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Group sets meeting on Fuerst plans

By JAN JEFFRES
 Staff Writer

You don't have to march around carrying placards emblazoned with pictures of Ruby and Iva Fuerst, if you believe their old farm at Ten Mile and Taft roads should be preserved. Kathy Mutch, a founder of Preservation Novi said this week.

A few letters and telephone calls to members of the Novi City Council wouldn't hurt though, she added.

Tuesday, Preservation Novi hosted a meeting of groups interested in saving the old home-stead. The goal was for the groups, including the Novi Arts Council, to cook up a strategy for an upcoming presentation on why the historic complex of buildings should be preserved and protected by the city.

On Jan. 10, Preservation Novi, led by new president James Antosiak, will present its formal plea for more time for a combined Novi school board and Novi City Council committee. The school district owns the Fuerst residence and barns and has suggested

that the buildings should be razed to protect the district from any legal liability.

Council Member Tim Pope, also a founder of Preservation Novi, has already approached the Novi Chamber of Commerce about the possibility of locating its headquarters in the Fuerst house. The Chamber's new board will discuss the proposal this month and in February, Pope said.

"They did express some interest in having a permanent home for the Chamber. The chamber does provide general services like convention and tourist information and city information for new residents," he added.

"Many of the chambers, like you see in downtown Northville, have their own facilities."

The Jaycees will be losing their offices in the old city building on Sixth Gate Road if Main Street is built and Pope said he plans to present his proposal to them, as well.

Another possibility is that the city's children's theater group, Performance Plus, would help

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It's been a whirlwind year for Mayor Kathy McLallen.

Photo by HAL GOULD

It's been 'great fun'

Mayor still has a lot to learn about 20-30 hour per week job

By JAN JEFFRES
 Staff Writer

It's been a whirlwind of a year for Kathy McLallen.

Since she was elected mayor in November 1993, McLallen has joined eight couples in matrimony; marched in parades; taken on the role of orator at the grand openings of everything from banks to beauty salons; answered countless phone calls from citizens; presided until the wee hours of the morning at Novi City Council meetings; sold \$2 million in real estate and let participation in her book club lag.

"You are not Dennis Archer who has a staff and his job is to put in 18 to 20 hours a day for the betterment of the city. Simply by yourself you have no power. You probably have influence. It's a weird sensation," she said in an interview last week.

"When I first became mayor, I thought 'now I'm boss, I can be mayor and do what I want.' That's a joke that lasted about 30 seconds."

Although she finds it all "great fun," McLallen said she still has a lot to learn about the job, which requires 20 to 30 mostly unpaid hours per week. Some of that learning will get intense this month as she leads Transition 21, a series of council sessions which will map out Novi's future in the last five years of this century.

"One of the biggest issues for Novi this year is we're going to have to take an extreme look at Novi's economy. What services do our citizens really want and how can we initiate them

"We will never find people like that again. They are walking encyclopedias of the city. Your city has their personality as a stamp. Sooner or later they're going to say fishing looks better than 2 a.m. meetings."

Mayor Kathleen McLallen

is an economical matter," she said.

"The city's reached a point where it's maturing, the rawness around the edges, the unfinished look has settled down. The quality of life issues will take on as much focus as the development issues. There's a little bit more sophistication."

Several months before the council budget process officially begins, its members will also be scrutinizing city finances in January with the help of Novi's auditing firm, Plante & Moran.

McLallen said the auditors are concerned that Novi's millage level has been kept below the Truth-in-Taxation benchmark over the past four years. As an example, the one-half mill to support the parks and recreation program has been assessed at a rollback level of

one-quarter mill, leaving the city with only half of the money available to it, she explained.

Then there's the impact of Proposal A on the city's revenues, something that hasn't been figured out yet.

Novi voters have made it clear, most recently in the Novi schools millage election, that they don't want their taxes raised, McLallen said. But with the city's influx of affluent new residents with new ideas about what a city government should provide, the mayor said the council will need to take a close look at whether Novi can continue to operate without a tax hike.

"The challenge to the city council is how to deliver on those expectations. The population of the city has expanded and we have not added any major staff," she said.

"Novi's always had the pleasure of running a lean government. That's very stressful. Our people work so hard, they really do."

To develop and maintain the new park land, to keep snow whisked off the miles of new city subdivision streets takes more staff, she said.

Residents also could be asked to dip into their pockets for possible new bond issues, including one to finance the development of the park land the city has been stockpiling. In addition, paying for a proposed senior center housing complex and a proposed lakeside community center could be done by through general obligation bonds, which increase the millage burden on local property owners.

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Photo by HAL GOULD

Flying fifth grader

Winter arrived with the new year and Pete Kobylarer, a fifth grader, celebrated both on the sledding hill at Novi Woods Elementary School Jan. 2.

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 AUTO SHOW

Man shoots himself in the leg

A 34-year-old Novi man accidentally shot himself in the leg in his home on Dec. 23, according to a report released by Novi Police this week.

When police arrived at the man's home, they found him laying on the floor next to a bed in the living room. According to the police report, the gunshot left a large hole underneath the man's right knee.

The man's roommate had tied a black tourniquet above the knee before he left the home. A pool of

blood lay beside the empty .30 carbine shell on the floor.

While Novi paramedics treated the man at the scene, the victim told police he had shot himself. But he wouldn't tell police where the gun that had caused the damage was.

Police confiscated three other guns from the man's home but none matched the one used in the shooting.

A witness at the scene told police the man's roommate had called him at home and told him

that the man had shot himself at about 4:30 p.m.

The witness told police he drove over to the home thinking he was just going to pick up the man's roommate and take him to the hospital to see his injured friend. But when he got to the home, he found the man on the floor.

The witness told the roommate to call police. He did and then left the home in his gray, flatbed truck with wooden sides.

Police ran a computer check of the truck and the roommates

identity which both turned up clean.

While police collected evidence at the scene, the witness phoned the roommate from a Novi sergeant's car. The roommate agreed to return to the scene at police requests.

Once the man returned, police searched and found the weapon used in the shooting. The man was released after the victim admitted the shooting was self-inflicted.

Police want out of crossing guard biz

By SHARON CONDRON
 Staff Writer

Novi Police are looking for a crossing guard to help elementary aged students get across Nine Mile Road and into the Northville School District's Thornton Creek Elementary.

The school, located on Nine Mile Road between Taft and Beck roads, is in the Northville School District but within the City of Novi limits.

Police officers have been serving as crossing guards at the school since the building opened last fall but now the department is looking for someone else to do the job.

Crossing guards will work the Nine Mile/Galway Road intersection from 8:30 to 9 a.m. and 3:30-4 p.m. They will be paid \$15 a day. Northville Public Schools and the Novi Police Department will split the cost, according to school officials.

A traffic study taken before the onset of the school year indicated traffic volumes warrant a crossing guard at that intersection and at the Taft Road and Nine Mile crossing, but a change made to the school district's busing routes earlier this year eliminated the need for a crossing guard at the Taft Road point.

Those interested in the position should call the police department at 348-7100.

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.

Today, January 5

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

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

Friday, January 6

TOPS: TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) of Walled Lake will hold an open house from 7 p.m. at the Walled Lake Community Education Bldg., room 120, 615 N. Pontiac Trail. No charge. No obligation. For more information call (810) 960-8444 or (810) 624-0273.

Sunday, January 8

Motorsports Memorabilia: The Motorsports Hall of Fame is holding a Memorabilia and Collectibles Show from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the museum in the Novi Expo Center Sunday, 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the museum in the Novi Expo Center Sunday, 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. For more information call 349-1646.

Monday, January 9

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

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

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

American Business Women's Assoc.: The Novi Oaks

Charter Chapter of the American Business Women's Association will meet at Country Estate Restaurant on Grand River. Social Hour is at 6:30 p.m. with dinner at 7 p.m. followed by a general membership meeting. Cost is \$15. All working women are invited. For reservations call Betty Busher at (313) 297-7708. For membership information, call 960-9550.

TOPS: Take Off Pounds Sensibly for all ages meets at 7 p.m. at Novi Meadows School, Room 6. For more information, call 348-9601.

Tuesday, January 10

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 7:40 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center. There is no charge to attend and all players are welcome. For more information, call Tom Sawallier, 344-9853 evenings after 6 p.m.

CHADD: Children with Attention Deficit Disorders of South Western Oakland County, serving the Novi school district, will hold a support group meeting at the Spirit of Christ Lutheran Church, 46700 W. Ten Mile between Meadowbrook and Haggerty roads. Registration begins at 6:45 p.m. and the meeting at 7 p.m. Parents, educators and health care professionals are welcome. There is a \$5 donation for non-members. For information call the hotline 486-2876.

Wednesday, January 11

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

Seniors potluck: The Novi Senior Social Club will gather at noon

in the Novi Civic Center for their monthly potluck luncheon.

AARP Meets: The Walled Lake Area Chapter of the American Association of Retired People holds its monthly meeting at 1 p.m. at the Walled Lake Community Education Center, formerly Walled Lake Middle School, 615 N. Pontiac Trail. Any Lakes Area community member 50 or over is welcome to attend. Call 960-8444, or (810) 629-9199 for more information.

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

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

Business Network International: The Farmington Hills chapter of the Business Network International, made up of members from 10 neighboring communities, meets at 7 a.m. at the Tollgate 411 Education Center, Twelve Mile at Meadowbrook Road. For chapter information or an invitation to one of the meetings, please call 642-7725.

Thursday, January 12

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

Parks meeting: The Novi Parks and Recreation Commission will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center.

SWOCC Meeting: The Southwest Oakland Cable Commission will meet at SWOCC Studio Studio, 24021 Research Ave., Farmington Hills at 6 p.m. A study session will be held at 7 p.m.



Photo by HAL GOULD

Flying so high

Winter so far has been pretty mild. But the snow fell this week and temperatures dropped. That led children and other winter sports enthusiasts to get out their sleds, skies or skates and

begin to enjoy the season. Above, fifth grader Derek Cole hits the jump at Novi Woods Elementary School Jan. 2.

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Police looking into rash of north end thefts, vandalism

By SHARON CONDRON Staff Writer

Novi Police have been plagued with a rash of crimes over the past few weeks that have left a trail of destruction and theft and no suspects in custody.

Weeks ago police responded to a slew of smashed car and business windows they believed were shot out by someone using a carbon dioxide pellet gun. Last week several Novi motorists were victims of slashed tires.

This week, police are looking for the suspect or suspects responsible for a string of attempted thefts and successful thefts from automobiles parked in the Beachwalk and Pavillion Court apartments parking lots.

Eight vehicles parked in the two lots on Dec. 18 were the targets of the suspects' attempts to steal car stereo equipment. Four of the eight vehicles reportedly were damaged but nothing was stolen from inside. Cassette radios and a radar detector were stolen from the other four.

Police suspect the thieves used an instrument similar to a slim jim to open the doors to the cars. In some cases, entry was gained. In other cases the window frame was bent and damaged.

A Beachwalk apartment resident heard a noise in the parking lot that morning at 4:30 a.m. but when he turned on the porch light he saw nothing unusual. The next day, he discovered his car stereo had been stolen from his 1993 Saturn.

Police are looking for any tips in any of the above cases. Residents with any information are urged to call the police department at 348-7100.

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Daughter calls cops on angry dad

Police were called to a Novi family's home on Dec. 21 after the parents in the home learned the teenage daughter had parted her nose without their permission.

The daughter called police because she had never seen her father so angry, the report stated. But when police arrived the argument had tapered, and the daughter appeared calm.

There were no signs of physical abuse and all three parties confirmed the argument was strictly a verbal confrontation.

Police News

POSSESSION: A 29-year-old Novi man was arrested for driving drunk when police stopped his Pontiac Transport on Dec. 18 after he allegedly disobeyed a red traffic light. The man, who has never been suspended from the right of Nine Mile and Novi roads, police said.

The driver also made a wide left turn onto Novi Road that caused him to run off the road and onto the shoulder.

After police made the traffic stop, they said they discovered the man had been drinking inside the vehicle. Police also discovered the man's wife in possession of a marijuana cigarette and his towel in the back seat with a cup full of beer.

The woman was arrested for possession and hooked along with her husband, who was charged with operating under the influence.

TRAFFIC VIOLATION: A 19-year-old West Bloomfield man was arrested for possession of marijuana and narcotics paraphernalia after police saw they watched him run a red light, cross over two lanes of traffic and illegally enter Twelve Oaks mall property.

Police were stopped at the Novi Road, Twelve Oaks intersection when the driver approached the intersection but failed to slow down for the red light. At the last moment, the driver allegedly slammed on his brakes and slid towards southbound Novi Road while exiting Twelve Oaks mall.

The 21-year-old Livonia man was taken to the station and booked on the charges.

SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE: Police were alerted to a suspicious vehicle on the list who sold a six pack of beer to the two underage decoys without first asking for identification.

The store clerk told police he wasn't paying attention because there had been a recent death in his family. He then asked police to forget the entire incident ever occurred.

When police denied his request, officers said he got belligerent and tried to put the blame on the girls, whom he said may have stolen the six pack.

DECOY OPERATION: The Novi Party Store was the only one of 16 local establishments that was stung by the Novi Police Department's annual decoy operation on Dec. 20.

In conjunction with the Liquor Control Commission, the police department hired two underage decoys to shop local establishments and attempt to purchase alcohol from local restaurants, bars and party stores.

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Novi Briefs

Card recycling: While you're sweeping up all the remains of this year's Christmas, don't throw out those cards.

Instead, clip off the decorative fronts and take them to the Resource Recovery and Recycling Authority of Southwest Oakland County (RRRASOC) because the authority's in need of a little holiday cheer.

RRRASOC will send the cards to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tenn. The charity, which treats kids struck by cancer, hopes to raise more funds by collecting just the fronts and remaking them into new, reusable and recycled greeting cards.

From Dec. 27 to Jan. 15, you can drop off the card fronts at RRRASOC's Southfield office at 20000 West Eight Mile Road, located at its new Recycle America materials recovery facility (RMF).

Office hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., weekdays.

One for the Daytimers: The City of Novi Homeowners Association will hold a general meeting on Jan. 10 at 7 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center. The session will include an explanation by City Assessor James Klausmeyer of how Proposal A impacts your taxes, as well as a discussion of two proposed ordinances one regarding recreation vehicles and the other concerning door-to-door solicitation.

In addition, Planning Commissioner Pete Headley will talk about his campaign to get the Berk Road/196 interchange rebuilt and modernized.

Tree recycling: Start a new holiday tradition - recycle your Christmas tree at an Oakland County park.

After March 1, 1995, yard waste, including Christmas trees, will not be accepted by landfills. Dan Steneil, chief of park operations, said, "Residents have a made good start. We've recycled more than 15,000 trees in three years. The chips are used for compost and nature trail cover."

Oakland County Parks will accept holiday trees Saturday, Jan. 7, and Sunday, Jan. 8, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 10 locations. Recycling sites include Lyon Oaks in Lyon Township; Glen Oaks Golf Course in Farmington Hills. Recycling is offered the entire month of January only at Independence Oaks County Park, from 8 a.m. to dusk.

Branches and toping made of natural materials will also be accepted. Plastic and metal must be removed. Residents recycling trees can register to win an Oakland County Parks annual vehicle permit (a \$22 value) or Summer Fun Passbook (a \$60 value). Additionally, they will receive a coupon for free entry to the annual Earth Fair at Independence Oaks Nature Center Saturday, April 22.

For more information, call (810) 858-0900.

Math questions upgraded as state tests proficiency

By TIM RICHARD Staff Writer

Math tests tomorrow won't be like math tests yesterday. They'll be more important and more in-depth.

"Tomorrow," in Michigan, means the graduating class of 1997. Students who want a state-endorsed diploma must pass proficiency tests in reading, writing (that's new), math and science. They can still get the local district's diploma if they don't qualify for a state endorsement.

The tests will reflect Michigan's new core curriculum standards, adopted by the State Board of Education. No longer will they test "discrete facts and skills ... transmitted through lecture and recitation."

The tests will emphasize "information processing, critical and creative reasoning ... and solving real problems. In other words, it is no longer sufficient to simply 'know' mathematical facts; learners must be able to understand the concepts behind them and be able to apply them ... according to the core curriculum outline."

So are you ready to try the 11th grade math test of tomorrow? It's 625 questions, but you probably won't need it. Here are some samples:

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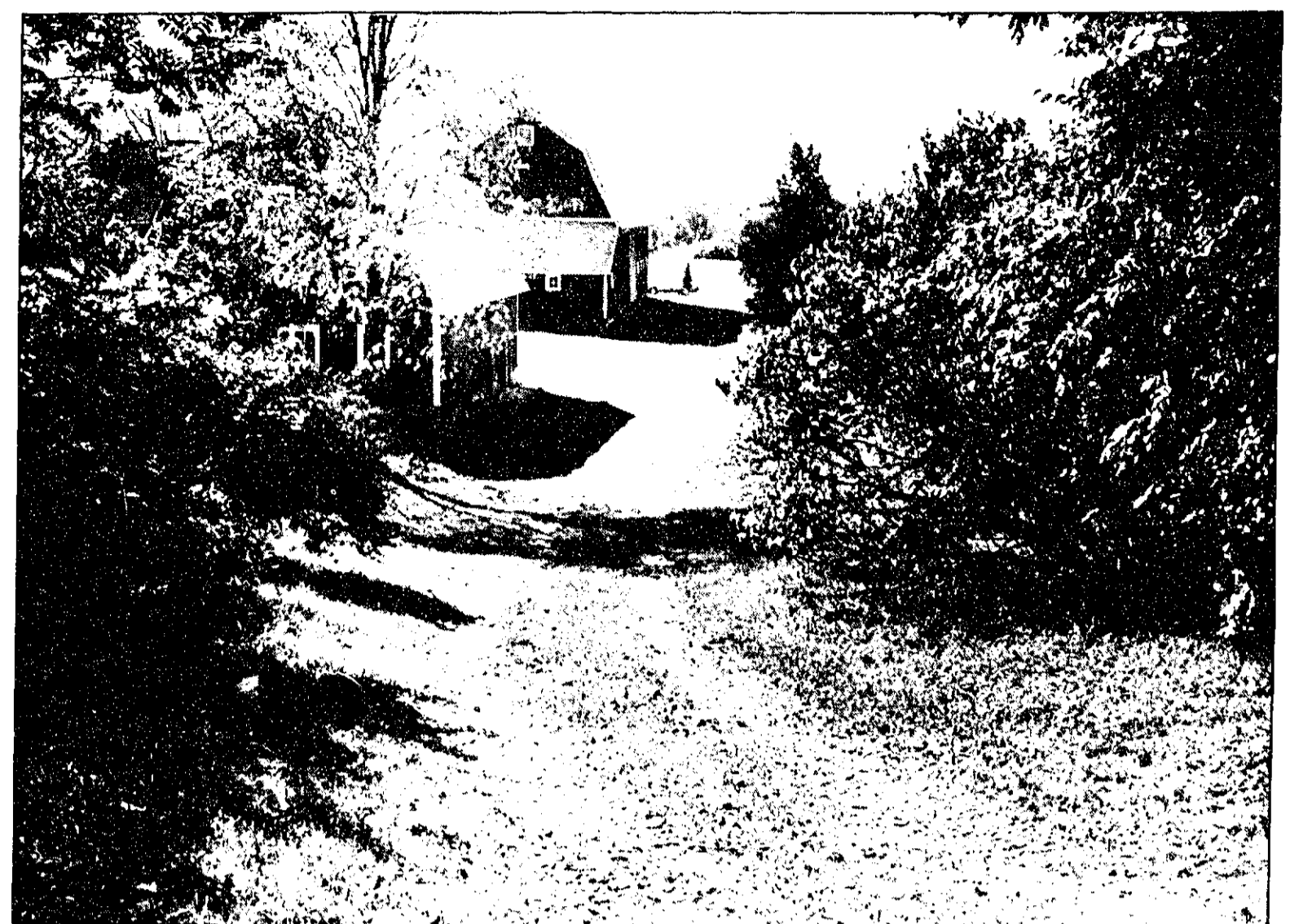
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A view of the Fuerst farm, looking south from the sisters' old farm house.

Session set to save estate

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restore one of the barns, for use as a playhouse, he said.

"Preservation Novi really hopes to bring all different groups together to make that decision. It's my intention that any service groups that may have a presence there would pay rent and help restore it with sweat equity," Pope explained.

Preservation Novi is negotiating with an architect, with the aim of getting a formal assessment of the site.

"I think we have a commitment to it, at least documenting the buildings and the site regardless of what happens to it. It's still important to us that we have a

historical opinion," Mutch said.

"We're looking at it as for-use buildings. Everybody agrees nobody can afford to maintain it as a museum piece. They have to function in some way."

The group has been encouraged by Americana Foundation Executive Director Marlene Flaherty, who has toured the Fuerst site, to apply with that organization for grant money. The Americana Foundation owns much of the land at Tullgate Farm.

In late 1994, the committee gave Mutch and Preservation Novi the charge of determining the feasibility of restoring the buildings, a proposal of how they would be used and how all this would be

restored. "The way it is now, the school board has said to the city council we have no plans for this property except possibly as a parking lot," she explained.

"The schools are not at all interested in using the facility for any kind of educational purpose. They do not see any reason to get into an educational program on rural life."

The Chamber is currently housed in the Novi Expo Center. A new-disbanded committee set up by the school district to study the Fuerst site had a list of recommended uses, including as an educational center.

"A number of people who were

on the Fuerst committee are still actively interested in what happens to the property. Lots of people are supportive and think that everybody else feels the way they do," Mutch, who was on this committee, said.

"The city council will need to hear from people about what their ideas are, whether or not they support the city acquiring the property and developing it as a community resource."

The Fuerst committee will meet Jan. 10 at 7:30 p.m. in the mayor's conference room at the Novi Civic Center.

Recycling loose fill peanuts

While the practice of recycling evergreens decorated for the holidays has become quite popular, so too has the act of recycling those plastic loose-fill "peanuts" found in holiday packages.

Once again for this holiday season, gift-givers may recycle their plastic loose-fill peanuts at participating Mail Boxes Etc. Center locations.

According to Mail Boxes Etc. franchise owner Les Breare in Novi, more than 1,600 of MBE's 2,400 centers nationwide participate in this national loose fill collection program. The Novi outlet is located

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Drowsy drivers a danger on the road

Falling asleep at the wheel of your car can have dangerous, and often fatal, consequences.

According to a 1993 National Commission on Sleep Disorders research, drowsy drivers actually cause more fatalities per accident than drunken drivers. In fact, the report says, nearly 40 million Americans have chronic sleep problems which can present a serious threat to themselves and others.

The U.S. Department of Transportation estimates that at least 200,000 traffic accidents each year are due to driver fatigue. A study by the National Transportation Safety Board found that one-third of all truck accidents resulting in the death of the driver probably were caused by sleep deprivation.

"Sleepiness slows reaction time, decreases awareness and impairs judgment, just like drugs or alcohol," said Jerry Basch, manager of AAA Michigan's Community Safety Services.

The AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety has released a brochure titled "Wake Up!" The 11-page brochure has information on sleeping and driving, with a true and false section, a list of danger signs and tips to help motorists stay alert and out of trouble.

Here are some suggestions to avoid driving tired:

- Start any trip by getting enough sleep the night before. Plan to drive during time periods when you are normally awake.

Stay overnight rather than driving straight through.

- Avoid driving during your body's natural "down" time. Take a mid-afternoon break and find a place to sleep between midnight and 6 a.m.
- Talk with your passenger if you have someone else in the car. A passenger can also let you know when you are showing signs of sleepiness. If your passenger thinks you are getting sleepy, let someone else drive.

The stretch of Grand River Avenue crossing through Farmington will turn into a class act if some college students have their way.

A project involving the Farmington Beautification Commission and Southfield's Lawrence Technological University's (LTU) College of Architecture and Design will examine ways to improve things aesthetically from Orchard Lake Road west as far as Drake Road.

"It's a pretty big deal for them," said beautification member Marisa Miller, who helped arrange the cooperative venture.

Miller got the idea from a similar project she heard about in Grosse

Students to give Grand River a makeover

Pointe Woods, which she said went over well with businesses there. She suggested it last year during a beautification committee goals and planning session with Farmington City Council.

In Novi, the city has its own Grand River Corridor Committee, which has recommended establishing a unique identity for the historic road as an entranceway into this town.

LTU students will start in January and report their findings in May, after a preliminary report in March. Grand River storefronts, signs, parking and landscaping are some of the areas they'll focus on.

LTU Professor Will Allen's class-

es have been involved in similar projects in Franklin Village, Brighton and Ann Arbor.

"The students are in the position to really say what they mean," said LTU architecture president James Abernethy, a past member of the Farmington Planning Commission.

"They know they're not getting paid by the city. They're not getting paid by the DDAs (Downtown Development Authority). They're not getting paid by anyone."

"They can come out and call it like it is. That's the beauty of academic freedom."

Letters are going out to businesses along the corridor in Farmington, informing them about the

project and asking for their participation. Owners can view and make suggestions on alternative improvements in the area.

The project is being done at no cost to the city or businesses.

Grand River in Farmington features many stately and historic buildings, especially downtown. Entrance ways are one area that students will likely examine. They will focus on portraying Farmington's quaint, warm image, she added.

"Those involved stress the student endeavor is not affiliated with any ongoing contracted city projects. The project is being coordinated with other committees."

Children's colds: Unfortunately, the winter season has returned to Michigan. This change in weather can also increase the frequency with which colds, sore throats and ear infections strike children.

Jeffrey Weingarten, MD, will host a lecture session about these childhood illnesses entitled, "Tonsillitis and Ear Infections" Thursday, Jan. 19, at Providence Medical Center-Providence Park's Conference Center, Room C. The lecture begins at 7 p.m. The medical center is located at 47601 Grand River Avenue at Beck.

The session will include a slide presentation, helpful tips on how to handle ear and tonsil problems, and ways to minimize and treat a child's discomfort.

There is no charge for this lecture, but seating is limited and reservations are required. To obtain further information or to register, please call 1-800-968-5595.

Health Notes

Breastfeeding: Expectant mothers who plan to breastfeed their babies can find helpful information and encouragement in a two-hour class sponsored by Providence Hospital and Medical Centers on Tues. day, Jan. 10.

The class will focus on the preparation for breastfeeding, breastfeeding basics, common problems and solutions, the working mom and family relationships. Fathers are welcome and encouraged to attend.

There is a \$10 fee for the class, and reservations are required. Call 1-800-968-5595 to register. The class meets from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Providence Park Health Education Resource Center at Providence Medical Center-Providence Park at 47601 W. Grand River Ave.

Productivity and Stress: Huron Valley Hospital is offering "Productivity and Stress," a four-hour program designed to heighten stress awareness and provide tools that will convert daily stressors into positive energy. The program is offered in cooperation with the National Center for Health Promotion based in Ann Arbor.

The program will run Saturday, Jan. 21 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The fee is \$55. Preregistration is required by Wednesday, Jan. 18.

To preregister or for more information, call the Office of Community Health at (810) 360-3314.



Mother and daughter sledding
Flying into the new year, Kylie Barnes, 4, and mother Teri were out sledding in Hynes Park Monday, Jan. 2, making good use of both the holiday and the new fallen snow.

Spring home show comes to Expo

The third annual Spring Home and Garden Show at the Novi Expo Center is opening just in time to help Michigan homeowners plan their spring remodeling projects.

National statistics show residential remodeling at \$116 billion for 1994 with a projected increase to \$175 billion by the year 2000. Top three home remodeling projects are kitchens, baths and decks or patios. A survey among real estate agents shows that a high percentage of the cost of these jobs is recouped when the house is sold.

"Hundreds of creative and new ideas for the home and garden can be found under one roof," said Janet L. Camp, president of the non-profit Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan (BASM) and chief executive officer of

James D. Camp, Inc., in Farmington Hills. BASM is the event sponsor. "We are so pleased to be able to offer today's busy homeowners this one-stop shopping opportunity. The exhibitors show specials mean great bargains for attendees."

The show opens on Thursday, Feb. 2, and runs through Sunday, Feb. 5. Special highlights include gardens created by Metropolitan Detroit Landscape Association, demonstrations on decorating, home repair and remodeling. WXYT's Ask the Handyman Clean Home on Feb. 4-5, spring and holiday floral arrangements by the Professional Allied Florist Association and contests with daily prizes.

Over 200 exhibitors will show their most interesting and up-to-date products and services for kitchens, baths, decks, windows, and gardens, remodeling, furniture, arts and crafts, decorative accessories, electronics, appliances, heating and cooling.

BASM also sponsors the 77th annual International Builders Home Flower and Furniture Show at the Cobo Convention Exhibition Center and the third annual Fall Remodeling Show at the Novi Expo Center.

Show hours are from 2 p.m.-10 p.m., Thursday and Friday; 10 a.m.-10 p.m., Saturday; and 10 a.m.-8 p.m., Sunday. Admission is \$6 for adults; \$4 for seniors; \$3 for children 6-12; children under 6 are admitted free.

For more information call (810) 737-4478.

Library Notes

Book discussion: *Seneca Falls Intimacy*, a mystery by Miriam G. Montefiore, will be the subject of the next Novi Library Book Discussion Group on Monday, Jan. 9, at 7 p.m. Anyone is invited to participate in the discussion. For more information, please call the library at 349-0720.

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF ANNUAL RETURN

Persons to Section 6014(b) of the Internal Revenue Code, notice is hereby given that the annual return for the calendar year 1994 of THE VINCENZI TRUST (NHT793), a private foundation, is available at the foundation's principal office for inspection during regular business hours, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., by any person who requests it within 180 days after the date of the publication.

The foundation's principal office is located at 4113 LaSalle, Novi, Michigan 48165. The principal manager of the foundation is JOHN VINCENZI. The telephone number of the principal office is 478-3303.

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CITY OF NOVI NOTICE

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

Applications may be obtained by calling the Clerk's Office at 347-6456. 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. (12-22-29-94 & 1-5-12-95 NR, NV)

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CITY OF NOVI 1995 MEETING SCHEDULE

REGULAR MEETINGS OF CITY COUNCIL

January 9th and 23rd
February 6th and 20th
March 6th and 20th
April 10th and 24th
May 1st and 15th
June 5th and 19th
July 10th and 24th
August 7th and 21st
September 11th and 25th
October 2nd and 16th
November 6th and 20th
December 4th and 18th

Regular Council Meetings are held at 8:00 p.m., prevailing Eastern Time in the Novi Civic Center Council Chambers, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road.

PLANNING COMMISSION - 1st and 2nd Wednesdays of each month at 7:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - 1st Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION - 2nd Thursday of month at 7:30 a.m., in the Council Chambers (if needed).

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION - 2nd Thursday of month at 7:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers.

HISTORICAL COMMISSION - 2nd Thursday of month at 7:30 p.m., in the Old Township Hall - West of Library, 45275 W. Ten Mile Road.

LIBRARY BOARD - 2nd Monday of month at 7:30 p.m., in the Public Library, 45245 W. Ten Mile Road.

HAZARDOUS CHEMICALS APPEAL BOARD - 2nd Tuesday of month at 7:30 p.m., in Civic Center (if needed).

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Bad start to a new year

It was a very unhappy new year for two local men who, at midnight, were sitting handcuffed in the back of a Northville Township police car. Both were arrested for drunk driving after they got into a traffic accident near Seven Mile and Northridge Drive at about 11:50 p.m. Dec. 31. One is an 18-year-old Northville resident. The other, 28, lives in Livonia. The 18-year-old admitted

he been drinking. The older driver said he'd stopped drinking about 20 minutes before the accident. Huron Valley Ambulance personnel transported two passengers from the scene to St. Mary's Hospital in Livonia. Information on their condition was not available. Both drivers were taken to the police department, but the 28-year-old later asked for treatment of chest pains.

Lawmakers may combine courts

Michigan's legal leaders are pushing a plan to replace local circuit, probate and district courts with a single trial court.

The state would provide full state funding of court operations, a regional administrator of trial courts, and a confidential system of assessing judges' performance.

The State Bar of Michigan's 150-member Representative Assembly will hold a special meeting Jan. 14 in Lansing to debate the proposal. It is being put forth by the Bar's 21st Century Courts Committee. And it's likely to be controversial.

"I think the impetus was (Gov.) John Engler and the Legislature itself," said Birmingham attorney Robert B. Webster, co-chair of the 21st Century plan.

"They told us there isn't any more money (for more trial judges). But we'd be interested in funding the streamlining (of courts)," said Webster, himself an Oakland Circuit judge from 1973-82.

The plan could be implemented in phases. This year we could see significant progress on funding the court's (computerized) information system very quickly. Statewide funding of court operations could occur very quickly.

You could unify the district and circuit courts without a constitutional amendment. You could set up regional administration by legislative funding and court rules.

But to unify the probate courts would take a constitutional amendment (approved by voters). "The Michigan Constitution still says there shall be a probate court," he said.

Webster and Bruce W. Neckers of Grand Rapids co-chaired a panel of seven that met

monthly during most of 1993. Ex-officio (non-voting) members included judges of all levels, such as Court of Appeals Judge Martin Doctoroff of Southfield, and Wendy Putts of Birmingham who chairs the State Bar's legislation committee.

They expect argument. Some small-county probate judges handle only a handful of cases a year. Some cities and counties have lost population but don't want to lose judges and court jobs. Some thoughtful specialists say there should be a separate domestic relations court, combining parts of the circuit and probate courts' work.

But there are many signs reform is coming. Engler last year vowed to veto legislative bills creating more judges, working particular handshakes on Oakland County, the Farmington and Walled Lake areas. The state is battling a lawsuit over its full funding of Detroit and Wayne County courts but not suburban Wayne County and outstate courts.

Grand Rapids area legislators opened that battle last year during House budget debates. Michigan's trial courts are like a series of rigid pigeonholes.

Horizontally, they are split into circuit (felony cases, major civil trials, divorces), probate (estates, juvenile matters) and district (misdemeanors and ordinance cases). In addition, Detroit has a recorder's court handling only criminal cases.

Vertically, they are split into geographic districts varying from several counties (circuit) to a single community (some district courts). Voters become confused and pick "name" candidates.

Here is an outline of the 21st Century Committee's plan:

1. A single trial court. Lines between circuit, probate and district courts would be erased. In large jurisdictions, there would be some room for specialization (e.g., domestic relations). Legislators and judges would work out details. All judges would be paid the same. New electoral districts would have to be developed with an eye on the federal law requiring racial and ethnic participation.

2. A regional administrative judge (RAJ). The state would be divided into eight to 12 regions (780,000 to 1.2 million population). The chief justice of the Supreme Court would appoint RAJs for a four-year term. RAJs would prepare budgets and assign judges and cases within the region, crossing geographic lines when necessary. (Currently, such assignments are made by the state court administrator in Lansing.)
3. State funding. The 14-year debate over the preferential treatment given Wayne County and Detroit would end. The state would pay the salaries of judges and their staffs, training costs, transcripts, juries, witness fees, indigent counsel, interpreters and the regional administrative judges.

4. Local units would pay for courthouses and physical facilities, although there could be state allowances. 4. Assessment of judges. An agency or committee that is broadly based and composed of persons of independent quality drawn from the bench, the bar and non-lawyers familiar with the judicial system would evaluate all judges' performance for impartiality, "avoidance of impropriety, freedom from personal bias" and ability to decide issues based on the law and facts without regard to the identity of the parties or counsel, the popularity of the decision and without fear of criticism.
5. Computerized information system.

Public Access

The following is the MetroVision Channel 12 community access program schedule for the coming week.

MONDAY, JANUARY 9

10:00 a.m.—Cash Talks: Novi Fire Department
11:00 a.m.—Coffee and Conversation
12:00 p.m.—Farmington Hills Police Journal
12:30 p.m.—Dollars and Sense with J.R.
1:00 p.m.—Seniors on the Move
1:30 p.m.—The World of Life: Why was the Unknown Prophet Unknown?
2:00 p.m.—Complementary Health Talk and Touch Therapeutic Massage
3:00 p.m.—Sampler Pioneer Women - Their Lives Through Song
4:00 p.m.—One Pizza Bagel
4:30 p.m.—Farmington Musical: To God be the Glory
5:30 p.m.—Dickerman Showcase: One Flight Up
6:30 p.m.—Bagels and Talk with Tracy and Phil
7:00 p.m.—AARP: Pre-Retirement Planning
7:30 p.m.—Adventures with Pirate Pete
8:00 p.m.—Black Tie Optional

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10

10:00 a.m.—Seniors Beware
11:00 a.m.—Drawing Men to Christ
12:00 p.m.—Adventures with Pirate Pete
12:30 p.m.—Senior Messenger
1:30 p.m.—Happiest People Alive
2:00 p.m.—Salon Glamour and Etiquette with Gloria: Hands to Good Health
3:00 p.m.—Alaska - Two Ways to See the Last Frontier
3:30 p.m.—Michigan Skydiving
4:00 p.m.—Library Checks It Out
4:30 p.m.—Community Kids
5:00 p.m.—Lansing Connection
5:30 p.m.—Living with Your Addictions
6:00 p.m.—Impact Video
6:30 p.m.—Business and Residential News
7:00 p.m.—Cash Talks: Novi Police Journal
7:30 p.m.—Farmington Hills Police Journal
8:00 p.m.—Salon Glamour and Etiquette with Gloria: Hands to Good Health
9:00 p.m.—Let's Talk with Ben Marks

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11

10:00 a.m.—Legislative Forum
10:30 a.m.—The Job Show
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.—Novi Talkin' History: Dr. Tom Heilig
2:30 p.m.—D.A.S.H. Dakota Fire Safety
3:00 p.m.—Walled Lake Casino
3:30 p.m.—Crisis in the Modern Family: Conflict/Resolution
4:00 p.m.—Legally Speaking
5:30 p.m.—Groove Session
6:00 p.m.—Farmington's Past People and Places
6:30 p.m.—Cash Talks: Novi Fire Department
7:00 p.m.—A Culinary Adventure: Was a Hobo
8:30 p.m.—Novi News Week
9:00 p.m.—Coffee and Conversation
9:30 p.m.—Law Talk: Anatomy of a Criminal Trial

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12

10:00 a.m.—Farmington Hills Volunteers
11:00 a.m.—Neighborhood Meeting

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13

10:00 a.m.—Money Talks
1:00 p.m.—Musical/Cultural/Multicultural Community Council: Rabbi Sherwin Wine
2:00 p.m.—My Vote Counts
2:30 p.m.—Senior Spotlight: Hearing Impaired Services
3:00 p.m.—Business and Residential News
3:30 p.m.—Viewpoint
4:00 p.m.—Law Talk: Anatomy of a Criminal Trial
5:00 p.m.—Night Life
6:00 p.m.—I Remember When I Was a Hobo
6:30 p.m.—Novi News Week
7:00 p.m.—Prescription for Your Health: Sinuses
7:30 p.m.—Dollars and Sense with J.R.
8:00 p.m.—Good Health Exercise
8:30 p.m.—John Akouri Live
9:00 p.m.—Motorsports: Solar Powered Cars

Desire to be topic of AAUW speaker

The Jan. 10 meeting of the Northville-Novu Branch of AAUW will present the University of Michigan psychologist, David M. Buss, speaking on his recently published book, *The Evolution of Desire: Strategies of Human Mating* (Basic Books, \$22).

The *Evolution of Desire: Strategies of Human Mating* represents more than 10 years of research, including dozens of studies of societies across the globe. The largest study involved more than 10,000 people from 37 cultures.

His conclusions will range from areas of conflict for couples to the desire for a chaste mate from male college students. Many of the results of his studies are provocative.

Buss, 40, was educated at the

University of Texas and at the University of California at Berkeley. He is director of the International Consortium of Personality and Social Psychologists.

The meeting will be held Tuesday, Jan. 10 at 7:30 p.m. at Thornton Creek Elementary School on Nine Mile Road between Taft and Beck. Persons interested in attending may contact Ann Newton, Co-Vice President for Programming at (810) 344-8939 or Jane Spence, Vice President for Membership at (810) 380-0562.

Mayor wraps up first year, plans for '95

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Other issues also require advance planning. Among them are the upcoming retirements of key city staffers. City Clerk Gerry Stripp is retiring in 1995. Within the next five years, other leading employees eligible for retirement include City Manager Ed Krievall, Assessor James Klausmeyer and Finance Director Les Gibson.

"We will never find people like that again. They are walking encyclopedias of the city. Your city has their personality as a stamp. Sooner or later they're going to say fishing looks better than 2 a.m. meetings," McLallen said.

While there's still "breathing room" until the state-imposed water moratorium is lifted, the additional Detroit water line could be ready as soon as fall 1995 or spring 1996. Novi then will face a rush to construction. Over 1,000 residential units already have approval here but are yet to be built, due to the ban. The biggest housing increase is anticipated in Sec. 28, which is bound by Nine Mile and Ten Mile roads and Taft and Beck roads.

The citizen drive sparked by Planning Commissioner Pete Hoadley to push the state to reconstruct the Beck Road/I-96 interchange is likely Novi's last big multi-jurisdictional road project, the mayor said. At a local level, the city needs some kind of extension for Taft Road, she said.

"There is a definite need for a north/south road west of Novi and east of Beck. It's a question of what's most environmentally accessible and economically achievable. I can't imagine we won't do something. We can't leave those people with no alternative," she said.

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The mayor's campaign platform included paying back the amount of time the Novi City Council is at the table. While recent sessions, have pushed towards 1 a.m. and later, McLallen said overall she feels the meetings have been "short-circuited."

"There have been improvements. We all still fall into the temptation of partisanship and personalizing issues when we should focus more on what we share," she said.

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Class Notes

Parkview Elementary: Recent figures from the PTO and school sponsored BEAR (Be Excited About Reading) Club show that Parkview students have enthusiastically responded to the program.

In October, 84 percent of Parkview students participated in the reading incentive program, which runs throughout the school year. Those students accumulated a total of 216,750 minutes of reading time at home. This averages to almost 8 1/2 hours of outside reading for each participating student in October, noted PTO volunteer Jill Bednarek, chair of the BEAR Club program.

Students are asked to read a minimum of four hours a month outside of school for the voluntary program, which boasts the slogan "Reading is cool at Parkview School."

Rewards are given on a monthly basis to all students who fulfill or exceed the minimum requirements. Students may join the program at any time during the school year by signing a contract which commits them to read outside of class. The PTO will sponsor assemblies throughout the year to support the BEAR program and to encourage reading.

Novi Woods: After enjoying the holiday break, the Novi Woods PTO is ready to return to its busy agenda. A PTO meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 5 at 7 p.m. in the Community Room. One of the items to be discussed is the condition of the Novi Woods playground. All parents are welcome to attend and babysitting will be provided. Also the PTO will sponsor a roller skating party at Bonaventure Skating Rink on Tuesday, Jan. 10 at 6:30 p.m. A Family Bingo Night, also sponsored by the PTO is scheduled for Friday, Jan. 27 at 6:30 p.m. All families are welcomed to enjoy this fun evening.

—Bonnie Szilagyi
Novi Woods PTO President

Obituaries

LeGrand BERT STAGE

LeGrand Bert Stage of Novi died Sunday, Jan. 1 at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia. He was 76 years old.

Mr. Stage was a retired chef from the Danish Inn in Farmington Hills and the Drawbridge Inn in Northville. From 1960 to 1969, he was owner of D and L Coffee Breaks in Detroit. He served in the Army during World War II.

He is survived by his wife, Dawn; sons, William, Tim, Ken and James Watson; daughters, Bonnie Charles and Diane Duncan; 13 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren.

The family would appreciate memorials to the American Heart Foundation.

MARIE E. SEDLOW

Marie E. Sedlow, of Novi, died Wednesday, Dec. 21, at the Charter House of Novi. She was 94.

Mrs. Sedlow was born on March, 1900, in Detroit, to Thomas and Mary (Anglin) Chandler, and had lived in the Novi area since 1950. She was a homemaker and an active member of the Lutheran Church.

Survivors include her daughter, Shirley E. (Richard Goze) Cadeau, of Novi; five grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and her brother, John Chandler, of Clinton Township.

Preceding Mrs. Sedlow in death was her husband, Ervin A. Sedlow, in 1969; and a son, Ervin Jr.

Services were held on Friday, Dec. 23, at Northrop Funeral Home, with Rev. Paul F. Reppel officiating.

Interment took place at Forest Lawn Cemetery, Detroit.

Memorials to the charity of choice would be appreciated by the family.

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Michigan Department of Public Health.

Michigan Sinus Institute at Botsford General Hospital takes a comprehensive and total approach to sinus care and treatment. Our physicians are trained specialists in treating diseases of the eyes, ears, nose and throat.

Botsford Center for Health Improvement offers a health care continuum from prevention to rehabilitation for people of all ages. Our Total Rehabilitation and Athletic Conditioning Center, a comprehensive outpatient program, is dedicated to the prevention of injury, physical rehabilitation, and retraining for continued good health. Health Development Network offers monthly screenings for cholesterol and blood pressure. We also encourage healthy living through weight loss, smoking cessation, stress management and several other programs.

Eastwood at Botsford Family Services offers a wide range of mental health and chemical dependency services as well as support groups and community education classes to help keep you well.

We want to keep you out of the hospital, but we need your help. For more information, please call Community Relations at (810) 442-7986. If you would like a physician referral, call Health Match at (810) 442-7900.



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FIFTH RESTAURANT POLL



Photo by HAL GOULD

Will Crawfords' be a strong contender this year and walk away with another "best?"

By CAROL WORKENS
Staff Writer

This is the fifth installment of our restaurant poll, and each year we get a bigger response. You're not getting any bigger, of course, it's just that the number of you responding is increasing.

So who will it be this year? MacKinnon's is undefeated with four wins for Best Overall Restaurant. Best Inexpensive Restaurant was captured by Crawfords' three out of four years. Sundowner took the honors the fourth year.

Pizza Cutter and Papa Romano have both won for best pizza, three to one, respectively. The winners for best ethnic food have been Little Italy twice and Ah Wok and Papa Romano each won once. In the best seafood category, Red Lobster and Northville Charley's have an even number of wins.

Two categories have produced ties. There was a tie in the best burgers category between Starting Gate and Bates in 1993, but O'Sheehan's won for three years in 1990 through 1992. It's been neck and neck in the best desserts category. MacKinnon's and Crawford tied in 1993, but MacKinnon's won in both 1990 and 1992, while Crawfords' won in 1991.

Undefeated in the following categories are Crawfords' for best breakfast, Genitti's for best sandwiches, and MacKinnon's for best atmosphere.

The competition may be tougher this year. There are new restaurants in town. Here's your chance to let others know where to find the best hamburgers, the best atmosphere, the best pizza, the best desserts, ... etc.

We're keeping it local. Only restaurants in Novi and Northville are eligible for this poll.

Categories in our poll include: best overall restaurant, best inexpensive restaurant, best service, best breakfast, best sandwiches, best desserts, best atmosphere, best pizza, best burgers, best seafood, best ethnic food, best fast food, best soups and best steaks.

At right is the official ballot for the poll. No photocopies. Only the official ballot will be accepted.

Keep in mind the following:

- Only restaurants in Northville and Novi are eligible to be mentioned on your ballot. Each ballot must include your name, address and telephone number. Ballots without this information will not be included in the poll.

- Only ballots clipped from the newspaper will be accepted. Photocopied ballots will not be counted. These restrictions are designed to help avoid ballot-box stuffing.

- Restaurants found to be distributing ballots will be disqualified.

Mail the completed entry form by Jan. 31 to: Northville Record/Novi News restaurant poll, 104 W. Main, Northville, MI 48167.

If you prefer, restaurant poll entry forms may be dropped off at the newspaper office.

When all the ballots are in, we will compile the results and publish them in the Feb. 23 issues of *The Northville Record* and *The Novi News*.

In case you misplace this edition of the newspaper, entry forms will also be published in subsequent issues.

One ballot will be selected at random and the winner will receive dinner for two at his or her favorite Northville or Novi restaurant.



Photo by HAL GOULD

Will Cooker's crowd put the newcomer on the "best" list?

Fifth

Northville Record and Novi News

RESTAURANT POLL

Which restaurants in the Northville/Novi area are the most popular? Help find out by filling out this ballot.

The Rules:

1. Only restaurants in Northville/Novi are eligible to be mentioned on your ballot.
2. To help us avoid ballot-box stuffing, each ballot must include your name, address, and phone number. Ballots without this information will be thrown out.
3. Only ballots clipped from the newspaper will be accepted. Photocopied ballots will be thrown out.
4. Restaurants may not hand out ballots.
5. Mail your completed ballot by Jan 31 to: **The Northville Record/Novi News, 104 Main St., Northville, MI 48167.** Or drop it off at our offices.
6. Poll results will be published Feb. 23.
7. One ballot will be selected at random, and the winner will receive dinner for two at the Novi/Northville restaurant of his or her choice. (HomeTown employees and their families are not eligible for the free dinner)

The Categories

Best Overall Restaurant _____

Best Inexpensive Restaurant _____

Best Service _____

Best Breakfast Restaurant _____

Best Sandwiches _____

Best Desserts _____

Best Atmosphere _____

Best Pizza _____

Best Burgers _____

Best Seafood _____

Best Ethnic Food _____

Best Fast Food _____

Best Soups _____

Best Steak _____

Comments _____

Please note: The following name and address blank must be filled out. Ballots without this information will be thrown away.

Your Name _____

Street _____

City _____

Phone _____

Volunteer



Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

FRANCES MATTISON

Mattison enjoys an interesting life

By DOROTHY NASH
Special Writer

It's a neat trick to get in on the ground floor of something big. And Frances Mattison has done it with two volunteer activities - Northville Town Hall Series and the Northville District Library.

The Northville Town Hall series, sponsored by Our Ladies' League of Our Lady of Victory Church, opened its first season in 1961, and Frances Mattison, who helped organize it, was its secretary.

She is now chairperson of the Board of Awards, which she explained works like this: Half of the proceeds from the series goes to the Ladies Guild for Catholic charities, and half goes to assorted charities in Farmington, Livonia, Northville, Novi, and Plymouth.

"In 35 years we have given money to 175 charities in the area," Mattison said.

Mattison started in 1964 as one of the three township members of the Northville Library Advisory

Board, and at one time she was secretary.

On May 3 of 1994, when the library's status was changed to District Library, Frances Mattison became a member of the Library Board and also a member of the Building Committee.

And lately, meetings have become more frequent, she said, taking place twice a month. And the Building Committee has been meeting twice a week, and sometimes three - in the daytime and in the evening.

"We've been meeting with the director and the programmer, deciding what we want in the new library" - for example, where to put technology, the children's section, and non-fiction.

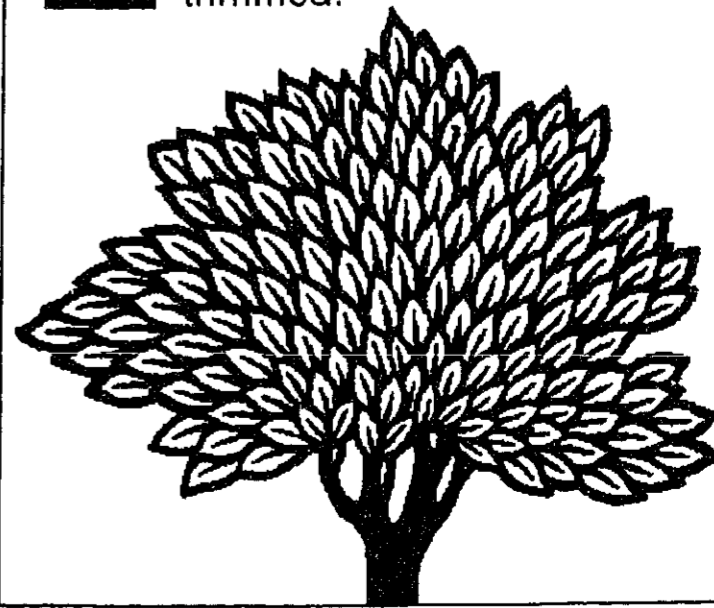
And when they've determined what they want where, the programmer will submit the plans to the architect.

Why do all of this volunteering? Frances Mattison said, "I enjoy meeting people, and it makes my life interesting."

It's A Fact

Trees in Novi

The Novi Forestry Department planted 500 trees in 1994. Another 500 trees were trimmed.



Amateur radio club singles out new officers

By JEANNE CLARKE
Special Writer

At its December meeting, the Novi Amateur Radio Club elected new officers for the coming year. They are: president Ron Watkins; vice president Bill Jeffrey; secretary Greg Tullar; and treasurer Lou Files. The committee members are as follows: Jack Tom (Goalman); name badges, Dick Smith; NET, Tom Goodman; news editor, Dennis Owens; novice class, Rick Redouty; and reporter, Mike Sharpe.

The club will continue to meet the first Tuesday of each month at the Novi Civic Center. A weekly informal meeting is scheduled for Saturday at 8 a.m., with coffee and breakfast at Leon's restaurant.

There is usually a short business meeting followed by a presentation such as viewing a video called "Silicon Run - part one". "Silicon" was the first film of a two-part educational series on semiconductor and computer manufacturing. The following month "Silicon - part two" was shown, illustrating water production and how they were made into chips to be used in microcomputers, etc.

In November, the club had a mini-swap, and at the January meeting, plans were made for the

annual Field Day.

Last year, Field Day was held on June 25-26, at Riverfront Park behind Novi Civic Center. Many operators worked around the clock to set up field radio communication stations, and were able to contact other operators in the U.S. and Canada as part of the American Radio Relay League's Field Day.

Also, starting sometime in February, the club will host a novice class on Wednesdays from 7 to 9 p.m., at the Novi High School. This class will be offered through Novi Community Education. For further information, please call the community education office for details.

NOVI VILLAGE BY THE LAKE
A 12-foot decorated tree is what visitors saw when they entered the front door of Novi Village by the Lake. In addition to the tree, residents made beautiful ornaments and decorations.

In-house activities have included a visit from the Salvation Army, which gave all the residents 1995 calendars.

Entertainment for the holidays included Lee Bauman, who performed a classical guitar recital which 26 names were selected and gifts given to the needy.

Novi Highlights

SPRIT OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Spirit of Christ Lutheran Church has made special plans to feature Dobson films during the month of January.

Monday, Jan. 9, at 7 p.m., Keys to Life Long Love will be shown. A family forum, consisting of film viewing and discussion of The Myth of Safe Sex will be shown on Monday, Jan. 23. Dr. Clarissa Cowles will be present to assist with medical questions. All parents, students (grades 5 and up), and congregational members are invited and encouraged to attend.

In addition to the films, the church family has been invited to join them for "peaceful parenting" on Wednesday, Jan. 25, from 7 to 8 p.m. This program will be presented by the child abuse and neglect council of Oakland County.

The church continues to have an outreach program and will be assisting with the St. Andrew Redeemer Soup Kitchen on Monday, Jan. 23, at 3 p.m. Volunteers are needed to assist in making and serving the food.

from recreation supervisor, Marilyn Troshak.

Information will be available at the meeting on the upcoming events in February. There will be a "valentines" ladies event on Saturday, Feb. 11, with dinner on the Star Clipper dinner train. Later in the month, plans have been made to attend Whidbyball. Reservations must be made by Saturday, Feb. 4.

Plans are being made by the book club to meet on Tuesday, Jan. 24, at Borders Bookstore Express Bar to discuss Alice Hoffman's *Turtle Moon*. The craft group will be meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 17, at "Fun with Plaster" in Farmington to make projects.

The Mom and Tots are planning to have two outings in January and will be going to Borders Bookstore next Monday, Jan. 9, for a quick story time session.

On Monday, Jan. 23, they will be going to the Discovery Zone for indoor fun, which includes a "skill" zone and rides.

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

CHURCH DIRECTORY

For information regarding rates for church listings call The Northville Record or Novi News 349-1700

WALLED LAKE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH 309 Walled Lake Blvd. Walled Lake, MI 48394 Worship: 10:00 a.m. (except 1st & 3rd Sundays) 11:00 a.m. (except 1st & 3rd Sundays) Worship: 10:30 a.m. (except 1st & 3rd Sundays) Worship: 10:30 a.m. (except 1st & 3rd Sundays)	FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE 2011 Northville Road Worship: 10:00 a.m. (except 1st & 3rd Sundays) 11:00 a.m. (except 1st & 3rd Sundays) Worship: 10:30 a.m. (except 1st & 3rd Sundays) Worship: 10:30 a.m. (except 1st & 3rd Sundays)
ST. JOHN LUTHERAN FARMINGTON HILLS 22225 Golf Road (between Grand River & Freedom) Worship at 8:30 & 11:30 a.m. (Nursery) Church School: 9:30 a.m. Pastor: Donnie Cove (810) 474-0592	SPIRIT OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH - E.L.C.A. 1010 W. Main St. (at Highway 24) Sundays: 8:30 a.m., 10:45 a.m. Sundays: 8:30 a.m., 10:45 a.m. Sundays: 8:30 a.m., 10:45 a.m. Sundays: 8:30 a.m., 10:45 a.m.
GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH 1100 W. Main St. Worship: 10:00 a.m. (except 1st & 3rd Sundays) 11:00 a.m. (except 1st & 3rd Sundays) Worship: 10:30 a.m. (except 1st & 3rd Sundays) Worship: 10:30 a.m. (except 1st & 3rd Sundays)	OUR LADY OF VICTORY CATHOLIC CHURCH 1100 W. Main St. Worship: 10:00 a.m. (except 1st & 3rd Sundays) 11:00 a.m. (except 1st & 3rd Sundays) Worship: 10:30 a.m. (except 1st & 3rd Sundays) Worship: 10:30 a.m. (except 1st & 3rd Sundays)
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MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH 21355 Meadowbrook Rd. Novi, MI 48375 Worship: 10:30 a.m. (except 1st & 3rd Sundays) Sundays: 10:30 a.m. (except 1st & 3rd Sundays) Sundays: 10:30 a.m. (except 1st & 3rd Sundays) Sundays: 10:30 a.m. (except 1st & 3rd Sundays)	ORCHARD HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH, SBC 22455 Oak Hill Blvd. (at 10 Mile) Worship: 10:30 a.m. (except 1st & 3rd Sundays) Sundays: 10:30 a.m. (except 1st & 3rd Sundays) Sundays: 10:30 a.m. (except 1st & 3rd Sundays) Sundays: 10:30 a.m. (except 1st & 3rd Sundays)
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CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY 2405 Meadowbrook Rd., Novi, MI 48375 Sundays: 10:30 a.m. (except 1st & 3rd Sundays) Sundays: 10:30 a.m. (except 1st & 3rd Sundays) Sundays: 10:30 a.m. (except 1st & 3rd Sundays) Sundays: 10:30 a.m. (except 1st & 3rd Sundays)	FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE 217 N. Ward Sundays: 10:30 a.m. (except 1st & 3rd Sundays) Sundays: 10:30 a.m. (except 1st & 3rd Sundays) Sundays: 10:30 a.m. (except 1st & 3rd Sundays) Sundays: 10:30 a.m. (except 1st & 3rd Sundays)
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Anthony Dixon began acting in his junior year at NHS.

Novi grad heads to the theater playoffs

By CAROL WORKENS
Staff Writer

Anthony Dixon is going to Green Bay, Wis., for the American College Theatre Festival's Region III Festival.

"In reference to sports, the festival is like the playoffs," said Dixon. Advancement from the regional festival leads to a performance at the Kennedy Center for Performing Arts in Washington, D.C.

Dixon is playing Tony Kavanagh, a lead role in Oakland University's production of *Stages and Hens*. The salty English comedy revolves around a group of men and women, the Stags and Hens, who have unknowingly selected the same disco to celebrate their friends' last night of single life.

Dixon didn't begin acting until he was a junior at Novi High School. His first performance as Romeo Scragg in *Li' Abner* was all it took for him to decide his destiny.

Dixon is now majoring in Performing Arts/Theatre at Oakland University.

Singles Place Ministries offers workshops and western a dancing class

Singles have a variety of workshops and a country western dance class to keep them busy during January.

Single Place Ministries of First Presbyterian Church is presenting three workshops during the month of January.

Northville attorney David Jerome will be one of five speakers at the Divorce Recovery Workshop to be held on Thursday evenings from Jan. 12 through Feb. 23. Jerome's topic will be "The Legal Aspect of Divorce." Other topics will be "Networking" and "Church and Divorce: Spiritual Help and Forgiveness," both by Jim Russell.

A workshop on Co-Dependency with Ed Humenay will meet on three Sunday evenings from Jan. 15 through 29 at 7 p.m. Topics will cover the definition and origin of co-dependency and how to make a change for the better. Humenay is a counselor with the Adult Recovery Alcoholism Treatment Center.

Additional Relationships will be discussed on three Thursday evenings Jan. 12 through 29 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Joan Feldman will be the workshop leader. Feldman is a psychotherapist specializing in addictions and diseases of compulsion begin in childhood and continue through adulthood, affecting decisions and relationships and how to break the destructive patterns to reclaim personal power and happiness.

Toward the end of the month, a Country Western Dance class will be offered on Sunday evenings Jan. 22 through Feb. 26 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Northville Parks and Recreation Center. Taught by "Casey" a national competitor in ballroom and country dancing, the six classes will teach the basics and go on to teach the classics such as Phoenix Freeze, Tush, Watergate, and Cotton Eye Joe.

For more information and to register call 349-0911.

For more information, call the Church of the Holy Family, 349-8847.

THE CATHOLIC ALUMNI CLUB is a singles club for Catholics who are four-year college graduates and are free to marry in the Catholic church. A general meeting will be held Wednesday, Jan. 18, at Casa Lapida, located on Big Beaver between Crooks and Coolidge in Troy. Dinner starts at 6 p.m., the meeting starts at 8 p.m. For more information and reservations call Anne McNamly, (810) 435-7659.

EXPRESSIONS, an adult discussion group, meets from 7:30 to 11:15 p.m. on the second and fourth Friday of each month at First Unitarian Universalist Church, 1917 Washtenaw in Ann Arbor. The program is not church-affiliated. The group is open to those ages 21 and older.

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

Send Singles information to The Northville Record/Novi News, 104 W. Main St., Northville, MI 48167.



David Buss will discuss his new book about human mating.

U-M psychologist David Buss to speak at AAUW meeting

The Jan. 10 meeting of the Northville-Novi branch of AAUW will present the University of Michigan psychologist, David M. Buss, speaking on his recently published book, *The Evolution of Mating Strategies of Human Males* (Basic Books, \$22).

Buss, 40, was educated at the University of Texas and at the University of California at Berkeley. He is director of the International Consortium of Personality and Social Psychologists.

The Evolution of Mating Strategies of Human Males represents more than 10 years of research, including dozens of studies of societies across the globe. The largest study involved more than 10,000 people from 37 cultures.

His conclusions will range from areas of conflict for couples to the desire for a chaste mate from male college students. Many of the results of his studies are provocative.

The meeting will be held Tuesday, Jan. 10 at 7:30 p.m. at Thornton Creek Elementary School on Nine Mile Road between Taff and Beck. Persons interested in attending may contact Ann Newton, Co-Vice President for Programming at (810) 344-8939 or Jane Spence, Vice President for Membership at (810) 380-0562.

Church News

THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY, 24505 Meadowbrook Road in Novi, religious education classes resume Jan. 9. On Jan. 19 at 7 p.m. there will be a welcome evening for all who have not been active of late in their Catholic faith. Friends and family members are invited.

NEW HORIZON COMMUNITY CHURCH, Novi Town Center General Cinema Theaters, is currently presenting the series "Surviving in the Real World." On Jan. 8 the topic will be "Keeping Up with the Pace of Life." The worship service is at 10 a.m. on Sunday.

For additional information, call the church office at (810) 305-8700.

ST. JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH, 46325 Ten Mile Road, Novi, gave over 100 people in 28 families a Christmas to remember through all who participated in the Adopt A Family Program. The Whitehall Nursing Home residents, moms, moms to be and their children from the Sarah Fisher Program received over 270 Christmas ornaments from the Giving Tree. A total of five car loads of gifts were delivered to the Sarah Fisher—Marilyn Outreach Program.

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Altman farce unzips the fashion game

Every year in Paris, the top designers and super models stage the world's hottest fashion show. It's called the "Pret-a-Porter," and it means "Ready to Wear."

Only this time there's been a murder and everyone's a suspect. Against the backdrop of fashion's most glamorous event, Robert Altman's "Ready to Wear (Pret-a-Porter)" is a lively send-up of the fashion world: a carnival-like sprawl and featherlight farce, complete with sex, greed and murder — three things that never go out of style.



Marcello Mastroianni and Sophia Loren are among the numerous stars appearing in Robert Altman's "Ready to Wear."

True to that spirit, Altman's panorama is a celebration of clothing and nakedness. It is garments used as disguise, as revealers of identity, as tools of power and as keys to a mystery.

As one character remarks, "All people look alike to me. The clothes, that's how I tell everyone apart."

The action begins as Paris is abuzz with anticipation for the start of the world's greatest fashion show. Amid the chaos, the head of the fashion council is suddenly found dead in his limousine. Although he has really choked on a ham sandwich, the police think it's murder, and everyone who's touched his life is a suspect including his wife (Sophia Loren), who hasn't talked to him in years, and his lover (Anouk Aimée), a famous designer getting ready for her big show.

The news travels with lightning speed through the bustling airport baggage counters, hotel lobbies

and fashion ateliers of the city. Two reporters (Julia Roberts and Tim Robbins) stuck in a hotel room are among those thrown onto the case. The media and celebrities who have just arrived for the fashion shows are suddenly glued to the news, along with every designer and super model in town. The inquiry is underway, but the show must go on — after all, these are murder suspects who really know the meaning of "dress to kill."

A mysterious murderer suspect (Marcello Mastroianni) pilfers other people's closets and suitcases to become a new man.

Sans clothes, the two luggage-less reporters (Roberts and Robbins) continue their story line, embarking on a wildly wonderful affair and filing their reports off crib notes from the local TV station, only to become strangers when they see each other for the first time as fully dressed professionals.

The top magazine editors from "Elle" (Linda Hunt), "Harper's Bazaar" (Sally Kellerman) and "British Vogue" (Tracey Ullman) strike their poses and resort to a ham sandwich, the police think it's murder, and everyone who's touched his life is a suspect including his wife (Sophia Loren), who hasn't talked to him in years, and his lover (Anouk Aimée), a famous designer getting ready for her big show.

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and the deceased's indomitable love is stripped of power when her

son (Rupert Everett) sells her design house to a wealthy Texan bootmaker (Lyle Lovett).

Also joining the party are a legendary ex-"Vogue" editor (Lauren Bacall) who's secretly color blind; a cigar-smoking department store buyer (Danny Aiello) who has a secret; his happy-go-lucky wife (Feri Gor) who's a serious shopaholic; a TV fashion reporter (Kim Basinger) who's lost without her cue cards; and a New York Times photojournalist (Lili Taylor) who's always in the right place at the right time.

Altman, who both wrote and directed the movie, said the idea to make "Ready to Wear (Pret-a-Porter)" came 10 years ago when he visited France to promote his military drama "Streamers" and was convinced by his wife to attend a fashion show during Pret-a-Porter week.

Convinced that a movie about the major fashion show would be fascinating, Altman started work on it, but the media and its job of creating excitement, he said, "This film is fashion as an event, not an industry. It's designers and the people they associate with — the friends, editors, celebrities and critics who come to the party, talk amongst themselves and spread the news."

"Fashion, my friends, is war," proclaims "Ready to Wear's" Kitty Potter (Kim Basinger), the on-the-spot TV reporter whose decidedly down-home commentaries are heard throughout the film. During the ready-to-wear, the action in Paris can be frenzied, conical and even cutthroat. Thus, in keeping with the spirit of the week, Altman chose to make his film a farce.

"I think farce is closer to reality than drama," he said. "In this film, farcical things are happening all the time. Mistakes are being made. People don't know how to behave in most situations, so they get an act, they rely on clichés, they make big funny, embarrassing gaffes. People enjoy that."

Special effects make 'Stargate' a flashy adventure

STARGATE By Mike Kapusky Northville

Did UFOs really help the Egyptians build the pyramids? Well, here is a movie that deals out some possible explanations for this hypothesis.

"Stargate" deals with the discovery of an ancient Egyptian artifact resembling some sort of gate that the government cannot figure out how to use until a struggling historian, James Spader, figures out the missing link.

The gate leads to a distant adventure that Spader and gung-ho marine, Kurt Russell, must find the key to return home and save the civilization that they discover.

"Stargate" has shallow characters, nominal acting, and lots of questions are left unanswered.

However, the special effects are astounding, the ideas presented are amazing and many possibilities can escape through the mind as one views this movie.

It is a flashy documentary adventure that is loads of fun and even has a terrifying villain that Spader and Russell must defeat.

"Stargate" depicts a satisfying three stars based on five twinklers with five the most radiant.

Leaves lots of claims unanswered, but what is left is up to the viewer's imagination.

This is definitely one to see this winter.

READER MOVIE REVIEWS

RECAP By Helaine Blinstock Novi

As you may have guessed, the title's no video, just a deception! Phil Jerome, the editor responsible for this page every week has already published my 24 favorites — so today, instead of another review, I'm listing the two dozen videos I've reviewed (easy to clip and place inside your wallet), a convenient scrap of paper to pop out as you go up and down the video store aisles, frenzied, not knowing what to select.

It just might come in handy.

1. Ordinary People
2. Midnight Cowboy
3. King of Comedy
4. When Harry Met Sally
5. Crimes and Misdemeanors
6. Dead Poet's Society

regulars to share the load and offer different perspectives.

From the onset, we've wanted to make the Movies Page an area where our readers can share their opinions about movies with their friends and neighbors.

You can review a newly-released movie or a movie that is available on video.

Please limit your mini-reviews to 200 words and send them to HomeTown Newspapers, c/o Phil Jerome, 323 E. Grand River, Howell, MI 48843.

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If you have any questions or want more information, please call Phil Jerome at (517) 548-2000.

Let's face it, Mike Kapusky, Helaine Blinstock and Heather Wadowski have been carrying the load... with only occasional assists from other readers.

Besides it's fun. Mike, Helaine and Heather have already sent in some new reviews, but what we need is a few more.

7. 1776
8. Dominic and Eugene
9. Kramer vs. Kramer
10. My Fair Lady
11. Amadeus
12. The Swimmer
13. Whose Life Is It Anyway?
14. Starting Over
15. Twice in a Lifetime
16. One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest
17. Tender Mercies
18. The Sunshine Boys
19. Ghost Story
20. Rain Man
21. The Four Seasons
22. Harry and Tonto
23. Singin' in the Rain
24. The Day the Earth Stood Still

Whew, I made it! Now be careful. Many — not all, are definitely R rated!

SPEED By Heather Wadowski Northville

"Speed," starring Dennis Hopper, Sandra Bullock and Keanu Reeves, is the best action film of 1994.

And now you can own it on video to experience the rush again and again.

Dennis Hopper plays an ex-cop who has planted a bomb on a bus filled with passengers.

If the bus goes under 50 miles per hour, the bus will blow up. Along comes Reeves, who boards the bus — within five minutes the bus driver gets shot. Bullock takes his place and Reeves starts working out how to get the passengers off the bus without Hopper seeing.

Sound nerve-wrecking? It is. But it's definitely worth watching.

ing. "Speed" is a non-stop chase that will keep your heart racing. Reeves gives his best performance to date. Hopefully, he will sign on to the sequel.

"Speed" earns five stars, with five being the highest. It's a roller-coaster ride from start to finish that doesn't stop to let you catch your breath.

So hold on and experience the ultimate rush with "Speed," now on video.

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Try this resolution: 'review a movie'

Here are some good ideas for New Year Resolutions.

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- Get in shape
- Be a better person
- Launch career as movie critic

That's right, it's a new year, and it's a great time to turn over a new leaf. And what could be more fun than writing a movie review for two (or more) for your HomeTown Newspapers?

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Year of the Cat

Lacrosse, soccer, cross country teams top list of Novi High achievers in 1994

By SCOTT DANIEL Sports Editor

When today's Novi High teenagers gather decades from now at inevitable class reunions, it's likely they'll remember 1994 as one of the better years their school had in athletics.

Numerous individual and team accomplishments were garnered by the Green and White in the past 12 months. From cross country to lacrosse and soccer, '94 was the year of the Wildcat.

But just who won the honors and for what team? Let's look back at who made the news in the year gone by.

WINTER Wrestling
Brad Huss took over the varsity squad for long-time coach Tom Fritz. Under the first-year coach, the Wildcats enjoyed modest success.

After a backluster 2-4 Kensington Valley Conference season, Novi went to the district final. Old nemesis Northville knocked the Wildcats from the tournament however, 35-27.

Individually, Ben Wendt, Taka Watanabe, James Cini and Mark McBride all made it to regionals, but failed to qualify for state competition. Wendt, who won 37 matches, was also a KVC champ.

Swimming
A young swimming team had its ups and downs in 1994.

The Wildcats went 5-6 in Dave Maker's only year as coach. A 110-78 loss to Pinckney in the final dual meet sank Novi below 500.

Erich Kelly was, perhaps, the most talented of the 'Cats. Then a sophomore, he was able to qualify for the state finals meet in the 200-yard IM.

Besides Kelly, Novi had several talented swimmers. Adam Tymenski, Curt Speerschneider, Rob Mutch and Matt Christopherson were among those that had solid campaigns.

Pompano
The Wildcats' only state champ, Novi won the Class A Division II title by edging out Northville by five points. Jackie Perreca and Amy Williams cap-

tained the team.

Boys' basketball
Everything considered, Novi had a decent year on the court in '94.

The team went into the season with a new coach, Pat Schluter, and only a few experienced players. The Wildcats were able to post an 8-14 record.

"I thought we totally overachieved," Schluter said in looking back on the season in March.

The back court of Greg Bernman and Jason Fannon led Novi. Bernman, a senior, averaged about 16 points while Fannon provided good all-around play.

Novi pulled an upset in the first round of the state playoffs in beating Livonia Stevenson 64-56. Livonia Churchill knocked the upstart Wildcats out in the next round.

Volleyball
The Wildcats' other new coach was Julie Fisetite. She inherited a veteran team that was unable to put together any string of winning volleyball.

Scouts Christy Carnichael and Karie Jettie set school records in the 200-meter dash and hurdles, respectively. Freshmen Lorna Camp, Jenny Hampton, Katie Zimmerman and Michelle Sweller provided spark in key events.

Coach Connie Atia dubbed them, "The Energizers."

Novi finished second in the KVC race behind Brighton. The Wildcats went on to take fifth place in state regional competition.



Mike Sill made All-State and helped Novi to the championship game last spring. FILE PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

There's no other way to say it: the Wildcats were a disappointment.

Going for a three-peat in the KVC, the team came up way short. Novi went 12-6 and showed little of the consistency that made it a two-time champ.

Tom Grigg closed his career. The shortstop, who made all-state twice, finished with better than a

400 average and well over 100 stolen bases. Grigg will continue to wear green and white, but this time it'll be for Michigan State University.

Third baseman Kevin Serra was another star of the team as he batted .458. Mitch Jabczynski paced the hurlers with a 6-1 record and 1.23 earned run

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Local runner makes All-American in x-country

By SCOTT DANIEL Sports Editor

Remember the old saying, "sometimes you can have too much of a good thing?"

Well, don't tell that to Lorna Camp.

Instead of resting on the laurels of last year's season, the sophomore has continued to run and compete. And all she's done is make All-American for the second straight year.

"I'm very happy," she said. "That was my goal."

As a member of the Wildcats last fall, Camp helped Novi to a Kensington Valley Conference championship and a third place finish in Class A. She also finished in the year as an all-stater.

"I was totally psyched myself out that it would be too hard."

LORNA CAMP Cross country runner

which by the way she says is more difficult to achieve than all-American.

"I set high goals," said Camp. "I really wanted to get All-State."

The school season ended in early November. Camp, along with teammates, Katie Zimmerman, Angel Root and Meghan Kranyak, joined the "Sunset Striders" with the hopes of competing nationally.

That group, along with four

other area runners, began practicing a few days after the state high school meet. After peaking for that competition, Camp said it was tough starting workouts again.

"That was a hard week to start training again," said Camp.

Under the auspices of USA Track and Field, a second state meet was held in mid-November at Ann Arbor's Burr Park. The Striders won that race and qual-

ified for regional competition.

Camp was the fastest of Novi's finishers at Burr Park. She completed the five-kilometer race in 20:02 for eighth place while Root was 11th in 20:45, Zimmerman was 14th in 20:56 and Kranyak was 26th in 21:26.

The team traveled to Lexington, Ky. for regionals on Nov. 19 and again took first place. Camp finished second in that race while her teammates from fourth to 35th.

Nationals were held in Reno on Dec. 10. The Striders flew out and spent a few days in Nevada site seeing and skiing.

"I thought it was one of the best vacations," said Camp.

As for the race itself, the sopho-

more said the course wasn't nearly as nice as her home course of Cass Benton.

"The course was terrible," she said. "It was ugly most of all."

Camp went into the race somewhat nervous. She thought the course, which went up hill most of the way, would be too difficult.

"I was totally psyched myself out that it would be too hard," Camp said.

Once she got running, though, the 5k course didn't seem too bad, she added. Camp was able to finish 10th overall.

The top 25 runners made All-American. Root, who finished 22nd, also earned the honor.

Kurtis continues marathon career

By SCOTT DANIEL Sports Editor

After winning numerous races, setting records, traveling all over the world and earning a measure of fame, marathoner Doug Kurtis has discovered the secret of his success.

Never mind the rigorous training schedule, the fancy diets or athletic lifestyle. It's the little pieces of stuff that melts in your mouth and not in your hand that keeps him running.

"A lot of people ask me if I take vitamins," said the former Novi resident who now lives in Northville. "I tell them I eat M & M's. I eat chocolate almost every day."

While it isn't likely that many world-class athletes use candy as a nutritional supplement, Doug Kurtis isn't a likely champion. He didn't grow up dreaming about winning marathon races or qualifying for Olympic trials.

A year of experience improved his lot as a Spartan and Kurtis moved up to seventh man as a sophomore. That's as far as his college career went, however.

Studies and other interests pulled Kurtis away from cross country and track.

"It was tough to compete there," he added. "We were always training, always competing. There was no social life."

But Kurtis didn't stop running. Friends at the Mid-Michigan Track Club encouraged him to continue training. When some of the members decided to try the Boston Marathon in 1974, Kurtis joined them.

To that point he had never run more than 10 miles in a race. He wasn't sure how to prepare for the grueling 26 miles of the

JV wrestlers gain experience at invite

By SCOTT DANIEL Sports Editor

While most everyone took the holidays off, a group of Novi wrestlers were hard at work.

First-year grapplers got a chance to show their stuff Thursday at the 17-school Plymouth Salem Invitational. The young Wildcats had trouble early but recovered strongly to take eighth place.

"The tournament is designed for first year and JV wrestlers," said coach Larry Christoff. "I thought we did extremely well."

Most every team, including Novi, used some varsity wrestlers that happened to be freshmen or first-year athletes. Regardless of their experience level, Christoff said he told the team not to worry about winning.

"I just wanted them to go out and get some experience," he added. "I told them 'if you get caught (in a move), you get caught. I wanted them to take some chances.'"

The tournament was set up in individual brackets. With so many wrestlers on hand, a first round loss meant the best someone could finish was seventh.

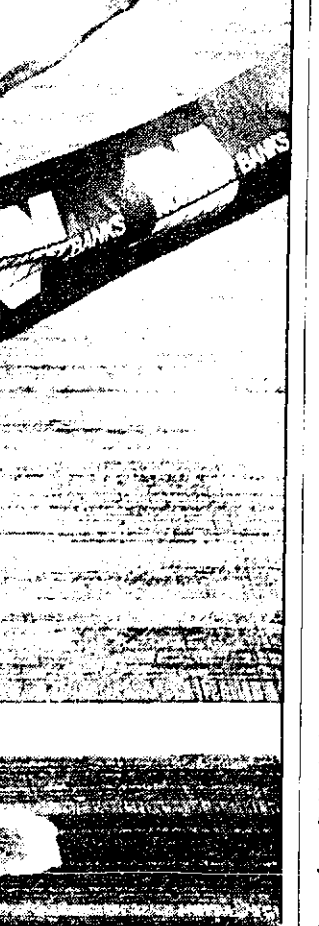
Unfortunately, many Novi wrestlers fell in that category.

Christoff said many Wildcats came out sluggish. The wrestlers, he said, responded well after a brief chat.

"Things turned around after that," said Christoff.

Doug Kurtis, a former Novi resident, holds several world records in marathon running.

Submitted photo



Doug Kurtis, a former Novi resident, holds several world records in marathon running. Submitted photo

It sounds logical, but it didn't work out that way. About 15 or 20 minutes into the race, Kurtis

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Sports Shorts/Rec Briefs

SOCCER TEAM: Novi Team Speedy boys under 9 soccer team posted a record of 1-1-1 at the Farmington Hills Total Soccer West Christmas Tournament. They shutout one opponent 7-0. Filling in for vacationing goalie Scott Swartzlous were forwards Adam Fardian and Mark Angelos. Goals were scored for Team Speedy during the tournament by Brandau (2), Mark Angelos (2), Neil Kocan, Jon Sierra, Chris Reukiewicz, Brent Pantaleo and Mark Sorensen.

Novi finished its first indoor session with a record of 5-3, which was good for second place. They began the second session on Jan. 6.

MOTORSPORTS HALL OF FAME: The Motorsports memorabilia and collectibles show will be held Sunday, Jan. 8 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. 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 and gift shop.

Wildcats celebrate successful 1994

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Lacrosse

A 6-5 loss to East Grand Rapids is all that separated Novi from a state title.

The Wildcats made it to the final behind a plethora of all-stars and came within a goal of winning it all. Mike Hicks and Mike Sill were the leaders and both netted more than 20 goals.

Plenty of others helped Novi to the 13-4 mark, though.

Steve Wells, Eric Hoffman, Bill Warnick and Brad Muston were among those that made Novi tough to beat.

Boys' track

The runners didn't have as much luck in '94 as the lacrosse squad.

Novi managed to place just fourth overall and fifth at the league meet. It was frustrating for coach Bob Smith.

"We're a dual meet team," he said.

Damien Thompson was voted the team's best performer. He was second at the KVC meet in the long jump.

Todd Pejaskovich, Mutch and Hagfors were other standouts.

Softball

Hopes were high when the spring season began. But Novi couldn't quite make it over the .500 hump.

The Wildcats finished 19-22 overall and 7-7 in the KVC. Inconsistency was Novi's downfall.

On the mound, Erin Bjerke and Julie Swinehart were good at times and hittable others. In the field, coach John Peace was not able to find combinations that could win repeatedly.

Melissa Waara, Katie Shaw and Melissa Strukulis let the ballclub.

Soccer

On the soccer field, Novi continued to make strides.

Led by the likes of Lisa Antuna, Kim Blakel, Crisli Jarvis and Nicole Borashko, the Wildcats challenged state-power Brighton.

Novi ended up second to the eventual state champs and posted a 12-5-1 record.

Novi ran into another hot team in the state playoffs. Northville ended the Wildcats' season in the district, 3-0. The Mustangs went on to the state semi-final.

Golf

Novi completed its second varsity season on the links.

While interest in the sport improved so did results on the course. Novi finished ahead of four teams at regionals in Brighton.

Allison O'Mura, Kelly Worgies, Lisa Mott and Gretchen Harvey helped lead the team.

FALL

Basketball
Perhaps no other team was affected more by the loss of one player than the hoopsters.

In June, Kenny graduated there-

SCOREBOARD

AREA LEADERS BASKETBALL		KVC STANDINGS	
Milford	1-0-2	Milford	1-0-2
Novi	1-0-2	South Lyon	0-2-4
Lakeland	1-1-1	Lakeland	1-1-1
Brighton	NA	Brighton	NA
Harland	NA	Harland	NA
Howell	NA	Howell	NA

AREA LEADERS SCORING		REBOUNDING	
Clayton (South Lyon)	24.8	Clayton (South Lyon)	15.0
Kofahi (Milford)	16.8	Anderson (Northville)	11.0
Anderson (Northville)	14.5	Buser (Northville)	8.0
Sander (Northville)	14.0	Kofahi (Milford)	7.2
Demar (Lakeland)	10.75	Booms (Milford)	7.0
Booms (Milford)	10.0	Holman (Northville)	6.5
Demeester (Milford)	10.0		
Buser (Northville)	9.0		

ASSISTS		THREE-POINTERS	
Levoska (South Lyon)	6.3	Demeester (Milford)	7
Kersey (Northville)	5.0	Lancaster (Milford)	7
Wilkins (Lakeland)	4.75		
Buser (Northville)	3.25		
Kofahi (Milford)	3.0		
Demeester (Milford)	2.0		

WRESTLING AREA LEADERS		100 POUNDS	
Waldron (Milford)	6-3	Milford	5-4
Milford	5-4		

100 POUNDS		150 POUNDS	
Saran (Northville)	9-1	James (South Lyon)	7-3
McCurdy (Milford)	11-2	Roan (South Lyon)	5-4

275 POUNDS		VOLLEYBALL AREA LEADERS	
Williams (Milford)	10-2	KILLS	
Bowersox (Northville)	8-3	McMillan (South Lyon)	65
Goverski (South Lyon)	4-3	Richardson (South Lyon)	40

112 POUNDS		126 POUNDS	
Kalitz (Milford)	9-2	Choyne (Milford)	10-1
Walczak (South Lyon)	4-3		

134 POUNDS		142 POUNDS	
Place (Novi)	-4-3	Lesperance (Novi)	9-2
Borashko (Novi)	15	D. Ruese (Lakeland)	7-6
Drury (Novi)	8	John Duncan (South Lyon)	4-3

151 POUNDS		160 POUNDS	
Richardson (South Lyon)	8-1	Duncan (South Lyon)	9-1
Cris (Novi)	6-4	Kern (Lakeland)	9-2
		Scheck (Milford)	8-4

171 POUNDS		215 POUNDS	
McBee (Novi)	10-1	Wilson (South Lyon)	7-3
Wells (South Lyon)	5-3		
DeWitt (Novi)	4-3		

ACES		BLOCKS	
Dominick (South Lyon)	24	Agony (South Lyon)	21
Elwell (South Lyon)	14	Borashko (Novi)	18
Richardson (South Lyon)	13	Place (Novi)	11
Place (Novi)	9	McMillan (South Lyon)	10
Matsunaga (Novi)	6	DeWitt (Novi)	8
DeWitt (Novi)	4		

DIGS		STEEALS	
Place (Novi)	70	Anderson (Northville)	5-0
Shaw (Novi)	67	Wilkins (Lakeland)	3-0
Amamiya (Novi)	50	Levoska (South Lyon)	2-5
DeWitt (Novi)	42		



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Greg Pierman (above) was one of the few bright spots for the boys' basketball team last winter. He led Novi High in scoring and, as he shows here, hustle on defense. The Wildcats won just eight games all season. Katie Zimmerman (right) was part of the school's champion cross country team in the fall. Novi won the Kensington Valley Conference championship with a perfect dual meet record. The Cats went on to finish third in the Class A state final meet in November.

Mike Girard, Rob Mutch and Scott Shepley all had shinning moments, too.

The Wildcats finished sixth at the league meet.

Girls' Tennis

The netters were trying for a second-straight KVC title last fall, but couldn't quite pull it off.

Brighton unseated Novi as league champ. The Wildcats, in fact, dropped all the way back to third place.

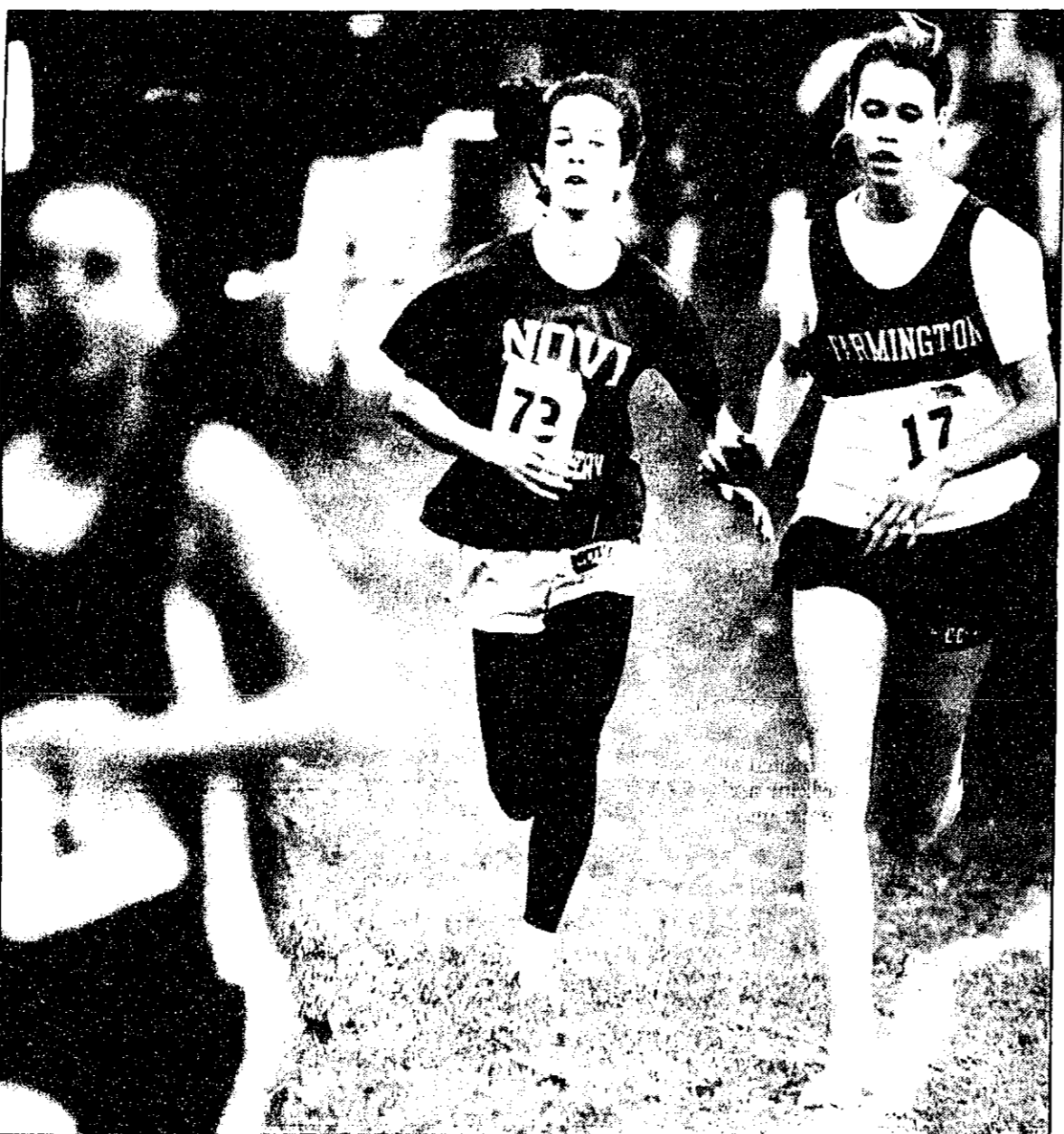
Emily Pipas, Jackie Gabriel and Jenny Diedze paced the team.

Boys' golf

Rich Vandermass was a silver lining in an otherwise dreary season.

The junior made it to the state finals and was consistently Novi's top player all fall. He failed to place at finals, however.

As a team, Novi wound up fifth in the conference.



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Recreation

Avoid strain with high tops

Kids wear them as a fashion statement and parents grumble about the high price tag. But high-top basketball shoes may be well worth the cost for athletes hoping to prevent ankle injuries on the court.

A new study from the University of Michigan Medical Center finds that high-top athletic shoes are 20 to 30 percent more effective than low-top basketball shoes in preventing the most common strains and sprains associated with the sport. Edward M. Wojtyls, M.D., associate professor of surgery, says this is the first study to quantify the benefits of the extra support provided by high-tops.

"We wanted to find out whether the bracing support of high-tops stabilizes the ankle in quick turns and in jumping and landing," says Wojtyls. "We found that the high-tops are most effective in helping the foot and ankle resist force on flat surfaces, with the benefits diminishing as the ankle is flexed." At the greatest point of foot extension — when a basketball player is in the air with toes pointed — the high-top shoes offer no advantage in injury reduction over low-tops.

Wojtyls' team also found that flexibility, not muscle strength, is the most significant factor in reducing injury on the court, regardless of the type of shoes worn. Sports medicine specialists at the U-M suggest that competitive athletes include agility drills in their fitness routines.

Twenty healthy young men participated in the study conducted at MedSport, the sports medicine and preventive cardiology program of the U-M Medical Center. They performed a series of balance and flexibility tests on a MedSport-designed device that measures the foot and ankle's ability to resist force on a moving surface.

The participants wore both Nike Air Force Max high-tops and Nike Air Force 1 low-tops. The study received no funding from athletic shoe manufacturers.

Does this mean that high-top basketball shoes are worth the additional \$40-50 retail cost over low-tops?
 "If a basketball player is serious about getting the maximum benefit



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A University of Michigan-MedSport research assistant wobbles on a custom-designed device that measures the foot and ankle's ability to resist force on a moving surface.

for injury protection, then he should perform flexibility conditioning drills and consider wearing high-top shoes," says Wojtyls. "Of

course, he'll only benefit from the bracing action of the high-tops if he wears them properly."

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Normal levels of PSA vary with age

Physicians screening patients for prostate cancer look for elevated levels of prostate-specific antigen, or PSA, in the blood to identify individuals at risk for the disease, the second most frequently diagnosed form of cancer among American men. Based on studies of healthy white men, a PSA level of 0.0-4.0 ng/ml (nanogram/milliliter) has been considered normal for men of all races and ages.

But a cross-cultural analysis conducted by Joseph E. Oesterling, M.D., professor of surgery at the University of Michigan Medical Center and the newly appointed head of urology, finds that "normal" levels of PSA vary according to the age and race of the patient. This may lead to the development of more sophisticated charts to identify men with early stage prostate cancer.

The study compared the PSA level and prostate size of 471 white men in Minnesota to those of 286 Japanese men in the small fishing village of Shimamaki-mura. All the volunteers

were between 40-79 years old and in good health. Each patient underwent a detailed clinical evaluation that included a PSA blood test, a digital rectal exam and a transrectal ultrasound.

Researchers found that in both patient groups, PSA levels and prostate size increased with age. Put another way, values that would be considered elevated for younger men are within acceptable ranges for older men. These findings correspond with the results of other independently conducted studies in the United States and Europe.

The significant discovery of this latest study is that normal PSA levels for Japanese men of all ages are consistently lower than for Caucasian patients of comparable age. Oesterling concludes that the difference can be traced to the smaller average size of the Japanese men's prostate glands as compared to those of their

white counterparts.
 "It just makes sense that the bigger the prostate, the more epithelial cells there are to produce and secrete PSA," says Oesterling. Larger prostates also are more likely than smaller ones to become inflamed, which can lead to a breakdown of the controls that keep PSA in check.

"This research shows that PSA levels alone are not enough to indicate whether an individual should be screened further for prostate cancer," says Oesterling.
 "For example, a serum PSA concentration of 4.2 ng/ml would be considered normal for a 62-year-old white man. But for a 62-year-old Japanese man, that level would be elevated. Doctors have to consider a patient's age and race to determine the next step in his evaluation and treatment — and it's up to researchers to give clinicians the information they need."

Until help arrives, exercise, exercise, exercise



Barry Franklin

Exercise! Be fit! Circulate the blood! I know what you are thinking. Jogging and calisthenics are boring. You have no incentive to do formal exercise for the sake of exercise. You want either a magic formula or an alternative path to increased fitness. Believe it or not, at least one group of scientists is working on the magic formula, a pill which, if taken over a number of weeks, appears to improve physical fitness the same way regular exercise

does. The drug is still in the early stages of development, and may prove to be costly and have side effects.

Besides, it's easy to improve fitness in other fun ways.

The answer is to make subtle changes in your daily living patterns. Modify your previously sedentary habits by altering your attitude and behavior. Increased activity in everyday living isn't as effective as a formal exercise program, but it still can result in improved physical fitness and a reduction in body fat stores.

Think of the staircase as a source of exercise. It's available to every apartment dweller and office worker. One study of at-work stair climbing demonstrated it to be a feasible method of increasing fitness. It involved a three-month experiment with sedentary men who had been regular elevator

users. They used the stairs and were rewarded with a 10 percent improvement in their cardiorespiratory fitness.

The company also reported that stair use saved work time compared to waiting for the elevator.

Here are other simple things you can do every day to exercise without becoming bored.

- Park your car at the farthest end of the parking lot and walk to the store (How often have you burned gasoline driving around the lot to search for a place closer to the door?)
- Eliminate unnecessary extension phones in the home. Walking to a centrally located phone for each call will add up to a considerable caloric expenditure at the end of a year.
- Walk to work each day. If this is possible, park a mile from work and walk briskly.

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

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Kurtis continues marathon career past 40th birthday

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16 miles into the race, his feet blistered badly from the socks.

"I had to take my shoes off," Kurtis said. "There was no way I was going to finish the race like that."

He ran into a drug store, got his feet taped up and finished the race - not badly either. He finished in 2:47 and ahead of all the female competitors.

"I spent a lot of time and money to get (to Boston)," said Kurtis. "I didn't want to drop out."

Fortunately, marathoning became easier as the years went on.

Kurtis competed again at Boston the next year. It was until the late '70s that he became a regular marathoner.

Marathon. He won another that year in Port Huron. After those wins, Kurtis finally realized his running could lead to something big.

"I thought I had enough talent that if I trained hard," he said, "victories would come."

They did, in bunches. But it took another act of fate to push his career into the fast lane.

Running at his second New York Marathon, Kurtis met an important race director from Manila. The director wanted a second runner from New York to run in the Philippines.

Only he wasn't there to see Kurtis. The director wanted to speak with Kurtis' hotel roommate. But when the roommate wasn't there, the Manila big-wig talked to Kurtis and he ended up going overseas.

"Everything just kind of snowballed from there," said Kurtis. "I started meeting other race directors."

It wasn't long before he was running in places like Sydney, Montreal, Seoul and Munich. Kurtis took advantage of his new opportunities by winning some races in the early '80s and running consistently under 2:20.

Instead of slowing down as the years went by, the city resident kept getting better.

"I really came into my own in the late '80s," Kurtis said.

Indeed, he won three times in 1988, five times in 1989 and five more times in 1990. Also in 1989, Kurtis set the single-year world record for number of times under 2:20 with a remarkable 12.

Kurtis has continued to run very consistently. He broke Sweden's Kjell-Erik Stahl's record of 69 times under 2:20 in 1993. He has now achieved that mark 76 times.

"I didn't set out to do it," he said. "It just sort of happened."

Kurtis now limits most of his competitions to Master's Division, which is 40-years-old and over. Newly remarried, he wants to spend more time with his family and begin cutting back on his running schedule.

"I'm getting at the tale end of my Master's career," he said. "It's still fun to go to races and compete. But when it isn't fun anymore, I won't."

Northville has highs and lows in athletic arena in '94

By SCOTT DANIEL
Sports Editor

For Northville High, 1994 was a year of highs and lows in the athletic arena.

There was a trip to the state semi-final in girls soccer, all-state performers in swimming by both boys and girls and a Western Lakes title in boys tennis. Meanwhile, the volleyball, softball and cross country teams came up .500 or below.

Winning or losing, the Mustangs were fun to watch in the year gone by.

The boys' basketball team often showed flashes of brilliance, but couldn't advance far in the state playoffs. Adrienne Browne excelled in cross country by making it all the way to the state meet. The football team overcame a sluggish start to finish respectably and hold on to the Baseline Jug.

It was a year to remember. Just how did your favorite NHS team fare in '94? Here's a brief look at each Mustang team for the past 12 months:

WINTER

Boys' swimming

The Mustang team had one of its best years ever in the pool last winter. Led by a trio of all-stars, Dave Wesley, Jason Fischer and Mike Malloure, Northville finished 10th in Class A.

After setting school records in February, Wesley and Fischer made all-state in March in the 500-yard freestyle and 100-yard backstroke, respectively.

Northville, which won a Western Division title, placed fourth in the conference. Jeff Sieving and Joel Elssesser were among the stars on the Mustang squad.

Wrestling

The wrestlers' stock slipped a bit in '94.

After taking a Western Lakes Activities Association title the previous year, the Mustangs dropped back to third behind Livonia Stevenson and Westland John Glenn. And 152-pounder Joe Scappaticci was the only Mustang to take a league championship.

Northville's frustration was eased somewhat in the state tournament.

As a team, the Mustangs were able to make it out of districts and all the way to the region final before being eliminated. Individually, James Kyle, Jason Tarrow and Adam Lynch also made it to regionals. Tarrow went on to state finals but failed to place.

Boys' basketball

A team of Goliaths had its ups and downs.

Standing at 6-foot-4 or better, Josh and Kieran Williams, Marc Chiasson, George Lemmon and John Buser gave Northville one of the biggest teams its ever had. But despite that height, the Mustangs finished just 12-9 and were knocked out of the state playoffs in the opening round.

On the high side, Northville upset Westland John Glenn in the first round of the conference playoffs 63-50. The squad went on to finish fourth in the WIAA.

Volleyball

In her second year as coach, Laura Murray guided Northville to

respectability. The Mustangs moved up from 15 under .500 in 1993 to one under last year.

A veteran lineup made the difference. Renee Androsian, Angie Snyder and Krista Howe were the backbone of the team. Talented newcomers like Sarah Gregerson helped, too.

Northville took an opening round win over Novi in the state tournament, but lost in the district semi-final to Plymouth Salem.

Cheerleading

In its first sanctioned year as a varsity high school sport, cheerleading was a hit.

Northville finished fifth in its regional. Steady performers like Pippa Creffield, Jodi Fischer, Jenny Sckerka and Allison Superfisky led the way.

SPRING

Baseball

Mickey Newman took over the coaching reins from Tim Cain in April and led Northville to a good year.

The Mustangs, despite being a little inconsistent early, managed to win the Western Division title. The squad went on to finish second in the conference as Salem

downed Northville 4-3 in the final.

Hitting carried the club. Jason Rice, Curt Kaisner, Chuck Ajlgian and Fred Swarhouth led the attack. Dave McCulloch was the ace of the pitching staff.

Girls' Track

Alana Bradley was the story of the track team's season.

A senior, she continued Northville's recent success in the long jump. Bradley set a new school record and finished fourth in Class A with a jump of 17-7. She made all-state for her efforts.

As a team, Northville wound up in the WIAA's top half. The Mus-

tangs were also fifth at state regional competition.

It turned out to be coach Ann Turnbull's final season. She resigned the position later in the year due to family reasons.

Boys' tennis

Easily the most consistent of Northville's teams in recent years, the netters had another successful campaign in 1994.

The Mustangs went undefeated in the WIAA at 11-0-1 to maintain an unbeaten streak of nearly three years. Despite finishing second at the conference meet, the netters won the title.

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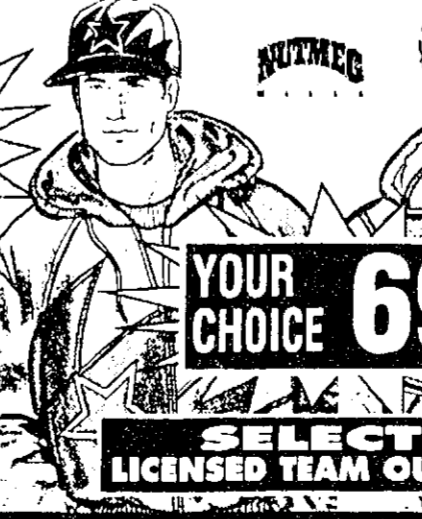
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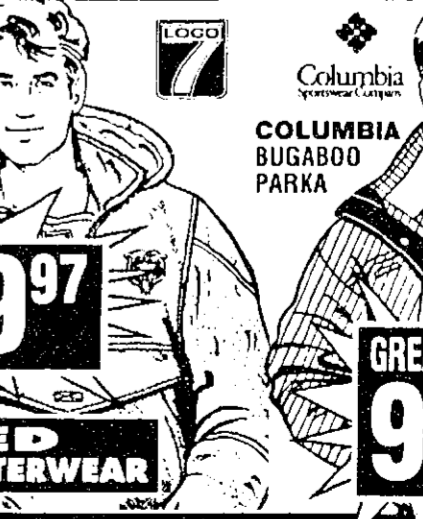
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