the north end. They are:  
 Exceptional, Olden Jackson at 116 Penhill.  
 Douglas Sims, 120 Penhill.  
 Curtis Dodge, 126 Penhill.

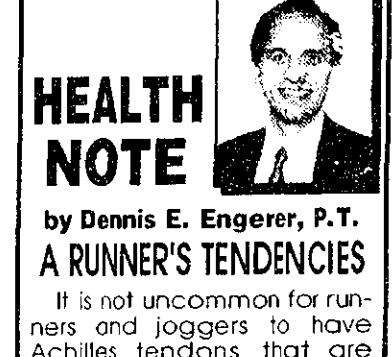


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 by Dennis E. Engerer, P.T.  
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# Roller hockey rink proposed for Novi

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 and open roller skating sessions. The council response to the idea was enthusiastic, although earlier they'd mixed a request to lease the Eleven Mile Road/Delaware Drive site for an inflatable golf dome.

But their preliminary approval is no guarantee that the project has the city's blessing. The Bunnas would like a three-year lease on the city land. The council instructed the city attorneys to draft a possible leasing contract, while city planners will also review the development.

"Why not go to private land and build it and make some money and have some fun?" Council Member Bob Schmidt asked.

Bill Bunn said the cost of the required industrially-zoned land in Novi is so high as to be cost prohibitive for the venture.

The year-around, 80 foot by 150 foot outdoor rink facility would include a plastic floor over asphalt, sideboards, netting, outdoor benches for viewers, a gravel parking lot, restrooms and a heated trailer. The location is not near any residents who might be disturbed by the late night lights and the noise and lights.

According to Bunn, neither snow, nor sleet nor chill in night stop the games, which are popular with players of both genders and all ages. The arena is expected to be open until midnight.

All Dek Hockey players would be

charged \$60 a season, about \$5 per game. Due to the wear and tear caused by those wheels, roller hockey players would be charged more, \$66 per season.

Bill Bunn, who hails from Pittsburgh, said Dek Hockey is so popular there the city boasts 15 outdoor rinks.

"You're not moving into Pennsylvania or somewhere else where it's a fly-by-night operation. This is going to be seen by a lot of people in Novi. It's not unusual for things to get out of hand at a roller rink," Schmidt warned.

"If you can come in with a quality product, that's one thing. If you come in to mitigate your costs, you're going to run into a road block."

Bunn says his rink would not compete with an ice arena either proposed for Novi. If it roared out his base space at a lower rate than an ice rink to ice hockey teams who needed to work on strategy and skills.

"One thing the city is seeking in any lease is an escape clause, so if a developer has grand plans for the Eleven Mile Road DWP site, it can be sold off. The land is just east of the Novi Town Center mall."

"Our young people are developing a need for alternative activities. This will definitely use up their energies. The town is expected to be open until midnight," Mayor Kathleen McCallan said.

# Public Access

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 No Programming Today

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27**  
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 11:00 a.m.—(con't)  
 11:30 a.m.—Farrington Musicale: Joy to the World  
 12:00 p.m.—Adventures with Private Pete  
 12:30 p.m.—Senior Messenger  
 1:00 p.m.—(con't)  
 1:30 p.m.—Travel On: The Southwest  
 2:00 p.m.—Salon Glamour and Etiquette with Gloria  
 2:30 p.m.—(con't)  
 3:00 p.m.—Farrington Hills Police Journal: Domestic Violence  
 3:30 p.m.—(con't)  
 4:00 p.m.—No Evening Programming

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28**

10:30 a.m.—Senior Adult Exercise  
 11:00 a.m.—(con't)  
 11:30 a.m.—Farrington Hills Police Journal: Domestic Violence  
 12:00 p.m.—(con't)  
 1:00 p.m.—(con't)

10:00 a.m.—Legislative Forum  
 10:30 p.m.—My Vote Counts  
 11:00 a.m.—Study in Scripture  
 11:30 a.m.—Oakland Press Perspective  
 12:00 p.m.—The Way, the Truth and the Life  
 12:30 p.m.—Abundant Life Arabic Ministries  
 1:00 p.m.—Rising Tide  
 1:30 p.m.—(con't)  
 2:00 p.m.—Farrington Musicale: Joy to the World  
 2:30 p.m.—Travel the movie trail  
 3:30 p.m.—(con't)  
 4:00 p.m.—Crisis in the Modern Family  
 4:30 p.m.—(con't)  
 5:00 p.m.—No Evening Programming

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29**  
 10:00 a.m.—Senior Adult Exercise  
 10:30 a.m.—(con't)  
 11:00 a.m.—Neighborhood Meeting  
 11:30 a.m.—Bagels and Talk with Tracy and Phil  
 12:00 p.m.—Cash Talks  
 12:30 p.m.—air Johnson's Holiday Ball  
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 2:30 p.m.—Farrington Hills Police Journal: Domestic Violence  
 3:00 p.m.—Business and Residential News  
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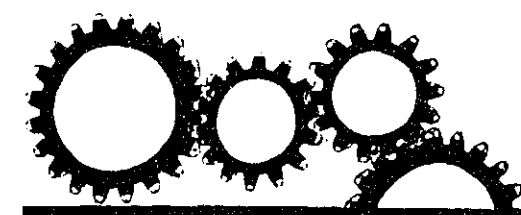
## As We See It

### Novi gets a reputation as a generous town

Perhaps you haven't noticed the trend, but we certainly have. Over time, more and more charitable organizations, which typically had not had a presence in Novi, are coming to town to set up fundraising activities.

And that may produce with you an initial reaction similar to ours... one of, well, distaste. It's almost human nature to respond negatively, figuring that they must be attracted to Novi's growing reputation as a generous town and are looking to horn in on the fundraising capacity traditionally reserved for local groups. Groups that have been here and are operated by local residents - like the Rotary and the Lions, the Novi Emergency Fund and the Goodfellows - have done well in town raising cash for charities. And it is easy to conclude that their success has attracted the other organizations.

But before you react too much, keep in mind a few thoughts. First, much of the interest on the part of organizations to set up fundraising efforts here is simply the result of their traditional supporters moving here and the groups following the population migration trend. That more folks with charitable hearts are moving to the area should definitely not be viewed as a negative for the community. To the contrary, these are precisely the kinds of folks we think Novi should



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Secondly, there is nothing wrong with Novi being seen as a generous community. Yes, it may be a conservative town. It may vote Republican, as we've seen in the recent election. And it may be a business-oriented town, with a penchant for knowing how to make a buck. But let no one conclude that equates to not being generous.

Finally, after all, those groups which come to Novi to raise money and are welcomed will do well. Those who aren't won't. And then they'll go some place else.

In any case, Novi residents should take it as a source of pride that their community is seen as a generous community and a good place to raise funds. Given a choice, it seems to us that is exactly the type of community they would want to have.

## Didn't manage to fool anyone



Michael Malott

"I wanna see Santa. I wanna see Santa." Samantha said while we were out shopping this past weekend. "We don't have time," I told the insistent little 6-year-old. "We're supposed to be buying Christmas gifts..."

She really has been quite enamored with the Santa at the Twelve Oaks Mall this year. If you've seen Santa's chair in center court at the mall, it really is quite impressive. Santa of course is always Santa, but at Twelve Oaks he sits in the midst of more than 130 life-sized, true to life stuffed animals, all in the glow of strings of white Christmas lights. It's called the Crystal Forest, and the stuffed animals are the work of an Ann Arbor artist.

If you've seen it, you know how attractive it is. If you haven't, there's still a little time left.

"... Besides, how many times have you seen Santa so far this year? Four?" I asked.

"Nuh, uh," she informed me, "only two times." "You sat on his lap at the other mall," I said, holding up one finger to help her keep track of the count. "And you sat on his lap at Grandma's company Christmas party," showing two fingers.

"He was at our family Christmas party..."

"Nope. That was Uncle Dennis. I could tell. I could see his red beard under the white beard."

"Right," I countered without missing a beat. "Like I told you, Uncle Dennis was working as Santa's helper that day. Santa can't be everywhere during the holiday season, so he has to deputize a few folks and Uncle Dennis is one of the lucky ones who got picked. But don't tell your brothers, they'll not be old enough to understand that Santa needs

helpers."

"I know," she said giving me a smug look.

"But you also saw Santa at the Big Boy restaurant the other day. Uncle Dennis may have played Santa Claus, but like I told you, the one at the Big Boy was the real thing."

"That was the night of the Celebrity Server fundraiser at the Big Boy on Novi Road. As soon as I found out that Novi City Councilman Bob Schmidt would be the one to play Santa, I decided to have a little fun with it by putting some people on."

Somewhat I just couldn't envision that the man with the reputation of being Novi's most cantankerous council member would be very comfortable playing Santa. And the way he was grumbling when he was getting into the Santa suit, I was pretty sure I was right.

I knew Samantha would want to give Santa a big hug as soon as she saw him, so I made sure to let her know that he was "the real Santa."

"Not only did Schmidt take the hug but he was positively talkative as Santa Claus. He was genuinely interested in the children and kept talking to them each time they came by."

"He was the best Santa we've seen this year," my wife concluded. No small compliment.

But Samantha also knew he wasn't the real thing. "His boots weren't real and he had a green shirt on under his suit," she said while we were arguing in the mall this past weekend.

I hadn't even noticed the shirt, I thought, realizing how observant my daughter is.

"Well," I said, "how do you know Santa doesn't always wear a green shirt under his suit?"

"Because he'd look silly," she pronounced.

Guess I managed to fool no one.

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

## Moments

By Bryan Mitchell



Happy Holidays

A New home decorated for the holidays and a winner in the city's contest

## We should hear it from voters



Sharon Condron

It seems to me we can't really gauge why Novi Schools district's \$33 million bond proposal was defeated last week unless we hear from the voters.

Now some would say judging from the election results, the voters have spoken.

But I don't think that's true with this proposal. Had the issues been split so voters had a choice and a voice between building a new middle school and renovating the other two schools, school officials may have a better frame of reference.

But that isn't the case. It will be hard to analyze the election results, but there has already been and will continue to be a lot of assumptions made. For instance is it truly a case of "no new taxes" or is it a problem with the proposal as presented. Are people not convinced the district needs a new middle school? Does that mean voters don't trust the facilities committee projected student enrollments? Are there that many people - 66 percent of voters - opposed to moving the fourth graders out of the elementary schools? Or are people just lashing out against the only taxing agent they have the power to express an opinion?

I suspect it's a combination of all of the above and

maybe more factors I haven't mentioned. But the fact remains, it is Novi Community School District's second defeat this year. Both requests were rejected by landslide margins too.

Something's up. It's concerning for Novi schools officials who may have to hold at least two other millage elections in 1995. One will be to ask voters for 5.49 mill harmless mills and another should the board decide to resurrect last June's enhancement millage request.

In addition, the district will eventually have to bring another bond issue back for additional facilities. There really is no getting around the growth. This year the district took in 258 new students. Next year and in the years to come there will be more. Novi is a growing area. To date, the city is only about 40 percent developed. Planners can control growth, but they can't stop it. More houses mean more students. More students mean more schools. A new school is inevitable, as is a bond issue to pay for it.

We here at the newspaper want to know more. Write us, call our answering machine after business hours and let us know why you voted for or against the proposal. Suggest alternatives. Don't be one of those people who simply plans on a silent ambush at the polls.

Sharon Condron is a Staff Writer for The Novi News and The Northville Record.

## Voters see through fog of choice



Tim Richard

In no state but Michigan have charter schools become such a partisan issue.

State Sen. John Kelly, D-Grosse Pointe, was alone among Democrats in supporting two charter school renewal bills as they went through the state Senate.

Kelly apparently was accused of some party disloyalty but argued charter schools were originally a Democratic idea and counted President Bill Clinton among their supporters.

George Ward, the Plymouth resident best known as chief assistant Wayne County prosecutor, is a second Democrat who supports charter schools. Ward doubles as an appointive trustee of Saginaw Valley State University which has been strongly supportive of charter schools.

After them, you can almost count Democratic advocates of charter schools on the fingers of one hand.

The notion of charter schools seems benign enough, at least on paper. Some teachers and parents want to do something innovative - a science program, an offering for delinquent kids, whatever. A school district, community college or university grants them a charter and a chunk of state aid, then gets out of the way.

Golly gee, that looks harmless enough. But the first suspicious thing one notices is that the clamor for charter schools doesn't come from parents. Or

teachers. Or students. Or administrators. The second suspicious thing you notice is that support for charter schools comes from groups with an ax to grind.

TEACH Michigan, founded in 1990, comes to mind. Founder Paul DeWeese, M.D., was pamphleteering at the 1992 Republican State Convention when I first came across him. He starts by talking about "full educational choice." Next he uses the seductive line that there's a social consensus that public schools have failed - you know, the "everybody's doing it" propaganda technique.

By the time he's done, DeWeese is talking about amending the Michigan Constitution to remove Art. VIII, sec. 2: No public school for private, denominational or non-public school; no vouchers; no tax benefit of additional tax dollars.

Then comes the Mackinac Center with a virulent attack on teachers unions. Its polemicists - they no longer bother with research - offer charter schools as an answer to the union demons. But Mackinac Center tips its hand by making a list of what it considers the better high schools - almost all religious-oriented. It makes grants - all to religious groups. Its real agenda becomes apparent.

Third, consider the Law of Unintended Consequences. Whenever government makes available a pot of money, all sorts of people come out of the woodwork to participate in the pot.

Lyndon Johnson, for example, probably never dreamed that the AFDC program would be interpreted as a subsidy to illegitimate births. But that was precisely the consequence as blacks raised their out-of-wedlock birth rate from 30 percent to 65

percent or more, and whites from 1 percent to about 20 percent. Or take the Indian - whoops, Native American - scholarship program and the hundreds of light-skinned suburbanites who suddenly decided they had Chippewa blood.

In Lansing last week we saw a major lobbying effort to make the Noah Webster Academy eligible for state money, despite the superintendent of public instruction's careful finding that it didn't qualify as a public charter school.

(Incidentally, I predict Dr. Robert Schiller will be the subject of vitriolic attacks in the next couple of years over anything and everything because he saw through the charade.)

Parochial schools are in bad shape. To put it in terms that right-wingers understand, parochial schools have been unable to compete in the marketplace. Their enrollments have plummeted over the last 20 years. They want tax money.

For the last 157 years, Michigan voters have been consistent in denying tax money for teachers of religion and religious edifices. Voters were emphatic in 1970 when they prohibited public funds for non-public schools. Voters weren't fooled in 1978 when they crushed a pro-voucher amendment even though it was tied to elimination of school property taxes.

So that's why charter schools are a major issue in Michigan. Voters can see through the fog about "full educational choice."

Tim Richard reports regularly on the local implications of state and regional events.

## School officials just don't get it

To the Editor:  
The responses of Novi school administrators and board members to the defeat of their Dec. 13 millage proposals were laughable. They just don't get it.

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other side with superior products and efficient operations.

Novi schools would do well to take a lesson.

The millage failure was a vote of no-confidence. No confidence in the plan, and no confidence in the people behind it.

To pretend the failure was the result of something as nebulous as an "anti-tax mood" is juvenile scapegoating.

Indeed, all my failures in life have been my own fault. I wouldn't stoop to blame them on someone else, or some abstract phenomena.

Novi voters have practically given the district a blank check in the past (witness the approval of the swimming pool, and 1992's \$31.9 million bond issue), for which we've gotten declining MEAP scores as described in the Dec. 15 Novi News. That goes to prove what the voters already knew: throwing money at something doesn't make it better. On Dec. 13, 1,493 people came out in the pouring rain to remind the schools of that fact.

Get it now, Novi schools? See you in the spring.

—Gerald LeBlanc

### City uses 'bait and switch'

To the Editor:  
Well, city administration has done it again. The old "bait and switch" tactics. I watched the entire public hearing, on Dec. 5, 1994, on the 1990 Road Bond Program, specifically, the Taft Road Extension.

When this program was first proposed, I was President of LARA. We took a stand on this - supporting it - as we should. We gain the most. We asked for, and got, a resolution from the Council that the 10 projects proposed would be the 10 projects constructed. Well, a resolution is not worth the paper on which it is written. I know this, and counsel to the council to make their "word" worth something.

The new and improved "Taft Road" alignment, just immediately east of Beck Road, is more appropriately the West Road extension. People who don't drive about one mile to the west to go south, and then east. Come on! Who are you trying to kid?

South Lake and West Road residents are not moaning the same blues that East Lake residents were singing 2 and 3 years ago. But... we have no salvation planned for us with a "Decker Road." Only developers stand to gain by this new alignment - you can't tell us otherwise. If you can't put a road through the wetlands to the east of the railroad tracks up to West Road, how are you going to build a golf course there? How are you going to open the area we've bought with park funds west of Dixon? Route all potential users down South Lake through Lakeshore Park entrance? Please!

The only viable options at this point are, 1) build the road where you told us you would in 1990, east of the tracks, and 2) put the money in the "matching grant" idea presented at the hearing (I'm sorry - the idea grew). I don't remember who said it) to correctly construct the Beck Road interchange with Twelve Mile and I-96, which should have been done years ago! Let's use some foresight here! All residents, as well as through traffic, would benefit from the new interchange! And let's not forget the new courthouse and Providence medical center!

—Ernie Arafio

I hope this council will have the guts to make an enlightened decision for the residents! Forget it! (1995) an election year! If it takes a vote to use the funds for the interchanges, get it on the ballot - now! If not, then vote for the people who put you on the council, not the developers!

—Sarah J. Gray

### Disregard for city residents

To the Editor:  
Well, I just can't resist getting my two cents worth in on this one!

I would like to tell the rest of the Novi residents what a wonderful neighbor we have - the cemetery at Twelve Mile and Novi roads. Many of us at the north end became aware of road-side construction activity on Novi Road between Twelve and Twelve-and-A-Half Mile roads.

Any of you in this city who pays a gas bill should be irritated by the knowledge of this. It certainly is not cost effective! To do major work, only to tear it out within a year!

Discussion with city administration shed even more light and heat on the situation. It appears the cemetery refused even temporary usage even though Consumers offered to pay for this temporary right-of-way. The city, as we speak, is in the process of gaining the right-of-way that parallels the cemetery property. We, as the City, either by mutual monetary agreement or condemnation, will have the right-of-way!

So the next time you get a gas bill, and rates have gone up, you can thank the cemetery for a blatant disregard of health, safety and welfare of Novi residents.

Isn't this the same cemetery that is suing us? It appears that is suing us? It appears they feel the corner entry to their site would make a much better McDonald's! It appears one of their major arguments has to do with the entrance becoming not so desirable because of the "commercialism" surrounding them. Do they really think moving the entry east on Twelve Mile or north on Novi Road is going to make their new entry any better? Just think, maybe you can visit your loved ones in the mausoleum, which stands immediately there, walk over and get a burger, fries and soda. Maybe the cemetery could set up colorful picnic tables and garbage bins around the site to enhance the charm, ambience and solitude of their area.

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—James E. Korte

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THURSDAY  
December 22,  
1994

# Dear Santa...

Santa's helpers shared with *The Novi News* some of the letters children sent to Santa after he had a chance to read them.

Could you give me a toy house and I would like a mouse tape and a dog and 10 dolls and cats and Barbies.  
**Amanda Lawrence**

I want to know if teddy is coming this year? I miss him. I don't know what I want for Christmas. I will draw you a picture.  
**Loran Kelly**

I want Katie Kiss and goggles. Jurassic Park. A 911 ambulance. Stretch Armstrong. Gogo worms. I saw you in the Christmas parade. I will leave two carrots for Rudolph and two Oreos.  
**Love, Maggie Cornell**

I think you are very nice. You don't have to get me everything on the list. But please get me the dog things.  
**Love, Laura Letson**  
P.S. Tell Mrs. Claus and the elves that I think they're special too.

I love you.  
**from, Sarah Letson**

I have been waiting all year for you to come back to my house.

I will put out cookies for you.  
**Love, Toney Lucas**  
P.S. Please bring lots of toys.

I am two years old and I love toys. I'm a very good boy. I hope you will bring me a tape recorder with a microphone (because I like to sing) and lots of cars and trucks. I promise to leave you some milk and cookies.  
**Love, Bradley Thorpe**

I want some K'nex and G.I. Joes. Denali wants some baby food and a new blanket and a stuffed animal please. Denali is my baby brother. Could I have a NBA Super Nintendo game please.  
**Thank you, love, Michael**

I'm 13. Pretty old to be writing a letter. But what do I want? Two things that I want most are a pocket locker and clothes.  
**Love, Alice**

I wish I could get a set of roller blades and Barbie dolls a new doll house and what ever you can send me.  
**Thank you Santa, Love, Kristy Carter**  
P.S. I've been a little naughty

and a whole lot nice.  
**Love, Lesley Drake**

I hope you have a Merry Christmas. I have been a good girl. I'm nine years old. For Christmas I would like CEO safari and Addy Doll. That's it. How are you?  
**I'm fine. Love, Colene Brockman**

This Christmas I would like Jeeny Gymnast, Telephone Tammy, doll, crib, doll clothes. I really haven't given it that much thought. Merry Christmas!  
**Love, Lesley Drake**

I would like you to write to my brother Daniel you can just write any old letter to him. The thing I want for Christmas is a klip-kiop pony. I would like a black one.  
**Your friend, Amanda Church**  
P.S. Please write back!

How are you? I am just Hepeachy! I think that I have basically been well behaved this year so I want to ask for only a few things: A new phone, another phone line (not necessarily just for me), clothes from Gap, Express, Aeropostal, American Eagle, Eddie Bauer, and Banana Republic. I would also enjoy a

nice ring and watch. I also want the three cd's from Victorias Secret and Victoria, the perfume. Also soap from the Body Shop. Thank you, you don't need to give me all of what I request but it would be greatly appreciated. I know I already have more than enough.  
**Heather**

What will you get me on Christmas? Will you get me a remote control car? and a super cool neat dog house for my pet Duke? How are you doing Santa. My name is Victoria Hong. I'm eight years old. I will try to promise I will be good.  
**Yours truly, Victoria Hong**

How are you Santa? My name is Angela. I'm three years old. I thank you for my family, health and good time.  
**Angela Hong**

I only want a bit:  
1. Dreamland baby  
2. Portable disc player  
3. 40-piece china tea set  
I hope you have a nice trip. I will leave cookies for you.  
**Love, Katie Cornell**

I want a better paying job, a girlfriend, and a Mustang. Well, actually a new Escort might do fine. But really, I want better grades in school and a good college golf season!  
**Thank you very much, Dan**

I love you. I hope Mrs. Claus and all the reindeer are doing good. I am a good girl. Can I please have a pretty doll, jewelry and Barbie clothes. I wish all of you a Merry Christmas.  
**Jenny Dorsch**

I would like a watch and a soccer net. There is one more thing it is a tape sung by Green-day.  
**Thank you, Nick Reilly**

For Christmas I would like color pencils, overwriters, my own coloring paper. Thanks.  
Have a merry, happy Christmas and New Year.  
**Love, Shruti Agrawal**

I have been a good girl. Please send me one life-size Barbie doll, Power Ranger book, car with carphone.  
**Carly Wilhelm**

I'll have for this Christmas, My Size Barbie, Barbie Power Wheel, Topsy Tail Doll, purse, diamond necklace, lipstick, rings, camping car, Barbie.  
**Shivani Agrawal**

I've been good even though I took my brother's candy. I told him I was sorry.  
**Love you, Lauren LeBlanc**

I have been a good girl. I would like a pink mermaid Barbie, and treasure rocks, also a 'My Size Barbie' (wedding one). And an ice skater doll.  
**Love, Rachelle Hadley**

I want a 65-foot SCARAB with two nitros. I want a divers chamber built in too.  
**Sincerely, Brett LeBlanc**

I have been a good girl. I would like ice skater, treasure rock, also a My Size Barbie (wedding one).  
**Love, Renee Hadley**

I want a laptop like my dad's for Christmas please. May I please have a set of drums also.  
**Thank you, Ronnie Williams**

For Christmas I would like some baby sitter little sitter books. The game Clue. A new box of 96 crayons. Santa and I would also like a computer and a color printer for Christmas and a swimming pool.  
**Love, Shivani Agrawal**

## Volunteer



EVELYN GOODMAN

Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

## Goodman going for 50 years as a volunteer

By DOROTHY NASH  
Special Writer

Do you remember Esther, the Jewish heroine of the Old Testament, who delivered her people from the hostile plots of the Persian Haman? Well, her original Jewish name was Hadassah. And that's also the name of an organization of 300,000 Jewish women in 50 states. They're dedicated originally to the maintenance of schools and hospitals in Palestine and now also to similar needs here.

And, Evelyn Goodman is a member, who has been volunteering for 43 years in the Greater Detroit Chapter of Hadassah. Locally, she is a past president of the Hadassah Raquela group in Novi and Northville. Members meet, she said, once a month, mostly in homes, to study arts and current books, and to discuss local welfare projects like providing food for the needy, tutoring children in reading. And they discuss the original need in Israel which means supporting

two hospitals and a youth group, called Aliyah, composed of children, many of whom came from foreign countries during World War II. But doing so much for so many costs money. So each local group is given a quota to raise. Evelyn Goodman, a past president of the local group, now serves on the board, helping raise the necessary money. She is Tribute Chairman, an office which puts her in charge of special occasion cards - birthdays, anniversary, whatever. "Cards range in price from \$5.00," she said. Women buy them from her or they send her money, name, and address of person to receive it, and she follows through. "That's one of our biggest sources of money," she said.

Membership is open to interested women. If you want more information on what Hadassah is about, or if you'd like to attend a meeting, you may call Evelyn Goodman at 349-4064, or the main office on Orchard Lake Road at (810) 683-5030.

## It's A Fact

### Population Growth

**C**hild population in Novi, those under 18 years of age, increased by only 27 percent (1,810) from 1980 to 1990.

This age group comprised 25.5 percent of the City population compared to 29.3 percent in 1980.





# Holiday season keeps Jaycees bustling

By JEANNE CLARKE  
Special Writer

December has been a busy month for the Novi Jaycees as they delivered food baskets to 47 needy local families this past weekend. Food drives at the elementary and middle schools provided the food. Also, area businesses "adopted a family" and purchased Christmas gifts.

Members volunteered to contact families for their special needs, picked up food from the schools, packed baskets and made the deliveries.

One of their fundraisers for money being used for charitable projects is the Gift Wrap at Twelve Oaks Mall, located in the upper level near Sears. There, for a small charge, they will gift wrap your packages, and also provide coat-checks for the shoppers. This service will continue through the week following Christmas.

The Novi Jaycees have also been involved in the Breakfast with Santa at the Civic Center where they served about 220 guests. In addition to the breakfast, the children received candy canes and coloring pages.

Early in December, they assisted the Charities at their Christmas Dinner by taking tickets, ushering and helping with refreshments. During the visitation with Charities following the program.

Later in the month, they assisted at the "Old Fashion Evening of Fun" as part of the "Light up the

Holidays" ceremony, and collected food and toys for the needy family project. They also worked at the concession stand at the annual Arts and Craft Show, and provided a special craft room for kids while the parents shopped.

Prior to the Christmas activities, they had a very successful Turkey time at the Village Woods Clubhouse, about 60 members attended, along with their families and friends.

Anyone wishing information about joining this very active civic minded club can call 348-NOVI.

## NOVI SIXTHGATE CLOGGERS

The Novi Sixthgate Cloggers, a volunteer group of seniors, will have completed 51 appearances at the end of December. Several of their December performing locations included: St. Mary's Church in Midland Sterling Heights Senior Center on Utica Road; and St. Williams in Walled Lake. Completing their December schedule, a performance will be held at the West Trail Nursing Home in Plymouth on Friday, Dec. 30.

The group has a membership of 40, and most recently, Don and Lois Handley joined and shared some of their new routines with the group. The performers range in age from 40 to over 70, and must be 50 to be a part of the performances for senior groups, organizations, and special events.

Donations are used to contribute to local charities and pur-

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chase new equipment. However, some appearances are considered courtesy performances, such as the Festival of Trees and Senior Day at the State Fair.

Anyone interested in attending the clogging sessions and/or rehearsals, please call the center for the group's home dates.

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In the future, there will be a program at the Allen Terrace senior residence, in Northville, and on Monday, March 20, they will be at the Builders Show at Cobo Hall.

MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
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## WHITEHALL NURSING HOME

Christmas plans have been made by Activities Director Kathy Israel of Whitehall Nursing Home. She credits the many volunteers for adding to the programs available for the residents.

The residents' event had a party complete with goodies, not only for the Pet-a-Pet volunteers, but for the pets who had their own special treats as well.

The facility is decorated with many things, but the pine cone wreaths made in the craft section and placed throughout the building.

The Salvation Army came on Sunday and brought calendars, and the Centerplace Dancers were there last week presenting their hour-long program "Amazing

Grace" in western style. Carols were an important part of the scene, especially at the sing-along with Mrs. Van Sester, a faithful volunteer.

Several girl scout troops were in evidence with visits and small gifts, with the group being led by Cheryl Chornovich. Other volunteers, who came through the Christmas season, were: Carol Burnett, Pat Crowe, and Roland Holland. Also, friends of Mrs. Israel, Rick and Jean Strasser of Grand Rapids, presented a pizza party as they do every year.

As always, Israel encourages groups in the area to contact her regarding volunteer assistance in crafts, as well as visiting residents, or providing any musical entertainment.

A staff Christmas party was held with residents, family and friends. On Wednesday, Dec. 28, a party with the St. James Church will be held, and on Dec. 30, the Home will celebrate its New Year's Eve party complete with champagne and confetti.

Novi Highlights is written by Jeanne Clarke. Should you wish to contact her with information for this column, please call 624-0173.

## Engagements



David Skuratowicz/Julia Stock

John and Mary Stock of Northville announce the engagement of their daughter, Julia Ann, to David Gerald Skuratowicz, the son of Victor and Paula Skuratowicz of Livonia.

The bridegroom-elect attended Silver Springs Elementary School. He graduated from San Jose State University in 1994. He is employed at CRS Interactive.

A July 22, 1995, wedding is being planned.



Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

## And the workers are?

A few new faces have joined Stanley Door Systems in Novi just for the holidays. The life-size Christmas display is the result of employees (front from left) Shirley Collins, Jean Gustafson, and (back from left) Theresa Cunningham, Chris Riddals. The display made its debut last year for a company competition in which it took first place. The group enjoyed bringing a little holiday spirit into the plant so they worked on their breaks and lunch hours to put together the display

for their fellow 144 employees again this year. The faces of each of the six carolers were made from styrofoam head forms which had been hand painted by Gustafson, who also painted the landscape, pond and trees. The group found the clothing and props tucked away in their attics and basements and stuffed the clothing to make the bodies which were formed with the help of coat hangers. Thinking ahead, the group is already planning the Christmas 1995 display.

## Author discusses lessons learned

By CAROL WORKENS  
Staff Writer

Author S. K. Wolf spoke to 80 women at the Northville Woman's Club meeting held at the First Presbyterian Church of Northville on Dec. 2.

Wolf recounted to the group of women her writing career from her early experiences as a stubborn child who threw all her stories in the furnace because she didn't even want her mother's friends to read them to a published author whose stories are now read by thousands of people.

The author of thriller novels explained that the difference between mysteries and thrillers is that mysteries begin with a crime and work through the book on who did it. In a thriller the who dunnit is known from the start and how he will be stopped is worked out through the book.

But it wasn't an easy road for Wolf. Her stubbornness helped but her gender was a hindrance. Because of her childhood experience, Wolf did not write again until after she had graduated from college, married and had begun raising a family.

In 1969 she wrote her first book and sent it to New York. It was rejected. "At first, rejections came in an impersonal way," said Wolf who can look back on it now with the sense of humor that helped her keep things in perspective. She kept one of the early rejections, a postcard.

"The mailman and everyone else gets to read it before you do," she said. When the rejections came for the third book, she was already writing her fourth and she began to wonder, "Is there anyone out there who'll ever published or read my books?" she said.

After four unpublished novels,



Submitted photo  
S.K. Wolf, a.k.a. Sarah Wolf

best way to write is to read," she said. "I analyzed the books, and drew up a list of criteria I thought were important."

Although wanna-be authors are advised to write about what they know, the library is a treasure house of information, said Wolf, who was employed in a library at the time. She found detailed books in the library on weapons, Australian sheep farming and instructions on how to jump start a boat. Contacts are another source of information, she said.

"It's amazing what people around you know. If you know they know it."

It was during this time that Wolf started directing her books to publishers who publish first novels. She also got an agent and made some minor changes to her fifth book. Agents are not mandatory, she said, but they help get a better contract, and take care of secondary rights such as foreign and paperback.

When she finally succeeded in becoming a published author after 16 years, her advance was \$3,000. The record for advances at the time was \$300,000.

Wolf thought that once she was a published author her next book would be accepted and she went to a bigger publishing house. "Rejections came in again," she said, "but they got better. This time the rejections came from more senior editors and even included the problems which each

saw in the book. One publisher said the pace was slow and the characters thin, while another said the characters were good, but it was too light and fast, she said.

The subject of gender finally came up. She was told to consider using her initials, because men don't read books written by women, especially thrillers. Wolf almost rejected the suggestion. It was during a conversation with a male guest at a party the following weekend that she changed her mind.

"He said women's books have too much romance in them so he usually didn't read them," she said.

The following Monday, she gave the OK to use her initials on her next book. Then she had a man tell her after reading a book by S.K. Wolf that if he'd known she was a woman he would not have read the book. "Masquerading as a possible man is unfortunate," she said, "but true." Men who write romance novels have the reverse problem.

"In my books, I try to emphasize characters," she said. "I pull from within myself to see what it would feel like to be afraid, or in love."

"It's a tough business, you have to be gutsy enough to try it," she said.

Wolf predicts most of the thrillers in 1995 will be about the financial world.

"The Soviet Union is not a big threat to us anymore."

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Ken Haering and Renee Bartusch bring the Beauty and the Beast to life at the Marquis.

## Beauty and the Beast onstage

Looking for something to do during the holiday break? A musical adaptation from the French version of *Beauty and the Beast* continues at the Marquis Theatre.

Ken Haering plays the role of the Beast. The character of Beauty is being played by Renee Bartusch.

Beauty has a beautiful garden. As her father prepares for a journey, he asks Beauty if she wants anything. She tells him she wants a blue rose. Her father finds a rose, but it belongs to the Beast. Beauty tells her father that he can keep the rose if Beauty will come and live in the palace with him.

On a visit to her father, Beauty discovers she is truly in love with the Beast.

Special performances have been scheduled during the holiday break Monday through Friday, Dec. 26, 27, 28, 29 and 30 at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$7.

Ticket reservations can be made by calling 349-6110. The Marquis Theatre is located at 135 E. Main Street in downtown Northville.

## Entertainment Listings

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

### AUDITIONS

**LIVONIA CIVIC CHORUS:** Auditions will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 10 and 17, 1995 and at 7:30 p.m. at Frost Middle School located on Stark Road, just north of the Jeffries Expressway. The call goes out especially for altos, tenors, and basses. For information, call Jim Burnford, (313)421-0527.

**NEW HORIZON COMMUNITY CHURCH:** The church is looking for actors and actresses to occasionally 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* will be held Jan. 17 at 7 p.m. for children age 13 and up. Call Linda Wickert at (810) 347-0400 for more information. Auditions for E. B. White's *The Adventures of Stuart Little* will be Feb. 7 at 4 p.m. for children age 8 to 11 years old.

### SPECIAL EVENTS

**CLASSIC CARRIAGE:** Narrated tours of Northville in a horse drawn carriage are offered on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. A limited number of special tours will be offered on Christmas Eve which will include hot chocolate and Christmas candy. Call 380-3961 for more information and reservations.

**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 cablecast 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.

### THEATER

**MARQUIS:** A musical adaptation of *Beauty and the Beast* will come to

life on the Marquis stage on Saturday, Dec. 31, 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.

**GENIUS:** Christmas Capers will be the dinner performance from now until Dec. 30, with a special New Year's Eve performance. The show revolves around Christmas Eve 1959 and WGMN 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.

Admission to the performance and dinner is by reservation only. Call (810) 349-0322 for reservations.

### MUSIC

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

Upcoming performances are: Dec. 23, 8:30 to 11 p.m., singer/guitarist Carol and Mike; Dec. 24, 10 a.m. to 12, folk singers/guitarists Leslie and Jason; 1 to 3 p.m., classical guitarist Carol Smallwood. The cafe is located at 110 Main Centre in downtown Northville.

**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.

### Drive, Novi.

**MORE JAZZ:** Outback Cappuccino Bar, 370 S. Main St., Plymouth, presents live jazz from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesdays featuring the work of jazz artists Gary Cooper of Northville and Terrence Lester of Southfield.

Cooper is a versatile musician, playing flute, trumpet, sax and flugelhorn while Lester plays keyboards with midl bass and rhythms.

Call 455-0445 for more information.

**MR. B'S FARM:** Mr. B's Farm, on Novi Road north of Ten Mile, presents live music all week with no cover charge.

Sunday is a "Strings 'N' Things Jam" from 9 p.m. to midnight every week. Local artists get together for impromptu jams.

Music starts at 9 p.m. For more information call 349-7038.

**RIFLES:** Fridays and Saturdays at 10 p.m. Rifles, of Northville becomes a live rhythm and blues cafe.

Rifles is located at 18730 Northville Road. For information, call 348-3490.

**SHERATON OAKS:** It's live entertainment on Thursday, Friday and Saturday at Ell and Denny's, Taylor Made will perform live Top 40 entertainment from 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. on Thursdays and Fridays and R.S.V.P. with Ping Spells will perform on Saturdays through Dec. 31.

A New Year's Eve package includes a three course meal with choice of four entrees, live entertainment, dancing, and party favors.

The Superbowl Sunday party on Jan. 29 includes a play-by-play commentary by EH Zaret and Denny McLean, a hearty football buffet, two 16 ounces beers and giveaways. Tickets are \$20.

The hotel is at 27000 Sheraton Drive in Novi, across from Twelve Oaks Mall. For information and reservations, call 348-5000.

**SPORTS EDITION:** Every weekend guests can enjoy live entertainment at the Sports Edition Bar, located inside the Novi Hilton Hotel, 2111 Hagerly Road, Novi.

The Sports Edition is home to Intrigue and other high-powered hits groups every weekend. A cover charge begins at 8 p.m.

**TOO CHEZ:** Too Chez, located across from Twelve Oaks Mall, Novi, offers live jazz entertainment from 6 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 Nozoro 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 strolling musicians David and Francesco entertain diners with the accordion, mandolin and guitar from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. Thursdays.

**ART**

**BACKDOOR GALLERY:** Farmington's Backdoor Gallery on 37220 Eight Mile Road specializes in unusual art dolls. The gallery is in the home of owner Kathy Landers. She and the other owner, Kathleen Bricker, are both artists.

Hours are 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays; 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays and by appointment. Call 474-8306.

**LITTLE ART GALLERY:** The Little Art Gallery at Genitti's Samuel Little Theater in downtown Northville features two shows a month.

Michigan fine artists who would like to display their works are 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:** Northville Christmas cards for 1994 are available at the Studio and Gallery of Caroline Duppy.

Also available are many watercolor paintings of framed prints of Northville scenes. Holiday gallery hours are noon to 5 p.m. on Tuesday through Sunday, or by appointment. Call 348-9544 for more information.

**TOWN CENTER GALLERY:** The Town Center Gallery is located at the Novi Town Center at 43267 Crescent Blvd. Hours are Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sunday noon to 5 p.m. Call 380-0470.

**MUSEUMS**

**MOTORSPORTS:** The Motorsports Museum and Hall of Fame houses famous race cars. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays through Sundays, and the museum is located in the Novi Expo Center on Novi Road at I-96.

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## 'Radioland Murders,' a lot of 'dead air'

READER MOVIE REVIEWS

RADIOLAND MURDERS  
By Heather Wadowski  
Northville

It was an ordinary day in 1939 when the workers of WBN went on the air. But someone didn't want WBN to be a success... And they are about to give the term "dead air" a new meaning. Slowly, all the big cast members are getting murdered. And it's going to take Penny Henderson (Mary Stuart Masterson) all she's

got to keep WBN going. "Radioland Murders" also stars Brian Benben as Penny's soon-to-be ex-husband who's also the one wanted for committing the murders. Christopher Lloyd, Corbin Bernsen, Robert Goldthwait and many others.

"Radioland Murders" is a perfect example that no matter how many stars are in a movie, it doesn't mean it will be a hit. Sure, "Radioland Murders" has its moments, but the never-ending chaos loses

viewers, and the fact it is trying to be too many things at once — a comedy, a mystery and a romance — makes it fail on being a good movie. "Radioland Murders" gets two and one-half stars out of five. It's a good movie to rent, but it's not worth seeing at the theater.

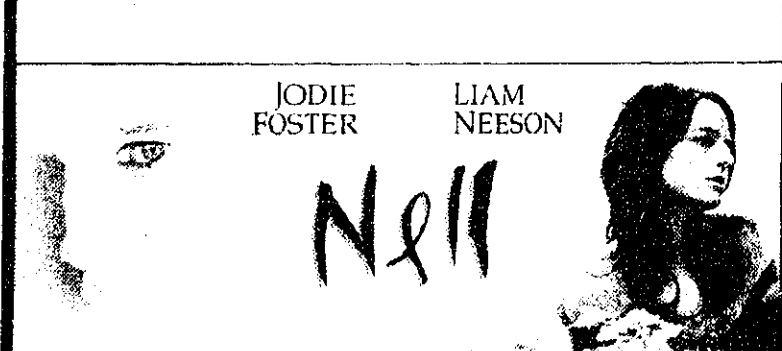
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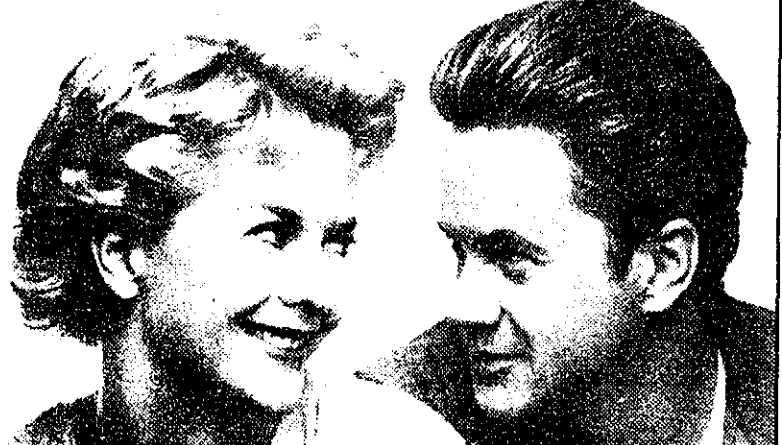
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## Tankers split pair of meets

By SCOTT DANIEL  
Sports Editor

It didn't take long for the Wildcat swim team to take charge in the Kensington Valley Conference. Novi trounced South Lyon Thursday to the tune of 116-70. The Wildcats have only to beat Brighton next month to claim the league title for the third straight year.

Thus far, first-year coach Bill McCord is very happy with his team.

"I'm really pleased with the enthusiasm and effort," he said. "They're coming along well."

McCord, who coached at Walled Lake for the better part of a decade, took over for Dave Maker. The Wildcats were 5-6 in his only year as head coach.

As for Thursday's meet, Mike Girard was definitely the star of the evening. He had two personal records and placed second in the breaststroke.

Novi dominated the meet winning a total of eight events. The 200-yard medley relay team of Brian LeRoy, Eric Kelly, Rob Mutch and Ryan Bush won in 1:54.

In the 200-yard freestyle, Matt Christopherson was Novi's highest finisher, third place, with a time of 2:15.27. Kelly won the 200 IM in 2:06.99.

Mutch was a second place finisher in the 50-yard freestyle with a time of 25.44. In diving, Eric Brandon scored 204.8 points for second place.

The Wildcats won the next five events. Mutch swam a 1:00.36 to take the 100-yard butterfly while Mike DiLaudio's 58.90 was tops in the 100-yard freestyle.

Henry Newton won the 500-yard freestyle in 5:36.15. The



Continued on 8 South Lyon's Justin Clayton (No. 33) had a difficult time defending Shawn Kelly Thursday.

## Future of basketball looks bright for Novi High



Scott Daniel  
Sports Editor



### Sports Shorts

**HOCKEY:**Sarah Clark, a 13-year-old Novi resident, was named most valuable player in the Freeweave AA Championship game in the regional Silver Sticks Hockey Tournament. Sarah Clark and Justin Shaw, both 13-year-olds, play for the Berkley Peeps Freeweave AA hockey team, winners of the St. Clair Shores Regional Tournament Dec. 11.

Two Novi youth hockey players are advancing to play in the International Finals of the prestigious Silver Sticks Hockey Tournament. Sarah Clark and Justin Shaw, both 13-year-olds, play for the Berkley Peeps Freeweave AA hockey team, winners of the St. Clair Shores Regional Tournament Dec. 11.

**MOTOR SPORTS HALL OF FAME:**The Motorsports memorabilia and collectibles show will be held on Sunday, Jan. 8 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Located at the Motorsports Museum and Hall of Fame in the Novi Expo Center at I-96 and Novi Road. Show admission is \$2. The Motorsports Museum and Hall of Fame is seeking volunteers. Help is needed in areas such as museum guide, gift shop, car maintenance, museum maintenance and construction. For more information write or call Barb Fliers, volunteers coordinator, Motorsports Hall of Fame, Novi Expo Center, P.O. Box 194, Novi, Michigan, 48376-0194. The phone number is (810) 349-RACE.

**WBSL:**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 dates 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: boys (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.

## Grapplers compete at county meet

By SCOTT DANIEL  
Sports Editor

Don't blame Brad Huss if he doesn't want to hear about the information superhighway. Computer problems turned a normally smooth Oakland County wrestling meet into a day-long marathon Saturday. As a result, the coach couldn't say with certainty where his team finished.

A total of 42 teams competed in the county meet. Clarkson, which is ranked in the state's top 10, won the tournament.

"They had eight of 13 kids in the finals," Huss said. "Two others were in consolation finals."

The Wildcats, he said, likely finished in the top half of the county. Novi was 16th a year ago.

Just eight Wildcat wrestlers participated in the 200-yard freestyle relay in consolation finals. The county had held the tournament on the campus of Oakland County Community College in recent years. Huss said officials moved it this year because the college simply didn't have enough space.

Four sites were used in Friday's action. Saturday's finals were held at Orionville Brandon High School.

Novi was stationed at Troy Friday. Six out of

eight Wildcats made it to Saturday's action.

Marc Lesperance was the most successful of all the 'Cats. Wrestling at 142 pounds, the senior finished second in the county.

He won both matches Friday defeating Dan Glander of Clawson in the first round 16-1. Lesperance then took care of Farmington Hills Harrison's Jeff Gutierrez with a pin in 1:33.

Two more wins took him to the finals. There, Lesperance fell by a pin to Clarkson's Mark Auten.

"He wrestled really, really well," Huss said of Lesperance.

Injury stopped 172-pounder Mark McBride from joining the county's elite. Having won three of four matches, the senior suffered a shoulder injury in his fifth.

Huss said he landed on his shoulder from a funny ankle after trying to take Lake Orion's James Morris down. McBride was able to win that match despite the injury, but was unable to continue in the tournament. He wound up in sixth place.

The injury bug also got James Cini. Wrestling at 151 pounds, he was hurt in his third match. Cini beat Mike Dundar of Birmingham Seahorn in the first round then nipped Chris Lanning 15-12.

But Cini then cracked a rib against South

Lyon's Mike Richardson and was forced to retire from the tournament. Huss said Cini was at the top of his form before the mishap.

"It's probably the best I've seen him wrestle," he said in referring to the match with Lanning.

At 106 pounds, Joe Young split four matches. His was came in the first and third rounds and were both by pins.

Nick Simon also went 2-2. The 126-pounder won by pins twice.

Garrett Barrons won his first match over Mike Donahue of Walled Lake Central in the first round by a 9-5 decision. He then dropped his next two matches.

Skip Becker won one match before being eliminated as well. He was competing at 160 pounds.

Sophomore Jason Ibarra was 0-2 at 112 pounds.

Huss said he went into the meet with the hope of just seeing some good wrestling from his team.

"I thought we accomplished that to some degree," he said.

The Wildcats are in action tomorrow at Pinckney before taking a week off for the holidays.

## Novi tankers fall to Livonia Stevenson

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team of Nate Kushman, Christopher Bush and Newton won the 200-yard freestyle relay in 1:52.50.

Kelly placed first in the 100-yard backstroke with a time of 1:00.3. Novi closed the meet by winning the 400-yard freestyle relay in 3:47.17 with the team of Mitch, Newton, Kelly and Kushman.

The Wildcats, now 1-1 on the season, are off for the holidays. The squad returns to action Jan. 3

against Chelsea.

**LIVONIA STEVENSON 106, NOVI 80**  
Novi opened the season Dec. 12 with a home matchup against the Spartans.

McCord said Stevenson, traditionally, has one of the area's best freestyle relays. While Livonia wasn't as strong as years past, he said, it was still plenty tough.

"They did to us what we did to South Lyon," McCord said. "There were plenty of bright

spots, however. Kelly was on of them."  
The junior won two races. His time of 1:54.8 was good for first in the 200-yard freestyle and a 52.16 in the 100 freestyle did the same trick.

Novi was second in the 200-yard medley relay with a time of 1:57 behind LeRoy, Newton, Mitch and Kushman. Mitch was third in the 200-yard IM in 2:21.5 while Kushman grabbed third in the 50 freestyle in 26.08.

Novi had its best performance in diving. Brandon won the competition with a personal record of 218.15 points. Bush was second with 199.35 points.

Mitch won the 100-yard butterfly, 52.16. Newton was the winner of the 500 freestyle in 5:30.46. Novi's final victory came in the 400-yard freestyle relay with the team of Kelly, Kushman, Mitch and LeRoy (3:48.98).

## MHSAA advises on safety issues

High school athletes suffer numerous injuries throughout the school year.

In its monthly Bulletins, the Michigan High School Athletic Association often addresses how to avoid these injuries. The following article, from the August 1994 Bulletin, discusses ways to avoid injury.

**FENCE PROTECTION**  
During tournament play in junior varsity last season, one player sustained cuts to her face requiring more than 35 stitches. Miraculously, she had no eye injury or any other permanent damage.

The injury occurred when she chased a foul fly into a low wire fence. While the fence was originally designed with closed interlaced ends, the height of the fence placed her face in a position for injury.

Schools should address the dangerous situation of having low fences with unprotected wire ends protruding. A solution is to add

rolled placed drain tile to the top of low fencing.

**SOCCER GOALS**  
Since 1983, there have been a number of children killed when movable soccer goals have fallen on them.

The most recent case involved a six-year-old boy in June of 1992. A steel soccer frame fell on his head. According to the Consumer Product Safety Commission, climbing and hanging on the goals, as well as high winds, can cause the goals to tip.

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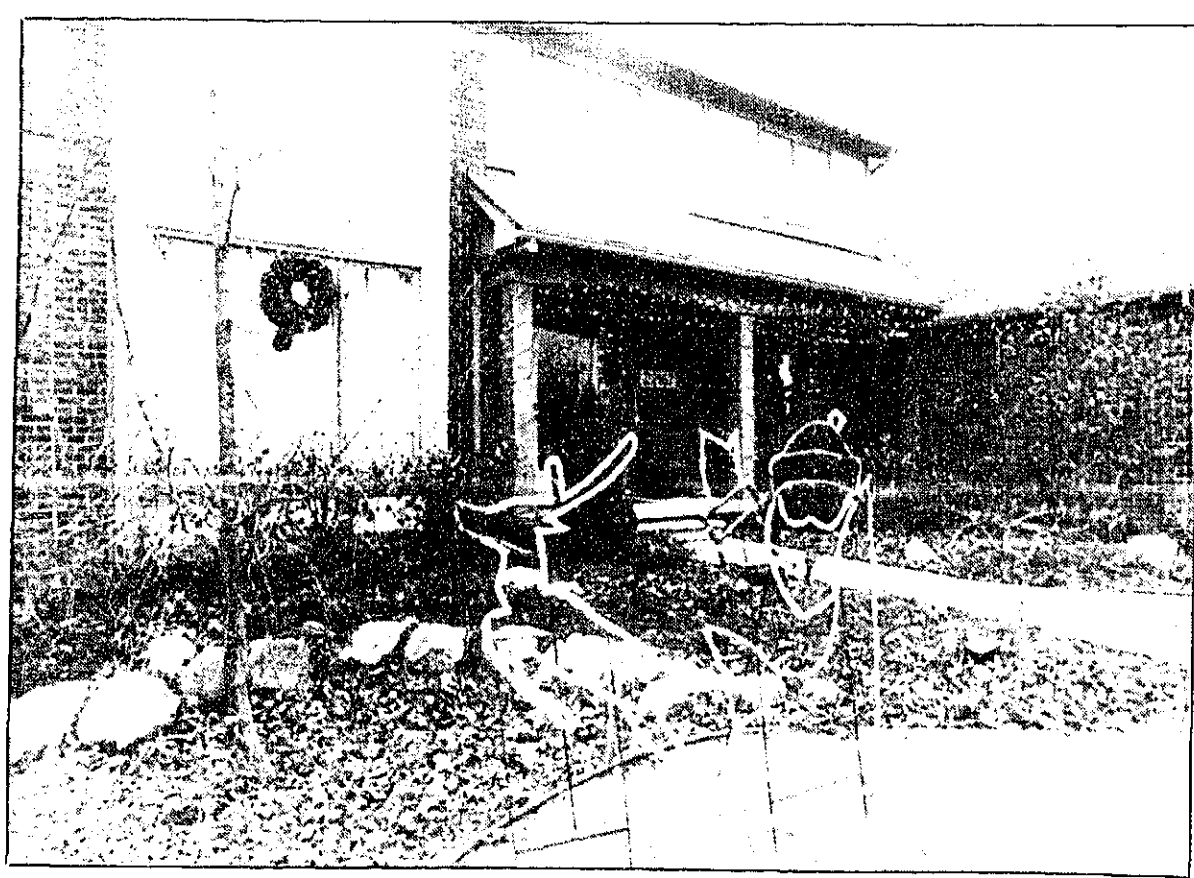
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## City to hand out awards

Christmas will be here in just two days. Hopefully everyone has their shopping done. Be sure and drive around with your family to see some of the best holiday decorated homes. The awards were presented at Monday's City Council meeting and the homes are spectacular. Everyone did a wonderful job making Novi a winter wonderland full of lights and holiday decorations.



FILE PHOTO

While you're taking holiday photos of the family or those beautiful winter scenes, keep in mind that the annual photo contest isn't far away. Entry forms are available now at the Parks and Recreation Office and local camera shops.

There's a \$100 cash prize for the best of show in both adult and youth categories. Mark your calendars for the entry deadline of Jan. 30, 1995.

Now that you can take a breath and think of life after the holidays, start planning for more fun-filled, family winter activities. Novi Parks and Recreation has some trips planned that you're sure to enjoy. Thursday, Dec. 29, why not join your friends for a trip to the Fisher Theater to see "Miss Saigon."

This stunning and moving musical portrays a society torn apart by the aftermath of war, where the American dream becomes a symbol of salvation, and the love of a G.I. and his beloved Kim struggles to survive. A deluxe motor coach departs from the Civic Center at 6:30 p.m. for the 8 p.m. show. Cost is \$58.50 for residents.

How about making plans for the

The City of Novi will be presenting awards for the best decorated homes again this year. family to see the Walt Disney World on ice presentation of "Snow White" at the Joe Louis Arena on Thursday, March 9.

The bus leaves the Civic Center at 9:30 a.m. for an 11 a.m. performance and you'll return at approximately 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for residents and kids under two are free, but you must preregister them due to space on the bus.

Your 1995 City of Novi calendar will be in your mailboxes next week. Check out Saturday, Jan. 21, and circle that date. Come and celebrate the winter with us at the annual chilly willy winter festival. We have lots of activities for "kids" of all ages, including outdoor events such as the sun-bath softball tournament, outdoor concessions, snowman building contest, snow and super soccer contest.

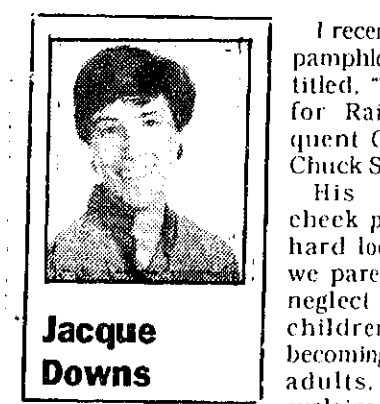
There's always something happening through the Novi Parks and Recreation Department. Check out your brochure now and sign up!

All would-be actors and actresses take note! Auditions will be held for the performance phase spring production of "The Miracle Worker" on Tuesday, Jan. 17, 7 p.m., and Wednesday, Jan. 18, 7:30 p.m. Rehearsals begin Feb. 7 and run every Tuesday evening and Saturday morning. Auditions for the spring production of the children's annex will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 7, or Thursday, Feb. 9, at 4 p.m. Rehearsals begin Feb. 21 and run every Tuesday and Thursday, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Seniors—there's something new in the works at the Senior Center! "Senior Fitness Fun" is a new and exciting exercise class for senior citizens designed to strengthen and tone muscles, assure healthy bones and increase stamina with little stress on the hips or knees. It's an excellent program for beginners and/or people with arthritis. The class will adjust to the class participants level of fitness. Join us each Thursday, beginning Jan. 19, from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. It's only \$1.50 per person (drop-in).

There's always something for everyone through Novi Parks and Recreation! Come join the fun!

## Parents should consider these steps?



Jacques Downs

I recently received a pamphlet in the mail titled, "Twelve Rules for Raising Delinquent Children," by Chuck Swindoll.

His tongue-in-cheek piece takes a hard look at things we parents forget or neglect to teach our children about becoming responsible adults. Swindoll explains that parents should consider the following 12 rules:

1. During infancy, give children everything they want. This way they will grow up to believe the world owes them a living.
2. When they say bad words, laugh at them. This will make them think they're cute.
3. Never give them any special training. When they reach 21, then let them decide themselves.
4. Avoid the use of "wrong." They may develop a guilt complex. If they are arrested for stealing a car, they will believe that society is against them and that they are being persecuted.
5. Pick up everything they leave lying around. Do everything for them so that they will be experienced in throwing all responsibility on others.
6. Let them read any printed matter they can get their hands on. Make sure that the silverware and drinking glasses are sterilized but let

their minds feast on garbage.

7. Quarrel frequently in the presence of your children. This way, they won't be shocked when the home is broken later.

8. Give your child an endless supply of money. Never let them earn their own.

9. Satisfy their every craving for food, drink and comfort. See that their every sensual desire is gratified.

10. Take their side against neighbors, teachers and policemen. They are all prejudiced against your child.

11. When they get into real trouble, apologize for yourself by saying, "I could never do anything by myself for a lifetime of grief. You must likely have it."

12. Prepare for a lifetime of grief. You must likely have it.

As Swindoll exaggerates characteristics that get parents into trouble, tinges of guilt may surface for those who realize that they are creating a potentially troubling and troubled child.

Our kids have come to expect that we will provide them with everything they request. In our Young Mothers Assistance Program, which was created to match pregnant teens with volunteer mentors, we've noticed a disturbing trend among girls: the assumption is that if you become pregnant, simply call any number of social service agencies and all of your financial and baby needs will be taken care of. When a young woman was asked how she was going to support herself and her baby, she said, "No problem. It'll just go on welfare."

Then, there is the issue of setting limits and expectations for our children. By not clearly defining right from wrong, we don't use wisdom of opportunity to teach our children our value system. In one of our community support groups for kids, we asked them if they knew what the word "value" meant - as in what values are important in their family.

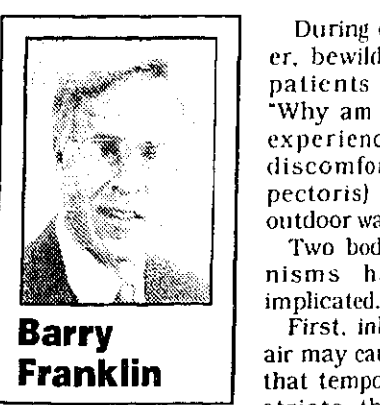
The only value this group could come up with was "money." Money? Are our values now centered solely around money? Have the values of honesty, hard work, virtuousness, kindness, responsibility, independence, resourcefulness, accountability, self-discipline, dependability, empathy, humility, thriftiness, consistency and respect disappeared?

Have we created a generation of youngsters who are empty vessels, vessels waiting to be filled with the values surrounding them? Are the values of disrespect, unkindness, non-accountability, irresponsibility, inconsistency, laziness, harshness and dishonesty those that you would like your child to absorb?

These are the very same values that are the hallmark of gangs and children who "hang" with drug and alcohol abusers. Our children will fill their vessels with values. Which values they pick up depends on us. We have an enormous task before us, but who said having children was going to be easy?

Jacques Martin-Dowms is a prevention counselor at the Community Commission on Drug Abuse (CCODA) Prevention Network, 15100 Hubbard in Livonia. This column is coordinated by Peg Campbell of the UM Health Centers.

## Cold weather can cause chest pain



Barry Franklin

During cold weather, bewildered heart patients often ask: Why am I suddenly experiencing chest discomfort (angina pectoris) during my outdoor walks? Here are some tips for staying warm during cold weather:

Exercise increases heat production by contracting skeletal muscles. That maintains your body temperature, even in sub-zero weather. When you start to shiver to generate heat, get out of the cold immediately.

- Protect body areas that lose heat easily - the head, hands and feet.
- Q. Settle a nurse: Who gets the most on-the-job exercise, a nurse or a teacher?

A. Hospital nurses win, covering five miles a day average. Dentists walked less than a mile a day. In the middle are secretaries, bankers and teachers, according to a study. Workers representing 20 occupations were asked to wear pedometers on the job.

You didn't ask, but the average adult in 70 years covers 25,000 miles on foot - the circumference of the earth.

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

Temperature alone, however, is not an accurate index of cold stress. Wind removes the

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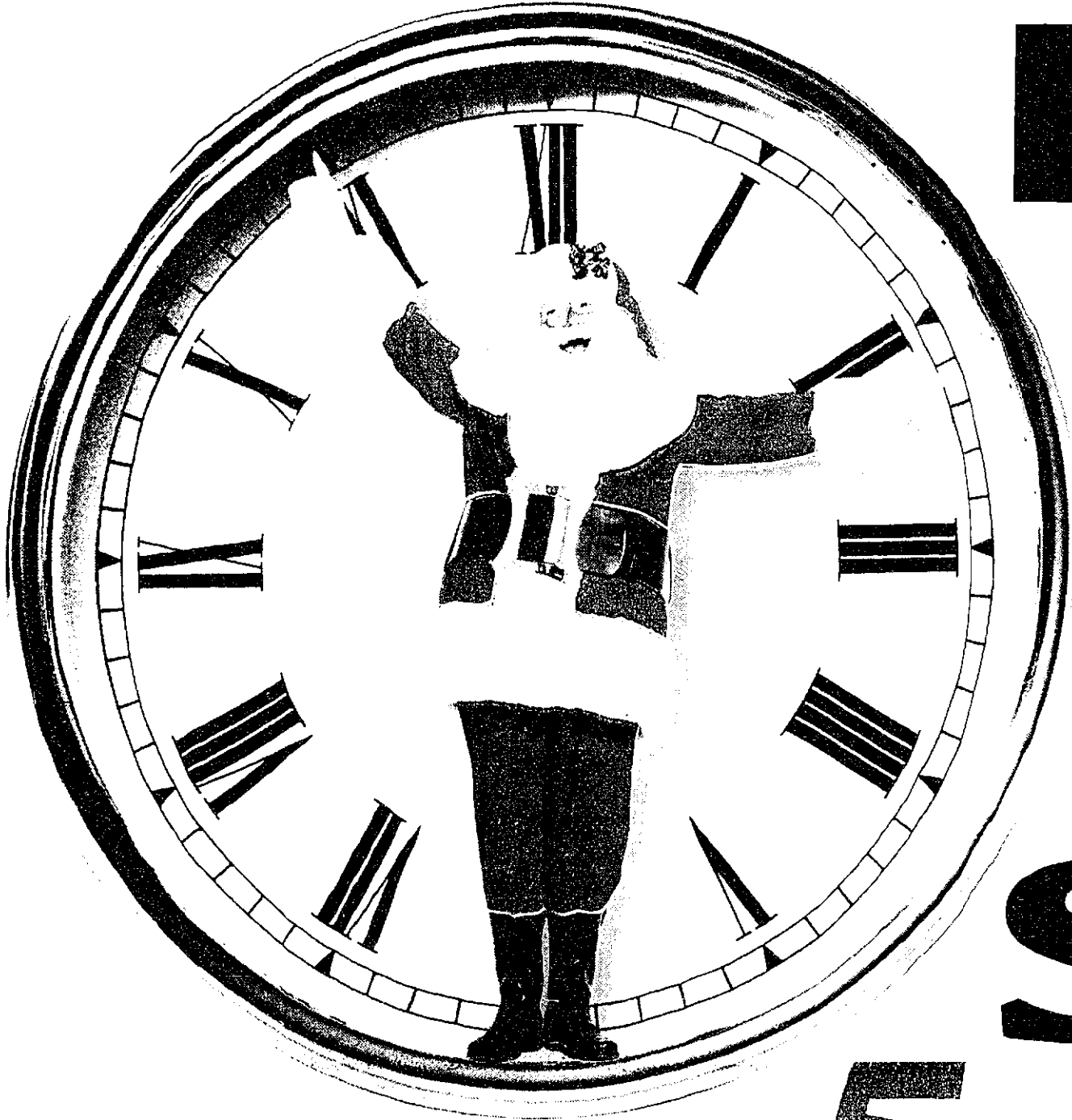
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Where Wishes Come Home for the Holidays

# SEARS



## LAST MINUTE SALE

Wrap-up your holiday shopping at Sears, Dec. 22, 23 & 24. You'll find great gifts on sale in almost every department! Hurry in, with so much on sale, time won't be the only thing that runs out.

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