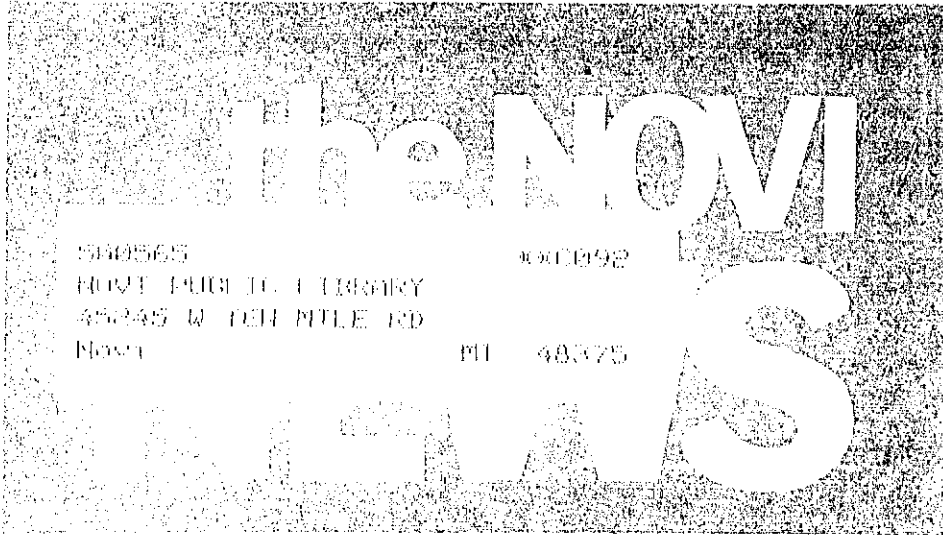


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Officer's wife says city rule violates privacy

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

The wife of a Novi police detective has lodged a complaint that their family's privacy is being violated by the city's request for a copy of their federal income tax form.

LaReta Roder last week protested to the Novi City Council a Nov. 2 directive from the city requiring that employees claiming dependents aged 19 to 25 years old on their health insurance submit a copy of their federal income tax Form 1040 as proof. The form lists all dependents.

"I do not work for the city, nor are they my financial institution.

Therefore, they are not entitled to know even so much as my Social Security number, never mind any of the other confidential information on the front and back of Form 1040," LaReta Roder, who is employed as an office manager, said.

If the tax records are not turned in, the benefits for the dependent will be terminated.

She and her husband, Detective Max Roder, have a son, 21, in college.

Assistant City Manager Craig Klaver said that the city last year decided to collect the income tax forms from employees rather than

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Coalition collects toys for local kids

By RANDY COBLE
Staff Writer

Here's a brain teaser in keeping with the season. Of all the toys you got as a child on all those Christmas mornings past, which one was your favorite? You know, that gift that meant so much to you that you can still see it in your head today?

Was it a doll? A train set? Or one of those never-fear, never-fail genuine leather Little League Spalding baseball gloves with the

reinforced stitching and extra-deep well?

Remember the feeling as you tore off the wrapping and saw it, felt it, knew it was yours? Well, you can give that gift - that joy - to a child right here who really needs it this Christmas.

In a way, this story really began in 1947 with a Marine colonel named Bill Hendricks. He'd met a needy child in Los Angeles and wanted to make sure the boy had

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Photo by AL WARD

Two Novi bears and their 3-year-olds, Kristin Stoner-Gay (left) and Kayla Holsinger, share some holiday wishes with Santa.

Shoppers launch holiday season

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

It takes nerves of steel, a pair of Dr. Scholl's and a passion that never wanes.

It's not just any kind of shopping. We're talking the all-out, early rising, go all day, competitive shopping waged the day after Thanksgiving.

Female friends compare prices and catch up on family gossip. Groups of men congregate to the benches in the center of the mall for comfort. Couples stroll along, one leading the other by the hand. Families with small children navigate strollers through clothing racks.

This shopping day is rarely a solitary activity. It's a time for bonding, planning and sharing.

Say most seasoned holiday shoppers: "If you're going to do it, you might as well start early, go all day and come home late."

That's what Sheri Minke of Novi and her sister, Pat Arashiro of Fort Wayne, did Friday. "We started out about 8:30 this morning. We were one of the early birds," said Minke who

was at her second stop of the day, K mart.

Not bad for a couple of women who braved the crowds and the traffic for the first time ever. "My sister is in town and I said 'OK we'll try it,'" Minke laughed.

"It's a zoo," added Arashiro.

Over at Twelve Oaks across the five lanes of stop and go traffic, two sisters and a mom spent Friday scouting out what to get each other for Christmas.

"We do this every year. It's a tradition," said Vicky Scott of Pentwater.

"We know there's a lot of people but that's half the fun of it," added her mom, Dorothy Ciszewski of Jackson.

"It's a great way to get into the season," said Chris Southwell, the other daughter from Ann Arbor.

On the other side of the mall, a Brighton man and his adult son sat patiently on the wall near the Crystal Forest Santa display. Unlike the rest of the mall population, they were in no hurry and no bags rested at their feet.

"We came out here to watch people rushing around," explained Eric Neiswender, up for the holidays from down south.

He and his father hadn't bought a thing, save a buttery roll from Cinnabon. They were happy to simply drink in the atmosphere, watching people with mall maps carefully choose their destination.

"We're here to behold the madness," explained Don Neiswender.

Two sisters critique a brown shirt from the clearance table at Hudson's. One of the women, Jill Hall of Plymouth, got a jump on her holiday shopping because it's the only time she has to get it done. "I can manage three or four hours of it," she explained. "I psyched myself up this morning to be patient."

And so as the world turns, the shoppers shop, the husbands become impatient, the kids get hungry and the cash registers go ch-ching.

Best of all, there are still 24 days until Christmas.

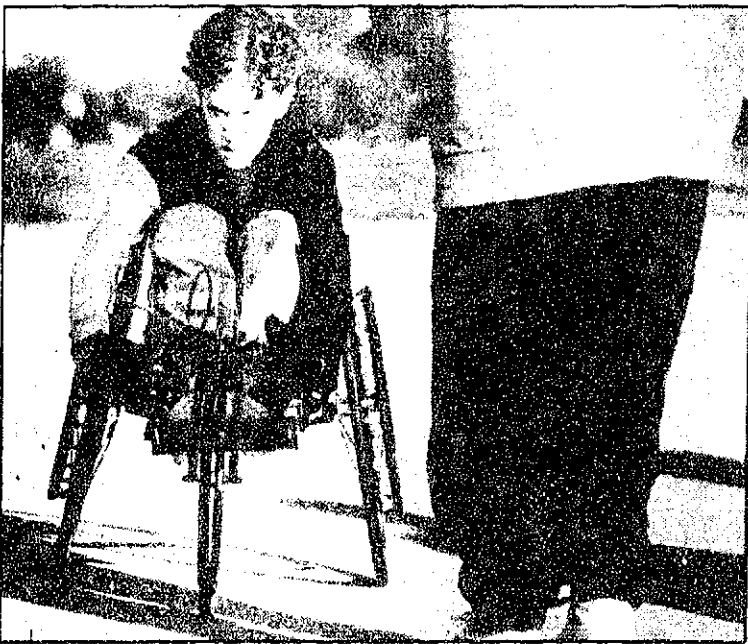


Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

A new set of wheels

Novi Middle School trotted away with a hefty sack of food filled by student donations for the 4th Annual Turkey Trot. The 2K race, held Nov. 22, was intended to promote fitness and community service. Above, 7th grader Bryan Squires joins in the race using his new racing wheelchair for the first time since receiving it from The Rainbow Connection. More photos appear on page 9.

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

It was nothing personal, they told the young woman.

They just needed the money.

That was the explanation two armed robbers gave the two female employees of the Payless Shoe Store in West Oaks Saturday night as they forced women to hand over the till and bound their hands with duct tape, leaving them in the bathroom while the robbers drove off into the darkness.

According to police reports, two black men about 20-years-old entered the shoe store at 8 p.m. armed with a stainless steel revolver and a knife. One of the

men, about 5-foot-10-inches tall with a shaved head, approached one of the female employees located at the front register.

As he pointed the gun at the 19-year-old Novi woman, told her to keep her head down and walk to the rear of the store, where he forced her to sit in a chair.

The suspect then found the other employee, a 20-year-old New Hudson woman and seven months pregnant, in an aisle and put the gun to her side. The two then walked to the rear of the store.

Apparently, there were no customers in the store at the time.

As the victims were confined in the bathroom, the other man

described as 5-feet-7-inches tall, weighing about 180 pounds, wearing glasses and holding a knife joined them.

Both suspects yelled at the victims to not look at them and that if they did not cooperate they would be hurt, according to the police report. The women were searched and the Novi woman was told to go to the front of the store and place a closing sign in the door.

"Do not do anything stupid or she will get hurt," the one suspect told her.

The woman placed a note on the door saying, "Will be back in 15 minutes," retrieved the money from the safe and cash register

and brought it back to the men. They put the money in a canvas bag from the safe and told the woman to go back and get the key to the back door.

When she returned, the robbers made her show them how to get out the door. She then let the man with the gun out the front door and returned to the bathroom where her hands were bound with duct tape by the suspect with the knife. The pregnant woman was taped to one of the cabinets. The man then turned off the lights.

According to the report, both suspects, now outside the bathroom, went through the women's

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Pickets carry strike to Novi shoppers

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

Some holiday shoppers in Novi on Friday were cordially greeted by small groups of men, bundled up in coats with hats, scarves and mittens, patiently passing out bright yellow fliers reading: "Please do not patronize K mart or Kohl's."

Some shoppers took the fliers and shoved them in a pocket. Others took them in the store and left them on a shelf. One woman in a van, took the flier read it over, crumpled it up and tossed towards the backseat where it hit a passenger in the head.

According to one of the men, "Sometimes they turn around and leave and sometimes they go in and go shopping."

The men represent the United Auto Workers Local 36 who supports the Newspaper Guild and

the Teamsters involved in the Detroit Newspapers Agency strike that's lasted five months now.

A group of six UAW workers picketers handed out the yellow fliers in front of the K mart store in the West Oaks shopping center. Another group of about six passed out leaflets to cars waiting at the entrance to West Oaks II.

According to Larry Cook, of Garden City: "We started out near the door of Kohl's but (store management) keeps pushing us back. Come back in a couple of hours and we'll be in the middle of Novi Road."

The picketers hoped to pressure the stores from advertising in the paper until the strike is over. The UAW was in the same location about a month ago handing out fliers.

"All we're asking is people

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Photo by WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL

Striking Detroit newspaper workers brought their cause to Novi last Friday by picketing local stores.

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Obituaries

BERNARD PATRICK McCLOREY

Bernard Patrick McClorey of Novi died Nov. 25, 1995 at his residence. He was 61.

Mr. McClorey was born in Detroit and graduated from Catholic Central. He was a graduate of the University of Notre Dame and received his Juris Doctor degree in 1964 from the Detroit College of Law. He was employed by Ford Motor Company as an engineer from 1955-64. Mr. McClorey was co-founder of the law firm, Cummings, McClorey, Davis & Aho, P.C. in Livonia.

He was also co-founder of the Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority; a charter member of the Gabriel Richard Historical Society devoted to the preservation of the Shrine of St. Anne de Detroit; past president, Livonia Bar Association; representative assembly, State Bar of Michigan; and a member of the Michigan Trial Lawyers Association.

He was coach of the Northville Coils Jr. football team from 1973-79 and compiled a 48-5-1 record. He was also involved in basketball.

Mr. McClorey also served in the Army, U.S. Ballistic Missile Agency, Montgomery, Ala.

According to the family his priorities were God, Family, Country, Law, Notre Dame.

Surviving is his wife of 35 years, Marlene; daughters, Anne McLaughlin and Mary Kay; sons, Kevin, Timothy, and Sean; three brothers and three sisters; and five grandchildren.

Service was held on Wednesday, Nov. 29 at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church, Farmington. Interment was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield.

Arrangements were made by O'Brien Chapel-Ted C. Sullivan Funeral Home Inc., Novi. Memorial tributes may be given to the Gabriel Richard Historical Society, Shrine of St. Anne de Detroit, 1000 Ste. Anne, Detroit, MI.

JOSEPHINE MARY VILLAIRE

Josephine Mary Villaire of Novi died Nov. 25, 1995, at Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills. She was 78. Mrs. Villaire was born in Gaines, Mich.

She is survived by her daughters, Patricia (Robert) Oakley and Nancy (Lee) Mamola; and 6 grand-

children.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Gordon.

Service was held on Sunday, Nov. 26 at O'Brien Chapel-Ted C. Sullivan Funeral Home Inc. in Novi. Interment was at St. Joseph Cemetery, Gaines.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the Novi Rotary, P.O. Box 159, Novi, MI 48375.

LEWIS S. DIEM

Lewis S. Diem, age 69, of Milford, a former resident of the Novi/Northville area, died Nov. 12, 1995, at Camelot Hall Nursing Center, Livonia.

Mr. Diem was born in Plymouth on July 8, 1926, to Lewis S. and Laella Rebecca (Tatton) Diem. Before retirement Mr. Diem was a railroad switchman. A lifelong resident of the area, he was a member of the Novi Baptist Church and a graduate of Northville High School.

His survivors include daughters, Glenda Paison of Milford and Debbie Little of South Lyon; sons, Dennis of North Pole, Alaska, and Douglas, also of Alaska; and six grandchildren.

Service was held on Tuesday, Nov. 14 at Casketline Funeral Home Inc., Northville. Pastor R. Dale Gross of South Hill Baptist Church in Milford officiated at the service.

KATHLEEN M. DROGMILLER
Kathleen M. Drogmiller, age 75, died Nov. 15, 1995, at Huron Valley Hospital, Commerce Township.

Mrs. Drogmiller was a lifelong resident of the area and lately lived with her daughter in Walled Lake. She was a homemaker and mother of nine children. Her husband, Lloyd passed away in 1985.

She is survived by her children: Beverly and Ernie of Detroit, Jay of Novi, Robert and Lloyd of Waterford, John of Wyom., Edward, Kathy and Susan of Walled Lake; 20 grandchildren, 11 great grandchildren and two sisters.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lloyd, in 1985.

Services were held on Saturday, Nov. 18 at the Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Home with the Rev. Eldon Geary, of the First Presbyterian Church of Northville officiating. Interment was at White Chapel Cemetery in Troy.

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Library Notes

Book Talk

The next adult book discussion group will be Monday, Dec. 4, at 7 p.m. The subject of the discussion will be *A Prayer for Owen Meany* by John Irving. Have the book read and be prepared to discuss it with the group.

CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF ADOPTION ORDINANCE NO. 95-136.01

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council has adopted Ordinance 95-136.01, an Ordinance to amend sections 3-4 and 3-5 of the Novi Code of ordinances, to amend those provisions pertaining to the furnishing to or consumption by unlicensed persons of alcoholic liquor.

This ordinance is declared to be an emergency ordinance which is immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, and shall become effective immediately upon adoption. The Ordinance was adopted on November 20, 1995. A complete copy of the Ordinance is available for public use and inspection at the office of the City Clerk.

TONNI BARTHOLOMEW, CITY CLERK

NOTICE — CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR BIDS UTILITY VEHICLE

The City of Novi will receive sealed bids for a UTILITY VEHICLE according to the specifications of the City of Novi. Bids will be received until 3:00 p.m. prevailing eastern time, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1995, at which time proposals will be opened and read. Bids shall be addressed as follows:

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CAROL J. KALINOVIK, PURCHASING DIRECTOR
45175 W. Ten Mile Rd.,
Novi, MI 48375-3024

All bids must be signed by a legally authorized agent of the bidding firm. ENVELOPES MUST BE PLAINLY MARKED "UTILITY VEHICLE" AND MUST BEAR THE NAME OF THE BIDDER.

The City reserves the right to accept any or all alternative proposals and award the contract to other than the lowest bidder, to waive any irregularities or informality or both, to reject any or all proposals, and in general to make the award of the contract in any manner deemed by the City, in its sole discretion, to be in the best interest of the City of Novi.

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NOTICE — CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR BIDS DIESEL ROTARY MOWER

The City of Novi will receive sealed bids for a DIESEL ROTARY MOWER according to the specifications of the City of Novi. Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. prevailing eastern time, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1995, at which time proposals will be opened and read. Bids shall be addressed as follows:

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Court fines raised for drinking minors

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

Teenagers in the city of Novi had better start pinching their pennies if they plan to buy, consume or possess alcohol.

Changes in state law regarding minors and liquor and recently adopted by the Novi City Council substantially increase the amount of fines and classifies the infractions as misdemeanors instead of civil violations.

"It means kids won't be able to come in and pay a \$25 fine and not tell their parents they got a ticket for that," said Judge Brian MacKenzie of 52-1 District Court in Novi.

Before, when the penalty for a minor in possession was simply a ticket with a small fine attached, teens could easily pay the charge and be done with the incident.

Now, the ten plus alcohol combination becomes a little more expensive.

Fines for a first violation are increased from not more than \$25 to not more than \$100.

Fines for a second offense increase from not more than \$50 to not more than \$200.

And fines for a third or subsequent offense jump from not more than \$100 to not more than \$500.

In addition, now that the penalty is a misdemeanor, teens can be charged with a crime and

get jail or probation. It also stays in the person's record as a conviction of a crime.

According to the law, police officers who have reasonable cause to believe a person under the age of 21 has consumed alcohol, can require the minor to submit to a preliminary breath test. A result of .02 percent indicates the minor has consumed or possessed alcohol. The officer can seize the illegally possessed liquor and issue an appearance ticket to appear in court for the alleged violation.

If the minor is under the age of 18, the police must notify the parents or legal guardian by phone, letter or in person within 48 hours of learning the minor's age.

For a first violation, judges can impose a fine of not more than \$100 and the teen may be ordered to undergo substance abuse screening and assessment at his or her own expense and perform community service.

For a second violation, besides the fines and possible screening, therapy and community service, the courts can suspend a minor's driver's license for not less than 90 days and not more than 180 days. A restricted license may be granted after 30 days. The suspension increases to not less than 180 days and not more than one year, with a restricted license granted after 60 days.

Mall plans are preliminary — developer

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Although they have been discussing possible access roads with the city and the state, developers Ramco-Gershenson don't have any immediate plans for building a West Oaks II, a spokesman said. "It's very early, very preliminary," Karl Zarbo, director of property management for Ramco-Gershenson, explained.

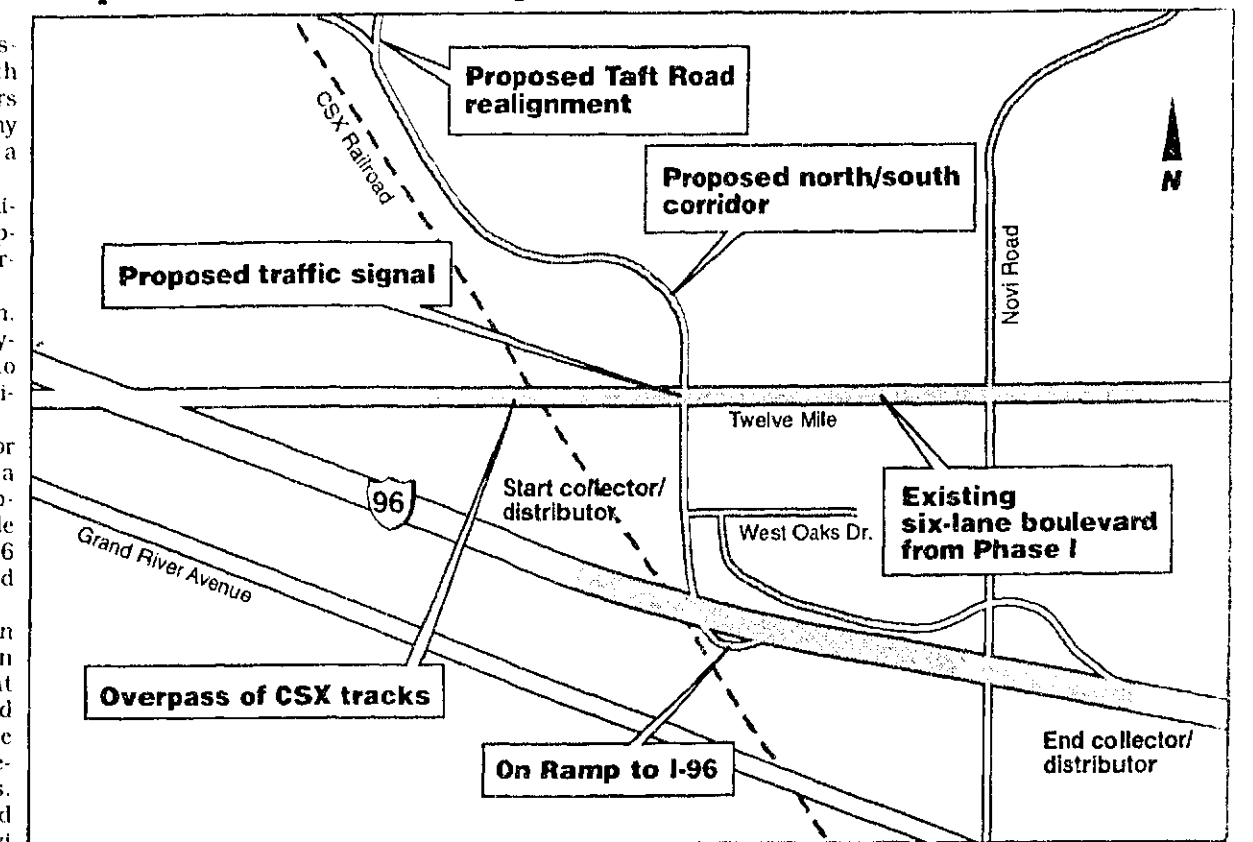
"We're evaluating the situation. There is no development, we're trying to work quite intelligently to see what's available within a quality market."

An engineering firm working for Ramco-Gershenson has designed a possible access into a new shopping center, which would include rebuilding the Novi Road/I-96 interchange and a northbound extension of Taft Road.

Representatives of the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) told Novi officials that evaluating the redesign would push back improvements to the Beck Road and Wixom Road three-way interchanges by two years. Therefore, City Manager Ed Kriewall earlier told MDOT Novi isn't backing the developer's road plan at this time.

Ramco-Gershenson doesn't own the vacant property to the west of their existing shopping centers West Oaks I and II, Zarbo said.

Proposed new interchange/Taft Road extension



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Tougher penalties for crimes against seniors stalls

By TIM RICHARD
Staff Writer

The bill was popular — tougher punishments for crimes against senior citizens — but one state senator had doubts about its constitutionality.

"I'm concerned with special penalties for crimes against a certain class of people," said Sen. Alvin Wheeler, Smith, D-Salem, who voted against the measure.

"What about special penalties for crimes against pregnant women and children?" And there's a question of double jeopardy — adding one penalty on top of another.

said the freshman senator from Washenaw County.

It was the first time sponsor Henry Stallings II, D-Detroit, had run into opposition on his Senate Bill 343. It was named for Rosa Parks, the famed civil rights activist who was beaten in her own home a year ago.

SB 343 defines a senior citizen as one 60 or older. It allows a judge to tack five years onto a felon's prison sentence for crimes committed in the senior's home and three years if committed outside the home.

The Senate on Nov. 1 passed the

measure 32-3 and sent it to the House. All area senators voted yes except Smith and David Henigman, R-West Bloomfield.

Missing the session while working on the Telecommunications Bill was Mat Danaskiss, R-Lake Orion.

Sen. William VanRegenmorter, R-Jenison, chair of the Senate Judiciary Committee, said double jeopardy wasn't a problem because "this isn't part of a layer of crimes but a separate crime." He added that a judge, in consulting sentencing guidelines, may take into consideration "the vulnerability of

the victim."

Said Stallings: "This bill provides greater protection for our senior citizens, one of society's more vulnerable groups. I am pleased by the bipartisan support for this bill."

The Senate Fiscal Agency estimated the bill, if enacted, would cost the state prison system \$3.8 million more a year by the third year. It estimated 2.1 percent, or 86 of the 4,100 prison admissions in 1994, were for crimes against seniors.

The new penalties would apply to those who committed arson,

assault, rape, extortion, first- or second-degree murder, manslaughter, causing a death with explosives or firearms without malice, kidnapping, mayhem, aggravated stalking, armed robbery, unarmed robbery and carjacking.

The prison term could be served consecutively, and preceding, any term for the underlying crime. It would not be a defense to say that one didn't know the victim was a senior citizen, according to the staff analysis.

Refer to Senate Bill 343 when writing to your state representative.

Auch Company wins OCC construction work

By TIM RICHARD
Staff Writer

The George W. Auch Co. won Oakland Community College's biggest plum — a contract to manage tens of millions of renovations in the 30-year-old campus system.

"They have physically driven to different sites to look them over. I liked that," said trustee Pamela Davis, who moved to pick the best construction company and project manager over four other bidders — many of them much larger firms.

"They took the time to make a color-coded chart that was extremely helpful," agreed trustee Carol L. Crew. "We'll get more personal service."

David L. Hamilton, president and chief operating officer of the 87-year-old firm, added in an interview. "You'll never get one of these other (company) presidents to work with the job team. I've worked on 20-plus college projects myself."

An administrative committee screening the bidders said the Auch firm, co-owned by two grandchildren of the founder, was small for such a big job.

Hamilton saw it as an advantage.

"The majority of the work is renovation. This kind of work is right down our alley. It's a lot of little projects. I don't believe big is better. We did \$44 million of work in Walled Lake School District — it's the fastest growing in the state — and \$43 million in Livonia in the last five years.

"We're the ninth largest in the

state," said Hamilton, a Northville resident who started his career as a laborer and surveyor's helper while studying math at Wayne State University. His son, Jeff, is a civil engineering graduate of the University of Michigan and was part of the proposal team.

OCC, whose campuses have physically deteriorated in the last decade, was heavily routed after the new revenue will go into educational programs, but renovations and new equipment are first priorities.

The Auch contract will be renewable each year, depending on the company's performance and the board's mood. "Then no one can claim a huge amount was given to one company for unsavory reasons," said board vice-chair Judith Wisner. "It may be a new board is here by the time the year is up."

She referred to the facts that the Auch firm was deeply split 5-2 when it fired the chancellor in October; that a recall movement is brewing against the five; and that at least one, perhaps two, new trustees will be elected in June of 1996.

The board vote was 5-1 for Auch, with trustee Sandra Ritter preferring A.J. Ekin of Farmington Hills and trustee Anne Scott abstaining because her employment firm does business with two of the bidders.

There were no votes for the firm recommended by former Chancellor Patsy Calkins — Barton Malow.

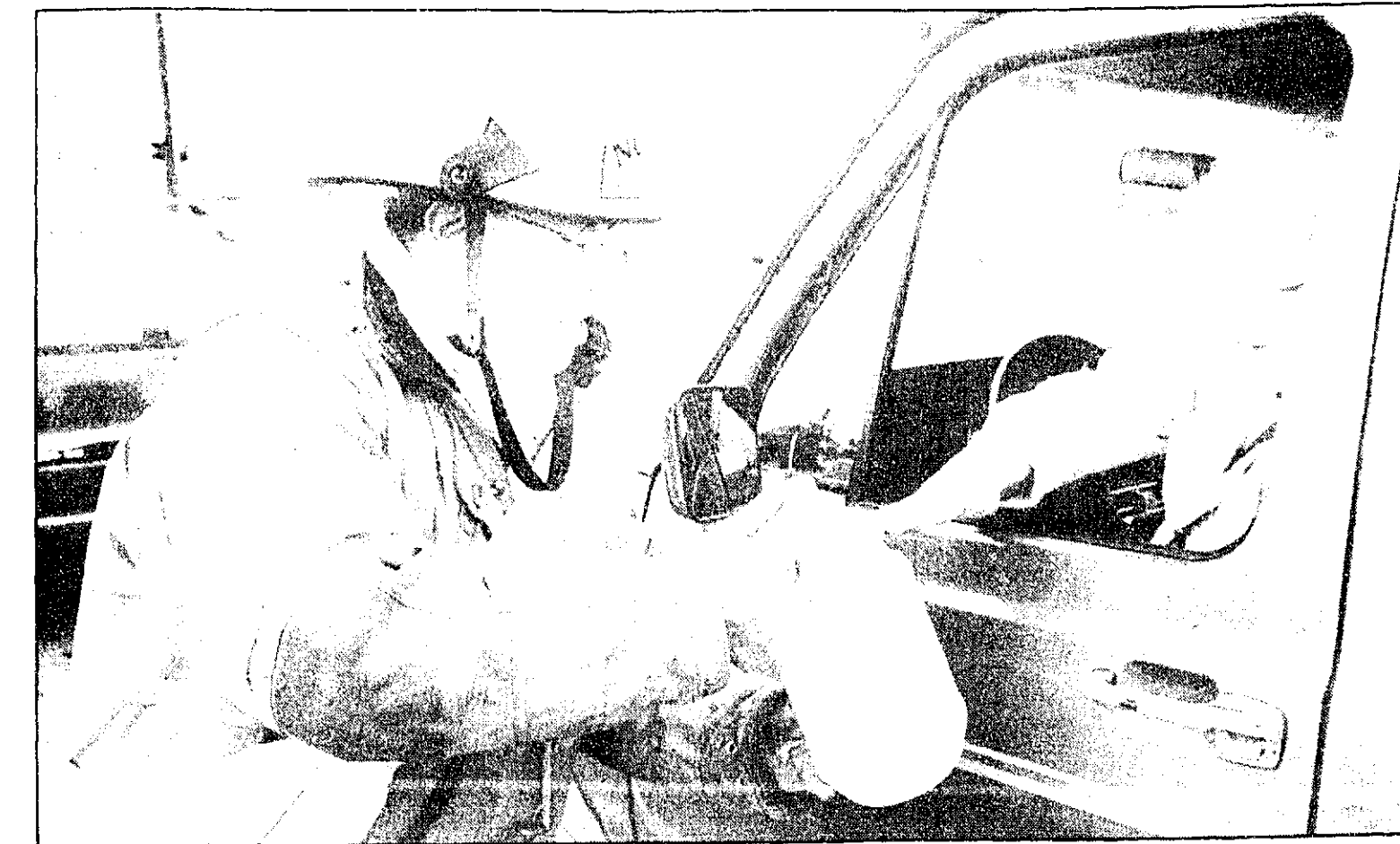


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Novi fireman Carl Korzeniowski collects cash from motorists at the Ten Mile and Novi Road intersection, Saturday. Although the Goodfellow's special edition of *The Novi News* ran out quickly in the morning, motorists continued to donate until noon.

Goodfellow's said they received about \$2,100 in donations which will go toward Christmas gifts and dinner for underprivileged families in Novi. The Goodfellows are still taking applications for those in need of help for the Holidays.

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Chamber searching for nominations

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
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It's that time of year again for the Novi Chamber of Commerce to take nominations for the Small Business Person of the Year award for 1995. The award salutes the owners of small businesses with less than 50 employees. According to Chamber President Connie Mallett, the award was first introduced to be used as a stepping stone to a national small business person competition. But as time went on, the focus changed. "Our mission is an organization to highlight people who are successful and who contribute to the community," she said. "It's small business people who form the backbone of a small community and set the climate and the economy," she added.

That's why part of the nomination process is to include examples of community service. Last year's winners were J.R. Ajaych of Financial Planning and Investments in Northville and Frank and Jackie Maisano, owners of Maisano's Italian Restaurant in Novi.

The winner will be selected using one or more of the following criteria as guidelines: a substantial history as an established business, response to adversity, innovation of product or service, original entrepreneurship, initiative and community involvement.

Nominations can only come from chamber members. Deadline for submission is Dec. 15. For more information, call the Novi Chamber of Commerce at (810) 349-3743.

Former Novi man arrested for murder

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

Southfield police arrested a former Novi man in the murder case of an apartment manager on the afternoon of Nov. 21. Leroy Williamson, was arraigned Nov. 22 in 46th District Court on charges of felony murder and first degree murder in what appears to be an armed robbery gone bad.

Police said they responded to the Woodcrest Apartments on a report of an armed robbery just in time to observe a man fleeing from the rental office. Officers pursued the suspect on foot and, after a lengthy chase, stopped and wounded the man with gunfire. A knife, believed to have been used in the fatal stabbing, was recovered. Williamson was arrested and taken to Providence Hospital for treatment.

The manager of the complex, Corrin Lovinsky, was pronounced dead at the scene from an apparent stab wound. Det. Reginald Phillips said the 35-year-old suspect was first reported by the media to be a Novi resident, because that was the address listed on his driver's license, but it was later discovered he had moved to Southfield within the last 90 days.

Williamson lived at the Woodcrest Apartments a year ago, then moved to Novi and several months ago moved back to Southfield. Phillips said a "not guilty" plea was entered on Williamson's behalf and he is being held without bond. Phillips said.

College workers win new 3-year contract

By TIM RICHARD
Staff Writer

A pleased group of classified employees has a new three-year contract with Oakland Community College after relatively easy bargaining.

The 218 employees are members of AFSCME Local 4024 and do everything except teach and serve food. They are secretaries, switchboard operators, parts crib attendants, word processors, library technicians, bookstore clerks, records keepers, bindery workers,

payroll assistants, financial aid records keepers, graphic artists and registration specialists. The OCC board gave the pact 6-0 approval on Nov. 20 with trustee Pamela Davis, an AFSCME official, abstaining. Union members earlier approved the pact, 151 to 13.

Edward Callaghan, executive director of human resources for the two-year college, said the agreement is retroactive to July 1 and expires June 30, 1998. Workers will get wage increases of 2 percent the first year, 3 per-

cent the second year, 3 percent at the beginning of the third year and 2 percent in the middle of the third year.

Classified employees have five pay grades with step increases for five years. Last year class I workers ranged from \$8.87 to \$13.43 an hour; class V from \$12.43 to \$17.87 an hour.

Three administrators will be added for a total of 43; eight to the faculty for a total of 113; 11 to maintenance for a total of 94; two operating engineers for a total of 11; and three public safety officers for a total of 17.

Trustees praised Larson for not dipping into contingency funds for any of the new hires - a sore point with the plan of former Chancellor Anthony Jarson's staffing plan adding 47 employees for a total of 792.



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Shoppers' Delight

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1. What was the "Shoe Tree?" Where was it located? (10 points)
2. Who replaced Novi city worker Mabel Ash in 1973? (5)
3. Over 600 people, mostly young children, signed a petition last April to save what piece of Novi property? (5)
4. What annual HomeTown Newspapers' publication spotlights women (exclusively) in business? (5)
5. Which Novi public building celebrated its official dedication May 1st? (5)
6. The Fifties Festival Grand River Car Cruise is open to cars built in _____ or earlier.
(A) 1962 (B) 1974 (C) 1976 (D) 1980 (E) 1956? (5)
7. This Novi High School sports team won a state championship in 1995. Name the sport. Name the coach. (10)
8. What was the final score in the 1995 "Baseline Jug" game? (5)
9. Which issue (date?) of the Novi News featured the following headlines: "UFO lands at the mall" and "City welcomes sexy toy store with open arms." (5)
10. Who was the 1995 Victorian Festival Queen?
(A) Laurie Mars (B) Margo Kramer (C) Cynthia Paterson? (5)
11. Who is the highest paid Northville public official?
(A) Leonard Rezmierski (B) Chris Johnson (C) Rodney Cannon? (5)
12. Which famous comedian recently performed at Genitti's Hole-in-the-wall?
(A) Tim Allen (B) Soupy Sales (C) Rodney Dangerfield? (5)
13. When did harness racing season start at Northville Downs?
(A) July 4th (B) April 15 (C) October 16? (5)
14. Which 3 are downtown events sponsored by the Northville Chamber of Commerce.
(A) Northville Chili Cook-off (B) Victorian Festival (C) Art In The Sun (D) Ford Field Polo Tournament (E) Flower Days? (15)
15. Where was the site of the 1995 Northville Farmer's Market? (5)
16. Where will the new Northville public library be located?
(A) Fish Hatchery Park (B) behind City Hall (C) Mill Race Village? (5)
17. Which 3 acts performed at the Northville Folk and Bluegrass Festival in July.
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Susie, age 13, needs hospital care at Fairlawn Center, the public psychiatric hospital for children in Oakland County. Despite repeated recommendations from her doctors, the Oakland County Community Mental Health system refuses to authorize her hospitalization.

John is 18 and in a private hospital for the fourth time this year. His parents and his doctors have repeatedly asked that he be transferred to Fairlawn Center. The Macomb County Community Mental Health Board refuses to authorize his hospitalization.

Bobby, 12, is an inpatient of Fairlawn Center. He has been in the hospital for the past six weeks. Two more months of inpatient treatment are necessary. The Oakland County Community Mental Health Services Board insists that he be discharged immediately.

Marianne is 14 and has been in two different psychiatric hospitals for short stays since June. Her doctors recommend hospitalization at Fairlawn Center. The Macomb County Community Mental Health Services Board says no.

These children are real children with severe emotional disorders who are being neglected by Michigan's mental health system. They represent hundreds of other children and their families whose pleas for help are going unanswered.

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Our State government is shifting responsibility for children at serious risk to local community mental health boards. But their programs are overburdened with children too disturbed to be helped by short-term hospital stays and outpatient treatment. Even our schools are adversely affected. The result: increased juvenile court cases involving youngsters unable to cope in their community.

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Vets group again launches Toys for Tots program

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 a toy for Christmas. He found many agencies and organizations that provided food, clothing and other staples but no one was specifically set up to distribute toys to poor kids.

The effort continues in 1995 right here with the Novi/Northville Coalition for Toys for Tots. The

group kicked off its annual drive last weekend and is looking for broad support.

"Lots of folks could use a little help this Christmas, more than most people know," program co-chair Rebecca Yarbrough said. "We tend to look at this community like it's not 'needy.' In reality we just hide them well but it's there and this is our way of being able to stretch a hand out to our neighbors. For a lot of kids this will be the only toy they get."

Yarbrough, part of Northville American Legion Post 147, chairs the Coalition along with Ed Syts-

ma of Novi Post 19.

Toys for Tots aims to collect 100,000 toys in the southeast Michigan area this holiday season. Novi/Northville's goal is 5,000 and they're already 20 percent there, Yarbrough said.

If you want to help them get the rest of the way, you've got several options. The best, most personal way is to buy a new, unwrapped toy and bring it to one of the businesses or civic groups in Novi and Northville that are collecting them.

Remember, please don't wrap the gifts because volunteers need to sort toys by age and sex. The

final collection day in this area is Friday, Dec. 15. The toys collected in Novi and Northville will be distributed to those in need both here and in nearby communities including Livonia, Plymouth, Westland, South Lyon, Milford, White Lake, Highland, Farmington and Farmington Hills.

To date, Yarbrough noted, the Coalition has already received more than 600 requests for toys.

A variation several businesses

are trying this year is to hold in-house Christmas parties where employees, instead of giving gifts to each other, donate toys to the program.

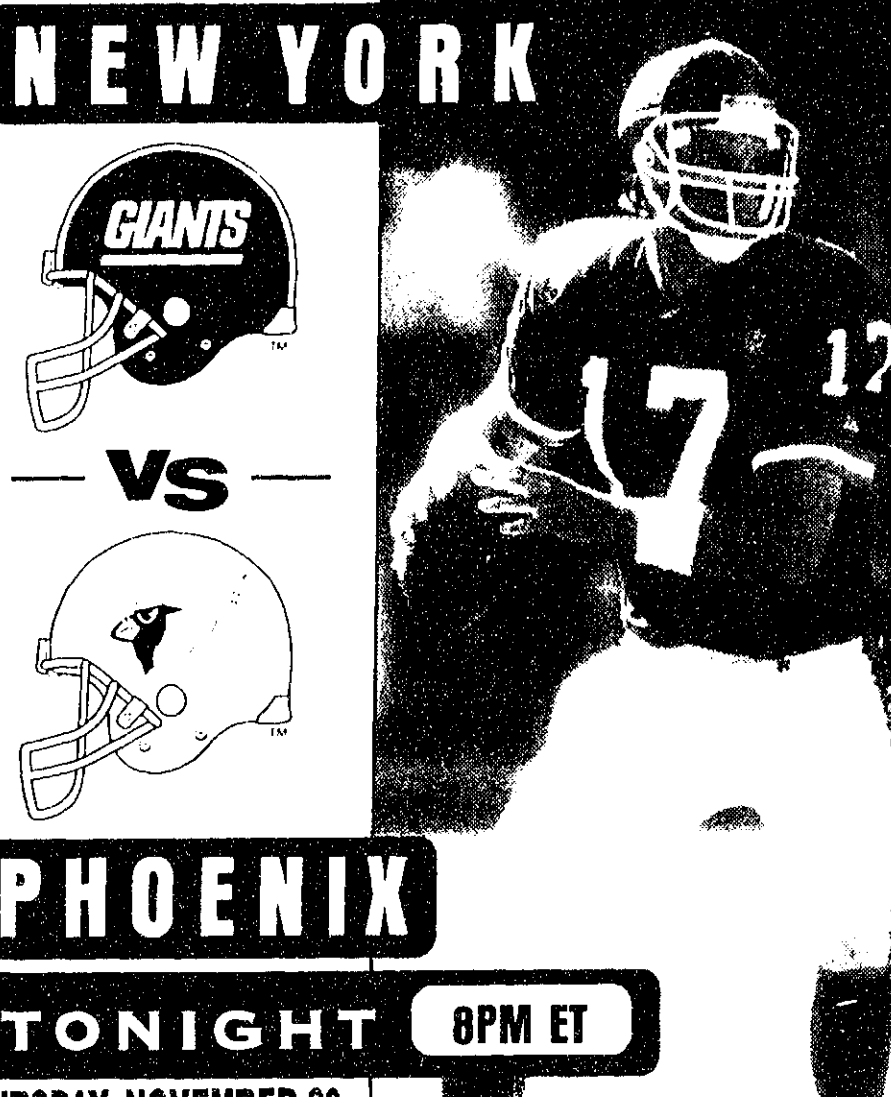
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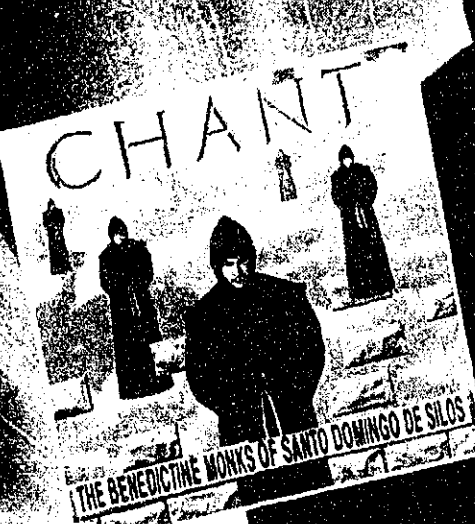

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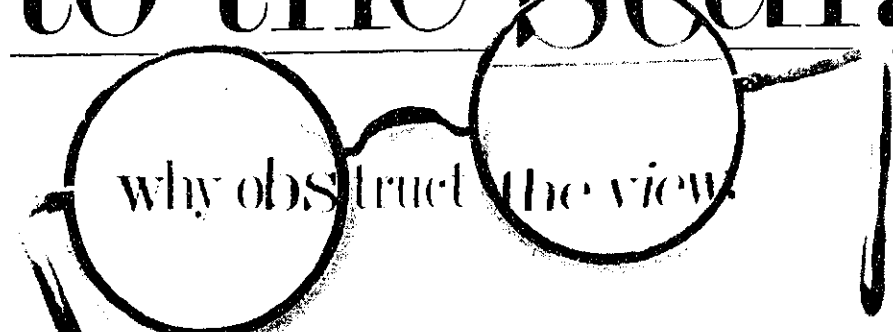
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Mall wins award with display, back for viewing for holidays

Twelve Oaks Mall of Novi won first place in the Retail Centers' category of the 1995 International Design competition sponsored by the National Merchandising and Store Design magazine, according to Elaine Kah, the mall's marketing manager.

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An artist's rendition of the Crystal Forest display, which can be seen at Twelve Oaks Mall.

Wife objects to city requirement

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 have them submit the documents to the insurance carriers. The employees are instructed to cover up the financial information on versions of their tax forms before turning them in. All the city wants to know is who is being claimed as an dependent with the IRS, Klaver said.

This task was left in the past to the city's health insurance carriers, but the results were costly to Novi, he explained. The city found the insurance companies, as financial beneficiaries, weren't as particular about weeding out non-dependents.

"They had gotten very lax. When we started using the tax forms, we found eight to nine dependents who were not and we were paying premiums," he added.

"We started this last year, but you didn't have to comply. This year, we intend to enforce it."

LaReta Roder points to the federal Privacy Act of 1976, which

bars the Internal Revenue Service from handing out income tax forms except in cases of criminal investigation or if they are required by cities for their own income tax levying purposes.

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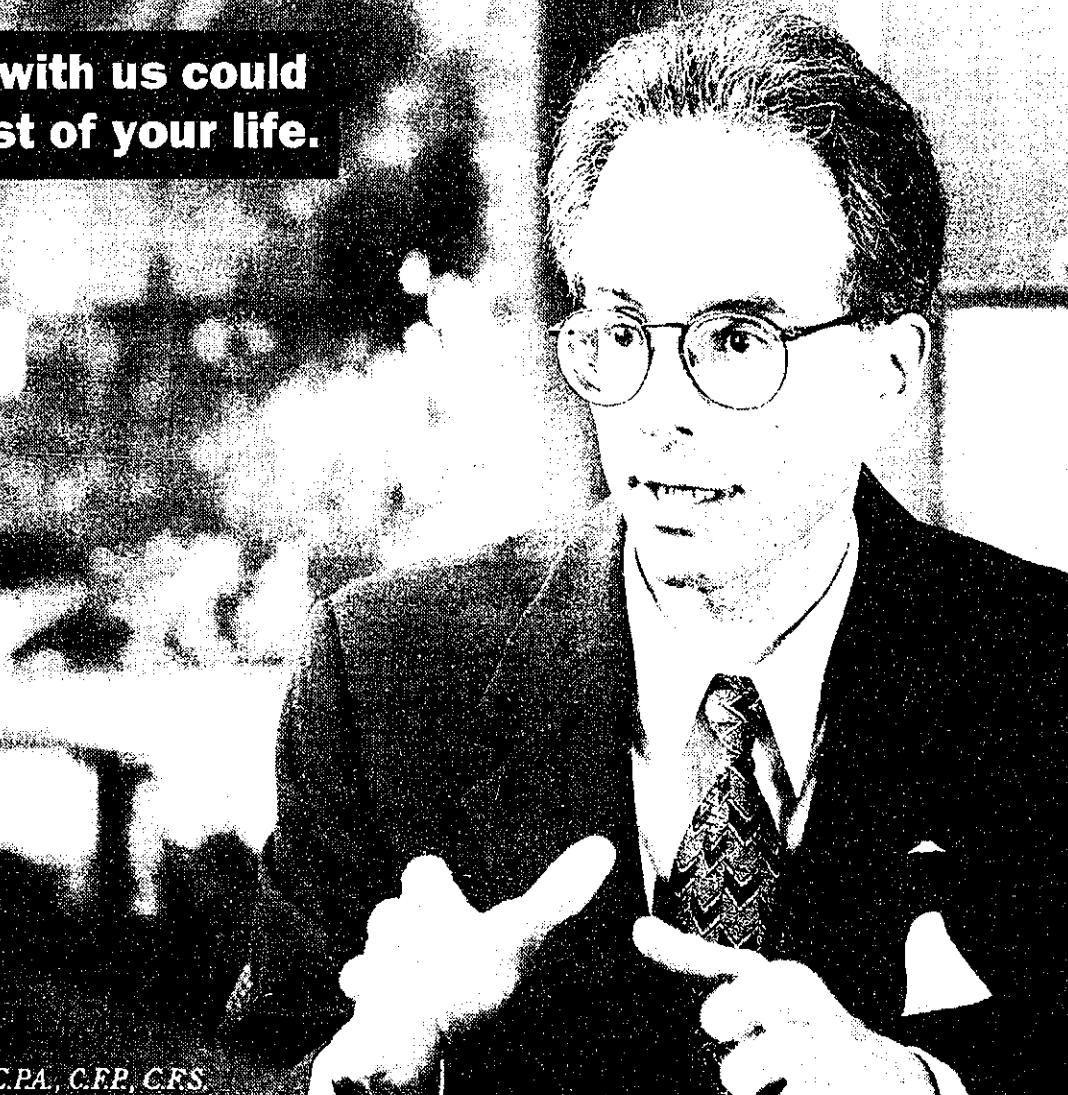
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Shoe store hit by armed robbers in holiday rush

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purses and yelled to them that they knew who they were and they better not identify the men. They said the women "had better say they were white."
The whole incident took only about 15 minutes. After the men left, the Novi woman managed to free herself and her co-worker and

call 9-1-1 at 8:30 p.m. Upon arriving, police discovered the Novi woman's driver's license, social security card, birth certificate and \$100 were missing. Payless management determined \$828 was missing from the store and said one of the employees had already made a midday deposit. Cher Young, store manager at

Payless said she was impressed by the professionalism of the two women. "I thought they did an extremely exceptional job," she said. "We're lucky it turned out OK and nobody got hurt."

She said both women are a little shaken, but both are doing fine. Police said they found what might be the fingerprints of one of the suspects on the front door and have received a some tips.

In addition, a woman telephoned police to tell them she suspected her car was used in the robbery. She said it had been stolen by her nephew who lives in the Cass-Corridor area of Detroit.

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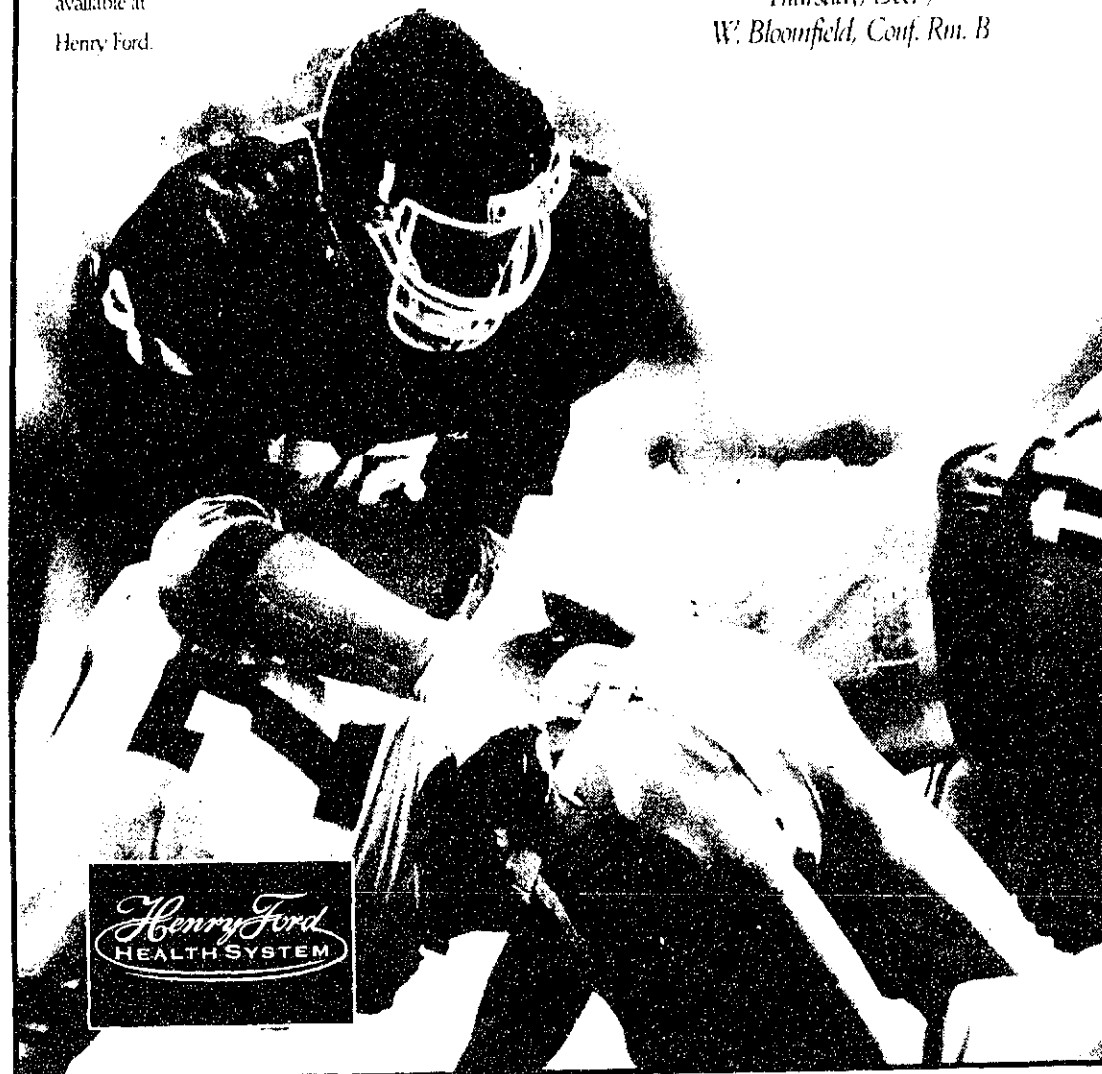
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The union point of view

The UAW picketers passed out fliers Friday during one of the heaviest shopping days of the year. The men hoped to press K mart and Kohl's to discontinue advertising in *The Detroit News* and *Free Press* until the end of the strike. The fliers read as follows:

"Please do not patronize K mart or Kohl's because it continues to advertise in the unfair, anti-union *Detroit Free Press* and *Detroit News* and support these papers with its advertising dollars."
"We are members of the UAW who are concerned about the future of our fellow workers at *The Detroit News* and *Free Press*. These workers have given up millions of dollars in concessions over the past six years to ensure the success of the JOA for Gannett and Knight-Ridder. Yet, now that these papers are highly profitable, Gannett and Knight-Ridder are waging an all-out assault on their employees and will stop at nothing to break their spirit and their union. By advertising in these papers, this establishment has taken sides against working people who support their business. Their collaboration with these papers represents an attack on all workers, our dignity and our right to bargain collectively."
"Please don't support union busting."
"Please don't patronize those who do."
"Support fair play for 2,400 newspaper workers and their families."

Strikers target Novi stores for pickets

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remain neutral and not advertise in a paper that's using non-union people right now," explained Cook. "We're just trying to get K mart to pull their advertising until they settle the strike," said Jack Hansel of Walled Lake. "It's all about just having a fair wage."

"The *Detroit News* is trying to bust the union," exclaimed one man who didn't want to be identified. "We don't want to be like Mexico. People are living in tents down there doing the same jobs they do here," he added, pointing to K mart.

"We're not trying to break the company at all," the man added. But it appeared many customers

had little interest in the issue.

"We don't know what it's about," said Andrea Brand of Walled Lake who stopped by K mart to pick up a birthday present.

"Mom, what's a union buster?" asked her son who read the paper with a perplexed expression.

Debbie Harrell of Northville she just grabbed the flyer on the way in to avoid being hassled. "I didn't even know what it's about," she explained. "It wasn't going to stop me from getting things done."

K mart Manager Mark Cross said he had no comment except to add the store had not called police to ask the picketers to leave.

DNA gives its side to chamber

Striking newspaper workers were not the only ones who made their case the Novi community this past week - newspaper management came to town last week to give its side of the story. Four executives of *The Detroit News*, *Detroit Free Press* and the *Detroit Newspaper Agency* addressed the Novi Chamber of Commerce Tuesday, Nov. 21, at its monthly luncheon meeting in the Novi Hilton.

They said they have been increasing their appearances before business groups recently to explain their point of view about the ongoing strike.

Detroit News Publisher Robert Giles, *Free Press* Executive Editor Heath Meriwether, DNA Director of Planning and Development Alan Lenhoff and DNA Community Affairs Director Laydell Wood Harper told Chamber members they do not foresee a settlement to the 20-week-old strike anytime soon. Management did not want a strike, nor is it attempting to bust the unions there, but the walkout has given the papers an opportunity to restructure their

operations, they said. "Our message to our people was, 'We can afford to pay you well, you can keep your cottage, you can keep your snowmobiles, but what we can't afford to do is pay for more people than we need ... Traditionally, our union contracts have required us to employ far more people than what we need to get the job done,'

Lenhoff said. Management had promised to accomplish staff reductions with no layoffs - through attrition, retirements and buy-outs, he said. Since the strike began, the papers have increased productivity while operating with smaller staffs.

The papers didn't want a strike, Giles said, but were prepared for one.

"We were prepared to take a strike, and to win it. When the unions walked out, they gave us an extraordinary opportunity to restructure our business and we have been doing that. The long term benefit ... is that we are going to have a modern newspaper company very much like the newspapers in Atlanta, or Dallas or Los

Angles in their ability to run efficiently, effectively, with the right number of people to do the job," Giles said.

Meriwether said the company had offered workers a 10.3 percent wage increase over three years, noting that exceeds the national average wage increase this year of 1.9 percent. Five of the papers 11 unions accepted and ratified that contract, he said. Some union members were to receive hikes as high as 18 percent. That's on top of "a pretty good wage base," he said - \$54,000 for pressman, \$47,000 for mailers, \$57,000 for circulation district managers.

"But having fewer people on the staff means less union dues gets collected," Lenhoff said. "And that was a difficult issue for the union leadership to get around, even though this is probably a pretty good deal for the union members. In fact, the union leadership never presented our final offer to the membership. There was no vote on it. The rank and file walked out without even knowing what was on the table."

Strikers quiet at distribution center

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

"All was quiet on the western front," last week according to Lt. David Butler of the Novi Police.

For all the preparation and anticipation, Novi police found the night before Thanksgiving day to be rather boring.

Forces around the area spent the week preparing for protesting strikers in the *Detroit Newspaper Agency* conflict. Union leaders had announced the striking workers intended to halt delivery of the Thanksgiving Day paper, one of the largest advertising days of the

year for the two dailies.

But according to Butler, Wednesday night and Thursday morning came and went without incident. "There were only a handful of picketers in the whole county," he said.

The biggest group of people, about 100, picketed at the Sterling Heights printing plant.

In Novi, about 15 Novi and Farmington Police stood watch at the Grand River DNA distribution facility, said Butler.

There was no picketing at the site and papers went out as usual,

he added.

It's possible the show of force kept them away, Butler said.

Police around the county coordinated efforts to keep the peace should the unions follow through with the protests. Many cities have encountered some sort of protest by strikers since the DNA strike began in July.

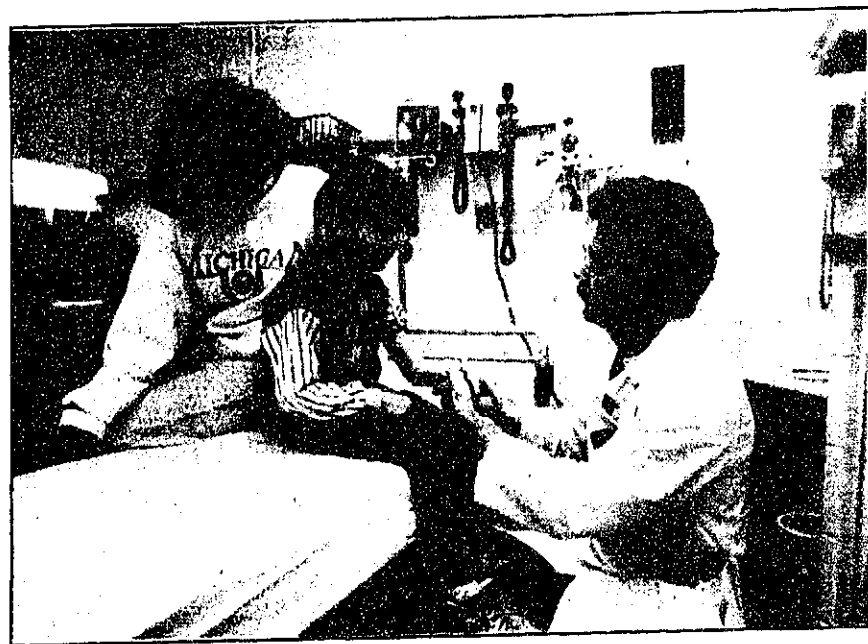
On Oct. 1 Novi Police watched over about 80 striking workers at the Grand River facility. The

potential for more conflict was such that couple of weeks later the city council approved an emergency budget amendment to spend \$4,000 on riot gear for Novi officers.

Butler said the additional riot training coupled with the new riot gear helped the force to feel more prepared.

"If you don't have that and they start throwing bricks and rocks (it's a problem)," explained Butler.

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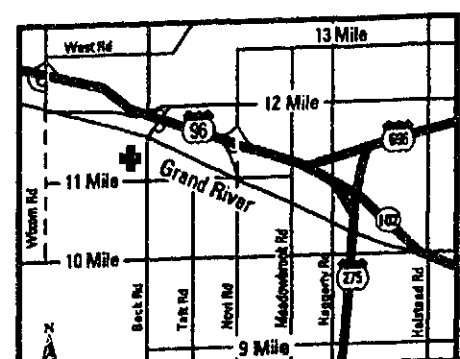


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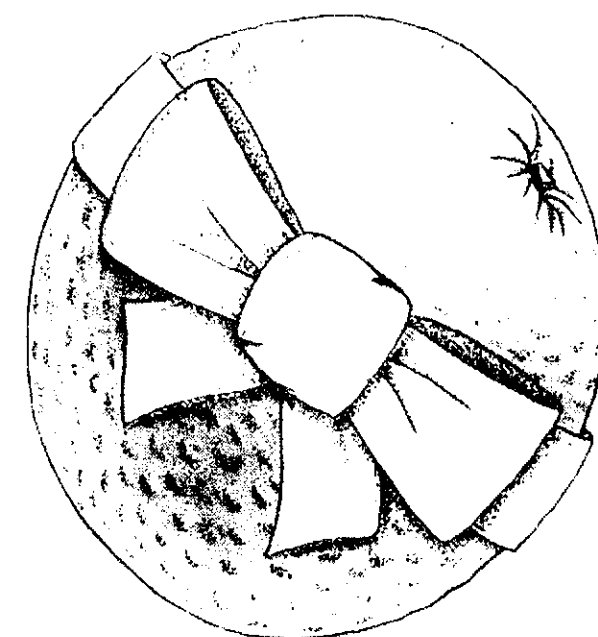


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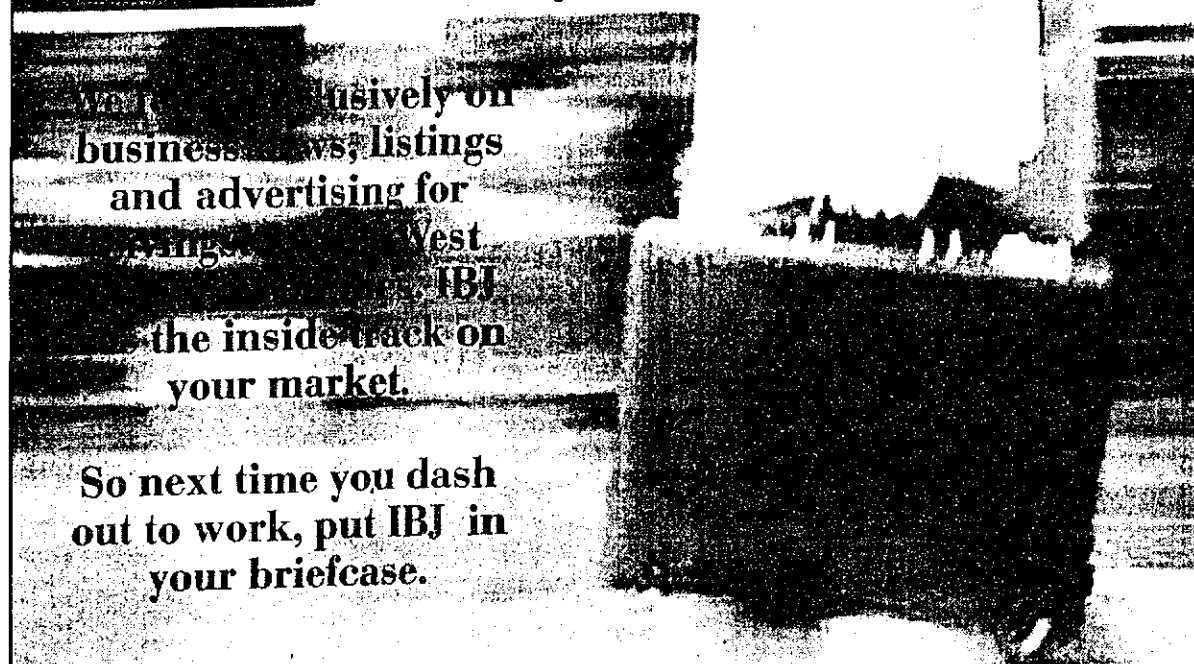
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As We See It It's time to get serious about underage drinking

Teen drinking is often acknowledged as a problem publicly, but winked at privately. "Kids will be kids," is the typical response - and attitude. The result is widespread abuse of "the drug of choice" among those underage.



Government

Changes in state law regarding minors and liquor were recently also passed by the Novi City Council hiking fines for underage drinkers and classifying the infraction as a misdemeanor instead of a civil violation.

Lawmakers should pay attention to supporters

Michigan needs to learn a lesson from its neighbor, Canada, which almost split apart on ancient tribal lines. French-speaking Quebec came within a hairline of voting to secede from the rest of our closest ally and trading partner.

Papers bring strike to Novi



Michael Malott

Five months into the Detroit newspaper strike, union and management alike have decided to bring their arguments to Novi, to be played out in the court of public opinion here.

Moments

By Bryan Mitchell



Stroke

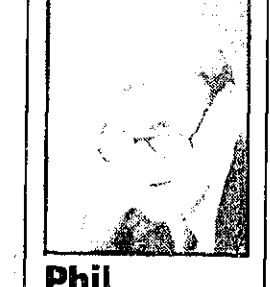
To make a happy Christmas



Randy Coble

We've cleared Thanksgiving, people, which means that it's a tricky thing to accept that fact while still believing that the fight to fix what you can is a battle worth waging.

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Phil Power

I found myself thinking a lot about my father and my mother over the Thanksgiving weekend.

Thanks for explaining Clarenceville

To the editor:

Many thanks to you and Barbara Louie for her excellent article about Clarenceville. Those of us who have been associated with the Clarenceville school district have been answering the "W" questions about Clarenceville for years.

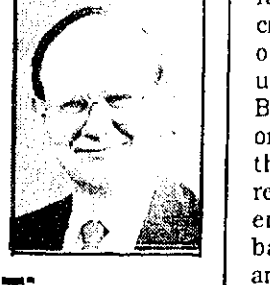
The history of N'ville Main Street



Barbara Louie

Detroit has Woodward Avenue; Novi has Grand River; in Plymouth it begins as Plymouth Road, but whatever you call it, it's the main street of town.

Senate ramming bills through



Tim Richard

When Democrats ran the Legislature, I criticized their habit of operating like union bargainers.

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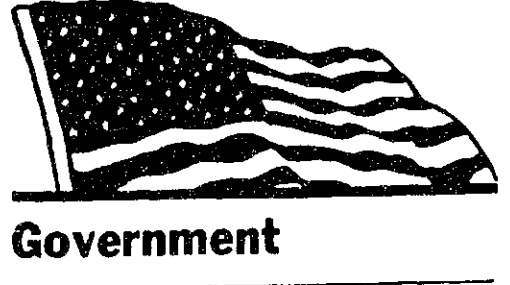
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By now, the curious reader will have concluded that there is a hidden agenda in the counter-revolution's savage attack on public schools, school funding, teacher certification standards, curriculum standards, school improvement plans and the rest.

We in Michigan have barely reequipped public schools to do their job. From their founding in the 1830s until now, Michigan's public schools have played a key role in making ours a strong and unified nation. This is no time for our representatives to yield to the ideological hidden agenda of the "charter" and "choice" counter-revolution.

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Since the strike began, those editors told the Chamber last week, some departments have been

able to increase their productivity while operating with one-third the staff. But I doubt the papers' advertisers have seen a corresponding drop in their ad rates.

So it's tough for the average Novi resident or business person to care much about either side.

Personally, I care even less. I've never been a fan of *Free Press* or *News*. I don't read either. I don't care what they say. I don't care what they do. I don't care what they think. I don't care what they feel. I don't care what they believe. I don't care what they hope. I don't care what they dream. I don't care what they want. I don't care what they need. I don't care what they fear. I don't care what they love. I don't care what they hate. I don't care what they think. I don't care what they feel. I don't care what they believe. I don't care what they hope. I don't care what they dream. I don't care what they want. I don't care what they need. I don't care what they fear. I don't care what they love. I don't care what they hate.

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It's a hard thing to be a realistic idealist - or an

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Now, this doesn't involve sprinting for the nearest phone booth to tug on a superhero costume. No, just two simple acts that I'm going to do this week. I invite you to do the same.

First on the agenda is donating food to the Salvation Army. They need non-perishables like canned goods or dried pasta and basic hygiene items such as shampoo and soap. I take my staff to the Army center in Plymouth, 451 Main Street just south of Ann Arbor Road. Call there at (313) 453-5464 for more information. You Novi folks can call the Salvation Army's facility in Farmington Hills at 477-1153 for info.

Next on the hit list: Toys for Tots. You know this name, too. The toy you buy and give to the program will go to a kid who otherwise wouldn't get anything to open Christmas morning. Look for my story about this in the paper to find out how you can make a donation.

Imagine a can of creamed corn or a Buzz Lightyear action figure turning into a little miracle for somebody who lives right here in my town. Cheap at the price, don't you think?

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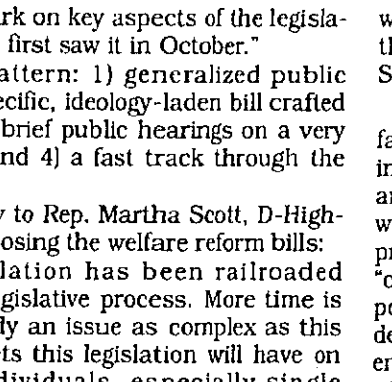
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When Democrats ran the Legislature, I criticized their habit of operating like union bargainers. Bills weren't passed on their merits after thought and research by lawmakers. One bill was bargained against another by a handful of deal-making leaders. Bills piled up and were shoved through in a glut during a "marathon" session on the last working day of the year.

Now that Republicans control all, are things any better?

I give Senate majority leader Dick Posthumus and House Speaker Paul Hillemonds some credit. There is an even flow of work. Individual bills are judged on their merits.

But is it fairer? No.

Let Bill Ballenger, proprietor of the *Inside Michigan Politics* newsletter, describe how Sen. Mat Danuskis, R-Lake Orion, got the Telecommunications Act through:

"They (lobbyists for phone companies) developed - with Danuskis's approval - a strategy that called for a series of mind-boggling and meaningless public hearings that delayed unraveling the actual bill, crafted behind closed doors by the senator's staff. Even lawmakers on Danuskis's committee

were in the dark on key aspects of the legislation until they first saw it in October."

Note the pattern: 1) generalized public input, 2) a specific, ideology-laden bill crafted in secrecy, 3) brief public hearings on a very complex bill and 4) a fast track through the Legislature.

We turn now to Rep. Martha Scott, D-Highland Park, opposing the welfare reform bills.

"This legislation has been railroaded through the legislative process. More time is needed to study an issue as complex as this and the impacts this legislation will have on the many individuals, especially single women and children ... They deserve thoughtful, honest deliberation and a healthy debate."

Though much needed, the welfare reform bills, the biggest change in the system in 30 years, were rammed the House in a few weeks. Those aren't five-day weeks. Committees meet once a week. The bills went through the full House in one session of just a couple of hours.

We come now to the school code. The Senate Education Committee conducted extensive hearings on the general subject all around the state. I covered one in Farmington where 18 or more people spoke. Chairman Leon Stille, R-Spring Lake, and the panel gave the impression they were listening.

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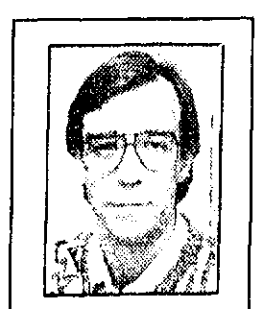
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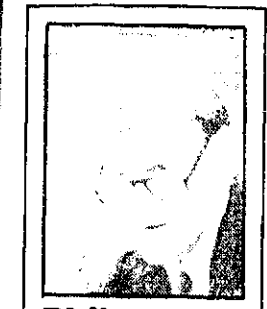


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Thanks for explaining Clarenceville

To the editor:
Many thanks to you and Barbara Louie for her excellent article about Clarenceville. Those of us who have been associated with the Clarenceville school district have been answering the "W" questions about Clarenceville for years: "Where is it... what is it... why?"

You have cleared up all three with a very historically informative and interesting column. Since Novi is also on the Grand River trail, this history shows some connection between our community and that of Thomas Clarence. Many of Clarenceville's teachers reside in Novi as does its superintendent.

Thank you for bringing Clarenceville to The Novi News. Beth Kamish

Letters

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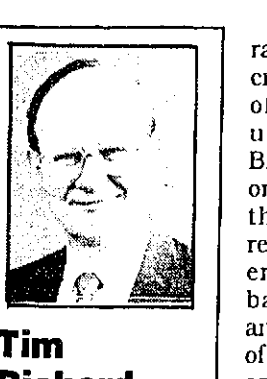
Detroit has Woodward Avenue. Novi has Grand River; in Plymouth it begins as Plymouth Road, but whatever you call it, it's the main street of town. Back in Detroit's early days - and up to not all that long ago - Woodward Avenue was clearly the major street for business, shopping and leisure activities in the city of Detroit. In fact, Woodward Avenue - Detroit's main street - was the first road in the world to be paved in concrete. In 1908, one mile between Six and Seven Mile Roads was laid on Woodward Avenue as a model for the rest of the world.

In 1830, Novi's business district began around "Novi Corner," the town's major intersection at Grand River and Novi Road. In 1887, in an attempt to bring back that central core to the city, the Town Center Shopping Center was constructed. Now, with the opening of Vic's International Market, comes the beginnings of yet another city hub, to be known, quaintly enough, as "Main City Hub."

In Northville, what curves into town as Northville Road takes on the traditional name and style of a small town Main Street. When Northville's first industry, a grist mill, began along the banks of the Rouge River in the mid-1820s, where Mill Race Historical Village now stands, a small community began to form. Little by little, families moved into the area, setting up homes and businesses in a localized area.

With the establishment of more mills, particularly lumber mills, Northville became known as a logging center. Then, in 1832, Capt. William Dunlap - one of the area's first settlers - sold off lots from his farm to plant the Village, thus indirectly creating the town's Main Street. Through the years, Northville's Main Street has been the scene of much change and activity. The late 1800s saw a major building boom in the town. Traditionally, by the early 1900s, the idea of "Main Street, U.S.A." was receiving some bad press. Main streets in small Midwestern towns were looked on with some derision by the early part of this century, as witnessed by Sinclair Lewis' satiric novel.

Senate ramming bills through



Tim Richard

When Democrats ran the Legislature, I criticized their habit of operating like union bargainers. Bills weren't passed on their merits after thoughtful research by lawmakers. One bill was bargained against another by a handful of deal-making leaders. Bills were piled up and were shored up through a "marathon" session on the last working day of the year. Now that Republicans control all, are things any better? I give Senate majority leader Dick Posthumus and House Speaker Paul Hillebrand some credit. There is an even flow of work. Individual bills are judged on their merits. But is it fairer? No.

Let Bill Ballenger, proprietor of the Inside Michigan Politics newsletter, describe how Sen. Mat Dunaskiss, R-Lake Orion, got the Telecommunications Act through: "They (lobbyists for phone companies) developed - with Dunaskiss's approval - a strategy that called for a series of mind-numbing and meaningless public hearings that delayed unveiling the actual bill, crafted behind closed doors by the senator's staff. Even lawmakers on Dunaskiss's committee were in the dark on key aspects of the legislation until they first saw it in October." Note the pattern: 1) generalized public input, 2) a specific, ideology-laden bill crafted in secrecy, 3) brief public hearings on a very complex bill and 4) a fast track through the Legislature.

When we turn now to Rep. Martha Scott, D-Highland Park, opposing the welfare reform bills: "This legislation has been railroaded through the legislative process. More time is needed to study an issue as complex as this and the impacts this legislation will have on the many individuals, especially single women and children ... They deserve thoughtful, honest deliberation and a healthy debate." Though much needed, the welfare reform bills, the biggest change in the system in 30 years, were rammed the House in a few weeks. Those aren't five-day weeks. Committees meet once a week. The bills went through the full House in one session of just a couple of hours.

We come now to the school code. The Senate Education Committee conducted extensive hearings on the general subject all around the state. I covered one in Farmington where 18 or more people spoke. Chairman Leon Stille, R-Spring Lake, and the panel gave the impression they were listening. The new school code was quietly crafted, unveiled, and jammed through committee in just a couple of sessions. It looked nothing whatsoever like what people talked about in the hearings. It was rammed through the Senate in two sessions. "Schools of choice" went through even faster. It was a sloppily-crafted work that invites districts to "skim" the best students and athletes from neighboring districts. It would allow parents to shift their kids to practice discrimination. Unlike the Minnesota "choice" law, it made no provision for transportation, causing critics to charge it was designed only for the rich. It requires a parent to give no reason - educational or otherwise - for shifting a kid. Stille held one hearing, pretended to listen but never lifted a finger to repair the multitudinous flaws. To celebrate this new brand of ideological rush job, I have written a new verse to the tune of Take Me Out to the Ball Game. "Take me down to the Senate/Where ram and jam is the game/Rip up the school code and sunshine laws/Ladle the money to Grand Rapids' jaws/We will bend the rules for polluters./Our highways and roads are a shame./For it's wham! bam! ram and jam! In the Senate's game."

There is one consolation: term limits. Current committee chairs won't be in office 20 years, like Mack, Jondahl and Jacobetti, and become so jaded. Tim Richard reports on the local implications of state and regional events.

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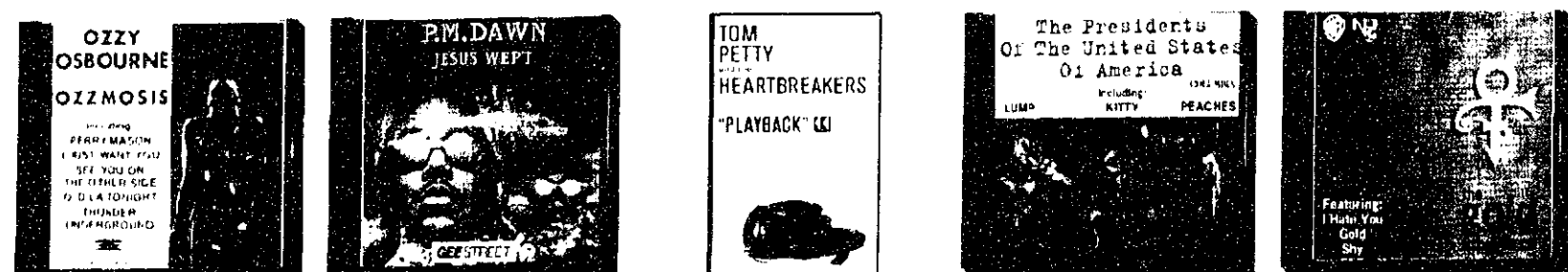
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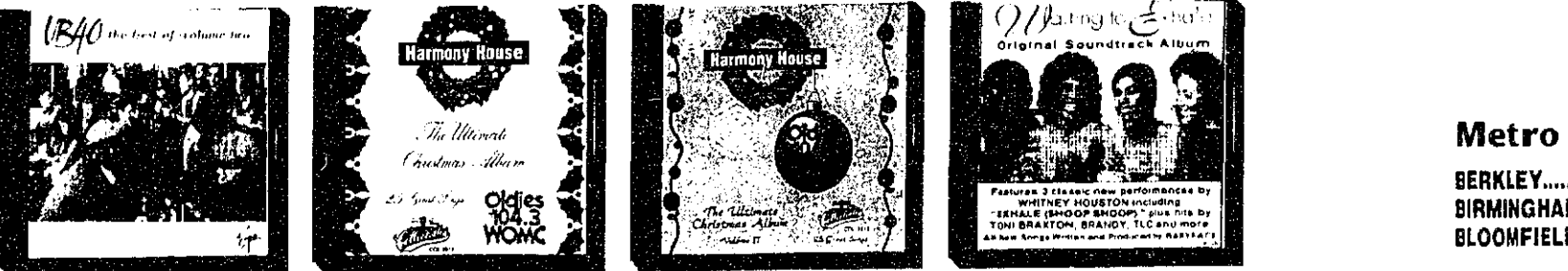
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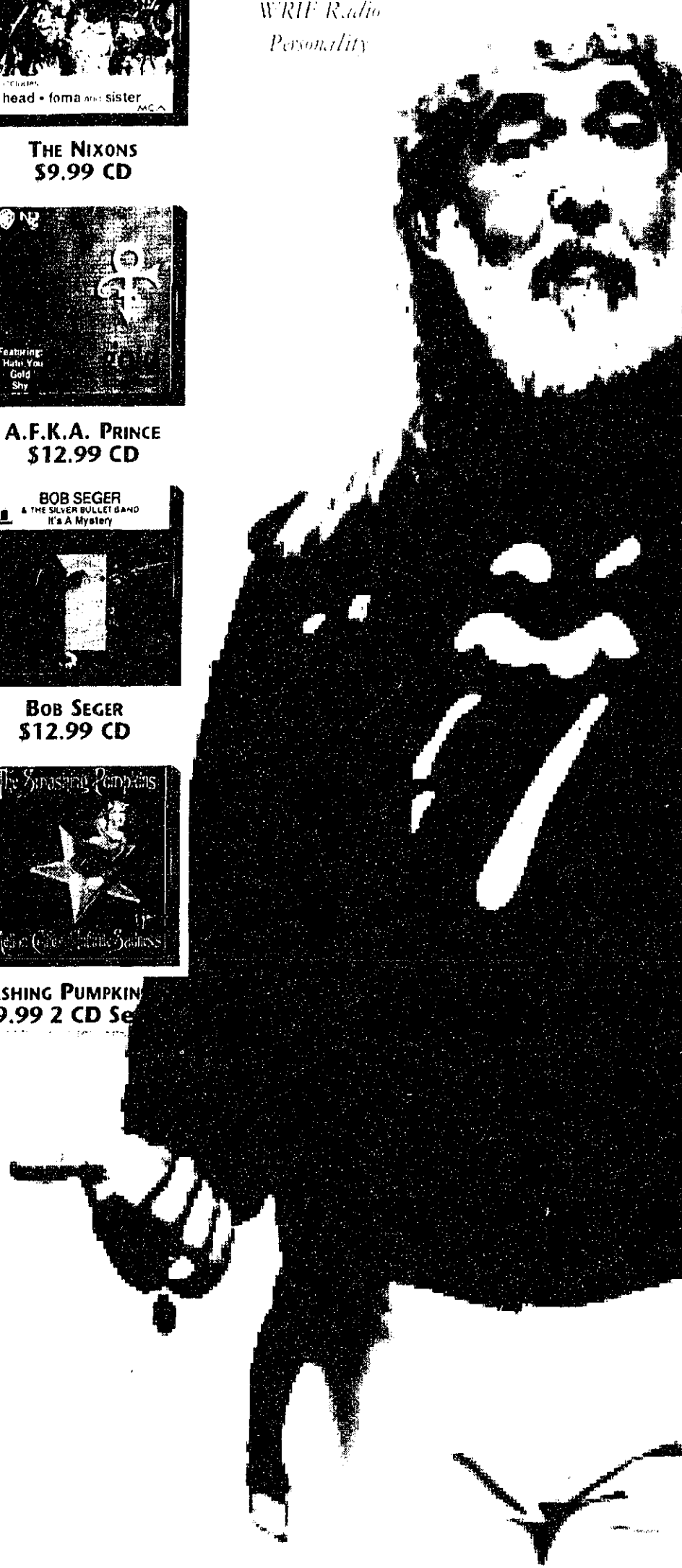


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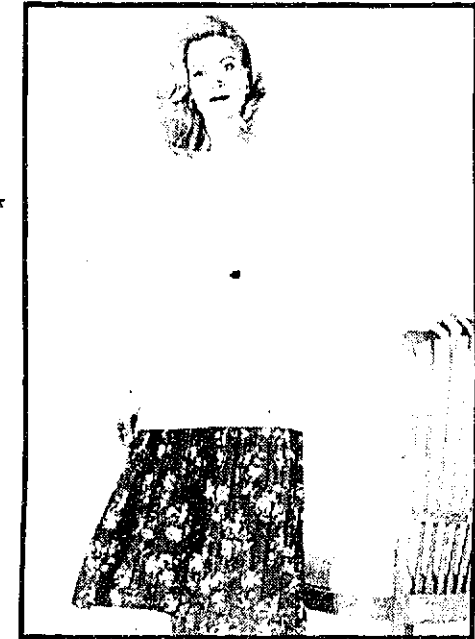


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Threats sent over Internet e-mail

By ROBERT JACKSON
Staff Writer

A former Northville High School student got a visit from local police for allegedly sending threatening and harassing electronic mail (e-mail) messages to a current high school student.

No charges have been filed against the 19-year-old Northville boy, but according to police, charges could be filed if he resumes sending the messages.

Northville High School administrators maintain the incident is an isolated case, and no additional security measures will be taken to police the school's computer network system.

According to a police report filed Nov. 9, the parents of the 15-year-old Northville girl, reported to police that the boy had sent the messages to their daughter on her high school e-mail account. The messages referred to a friend of the girl, who is also a Northville High School student and had apparently dated the boy during the summer.

Investigating officers interviewed the boy, who admitted sending the messages but claimed he was not serious and wouldn't carry out the threats. Police warned the boy to refrain from sending any messages, and the boys' parents said they would monitor his actions.

Police officials said that they doubted the boy would act on his threats.

The messages were sent within a two-week period beginning Oct. 26 and ending Nov. 9. *The Novi News* obtained copies of the e-mail messages, and found they contained sexual references - he refers to playing a game of "naked twister with baby oil" with his girlfriend - as well as references to possible violent behavior. One message talks about the boy's desire to kick in the door of his former girlfriends house and shoot her family with a shotgun "loaded with rock salt."

"I wouldn't really do it," the message continues. "But it's a nice thought. I wish I could send her bitter e-mail."

According to the police report, the police discovered that the girl had responded to some of the e-mail messages, stating that she wanted the conflict to end. "I'm going to drop this whole thing," she said in the message. "(name withheld) is the victim in this whole situation, not you. So don't expect anyone to feel sorry for you. You got what you wanted from her, now just leave all of us alone."

"We recommended that she not respond with any more e-mail messages to the boy," Northville patrolman Glenn Stewart wrote in

his report. "The girl's mother agreed."

Police said that the boy was able to send the messages because, as a former student, he knew how students e-mail accounts were set up. High school officials have changed the girls e-mail address, along with her password to log on to the system.

According to Northville High Principal Tom Johnson, who is also the systems administrator, students sending inappropriate e-mail receive some form of punishment, dependent upon the nature of the incident.

"When we have found inappropriate e-mail we have either suspended the student or have taken the student off the e-mail system," Johnson said. "We try to handle those type of problems swiftly. We want the kids to know that they have to act responsibly, and if they are going to do that sort of thing, then they will not be given the privilege of using the system."

He explained that not every student has an e-mail address, but those who want one must sign a contract before being allowed to utilize the system.

"We want to ensure that stu-

dents have access to the vast amount of information on the Internet," he said. "At the same time, we want to ensure that they are not misusing the privilege."

Johnson said that the majority of students using the computer system don't abuse it. A few students, however, have received disciplinary action for using the Internet to obtain files of a sexual nature.

"We discovered a computer disk with some of the most disgusting things you'd ever want to read," he said. "The student was immediately suspended."

The following are excerpts of harassing messages sent from a former Northville High student to a female student between Oct. 27 and Nov. 9.

Oct. 27 - "I got my license back in three weeks, and the 300 mile road trip begins. But as for the sexual interest, I have mentioned naked twister with baby oil, but not blindfolding and tying her down to the bed."

Nov. 3 - "She hurt me, I'm gonna get even. I was even thinking of kicking her door in and shooting her family with a shotgun loaded with rock salt. I won't really do it, but it's a nice thought."

Nov. 6 - "I was told that (name withheld) and some other people were going to kick my a--. So, if any do, first they will be shot with rock salt, and then filled slugs and buckshot. The point is, she crossed me. I struck back. If more people want to get involved, so be it. For they shall see a hell unleashed unto them as they could never imagine. If you don't (expletive deleted) me over, no problems. If you do, I'll turn into the most sadistic son of a bitch you've ever seen. I am completely capable of making ones life a living hell ..."

Nov. 7 - "Pawns are on the chessboard to be sacrificed."

Nov. 9 - "That's a lot of talk to say to a person who was locked away for nearly going on a murderous rampage. True, I set up those pawns. Some of them were (name withheld), some were mine."



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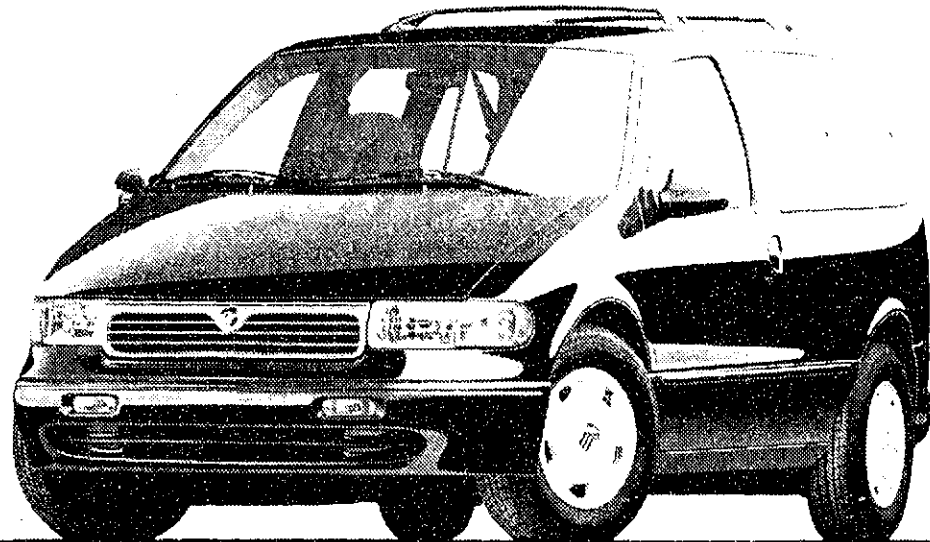
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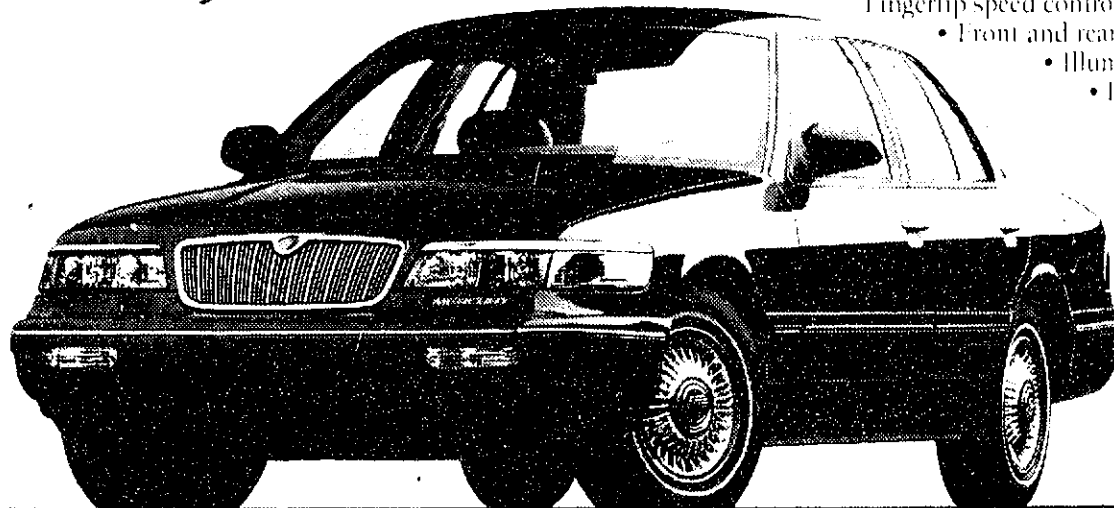


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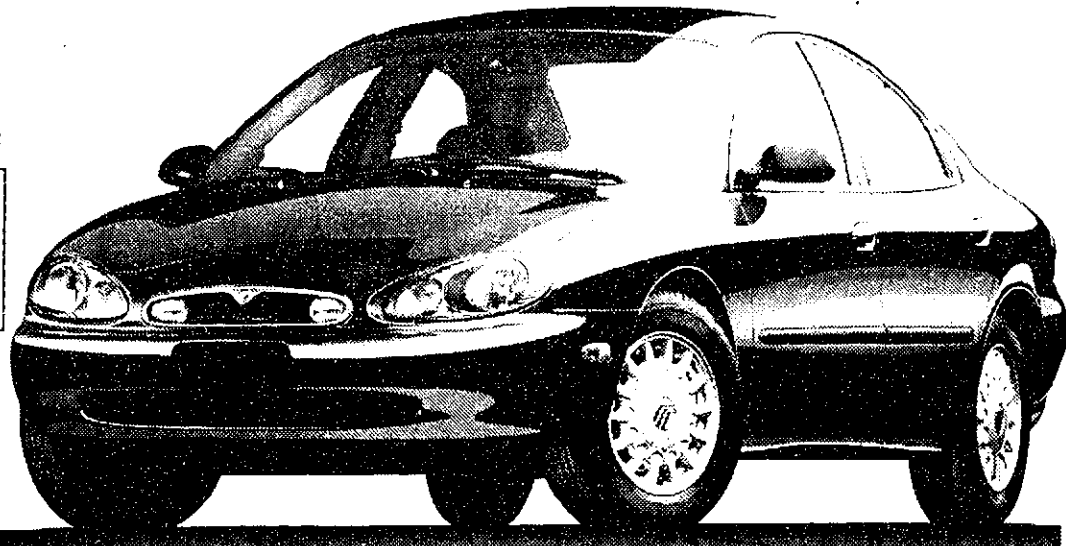
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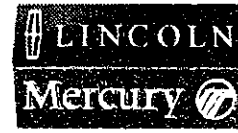
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Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

Alexandra Jagger gets a hands-on look at Toobers and Zots at Ultimate Toys.

By CAROL WORKENS
Staff Writer

If you had educational toys when you were growing up, chances are your memories are of a game that was boring.

When you were younger, educational games were like food, if it was good for you it probably left a bad taste in your mouth.

Tell your kids that spinach is full of good vitamins and they'll probably refuse to eat it. Same with educational games, tell them that it'll improve their math skills, and they just tuned you out.

Educational toys have come a long way, and are no longer boring.

"When they first came out with educational toys it was very dry and it was something that sounded like it would be great for the child but the kids hated to play it so what good was it," said JoAnn Lilienfeld, owner of White Rabbit Toys in the Novi Town Centre. "Now I think we're into our second generation of educational toys."

There are toys and games that

are academic, and others that are designed to develop eye-hand coordination, memory and strategy.

There are whole lines of educational toys that your kids won't see advertised on television on Saturday morning.

"We focus largely on toys that aren't advertised (on television)," said Lilienfeld. "That's why we keep the samples out in the store so the kids can try them and see that they're really fun."

Lou and Cindy LaChance, owners of Ultimate Toys in Northville, are also convinced that toys sell themselves best through hands-on use.

To make you an informed consumer of the educational toys available, here's a sampling of Christmas gift ideas that will teach your kids a thing or two while they have fun at the same time.

EYE-HAND COORDINATION

Toobers and Zots, which develop eye-hand coordination, are a foam covered construction toy that can be formed into any kind of shape. Designed for people age 3 to 100, Toobers and Zots come

in several kits called Zippy, Zany, Zowy and Oobles.

Toobers and Zots have been out for about a year and a half, according to Lou LaChance.

ACADEMIC

GeoSafari is proving to be popular at both toys stores according to their owners.

The interactive electronic learning game can be played by one to three people. The challenge is to answer questions on an electronic board. The player can choose the number of seconds it will take to answer the question. The electronic game is about \$99 and comes with 20 activity boards. Additional boards are also available on such subjects as Spanish, French, higher math, exploring, stamps, science and geography. The age level is about three or four and up.

"Schools in the area use the geography as a learning aid," said Jodie Mellos, manager of the Novi White Rabbit Toys store.

GeoSafari Jr. is a smaller kit geared to younger kids.

Although not a toy, a new line of books at Ultimate Toys is the Frank Schaffer's Book line for age

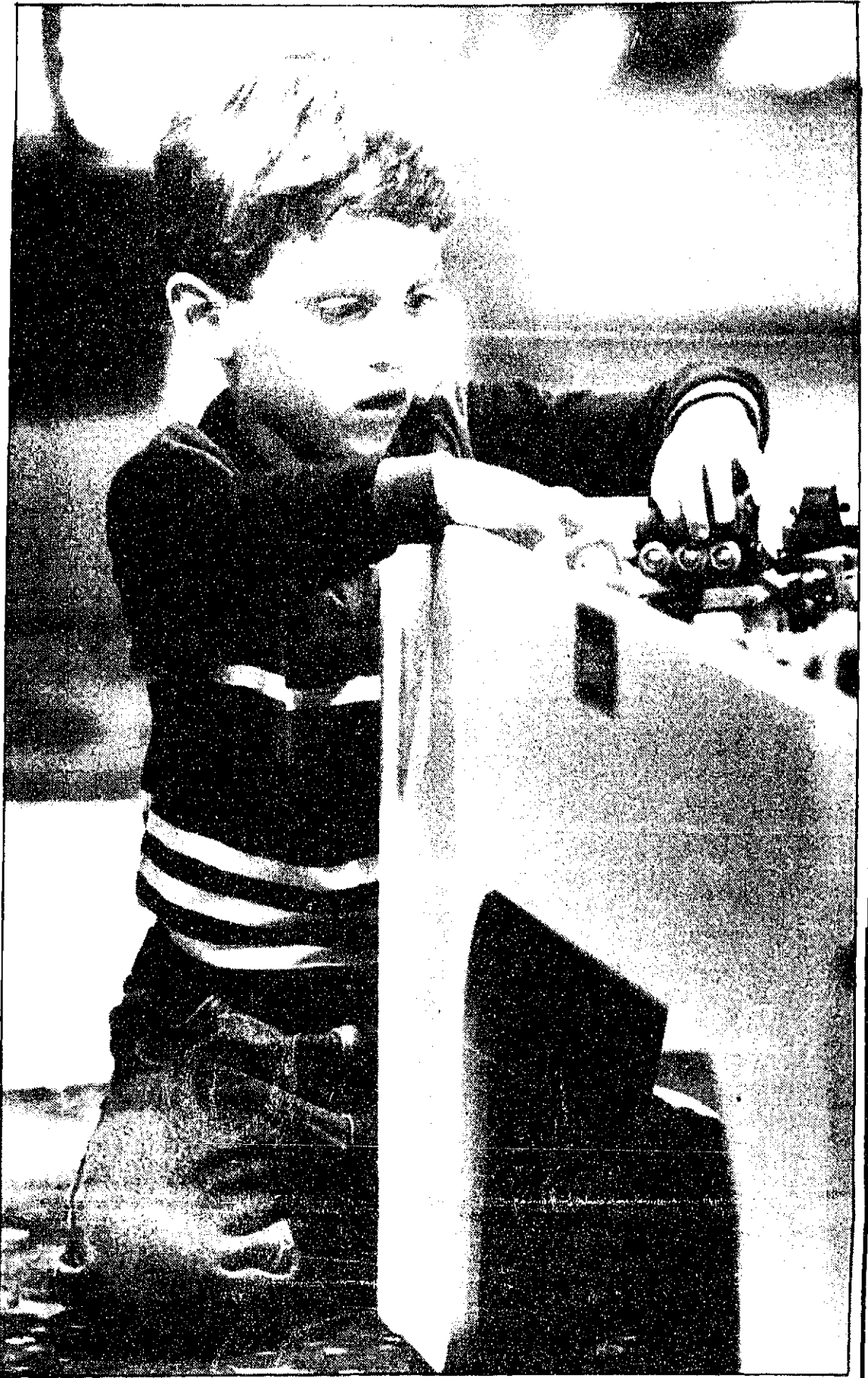


Photo by HAL GOULD

Eric Rothman discovers the joys of a Brio construction set at White Rabbit Toys.

preschool through grade 6.

"They have the opportunity to review everything from phonics to reading skills to reading in general to mathematics, pre-calculus, pre-algebra and geometry," Lou said of the selection in the series.

Learning Resources has a solar powered cash register with doubles as a calculator. It includes very realistic looking money and a credit card in the cash drawer. Originally manufactured for the school market, Learning Resources has recently made the cash register available to retail consumers.

SCIENCE

Smithsonian science kits

include crystal radio, weather, bugs and crystal growing for ages 8 and up and chemistry sets in different sizes for ages 10 and up.

"This type of chemistry set doesn't have anything in it that will blow up the house or any of that kind of thing," said Cindy. "There is no flames or glassware, it's just something to get the kids started to see whether they're interested in chemistry."

A science line by a new company called Wild Goose is the Out to Lunch, Brain Ticklers, Crash and Burn, and Slime kits for ages 9 and up with adult supervision.

"They are taking things that kids are very much interested in like slime and using it to teach

them chemistry," said Lilienfeld.

The deluxe Magniscope can be used as both a table microscope and when the eye piece is taken from the stand it can be used as a hand-held, on-site microscope.

For children interested in geology, there are kits that let them uncover minerals and rocks embedded in sandstone with tools and information on the item discovered in the sandstone. Kits include Mystery Rock, Easter Island and Expeditions for Dinosaurs.

BOARD GAMES

Board games teach a variety of

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Volunteer



Barbara Willis

Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

Volunteer work goes beyond shelving books

By DOROTHY NASH
Special Writer

The interview was supposed to be about the Library Outreach Department of the Novi public Library, but Barbara Willis is too enthusiastic to be limited.

She helps take books to nursing homes. There are two trolleys full of books.

"The Friends of the Library is a wonderful place to work. You're not pressured. Do what you want."

The Friends? It's a group of volunteers - women, who help raise money for the library. There can be men, but right now there aren't any. They raise money through \$5 dues and the sale of books for things that don't fit into the budget.

The book sale "goes on all the time," she said. "It's an opportunity for people who can't afford new ones. I've helped sort books."

In the Outreach Department, Willis said, "I've gone to the senior complex in Novi village, and I do

enjoy helping with that. We have light conversation with the people, and they look forward to our coming."

At Christmas time the Friends decorate the library. "I help with the Christmas decoration," she said.

Also at Christmas time there's a special children's gift from Friends of the Library," Willis said. "We buy books from Borders at 20 percent off and give them to the Free Press for children every year."

"We did have a program in the Library Outreach Department," she said - "Reading at nursing homes, but it didn't take off."

But because "nursing homes do need the contact, the library does continue to take books to them."

"I help with the mailings, too." The Novi Library, Barbara Willis said, "is a fun place to be. You can spend as much time as you like."

To be a friend of the Library in Novi, call 349-0710.

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Can drive best ever for Scouts

During the recent "Scouting for Food" project, Nov's Cub Scout Pack 50 exceeded the number of canned goods collected in 1994, but fell short of the number needed to collect on a challenge.

This year the Pack donated 1,327 canned goods to area food banks to be redistributed to area residents in need. The 1994 total was 597.

The Pack had challenged Cubmaster Paul Luft that if it collected 1,800 canned goods this year, he would come to the November Pack meeting dressed like a girl.

Luft was off the hook this year.

Although the Pack more than doubled the canned goods collected from that in 1994, it fell short by 473.

"The bags were really full," says Robert to Ken Wardrop, Pack 50 Committee Chairman. The same amount of people participated in the project this year, but the bags contained 10 to 15 cans per bag versus the 2 to 3 in 1994, according to Wardrop.

Twenty two scouts and 20 adults participated in the project which covered area between Ten Mile to Elvren Mile roads, from Taft to Wixon.

Modeling class makes a comeback

Drop in on a Sears Model's Club session and you'll see preteens and teenagers coordinating wardrobes, practicing modeling techniques and starting this fall, perfecting their etiquette skills. But what's really going on is an exercise in personal self-confidence.

Now in its fourth year, the club has expanded by adding a second series of workshops to its schedule. Also designed for preteens and teens, the new workshops focus on etiquette and manners appropriate for today's lifestyle. These new workshops cover such subjects as introductions, conversation techniques, telephone and answering machine tips, table manners, etc. During the final workshop the teens will be introduced to a live audience wearing Sears fashions.

Both Sears programs resemble the "teen boards" traditionally featured by department stores... with one very big difference. While teen boards typically involve only a handful of participants, Sears Model's Club is open to any 8- to 17-year-old who is interested.

The original modeling and fashion workshops continue to be very popular. In these fashion workshops, club members receive basic tips on skin care, makeup application, hair care and fashion and color selection, with the emphasis on expressing one's own individual style. A substantial portion of this

program is devoted to learning the "freeze" (or mannequin) and runway techniques used by professional models, including various poses, walks and turns. And each teen participates in fashion shows, modeling outfits he or she has put together from Sears' apparel and accessories.

These moments in the spotlight have a way of turning even shy, uncertain youngsters into "stars"... which is the real point of the programs.

"Before I took this class, I used to be scared," said one 15-year-old. After the Model's Club program, she was bolstered by enough new confidence to sing a solo in front of her high school classmates.

One father saw a similar turnaround in his 12-year-old daughter, who, at 5 feet, 10 inches towers over her peers. He said the program helped her "develop a sense of self and be confident in who she is."

Parents also see the programs as a healthy alternative to the negative pressures that can influence preteens' and teenagers' behavior.

"We want each child to learn something positive about his or herself, make new friends and have a good time in the process," said one club official. "This isn't a beauty contest. The idea is to explore and share new ideas."

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 Inlster roads in Farmington Hills beginning with weekend 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 Hungers Lead Us to God," Father Bill Burkert, ST, and Brother Loughan Soffel, ST, will focus on three needs 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 Sponsor-A-Family program will be made available after all the Masses through Dec. 10 at CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY, 24505 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 Tikes (or comparable) climbing equipment and kitchen sets, among other items. For more information or to make a donation call Lynda Roy at 347-6371.

Seventy people attended the 1995 Road Rally. The team in the winning car was Dan and Betty Jane Blossfeld, Kathy Hagenian and Tim McDonald and Karen and Mark Simolich, who earned a perfect score.

Second place finishers were the Hart family.

The parish Holiday Family Christmas Dance will take place from 8 p.m. until midnight on Friday, Dec. 1, featuring Glenn Porzadek's Breakaway 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 Community Clothes Closet located next to Novi Meadows School is closed until early January. For details, call the church at 349-8847.

Project Angel Tree at FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE, 777 West Eight Mile Road, will be displayed in the Hall of Opportunity on Dec. 3. Gifts for children of prisoners should be wrapped and returned to the church no later than Dec. 10. The Angel Tree is a Ministry of Prison Fellowship program. For details, call the church at 349-1144.

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 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 Kuzma 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 Dec. 6, 13 and 20, at 7:30 p.m. The Vicar 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, 46325 Ten Mile Road in Novi, will present a special Christmas Concert presented by St. James Parish Family featuring Pierre 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.

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

Birth

Kevin and Kayleen (Krahn) Moffitt of West Bloomfield are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Carey James, on Nov. 15, 1995. He was born in Sina Hospital and weighed 7 pounds, 1 ounce.

The grandparents of Corey James are Donald and Janet Krahn of South Lyon and Edward and Annabelle Moffitt of Farmington Hills. Among the many aunts and uncles is Nancy MacDougall of Novi.

In Service

Army Pvt. PETE A. FLORES JR. has completed a waterfront engineer course at Fort Eustis, Newport News, Va.

During the course, students learned to assist in performing basic preventive maintenance on engines and auxiliary machinery used on marine vessels. Included were drills and survival measures, shipboard sanitation, and first aid.

Flores is the son of Pete H. Flores of Novi and Mari Anne Kostelec of Dearborn Heights.

Flores is a 1993 graduate of Annapolis High School, Dearborn Heights.

Air Force Maj. MARK F. KRUSAC, the son of Clara Krusac of Walled Lake, was one of 275 American military men and women who competed with military athletes from over 100 nations in the 1995 International Sports Council, better known as the Conseil International du Sport Militaire (CISM).

Krusac participated in the men's fencing event.

The sporting events were divided into four categories: combat sports, military disciplines, and individual and team sports. The sports ranged from boxing and wrestling, to fencing, shooting, the pentathlon, equestrian, swimming, track and field, and volleyball and basketball.

The international sports games were founded in 1948, with five European countries - Belgium, France, Denmark, Luxembourg and the Netherlands. Today, there are 108 members. Many of these athletes are nationally ranked and plan to go to the Olympic trials.

MARK A. BELONGA received practical work in military leadership at the Army ROTC advanced camp at Fort Lewis, Tacoma, Wash.

The camp attended by cadets normally between their third and fourth year of college, includes instruction in communications, management, and survival training.

Successful completion of the advanced camp and graduation from college results in a commission as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army, Guard, or Reserve.

Belonga is the son of Michael D. and Cynthia A. Belonga of Novi. He is a 1992 graduate of Southfield Christian High School in Southfield.

Army Pvt. ADAM J. TYMENSKY has completed the cavalry scout course at Fort Knox, Ky.

Students received basic combat and reconnaissance training, camouflage and concealment, communications, demolitions, and first aid.

Tymensky is the son of John J. and Diann L. Tymensky of Novi. He is a 1994 graduate of Novi High School.

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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.

The Make It, Bake It, Grow It, Sew It Auction will be held Wednesday, Dec. 6, at 7:30 p.m. in Ball Fellowship Hall. There is no cost for this activity but plan on buying items being auctioned off.

On Dec. 1, 15 and 29, from 9 to 10:30 p.m. the group will meet for Volleyball at the Northville Rec. Center, 303 W. Main Street. The cost is \$4.

A night of bowling has been planned for Friday, Dec. 8, at 8:30 p.m. at the Novi Bowl on Novi Road between Eight and Nine Mile Road.

A Games Night is planned for Saturday, Dec. 9, from 7:30 to 11 p.m. at the church. Cost is \$5 and includes food and beverage. In the spirit of the season, Single Place is giving gifts of personal care/toilet articles to patients at Northville Regional Psychiatric Hospital. So bring an article for a man or a woman (please no sharp or breakable objects). Wrapping paper, ribbons and tags will be available at the church for gift wrapping the item.

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 Wadsworth 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 Fiesta 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.

Author to sign Indian cookbook

Sunetra Humbar will be at Bookstall on the Main from 2 to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 2 to sign her cookbook *Indian Vegetarian Cooking of Your House*.

Since a typical Indian meal consists of small portions of many dishes, the recipes in the book are written in these smaller servings, but can be increased for larger portions.

Each of the 125 recipes contain the per-serving breakdown of calories, fat, protein and carbohydrates.

The book includes Sunetra's helpful hints, a pantry set up and glossary for ingredients and seven sample menus.

She does not have to be a vegetarian or Indian to enjoy the recipes. Many of the ingredients used are familiar such as peanuts, coconut, ginger, onion, garlic, cinnamon, cloves and hot peppers and are available in most grocery supermarkets. The dishes can be a supplement to a regular American meal.

Humbar lives in Novi with her husband, Niranjana, sons Nikesh, Shailesh and Parag, and daughter, Mikhila.

Bookstall on the Main is located at 101 N. Center Street in downtown Northville.

For more information, call (810) 348-1167.

AARP holds meeting

The Walled Lake Area chapter of American Association of Retired Persons, AARP 4679, will hold its monthly meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 13, at 1 p.m. at the Walled Lake Schools Community Education Center, 615 N. Pontiac Trail in Walled Lake. Any community member, 50 or over, is welcome to attend.

Please bring finger-food type refreshments to share as musician Alex McDonald leads in the singing of carols.

The group is also collecting gifts of hats, scarves, mittens and socks for the children of Walled Lake Schools. For details, call 624-2372.

Student's ear for music turns into a part time job

By CAROL WORKENS Staff Writer

Jeffrey Michael Dreary inherited the piano from his older brother when he was 6 and the ability to play by ear from his maternal grandmother and second cousin.

The Novi resident performed *Divine Serenity* and *Hero (Requiem)* as part of a recent Performer's Showcase production which was held prior to the Novi City Council meeting in the Novi Civic Center.

These are only two of the more than 100 original compositions the young musician has written since he took up piano seriously at the age of 12.

It took Dreary, who goes by his stage name, Jeffrey Michael, three weeks to memorize his first song, *Charms of Fire*, when he was nine. Now, Michael is able to commit to memory a song in only two or three days.

"If it's a song I like I can pick it up right away," Michael said. "I'm so acquainted with the notes and the sounds I can put it together really quick."

Now 18, he has recorded two cassettes of his original new age compositions entitled *Fireheart* and *Imagination*.

When Michael was a junior at Bishop Foley High School, his father wanted him to get a job.

"I was already recording in the studio for fun," Michael said, "and decided to turn the fun project into money."

JM Music Productions was founded and Michael began performing piano solos for all occasions.

After graduating from Bishop Foley in 1995 he enrolled at Eastern Michigan University and is now a freshman. He has decided to pursue a career as a physician assistant and continues to pursue music as a part time job.

Michael is planning his first CD called *Pheno Lora* which will feature all new music.

As with his previous recordings, Michael will digitally record the music himself.

He started by playing on a digital piano and then records the music onto a computer disk through a

music program. Michael first records the solo piano, then goes back and chooses the next instrument in the same key. He also adds sounds that go with any instrument.

"There will be more of a layering effect on this album," he said. "I play the music again in layers for various instruments."

Michael frequently performs at charity functions such as the recent Silent Auction and Craft Show for the American Cancer Society at the Prudential Town Center in Southfield.

"I plan to go into medicine and do music on the side," he said. "It's more of a hobby that makes money on the side."

Michael had a chance to perform in Italy while he was vacationing with friends who live in Corsica.

In Bonifacia he played in five or six different restaurants every night and in Bergamo played in a small Colosseum.

Michael is the son of Larry and Mary Dreary and has two brothers, Brian and Christopher.



Jeffrey Michael Dreary

Also in the works is a Christmas CD with traditional favorites improvised in his new age style.

"I can improvise on anything," he said. "I can take a song like *Silent Night* and improvise in any music style like new age, jazz, classical or ragtime."

Michael enrolled in a basic music theory course for non-music majors and has learned in one month what it would have taken years to learn on his own.

Youth will provide sitters for shoppers

It's awfully hard to shop for Christmas gifts for the youngsters when they are in tow. Having someone care for them while you are shopping also makes for a less stressful shopping experience.

The youth at Spirit of Christ Lutheran Church has just the thing to ease those stressful holiday shopping trips.

On Sunday, Dec. 3, and Saturday, Dec. 9, Spirit of Christ

Lutheran Church Youth will provide babysitting for holiday shoppers from 1 p.m. until 5:30 p.m.

Spirit of Christ Lutheran Church is located at 40700 Ten Mile Road between Haggerty and Meadowbrook.

A minimum donation of \$5 per child is requested.

Call the church at (810) 477-6292 for details.

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There is no charge to have announcements or news tips publicized.

Historic buildings topic of Woman's Club

Kathryn Bishop Eckert, Michigan's state historic preservation officer, will speak on "Historic Buildings of Michigan" at the Northville Woman's Club meeting at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 1 at the Northville Presbyterian Church in Ball Fellowship Hall. This meeting is open to guests of club members.

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Bookstall on the Main is located at 101 N. Center Street in downtown Northville.

master of arts degree in art history as well as a doctorate in American studies from Michigan State University.

If you are interested in attending, contact a Northville Woman's Club member.

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Northville church presents Broadway style '40s 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 those wonderful golden days of radio will literally come to life before your very eyes. You'll be captivated 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.

HOPE IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER
Performances are on Dec. 8, 9 and 10 at 7 p.m. and Dec. 10 at 4 p.m. at Northville Christian Assembly, 41355 Six Mile Road, Northville. For tickets, call 348-9030.



Kathleen and Vince Sagona of Livonia get into the '40s style for the musical 'Hope is Just Around the Corner'.

performance on Sunday, Dec. 10, at 4 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-75 in Northville. For tickets or information, call (610) 348-9030.

Entertainment listing

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

AUDITIONS

NEW HORIZON COMMUNITY CHURCH: The church is looking for actors and actresses to occasionally participate in Sunday morning dramas and skits based on topical issues. Scripts are provided and minimal rehearsal time is needed. All creative input is welcome. A local community church featuring a contemporary format, the church meets at the Novi Town Center General Cinema Theaters in Novi. Those interested should call Ann Marie Frye, (610) 348-3563.

SPECIAL EVENTS

HOLIDAY ARTS AND CRAFTS: The Walked Lake Western High School PTSA is sponsoring a Holiday Arts and Craft Show from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 2, at the high school located at 600 Beck Road. There will be over 100 artisans, food and door prizes.

MUSIC

COUNTRY EPICURE RESTAURANT: December entertainment offered in the lounge with full bar and dinner menu with no cover charge from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. on Friday and Saturday evenings will be Wilbert Paglar's Jazz Trio, featuring vocalist Sandra Bortone.

PERFORMER'S SHOWCASE:

The public is invited to attend the Performer's Showcase performances which are held prior to select city council meetings in the Novi Civic Center at 7:30 p.m. On occasion, performances may be taped by Time Warner and broadcast to residents.

MUSICIANS:

Musicians, actors, poets, dancers, etc. are invited to submit application forms and audition tapes, if available, to the Novi Arts Council.

CARRIAGE RIDES:

Northville Carriage Co. offers carriage rides throughout the year and packages for holidays and special occasions. For more information and reservations, call Northville Carriage Co. at 380-3961.

THEATER

MARGUIST THEATRE: The Frank L. Baum classic tale of the adventures of Dorothy, the Scarecrow, Tin Man and the Cowardly Lion as they follow the yellow brick road to the Land of Oz in *The Wizard of Oz* continues on Saturdays and Sundays through Jan. 14. During the Christmas break, performances will be held Tuesday

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BORDERS BOOKS: Upcoming events at Borders Books and Music include: Firebird Balalaika Ensemble performs at 7 p.m. on Dec. 12; Don Shall will present a free original workshop for all ages at 11 a.m. on Dec. 2; Media specialist Gary Price will give CD/ROM software demonstrations at 1 p.m. on Dec. 2; classical guitarist David Cocagne entertains at 1 p.m. on Dec. 3; the French Club will meet at 7 p.m. on Dec. 5; The American Institute of Graphic Arts hosts its annual graphic design book fair with hors d'oeuvres at 7 p.m. on Dec. 6; Book fair attendees should bring a book to donate to Children's Hospital, Judson Center and St. Vincent and Sarah Fisher Center.

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Pet detective takes to the African jungle

ACE VENTURA: WHEN NATURE CALLS By Heather Wadowski Northville



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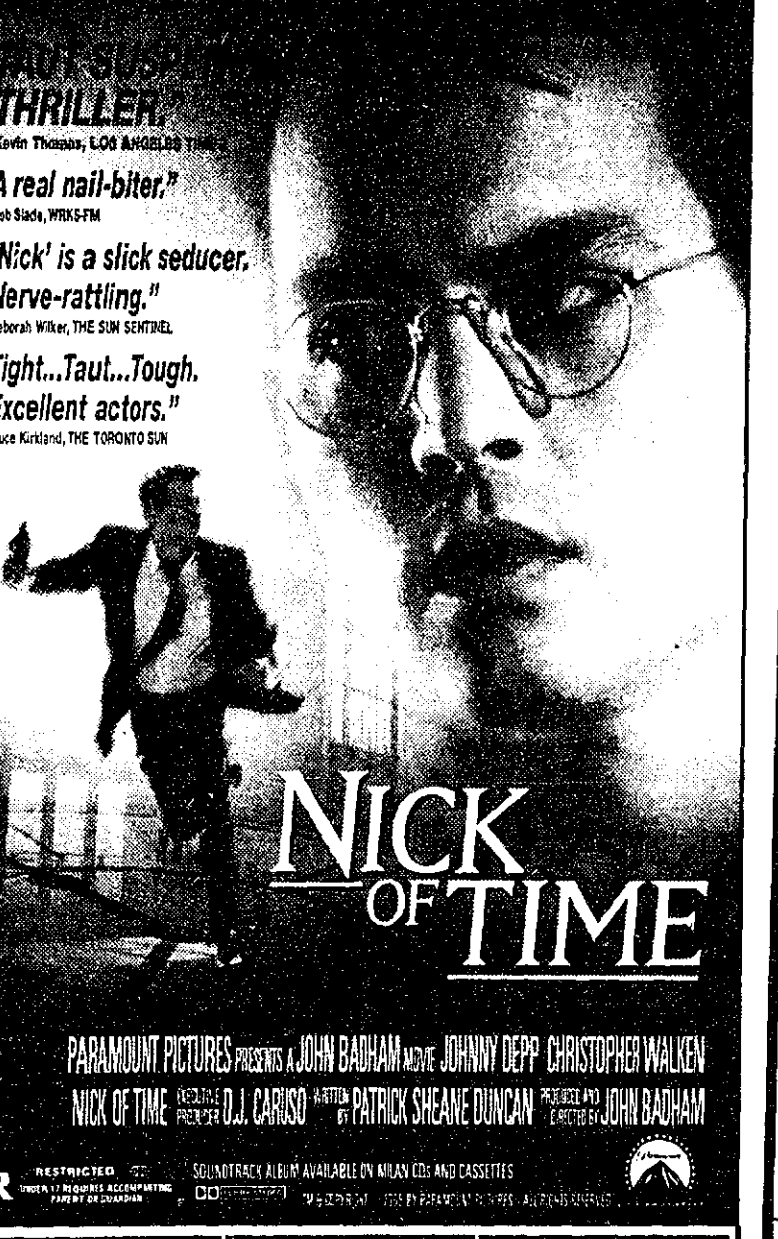
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Robert DeNiro portrays Neil McCauley, a hardened professional criminal who has spent many years behind bars and is determined never to go back. A highly focused loner, McCauley lives a transient existence — he allows nothing in his life that he can't walk out on in 30 seconds flat. He and his crew of ex-convicts — Chris Shiherlis (Kilmer), Michael Cherito (Sizemore) and Nate (Voight) — are putting down a series of well-planned, high-number robberies around Los Angeles. Al Pacino plays Vincent Hanna, a lieutenant of detectives in L.A.P.D.'s Robbery/Homicide Division who "sifts through the leavings of a crime for the scent of his prey and then hunts them down." These are the elevated experiences in his life — the rest is disorder. Married three times, divorced twice, Hanna's current union is already precarious as he focuses all his attention on Neil McCauley. When Neil McCauley and his team rob an armored truck of bearer bonds and three guards are



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Wildcats set to open hoop season

By SCOTT DANIEL Sports Editor. As much as anything, the 1995-96 basketball season will be a test of time for Novi High. The Wildcats enter the new campaign with just four varsity returners. Only two of the four have played extensive minutes, too. The challenge, then, will be to get experience and remain competitive in the Kensington Valley Conference. It'll be a baptism under fire. "They need some time," coach Pat Schluter said, "there's nothing better than game experience."

Novi finished 16-7 overall last year and in second place in the KVC. Jason Fannon, Jon Wroe, Shawn Kelly and Pete Krönsbier led the Wildcats to that mark, but have all since graduated. "We won a lot of close games with our leadership," said Schluter. Chad Dicken and Sean Kramer will look to pick up the slack in the leadership department. The two seniors will captain the squad. "Sean is a clutch player," said Schluter. "I have a lot of confidence with the ball in his hands."

As for Dicken, he'll be counted upon, too. "He'll be one of our go-to guys," said Schluter. "It's worked on his game a lot." Seniors Brian Cody and Tim Davis will have to provide their share of leadership as well. "We have four seniors," Schluter commented, "I'm putting a lot of pressure on those guys. They have to step up." Novi will carry 11 players on its roster this season. A total of seven players are up from last year's junior varsity team. The key will be how those youngsters respond to playing varsity. "I don't know what to expect right now," said Schluter. Novi's starting lineup isn't set at this point. But it's a good bet most or all of the seniors will start in the Wildcats opener Tuesday at home against Walled Lake Western.

Kramer should get the call at shooting guard. He's played two years of varsity ball. "He plays real hard and is a smart player," Schluter said. Cody will take the reins at point guard. "So far," the coach said, "he's been doing a good job." Cody has great quickness and is good at pushing the ball up the floor, Schluter said. But, he added, he has to learn when to pull back and set up the half court offense. "He's taken that challenge," Schluter said. "Dicken will play small forward. He started as a sophomore (then came off the bench last season to help provide instant offense. "We'll try to get him some shots," said Schluter. Davis will take the other forward position. The 6-foot-2 player has excellent leaping ability. The fifth starting spot is up in the air. Kyle Kearney and Elliot Edmunds appear the most likely to take that slot. Kearney plays a shooting guard or small forward. The junior has an explosive first step to the basket and can shoot as well. "He's a streaky (offensive) player," said Schluter. "That's always good to have." Edmunds, a 6-foot-4 post player, may be the most intriguing of all the Wildcats. While he's not yet a refined player, he's got the ability to be a real force in the middle. "He's a shot blocker," said Schluter. "He's got a lot of talent. The key to him is playing hard all the time." Pat Luskava, a junior, also gives Novi some size at 6-foot-3. He might work into the starting lineup as well. "He knows his role," said Schluter. "He won't hurt you." Brian Abbott will play shooting guard. "He's got a lot of skills," Schluter said. Mike Barthlow will back up Cody at point guard. He's a junior. Novi won with leadership and experience a year ago. The Wildcats will have to play that same tough brand of defense this year. The Wildcats will be more aggressive on offense. Novi will drive to the basket more in hopes of taking advantage of a rule change. Teams will get two free throws after 10 fouls now. The rule used to be one-on-one from the free throw line after seven team fouls. While the coach isn't sure what to expect from his club, he has an idea about who'll be tough in the KVC. Howell is the defending champ and has eight returners. Milford will be improved and Brighton and Lakeland are experienced.

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Novi places one on all-area team

The 1995 Hometown Newspapers' East All-Area Basketball First team, isn't tall in stature. But, by gosh, they're big on talent. Led by player of the year Samantha Leger, our club features skill, versatility and determination. During this year's fall campaign, Leger teamed with Lauren Metaj to form a deadly one-two punch for Northville. Our guard-oriented squad also features South Lyon's Koren Kastamo. The senior had a fine all-around season averaging 13 points a game and more than three assists. Kastamo was also one of the area's best three-point shooters.

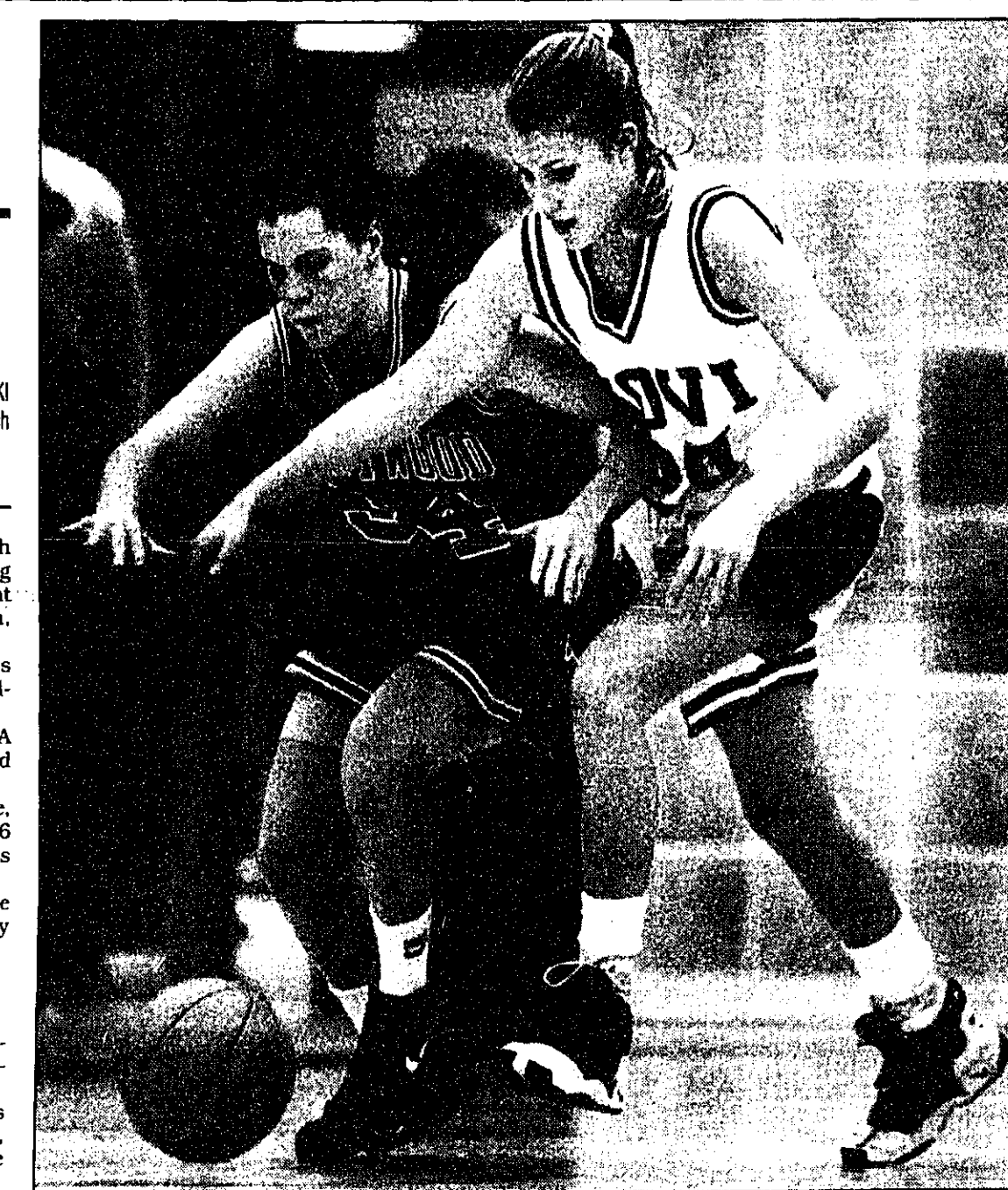


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"(Kenny) used her skills well to compete all season. She exceeded my expectations." DENNIS CICHONSKI Novi basketball coach. She switched from playing with her back to the basket to running the team at point guard. Wright said she did it without a hitch, too. "To make that transition was great," said Wright. "Nobody really gave her any problems." Metaj was voted to the WLAA All-Western Division squad — and rightfully so. She averaged 15 points a game, six rebounds, 4.5 assists and 3.6 steals. In other words, Metaj was a fine all-around player. "I forgot she was a sophomore at times," Wright said. "She really takes care of business."

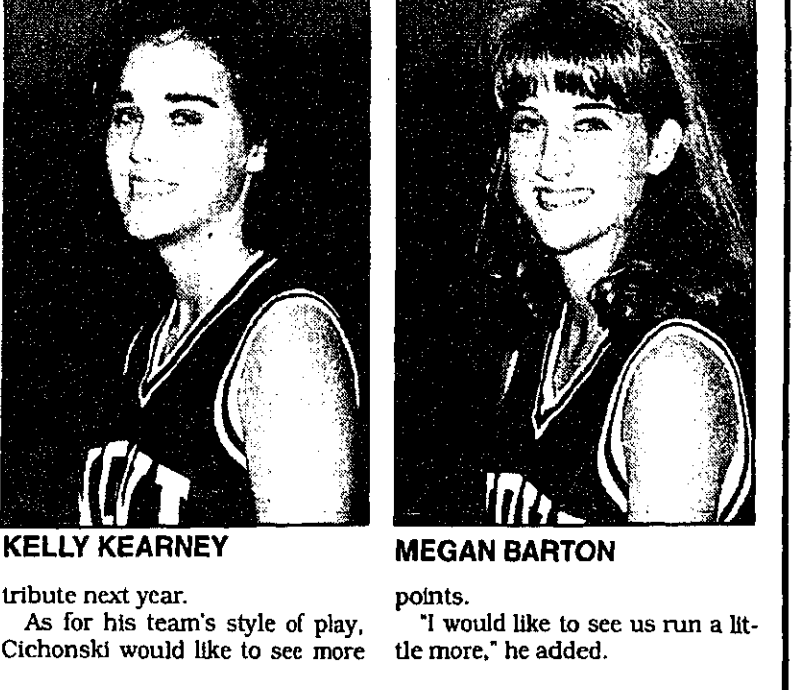
JESSICA KENNY Novi, soph. guard. It wouldn't be a basketball season without a Kenny on our All-Area team. Jessica joins our first teamers for the first time. Sister, Kristin, was a perennial choice for the first team. At any rate, the younger Kenny more than earned her spot. She led Novi in scoring and assists and was the third leading rebounder. "She used her skills well to compete all season," coach Dennis Cichonski said. "She exceeded my expectations." Kenny made All-KVC second team. Cichonski said she'll likely be at the point next season, but not necessarily as a guard. "She could be the new Grant Hill," he said in referring to the Detroit Pistons' point forward.

LAUREN METAJ Northville, soph. guard. Still just a sophomore, Metaj played beyond her years this fall. KOREN KASTAMO South Lyon, sr. guard. Kastamo met almost all of the goals she set out to accomplish.

Jessica Kenny proved to be one of the area's best all-around players this fall. This season as she led the Lions' attack from the point. After running the team for the previous two seasons, St. coach Steve Shanks said Kastamo wanted to improve on three basic areas this year. She wanted to cut down on her turnovers, increase her assists and make sure she shot better from the floor. Kastamo accomplished all of these goals and she became more of a leader on the floor. "I always feel that the point guard is the most important position on the floor," Shanks said. "It's basically an extension of the coach and Koren did a good job in that respect this year." Kastamo was second on the team in scoring with 12.8 points per game. First in assists with three a game and third in rebounds with 4.2 per contest. For her career Kastamo, an all-KVC first-teamer, finished among the top 10 in seven different South Lyon statistical categories. For her career, Uballe put up 856 points which puts her among the top three players all-time for LHHS. "She's not only one of the best freshman I've ever coached," Lions' skipper Ron Shanks said, "she's one of the best players I've ever coached." With the absence of another big player for SL, Rath had to get a quick education in the post this year. She led the team in scoring putting up 12.9 points per game and she was tops in rebounds as well, hauling in 6.5 rebounds per contest. Her 44.7 field goal percentage was also best on the Lions and she was the leading foul shooter at .584 percent this season. "She's not only one of the best freshman I've ever coached," Lions' skipper Ron Shanks said, "she's one of the best players I've ever coached." With the absence of another big player for SL, Rath had to get a quick education in the post this year.

Cagers rise above .500 mark, look for even better '96

By SCOTT DANIEL Sports Editor. A step upward. That's what the Wildcat girls' basketball team did in 1995. After a seven win season last fall, Novi improved to 11-10 under second-year coach Dennis Cichonski. "We had more bright spots than low spots," he said. "We did make progress over last year." Injuries may have prevented an even bigger improvement. Senior captain Kelly Kearney went down in the first game against Walled Lake Western. She was unable to play the rest of the year, save a couple of free throws against Howell. "A player like Kelly could've made a big difference," Cichonski said. A likely candidate to fill Britton's spot in the pivot will be Katie Copp. The sophomore has shown good skills away from the basket, but can hold her own down low. "If we don't find an alternative," Cichonski said, "Katie would have to step up and play the post position." Ideally, the coach would like to put Copp at forward where she can utilize her jump shooting ability. Cichonski said he may have a couple of freshman that can come in and help in the post next year. At guard, Jessica Kenny played the point this season. She'll likely be in that role again, but at forward instead of guard. "She could be the new Grant Hill," said Cichonski. He expects to get a more polished Kenny as a junior. "I think she'll refine her game," the coach said. "That'll put her at the next level." Lindsey Drury will be another top forward. She averaged eight points a game this year and will likely improve on that next fall. A quartet of Wildcats will vie for time at guard. Kristen Kearney, Kristen Sullivan, Lydia Raburn and Stephanie Gordon all played varsity ball this year. Raburn could be a key. If she continues to develop, Cichonski said she could take over at point guard and free Kenny up to concentrate on scoring. Kearney and Sullivan have great shooting range and will play either scoring guard or small forward. Adrienne Farrell, Megan Morrell and Sara Heusel are players that were brought up from JV at the end of the year. Each could contribute next year. As for his team's style of play, Cichonski would like to see more of that.



KELLY KEARNEY and MEGAN BARTON

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Rec Briefs

The Fridge

Let's all go sliding over winter break. (Target age group, 5th-8th grade.) Join Novi Parks and Recreation for this afternoon of fun. The trip includes entry ticket, transportation and chaperones. Adult to child ratio is 1:7.

The date is Thursday, Feb. 15, 1996. Bus leaves the Novi Civic Center at 3:30 p.m. and arrives at "The Fridge" at 4:15 p.m. Depart "The Fridge" at 9 p.m. and return to the Novi Civic Center at 9:30 p.m.

There is a limit of 38 individuals at a fee of \$14 (\$16.80 for non-residents). Registration deadline: Wednesday, Feb. 7, 1996, at 5 p.m. (or when limit is reached).

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Wednesdays-Evening (ages 8 plus).
Beginners I - starts Jan. 3 (8 weeks) - 7-8 p.m.
Cost: \$20 resident (\$24 non-resident) or a \$3 drop-in fee per night.
Drop-In - Easy Level Lesson and Open Dance - 8-10 p.m. Cost: \$3 per person (drop-in).

Fridays Daytime.
Beginners II - starts Jan. 12 (10 weeks) - Noon-1 p.m. Cost: \$20 resident (\$24 non-resident).
Intermediate: 1-2 p.m. Cost: \$1.50 per person (drop-in).
Open Dance: 2-3:30 p.m. Cost: \$1.50 per person (drop-in).

None of the above classes will be held on days when the Novi Civic Center is closed.

Dance to Live Band

Dance to the "big band" sound, enjoy refreshments. Novi Senior Center, \$2.50 at the door. (No dance in December.) Tuesday, Jan. 23, 1-3 p.m.; Tuesday, Feb. 27, 1-3 p.m.; Tuesday, March 26, 1-3 p.m.

Fitness Factory

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Registration deadline for winter session: Friday, Jan. 12 at 5 p.m. Bring a towel or exercise mat to class.

Gymnastics

Pre-Beginner - 3 and 4 years (no experience required).
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Intermediate - 8 years and older - must be adequate in performing cartwheels, back walkovers, tumbling stunts.

Mondays: Jan. 8-March 11 (8 weeks). No class Jan. 15, Feb. 19, ...
3:45-4:15 p.m. Pre-Beginner.
4:20-5:05 p.m. Beginner.
5:15-6 p.m. Advanced Beginner.
Wednesdays: Jan. 10-Feb. 28 (8 weeks).
4-4:30 p.m. Pre-Beginner.
4:35-5:20 p.m. Beginner.
5:30-6:30 p.m. Intermediate.
Fees: Pre-Beginner - \$20 (\$24 non-resident) limit 15.
Beginner/advanced - \$28 (\$33.60 non-resident) limit 15.
Intermediate \$36 (\$43.20 non-resident) limit 12.
Location: Novi Civic Center. Registration deadline is Thursday, Jan. 4, 1996, at 5 p.m.

Karate

Winter Session: Jan. 9-Feb. 27 (8 weeks).
Spring Session: March 12-April 30 (8 weeks).
Tuesdays, 6-7 p.m., Beginners: 7-9 p.m., Advanced.
Fee: Beginners, \$28 residents, \$33.60 non-residents; Advanced, \$36 residents, \$43.20 non-residents.
Age: 8 and older, location: Novi Civic Center.
Registration deadline: Winter Session - Tuesday, Jan. 9; Spring Session: Tuesday, March 12.

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McGuire	1/169-9	McGuire	1/169-9
Kalamazoo	0/22-2	Kalamazoo	0/22-2
Eastland	0/67-8	Eastland	0/67-8

AREA LEADERS		RUSHING	
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McGuire	1,169	McGuire	1,169
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Eastland	865	Eastland	865
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Kastamo	13.1	Kastamo	13.1
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How to prevent back pain

"Oh my aching back!" is probably something you will cry in your life and you are not alone. Back pain has become an epidemic since prehistoric times. There are even drawings in prehistoric caves that illustrate back pain. Today, more than 80 percent of all Americans will experience back injury within their lifetime.

The costs associated with low back pain are very high. Chronic low back pain is the most common cause of disability in Americans under the age of 45 and it is estimated that it costs the American economy \$16 billion annually. The good news is that most back injuries respond to rest and conservative treatment, and they can be prevented.

What are the causes
The causes of back pain are many. It can be brought on by simply bending awkwardly, sitting in the same position for a long time, or trying to lift or move heavy objects. But, with few exceptions, back problems are the result of months or even years of faulty body mechanics such as poor posture and work habits.

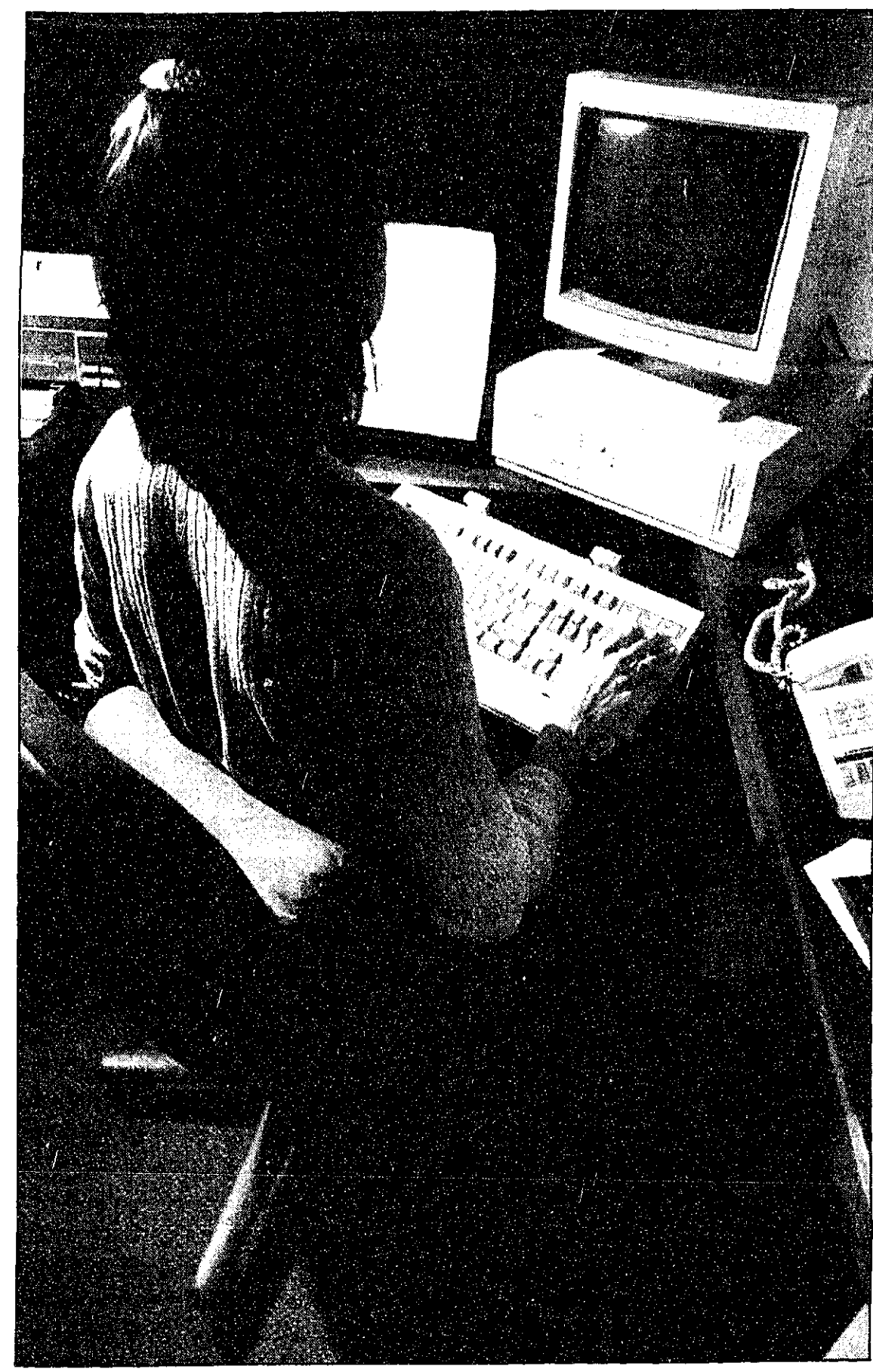
All these and more can cause ligament strains, torn muscles, damaged joints ... and all result in at least discomfort ... maybe searing pain.

What you can do about back pain
Remember, if you do experience back pain the sooner you seek treatment the better your chances are for recovery and healthier back in the future.

As simple as it sounds, the first thing you might do is determine what caused the problem and avoid that in the future.

For back pain, rest and the use of ice or heat are immediate treatments. Additionally, maintaining an inward curve to your lower back position will aid in the treatment process. In the case of accompanying muscle spasms or acute pain, your physician may also recommend the use of a back brace or medication.

If the pain persists or is severe, specific exercise and back mobilization may be required to restore normal posture.



Using a lumbar pillow helps support your back while working in a seated position.

Preventing back pain

Good posture and proper body mechanics are two important ways to minimize or eliminate back pain. Sensible exercise will promote the reconditioning of your lower back. The use of a lumbar pillow while sitting or driving promotes proper curvature of the spine and reduces stress. Additionally, good lifestyle habits usually mean a good back. Avoid stress, smoking - which restricts circulation and slows the healing process - and high-fat foods.

And then listen.

Do not lecture or preach. Treat them and their answers with respect. Do not criticize. The surest way to cut off communication is to dismiss their feelings and values. Use these times to share your thoughts, too, and maybe how your values have changed over time.

If you do not want your children to have sexual intercourse, tell them. By taking a stand and communicating your values to them they will respect you. Believe it or not, you are the most powerful influence in their lives. Abstinence is the best way to give dreams and goals for the future a chance to come true. It is the only way to guarantee avoiding an unwanted pregnancy, HIV or other sexually transmitted diseases.

Teens do not want to hear "just say no." Peer and partner pressure is very difficult to deal with and teens often feel coerced into having sex. Teens also believe that "everyone is having sex" and feel pressure to conform to the group's "norm."

It is true that many teens are engaging in sexual activities at younger ages than ever before, but half of all teenagers abstain from intercourse. They need parental encouragement and support to delay early sexual involvement. Help your child develop strategies for dealing with peer pressure.

Health Notes

AIDS Counseling and Marriage Licenses

Public Act No. 491 of 1988 requires all couples applying for a marriage license show proof they have received counseling from a physician or local health officer regarding the transmission and prevention of venereal disease and Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) infection.

Providence Hospital and Medical Centers is offering a one-hour counseling session for couples to discuss AIDS and AIDS prevention. At the end of the series, certificates valid for 60 days will be issued.

Counseling sessions are scheduled at Providence Medical Center-Providence Park, 47601 Grand River (at Beck), Novi, on Monday, Dec. 4 from 7-8 p.m.

The fee for the session is \$25 per couple or \$15 for an individual. Advanced registration is required and closes one week prior to the session. Participants must bring photo identification to class. Call 1-800-968-5595.

CPR

During a heart attack seconds count and knowing how to administer CPR can mean the difference between life and death. Providence Hospital and Medical Centers is offering CPR classes for members of the community who would like to learn this important skill.

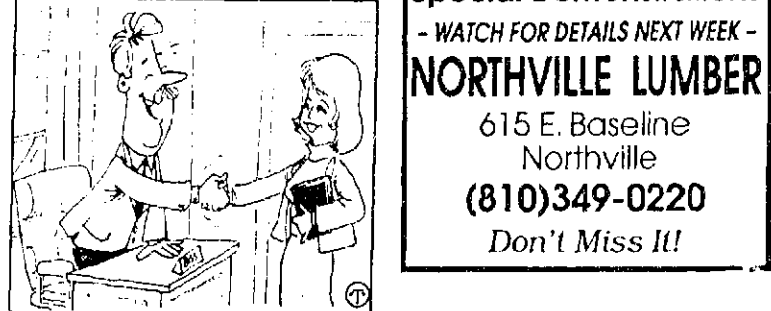
The three-hour course covers the signs and signals of heart attack, risk factors, healthy heart living, one-man resuscitation and the Heimlich Manoeuvre. Successful completion of the course results in heart-saver certification by the American Heart Association.

The course will be offered on Monday, Dec. 4 from 6-9 p.m. at Providence Medical Center-Providence Park, 47601 Grand River Avenue (at Beck Road), Novi.

There is a \$15 fee for the course, and advanced registration is required. Call 1-800-968-5595 for further information or to register.

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Drury makes area 2nd team

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season. Shanks said Rath's did remarkably well for a first-year player and he thinks she has the talent to reach the level of the last Lions' freshman starter - former all-state player Andrea Nelson - in the future.

"She has tremendous potential as long as she keeps working hard and stays healthy," Shanks said.

CINDY HEINONEN Milford, jr. guard

After excelling as a role player last year, Heinonen had to alter her game as Milford's first option this fall.

Last year Heinonen was one of the top three-point shooters around nailing more than 40 attempts from outside the arc. But the Redskins didn't have much of an inside game this year and teams began focusing on Heinonen on offense. She still found ways to put the points on the board as she led the team in scoring with 10.7 points per game. One of the ways she did that was to get to the foul line and once she got to the stripe she was deadly. Heinonen was the top foul-shooter on the team connecting on .740 percent of her shots.

"We tried to get the ball into her hands especially late in the game if we had the lead because she's such a good foul shooter," coach Don Palmer said. "We also wanted her to handle it if we had a chance to win because we wanted her to make the plays with her experience."

Heinonen, a KVC honorable mention selection this year, has a chance to pass her sister Kari for second place on Milford's all-time scoring list next season - her fourth on the varsity squad.

ANGELA MULDER Lakeland sr. forward

Mulder was the equivalent of a coach's dream over the last three seasons on the Lakeland varsity team.

She didn't put up the big numbers but she was always willing to do whatever was necessary to help

ALL AREA BASKETBALL

First Team				
PLAYER	YEAR	POSITION	SCHOOL	
SAMANTHA LEGER	SR	GUARD	NORTHVILLE	
LAUREN METAJ	SOPH	GUARD	NORTHVILLE	
JESSICA KENNY	SOPH	GUARD	NOVI	
KOREN KASTAMO	SR	GUARD	SOUTH LYON	
STEPHANIE UBALLE	SR	CENTER	LAKELAND	
Second Team				
CINDY HEINONEN	JR	GUARD	MILFORD	
LINDSAY DRURY	JR	FORWARD	NOVI	
BROOKE RATHS	FRESH	FORWARD	SOUTH LYON	
ANGELA MULDER	SR	FORWARD	LAKELAND	
GINA CHIASSON	JR	CENTER	NORTHVILLE	

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Milford - Anne Madden
Lakeland - Sarah Digsby, Erin Zwink
Northville - Carrie Dalzell, Lindsay Huot, Karla Kalso
Novi - Kristen Sullivan, Julie Banton, Megan Barton

Player of the year: Samantha Leger
Coach of the year: Pete Wright

her club win.

"She works extremely hard and plays good defense and because of her smarts and savvy she would typically play one of the other team's top two players," LHS coach Paul Gmelin said.

Even though Mulder only averaged 2.4 points per game this season she was a monster on the glass pulling down 8.1 rebounds a night. That's not an easy feat when you play on the same team with Stephanie Uballe - one of the top rebounders in the area.

Mulder also led the Eagles in assists with 4.4 per game and steals coming with 2.4 per contest. She showed her teammates just how much they meant to her last summer when she attended every camp and practice even though she wasn't able to play because of an injury.

LINDSAY DRURY Novi, jr. forward

The junior was, without doubt, Novi's spark plug this fall. Nobody played harder or wanted to win more than the 5-foot-9 Drury.

"Lindsay added a lot of spark to the team," coach Dennis Cichonski said. "She always energized our other players."

Drury, an All-Kensington Valley Conference second team selection, averaged just more than eight points a game. She was also one of the area's best free throw shooters.

"She's an excellent rebounder for her size," Cichonski added. Drury missed a couple of games

with a hamstring injury. Cichonski that may have slowed her down some in the first half of the season. The coach believes her strong second half of the campaign will carry into next year.

"What we saw in the second half of the season," he said, "will carry on to next fall."

GINA CHIASSON Northville, jr. center

It was a transitional year for the 6-foot-1 Mustang.

Chiasson moved from a shooting forward position to a true post player. Coach Pete Wright said playing with her back to the basket was a tough transition that she handled well.

"She was a big presence in the middle," he added.

While the contact that goes along with playing center bothered her in the early going, Chiasson became more comfortable with with the bumping and banging as the year went on.

"She didn't shy away from it later," Wright said.

Despite moving to center, Chiasson still scored in double figures. She also led Northville in rebounding with better than eight per game.

Wright said he wouldn't be surprised if her numbers increase in both areas next fall.

Chiasson made honorable mention in the Western Lakes Conference.

Northville cagers rebuilding

By SCOTT DANIEL
Sports Editor

If experience counts for anything, the Mustang boys' basketball team should be in for a successful 1995-96 season.

Northville High will start five seniors this winter in hopes of improving on last year's 11-10 record. The Mustangs will be under first year coach Tim Turner, who replaced now athletic director Larry Taylor.

"I think this league, at the top, is a difficult league," said Turner, "with Canton, Walled Lake Central and Salem."

Like his predecessor, he hopes to keep the Mustangs running with those powerhouse clubs.

"We hope to challenge," Turner said.

A counselor at Northville High, Turner coached at South Lyon a year ago. Ironically, the Mustangs play his old team in the season opener Tuesday at South Lyon.

"That'll be really weird," said Turner.

While he's new to Northville basketball, the coach isn't in the dark about the Western Lakes Activities Association. Turner's been friends with several coaches around the league.

"I'm not coming in blind," he said. "I'm pretty familiar with most of the league."

He's spent the last few weeks getting familiar with his new team.

ter, six seniors and six juniors. Northville will need all of that experience to be competitive.

Turner said he's not sure how deep his team will be. One thing is for sure, though, the Mustangs are vertically challenged.

"We do have a huge size problem," Turner admitted. Northville will have just two players taller than 6-foot-2, Ben Szostek (6-4) and Jeff Ahrens (6-4). The Mustangs will try to work around that shortcoming with multiple defenses and offenses.

According to Turner, Northville will definitely not be lacking in once crucial area - point guard. Senior Aniel Kersey is back to run the Mustang attack.

"With his speed we'll try to run the floor," said Turner. "We do hope to play up-tempo and get the ball to Aniel."

Kersey has the most important job on the floor, he added.

"In high school," Turner said, "you need a point guard more than anything else. We think Kersey is that."

Mark Sander will be taking a lot of passes from Kersey. The 6-1 senior will play shooting guard.

"He's a wonderful scorer," said Turner. "Him and Szostek have to fill it up. I expect Mark to score a lot."

Sander has lots of range to shoot three-pointers and good first step to the basket. Szostek will help

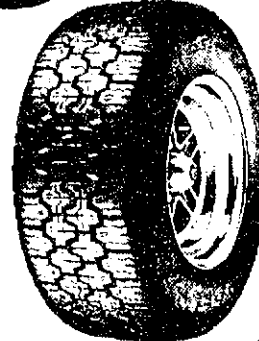
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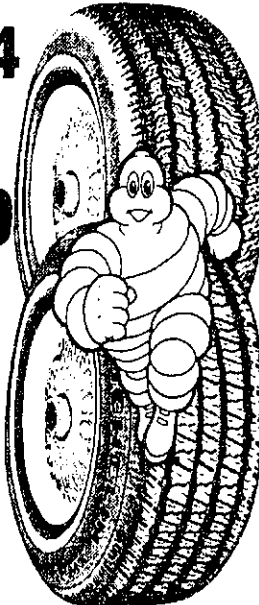


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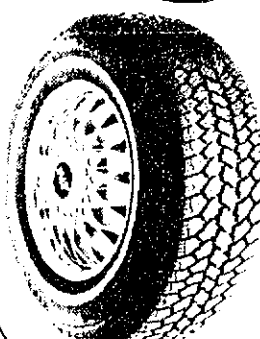
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NOVI • 347-1801
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33633 Grand Ave. (Bet. 14 & 15 Mile Rd.)
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HOW TO USE THE BATHROOM.

You're probably saying

to yourself, any four-year-old

knows how to use the bath-

room. But you may not know

that you use more water in the

bathroom than anyplace else in

your home. In fact, between the

toilet, the shower and the

sink you can use up

to 55 gallons a day.

Multiply that by the

number of homes

in the world, and

that's a lot of natural resources

going down the drain.

Now, we're not saying you

should stop taking showers

or brushing your teeth. We're

just suggesting some simple

bathroom training. For instance,

when you're brushing your

teeth, turn off the water.

Do the same when

you're shaving.

And just because

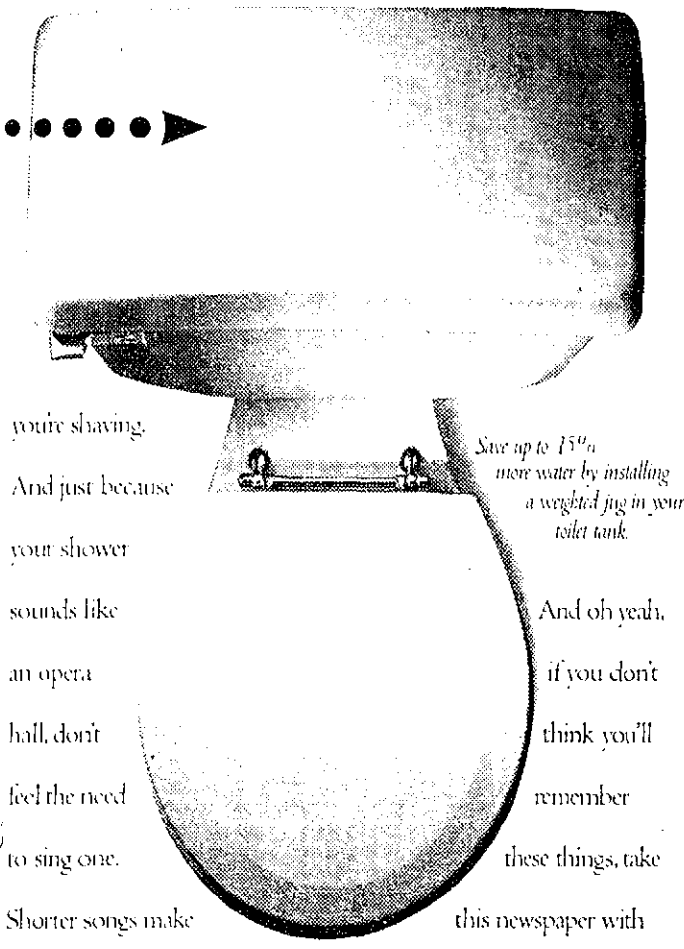
your shower

sounds like

an opera

hall, don't

feel the need



Save up to 15% more water by installing a weighted jug in your toilet tank.

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if you don't

think you'll

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