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## Disputed post on planning board filled

By JAN JEFFRES  
Staff Writer

First they loaded Planning Commissioner Robert Taub with accolades, then they showed him the door.

The newly-reconstituted Novi City Council on Monday unanimously supported Mayor Kathleen McLallen's city charter prerogative to appoint a planning commissioner and said yes to her choice, Michelle Bononi.

Bononi, an antiques dealer, is the vice president of the Royal Crown subdivision board of directors and a former municipal planner with extensive experience in woodlands and wetlands land use law.

Council Member Richard Clark said he was impressed by Bononi's qualifications.

"The mayor proposes and we depose ... Robert Taub is a dedicated member of the community and has served the community well," said Council Member Richard Clark, who served with Taub on the commission.

"We also have to bear in mind the name placed in nomination by the mayor, we have to look at that individual and their credentials fully and fairly."

In July, McLallen's attempt to appoint Bononi and several other candidates was deadlocked. McLallen at that time did not choose to reappoint Taub, an appointee of former Mayor

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Kathy Mutch  
City Council Member

Matthew Quinn. She did not elaborate on her reasons.

Taub's term expired in early June. He has remained on the commission since then.

"Mr. Taub was very supportive to me as a new member of that commission and provided continuing support," Council Member Kathy Mutch said.

"We have in this community so many people who are not only qualified but willing to serve. In this particular case, whatever decision we've made, we've made a good choice."

Taub, a lawyer, said Tuesday that he enjoyed his three years on

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File photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

Firefighters will hawk copies of *The Novi News* on the streets of the city this coming Saturday. Proceeds help the needy.

## Goodfellows brighten holiday

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL  
Staff Writer

Every holiday season a group of firefighters takes a wish list to Meijer and plays Santa Claus for the night. The men attempt to figure out how to choose a toddler size outfit or match plaid pants with a striped shirt. Sometimes the women of the force have to take over, sometimes the wives and girlfriends do.

At the end of the shopping excursion they form one long line at the register, exit with their santa-sized sacks of goodies and head back to the station to wrap the gifts with paper and bows.

Who are these men and women?

They are the Novi Community Goodfellows. The Goodfellows are those brave public servants who spend one Saturday a year during the holidays standing out in the frigid cold and falling snow, clad in firefighter gear waving a special edition of *The Novi News*.

The group of 30 paid Novi firefighters volunteer time each Christmas season to stand on street corners or in the middle of intersections asking for donations to help give the underprivileged in Novi a Merry Christmas.

"Firefighters are a bunch of caring people

anyway," explained President Charles Hughes. "This is just an extension of what we do already do for the community."

According to Hughes, the Goodfellows are able to help about 20 to 30 low income or single parent families each year with the approximate \$2,000 in donations collected.

"In all my ten years of street collecting the people we deal with are very generous," said Jeff Chereny, vice president of the organization. "It's touching."

He said it's not hard to find families in the community who need a little extra help for the holidays.

Families receive a complete Christmas turkey dinner bought at a reduced rate from Farmer Jacks as well as coats, mittens, boots and other gifts. Fire department volunteers spend one Friday night buying and wrapping the gifts and deliver them the weekend before Christmas.

"There's nothing better in the world than seeing the children's eyes light up when you walk in that door with a big gift box for them," said Hughes. "A lot of these children are under the assumption they won't be receiving anything."

The Novi News prints 1,000 extra special editions of the newspaper for the organization to hand out as thanks for the donations.

Any extra money not used by the Goodfellows is donated to Holy Family Church for its efforts in helping other needy families.

The Goodfellows continue to accept applications for families desiring their help this season through Dec. 8. Applicants are screened and chosen based on need.

The tradition originated as a way to help victims of fires have a happy holiday but slowly progressed as a way to help all the unfortunate in the city, said Hughes. He said Novi is one of the only cities with a Goodfellows organization run solely by volunteers from the fire department.

The Goodfellows will collect donations Saturday from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at various locations. Donations of any size are appreciated. Hughes said donations can also be sent to the attention of the Novi Community Goodfellows, Care of Novi Fire Station No. 1, 42975 Grand River, Novi, MI 48375.

"I'd also like to wish everybody a safe and happy holiday," said Hughes.

## Mall plan might delay interchange work

By JAN JEFFRES  
Staff Writer

Ramco-Gershenson has plans for a West Oaks III shopping center south of Twelve Mile Road, but city officials aren't backing a proposal the mall developers have pitched to the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) for a reconstruction of the Novi Road interchange.

"MDOT said if we try and study this new concept it would set the Beck Road and the Wixom Road interchanges back two years," said City Manager Ed Kriewall.

Hubbell, Roth & Clark (HRC), consultants for Ramco-Gershenson, have designed a road system which would travel west from the existing West Oaks I and II shopping centers - already one of the largest complexes in Novi - and then run north as the city's proposed Taft Road extension. This extension would curve just east of the CSX railroad tracks and end with two outlets to West Road.

Another branch of the proposed

collector/distributor road would stretch south and east past the Novi Sheraton Oaks Hotel and into the Novi Road/I-96 interchange, which would be reconstructed.

Kriewall and Novi's Director of Public Service Anthony Nowicki met with the MDOT to discuss the proposal in late October. Both Kriewall and Nowicki said they don't know exactly what type of shopping center Ramco-Gershenson proposes building on the property. The two existing centers are located south of Twelve Mile Road and west of Novi Road.

Kriewall noted in a memo to the Novi City Council that "we did not want to see any delays to Beck Road and Wixom Road. The potential for a two-year delay was reported and we find that that would be totally unacceptable."

Novi's Community Development Director Jim Wahl said he has not seen any concept plans for West Oaks III.

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## Gift Guide

## Beating suspect sought

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL  
Staff Writer

Novi Police have released a composite sketch of a suspect in the assault of a Novi man in his driveway on Oct. 21.

Matt Konedra, 23, returned home from a night out at about 4 a.m. to find two men in the driveway of his home. Assuming the men were friends, he walked up the driveway to discover the suspects apparently trying to steal the wheels of his parent's car.

The men began to run. Konedra chasing them, when suddenly he was tackled and forced to the ground. He was hit in the head

and wrist with a tire iron.

The men escaped in a 1994 Plymouth Voyager mini van, which was later found a short distance from the scene. The van was stolen from Detroit and contained numerous stolen articles.

Konedra made it into the house where his parents found him lying in a pool of blood and rushed him to Providence. There he underwent surgery to remove bone fragments from his temple and insert a metal pin to stabilize his jaw.

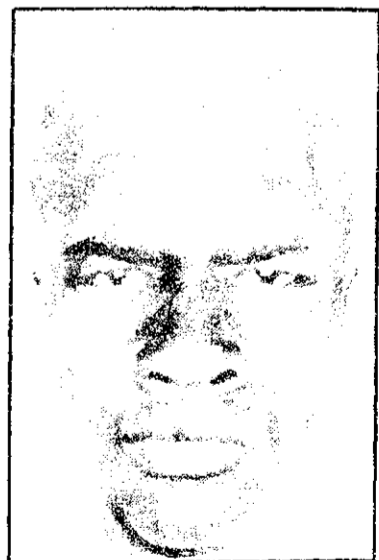
He sustained no permanent damage.

The suspect in the composite is

described as a black male with a dark complexion and a shaved head. He is said to be between 20 and 30 years of age, 6 feet tall and 200 pounds. He was wearing a light brown or rust colored knee length coat with dark pants.

The other suspect, a black male with a dark complexion, also had a shaved head. He stands about 5 feet, 10 inches tall weighing approximately 180 pounds. He was wearing a dark blue or black knee length coat and dark pants.

If you have any information pertaining to this case, please contact the Novi Police at 348-7100.



Sketch of suspect

## Church services set for holiday

Christians will give thanks for the many blessings received during the past year by attending services on either Thanksgiving Eve or Thanksgiving Day.

Two ecumenical services are planned for Wednesday evening, one at First Presbyterian Church of Northville and the other in Novi at Faith Community Presbyterian Church. Four parishes are having services on Wednesday evening, while three will worship on Thursday.

The following is a list of area churches and the day and time of

their services:  
**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE**, 200 E. Main in Northville, will host a Thanksgiving Eve Ecumenical Service at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 22. Participating congregations are **FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE** and **OUR LADY OF VICTORY CHURCH**. The Sanctuary Choir will join in a mass choir of the three churches. Dr. Vernon will be preaching.

For more information, call First Presbyterian Church at 349-

0911.

**OUR LADY OF VICTORY CHURCH**, 770 Thayer Boulevard in Northville, will also celebrate Thanksgiving with a Mass on Thursday, Nov. 23, at 9:15 a.m. Those attending may bring cans of food for St. Leo, blankets for the homeless, and/or hats and gloves for the prisoners.

For more information, call the church at 349-2621.

**THE MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**, 21355

Meadowbrook Road in Novi, will have a service at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 22.

For more information, call 348-7757.

**NEW LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH** will participate in a Community Ecumenical Service to be held at St. Kenneth Roman Catholic Church at 14951 Haggerty Road just south of Five Mile Road at 7:30 on Wednesday, Nov. 22. The service is sponsored by the Plymouth Clergy Association.

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## Community Calendar

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

### Thursday, November 23

**Thanksgiving Day**  
City offices and the library are closed. Have a happy holiday.

### Friday, November 24

**Thanksgiving Holiday**  
City offices are closed.

### Saturday, November 25

#### Holiday Arts and Crafts Show

The Novi Jaycees and Novi Arts Council are hosting their fifth annual Holiday Arts and Crafts Show at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Rd., from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. The juried show features over 50 crafters and artists. Admission is \$1. The monies raised by the event will be used by both organizations to support projects in Novi. For additional information call 348-3121.

### Monday, November 27

#### TOPS

Take Off Pounds Sensibly for all ages meets at 7 p.m. at the Novi Meadows Clubhouse on Napier Road. For more information, call after 6 p.m. (810) 344-2167.

#### Bereavement Support Group

Dr. Michael Meyer, bereavement counselor, facilitates a monthly support group for anyone in the community who has experienced the death of someone they loved and is in need of help. The group meets 7:30-9 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 Ten Mile. For more information, call 348-1800.

### Tuesday, November 28

#### Youth Assistance

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

#### LARA Meeting

The Lakes Area Residents Association meets at 7 p.m. at Walled Lake Middle School, 46720 W. Pontiac Trail.

#### FEMALE

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

#### Band rehearsal

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

#### Camera Club

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

#### Chess Club

The Novi Chess Club will meet from 7-10 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center. There is no charge to attend and all players are welcome. For more information, call Tim Sawmiller, 344-4269 evenings after 6 p.m.

### Saturday, December 2

#### Arts and Crafts Show

Walled Lake Western High School PTSA is holding its eighth annual Holiday Arts and Crafts Show from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. There will be over 100 artisans, food, door prizes and fun for all. Admission is \$1. Students and seniors admitted free.

#### Novi Chorales

The Novi Chorales annual Christmas Concert to benefit homebound seniors and Care Programs will be held at 7:30 p.m. at Faith Community Presbyterian Church, 44400 W. Ten Mile. Tickets are \$4 and available at Novi Parks and Recreation or at the door. Transportation is available by calling 347-0414.

### Sunday, December 3

#### Novi Chorales

The Novi Chorales annual Christmas Concert to benefit homebound seniors and Care Programs will be held at 7:30 p.m. at Faith Community Presbyterian Church, 44400 W. Ten Mile. Tickets are \$4 and available at Novi Parks and Recreation or at the door.

### Monday, December 4

#### City Council

The Novi City Council is scheduled to meet in regular session 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 7:30-9 p.m. in conjunction with the Novi City Council meeting.

#### Village Oaks PTO (VOICE)

The Village Oaks PTO will meet 7:30 p.m. in the Village Oaks School Library on Willowbrook Road.

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#### Motor City Speak Easy Toastmasters

The Motor City Speak Easy Toastmasters Club meets from 7-9 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 777 W. Eight Mile. For more information call Tom Luff at 348-6019 (evenings). Visitors are welcome.

### Tuesday, December 5

#### Seniors meeting

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

#### Menopause Support Group

Providence Medical Center's Conference Center, 47601 Grand River

Ave., hosts a monthly menopause support group from 7:30-9 p.m. for women with concerns about menopause. Call 380-4115 for more information.

#### Board of Appeals

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

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#### Amateur Radio Club

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

### Wednesday, December 6

#### Athletic Boosters

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

#### Planning Commission

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

#### Business Network International

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

### Thursday, December 7

#### Rotary Club

The Novi Rotary meets at 12 noon at Novi United Methodist Church, 41671 Ten Mile Rd. Today's program is presented by Dr. Siddharth Sanghvi Jaipur.

#### 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.

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### They're back

Life-sized stuffed animals return to Twelve Oaks Mall this holiday season. The center will also have its "North Polestar" system in operation to whisk Christmas wishes from local boys and girls directly to Santa Clause through the holiday season. The center will also have its "North Polestar" system in operation to whisk Christmas wishes from local boys and girls directly to Santa.

## GOP having second thoughts about PSAs

By TIM RICHARD  
Staff Writer

Key Republican lawmakers are joining Democrats in having doubts about the "rush" to set up public school academies (PSAs).

The Senate-passed revision of Michigan's school code removes the cap of 35 on the number of PSAs, also known as "charter schools," and allows more state agencies to grant charters for the specialized schools.

"There is no conclusive evidence they help kids learn," said Rep. Lynn Bankes, R-Redford, after a Nov. 14 hearing in Lansing of the House Appropriations subcommittee on school funding. "In some cases, it puts kids in a safer environment. But there's no national, conclusive evidence charter schools make a difference."

"I'm trying to figure out what the rush is when we don't have groups banging on the door (for charters)," said Rep. Maxine Berman, D-Southfield. "I'd like to say let's wait a couple of years and evaluate what we're doing," said Berman, a former English teacher.

"I have the same concern," said Rep. Glenn Oxender, R-Sturgis, who chairs the budget subcommittee. "Some (charter schools) are conversions of private schools. I don't think it makes a lot of sense to support conversions. First, we've lost some of our (state) leverage on school quality. Second, we're educating more students with the same amount of dollars," said Oxender, a former math and computer science teacher.

Rep. Clyde LeFarte, R-Jackson, said businesses develop a plan, try it out, study the results, then go ahead. "But we (legislators) are jumping through the 'plan and study' without knowing what you've got," said LeFarte, a former community college president, echoing Bankes' theme on the shortage of research.

Charter schools were authorized by the Legislature in the 1993 package of legislation known as Proposal A. The state has only one full school year of experience with them.

The Senate bill, passed on a 21-16 party-line vote, would not only remove the cap but loosen the rules governing PSAs. The House is expected to strip out much of the Senate version.

But Dr. Michael Williamson, staff person for the State Board of Education and an adherent to the conservative GOP view that an unlimited number of charter schools should be created, asked the panel to "create enough char-

## Metrocell store gets go-ahead from planners

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL  
Staff Writer

Sick and tired of driving past the corner of Ten Mile and Novi roads only to catch a glimpse of a run down, boarded up gas station?

So is the Novi Planning Commission.

The commission gave 5-0 preliminary site plan approval to Metrocell Security Wednesday night to turn the clutter block into a cellular phone sales and installation store.

Members Peter Hoadley, Robert Taub and Kim Thomas Capello were absent excused.

"It's a good plan," said Commissioner Jacquie Hodges. "When I saw it I said, 'Yippee kai yai yai! It's about time!'"

The old gas station has stood vacant for several years while the commission entertained several proposals for the land, all of which failed at either the planning commission or City Council level.

Commissioner Eda Weddington said she liked the cellular phone store better than past fast food restaurant proposals.

Anticipated improvements to the land include converting the two entrances on both Novi and Ten Mile Road to one entrance only on each road.

Metrocell will paint the building and add an awning and convert much of the cement and gravel areas into green space with landscaping. In addition, signs will be posted that will forbid left turns into the store from northbound Novi Road.

Brandon Rogers, planning consultant for the city, called the deteriorating building "unsightly." Commissioner Dr. Art Vrettas called it an "eyesore."

Commissioners stated they hope the structure is only temporary.

"It's not an efficient way to use this property," said Bonaventura.

"It's a minor, minor improvement," said consultant Rogers who indicated the painted building may not comply with city facade ordinances and should be considered at final site plan approval.

"I wish the building could have been bricked up ... and made presentable," Rogers added.

The big issue was the reluctance of the property owner to set aside an easement for a five-foot sidewalk to connect the other party ways constructed by the nearby shopping plaza.

Commissioners were concerned about the unimproved sidewalk system along the main roads, suggesting the kids in the city should have a better pathway.

"I don't like to see kids walking in the street," said Rogers.

He suggested commissioners add an unimproved sidewalk system along the main roads, suggesting the kids in the city should have a better pathway.

Commissioners agreed, although they would rather see the sidewalk set back from the road.

"It's better than nothing," said Vrettas.

Work on the building should begin to be completed sometime in the spring, according to Steve Cohen, city planning aid.

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# Milk buying turns into car chase

What began as a quick stop at the gas station for a carton of milk turned into a Hollywood car chase the afternoon of Nov. 3.

According to police, a Novi man left the keys to his 1989 red Chevy Beretta in the ignition while he ran into the store at the Speedway gas station on Haggerty and Eight Mile Roads. While in line he noticed a white male in his early to mid-20s, 6 feet tall and slim with sandy blond hair running toward his vehicle near the door.

The man attempted to stop the theft but was only able to pound on the car as it drove away. Fortunately, another man had seen the incident and stopped his car. The victim hopped in and they pursued the vehicle until they lost sight of the Beretta at Haggerty and Grand River.

The men then stopped to call in a report to police. The vehicle was not recovered.

## CAR CAPERS

A man living in the Woodland Glen apartments discovered the window to his gold Pontiac car was broken out Nov. 3 at 8 p.m., said police. Nothing was reported missing from the vehicle.

On Nov. 4, a Novi man found the hood and fender on his 1995 blue Mercury Mystique were dented while it sat parked in his driveway on Brookforest, said police.

The man reported the incident must have occurred between 2:30 p.m. on Nov. 3 and 11 a.m. on Nov. 4.

On Nov. 4, a Novi man discovered the spare tire from underneath his truck had been stolen. Police said there were no suspects.

## Police News

### ROAD CONFRONTATION

A Brighton woman was almost run off the road by a man in a gray Dodge Dakota as she drove down Haggerty Road shortly before 9 p.m. Nov. 3.

According to police, the woman said she had passed the pick up in her black Acura Integra when the truck began to follow her northbound on Haggerty. She said it appeared the man was trying to pass her on both sides and force her off the road.

Just before Fourteen Mile Road, the suspect got in front of the woman's vehicle and slowed down. When she went around him again, he threw an object at her car, possibly a beer can, she reported.

When the woman drove into the nearby gas station the truck turned around and drove away. She noticed the object left a dent in the right front panel of her car.

She described the suspect as a white male, 30 years of age, about 6 ft. and 180 pounds with dark hair and unshaven.

### MAILBOX MAILED

A homeowner on LeBost discovered his mailbox had been run over sometime between 10 p.m. and 7:30 a.m. on the morning of Nov. 6.

According to police, an unknown suspect drove a vehicle into a mailbox resting on a large post in the ground. The post was split in half and there were possible tire tracks on the grass and driveway. The damage is estimated to be \$35.

### DRUNK DRIVING

Police arrested a Plymouth man for drunk driving after an officer followed the man across flashing railroad tracks.

According to police, the man was driving eastbound on Ten Mile at about 2 a.m. Nov. 3. The officer witnessed the car swerving on the road and watched it continue straight through the train tracks even though a train was coming and the safety lights were flashing.

When the officer pulled the driver over, the man admitted he had just left the bar. The officer administered sobriety tests which the man failed. He was arrested and the vehicle impounded. The man was released on bond and has a Nov. 8 court date.

### TRICKS NOT TREATS

A homeowner on LeBost reported to police that a home made haunted tree decoration on the front lawn was stolen during the morning of Oct. 26.

The wooden Halloween decoration was valued at \$150.

### SEXUAL HARASSMENT

An employee at a local pizzeria told police she was slapped on the backside by a supervisor and then said "I'd better not do that, I might get sued."

According to police, the woman called the next day, Oct. 27, to say she wasn't coming in to work. She

said the supervisor replied: "You have a baby. With a body like that you could stop traffic. I can barely keep my tongue in my mouth."

However, when questioned by police, the man said he told her: "I didn't know you have a baby. You're very beautiful. I'd hate to lose you."

### HALLOWEEN WORKER ASSAULTED

A woman working at the Joyce's Haunted House on the night of Oct. 27 was supposed to be surprising the guests. Instead she received a surprise of her own.

While in costume inside the haunted house, the woman was scaring the customers when a teenager sucker punched her with his fist on the left side of her face. She was knocked to the ground, according to police.

A group of teenagers was detained until police arrived, but the woman could not make a positive identification.

She was treated at the scene for a cut and bleeding lip.

### ASSAULT AND BATTERY

An employee at Country Building Supplies on Grand River got into an altercation with a customer that resulted in pushing, punching and even a wrestling match for a sledgehammer, said police.

Just before 10 a.m. on Oct. 16 the store owner broke up the fight, gaining possession of the sledgehammer. When police arrived, both men apologized and opted not to press charges.

## Novi Briefs

### Novi standard time

Dinner may be served at 8 p.m., but the Novi City Council was asked to provide a legal opinion about any potential conflict of interest between her two roles. Concluded Fried in the Nov. 9 document: Match should not be required to resign from the non-profit Preservation Novi, however she should abstain from voting on any contract or purchase from it the group which would involve more than \$100 of city money. In addition, she should not be a member of the Novi City Council, nor should she be elected to any position of authority or responsibility for private or public interests when that might impair his or her independent judgment in the performance of official city duties.

### Madam President

If they wanted to, Novi Parks and Recreation Department staffers could have "Hail to the Chief" when Recreation Supervisor Marilyn Troshak is around. She'll soon be installed as president-elect of the Michigan Recreation and Park Association. In a Nov. 13 memo to the Novi City Council, Parks and Rec. Director Dan Davis notes that: "Marilyn will be the first Novi person to hold this esteemed position."

### Not so little black book

Mayor Kathleen McAllen says she and other city council members were presented with the "Novi Bible" last week. City Clerk Tommi Bartholomew and her staff prepared thick notebooks full of the city rules and regulations, phone lists, zoning and anything else anyone would want to know about the community. "It had to be about a foot high," McAllen said, noting that for the newly-elected officials - and the incumbents - it's sure to be the "standard desk reference."

### Goodfellows take applications

The Novi Goodfellows will be taking applications for receipt of assistance from the group's annual fund-raiser. The Goodfellows will be conducting their annual paper sale, hawking copies of The Novi News on street corners throughout town this Saturday, according to Goodfellows spokesman Charles Hughes. The proceeds will be used over the holidays to assist needy families in the area. While the Goodfellows originally raised money to assist victims of fires, the group has expanded its focus to include low income residents could use a hand getting through the holiday season. Applications are available between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. at Novi Fire Station No. 1 on Grand River. Eligibility will be based on income. The deadline for applications is Dec. 8.

### Clothes closet closed for season

The Novi Area Community Clothes Closet, located next to Novi Meadows school, will be closed on Nov. 21 and remain closed until early January.

# Police review actions during election

By MICHAEL MALOTT and WENDY PIERMAN-MITZEL Staff Writers

The Novi Police Department has investigated its own personnel after allegations were made of improper conduct during the recent mayoral election campaign. But little information is available about the outcome of those investigations.

Novi Police Chief Doug Shafer last week confirmed that several internal reviews of police conduct have taken place.

"We weren't able to substantiate any wrongdoing," Shafer said. Declining to explain the nature of the reviews, he said, "internal investigations take place very frequently in our organization."

He said that although allegations were made of improper conduct, they were not the result of citizen complaints. He said the investigations have been completed, but declined to release the reports to The Novi News, contending they are personnel matters and therefore not subject to the Freedom of Information Act.

Shafer said corrective action was taken.

The only known investigation involved Austin Street resident James E. Korte, who said he was questioned at his home Monday, Nov. 13, by Novi Police Sgt. Greg Hummersack about how he had obtained information regarding a phone call to the police department made by Mayor Kathleen McAllen.

In that call, McAllen asked the police department to relay a message to her children, participating in a Novi Youth Theater event at the Civic Center, that she would be late picking them up.

During the election, such incidents became political fodder in the race between McAllen and challenger Carol Mason. Another incident raised as a campaign issue was McAllen's objections to a traffic ticket issued to her back in 1991. She reportedly entered the police headquarters and left the ticket at the desk, telling the clerk to take care of it. During the campaign, McAllen's husband was also up on charges in a Rochester case for an alleged altercation with a trespasser on Cambridge Drive.

Police involvement in the campaign culminated when the department launched an investigation of letter to the editor writers in response to an anonymous fax received by Mason, which she claimed was threatening.

"What is it that this police department has nothing better to do than to worry where Korte got his information?" Korte said last week, objecting to being questioned. "They are spending time to investigate why I get information ... That's how he put it. He was sent here to find out how I knew that the mayor had put in a phone call to the police department. That's a little crazy ... That is the only question the man asked me, and that is the direction of the investigation."

"This is public and potentially public information," Korte said. "Anybody can know if they take the time to look for it ... If the rest was a waste of time, what the hell is this?"

Korte declined to say how he had come by the information.

"If Linda Detorre doesn't have to tell you her sources and who gave her the letters, then I don't have to

tell you a thing," he said. Detorre was among those involved in the submission of a letter to the editor to The Novi News, who was later questioned by police regarding Mason's anonymous fax. Detorre has declined to say who really wrote the letters, which appeared under the signature of Margaret Whyte.

Korte said last Tuesday he had talked to Deputy Police Chief Al Rasmussen about the investigation.

"He will give me no information about why a detective was at my door investigating me. Now I don't know how that can be. I am supposed to, as a good citizen, fully cooperate with the world, and then I say 'Why are you investigating me?' and they say, 'That's not my business,'" Korte said. "If I'm being asked questions on an investigation, then I think I should be able to ask at least what's going on ... Is this just to be threatening to me?"

McAllen's phone call to the police department occurred Oct. 7. McAllen phoned the police department asking that an officer relay a message to her children,

Andrew and Kaitlin, who were at the Civic Center rehearsing their roles for a Novi Youth Theater production.

McAllen explained that she was performing a wedding that day, in her role as mayor. When the wedding was late getting started, McAllen attempted to contact the Civic Center to inform her children that she would be late picking them up. But when she called the only number she had for the Civic Center, she got an answering machine. Unable to get through, she contacted the police department and asked the dispatcher if a message could be relayed. The incident was recorded in a police report written by the officer.

McAllen said Tuesday she was unaware of the department review of police conduct during the election. She said she had not asked that such a review be conducted, but said, "Others have hinted strongly to Shafer that such an investigation should be done."

Staff writer Randy Coble also contributed to this report.

# Computer thieves caught redhanded

By WENDY PIERMAN-MITZEL Staff Writer

Chummy criminals led police to discover \$10,000 worth of stolen computer equipment from Orchard Hills Elementary School in a garage Sunday morning.

Police received a call from a concerned citizen who said she heard a loud crash near the property. When police arrived at the home on Ten Mile Road, they noticed nothing unusual around the caller's property, said Det. Ken Meier.

Instead the caller indicated the noise might have come from a

nearby home.

According to police reports, the officers looked next door, pulled out an open garage door and a smashed computer inside with a ratchet nearby. Officers were let into the house by a man who told them the owner of the home was out of town and the grandparents were watching the home.

The grandmother allowed police to search the home where officers found more monitors and keyboards, bearing Novi High School serial numbers, in various rooms in the home.

When police traced the computers' serial numbers back to Orchard Hills, they discovered a window on the south side of the building was broken. The alarm had not sounded. Apparently, the suspects broke through the windows with a crow bar, police said.

Officers at the school noticed the crow bar on the ground next to a broken CD ROM disc and disc holder.

Police continue their investigation and search for more suspects. According to Meier, none of the suspects are Novi students.

## Coop has openings

Novi Cooperative Preschool still has openings for children 4 years of age in its afternoon program.

Novi Cooperative Preschool is a non-profit, non-discriminatory organization where tuition is affordable.

The school is located on Ten Mile Road west of Meadowbrook Road in the Novi Methodist Church. The preschool is not affiliated with the church. For more information on enrollment, call 349-3223.

# Novi hosts 'cut your own' tree sale

Remember the good ol' days of packing up the entire family and venturing off to the woods to pick the exact tree that is meant to bring your family joy during the holiday season? Well, at Novi's tree farm, you can capture some of the great holiday nostalgia of days gone by without having to pay the high price that you may have experienced in recent years.

The City of Novi, Parks and Recreation department is hosting the annual Novi "Cut Your Own Christmas Tree" sale on Saturdays and Sundays, Nov. 25 and 26, Dec. 2 and 3, 9 and 10 and 16 and 17. The tree farm is located at 44030 Twelve and one-half Mile Road, one-half mile west of Novi Road, north of Twelve Mile. You can wander through the forest of Douglas Firs, Blue spruce, White Pines, Australian Pines and much more between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. each weekend.

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So, if you want to relive some of the spirit of holiday's past without the high prices of holiday's present, visit Novi's "cut your own" tree farm this weekend and start the season out right. For more information please call the Novi Parks and Recreation Department at (810) 347-0400.

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**A big hug**

It's that time of year again. Santa, and his helpers, will be appearing in shopping centers throughout the area, just to get the Christmas wishes of local boys and girls ... and of course to

get a big hug from them. Question: just how many times can a youngster sit in Santa's lap over a given holiday season? Above, Santa is already on duty at Twelve Oaks Mall.

File photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

**District benefits from industrial development too**

By JAN JEFFRES  
Staff Writer

Development isn't just a city issue. On the mind of Novi Community Schools officials is just how much growth is going on in the industrial/commercial sector here, the type of building which brings in tax revenues but no new students.

"With the build out of residential, it's caused us a problem with our situation of overcrowding. One of the things I see as a board member is there seems to be a negative feeling in Novi to develop that property that is commercial," School Board Member Ray Byers said.

"There doesn't seem to be anybody out there trying to hook them in." Last week, the school board and the Novi City Council held a local summit meeting on the council's turf at the Novi Civic Center. On everyone's lips has been a study by the city's Economic Development Commission (EDC) which concluded that residential development is now outpacing growth in the business community.

Not every one is convinced there is a problem, however. Others see it as a time lag which will be addressed if Novi's master plan is followed.

Another look at the growth is on its way. City Manager Ed Kriewall said the administration will provide a fiscal impact monitoring of the city within the next 60 to 90 days.

The Novi school district consists of 50 percent homebased development and 50 percent non-homebased.

"The commercial tax base which has come to the city recently is a concern. The commercial tax base won't really pay the bills," School Board President Craig Foreback said.

And Byers wondered if the city had an adequate job base for its young adults.

"This has been a concern to all of us. The economy of this community is parallel to the growth of this community. Last year, Wixom got 30 new industrial projects and Novi got one. Along Nine Mile Road, the industrial is all for lease.

Something has to be done to re-evaluate the reason people want to invest in this community," Mayor Kathleen McLallen agreed.

But Council Member Bob Mitzel suggested the city's residential development may now be playing catch-up with the business development of the 1970s-1980s.

"There was a time commercial leapfrogged residential and now residential is leapfrogging commercial," Mitzel said.

"It is a concern, but overall the master plan will achieve close to a balance." While Byers saw Main Street as a big plus for Novi, he said he was disappointed that the Grand Plan, a project early in the decade to move industry from the Grand River/Novi Road area in a Grand River and Wixom road industrial park crashed.

"It grates me no end to go out Grand River and the development that was going to be in Novi, we had the Major, is the tax base for Wixom. That frustrates me to see that slip through our fingers," he said.

However, Council Member Robert Schmid backed Mitzel's stand that the city has already designed a development blueprint which will bring both sectors into balance.

"We still have hundreds of acres of commercial and industrial land for development," Schmid said. "I think we're doing an outstanding job and we do have some detractors here. I get a kick comparing Wixom to us, they don't have any sit-down restaurants... We have turned down more commercial than most cities get a chance to turn down."

Schmid conceded, however, that the city might take a look at developers' complaints that it's tough to build in this town.

Saying she also has great faith in the master plan, Council Member Nancy Cassin agreed that the city might relook at its ordinances concerning development.

Three school districts have boundaries overlapping with the city's: the Novi, Northville and Walled Lake districts. Novi schools' claims some of the highest taxpay-

**Schools watchdog upset over board reaction**

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL  
Staff Writer

Two Novi School Board members disputed claims the district isn't fulfilling its obligations in regard to Michigan Educational Assessment Program scores during Thursday night's regular meeting.

School district resident Susan Schramm both complimented and criticized Novi Schools in a letter of correspondence read out loud during the meeting, since she couldn't be in attendance.

But Trustees Ray Byers and George Kortlandt found the letter to be disturbing. Byers even called it "threatening." In the letter Schramm stated she ranked Novi MEAP scores against other comparable districts in size and per pupil expenditure and found the results to be disturbing.

"Novi Community Schools rank far below those of Northville, Birmingham, Troy, Grosse Pointe and West Bloomfield ... (Northville is) ranked number one in 10th grade Math scores (we're number seven), number one in 11th grade science (we're number eight) and outrank us in 10th grade reading scores," stated the letter.

Byers and Kortlandt disputed the MEAP score comparison, saying the MEAP is not designed for comparison between districts and should be compared from year to year using the same class of students to assess achievement. Besides, Byers said, another test is being developed as a better guide on state endorsed diplomas.

Byers said later, "Threatening may not have been the best word. The tone of the letter disturbed me and I thought it needed to be

responded to."

He said he reacted to the last part of the letter which read in part: "Unless the community is aware of the problems the school district faces, concerned members cannot help to solve them ... The Novi Board of Education needs to recognize this and stop hiding problems from the community ... Ultimately you are going to be held accountable for decreasing student achievement by myself and the taxpayers who elected you."

Schramm, who watched the board meeting on cable television, said the reaction by both members was uncalculated for and felt they were directly attacking her.

She was most upset by Byers' statement that her letter was threatening. "Why is it a threat for elected officials to be held accountable?" she asked earlier this week.

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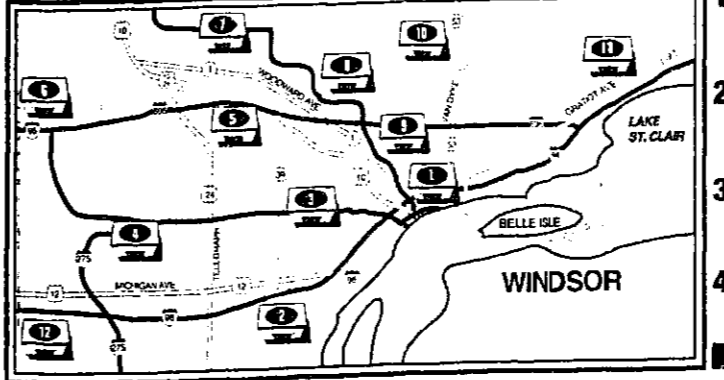
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## Police prep for paper strike action Thursday

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL Staff Writer

Novi Police Chief Doug Shaeffer is hoping Thanksgiving Day can indeed be celebrated as a time of gratitude.

Novi Police are preparing for a possible conflict at the Grand River Distribution Center for the Detroit Newspaper Agency Thanksgiving Day.

"We're trying to get all of our

county law enforcement agencies together ... to provide each other with help," said Shaeffer.

Striking union workers for The Detroit News and Free Press have said they will block company attempts to deliver the Thanksgiving Day edition of the newspaper. It is one of the biggest advertising days of the year.

Novi Police will coordinate efforts with nearby police departments

and Oakland County law enforcement agencies, according to Shaeffer. Extra forces will be stationed at the site, and additional officers available if needed.

Although no one is happy about preparing for the anticipated problems, Shaeffer said all his forces are ready and willing to do what's necessary to keep things peaceful.

Representatives from the DNA says the company is not anticipating

any trouble but will take the necessary measures to increase security.

Getting the newspapers out to subscribers has been particularly difficult since the strike began earlier this summer. Striking teamsters in other cities have been accused of rioting at various distribution centers and destroying trucks in efforts to keep circulation down.

Just recently, in two Novi locations, DNA newspaper boxes have been found tarred and rendered useless.

The DNA reported boxes at the corner of Novi Road and I-96 Mile and in front of the Arbor Drugs store at Nine Mile and Novi Road were found with tarred locks, coin slots and handles on Oct. 29.



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## Planners decline action on theater in Commerce

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL Staff Writer

Plans for a twelve-screen entertainment complex could be coming soon to a border near you. Novi Planning Commissioners, last Wednesday night, discussed the effects on the city of a proposed theater complex likely to be approved by the Charter Township of Commerce Planning Commission.

The Haggerty Development Company of Farmington Hills proposes to build a multi-screen theater and future office buildings on about 20 acres of land on the corner of Fourteen Mile and Haggerty roads. Another 20 acres consists of substantial wetlands.

The property is on the northern border of Novi. Commerce planning commission members were expected to approve a request to rezone 40 acres of property from office and multiple family to community business district after a Monday night public hearing, according to Steve Cohen, Novi planning aid.

Bill Brownfield, Commerce Township planning director, told Cohen that although the rezoning petition is contrary to the existing township master plan, the township is currently updating the plan and the planning department intends to recommend approval of the rezoning.

But Novi planning commissioners were most concerned with the effects the development would have on the north end of their city.

According to Novi planning consultant Brandon Rogers, the rezoning will cause major traffic congestion in the area, especially near the Maple of Novi.

"The only good thing is theaters generate traffic in off-peak hours," explained Rod Arroyo, planning consultant.

He said with the recent news that the Michigan Department of Transportation will continue with plans for the Haggerty Connector and the widening of Fourteen Mile, traffic problems may be relieved somewhat.

Novi resident Andrew Mutch

brought the issue to the Novi planning commission and requested it send a message of protest to Commerce Township.

"The township will be dumping this in with no ramifications. Mutch said. It isn't responsible to pay for improving the roads.

"Things don't end at our borders," he explained. "If it were the Commerce Township landfill, you guys would come out strongly against it."

But as far as commissioner Glen Bonaventura is concerned, Novi has little right to tell other communities what to do.

"Novi hasn't been a real champion of regional planning, we're only concerned within our own borders," he explained.

But Community Development Director James Wahl said Novi has gone out of its way to take comment from other communities.

At the end of the discussion, planning commission members decided not take any action.

## City hosts mitten tree charity

Come December, the weather outside will likely be frightful, but needy adults and children may find a new Novi holiday scheme delightful.

Everyone is encouraged to clip a pair of new or clean and as-good-as-new mittens, gloves, hats or scarves to the Mitten Tree at the Novi Civic Center. The goods will be taken to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen in Detroit, with the aim of helping keep low-income citizens frostbite free.

A joint effort of the Novi Cham-

ber of Commerce and the City of Novi Homeowners Association, the tree idea sprouted from the brain of association president Ruth Ann Jirasek.

Clips for the mittens, etc., will be provided on the pine, which will go up on Dec. 4 in time for the city's "Light Up the Holidays" program. On Dec. 20, the staff will be taken downtown.

"There will be two trees, the gorgeous tree that the city has and our tree to the side. The Capuchin Soup Kitchen has a huge, big

gathering on Christmas Day downtown," Jirasek said, adding that the Novi donations would be distributed then.

"The little ones are going to love donating mittens and things, knowing that they're doing something to help."

In addition, the Novi Jaycees is asking residents to bring canned goods to "Light Up the Holidays" on Dec. 4. These will be used in their Need Family Christmas baskets.

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## Library Notes

### Book Talk

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# Holiday light contest set by CNHA group

By JAN JEFFRES Staff Writer  
The holidays are a time of giving - and some Novi residents really know how to give a show.

Annually, the best-decorated front lawns, subdivision entrances and commercial outlets are honored by City of Novi and the City of Novi Homeowners Association as part of the community's "Light Up the Holidays" program.

This year, the teams of evaluators will be out car pooling around town on Dec. 9, said Ruth Ann Jirasek, president of the citywide homeowners group.

It's a tough job, but someone's got to do it. The merry mobile judges will be dividing the city into four quadrants for ease in viewing.

"This is so much fun. There's three things we're looking for, the individual homes, the overall subdivision participation and hustiness," Jirasek said.

Last year when we went out the streets were treacherous, but the lights were so beautiful because it was snowing.

Mayor Kathy McAllen will hand out the awards on Dec. 18. Top winners get prizes such as a \$100 gift certificate from Detroit Edison or a \$100 neighborhood pizza party at Novi Bowl or a free community garage sale ad in The Novi News.

At the awards ceremony, a video of the winners is shown to one of the largest audiences the city council sees each year - and it's a far from hostile crowd.

By now, this is getting pretty competitive, with the happy winners - many dressed in Christmas sweaters or sweat shirts - flocking to the awards ceremony, kiddies in tow, to pick up their official Novi logo tree ornaments and other goodies.

With the amount of lights typically strung up around town, it's a wonder the holiday supplies even in Novi's ample shopping district don't run low. Animated outdoor figures are also in vogue here.

Jirasek is urging presidents of local neighborhood associations to nominate their subdivision's winners in advance, including addresses so that the judges don't miss any special yard.

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do their best to get in on the early sales in town and load up on Christmas gifts. The event and the shopping produced quite a crowd.

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## Getting started

The holiday season is now officially underway. Shoppers turned out in droves in Northville last week to launch the season along with the annual Christmas Walk in downtown. Above, shoppers

# Relive musical history at Raven Gallery event

A reminder of Detroit's musical history reappears Friday, Nov. 17, as the Highland Lakes Campus of Oakland Community College becomes the latest site of the Raven Gallery.

The area's premiere coffeehouse of the 1960s-80s, the Raven Gallery opened in Detroit in the summer of 1961, serving up some of the finest folk and blues-acoustical acts as well as a good cup of joe. Attracting many people from the suburbs and the inner city, the gallery soon moved to a location in

Birmingham and later to Southfield, where it remained until closing its doors in the early '80s.

Throughout its history, two of the gallery's biggest acts were Ron Coden and Josh White Jr. "An Evening at the Raven Gallery" begins at 8 p.m. in the Student Center Arena at the college's Highland Lakes Campus in Waterford. Tickets are \$8 general admission, \$7 for OCC students and senior citizens. To purchase tickets call (810) 360-3057 or (810) 3603186.

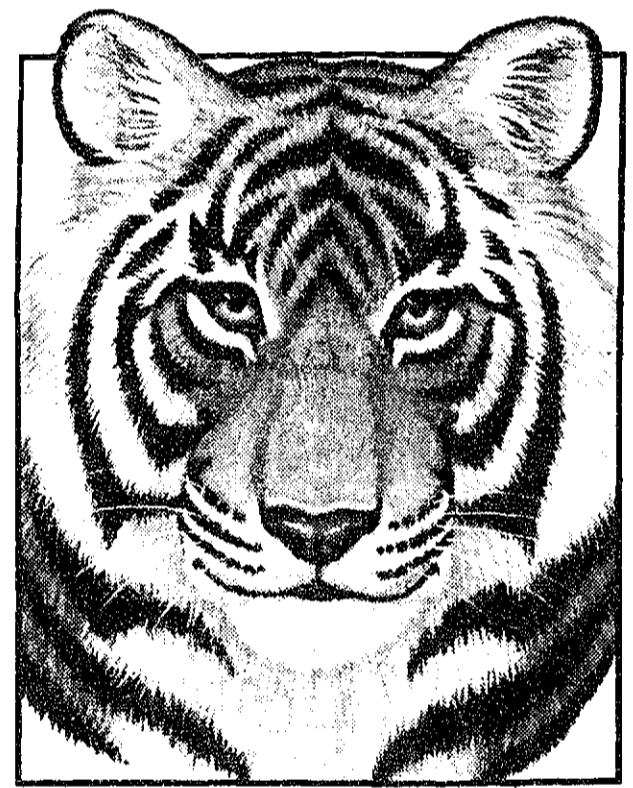
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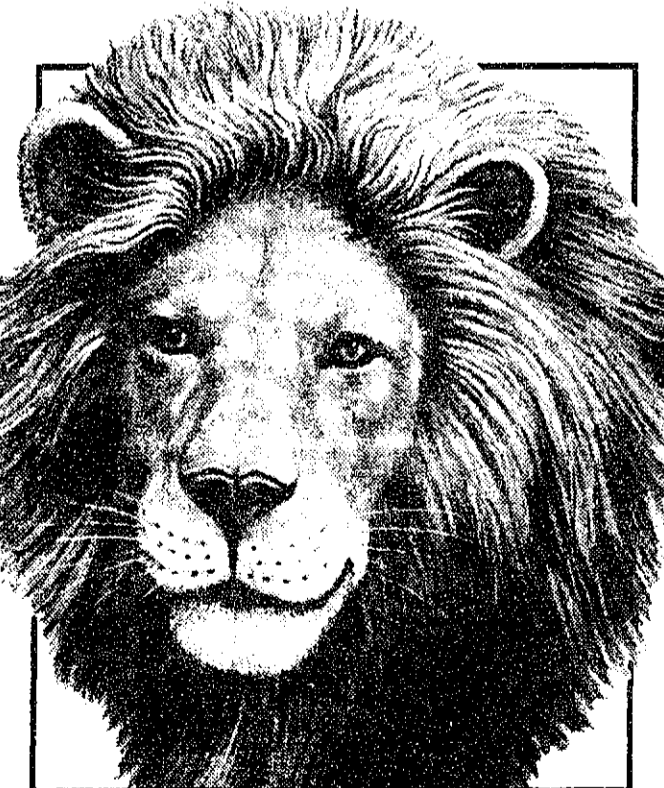
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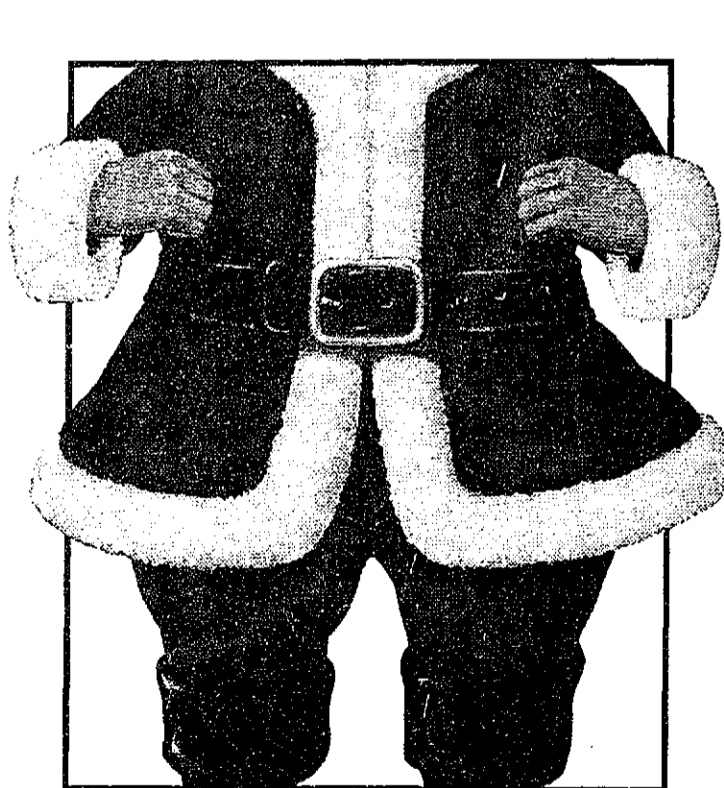
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# Complex proposed for Grand River

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL Staff Writer

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Novi police will lose at least two longtime employees to retirement in the new year, said Police Chief Doug Shaeffer last week.

Lt. Jerry Burnham will retire effective January 1. Det. Bill Brown will also retire in 1996. Shaeffer said both men have spent 25 years on the force.

One other officer has unofficially announced he, too, will retire.

Shaeffer said both retirements will generate promotions which will then leave openings in the officer ranks.

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# Mitzel calls for super playground

By JAN JEFFRES Staff Writer

A jumbo playground with chairs and ladders and lots of fun stuff for kids seems just the thing for the vacant Walled Lake Casino site, Council Member Rob Mitzel thought.

"I personally think that it's not acceptable to have such a large piece of land remaining vacant and unused when you have such a need for recreation in the city," Mitzel said.

"I have a large concern over the fact that we as a city do not get delivered projects over to the residents. That's to say, we can keep waiting and waiting and waiting. Sometimes I wish the city had competition so we would get the projects out in a more timely fashion."

# Northville sees rapid student growth too

By ROBERT JACKSON Staff Writer

There's no doubt about it. The Northville Public School District is experiencing rapid growth.

District officials presented the school board with the preliminary student membership figures Monday, and although the increase in student population will bring the district more state funding, too much growth too quickly could result in overcrowded schools — especially at the high school level.

The figures reflect a district-wide increase in students by about 5 percent. The elementary schools experienced 7 percent growth, while the middle schools grew by more than 4 percent over last year. The high school experienced the least amount of growth, increasing its student population by a little

more than 2 percent. The average class size K-12 for the district is 24.7 students.

Over the past 10 years the school district's student population has grown by more than 29 percent.

According to John Street, the district's director of business and finance, more students equates to more revenue under the state funding formula brought about by the passage of Proposition A. The formula takes the October student enrollment to be provided. "When you get more students you get more revenue, and up to a point that is beneficial," Street said. "But with that growth you have to look at other things, new buildings, and other things that go with educating kids."

Each student enrolled brings in more revenue than expense, up to a point," he added. "With more students entering the district, that ratio decreases."

Street said Proposition A changed the way districts deal with student growth. If a community's growth was faster than the school district's increase in enrollment, funding local education was easier, because the district was considered "out of formula," and received no state aid. With that change, he explained, most of the district's funding comes directly from the state. "Now if that growth hits, the district doesn't have the ability to go back to the voters for additional funding," he said.

For example if the district's

setting up places there for picnicking, sand volleyball, roller hockey, basketball and winter outdoor ice skating.

"I share the concerns of Council Member Mitzel with some projects taking an inordinate amount of time. One thing that has distinguished this community is maybe we do take a lot of time on projects. The end result is a quality community," Council Member Richard Clark said.

After hearing their response, Mitzel changed his mind and joined in to squash his motion for the hearing.

While late Council Member Tim Pope's wife Sara has asked that a play structure be built to honor him, Mitzel said after the meeting that he would like to see a more ideal. He also proposed building a chutes and ladders-type playground and the lake site, now vacant and occupied by grass, some old trees and graffiti, seemed ideal. He also proposed

ing kids."

# Motorsports show set for weekend

Don't miss the biggest motorsports collector's event of the season. The Motorsports Hall of Fame presents the Motorsports Memorabilia and Collectibles show, Sunday, Nov. 19.

The museum's assembly features show cars and official souvenirs from NASCAR, IndyCar, drag racing and all other motorsports. In the collectibles show, the museum will feature vendors of diecast cars, trading cards, posters, wearables, models, photos and more. The event will take place in the Novi Expo Center from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

This show will host:

- The Jeff Gordon Winston Cup show car (which, by show-time will likely be crowned Winston Cup Champion).
- The Rusty Wallace Winston Cup show car and the Al Unser Jr. Indy show car of Penske Racing.
- The official souvenir trailers of Roush Racing and Penske Racing, offering the latest in Winston Cup, IndyCar and drag racing souvenirs and collectibles from racing's largest and most diverse teams. Roush Racing will also display one of its show cars.
- The official IndyCar display trailer and mobile gift shop with its collection of IndyCar merchandise, featuring two Indy show cars.

Admission to the show only will be \$2. For \$4, visitors will also gain admission to the museum. All proceeds benefit the nonprofit museum and Hall of Fame. Visitors may view the museum's collection of over 75 racing vehicles, the 66 Hennessey of Horsepower in the Hall of Fame, and other exhibits.

The museum and hall of fame is located in the Novi Expo Center. Call (810) 349-RACE for details.

# Services set for Thanksgiving

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An offering of either canned goods and/or cash offering to the Salvation Army will be accepted. The preacher will be the Rev. Dean Klump, Senior Pastor at First United Methodist Church of Plymouth.

**GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH**, Nine Mile and Meadowbrook, in Novi, will have a service on Thursday, Nov. 23, at 10 a.m.

For more information, call the church at (810) 349-0565.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE**, 217 N. Wing in Northville, will have a service on

Wednesday, Nov. 22, at 7 p.m.

For more information, call the church at (810) 348-1020.

**NORTHVILLE CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY**, 41355 Six Mile Road in Novi, will have a special Thanksgiving Service on Wednesday, Nov. 22, at 7 p.m.

For more information, call the church at (810) 348-9030.

**FAITH COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**, 4440 West Ten Mile Road in Novi, will be hosting a special Community Eve Service at

7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 22.

Participating churches include **NOVI UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**, **HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH**, **SPIRIT OF CHRIST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH** and **HOLY CROSS EPISCOPAL CHURCH**.

A massed choir from all the participating churches will perform. Each pastor will participate in the service as well as several lay persons from the congregations.

For more information, call Faith Community Presbyterian Church at 349-5666.

well," Cassis said, thanking Taub's family for tolerating the time he spent away from home volunteering to the city.

Interviews will be on Nov. 27 to find a replacement on the planning commission for Match, who was promoted by the voters to the city council.

# Taub replaced on planning board

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the commission.

"I really am a businessperson in the community. I felt that as resident and as a member of the planning commission I had to be fair with residents as well as business people. I never tried to push my own personal agenda," Taub said.

# Walled Lake renewal passes overwhelmingly

Walled Lake school district voters overwhelmingly approved a 10-year renewal of 28 mills of property taxes on business and industry and 4.3 mills on homes in an election Saturday.

The ballot tallied 9,304 yes votes to 1,388 no votes.

Lots Lange, spokesperson for the school district administration, said officials there were pleased with the outcome. The strong showing indicated the district got its message out. There had been fears the renewal might be confused with previous unsuccessful attempts for construction bonds.

Lange noted the voter turnout for Saturday's election was 20 percent, which she counted as unusual for a renewal election. In fact, it ranks as the second highest voter turnout in school district history, she said, the first being the bond issue election in February.

"I don't have any ill-will towards anyone. I was a friend of Kathy's before I was on the planning commission and before she was mayor. She's a very nice, charming lady. She did what she could with her authority. If you're the mayor, you want to get your people in."

Council Members Robert Schmidt and Nancy Cassis praised Taub for his service to Novi.

The renewal vote, for 4.3 mills on homes and 28 mills on businesses, was a follow up to the legislature's Proposal A property tax reform. With most tax support shifted to the state, those rates were determined by state law.

Failure would have cost the district \$20 million, roughly 20 percent of its overall budget.

ary. Lange attributed the turnout to the scheduling of the election on Saturday and indicated the district is likely to keep its special elections on weekend ballots in the future.

"We just want to thank the voters for their support of this question and say we appreciate their trust in the district," Lange said.

Ray J. Casterline II, Fred A. Casterline and RAY J. CASTERLINE II, 122 WEST DUNLAP STREET NORTHVILLE, MICHIGAN 48167 (810) 349-0611

# Mall plans may slow road work

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"If they do the project, I presume it would be of the same extent as the projects they built," Wahl said.

Ramco-Gershenson did not return phone calls.

The state would not be involved with the first phase of the project, which would include only local roads, said MDOT project development engineer Norm Kieliszewski.

"Where that stands is that is a developer concept. I guess we have not been given any formal presentation as to what's exactly being considered. Basically we were told this is what we're considering," Kieliszewski said Monday.

The Beck Road interchange is a completely different issue than what's being proposed by HRC (Hubbell, Roth & Clark) and the developer. They would have to present us with some information, we would have to evaluate it. There would be some work we would have to do also. I would not even venture a guess as to when that would be."

He noted in a Nov. 7 memo that the I-96/Wixom-Beck Road project justification report for the 1-96/Wixom-Beck Road interchanges to include traffic impacts for the proposal at Novi

Road as well as the Haggerty Road Connector."

The MDOT has already submitted a justification report for the Beck Road and Wixom Road interchanges to the Federal Highway Administration's division office in Lansing. Ramco-Gershenson and its consultants would have to submit any justification of their proposal to the federal administrators as well, if they were to go ahead with it, Kieliszewski said.

"At this time, at MDOT, we have not proposed for funding for that interchange," he added.

Novick said there hasn't been any discussion of what share of the costs, if any, the city and state would bear of the proposed new road network. "We're not exactly sure to what extent they'll be involved, the state has its own funding problems."

So far, the city has not made any decision on which, if any, of the multiple designs for a Taft Road extension will be built. The project is part of a voter-approved road millage, but officials say not enough money is there for the extension.

As part of the reconstruction of the Wixom and Beck interchanges, Grand River Avenue between the two roads will likely require reconstruction.

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## As We See It

### More information is not necessarily better info

"Too much of communications may finally be no communication at all. Perhaps we should add the Don Juan corollary: Just as the more one seduces the less one loves, so the more one is 'informed' the less one knows." — Kingsley Widner

### Government

In a recent City Council meeting, minutes of a recent City Council meeting run 30 pages in length and are as a result read and understood by all recipients, they will obviously be more informative than 100 pages worth of minutes which get set aside and are never looked at because the reader doesn't have time.

The Novi City Council recently insisted that the city clerk's office go back to verbatim meeting minutes in a nearly verbatim fashion after several attempts to use a new condensed format. City Clerk Tomni Bartholomew, with approval of Mayor Kathleen McLallen, tried the condensed format the minutes of one meeting. And while council voted approval of those minutes, it also ordered the clerk to go back to the old way of producing those minutes.

The issue's not dead. In a special meeting on parliamentary procedure last Wednesday, council members heard from Central Michigan University professor Wells Cook that the minutes should be much reduced. In fact, he encouraged an even shorter format than Bartholomew had used. And shorter than we are comfortable with.

The old way of keeping minutes in Novi has been to describe the discussion before the council in great detail, paraphrasing each speaker's comments in the order in which they were made. The result is a huge document with a full description of the debate.

But it is not verbatim. And when the precise wording of a participant is necessary — even with the long format — to go back to the tape of the meeting.

Bartholomew's new condensed format contained motions and votes, and listed all speakers in the meeting along with a synopsis of their comments. Where comments are lengthy, the points raised are simply listed. Where comments were repetitive, duplication was eliminated.

When council rejected the new format, it may have been harboring the common fallacy that more information is necessarily better information. So we would urge it to rethink its position.

When members meet in their planned "committee of the whole" session scheduled for 9 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 9, we hope they'll be willing to give this more thought.

There are a number of factors council should consider:

- Cost. There is clearly a higher cost to the production of more detailed minutes. But exactly what is that cost? No one so far has tried to put numbers to the savings it could produce if the city were to switch to condensed minutes. But Bartholomew estimates reducing the minutes could essentially free up roughly 20 hours of staff time in her office, and another 20 hours in the planning department. The effect of being able to assign those employees to other tasks would be the equivalent of picking up a new part-time staffer, she said. Novi council is forever trying to save money in any manner of ways in an attempt to keep the overall budget and thus the tax rate down. Here is one potential savings.
- What does the city get for the price? Yes, the longer version of minutes gives the reader more of a feel for the flow of the conversation and debate in the meeting, but is that really more informative? And is it worth the price. As we said, because the minutes are not truly verbatim, when a question of precise wording is raised, there is often a need to go back to the tape recordings anyway. And the size of minutes, as currently kept, may be discouraging potential readers from perusing them.
- Do the council members actually read the longer minutes? Even if they do, is that the best use of their time, relying almost blow for blow the discussion of the last council meeting. Or could they too be doing some thing better?
- A permanent record of the debate may still be needed. The meetings are taped, and we'd suggest those tapes be retained, at least for the one year duration prescribed in the Michigan Freedom of Information Act.
- Tape recordings are not permanent as written documents, because tapes eventually lose their magnetic charges. So storage is a problem. But a year should be ample time for the city to know whether a more detailed account of the discussion is necessary.

## Fitting memorial for Pope

Anytime a life is cut short by an accident, it's a tragedy. But the traffic accident in May that put former City Council member Tim Pope in a coma — injuries of which he eventually died last month — was especially tragic.

Here was a young man in the prime of life looking forward to a bright career as politician and a bright future as a father.

Pope, in his short career, showed a deep understanding of the way American democracy is supposed to work. It was often less important to him what decisions were made than how they were made. He had the ability to debate issues and leave his opponents feeling that their input was still valuable to him. His community service went beyond the boundaries of his jobs as either a legislative aide in Lansing or as a city council member here in Novi.

Frankly, this city could use more like him. So could the state. So could the country.

Further, he had just become a father. By all appearances, Tim Pope was going to be a great father to those Andrew, 3, and Abbey, 10 months old.

In the wake of Tim's death, his wife, Sara, has asked that the city consider a memorial to the fallen city councilman — a super play structure for kids in one of Novi's parks which would bear his name.

Sara Pope is proposing the idea, she said, because Tim Pope had seen a similar play structure on Gill Road in Farmington Hills and said he would like to build a similar structure in Novi.

We can think of no more fitting tribute to the late city council member than the construction of such a play structure.

If you haven't seen one of these play areas, they're pretty impressive. They contain a lot of play structures all woven together in a consolidated design. For most kids, they would count as playground heaven. Similar play structures have been built in communities all across the state and we think one could definitely be used here in Novi.

An additional benefit of the play structure lies in the way such facilities are often constructed. Although a private company is often contracted to come in and build the structure as well as supply materials, the actual work of putting it together is done by the community itself.

Volunteers head out to the site on the appointed day and work together to put up the play structure.

We think it's a fitting tribute because not only was this project proposed by Tim Pope himself, and not only because it would provide a community project fitting with Tim's role as a father, but because it would also serve to bring the community together.

Getting together to build such a play structure could show Novi residents, officials and volunteers — the entire community really — that there are some goals worth working for together. It would show that working together can accomplish things in short order.

It would be a fitting tribute to put up that play structure in Tim Pope's name. It would also be a fitting tribute if it could improve the spirit of cooperation here in Novi.

## To end sprawl, address crime



**Michael Malott**

In a *Clear and Present Danger* author Tom Clancy concludes that security for the modern military man means "lots of guns and a clear field of fire."

Now look at the way many people build homes in large lot areas in Novi and surrounding communities. They purchase, on average, ten acres of land, clear most of it except for a few trees along the perimeter and turn it into lawn ... useful for little except periodic cutting. Then they place their homes on the high ground, with the best view possible of the surrounding area as well as their own acreage.

It makes you wonder if they aren't unconsciously building the modern day equivalent of a fortress. Regardless of intent, the fact remains you could hold up in some of these houses against an invading army with nothing more than a pea shooter.

I'm not making fun of this style of development, only pointing out the similarity. After all, a home is a person's castle. And as you know, many castles in the old days also served as fortresses.

I raise the point because the Governor's Farmland and Agriculture Development Task Force has just completed a study of the loss of land in Michigan to development, or "urban sprawl." The study pointed out that the equivalent of 3.7 townships, a total 133.2 square miles, is lost to development in this state each and every year.

A recent study by the Michigan Society of Planning Officials noted that much of the loss of open land is the result of large lot development, home sites on ten acres or more, and it blames the Subdivision Control Act of 1967 for setting the pattern.

The governor's task force is proposing a farmland preservation program. The program would include everything from easing up on property tax assessments for farmers to a Right to Farm bill protecting farmers from lawsuits.

The MSPO recommended an end to the large lot development, calling for a reduction in size.

This is significant to Novi because the entire west end of town has been dedicated by planners to large lot development. The proposals will likely have little effect on Novi since the development boom is already here. And when it is over, changes in development policy will be unable to alter the basic style of development in Novi. There is already precious little farmland in Novi.

The real effect for Novi is that if state policy makers can find a way to put the reins on Michigan's runaway development, the city will be less likely to suffer the eventual decline that other suburban cities have experienced after they were developed.

But for all of the brainpower invested in both studies, it seems to me one fundamental point was missed — that urban sprawl is just the collective result of individual home buying decisions. And in individual buying decisions, the two primary considerations are safety from crime and the ability to get the best return on their investment. Note that point two is largely dependent on point one. Homeowners will only get that best return if the next buyer can also be confident about safety from crime.

Let's face it, the cities have become miserable places to live. A lot of issues get tossed into the mix — racial prejudice, etc. — but when a home buyer plunks down big bucks for a new house, it seems to me that the ability to feel safe in that new home is a very legitimate concern.

Now of course crime is being exported to the suburbs. The serial murders committed by Leslie Allen Williams in fringe suburban towns like Milford and South Lyon were pretty close to home. More recently, a Novi resident got thrashed with a tire iron because he surprised thieves stripping a car in his driveway. And of course, it was only in the last year that police began to report that drug gangs have started to spread to suburban areas like Novi.

All this combined shatters the myth of suburban safety that distance alone can protect residents from crime.

And until the state begins to deal with the crime problem, there is little hope it can ever bring urban sprawl under control.

Is it any wonder that those who can afford to are nowadays building their own little fortresses?

Michael Malott is the Managing Editor for *The Novi News*.

## Moments

By Bryan Mitchell



Santa made a stop in Northville last Sunday during the annual city's Christmas walk.

## Salaries instead of donation

Sometimes you just have to wonder about the motivations of the Northville Township Board of Trustees.

How could the board vote to raise their own salaries by a few thousand dollars, and at the same meeting, six times the amount, to fund a program of donating \$500 for an after school program for youths.

As you know by now the Community Commission On Drug Abuse (CCODA) is launching an after school program which targets "at-risk" middle school kids called Northville Gets Michigan Youth Moving.

The organization, about six weeks ago, approached the Township Board of Trustees for a donation to help defray some of the minor costs of the program. At that time the board denied the request, stating that it wasn't government's place to fund that type of activity.

That's funny, the city of Northville didn't have any trouble reaching into city coffers to find a spare \$500. Come to think of it, that's only \$100 less than Chris Johnson gets paid for his services as Northville City Mayor. As opposed to Township Supervisor Karen Baja, who'll be pulling down \$25,000 this year. Or Township Clerk Sue Hillebrand (you remember her, she's the one who says kids should have to pay to participate in this program), who gets a mere \$7,500. Oh, we can't forget Township Treasurer Rick Engeland, who cashes in at \$5,500 — thank you very much.

Money wasn't to be some hesitancy, on the board's part, because the initial CCODA presentation didn't "provide enough information," for trustees to really make an "informed" decision.

Well CCODA returned to Township Hall Nov. 9, armed with information, to ask if the board might reconsider donating \$500 for the program.

Unfortunately, just like the first time, CCODA walked away from the meeting with nothing.

On the flip side, township trustees walked out of the same meeting with pretty hefty raises.

Is it me, or are any of you having any trouble with this? I'm beginning to wonder why nobody, except a handful of people, aren't as incensed at this injustice as I am. The more I think about it, the more I'd love to just walk into township hall and scream.

HELLO! WE'RE NOT TALKING FORT KNOX HERE. WE'RE ONLY ASKING FOR \$500!

I still don't think they'd hear me.

But I do believe they'll realize the benefit of this CCODA program someday. Perhaps it will take more publicity about Northville middle school students selling and snorting Ritalin, or perhaps a few dozen teen pregnancies, or possibly an increase in drunk driving deaths, before they realize the value of providing kids with positive alternative activities.

Perhaps then they will be willing to reach into township coffers for that \$500 donation.

Hopefully, it won't be too late.

Robert Jackson is a steamed Staff Writer for the *Northville Record* and *Novi News*.

## Choice is an unproven silver bullet



**Phil Power**

State lawmakers resume work next week, presumably refreshed by a couple of brisk weeks in deer camp and a hearty Thanksgiving dinner.

The main action will take place in the House, which is set to consider the revision of the school code embodied in Senate Bill No. 679.

Make no mistake, this bill is complex. It repeals 2,841 sections of the old code, adds 15 new ones and modifies 37 others. It's also on a fast track, with conservatives pushing for quick passage and school people and teachers unions urging delay for study.

Some of the changes are much-needed simplifications of a far too bureaucratic code. Others, however, are far-reaching and very controversial. Senate Bill No. 679, for instance, does away with the required core curriculum and allows districts to pick any kind of standardized testing they want.

It also features "open enrollment," a provision that lets kids enroll in schools outside their home district and take with them a per capita state function grant of up to \$8,553. Conservatives like the idea because it introduces "competitive forces" into a monopolistic public school system, although there's no solid evidence that such competition actually improves school performance.

State Sen. Bob Geake, R-Northville, put the issue squarely at a recent parent forum: "Where a family lives now should no longer control where a kid goes to school."

Minnesota, which has had schools of choice for years, offers the closest comparison. There, something like 4 percent of kids choose to attend a non-neighborhood school. Even choice advocates like Sen. Geake admit that most of the kids who move do so for convenience, not to attend a better school.

Rejoins Livonia school trustee Frank Kokenakes: How come a "whole new law" is needed to satisfy 4 percent of the population when 96 percent are already satisfied?

There are other problems with the choice notion.

For one thing, "it puts a bounty on the heads of kids," according to Livonia trustee Sue Chulow. Some districts where enrollment is not at capacity will recruit students from other districts, while others will try to attract academic or athletic all-stars. Especially vulnerable, according to Nancy Shaw, president of the Livonia teachers union, are smaller school districts such as Clarencville and South Redford.

Others are concerned that the bill has been designed and pushed by people with limited experience in education. "I'm discouraged that so many of the changes are in the hands of people who are not in education," says Linda Finkel, president of the Bloomfield Hills school board. Her fears are echoed by Ronald Miller, deputy superintendent in Birmingham: "I have difficulty with politicians coming up with changes without careful consultation with school people."

The fast track Senate Bill No. 679 is on worries others. "They're making too many changes too fast," says Grace Preston, who lives in Rochester and is the state PTA president.

Rep. Gerry Law, R-Plymouth, agrees. "It's just a rush, a 100-yard dash, to do this." And Law wonders about school quality. "Most parents are not looking for gimmicks, just good local public schools, and Lansing tells them, nobody thinks that's important."

I think Law is absolutely right. Schools of choice turns out to be the silver bullet of choice for most politicians who want to be regarded as doing something — anything — about school quality. Sadly, they are being stamped by a minority of true believers whose ideology inspires them to join "competitive forces" down the throats of those who are trying to achieve measured, thoughtful school reform.

And you thought that the old saw — "Ready? Fire! Aim." — was just an anecdote.

Phil Power is the chairman of the *Touch-Tone* user mail number is (313) 853-2047, ext. 1850.

## Scouts say thanks for drive help

To the editor:  
The Club Scouts from Pack No. 54 at Novi Woods School wish to thank the generous residents of Novi for helping with our food drive, "Project Can Do."

This is an annual food drive organized by the Boy Scouts of America to provide food for needy people and for soup kitchens feeding the less fortunate.

Elias Brothers restaurants support the program and kindly let the Scouts use their restaurants as collection sites. Our Cub Scouts passed out donation bags on Nov. 4 and went door-to-door collecting them on Saturday, Nov. 11. All Boy Scouts and Club Scouts in the area follow this schedule.

Thanks to our neighbors, Pack No. 54 collected the most food of any pack in the Ottawa District for the second year in a row with 1,811 items. The District encompasses Novi, Walled Lake, Farmington and South Lyon, and has

## Letters

about three dozen Cub Scout packs.

Another Novi Pack No. 239 came in second with 1,807 items. Novi Packs No. 50 and 240 also participated as did Novi Boy Scout Troops No. 54 and 407.

We thank the people of Novi for their generosity and the Novi Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, and their parents for their work to benefit others.

Glen Margrave  
Cubmaster

**Political signs still up after vote**

To the editor:  
I find it dismaying that more

## Title accurate but misleading

To the editor:  
Your front page title "Andrius' eatery draws local ire" is accurate but misleading, because it only points to half of the story. The title should have been "Andrius' eatery draws warm support and some criticism." "Andrius' eatery draws mixed response" or, most appropriately, "Andrius' eatery draws warm support and some criticism." I am a reporter and I was both at the meeting.

It is tough to meet the demands of snappy headlines and balanced reporting. We enjoy your newspaper and we believe it is an asset to the community. This letter to the editor is just an effort to add some balance to a rare case where it might be useful.

Steve Myers

## Info artery must be in local hands



**Caren Collins**

The Michigan Telecommunications Act passed the state Senate and is in the House for approval. Your local government will continue to represent your rights as this issue develops. Cities, villages and townships have long made effective, customer-oriented use of franchises.

Franchises with cable television companies have benefited Michigan consumers in numerous ways. In addition to overseeing careful use of public rights of way, local jurisdictions have been able to be watchdogs for residents and businesses:

- By monitoring and enforcing technical standards as well as working toward ensuring customer service satisfaction.
- By overseeing proposed transfers of ownership to make sure that consumer rights are protected.

Without having some form of control at the local level, how long before state offices are swamped with questions and complaints from consumers who don't have anywhere else to turn?

Local franchises work.

Federal telecommunications legislation recognizes this and will likely pass this year with provisions preventing only franchises that are unreasonably discriminatory or inhibit competition.

Michigan communities are not adverse to competition — they would like to see more of it. But in looking towards the future, local government has an obligation to protect itself and the best interests of its residents.

We need to think twice before we allow out-of-state profit-making telecommunications companies to invade our backyards.

Cities are entitled to receive fair market value

for use for their rights of ways and citizens should not be expected to subsidize private, profit-making businesses by giving them free or low cost use of public property.

Competition in the telecommunications marketplace should be properly managed to provide for economic growth — and cities, villages and townships are best equipped to facilitate growth that benefits everyone.

Michigan legislators have an opportunity and an obligation to lay the groundwork for an information revolution that doesn't hold hostage local jurisdictions and the public.

The local artery of the information superhighway must be left in the hands of Michigan's municipalities.

Caren A. Collins is the Executive Director for the Southwestern Oakland Cable Commission. The next SWOCC meeting is Wednesday, Nov. 8 at 7:30 p.m. at Farmington City Hall. The next CAC meeting is Tuesday, Nov. 14 at 7 p.m. at the SWOCC office.

## Unwise to use taxes for academies



**Tim Richard**

The state Senate, prodded by ideologues on the State Board of Education, is about to ram through changes in the School Code. Few amendments will be allowed to alter the ideology of SB 679.

One major feature will be to lift the cap on the number of "public school academies" (PSAs) that may be chartered. Charter schools, as they're also called, are a year-old idea of untested merit. None is reported to have graduated anyone.

Why, then, are the ideologues in such a dither to charter more PSAs? Shouldn't we examine their effects on students? Shouldn't we study test scores and other measures of performance?

The answer comes from Thaldomide economics. You remember that drug program when women took during the 1960s. Thaldomide economics says: "Down with those ding-blasted bureaucratic regulations! Let the marketplace decide, by cracky — after a few dozen deformed babies are born."

You would think our lawmakers would hesitate before exposing students' minds to potential educational Thaldomide. Ah,

but educating students isn't the name of the game. The name of the game is satisfying parents — particularly authoritarian, fundamentalist parents — with tax dollars and government power.

Consider the "vision" statement Clark Durant concocted and rammed through the State Board of Education: multiple references to parents. Consider the testimony of Nancy Jenkins, the so-called research assistant of Michigan Family Forum, before the Senate Education Committee: 13 references to parents, two to students. (I counted.)

The idea of public schooling is to raise kids above the level of their parents. If schools were guided by authoritarian parents, we'd still be teaching that stars are embedded in the Firmament and never have heard of Evolution and Abolition.

Last week the State Board of Education received a status report on 37 operating or planned PSAs from the Michigan Partnership for New Education. Some sound good. West Michigan Academy of Environmental Science, Grand Rapids, stresses academic achievement and sound character and citizenship principles emphasizing responsibility to the environment and society. Livingston Technical Academy in Brighton is offering 11th and 12th graders a "school-to-work manufacturing program." Merle Academy for Creative Arts and Sciences will open in 1996 in Southfield with "arts education an integral part."

But I have questions about others:

• Thomas Gist Academy in Westland will "prepare students to succeed in the global free enterprise economy" — in kindergarten through fifth grade?

• Panospha Academy in Coldwater will "resemble the 'one-room' school house." Will Tom Sawyer's Mr. Dobbin return?

• Sankofa Shule and El-Hajj Malik El-Shabazz, both in Lansing, are offering "holistic, Afrocentric curriculum" to grades K-4. Will EDS care?

• Baha'uth School in Sault Ste. Marie, Bay Mills Obishwah School in Brimley and Nah Tah Wahsh PSA in Menominee are offering, or will offer, "native culture." Will IBM recruiters will be lined up at graduation to hire those kids?

Noah Webster Academy in fractional district A-3 of Berlin and Orange Townships, Ionia County, is operating as a private school because it was denied state aid. Isn't that the outfit that wants to use 1995 technology to teach 1395 science? Academies which concentrate on arts, science and the job market seem to be balanced by academies that are ethnocentric or try to indoctrinate kids in ideologies, some fundamentalist, others ultra-liberal.

It would be unwise to give them the title of "public schools," worse to give them tax dollars and power to set teacher certification rules.

Worse for students, that is.

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

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Northville students Christine Mattis and Mary Ellen Wolbers try to get the message across to residents.

# Northville schools mull the future

By ROBERT JACKSON  
Staff Writer

With the first High School Future's Committee Community Dialogue taking place next week, district administrators will find out how involved the Northville community wants to get in deciding the future course of the district.

The dialogue will take place Nov. 29, from 7 to 9:30 p.m., in the Northville High School cafeteria. The public is invited to attend.

The district has already invested \$49,000 in one man — nationally known planning specialist Dr. William DeJong — to build a consensus between the district and community, and district officials are hoping for a good turnout.

A preliminary meeting of community members in October only drew about 50 people, and Superintendent Leonard Reznierski is concerned there is a chance that the community will not become involved.

"If we don't draw about 300-400 people at this meeting, I'm afraid that will send the wrong message to members of the future's committee."

"We as a district and as a community have to come together and act now. We need to put all of our ideas and differences on the table if we are going to make a difference," he added.

For the past few years active district parents have voiced concerns that school administrators have allowed little input from parents.

Now the district is practically "begging" for community involvement, and the turnout Nov. 29 will provide a good indication of the community's interest level.

The district has sent out hundreds of invitations to the meeting in hopes of attracting large numbers.

"If we are going to build a consensus then we need to have strong community involvement," Reznierski said.

Long-time district patron Lynda Baca, who serves on the committee, said that the process has the potential to be a positive one.

"We're trying to get the word out to as many people as we can," she said. "The more people we are able to involve in this process, the more diverse the ideas and opinions will be. That makes the decision making process better."

"Many people in this community need to wake up and understand that this will affect their children sooner or later," she added. "They

need to get involved now." Baca said that even if the community dialogue only draws 100 people, it won't be a waste of time. "We have already discussed that possibility with Dr. DeJong, and he told us that if 100 people show, then that's 100 people who are concerned about the future of the district and educating children," she said.

The first dialogue will consist of an overview of the district's planning activities followed by a presentation entitled "Trends for the Year 2000 and Beyond."

The trends presentation will focus on knowledge and skills students will need to compete in a global economy, identifying demographic and economic trends and how they will impact employment opportunities for students.

According to Reznierski, community members will then participate in "break out" sessions — in small groups — to discuss the concepts and express their views on how the trends might impact the Northville High School's future program.

"This isn't just about the high school," Reznierski said. "We are going to be talking about our middle schools and elementary schools, because we need to prepare these younger students for high school, before we can prepare them for their future after high school."

DeJong was hired by the district in September to facilitate the six month planning process, even though the district is laden with administrators who have the qualifications to serve as the committee's facilitator.

Reznierski believes the district did the right thing in hiring DeJong, because he will provide a positive approach to the process, and that he has no stake in the decisions made by the community and school district.

"If Leonard Reznierski, superintendent of the Northville Public School District, acted as the facilitator for the Future's Committee, we could conceivably have some members of the community charge that I was just forwarding my own agenda," Reznierski explained.

"Dr. DeJong has no stake in the district, its goals, policies, or procedures. He's an outside source that will be able to take all of the factions within the district and community and hopefully, bring them to a consensus."

"That's why it's so important that we put everything on the table

— the good and the bad — for everyone to discuss," Reznierski explained. "We don't want these issues in or out of parking lots or anywhere else. We want them discussed here."

Charged with planning and developing program alternatives over the next several years, the High School Future's Committee will work with district facilitator Dr. William DeJong and interested members of the community to develop the vision for a 21st Century High School.

That vision will hopefully begin to take shape when the committee meets with the community in the first of three community dialogue sessions, Nov. 29.

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# Committee begins job of mapping future

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The committee created to map out the future of Northville High School may be in its infancy, but it will have to grow up in a relatively short period of time, according to district superintendent Leonard Reznierski.

"We have learned that this is a time of change, and that change is relentless," he said. "It is critical that we deal in facts, not fantasy."

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# Public Access

The following is the Time Warner Channel 12 community access program schedule for Nov for the coming week.

**MONDAY, NOV. 27**  
10:00 a.m. — Novi Talkin' History: American Hero  
10:30 a.m. — (con't)  
11:00 a.m. — Coffee and Conversation: Co-authors Together Forever  
11:30 a.m. — Good Health: Asthma  
12:00 p.m. — Farmington Hills Police Journal  
12:30 p.m. — Dollars and Sense With J.R.: Building Your Own Home  
1:00 p.m. — Seniors on the Move: Boating Trips  
1:30 p.m. — The Word of Life: Falsely Accused  
2:00 p.m. — Travel the Movie Trail  
2:30 p.m. — (con't)  
3:00 p.m. — Leadville Trail 100  
3:30 p.m. — (con't)  
4:00 p.m. — Iditarod  
4:30 p.m. — (con't)  
5:00 p.m. — What, What, Where, Y  
5:30 p.m. — Business of Living: Divorce  
6:00 p.m. — Gadget the Fire Chown  
6:30 p.m. — Bagels and Talk With Tracy  
7:00 p.m. — Farmington Focus: Historical Museum  
7:30 p.m. — Adventures With Pirate Pete  
8:00 p.m. — Law Talk: Constitutional Law  
8:30 p.m. — (con't)  
9:00 p.m. — Just for the Spell of It  
9:30 p.m. — Groove Session

**TUESDAY, NOV. 28**  
10:00 a.m. — Senior Spotlight: Novi Library  
10:30 a.m. — Violence and Abuse: Education, Prevention and Treatment  
11:00 a.m. — Drawing Men to Christ  
11:30 a.m. — (con't)  
12:00 p.m. — Adventures With Pirate Pete  
12:30 p.m. — Senior Messenger  
1:00 p.m. — (con't)  
1:30 p.m. — Happiest People Alive  
2:00 p.m. — A Culinary Adventure: College  
2:30 p.m. — (con't)  
3:00 p.m. — Farmington Musicals: Zip-a-dee-doo-dah  
3:30 p.m. — (con't)  
4:00 p.m. — Battle of the Books  
5:30 p.m. — Living With Your Addictions  
6:00 p.m. — Rudy  
6:30 p.m. — (con't)  
7:00 p.m. — Cash Talks: Sixth Gate Cloggers  
8:00 p.m. — Wise Guys With Ray and Steve  
8:30 p.m. — Ready or Not  
9:00 p.m. — Let's Talk With Ben Marks  
9:30 p.m. — (con't)

**WEDNESDAY, NOV. 29**  
10:00 a.m. — Legislative Forum  
10:30 a.m. — The Job Show  
11:00 a.m. — Study in Scripture

**THURSDAY, NOV. 30**  
10:00 a.m. — Driving is a Privilege  
10:30 a.m. — Day to Remember, Aug. 28, 1963  
11:00 a.m. — Travelin' On: Pacific Northwest  
11:30 a.m. — Bagels and Talk With Tracy  
12:00 p.m. — Cash Talks: Sixth Gate Cloggers  
12:30 p.m. — Restoration Now  
1:00 p.m. — Prisoners of Wedlock  
1:30 p.m. — (con't)

**FRIDAY, DEC. 1**  
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12:00 p.m. — The Way The Truth and The Life  
12:30 p.m. — Abundant Life Arabic Ministries  
1:00 p.m. — J.P. McCarthy: An American Hero  
1:30 p.m. — (con't)  
2:00 p.m. — My Russian Friend  
2:30 p.m. — B.J. Presents: Christmas Magic  
3:00 p.m. — Walled Lake Casino  
3:30 p.m. — (con't)  
4:00 p.m. — Crisis in the Modern Family: Step-Parenting

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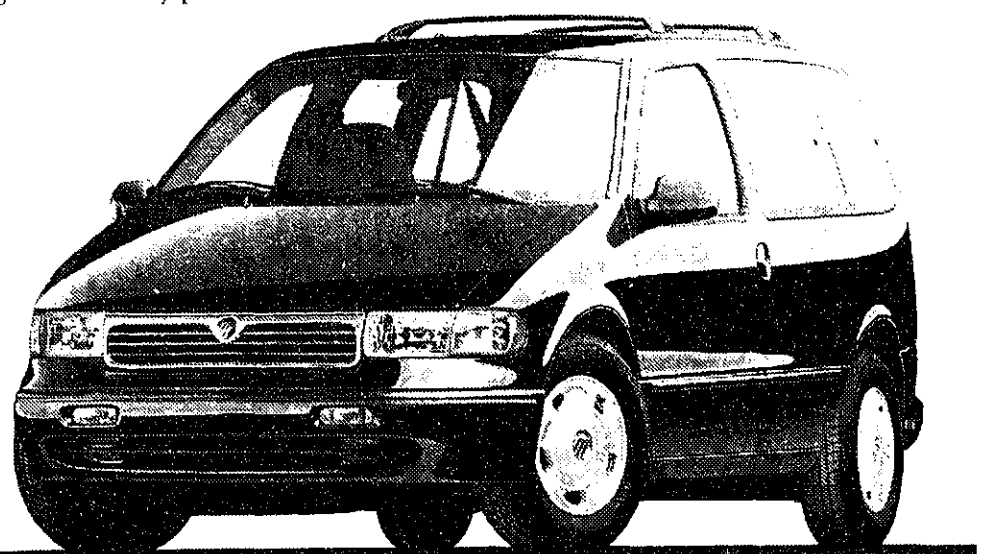
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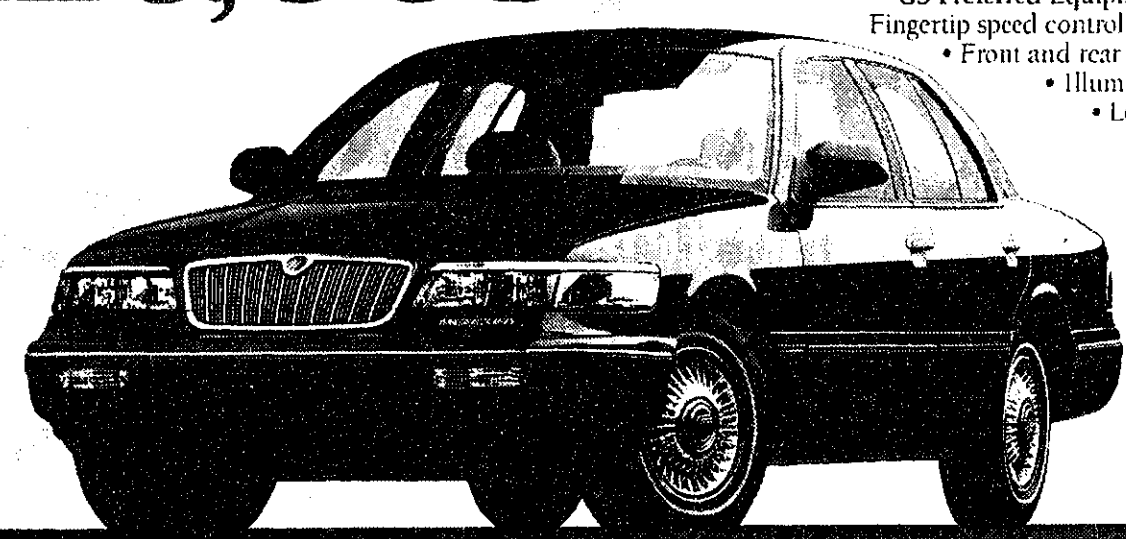
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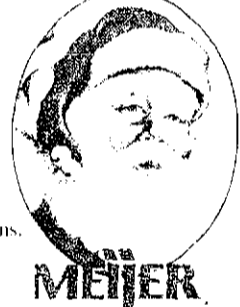



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Phil Kozdron, a junior at Northville High School, was one of approximately 20 students who submitted artwork to depict today's story about Thanksgiving Day responsibilities. Kozdron's drawing was chosen for its originality. He used a different point of view to depict the traditional male/female roles on Thanksgiving. Kozdron humorously rendered the man doing the traditional female chores of meal preparation while the woman indulges in the stereotypical recliner, beer-in-hand, football fanatic role of the male. Phil is the son of Christine and Jerry Kozdron of Northville.

## It's Turkey Day: Who does what?

By CAROL WORKENS  
Staff Writer

What goes on behind closed doors on Thanksgiving Day?  
The *Northville Record* went to art teacher Brian Balcoff's third and sixth hour classes at Northville High School to ask students what they think typical Thanksgiving Day is like.  
Is mom still slaving over a hot stove while dad stretches out in the recliner in front of the television?  
How many families have thrown in the dish towel and made reservations at a local restaurant?  
The majority of 12th grade students in the third hour Advanced Placement Studio Art class definitely agree on one thing - it's home cooking, no restaurant fare here. Not too many surprises from the handful of students who chose to participate in the informal survey in the sixth hour Drawing and Painting I class, which is a mix of ninth through 12th graders.  
So who's doing the cooking? And what about all those messy pots and pans? Who's watching the game?  
According to the art students in the third hour class, the most frequent host and hostess on Thanksgiving Day is grandma and grandpa or an aunt and uncle.  
Melissa Michaelis and about 30 family members get together at an aunt's house for a pot luck dinner with the guys cleaning up.  
"It's always been that way," she said.

"It works out well that way."  
For Amy Bartlett and her family, it's all to an aunt's and uncle's house.  
"They pretty much do all the food and then we all help out afterwards cleaning up," she said. "That's the fun part, clean up, we kinda go crazy."  
Nick Schwarz also treks off to an aunt's and uncle's house.  
"The kids normally clean up, while the women tend to prepare the food," he said. "It's a potluck type thing."  
Grandma's and grandpa's is the place to go for Justin Jezewski and his family where Justin sometimes helps with clean up.  
Erica Shanaker and her family also visit the grandparents. "They cook up a big meal," she said. "The guys all watch football in the back room and all the ladies go in the living room and chat and gossip."  
All of Colleen McGuire's aunts make turkeys and bring them to grandma's house where the family gathers for the day. "Everybody helps clean up," McGuire said, "but mostly the cousins."  
Of those students who stay home for the holiday, the duties are either split between the parents or mom does the work.  
"It's a joint effort between my mom and dad to make it a happy Thanksgiving," said Phil Kozdron.  
"We usually stay home," Eva Kilian said. "We usually do not have company. Both my dad and my mom prepare dinner and both clean up."  
"Usually we just sit around and eat turkey at our house," Kelly Pensom said. "Usually both parents are involved in cooking and clean up. Sometime we go to Canada and celebrate both Thanksgivings because we have family there."

"My mom makes the whole thing," Neil Patterson said. "My dad and my grandpa drink beer and watch football."  
Crystal Kahler helps her mom prepare the meal while the guys are in the family room watching football.  
There was one exception.  
At Erin Crowley's get together, her uncle does the cooking with her mom and aunt, giving him a hand in the kitchen.  
"The women usually do cleanup," she said. "The guys are talking and sitting around the table doing nothing."  
After the feast, when family members are now the ones stuffed to the seams, activities are split between television and conversation.  
For T.J. Wolsos and his family, who usually go to a relative's house, it's time spent together in the family room, around the fire, talking.  
"Normally the men and the women tend to separate into the discussion group and watch the game until the game's over," he said. "The kids do whatever."  
"We're kind of like T.J.'s," said Bartlett. "Everyone is in the same room. As the day goes on, my dad and my uncle listen to music and the babies are the center of attention."  
At the McGuire's, the adults usually watch television while the little cousins go down in the basement and plan a play.  
"My grandma likes them to do that,"

she said. "They give a play or tell what Thanksgiving means to them."  
No surprises at the Schwarz get together. "The guys sit around and watch football," he said.  
Because of the size of the Michaelis's get together people tend to split into smaller groups.  
"We all don't fit in the same room," she said. "Some people stay in the kitchen, some people watch football." Whoever feels like watching football does so at the Michaelis's. It's not a guy thing.  
"I don't like football so I'll talk with my little cousins, play games and cards," she said.  
"After cleanup, dad takes a nap and everyone else watches television," Kahler said.  
"Everyone goes to sleep 'cause they're full," said Sarah Stillwagon of her family.  
Most like their celebration just the way it is, with two exceptions.  
"I would like a big family Thanksgiving where everyone get's reunited," said Kilian whose only family in the United States consists of her parents and a sibling. "It's never happened because we have family in Poland and Germany."  
A family celebration is also what Stillway would like if she could change one thing about the way her family celebrates Thanksgiving.  
"I wish my brothers and sisters would come home," she said. "They're all older and moved out and celebrate by themselves."

### Volunteer



Mike Manner

Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

### Manner teaches English as a second language

By DOROTHY NASH  
Special Writer

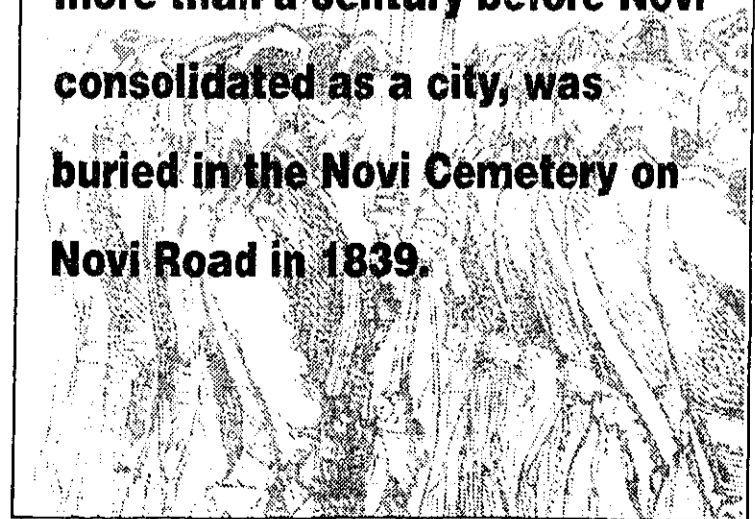
It's a perfect opportunity to learn about different cultures without ever leaving home, said J. Michael Manner about his volunteering as a tutor to adults who are foreign-born and studying English as a second language.  
"I go in two or three days a week, depending on need," he said, working under the direction of a professional teacher.  
The students are from all over the world. Two-thirds of them are here on assignments for two to five years, many in the automotive industry," he said.  
"Today I had a fellow from China. He's 20. And also a Japanese lady whose husband is here with a car company."  
"One day I had businessmen from Iran, Iraq and Egypt."  
"One day it was two students, and another, there were eight or 10."  
"The students change," he said, "and no two have the same level of language skills, but they all are

positive and want to learn."  
The first thing you do when you come into a classroom, he said, is look at the reading exercise which the teacher gives you and go from there.  
Not all students are at the same level of instruction. Some are pre-literate. They need to learn the alphabet. Some lack conversation skills. They need practice talking. One had the equivalent of a master's degree in Japan.  
As to Manner - he's between careers, in a holding pattern. He was retired from General Motors when product engineering was phased out of Cadillac.  
So with an interest in social sciences, he went back to school and got a teaching degree in 1990.  
Now he's considering getting back into auto technology or teaching.  
If interested, inquire about the English as a Second Language program.  
Call (810) 449-1200 and ask for Patrick Wolynski, Adult Education Coordinator.

### It's A Fact

#### Revolutionary Man

**Caleb Carr, a Revolutionary War veteran who lived in the area more than a century before Novi consolidated as a city, was buried in the Novi Cemetery on Novi Road in 1839.**





### Singles

**SINGLE PLACE**, an adult ministry for single people, meets at the First Presbyterian Church of Northville Sunday at 9:45 a.m. for a Sunday morning gathering, followed by a worship service at 11 a.m. and brunch at Northville Crossing at 12:30 p.m. Volleyball will be held from 9 to 10:30 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 16, at the Northville Rec Center. The cost is \$1.

"Holidays Happen at Home" with speaker Sandy Baumman or Ecumenical Services of Thanksgiving will begin at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 22, at the church.

At 8:30 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 24, the group will meet at Novi Road on Novi Road between Eight and Nine Mile roads for an evening of bowling. Volunteers are needed to help serve Thanksgiving Dinner to the elderly and those who are alone and hungry on Thanksgiving Day at Westminster Church in Detroit.

To volunteer for as little as an hour or as long as you'd like, call the church office and ask to sign up for the Westminster Service Project. For further information about any of the Single Place programs or to register, call 349-0911.

**HOLY FAMILY SINGLES** is a group for separated, divorced, widowed or never been married persons. For more information, call the Church of the Holy Family, 349-8847.

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

"Talk it Over" is held on the second and fourth Fridays of each month in Knox Hall. Those interested in joining for a bowling league at Firsta Lanes in Westland on Ford Road east of I-275 can call (810) 669-2259. For further information about Single Point Ministries call (313) 422-1854.

**FARMINGTON SINGLE PROFESSIONALS** is a non-profit group for singles ages 25-40 who share common interests and want to form new friendships. Membership is not limited to the Farmington area. The group participates in over 200 activities per year.

The Cross Country Ski Weekend for both skiers and non-skiers alike will be held Jan. 12 through 14 in Texas. The cost is \$150 for FSP members and \$180 for non-members. A \$50 deposit is due now. For more information about Farmington Single Professionals call (810) 478-9181 or the FSP hot line.

**THE CATHOLIC ALUMNI CLUB** is a singles club for Catholics who are 3-year college graduates and free to marry in the Catholic Church. For more information call Teresa, (810) 557-2781, Don at (810) 879-1429, or Mark at (810) 352-7353.

**EXPRESSIONS**, an adult discussion group, meets from 7:30 to 11 p.m. on the second and fourth Fridays of each month at First Unitarian Universalist Church, 1917 Washburn in Ann Arbor. The program is not church affiliated. The group is open to those ages 21 and older. For more information, call (313) 930-6361. Admission is \$5.25 and includes refreshments.

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

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### Engagement



Marilyn Molenda/Dean Bruckman

Jack and Lynn Bruckman of Brighton, formerly of Novi, announce the engagement of their son, Dean, to Marilyn Molenda, the daughter of Paul and Kathy Molenda of Harrison Township.

The bride-elect graduated from L'Anse-au-Loup High School in 1991. She will graduate from Michigan State University in December with a bachelor of arts degree in economics.

The bridegroom-elect graduated from Brighton High School in 1991 and received a bachelor of arts degree in marketing from Michigan State University in May of this year. He is currently employed at Sun Micro Systems Computer Corp. in Southfield.

A May 1996 wedding is being planned.

### Wedding



Tammy and Dean Schmitz

Tammy Lynn Brandenburg and Dean Michael Schmitz were married July 1, 1995, at the Little Wedding Chapel in Farmington Hills. Shari Johnson performed the double ring ceremony. A reception for 90 guests followed at the Fraternal Order of Eagles in Northville.

The bride, daughter of Deborah Massengill of Novi, was attended by maid of honor, Angela Armbrust of Novi.

The groom is the son of Virginia Moon of Milford.

Attendants for the groom were best man, Gerald Hoag of Milford and usher, Bill Brandenburg of Truckee.

For their wedding trip, the couple vacationed in Cancun, Mexico.

### Proceeds from pet pictures go to charity

"Get Your Pet's Picture Taken With Santa" will be available at Pet Supplies Plus on Ten Mile Road at Meadowbrook in Novi on Saturday, Nov. 25.

There will be a \$5 donation. All proceeds will go to benefit the homeless animals at the Michigan Anti-Cruelty Society, 13369 Joseph Campau, Detroit, MI 48212, and Saturday, Dec. 9 at 3 p.m. at Churchill High School's

Target stores, the Livonia Symphony Orchestra, and the Contemporary Civic Ballet will present The Nutcracker on Friday, Dec. 8 at 8 p.m., and Saturday, Dec. 9 at 3 p.m. at Churchill High School's

Carl Auditorium in Livonia. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$12 for seniors, and \$8 for students. Visa and Mastercard accepted.

To reserve, call (313) 422-6912.

### Target teams up for 'Nutcracker' shows

### Church Notes

A week of "R & R" refreshment and renewal, will be held at ST. ALEXANDER'S parish, located on Shawasssee Road just north of Grand River between Middlebelt and Hester roads in Farmington Hills beginning with weekly Masses on Dec. 2 and 3.

Presentations will begin on Sunday evening from 7:30 to 9 p.m., and continued with a different presentation each evening through Wednesday, Dec. 6.

Based on the theme "Letting Our Hamers Lead Us to God," Father Bill Burkert, ST, and Brother Loughlan Sobel, ST, will focus on their lives shared by all human beings: the search for meaning in life, the hunger to belong, and the hunger for purpose in our lives.

Registration is not required, and all are welcome to attend. There is no charge, but free will donations are always accepted.

For more information, call St. Alexander's rectory at (810) 474-5748.

The Christmas Spouse A Family program will be made available after all the Masses through Dec. 10 at CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY, 24506 Meadowbrook Road in Novi.

The future nursery/child care/smile room is in need of specific toys and equipment such as two cribs, two playpens, an adult rocker, wooden blocks, preschool games, Little Tykes for comparable climbing equipment and kitchen sets, among other items. For more information or to make a donation call the church.

Seventy people attended the 1995 Food Rally. The team in the winning car was Dan and Betty Jane Blossfeld, Kathy Hageman and Tim McDonald and Karen and Mark Simonich, who earned a perfect score. Second place finishers were the Hart family.

The parish Holiday Family Christmas Dinner will be from 8 p.m. until midnight on Friday, Dec. 1, featuring Glenn Pozadek's Brookaway Band. The cost is \$10 per person and a dish of hors d'oeuvres to share.

Tickets may be purchased at the church office.

The Novi Area Communion Clothes Closet located next to Nord Mead ones should close on Nov. 21 and remain closed until early January.

For more information, call the church at 349-8847.

A new bible Study Group sponsored by the OAKLAND BAPTIST ASSOCIATION will meet on Thursdays from 7 to 8 p.m. at Novi Middle School, 25299 Edin Road, in rooms 302 and 304. Child care will be provided.

For more information, contact Scott Hanson and Edwin Hovan at 437-1883.

The U.M.M. of FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE, 777 West Eight Mile Road, will meet on Saturday, Nov. 25, at 8 a.m. for breakfast, prayer, study and fellowship.

For more information, call the church at 349-1144.

NEW LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH, a forming congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, celebrates at 10 a.m. in the fellowship hall of the Masonic Temple, 730 Penman, on the park square in downtown Plymouth.

Interested persons are encouraged to stop in.

For more information about Sunday services or the mission, contact Pastor-Developer Ken Roberts at (313) 459-8181.

Post-Abortion Counseling and Education (P.A.C.E.) meets at FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE, 21290 Haggerty Road, on Thursdays from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. in Room 220.

The support group is personal and confidential. There is no cost to participants. For details, call Judi Ellsworth at (313) 455-5255, or Dawn Downs at (313) 722-2839, or call the church at (810) 348-7000.

Parishioners of OUR LADY OF VICTORY CHURCH, 770 Thayer Boulevard in Northville, will have an opportunity to make a meaningful contribution to one of five charities with the "The Jesse Tree" holiday project.

Individuals at the Northville Regional Psychiatric Hospital, Northville Star Manor Convalescent Home, St. Christine's Soup Kitchen, Catholic Social Services and Our Lady of Providence Center will benefit from the gift giving program which begins Nov. 26 and concludes Dec. 10.

A tree will be placed in the atrium area of the church which will contain tags with an individual's age and gender appropriate gift suggestions. Those interested in participating may take a tag, purchase and wrap a gift and return the wrapped gift to the church for distribution.

For more information on The Jesse Tree, call Nancy Rozema at 344-4583 or Sue McCambridge at 348-8625.

An Advent Bible Reading program will be held at CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS, 46200 West Ten Mile Road in Novi, on Nov. 23, Dec. 6, 13 and 20, at 7:30 p.m. The Vigil will be discerning passages of scriptures used during the Advent Season. All parishioners are invited.

For more information, call 349-8847.

ST. JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH, 49325 Ten Mile Road in Novi, will celebrate Mass at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Nov. 23.

A special Christmas Concert presented by St. James Parish Family received their Fracalanza in concert will begin at 6 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 17. The concert is free and a reception will follow. All are welcome, parishioners, their friends and neighbors.

There's one weekend left to "Adopt a Family." At least two families or a group of families are encouraged to team up to adopt a family.

The Giving Tree program begins Saturday, Nov. 25. Each ornament will include the name of a resident at Whitehall Nursing Home or a single mom and children from the Sarah Fisher program.

For more information, call the church at 347-7778.



Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

### Scouts bear all

Novi Girl Scouts (from left) Lauren Vockler, Amanda Church and Lauren Buckley sit amongst some of the 72 bears which will be the Novi Girl Scouts will donate to the Salvation Army's Dress a Bear Project for police and firefighters to distribute to children in crisis situations. Each Girl Scout troop in Novi

received at least two bears to dress either by making or purchasing an outfit. Among the many themes chosen for this year's bears are a clown, swimmer, baby, farmer and baseball fan. Vockler, 6, Church, 10, and Buckley, 6, are students at Novi Woods Elementary School.

### Church to host musical

Occasionally a Christmas production comes along so fresh and unique you can't wait to see it. This holiday season you will not want to miss Hope is Just Around the Corner, a Broadway-style musical, complete with live orchestra, choir and drama.

The Big Band sounds of the 1940s and these wonderful golden days of radio will literally come to life before your very eyes. You'll be rapt with the story of how one family dealt with the uncertainty of war through faith and hope. You may just find your feet tapping, your heart full of laughter, and a jazzy way to celebrate the true spirit of Christmas.

Northville Christian Assembly will be presenting Hope is Just Around the Corner at 7 p.m. on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 8, 9 and 10, and an afternoon performance on Sunday, Dec. 10, at 3 p.m. Young and old alike are cordially invited to attend.

Northville Christian Assembly is located at 41355 Six Mile Road one mile west of I-275 in Northville. For tickets or information, call (810) 348-9030.

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Saturday Dec. 2 DETROIT vs Houston • 12:30 pm  
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Friday Dec. 8 DETROIT vs Cleveland • 7:30 pm  
WHF Rock N Roll Hockey Night featuring rock n roll music, trivia & a CD giveaway contest. Post-game autographs by Dave Smith & Greg Andersk.

Sunday Dec. 10 DETROIT vs Utah • 6:00 pm  
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# Movies

## Disney's 'The Santa Clause' is funny, magical and full of heart

**THE SANTA CLAUSE**  
By Heather Wadswold  
Northville

Tim Allen stars in Walt Disney's "The Santa Clause." And whether you love him or hate him in "Home Improvement," you will love him in "The Santa Clause."

It's Christmas Eve, around midnight Tim gets awoken by his son, claiming to have heard something — or someone — on the roof. So, Tim goes outside to check it out. What he finds is unbelievable. It's Santa! But of course, he doesn't believe it and calls up to the guy, startling him and making him lose his balance and fall off Tim's roof.

Next thing you know, Tim is in the red suit delivering gifts to children world wide. But what Tim doesn't know is that the person who puts on the red suit becomes Santa for good. That means he gets a white beard and a couple

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extra hundred pounds in the deal. Soon, everyone thinks Tim is a nut-case claiming to be Santa. He loses his job, his friends, and most importantly...his son.

Is there no way out? If he fulfills his duty as Santa, he'll lose everything that's important to him. But if he doesn't, there will be no Christmas.

What will Tim do?

"The Santa Clause" gets five stars out of five, with five being the highest. It's funny, magical and full of heart. Most of all, it makes you believe. All in all, "The Santa Clause" soars to the top.

**MARTY**  
By Helaine Binatock  
Novi

Back in '55 when "Marty" was released, explicit sex scenes, obscene language and costly explosives weren't necessary to make a successful movie. All you needed was a good script and superior acting.

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never finding a mate. He's lonely — he's lonely.

Marty's crew of buddies refers to available women as "dogs." With not much to offer themselves, his pals are losers.

At the dance hall, Marty approaches a forsaken girl. She definitely would be a "dog" to his chums, but he enjoys talking, laughing and spending time with her.

Marty soon realizes he has a choice. He can go on with his humdrum existence — or he can pursue this friendless woman.

Marty, which first was a television drama with an entirely different cast, met with great success as a movie. It received Academy Awards for best picture, director, actor and screenplay, along with many supporting role nominations. Not bad for low-budget, no swearing, no explosives and completely censored!

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## Pointless

### Swimmers compete at final, fail to score

By SCOTT DANIEL  
Sports Editor

Novi High didn't win a swimming championship Saturday at the University of Michigan.

The Wildcats, in fact, didn't score a point. But that doesn't necessarily mean the day of soot was a flop, according to coach Dave Maker.

"We had a good year," the first-year mentor said. "It was a growing year. The girls were getting used to me and me to them."

Sill, a few points at the final would've made the season that much sweeter.

"It was a little disappointing," Maker said. "Our tapers went well. But good tapers don't account for nerves."

Birmingham Scuba diver captured the Class A title. Grand Rapids Forrest Hills was second, Ann Arbor Pioneer third and Livonia Stevenson fourth.

Jamie Vandermass was the first to test the waters for Novi.

The junior took 18th in the 200-yard IM in 2:16.09, which was an improvement of three seconds over her best time of the year.

"She was pretty psyched," said Maker.

Vandermass also swam in the 100-yard freestyle. She placed 30th in that event with a time of 56.97.

Maker said there was about an hour wait between events for Vandermass. He thought she got a little nervous for the 100 freestyle.

"She was a little more intense than normal," he added. "James usually very relaxed."

Novi also competed in a pair of relays.

The team of Vandermass, Meghan Motz, Jeannie Smith and Michelle Swiler were 21th in 1:44.59. That same group finished 26th in the 400-yard freestyle relay in 3:48.51.



Continued on 12 Jamie Vandermass finished 18th in the 200-yard individual medley Saturday at the state finals in Ann Arbor.

## Witherspoon makes top all-area offense for 1995

There is no great secret to running a successful offense in high school football.

All the prep level teams don't run a lot of multiple formations or complicated schemes. The good teams are the ones that line up and simply get the job done with good, solid execution.

Keeping that in mind, the 1995 East All-Area offensive football team isn't glibly. It's just an effective machine that would churn out yardage against the strongest of defenses if it were ever assembled between the lines instead of on our pages.

The key performers of one of the best offenses in the state leads the team. The heart of the South Lyon Lions offensive line provides a solid wall to run behind and with three talented runners like player of the year Mike Watson of SL and Anel Kersey of Northville and Novi's Jason Witherspoon, the ground attack here is better than most armies.

Here's the complete list of first-teamers as selected by the sports editors of *The Novi News*, *The Northville Record*, *The Milford Times* and *The South Lyon Herald*.

**MIKE WATSON**  
South Lyon sr. running back  
After a frustrating end to last season, Watson attacked the 1995 campaign with a vengeance. Watson injured his ankle in the latter part of the season one year ago and only saw spot duty as the Lions lost in the regional.

This season the area saw what a healthy Watson could do and was a little scary. Entering the Class A state final clash against Lapeer West tomorrow Watson has rushed for 1,757 yards and 21 touchdowns. He averages nearly nine yards every time he touches the football and his consistency and big play ability made him a unanimous choice as Area Player of the Year.

"This is a great year," Osborne said. "He's always been a great back," coach John Osborne said. "But he's improving as he matures."

Besides running the ball, Witherspoon had other responsibilities as a spot defender later in the season to ensure his energy. Whether or not he plays defense next year, Osborne said he'll be tough to stop on offense.

"I think Jason will be one of the premier backs in the state of Michigan," he added.

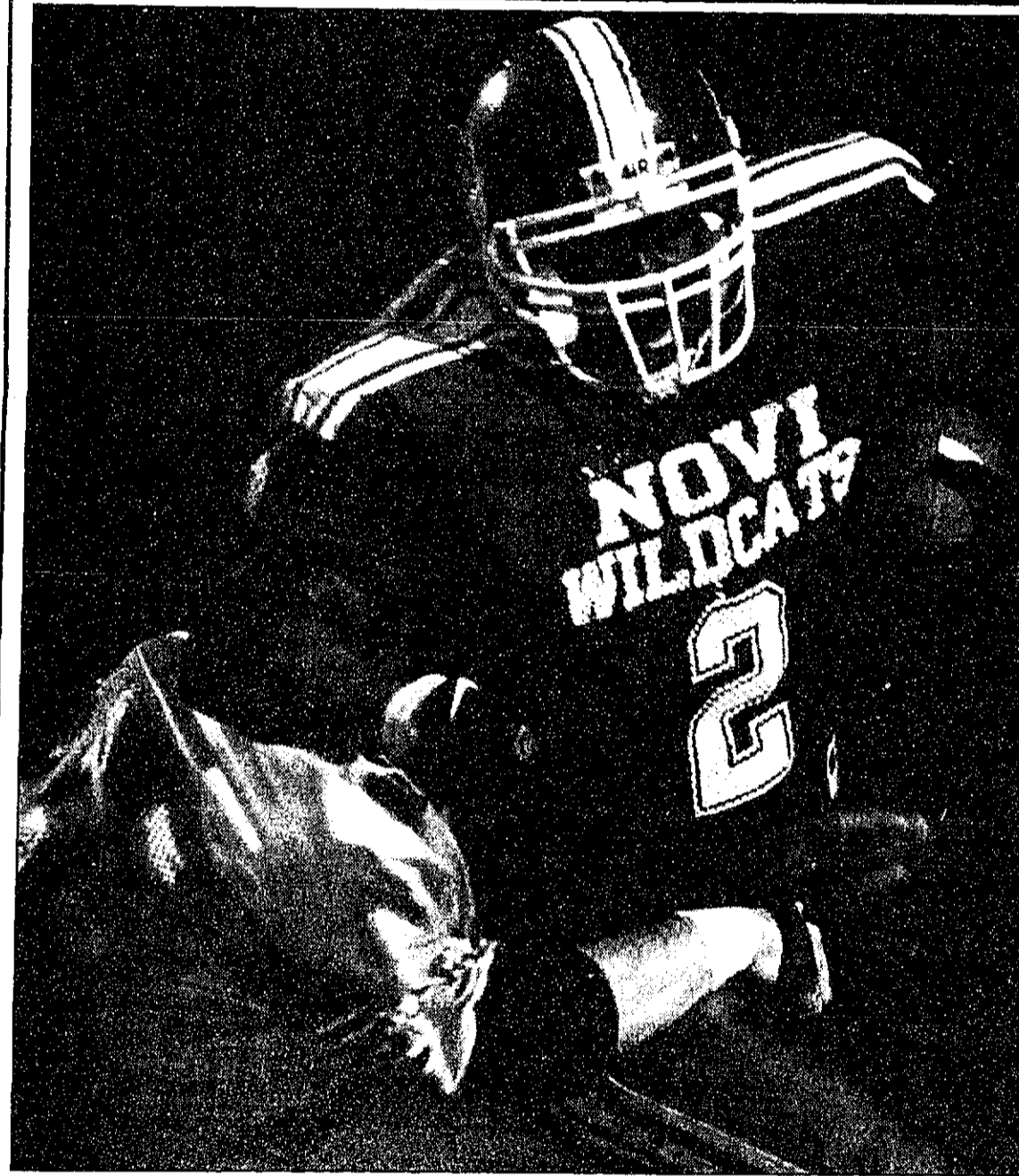
**JASON WITHERSPOON**  
Novi jr. running back  
He was great as a sophomore, but even better as a junior. Witherspoon earned his second All-Kensington Valley Conference selection this fall by putting up some big-time numbers.

Behind a barged up offensive line, Witherspoon rushed for 1,297 yards and 12 touchdowns. The junior averaged just more than six yards per attempt.

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Jason Witherspoon led the area in rushing during the regular season with 1,257 yards.

## Novi trio of Walega, Sill, Hicks head all-area defense

Some defenses like to adopt the "broad but don't break" philosophy on the football field.

Hometown Newspapers' East All-Area First Team Defense has a different methodology. We call it "the break-the-offense-in-half-and-don't-give-them-an-inch" philosophy.

Led by a quartet of South Lyon state finalists, Dan Bargonwski, Ryan Morris, Steve Vernier and Rick Peters, our first teamers were tough against the run and pass.

Novi's Mike Sill and Northville's Garrett Carter, for example, each compiled 100-tackle seasons. Guys like Nate Forney of Northville and Mike Hicks of Novi were tough in the defensive backfield and each had a couple of interceptions.

All in all, Hometown Newspapers' first team defense is rock solid at every position. Here's a closer look at selections made by the sports editors from *The Novi News*, *The Northville Record*, *South Lyon Herald* and *The Milford Times*.

**SOUTH LYON SR. LINEBACKER**  
Morris was one of the biggest reasons why teams just didn't run effectively on South Lyon this fall.

"He has great toughness and the perfect mind set for a defensive player," Scheloske said of his all-KVC tackle.

Morris attacked opposing runners with vengeance this season making 82 tackles and coming up with two fumble recoveries. His speed and desire also made him a quarterback's natural enemy in passing situations.

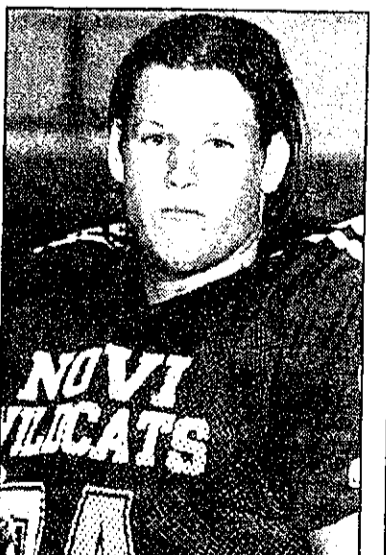
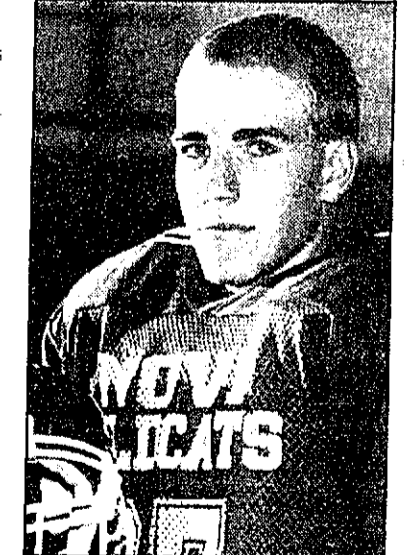
**KRAIG WALEGA**  
Novi sr. lineman  
If anybody on our all-area team has a nose for the football, it's Walega. The Wildcat senior seemed to come up with big plays all season for Novi.

Coach John Osborne said his speed and agility allowed him to get to the ball and make those big plays.

"He runs very well for a big guy," he said.

Walega, who was named All-KVC, had more than 70 tackles for Novi. A two-year starter at defensive tackle, he was a consistent force for the Wildcats.

"He had a great year," said Osborne.



**DAN BARGONWSKI**  
South Lyon sr. lineman  
One half of a pair of outstanding defensive ends, Bargonwski was a picture of intensity for the Lions this fall.

SL coach Bob Scheloske called Bargonwski and teammate Ryan Morris "the two best tackles that I've ever coached."

Bargonwski, an all-KVC performer, was second on the squad with 69 tackles and while Morris was stellar against the run, tennis always knew where Bargonwski was on passing downs.

"He just has tremendous pursuit skills," Scheloske said.

**STEVE VERNIER**  
Northville sr. linebacker  
If Hometown Newspapers picked an "All-Heart" team, Carter would be charter member.

Despite numerous aches and pains, he led Northville in many defensive categories. Carter made 100 tackles, which included nine for loss.

"He's one of the better linebackers in the area," coach Darrel Schumacher said. "He's a tremendous reader [of plays] and doesn't get fooled easily."

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**MIKE SILL**  
Novi sr. linebacker  
At 6-foot-1 and 175 pounds, Sill didn't look deceiving on the football field. But books can be more than they appear.

Sill played linebacker with more determination and more grit than the Wildcat senior. He led Novi with about 100 tackles.

Osborne said Sill's experience paid off big-time.

**MIKE HICKS**  
Novi sr. defensive back  
"I think he was held together by braces and tape," Schumacher said. "But he wouldn't come off the field."

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# Sill, Walega, Hicks top area defense

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"He had a better feel for the game," he said. "He was not easily faked."

The coach described Sill, an All-Kingsmen Valley Conference pick, as a fierce tackler with a bit of "mean streak."

"He's a fiery competitor," Osborne said.

On offense, Sill played tight end and excelled at blocking. Osborne said Novi often ran to Sill's side of the field.

## CHRIS SHILLAND

**Lakeland sr. linebacker**

Most people couldn't tell if he looked at him but Shilland was one of the hardest hitters in the area this fall.

He stands only 5-foot-10 and weighs 175 pounds but Shilland could make opponents see stars in broad daylight.

"For a player of his size he's one of the hardest hitters we've ever had here," LHS coach Bill Mohr said.

Shilland had 40 solo tackles, three quarterback sacks and forced three fumbles this season. He was also the team's leading rusher on offense galloping for 439 yards and four touchdowns.

## CHRIS WARNER



## Millford sr. linebacker

After making the switch from cornerback, Warner had an outstanding season on the MHS squad.

"We know that we could play him at any position on the field," Millford coach Mike Sharara said. "We moved him to linebacker this year because of his aggressiveness and a paid off."

Warner, an all-KVC selection, was second on the team with 49 solo tackles but he also had two interceptions and three fumble recoveries.

He also rushed for 222 yards and caught 14 passes on offense.

## RICK PETERS

**South Lyon sr. defensive back**

Peters came into his own as a dynamic hitter and a reliable cover man this season.

"He was a great hitter at shortside corner for us," Schiedicke said. "When people would try to run on us on the short side he was there and it would prove not to be a wise decision."

Peters had 58 tackles and four interceptions, including one returned for a score, this year. An all-KVC player on defense, Peters also played in the Lions' offensive backfield depending on the situation.

## MIKE HICKS

**Novi sr. defensive back**

The senior was tough as nails at free safety for Novi, Osborne said. Hicks was the glue of his defensive backfield.

"He kept our secondary together," he added.

Hicks finished as Novi's third leading tackler and had interceptions against South Lyon and Lakeland. Osborne trusted him enough to let him make more and more defensive calls for the secondary as the year progressed.

"He grew into that role," Osborne said.

Besides being excellent on the football field, Hicks was outstanding in the classroom, too. He earned better than a 3.5 grade point average.

## NATE FORNEY

**Northville sr. defensive back**

The senior was one of the area's least heralded players, but also one of its best.

At defensive back, Forney was Northville's third leading tackler with 59. He also picked off a pair of passes and recovered a fumble.

"He had an exceptional year at defensive back," Schumacher said.

On offense, Forney proved a capable running back by relieving Aniel Kersey. He rushed for nearly 200 yards.

Forney was named to the WIAA's All Western Division team.

# ALL AREA FOOTBALL

FIRST TEAM			
Player	Position	Grade	School
RICK LAURA	QB	SR	LAKELAND
MIKE WATSON	RB	SR	SOUTH LYON
JASON WITHERSPOON	RB	JR	NOVI
ANIEL KERSEY	RB	SR	NORTHVILLE
ROSS BAKER	OL	JR	NORTHVILLE
MARCUS BIRMINGHAM	OL	SR	SOUTH LYON
JEFF MOBLEY	OL	JR	SOUTH LYON
IAN LOCH	OL	SR	SOUTH LYON
MATT MCINTYRE	OL	SR	MILFORD
MIKE SAHLER	WR	SR	MILFORD
RYAN NOLL	WR	SR	LAKELAND
DEFENSE			
KRIS WALEGA	DL	SR	NOVI
DAN BARGOWSKI	DL	SR	SOUTH LYON
RYAN MORRIS	DL	SR	SOUTH LYON
MIKE SILL	LB	SR	NOVI
GARRETT CARTER	LB	SR	NORTHVILLE
STEVE VERNIER	LB	SR	SOUTH LYON
CHRIS WARNER	LB	SR	MILFORD
CHRIS SHILLAND	LB	SR	LAKELAND
MIKE HICKS	DB	SR	NOVI
RICK PETERS	DB	SR	SOUTH LYON
NATE FORNEY	DB	SR	NORTHVILLE

SECOND TEAM			
Player	Position	Grade	School
CHAD DICKEN	QB	SR	NOVI
RON HENDERSON	RB	JR	LAKELAND
GREG MCGUIRE	RB	SR	SOUTH LYON
BILL BON	OL	SR	SOUTH LYON
RYAN HOWE	OL	JR	NORTHVILLE
KYLE BAILEY	OL	JR	NOVI
CHRIS JOHNSTON	OL	JR	LAKELAND
MIKE SCHELOSKE	OL	JR	SOUTH LYON
WADE NAGELKIRK	TE	SR	LAKELAND
MATT SADLER	WR	SR	MILFORD
JASON CALLENDER	WR	SR	NOVI
DEFENSE			
JASON THOMAS	DL	JR	SOUTH LYON
MIKE SCAPPATICCI	DL	SR	NORTHVILLE
CHRIS ANTUNA	DL	SR	NOVI
JOE HABAY	LB	SR	SOUTH LYON
ROB TAULBEE	LB	SR	SOUTH LYON
MATT BUCK	LB	SR	NOVI
CHRIS MAZARIS	LB	JR	MILFORD
MARK SMITH	LB	SR	NORTHVILLE
BRYAN HARMON	LB	SR	SOUTH LYON
NICK BECHTEL	DB	SR	NOVI
J.J. ZAYTI	DB	SR	NORTHVILLE

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South Lyon - Brian Boyer, Jason LaPerna, Dan Sopinski, Brandon Campbell  
 Millford - Brent Tabor, Rex Beasaw, Bill Broadway  
 Lakeland - Ryan Smith, Scott Beesley  
 Novi - Erich Kelly, Tony Macioci, Chris Salas  
 Northville - Tim Burke, Luis Guajardo, Matt Woody, Matt Minard

Player of the Year: Mike Watson, South Lyon  
 Special teams player of the year: Corey Sargent, South Lyon

# High hopes for Wildcats dashed with 4-5 campaign

According to some, 1995 was supposed to be the year Novi returned to football prominence.

"But it didn't happen that way. All the optimism of August quickly vanished as Novi lost its first three games."

The Wildcats did rebound to beat Mt. Morris, Milford and Lakeland. But that left too little room for error in their quest for the state playoffs. When Novi fell to Brighton in week seven, playoff hopes were gone.

The Wildcats wound up with a 4-5 record, a game worse than last season. Despite that mark, some fine individual performances were turned in.

Running back Jason Witherspoon improved from his sophomore season to run for nearly 1,300 yards. Chris Antuna and Matt Buck proved capable running partners for Witherspoon at fullback.

Defensively, Novi had several standouts.

Kraig Walega had a knack for making big plays on the line. Mike Sill was tough as nails at linebacker as was Eric Hoffman until he got knocked out of action with an injury.

So what went right and what went wrong? Here's a look back at the Wildcat season week by week:

**HARTLAND 25, NOVI 7**

The Wildcats self-destructed in their first home game of the season.

Five turnovers, including four fumbles, grounded Novi's attack for a second straight week. The Wildcats had problems defensively as Hartland quarterback Jason Belkio ran for 165 yards and two touchdowns.

The Eagles led 12-0 by halftime. Novi got back into the game in the third quarter with a one-yard run by Witherspoon.

But that was it for Novi's offense. Hartland dominated the rest of the way and won going away.

Witherspoon rushed for 145 yards in the loss.

**SOUTH LYON 42, NOVI 7**

Ugly, tight, ugly. That's the best thing that can be said about Sept. 15 road loss.

South Lyon ran wild and scored four times in the first half to make it a rout. The mighty Lions rushed for 300 yards and totally dominated Novi.

Walega was the lone bright spot with 12 tackles.

**NOVI 34, MT. MORRIS 21**

The Wildcats finally got off the slide on Sept. 22 at home.

The ground attack got going big-time against the Panthers. Novi rushed for 360 yards, 199 of them from Witherspoon.

After a slow start, Novi scored a pair of touchdowns in the second quarter and took a 21-14 lead by halftime. The offense kept cruising in the second half and Novi won easily.

Besides Witherspoon, Hicks had 62 rushing yards, Buck 55 and Dicken 44.

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# Health Matters



## Right diet can help beat cancer

By KAREN THOMAS  
Special Writer

It's no secret that eating lots of fruits and vegetables appears to decrease cancer risk. What's new: Filling up on a rainbow of brightly hued produce - at least five servings a day - also may significantly increase a woman's chance of surviving if she gets breast cancer, say U-M Medical Center researchers.

The cancer-fighting power of nature's bounty stems from carotenoids, plant pigments that, once ingested, in many cases are converted to Vitamin A. Beta carotene - the pigment that puts the orange in carrots, sweet potatoes and apricots - is probably the best known carotenoid, but an additional 600 potentially healthful pigments can be found within the produce aisle.

Upping one's carotenoid intake has been found to yield a variety of beneficial effects at the molecular level, such as enhanced cell-to-cell communication, which discourages cancer growth. Now, U-M researchers have added another bonus to the list: They've found that carotenoids also are associated with the presence of estrogen receptors in malignant breast tumors, a sign of good prognosis.

Because estrogen-receptor-positive tumors need the hormone estrogen to grow, they're more responsive to therapy with estrogen-blocking drugs such as tamoxifen.

"Women who are 'ER positive' (about two-thirds of breast cancer patients) tend to respond better to chemotherapy or hormonal treat-

ment with tamoxifen. And, 10 years later, more of them survive," says nutritional scientist Cheryl Rock, Ph.D., R.D. "The treatment response rate is about 50 percent to 70 percent among patients classified as ER positive and less than 5 percent to 10 percent among those whose tumors are ER negative."

Rock and co-investigators Mack Ruffin, M.D., a U-M family practice physician, and former U-M cancer surgeon David August, M.D., analyzed blood samples from 149 women newly diagnosed with breast cancer. They measured the carotenoid level in each sample and also reviewed the women's medical records for breast cancer risk factors, such as age at first pregnancy and family history of the disease. The estrogen-receptor status of each woman's tumor was determined as part of the routine biopsy procedure.

The researchers found that the women with ER-positive tumors had a higher level of carotenoids in their blood - beta carotene and lutein, specifically. The correlation applied independent of breast cancer risk factors.

"The relationship was so strong in this group," Rock says, "that for every .3 micro mole increase - which is tiny - in their blood levels of carotenoids, women approximately doubled the chance that their tumors were estrogen-receptor positive."

Scientists don't yet know whether all carotenoids are created equal. While beta carotene has been studied the most, many of the women in Rock's study had higher levels of other types in their blood. Lutein, for example, found in dark green, leafy vegetables like spinach and broccoli, also appears to be helpful, she says.

Which are the best fruits and vegetables to bring home? "The darker, more vibrant the color, the better - because you'll be getting a bigger dose of carotenoids," Rock advises. She also recommends selecting a wide variety. "In our study, the women who were best off might have had broccoli at dinner, but they also had orange juice at breakfast. That's also why I would certainly not rely on beta carotene supplements alone. They give you only one carotenoid - and the other 599 may be where it's happening."

Karen Thomas is a member of the University of Michigan staff. This article was coordinated by the office of planning and marketing at U of M.

## How to reduce kids' risk of eye injuries

I want to touch on three timely issues as we approach the end of the year: Christmas toy eye hazards, the expanded availability of the excimer laser and preventive diabetic eye care.

Proper toy selection plays a major role in reducing a child's risk of eye injury. The first rule is to select age-appropriate toys and then supervise their use.

Make sure that toys don't have sharp pointed ends that could puncture an eye. Any toy that fires projectiles should be carefully screened for its potential for injury if used at close range and given only to children mature enough to understand the risks. Even blunt or soft ends can cause internal eye damage if the force of the impact is strong enough.

Buyers should avoid toys with exposed, fast-moving parts and make sure that any liquid or powder in toys is non-toxic in case it accidentally gets into young eyes.

Toys are a great part of being a kid and, with careful selection, all the memories will be happy ones.

Santa may have a gift for the eye care community: the excimer laser. This is the laser used to perform PRK (photorefractive keratectomy) to correct a person's dependence on glasses and contact lenses. A current procedure to correct nearsightedness and astigmatism, RK (radial keratotomy), involves making spoke-like cuts into the clear cornea - the clear dome over the colored iris - to flatten it. Excimer laser flattens the cornea by sculpting it. And that's not all: a procedure called LASIK (laser in situ keratomileusis) may allow the excimer to work even more efficiently by combining micro-surgery and corneal sculpting. This may be the best choice for very near-sighted patients.

I will be attending a three-day, post-graduate course in Canada in early January on the excimer and LASIK surgery and will update you in my next article.

My final year-end reminder goes out to any-

one who is - or knows - a diabetic. November is National Diabetes Month, a chance to help the 150,000 people in Michigan suffering from diabetic eye disease.

Diabetes is the No. 1 cause of new blindness in 25- to 74-year-olds. The real tragedy is that 50 percent of these cases could have been prevented.

Annual eye exams that include drops to enlarge the pupil are the key to preventing blindness. When vascular changes inside the eye are diagnosed early, laser treatment can be used to control the damage and preserve sight.

I hope your holidays are happy. My office again will be a collection site for Toys for Tots. When you are out shopping, perhaps you'll pick up an extra toy that will make an underprivileged kid's Christmas a little brighter.

Dr. Tim Kirk is in private practice at Town & Country Eyecare in Novi (610) 347-7800. This column is coordinated by staff representing the U-M Health Center, Northville.

## Health Notes

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Providence Hospital and Medical Centers is offering free blood pressure checks on the first Thursday of every month.

This free service is available at Providence Medical Center-Providencia Park at the corner of Grand River Avenue and Beck Road from 1-3 p.m. in the Cardiology Department. Call (810) 380-4225 for further information.

### Breastfeeding basics

This workshop covers the "how to's" of breastfeeding - how to start and maintain successful breastfeeding, as well as answering the questions and concerns of women who are already breastfeeding. Classes are held at the Health Development Network at Botsford in Novi. For more information and to register, call (810) 477-6100.

### Cholesterol and vision screenings

Total cholesterol screening is conducted by the fingerstick method from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the third Monday of each month at the Botsford Center for Health Improvement-Health Development Network, 39750 Grand River Ave., Novi. There is a \$5 fee. For more information, call (810) 477-6100.

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### Flu Shots

Oakland County Health Division will be giving influenza vaccine beginning Tuesday, Oct. 10, at both health department locations in Pontiac and Southfield. Flu shots will be given through Friday, Dec. 29 or as supplies last. The pneumococcal vaccine is given all year long or a supplies last.

The 1995 flu vaccine protects against three viral strains, A/Texas, A/Johannesburg and B/Harbin. The pneumococcal vaccine provides protection for 25 types of pneumonia. The flu vaccine costs \$5 and the pneumonia vaccine cost \$7 or covered by Medicaid or Medicare. In order to do the insurance billing, please bring picture ID and all insurance cards with you.

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# Novi places one on offense

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## ANEIL KERSEY Northville sr. running back

The senior closed out his Mustang career with a solid season. Kersey rushed for 922 yards and accumulated 1,100 yards of all-purpose yardage. He also finished as Northville's all-time leader in rushing (2,606), rushing touchdowns (22), rushing attempts (549) and rushes in a season (206).

"The last great running back we had was Rick Van Buren," coach Darrel Schumacher said. "As good as he was, Aniel's got more tools and more weapons. He's been outstanding."

The coach credited Kersey's work ethic as the reason for his success. And for all of his accomplishments, the senior always acted like "one of the guys," Schumacher said.

Kersey was named to the All-Western Lakes squad for the second straight year.

## MIKE SADLER Milford sr. receiver

Sadler was the leading receiver in the area hauling in 25 catches for 386 yards and four scores this season.

"He has deceptive speed and he runs very precise patterns and just catches the ball well," Milford coach Mike Shearer said. "He's been our go-to guy for two years now."

Sadler, an all-KVC selection this year, also had a knack for making the grab in tough situations this fall.

## RYAN NOLL Lakeland sr. receiver

An extremely hard worker, Noll worked on all phases of his game in the off season.

"He really dedicated himself this summer," Mohr said, "and he turned himself into a complete player."

Noll was the favorite target of quarterback Rick Laura catching 16 balls for 284 yards and one touchdown this fall. He was also one of the top punters in the area. After refining his kicking skills at a camp in the off season Noll booted a 41.1 yard average and he blasted one kick of 70 yards this season.

## MATT MCINTYRE Milford sr. lineman

It's often tough to combine physical strength and superior intelligence but McIntyre struck the delicate balance this season.

A three-year varsity player, McIntyre was one of three two-way players on the Redskins squad. He was a rock at center for MHS and he also played defensive end.

"He's very intense and very intelligent," Shearer said of McIntyre who carried a 3.95 grade point average this year.



Chad Dicken made our all-area second team at quarterback.

## MARCUS BIRMINGHAM South Lyon sr. lineman

Birmingham threw opposing defensive linemen around like tackling dummies this season.

The key to his performance was raw power. He was one of the strongest players on a team full of monsters, bench pressing 435 pounds.

"He just has tremendous strength and he's a very sound blocker," Lions' coach Bob Scheloske said.

Birmingham, an all-KVC selection this fall, was the only returning starter on what turned out to be one of the most dominating lines in the state.

## ROSS BAKER Northville jr. lineman

The junior offensive tackle emerged as one of the area's best by the end of the season.

Schumacher said he converted Baker from fullback to the line. That's not an easy switch, but he made it well.

"He did it for the team," said Schumacher, "and went on to be our best blocker."

Baker made the WLA's All-Western Division Team. Schumacher said Baker will anchor his offensive line next fall.

"He constantly improved this year," he said. "I think he'll be a

leader for next year's team."

## JEFF MOBLEY South Lyon jr. lineman

It was no coincidence that Mobley's emergence as a great lineman in the KVC paralleled South Lyon's rise to the top of the conference and the state.

An all-KVC performer, Mobley combined both strength and agility. He bench-presses 300 pounds and he's also got some pretty quick feet for a big guy.

"He's going to be a great one in the future," Scheloske said. "He really helped make our running game go because he was able to get down field and make some great blocks."

## IAN LOCH South Lyon sr. lineman

If it's true that the center is the anchor of any good line than Loch was one of the best anchors around in the middle of the SL line.

"It all starts with a good center/quarterback exchange and Ian was a good center for us this year," Scheloske said.

Loch was at his best when blocking one-on-one against a defender. He rarely was beaten and he often opened up big holes for rushers Mike Watson and Greg McGuire.

# Tankers blanked at final

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Swimmers and relay teams had to finish in the top 12 to score points. Maker said he thought his relay teams had a chance to place.

"I thought the relays would score," he said, "and Jamie would get a couple of points."

All in all, Saturday's final wasn't as fast as in years past.

"A couple of events were fast," Maker said. "But, overall, it wasn't that awesome."

Novi's season is now complete. The Wildcats finished 7-2 in the dual meet portion of the campaign.

"We had a good year. It was a growing year. The girls were getting used to me and me to them."

DAVE MAKER  
Novi swim coach

The team's prospects look good for next year with only three swimmers, Michelle Pantaleo, Christina Tardella and Shelley Williams, graduating.

Maker said his team did improve this fall. Novi has a lot more depth

now than back in August. "I think the thing was this year," Maker said, "we had a handful of awesome swimmers, but no middle."

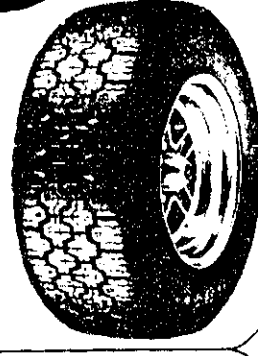
"I think we developed a strong middle."

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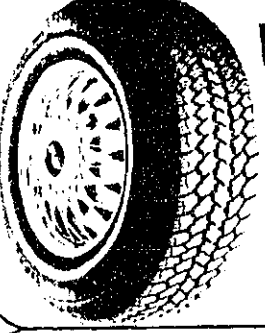
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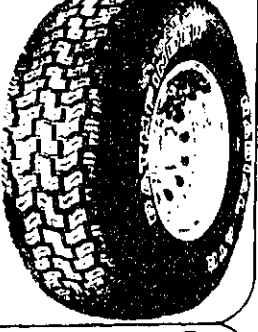
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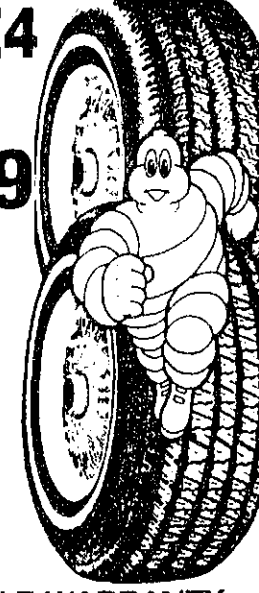


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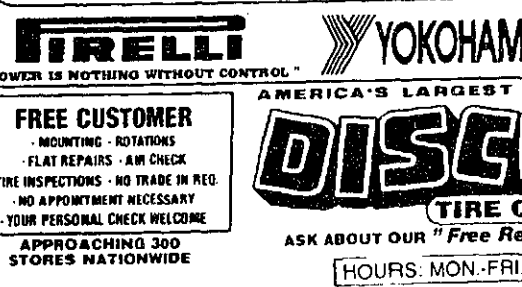
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