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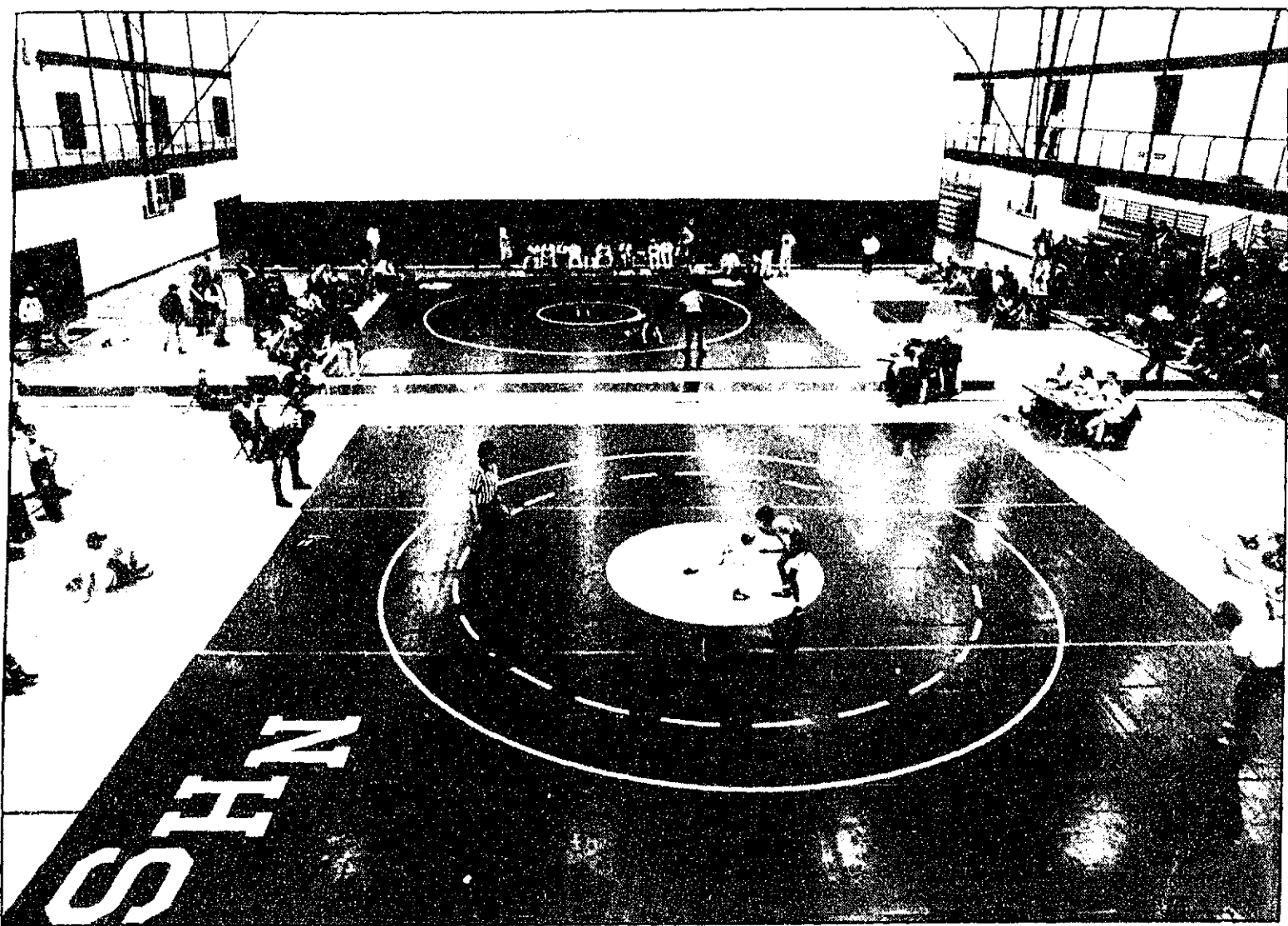


Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

### Your tax dollars at work

Varsity wrestlers held their first meet in the new Novi High School Fieldhouse last week grappling with teams from Northville and North Farmington high schools. The Fieldhouse, built with a portion of the \$31.9 million bond issue

approved by voters in 1992, was finished this fall and is used for competitions, intermural sports, physical education and after school practices. The construction project is now complete and the facilities are open for use by students.

## Hearing set for school day changes

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL  
 Staff Writer

Teachers and administrators popped the question last Thursday night asking the school board to consider changing the school day schedule at Novi High School next fall.

"We are asking you to approve our journey," said Principal Arthur Miller after teachers presented the proposal symbolized as a voyage to find new and exciting ways to teach.

Board members said they intended to explore the issue during the week and develop a list of questions and concerns to be given to school administrators at tonight's meeting scheduled for 6 p.m. at the high school.

A public hearing will be held Jan. 4 at 7:30 in the Educational Services Building.

A committee of teachers and administrators propose switching the school day from six periods of 55 minute classes to a four period day of 85 minute classes.

The increased class period actually condenses a one-credit class into one semester. That enables students to take four credits for two semesters a year (for eight credits a year) instead of the current three credits a semester, or six credits for the entire year.

Increasing the opportunity for students to take additional classes is imperative, according to school officials. They say the stu-

■ Fourteen parents, in a letter to the school board, have objected to the proposed change in hours. The story appears on page 21A.

dents entering the high school are finding their schedules so packed with basic required courses they can't take electives.

"I see a lot of positive things about what you're proposing," said President Craig Foreback.

Some of the board members said they visited a nearby school with a schedule to the proposal by the high school staff.

Trustee Ann Newton said she, Julie Abrams and Carol Elfring spent a day at Marshall High School, which uses the "block schedule."

"I felt like I kind of got caught up in the spirit of it because it is exciting. It's truly a learning center," said Newton.

Elfring agreed. "One of the things that was evident was the very quiet atmosphere in the building. The passing time in the halls are limited," she explained.

"I feel like I've been on the outside of the journey with you as a parent," she told the more than 40 teachers in the audience. "Change is usually not a comfort-

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## Town Center debate resolved

By ANNETTE JAWORSKI  
 Special Writer

Should City Council make appointments of the Town Center Committee, and limit terms?

Novi council members hotly debated the issue at Monday before finally adopting the resolutions altering the appointment process and terms for the Town Center Steering Committee by a 5-2 margin.

A deeper question than appointments or term limits was raised, which was the clarification of the duties, responsibilities and power provided by the committee.

"I'm confused at times, does a developer have to go to this committee? We need to clar-

ify the function of this committee, address their terms, process and authority that the committee has," council member Robert Mitzel said.

Mitzel proposed that the council appoint all members of the committee except for those of the Planning Commission and the Economic Development Corporation, and recommended a 3-year term.

The resolution as adopted provides for the following representation: three members of city council, 3 members of the planning commission, 1 member of the Economic Development Corporation, one representative from the Chamber of Commerce and 2 representatives

of existing business in the Town Center area. City Manager Ed Kriewall disagreed with council appointing the members.

"It's an advisory committee in a volunteer capacity, and those bodies represented should send who they see fit. I think it's inappropriate for council to appoint this group," Kriewall said.

Councilman Richard Clark agreed. "This body doesn't usurp any power of council. It's not binding, it's a recommending body ... I'd hate to see it become bothersome or cumbersome to the volunteer; like another job," Clark said.

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## Students oppose schedule change

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL  
 Staff Writer

None of the students at Novi High School are staging sit-ins, but that doesn't mean they're embracing changes in the school day with open arms.

"I think it will end up being messed up with only four classes a day," said junior Brian Habich.

The high school administration asked the board of education, last week, to approve a proposal to change the school day. A committee of teachers suggested lengthening the class period to 85 minutes from 55 minutes and decreasing the number of classes held each day to six to four.

Consequently, the students will have a varied weekly schedule, attending some classes every day each week and other classes every other day.

But Habich and some other students don't think the school day needs any changes.

"I don't want 85-minute periods. You get bored after one class. If we extend the time it will be, well, twice as boring," Habich explained.

Sophomore Molly McAllen said she doesn't like the plan "They're going to start it next year when I'll be a junior, the year when it's one of my most important years."

However, sophomore Stephanie Gorden said the switch will be a good one. "We have so many more (class) requirements expected of us and not enough time to do it."

She added there will be more time in class to ask questions and understand material.

Sophomore Bill Galloway doesn't agree. "We're going to get the worst of it because the teachers won't know what they're doing yet," he explained. "Besides, don't try to fix something that's not broken."

Students are most concerned

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Photo by AL WARD

### A holiday dance

About 120 local youngsters are participating in the Center Stage Dance Groups Festival of Trees Christmas Tour, which stopped at Charter House in Novi last week to entertain seniors residents there. The group, based in Northville, does about 12 shows annually as a part of its tour, according to the group's director.

## Brighton man dies in truck collision

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL  
 Staff Writer

He was coming back from a doctor's check-up when tragedy struck.

Mark Arthurs, 36 of Brighton, died Monday night when his pickup truck collided with a parked tractor trailer flatbed truck on westbound I-96 near Novi Road.

Sgt. Richard Rule, of the State Police in Northville said the accident occurred at about 6:30 p.m.

Arthurs, a carpenter, was driving westbound in the left lane just west of Novi Road when witnesses saw him look away from the road and swerve onto the shoulder.

A flatbed trailer was parked on the side of the road marked by

safety triangles and flashing lights. Arthurs' vehicle struck the flatbed which sheared off the cab, said Rule.

According to police, Arthurs was decapitated and died instantly.

Rule said road conditions were clear and dry.

"He must have drifted. If the trailer hadn't been there he probably would have gone on about his way without a problem," Rule said. "He was just in the wrong place at the wrong time."

Arthurs was just married in September. He leaves his wife, Keely, and two young step-children.

## Funding approved for park site study

By ANNETTE JAWORSKI  
 Special Writer

The City of Novi will soon have a master plan for North Novi Park. City Council voted 6-1 to spend \$15,400 with Farrand and Associates from Ann Arbor who will evaluate the 400-plus acres of property for future recreational use.

The services provided by Farrand and Associates would be to evaluate the best feasible uses of the property located north of Twelve-and-a-Half Mile Road west of Novi Road.

The proposal was previously defeated in Sept. 1995 by a 3-3 vote. The tie left the Parks and Recreation Department without clear direction according to Director Daniel Davis, so the proposal was reconsidered.

A key issue for discussion was whether the plans will include an 18-hole golf course. The study when completed, will provide the city with two distinct alternatives for review. One of two schematic designs will provide an option of an 18-hole municipal golf course

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CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S

Thursday, December 21 and December 28, at 3:30 pm - Deadline for HomeTown Connection, Monday Service Directory, Wednesday Service Directory, Shoppers Service Directory, Pinckney, Hartland, Rowerville Shopping Guides for issues of Monday, December 25 & January 1 and Wednesday/Thursday, December 27-28 and January 3-4.

Friday, December 22 and 29 at 3:30 pm - Deadline for Monday Greensheet, South Lyon Shopper and Wednesday/Thursday Greensheet for issues of Monday, December 25 and January 1 and Wednesday, December 27-28 and January 3-4.



## Community Calendar

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

Thursday, December 14

- Optimist Club**  
The Novi Optimist Club meets at 7:30 a.m. in the Novi Civic Center.
- Parks meeting**  
The Novi Parks and Recreation Commission will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center.
- Novi schools**  
The Novi School Board of Education will meet in regular session at Novi High School.

Monday, December 18

- Cholesterol Screening**  
Total cholesterol screening by fingerstick method, will be offered 1-4 p.m. at the Botsford Center for Health Improvement-Health Development Network, 39750 Grand River Ave. Cost is \$5 fee. For more information call 477-6100.
- Arts Council**  
The Novi Arts Council Executive Board will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center.

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

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

Tuesday, December 19

- Garden Club**  
The Novi Garden Club will meet at 1 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center.
- Band rehearsal**  
The Novi Concert Band rehearses at 7:30 p.m. in the band room at Novi High School. For more information on the group, call manager Warren Ledger at 348-2955.
- Chess Club**  
The Novi Chess Club will meet from 7-10 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center. There is no charge to attend and all players are welcome. For more information, call Tim Sawmiller, 344-4269 evenings after 6 p.m.

Wednesday, December 20

- Planning Commission**  
The Novi Planning Commission will meet in regular session in the Council Chambers of the Novi Civic Center.
- Business Network International**  
The Farmington Hills chapter of The Business Network International, made up of members from 10 neighboring communities, meets at 7 a.m. at the Tollgate 4-H Education Center, Twelve Mile at Meadowbrook Road. For chapter information or an invitation to one of the meetings, please call 642-7725.

Thursday, December 21

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

Friday, December 22

- Christmas Holiday**  
City offices are closed.

Saturday, December 23

Christmas Holiday

The public library is closed.

Monday, December 25

- Christmas Day**  
City offices and the public library are closed. Have a very Merry Christmas.

Tuesday, December 26

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

F.E.M.A.L.E.

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

Band rehearsal

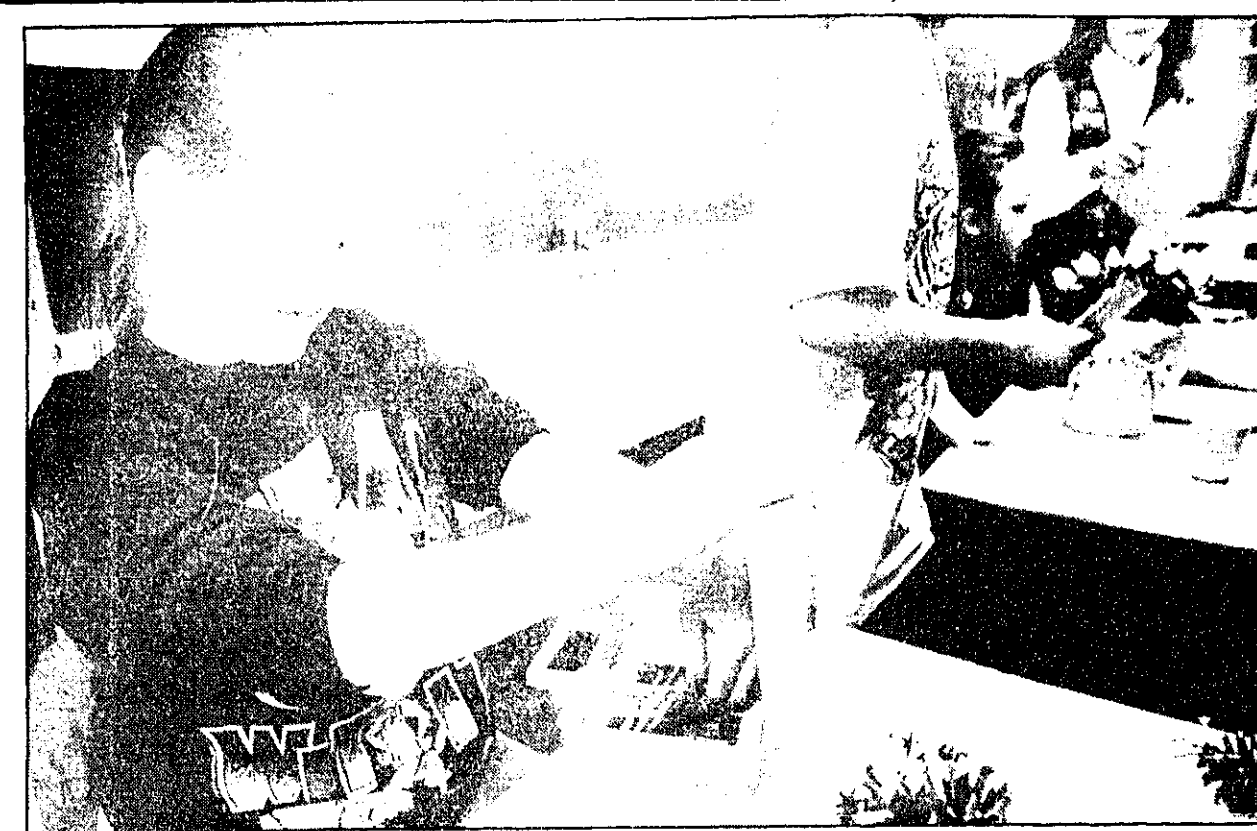
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Camera Club

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Chess Club

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### Making the big bucks

Jon Wiseley, left, had to get a mini-society permit to sell food in the Parkview Plaza in his Parkview Elementary third grade classroom. He charged five Parkview Plaza Bucks for a cup of soda or a package of two chocolate chip cookies. He sold

out. Above, third grader Stephanie Meade seems to enjoy counting her Parkview Plaza Bucks. She sold hand made pine cone Christmas ornaments. The "mini-society" program last Thursday was designed to teach business and economics.

Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

## Council begins discussion on 'rules' document

By LINDA ARNOLD

Novi City Council met as a "committee of the whole" on Saturday to begin discussing a set of rules they will use as the basis of their operation.

According to Mayor Pro Tem Hugh Crawford, who acted as committee chairman, the rules have always existed in various documents, but had never been pulled together into one document. Mayor

Kathleen McLallen said work on the document had been started by a rules subcommittee several years ago, but the whole process had gotten "bogged down." This is why council decided to write the rules together as a committee of the whole.

Some of the items agreed upon include beginning council meetings at 7:30 p.m. and trying to end them by 11:30 p.m. "People are too tired at the end of a long evening," said Council member Nancy

Cassis. "Things get too rushed in an effort to just finish up."

Most of the meeting was devoted to discussing the development of the council meeting agenda. Items must be submitted to City Clerk Tommi Bartholomew by 4 p.m. on the Wednesday preceding the council meeting, and she will deliver information packets to council members on Thursday. She is implementing a sign-off sheet that will insure each agenda item is

ready for council's discussion. Council now has to decide who will sign the sheet. Most likely it will be the city manager and attorney.

There was long discussion regarding audience participation at council meetings. The committee agreed that comments must be limited to three minutes. Comments should not be obscene or directed at an individual and audience members may not defer their allotted time

to another individual. After meeting for three hours, the committee had only discussed and agreed upon the first eight rules. However, Mayor McLallen said, "Enormous progress has been made this morning. It's great to see council really work together."

Bartholomew and City Attorney Dennis Watson will rewrite the rules as amended by the committee of the whole. They will be presented for council's approval at the

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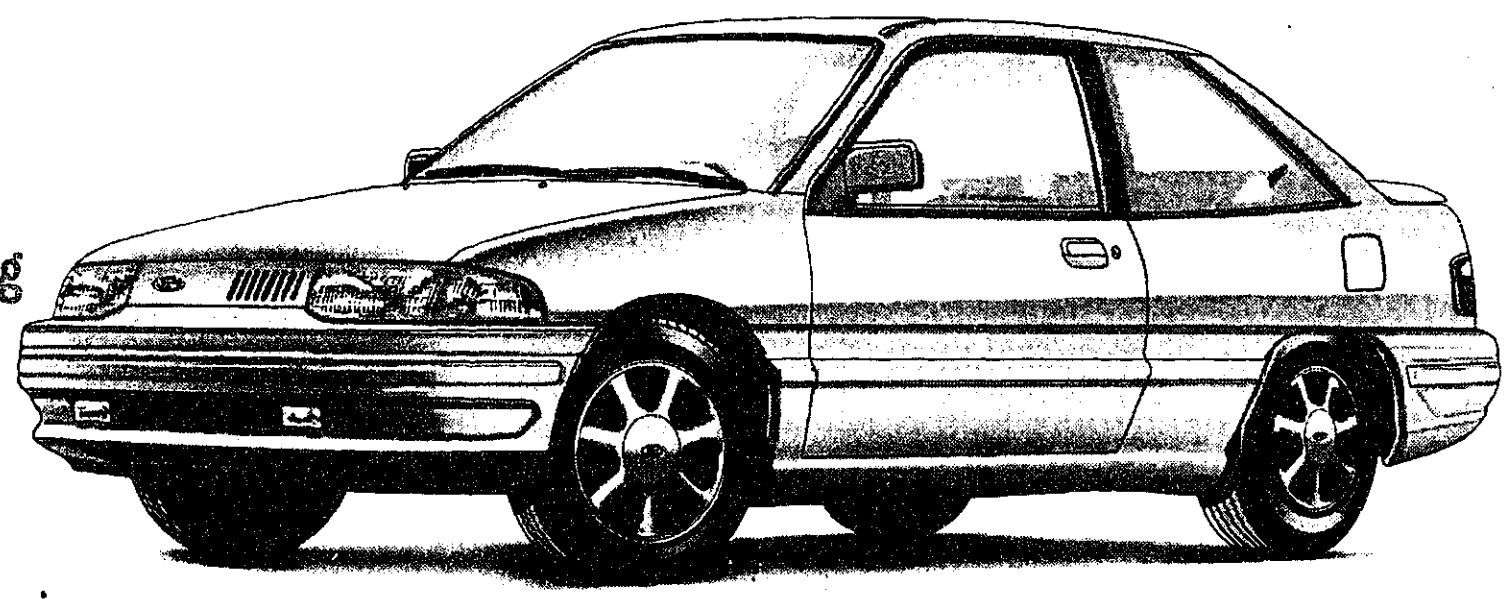
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# Alcohol responsible for car crash

Jeffrey Patterson, 24, of Chelsea sustained a broken neck Dec. 6 when he crashed into a Detroit Edison pole on Napier Road near the Links of Novi at about 10 p.m. Witnesses said the man was driving his Ford four door car at a high rate of speed passing other cars when he rolled over several times and crashed into the pole, witnesses said.

Oakland County officers found the man lying in a pool of blood in agony. Novi police arrived on the scene and called for an ambulance.

Police said the man was conscious but appeared "highly intoxicated." At first he told police he was the only one in the car then insisted there were five people in the car and he wasn't driving.

Police said he was taken to Huron Valley Hospital and then rushed to Ann Arbor emergency. Doctors drew blood to check for his blood alcohol content.

## STOLEN GOODS

On Dec. 4, a Warren man discovered his stereo CD player and a radar detector were stolen from his car parked in the Taft parking lot at Novi High School. Police said the car was parked near the receiving area and may have been unlocked.

## ONCE BITTEN

A child was reportedly bitten by a neighbor's dog Dec. 4 at 4:30 p.m. The child was walking in the owner's garage when the dog approached her. She held out her hand to the dog, which reportedly reacted aggressively and chased her from the home as she ran away, according to police reports.

She put her arm out to the dog again and it bit her, causing two small puncture marks. Police said she was treated by a

## Police News

physician and received a tetanus shot. The dog's owner said the animal had all its shots. The report was forwarded to Oakland County Animal Control.

## STOLEN TANK

A manager at Guernsey Farms Dairy on Novi Road reported a missing intruder's tank to police on Nov. 26. He said two employees had locked the tank up that night but in the morning it was missing. He said he claims it up because past employees have inhaled the substance for a temporary high. Police searched the area but found nothing.

## FOUND DOG

Police came to the aid of a red colored male chow dog on Dec. 3 when a resident of the Lakewood Park Condominiums called to report the animal had been chained to a flagpole all morning. Police took the dog around the neighborhood for residents to identify him, but neighbors didn't recognize him. A caring woman took the dog temporarily until the owners could be found.

## ABDUCTED ART

The owner of the Novi Mansion off Nine Mile discovered someone had made off with \$2,000 in paintings from the restaurant on Nov. 28.

Police said they found the door on the southwest screened porch kicked in.

The owner said the two paintings had been shown on a recent television program.

## POACHERS' REMAINS

A Novi man and his nephew discovered four deer deer near the tree farm on Twelve Mile and Dixon roads on Dec. 2. All four animals were gutted and one was beheaded, according to police.

## HIJACKED BLAZER

A man from Chicago didn't find a nice welcome arriving in Novi. While staying at the Novi Hilton his Chevy Blazer was stolen from the parking lot.

According to police reports, witnesses saw three men pulled up in an orange Honda Civic. One man exited the car and entered the gray Blazer. Both vehicles took off at a high rate of speed with their headlights off and headed toward the freeway.

## PEEPING PERVERT

A woman sat sipping a cup of coffee the morning of Nov. 30 when she glanced out her window to see a man peering in.

According to police, the white male - about 20-years-old, standing about 5-foot-8-inches and weighing about 160 pounds - wore a brown hat and a brown coat.

She said he unipped his pants and rubbed his genitals until she jumped up to reach the phone and call police. He fled and was nowhere to be found when police arrived.

Officers told the woman to keep her blinds closed.

## CHARGE IT

A Novi man on Gladwin locked up his house and hit the sack the night of Dec. 4 only to discover a break-in the next morning and a large credit card bill.

Police said someone entered the home through the dining room window and took the man's wallet from his pants lying on the floor. No other property was stolen.

Police said the credit card company reported more than \$200 in groceries was charged at about 4 a.m. and other charges incurred at service stations on the east side.

## MAIL TAMPERING

Two separate instances of mail tampering were reported to police earlier this month.

On Dec. 6, a man and his daughter found torn letters and other mail on the playground at Novi Woods Elementary.

On Dec. 7, a package was found near a home on Portsmouth. It was opened and contained baby items. Police said they delivered the package to its address.

## Novi Briefs

### Taking applications

The City of Novi is taking applications for those seeking appointment to various boards and panels. The deadline for applications has been set as Jan. 5. Council decided Monday it will hold its last interviews Jan. 11. Up for appointment this year are one 3-year term on the Election Commission, two 3-year terms on the Zoning Board of Appeals, one 3-year term on the Beautification Commission, two 3-year terms on the Computer Advisory Committee and one seat on the Planning Commission which will expire at the end of June 1997. That planning commission appointment is to fill the unexpired term of Kathy Mutch, who was promoted to City Council in the recent election.

There is one vacancy on the Police and Fire Needs Assessment Committee, which will sunset Jan. 31, 1996.

Several residents are interested in being reappointed for appointments but did not submit their applications in time council interviews conducted Nov. 27, including Kenneth Schell of the Computer Advisory Committee, Lavonne Rinke of the Zoning Board of Appeals, and Pamela Superfisky of the Beautification Committee.

Others have already submitted their names. Up for appointment to the Election Commission is Helen Stabler. Gerald Harris is seeking reappointment to the ZBA. Connie Mallett has also put her name in for that panel. Gretch Puseley and Pamela Superfisky have put their names in for the Beautification Commission. Timothy Burke is seeking reappointment to the Computer Advisory Committee.

Seeking the vacancy on the planning commission are Richard Dietrich, Joseph Girardot, Sarah Gray, Michael Meyer, Phillip Polry, Matthew Wick, Lawrence Williams, David Breuch and Denise Jenkins.

### Novi's newest officer

The City of Novi officially swore in the newest member of its police force Monday night. Aaron Poyer was introduced by Novi City Police Chief Doug Schaeffer and sworn into office by City Clerk Tammi Bartholomew. Poyer has been with the department since August 1995. This was his first opportunity to be sworn in since he was attending Police Academy at Oakland University where he graduated with honors in December and also delivered the commencement address.

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# Commission OK's McDonald's proposal

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL  
Staff Writer

It won't be the same McDonald's you're used to seeing. But it will fit into the sophisticated Novi style.

A proposed "PlayPlace" for the McDonald's on Twelve Mile Road east of Novi Road, near Twelve Oaks Mall, received final site plan approval from Novi City Council Monday. It got the nod from the Novi Planning Commission last week.

McDonald's architect Frederick Martin shows council the proposal to build a 1,114-square-foot play area and a 75-square-foot Cash Booth, which is an second drive through window.

The design will be a tremendous asset to the restaurant and the community," said Martin.

The interior colors used will be earth tones rather than the usual bright pinks, blues and yellows. The wall that separates the PlayPlace from the dining area will contain an aquarium and the earth tones used throughout are in keeping with an ecological theme, he said.

"We want it to be something you can be proud of," said Ed Kulligowski, area supervisor for

McDonald's. The renovation will include redecorating the interior of the restaurant as well as adding landscaping and a bike path.

According to Kulligowski, the bright yellows and oranges will be replaced by softer colors and the fish tank were added to provide the "environmental theme."

"The idea is to match the outside elegance," he said. The PlayPlace addition will be a tall glass windowed structure with a variety of climbing structures and slides visible to the outside.

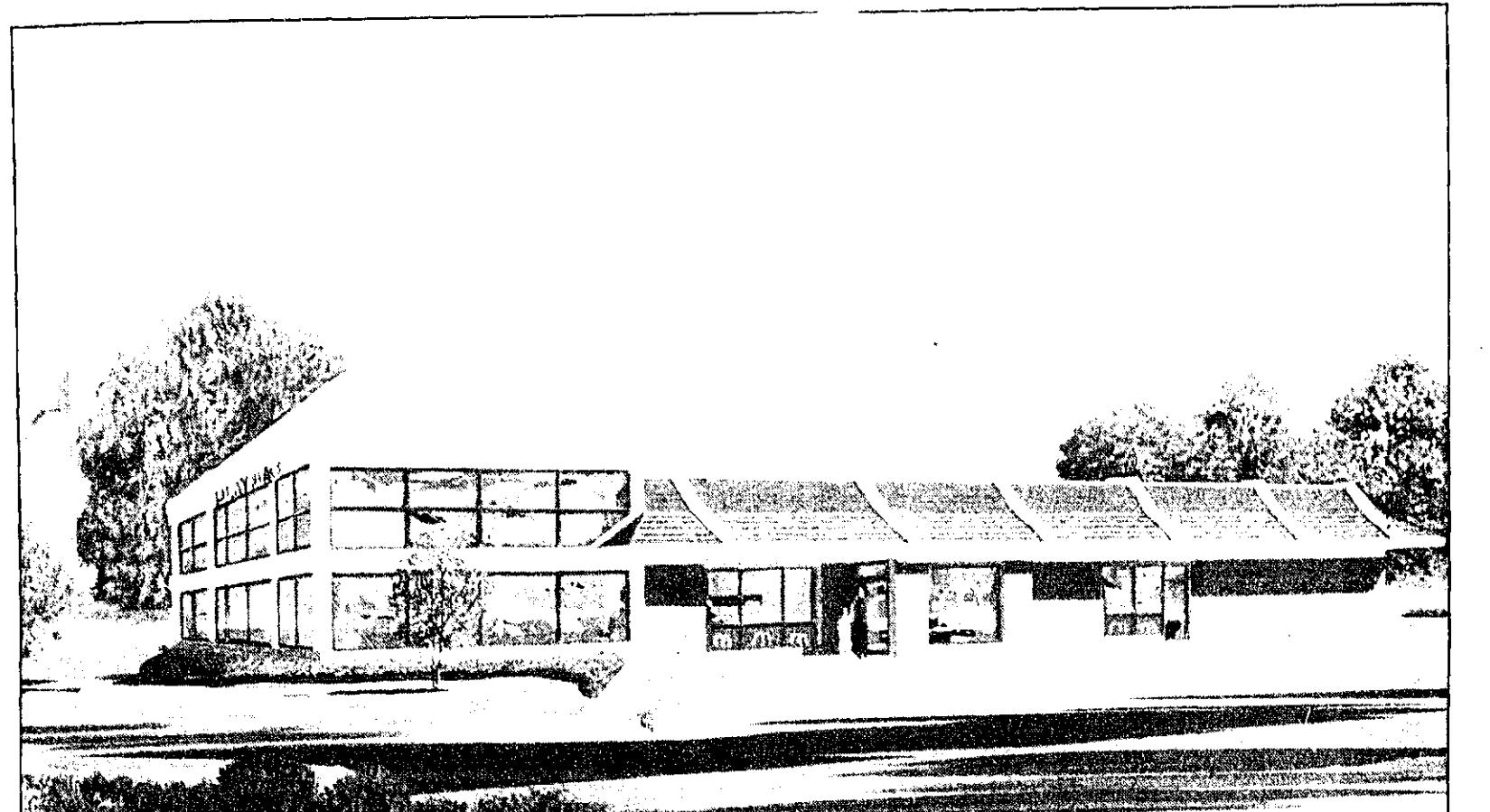
Because of that, Commissioner Kim Thomas Capello raised the issue of what colors would be used.

"I don't expect to use the bright blues and pinks," seen in the other restaurants, explained Kulligowski.

He said he can't give a final definition of the equipment to be used because McDonald's is continuously updating the structures.

Commissioner Pete Hoadley commended McDonald's officials for their hard work. "This is so much better than what was there," he added.

Special writer Annette Jaworski contributed to this report.



An artist's rendition of the Twelve Mile Road McDonald's with the proposal PlayPlace added to the front.

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## Commission struggles with wetlands ordinance

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL  
Staff Writer

Can you trust an individual homeowner to enforce wetlands ordinances in his or her own backyard?

That was the question the Novi Planning Commission struggled with at its Dec. 6 meeting when a residential developer proposed including wetland buffers in the lots of four homeowners in the proposed eight home Delfino Estates near Nine Mile and Taft roads.

"My experience is that when it comes time to put the swing set up they don't care if it's a wetland," said member Jacque Hodges.

The presented subdivision plat would require a waiver from the city council because it includes wetlands and wetland buffers from the Thornton Creek within the lot lines. That's prohibited under the wetlands ordinance, according to city planning and zoning director Steve Calhoun.

Although the developer hoped to gain the waiver recommendation from the planning commission, the commissioners wanted to avoid recommending the waiver to City Council and suggested finding an alternative.

After much discussion, commissioners voted 6-1 to give the wetlands to the homeowner's association as a commons area. The feeling was with more people responsible for the wetlands' area, the ordinance would be better enforced.

As a consequence, the property owner and developer, Laura Delfino, will have to rework some of the other lot lines to provide an access easement for the area.

New commission member Michelle Bononi was the only one opposed to the motion because she said she couldn't approve a plan that called for a change. "The presentation was not fine tuned," she said.

But a 6-1 vote doesn't mean reaching a decision was easy for the rest of the members. Commissioners first voted 4-3 not to grant preservation easements to the developer which would make the four individual homeowners responsible for the land.

Opposing votes came from commissioners who wanted either the city or the homeowners to possess the land. But many could not agree on just how to accomplish creating the access needed for it to be a separate parcel.

Mike Priest, a civil engineer for Delfino, said there just wasn't room to provide an access route to the area. He suggested making the area part of the park belonging to the subdivision to the south, Bradford of Novi.

He also suggested deeding the land to the city. "They can have it if they want it," he said. But even that would require a 10-foot wide access easement from Nine Mile.

Commissioner Art Vrettas suggested the developer work with whomever might own the adjacent property to the west to provide an access route from that direction.

"When that developer goes to develop that land he will run in to the same problems, so why not work together now, deed the land to the city and provide easements from Nine Mile?" he asked.

He wanted the decision to be delayed until the next meeting, so Delfino could look into the idea.

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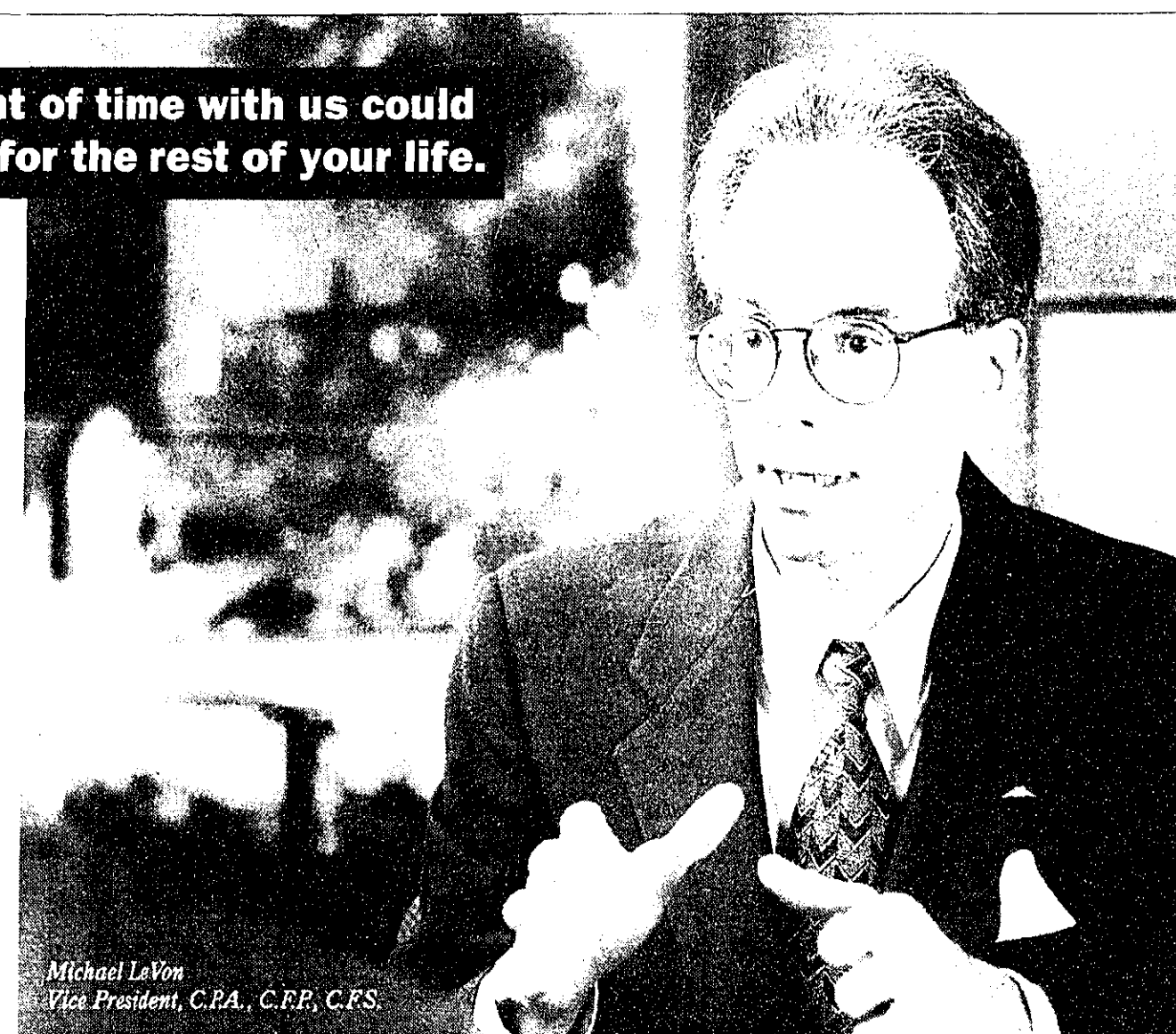
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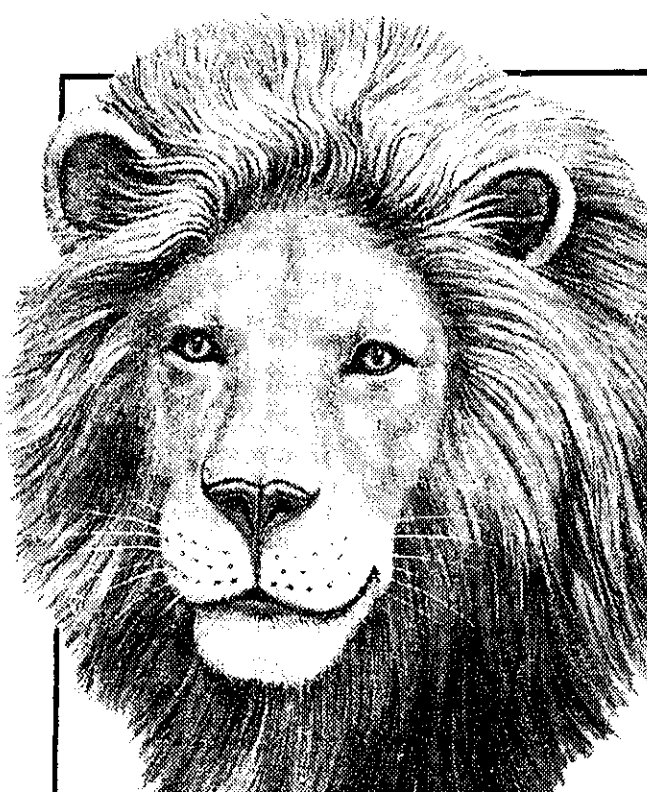
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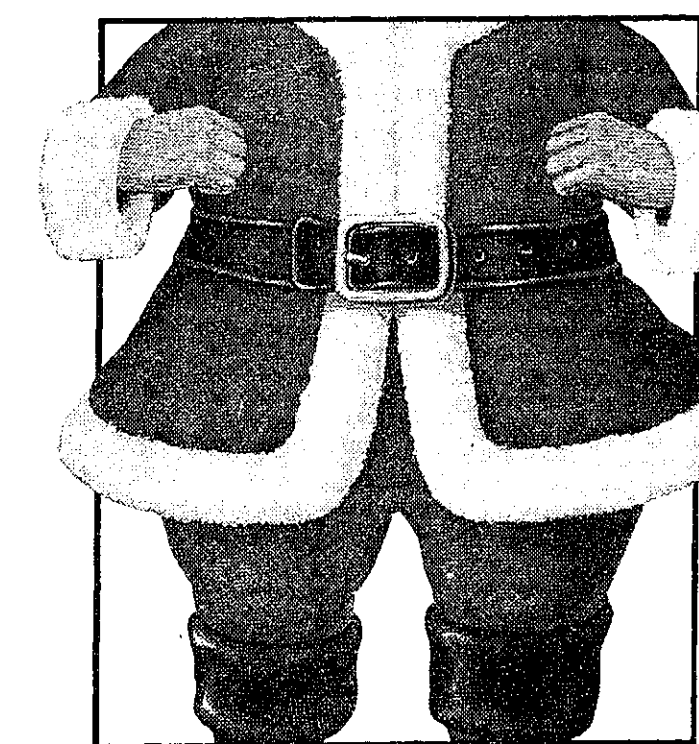
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## Tuition aid helps cut school cost

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL  
Staff Writer

It costs an estimated \$8,261 to attend Central Michigan University for one year. It costs over \$10,000 to attend Michigan State University. And although it may cost less to attend a community college or commuter-type college, it still costs.

And by the looks of it, the growth in the tuition fees is not going to slow down.

So how can the average Novi parent and student afford it?

"Some people are taking out personal loans or refinancing their homes," said Bill Ayotte, a counselor at Novi High School.

"It's a struggle for people," he explained. "For most middle or upper middle class people it's a burden especially if you have multiple kids in school or a parent going back to school."

But even though the federal government has threatened to cut a good portion of the educational budget which includes college aid packages, some people in Novi may be able to take advantage of federal, state and local sources for school funding.

"In an affluent community people get discouraged and don't apply because they feel they won't qualify," said Ayotte.

Ayotte said students of all ages can, at the very least, apply for government loans, scholarships

and grant programs to see if they might be eligible. He said people often forget the government will take into consideration how many other students are in the household and also unusual family circumstances.

"I recommend everybody does it. It's kind of a pain but there are some programs that could spin off from it that aren't necessarily tied to the government," he said.

Interested prospective students need to fill out a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form, the "key" to entering financial aid programs. The form can be picked up at the high school in January and requires income information so save a check stub to make it easier to fill out, suggests Ayotte.

The forms are due between January 1 and February 15 for the best results. Students are notified in the spring.

For 1996 Novi graduates, Ayotte said the number of local scholarships is impressive, about 30 in all. They come from local organizations, clubs, religious groups and as memorial scholarships.

Adults going back to school and parents with college-bound students should also check into their church, employer, union or veteran's group for financial assistance. Ayotte said employers are learning it pays to pay for an employee's education. As far as private companies that promise to find financial assistance for a fee, Ayotte said he's sure there are some good companies out there but "buyer beware." A good state service called MI-CASHE attempts to match money to students, he said.

The most important thing of all is to stay in touch with the college or university's financial aid office.



Novi High School counselor Bill Ayotte with a box full of financial aid and scholarship forms from different universities.

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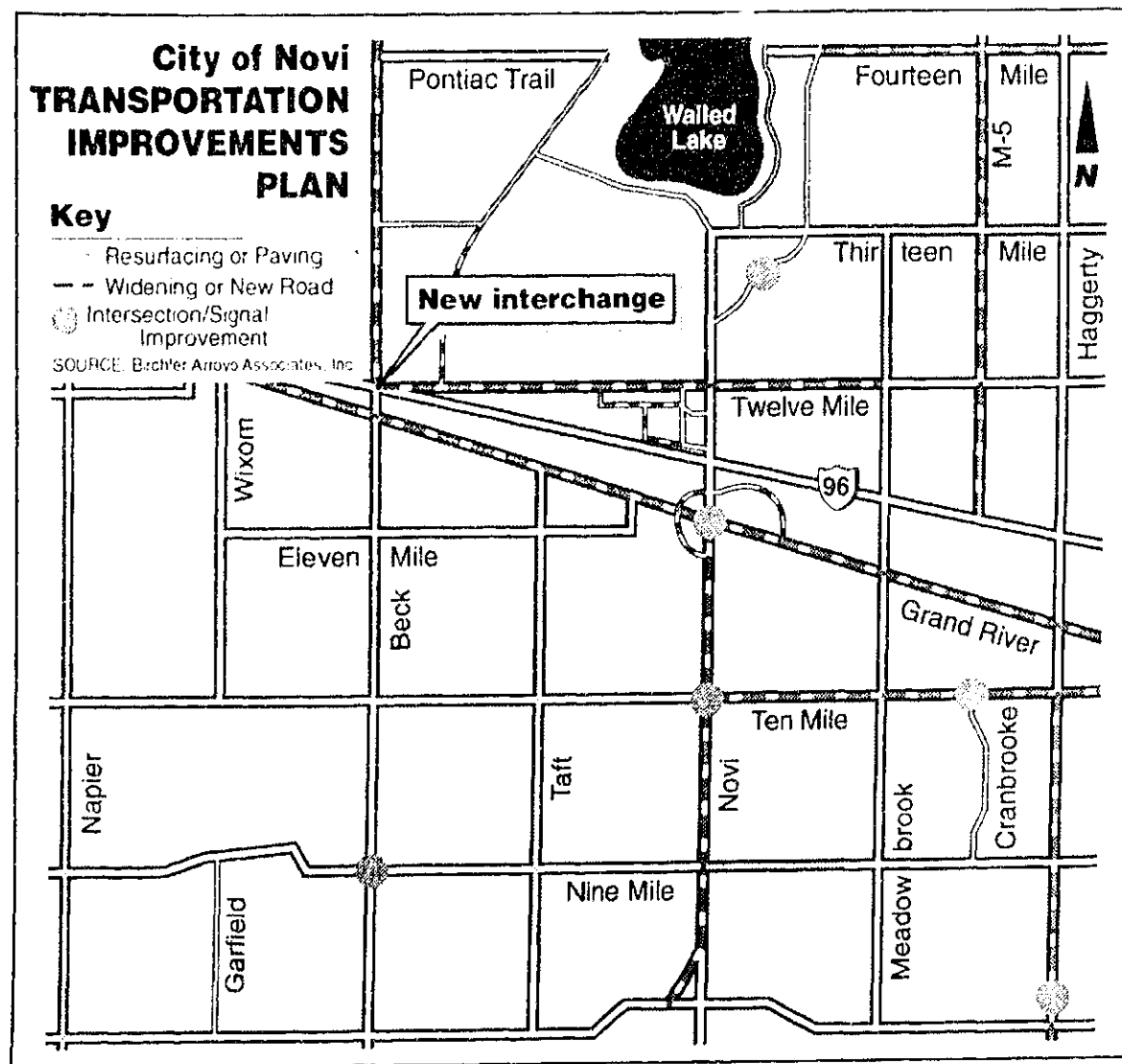
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## \$116M set for road work

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL  
Staff Writer

The City of Novi is hoping to get on the road to well-ville and eliminate traffic congestion with more than \$116 million in road improvements over the next ten years.

Rod Arroyo, Novi Planning Commission traffic consultant, presented the Ten Year Transportation Plan to planning commissioners Nov. 29.

Yet, none of the 28 projects on the list is assured, said Arroyo. The list is just a suggestion of the necessary improvements the city should try to implement in the future.

"There's no guarantee these improvements will occur. It's a needs list. It's likely the traffic levels on the roadways will get so these improvements will be warranted," he explained.

"The city can use it to guide future decisions," he added.

The plan suggests \$15,752,500 in major improvements for city roads. The rest would come from county, state and federal sources. The figures do not include engineering and right-of-way costs.

The biggest expenditure in the Novi category would be the extension of Crescent Boulevard to Grand River at \$3.2 million.

The second highest improvement would be the extension of Taft

Road from Grand River north at \$2.5 million.

Oakland County would fund more than \$67 million in changes. These include widening Grand River Avenue to five lanes from Haggerty to Twelve Mile.

Arroyo said that although people move to Novi for the small-town suburban feel, there are many reasons the roads need to be improved.

"One of the things that is important to keep in mind is although the city has some rural aspects it also has some regional facilities that draw people here who are not residents," he explained. He said the freeways, the shopping centers and the Expo center are just some of the examples.

Arroyo said more than 100,000 vehicles enter and exit the city each day driven by non-residents.

"It's a fact of life that traffic is going to increase, he said.

"The question comes down to which road improvement is most critical to the city and where to direct traffic," he said.

"If the city of Novi shut down today, five years from now it would still have more traffic than it does today because of what is going on in communities outside of the city," he said.

Arroyo cited the case of Ten Mile Road. With the South Lyon booming in residential population and Ten Mile being the "highway" to the area, the increased traffic will need to be alleviated somehow.

The question is "how?"

The plan suggests widening Ten Mile Road to five lanes, but that idea has been met with some opposition.

During last week's meeting, Planning Chair Laura Lorenzo asked Arroyo to give his opinion on the Ten Mile Road situation.

"If an improvement isn't made to Ten Mile, the capacity problem there will begin to impact other roads like Nine Mile," Arroyo said.

He explained the best solution is to build a five lane road. Three lanes is too little because it only adds a turning lane and doesn't eliminate traffic problems. Four lanes is too little because without a left hand turn lane, safety problems emerge.

Jim Wahl, city planning and community developer director, agreed with Arroyo. He said even though his residence backs up to Ten Mile, he would weather the changes to see easier road access in the city.

## NPSD ok's principals contracts

By ROBERT JACKSON  
Staff Writer

The Northville Public School District has finally reached a contract agreement with the Northville Association of School Administrators (NASA).

The accord, which was ratified by NASA and approved by the district board of education Monday, will only cover the current 1995/96 school year, according to Roy Danley, director of personnel.

The district and NASA union negotiators have been working for months on the agreement. The contract affects all school building principals, and the district's two special education sites at Old Village School and the Bryant Center. In all, 13 district officials were covered by the pact.

Danley explained that the agreement calls for a 2.5 percent increase in base salary, along with a 1 percent equity adjustment, bringing the total pay schedule increase to 3.5 percent for 1995-96.

The settlement also calls for the district to provide a prescription drug program with a \$5 co-pay to the employees' medical insurance.

"Employees will pay one quarter of 1 percent of the annual base salary toward their medical insurance cost," Danley said. "The payment will be through payroll deduction."

Danley said the measure also includes district committee assignments along with district in-service staff development and committee meetings.

"The district will consult with administrators prior to assigning them to a district committee," Danley said. "Consideration will be given to special activities that are of an on-going nature within their building. Every effort will be made to make committee assignments equitable."

The district will also make every "reasonable effort" to avoid scheduling committee meetings or staff development activities that require substitute teachers during the weeks of vacation periods, according to Danley.

Although the contract only covers the current school year, Danley said the district and NASA representatives have agreed to conduct a cooperative survey.

"The purpose of the survey will be to provide comparative data to be used in reviewing the (current) salary and compensation relative to ... districts surveyed," he said.

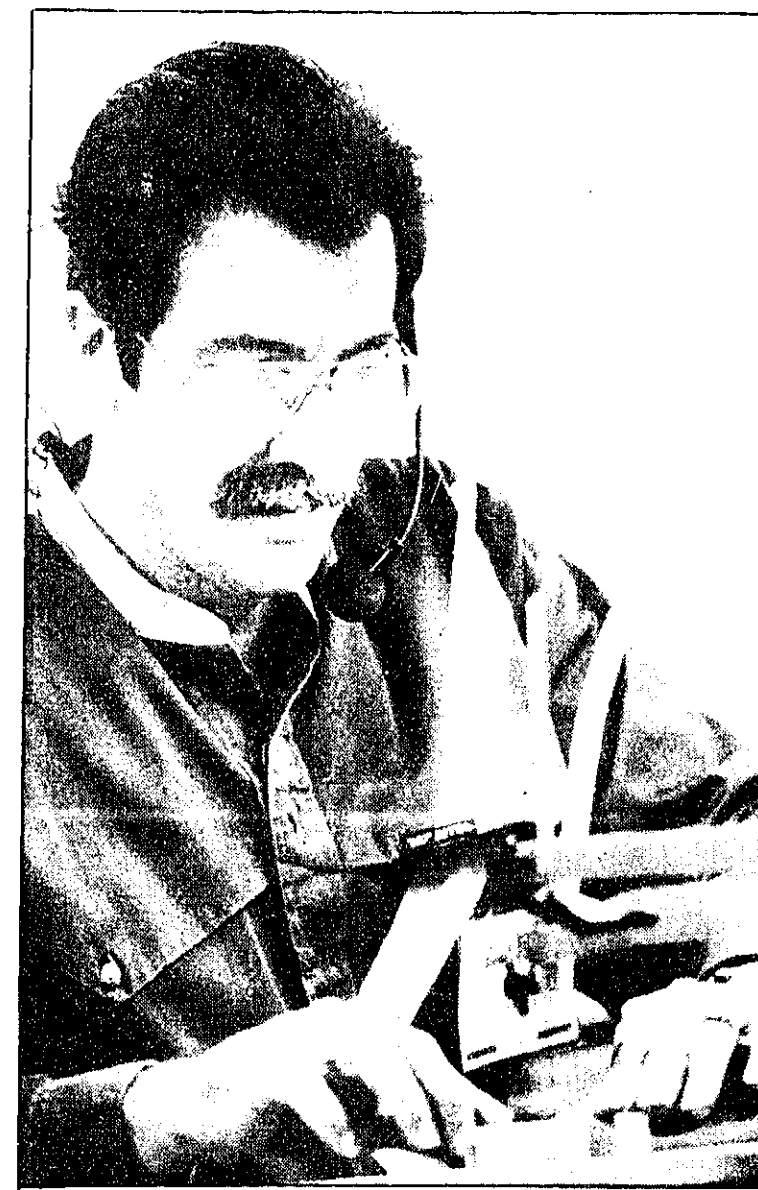


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# Northville consultant has good bond record

By ROBERT JACKSON Staff Writer

The Okemos Public School District loves Dr. William DeJong. So does the Holly Area School District, the Caledonia School District, and many other school districts in Michigan and Ohio.

That's because DeJong, who has been hired by Northville Public Schools to facilitate its Futures Committee, is extremely good at what he does. So good, in fact, that a majority of the school districts that utilize his skills end up passing successful bond proposals.

DeJong's forte is consensus building, and the district invested \$45,000 to allow him to work his magic. His dialogue sessions draw rave reviews from the communities he is involved with, and he has worked for various school districts across the state, including Birmingham, Cascade Township, East Grand Rapids, Grosse Ile, Whitmore Lake, and Grand Lodge.

His services are in demand because his success rate at building community consensus is high. Just ask Holly Area School District Superintendent Wayne Peterson.

"The community dialogue was the key to bringing district patrons together," he said. "After four previous attempts to get a bond issue approved, the community was

finally able to come up with a workable plan. The end result was well worth the effort."

The end result for Holly was a \$46 million bond issue approved by voters in September. According to Peterson, \$37 million is earmarked for the construction of a new high school, and \$9 million will go to the reconstruction of a new elementary school.

Currently the district utilizes 24 portable classrooms at the high school and elementary school levels.

Peterson said Holly is growing and the boom in the auto industry is responsible for the growth. "That's why the other bond attempts failed," he said. "They came at times when the economy was slow and the economy was sluggish."

The district hired DeJong, who facilitated four community dialogues, and 400 members of the community took part in the process, Peterson explained.

"We focused on demographic trends, facility needs, and what types of technology were necessary to prepare kids for the future," he said. "From those meetings we were able to develop a community plan."

"Not everyone got what they wanted, but the plan was developed by the community," he added. "The community took ownership of

that plan and the end result was a positive one."

The first Northville community dialogue took place last week at the high school. District officials provided an overview of the district's planning activities followed by DeJong's presentation entitled "Trends For the Year 2000 and Beyond."

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

Next on the districts agenda was the first of several meetings of the 50-plus member High School Futures Committee last Friday and Saturday. The purpose of the meetings was to have committee members study future trends and program delivery, while at the same time discussing space requirements, options and alternatives, and cost.

The committee will utilize the reports of the district's Bond Enhancement and Technology committees. The three committees earlier this year recommended the district ask voters to approve a \$50 million bond proposal to construct a new high school and convert the existing facility into a middle school. The school board in

September opted to pass up a bond election, and hired DeJong to lead the consensus building process.

Although Northville School District officials say that it's premature to talk about any type of bond proposal, DeJong's work history suggests that once the community provides the input and develops a plan, a bond recommendation usually follows.

That's exactly how it worked in Okemos, according to Okemos Public School District Superintendent Daniel Wertz.

"Before the process began, I didn't think the community would approve construction of a new high school facility, but as the consensus building process began to take hold, we learned that a majority of the community, indeed, wanted a new facility," Wertz said. "It was the community, not the school district that came to the conclusion that there was a need for the facility."

"What DeJong was able to do for Okemos was to help us identify several alternatives to present to the school board," Wertz added. "He brought focus to the process."

Okemos' situation is similar to Northville's in that both communities are affluent, dedicated to excellence in education, experiencing growth in student population,

and were utilizing outdated school facilities. In September, Northville school officials toured the new Okemos High School and talked with Okemos officials about the process Wertz explained.

According to Okemos resident William Ralls, who chaired the district's TOST (Taking Okemos Schools into Tomorrow) committee, the consensus building process was extremely helpful and involved a broad spectrum of the community.

"There were recommendations that didn't please everyone, but at least anyone who took an active part in the process could respect the fact that every idea and opinion was given equal merit and was thoroughly discussed by the community," Ralls explained.

"There were members of our community that had different viewpoints on which direction we needed to go, but we were not a divisive community. Okemos has always had high expectations when it comes to public education."

The committee delivered several recommendations to the school board, according to Ralls.

"There was one recommendation that we build a new high school

facility and transform the old high school into a middle school," he said. "Another recommendation was not to build a new high school facility but instead upgrade the current facility."

"The third choice was to just provide renovations to the existing high school facility," he added.

The Okemos school board opted to go for a \$50 million bond vote and retrofit the old high school into a middle school. The bond issue passed easily in June of 1990.

Both facilities are in operation, Wertz said.

Ralls maintains that the district spent its money wisely in hiring DeJong.

"He did an excellent job as a facilitator. He was always helpful and his educational background provided an excellent source of information," Ralls stated. "He was adept at helping us identify problems, and in discussing those problems, helped us find answers."

"The most important point is that you have to allow everyone to state their opinions and concerns, and you have to let people know that their ideas will be considered on an equal basis with others," he added.

# Bill targets 'deadbeat' parents

By TIM RICHARD Staff Writer

Nearly two years ago, Sen. Robert Geake was listening to stories public testimony from hundreds of people complaining about child support payments in many Michigan counties.

Early in November, the state Senate, without a word of debate, gave unanimous approval to the first 25 of 40 reform bills Geake guided through committees to crack down on deadbeat parents and make life fairer for non-custodial parents.

"Michigan joins the Uniform Interstate Family Support Act on collecting child and spousal support," Geake said in his third-floor office behind the Senate chamber in the Capitol after the session. "We took a giant step toward helping the stability of Michigan children and families."

That bill sets up tribunals to: 1) forward support proceedings to other states, and 2) serve as a responding tribunal for proceedings started in other states. In extreme cases, a governor could extradite deadbeats who failed to provide support.

"The bills go to the House, where routine approval is likely. If enacted, most of the bills would become law in mid-1996."

Sen. Michael Bouchard, R-Birmingham, was the sponsor of one

"Sometimes a person is short at the end of the month and has three bills to pay - phone, credit card and child support. He'll pay the phone and credit card because if he doesn't it will affect his credit rating. Now, his non-payment of support also can affect his credit rating."

part of the package - to require FOC to tell credit agencies about non-payments of two or more months that reached \$1,000.

"Sometimes a person is short at the end of the month and has three bills to pay - phone, credit card and child support. He'll pay the phone and credit card because if he doesn't it will affect his credit rating," said Bouchard. "Now, his non-payment of support also can affect his credit rating."

Geake said one bill allows a custodial parent to sue for back support for as long as 10 years after a child reached age 18. That would allow recovery when the non-custodial parent's economic circumstances have changed.

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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. (A) Roy Acuff (B) Claudia Schmitt (C) Josh White, Jr. (D) Earl Scruggs (E) Lou Berryman (F) Nine Inch Nails? (15)

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## Study will focus on park site

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with a clubhouse. The second plan will omit the clubhouse but include general recreation uses such as concessions, restrooms, nature center, pathways, play grounds parking and other support facilities.

Councilman Robert Mitzel initially opposed the study in September and again voted his concerns at the Monday meeting.

"I have a grave concern that we spend more money on something that was already studied," Mitzel said, referring to the wetland and habitat studies of the area.

Mitzel objected to the expense of the study and the golf course putting that the city has already paid for several other studies of the environmental quality and sensitivity of the area. He also left the

studies clearly showed the area is not conducive to a high impact activity.

Another problem, he noted was that the study would prolong the way to utilize the land as a park area longer.

"I'm concerned that the study will delay us from following a deliverable schedule. For three years we've owned the land and this will slow down the process of getting the park open," Mitzel said.

Davis pointed out that limited use of the land has been made through cross country trails, tree cutting activities and at Halloween.

Council member Bob Schmid disagreed with Mitzel stating his concerns for the environment notwithstanding, there are many ways to work with environmentally sensitive areas with today's technology.

"We've got 100 plus acres that needs planning or it wouldn't get used. A golf course may enhance the environment. There are many ways with today's technology to work with environmentally sensitive land. A golf course is a commitment to a quality community. It could result in a fine project and we should see it as viable," said Schmid.

Davis indicated the study would take approximately six months and felt it would be of significant importance to get a recreation site master plan.

He emphasized that the study itself wouldn't obligate the city to a golf course, as it will provide a planned use of property two ways, with or without a golf course.

"There's no incentive for the

land, or no commitment to construction," said Davis.

Approximately 150 to 200 acres of the park would be required for the creation of the course, he said.

Council member Nancy Cassis said it was important that the process involve citizen input before a commitment is made to a project. Davis said that once the study is completed, public hearings will be held to gain citizen input.

Mayor Kathleen McAllen supported this study stating that it will give the city a direction.

"For less than \$40 an acre we'll finally have a master plan. We can finally move to the next level with a plan that we can see," said McAllen.

## Council approves license transfer

Mr. B's will be one step closer to replacing Frigate's Bar at Fourteen Mile and East Lake Drive. The Novi City Council voted 6-1 Monday to approve a Class C-SDM liquor license transfer from Kerrigan and Kerrigan to Mr. B's Walled Lake.

John Carlin, representing Mr. B's, indicated that the owners are not contemplating any change in building or concept, except to possibly "clean it up."

Councilman Robert Schmid cast the only dissenting vote indicating he had no objections to Mr. B's, but had concerns over traffic. It was pointed out that there is no other space available to alleviate the parking problem.

"What happens in fact is that every Saturday night this area is highly congested," said Schmid.

The Class C-SDM license allows takeout for beer and wine at the future Mr. B's. Carlin said this is typical of independent restaurants.

## School changes draw mixed review

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with the uncertainty as well as getting bored in class, how that time will be spent, and not having enough time to see friends during the day.

"I'd forget which class to go to," said his friend, sophomore Jimmy Pevens.

"The music program will die if they don't change it," said one shy sophomore who didn't want to be identified. "Because students coming in next year will only get one elective credit and will have to take a foreign language class so there won't be any room for music. And then once the upperclassmen leave there will be no one left in band."

The teen said the new schedule is appalling. "It sounds like you hear more," she added. "But what if you're sick? Then you miss so much class."

The students are preparing for the change, although they feel the decision was made without really taking their concerns into consideration.

Ching said although students were presented with the plan during the year, even if students had objections, "there's nothing we can do about it."

McAllen said very few people paid attention to administrators during the presentation to students. "Everyone was just kind a bored," she said. "At least in my class, I don't know about anyone else's class."

"Things change so much around here it's just something else," Gordon said.

## Parents want system monitored

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL  
Staff Writer

Although the it wasn't read aloud during the board meeting, Novi School Board secretary Julie Abrams told the audience a letter from parents expressing their view of the proposed changes to the high school schedule would be taken under advisement.

School board members have agreed to review a proposal from the high school administration to change the school day schedule from a six period day with 55-minute classes to a four period day with 85-minute classes. This would enable students to take eight credits a year instead of the current six.

The Novi News obtained a copy of the letter from the superintendent's office, signed by 14 parents opposed to the changes.

The letter stated:

"We did not purchase our home in the Walled Lake or Monroe because their school districts did not compare to Novi's. Mr. Miller repeatedly refers to these two school districts and the Wasson High School in Colorado (which consists mostly of low income families) in this new proposal. We feel that the above comparison is an inappropriate and irrelevant benchmark."

It also challenged claims the new schedule will improve learning by 30 percent.

"I am sure any CEO of a major corporation will be willing to pay (Miller) millions of dollars if he can immediately improve the efficiency and productivity by 27 percent without giving people in the case our children and teachers' transition time to cope with the change as well as any investment in additional teacher training. We think this goal is unrealistic and irresponsible."

The letter proposed having a contingency plan in place to monitor the progress of the new system and to revert back to the old system immediately if the new one doesn't work.

Irene Cowley and her husband Mike were two of the parents in the letter. They are so irate over the changes they intend to take their daughter out of the district.

"She will not go through the program whether it means we physically leave the city or go private," said Cowley.

"Maybe I'm wrong. Maybe I don't have the right information but I don't see enough data to see this is going to be good for our students," she explained.

She understands the district is trying to offer kids more choices and to feel the route it's chosen to follow is wrong.

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## Measure approved after council debate

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Mitzel felt as an official committee of the city, the group required more guidance and clarification from the council. Mitzel stated other committees associated with the city have well defined terms and means of appointment.

"It's an official city committee. We should be the ones to make appointments... Some say it's an advisory committee, but it has a budget and seems to have grown into a lot of power," Mitzel said.

Council member Kathleen Mutch suggested that council could merely confirm appointments recommended by other groups.

Council member Robert Schmid disagreed with council interference in the appointment process, stating it is one of the most productive committees within the city. He also pointed out that committees are the supposed to handle these issues to free up council to address other business.

Mutch felt that staggered terms of many of the committees representative that it would make it difficult for many to fulfill a three-year term.

"Some people couldn't make a three-year commitment," Mutch said.

Kriewall agreed that the three-year terms might become restrictive.

"There's enough churn of members on the committees to get a logical turnover of people without messing with a three-year term limit," Kriewall said.

Amendments to allow the council to appoint the committee members and for the three-year term were defeated by a close 4-3 vote.

The final resolution passed approving the resolution 5-2.

Mayor Kathleen McAllen cast one of the dissenting votes.

"This resolution doesn't address what's happening... This group doesn't need such intense observation and energy by council. Any new ideas are going to come from the business community and the developers. We very seriously need to re-address this final issue," McAllen said.

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## As We See It

### Insistence on tax forms just incites city workers

When the city administration explained its reasoning for the new requirement that employees turn over tax forms to verify the eligibility of their dependents for health insurance, the fact eight dependents have already come out of the roles was quickly brought out.

Assistant City Manager Craig Klaver said those eight were discovered during last year's verification process, when the city was only asking for the workers' federal 1040 forms. In part that success at finding people claimed as dependents who were no longer eligible was a part of what spurred the administration to make the submission mandatory this year.

But Klaver said, he did not believe there had been any intent to defraud by the city employees in those eight cases. Rather, it was more likely a case of the employee forgetting to notify the city after a son or daughter had out grown eligibility. In those cases, he said, none were collecting benefits, but the city was still paying the premiums.

If that's the case, then LaReta Roder and the police department's union are right. If there's no intent to defraud, tax forms shouldn't be necessary. Just reminding employees that they need to let the city know when dependents lose eligibility should be sufficient. An annual process asking employees to confirm their dependents' eligibility should do the trick.

It really then shouldn't matter whether it's on tax forms, or affidavits, or birth certificates ... or even restaurant napkins.

The issue became public when LaReta Roder brought the issue before Novi City Council. She is the wife of Novi Detective Max Roder and they have a 21-year-old son who is a college student and thus still eligible for health care coverage under the city's plan.

Roder told the council she considered it an invasion of her privacy that her husband was being asked to submit tax forms to the city, especially if they filed jointly.

John Nelson, representative of the Novi Police Officers Association, said that while LaReta Roder was the only one who would public with her concerns, this issue is a concern for all in the police officer's union ... and in the entire city for that matter.

Nelson said the union would rather



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verify the eligibility of dependents through other methods. The preferred method would have been to simply file an affidavit stating that while the employee's child was over 21, he or she was indeed a full time student, and thus eligible till age 25.

In fact, both Nelson and Roder argued the affidavit would be better. If untrue, the employee could be caught. But using copies of the IRS 1040 form, there is no way for the city prove that it was not a true copy of what was submitted to the feds, since the city does not have access to those records.

But Klaver said tax forms tend to be more reliable.

To us, it hardly seems worth the argument. Any of the methods talked about by either side should do the job. If the point is to basically serve as an annual reminder to employees.

And it would seem to us the city would be well served to eliminate this source of friction with the police department union. It is not as if there aren't already enough other sources of friction between city and union.

Union members are still upset over the loss of 12 hour shifts, the result of a loss at arbitration last year. And there was the election, in which the union backed the challenger in the mayoral race. Police conduct was called into question during that election, which resulted in several reviews of their actions by the chief. The chief found no inappropriate conduct.

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## From gridlock to previews



Michael Malott

Random dispatches from the editor's desk:  
New improved interchange: Have you driven through the Beck/Twelve Mile/1-96 interchange since construction work on the new improved intersection interchange was completed last month?

If you can avoid it, don't. It is gridlock at rush hour.

Tim sure it is safer than it used to be. Remember that with the Beck to the south meets Twelve Mile, the location was constant source of accidents. They were fender benders for the most part, but there were plenty of them. So bad was the quarter panel carnage that I was beginning to think Nov cops had permanently assigned a patrol car there.

Since the new intersection opened, I've not seen a single mishap.

Even if one did occur, it surely would not be serious. How much damage can you do going 15 mile per hour?

And that does seem to be the top speed in that area, come 5 o'clock on any given work day. The problem seems to be that you've got two traffic lights controlling the flow only about 50 yards apart. The space between them fills up a great deal faster than they turn to let the traffic go.

It could be that it's just a matter of timing the traffic lights better. It could be that the intersection is hopeless and just needs to be overhauled. Remember that the plans are for the entire intersection to be scrapped eventually and replaced with a full-blown cloverleaf. It can't come soon enough if you're too reliable.

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In any case, neither the City of Novi nor the Michigan Department of Transportation are quite finished with the Beck/Twelve Mile/1-96 interchange. It will soon need their attention again.

Previews not for all audiences: Novi's influence just keeps growing ... now to the national television network. Last Friday, the city played host to Television Preview, a private consulting firm which holds private screenings of proposed national television shows to selected audiences and then reports the results back to their directors, producers and sponsors. Obviously, these screenings play a significant role in the question of whether such shows eventually get aired.

Somehow, I got selected. Tickets to attend the Friday evening session at the Novi Expo Center arrived in my mailbox at home a week or so ahead of time. And I was excited. I'd get a chance to see shows well before they are aired and to have some impact on what kind of fare the networks feed to us over the boob tube ... or so I thought.

When I arrived for the screening Friday I was asked what my name and occupation were. When I admitted to being a newspaper editor I was immediately informed I would not be allowed to participate. The screenings are confidential, and the company - Television Preview of Evansville Indiana - conducts its work in a strictly confidential fashion. I was politely shown the door. So confidential is its work that numerous phone calls to its director, listed as a G.B. Edwards, have gone unreturned for several weeks.

Sometimes being a journalist gets you better access than the average public ... and sometimes it gets you less.

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## Moments

By Bryan Mitchell



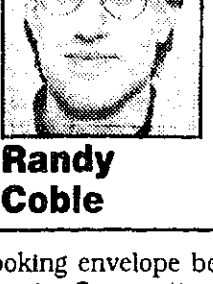
Mary Linda Calderone



## Plaza bucks

This play money was designed by Parkview third grader Julia Lyskava for the school's "mini society" program

## Preying on the less-skeptical

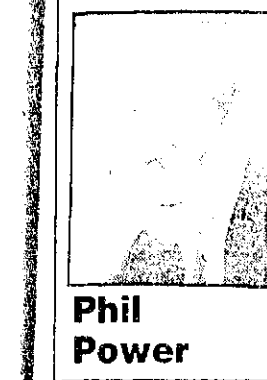


Randy Coble

Junk mail is one of those bane of modern life that I can't stand. Even lower on my pet peeve list than that, though, is deceitful junk mail from folks who find tricking people out of their money easier than earning an honest living.

What I'm up in arms about is a letter which my beloved fiance, Carolyn, recently received. It was an official-looking thing in an official-looking envelope bearing the name "Federal Record Service Corporation."

## Not covered, code will have effect



Phil Power

"This is the season ... And so it was nice to get a letter from State Representative Thomas Kelly, whose district includes parts of Garden City and Westland. Rep. Kelly is a member of the House Education Committee, the site of some of the fiercest battles over school reform.

I find myself in a quandary ... Kelly's letter, trying to understand the absence of qualitative reporting by the media with reference to many defining issues facing our society today, especially education.

"In my position as a State Representative I rely on being able to access as much information as possible so I can make reasonable and sensible decisions. I have access to many, many newspapers published in the state - Unfortunately, I have concluded that for some reason the press is unconcerned with the assault on education and, therefore, does not seem to care about the destruction being inflicted.

"You, sir, are the only voice in the journalistic wilderness who dares to address this subject in a logical and reasonable way. Why are you the lone writer? - Is it really because it is not sensational or sexy? Is it because it doesn't

make the big city papers. You and your colleagues were working on a bill passed by the Senate that would amend the state school code, going so far as to eliminate state-wide required curriculum standards and removing the caps on charter schools. Some moderates on the committee, Republicans and Democrats, were arguing that the changes went too far, did too much damage, and had no real evidence to back them up.

Suddenly, a note was passed to the Committee Chair, Rep. William Bryant, R-Grosse Pointe Farms, summoning the Republican members to Gov. John Engler's office, two floors down. Half an hour later, dissent quieted and votes for the code changes all lined up, the Committee voted to restore the pre provisions.

"The intent is obviously to carry out the remainder of the governor's order," said Committee vice chair, Democrat James Ague. "I was prepared to support this until you left this room and somebody else told you what to do."

Rep. Kelly had his own take: "This is nothing but destructive. What we've done here solidifies my view that it's being done for the purpose of voters and parochialism."

One wonders whether things will be as easy to wire when the bill comes to the full House this week. I sure hope not.

Phil Power is the chairman of the company that owns this newspaper. His Teach-Tone voice mail number is (313) 953-2047, ext. 1880.

## Special thanks to Rotary supporters

To the editor:

This past week the Novi Rotary Club hosted its annual Christmas lunch for the senior citizens of Novi. All who attended thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon. A special thank you is due to the following who worked hard to ensure a successful day: The Novi Middle School Student Council with advi-

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tor Doug Cline; Novi Middle School Choir, directed by Nancy Moyes; Novi Middle School Band, directed by Gordon Seiler; Novi Middle School Food Servers' staff

the staff and management at Fountain Park Apartments; Novi District event organizers; Novi Rotarians Kathy Mutch, Jane Cameron and Bob Burton; and finally, of course, to Santa Claus himself.

Lee Mamola, President

Novi Rotary Club

## Technology brought students together



Mary Linda Calderone

This fall the Farmington public school system had a district Inservice Day. Well, you might say, "So - big deal - they have them every year." But this year, it really was a big deal, thanks to technology.

Keep in mind - the district has 1,200 employees. It was the goal of the district Inservice day to train school employees on the legal implications of sexual harassment in the workplace as required by law.

Now instead of making all 1,200 staff members to go to one place, the schools decided to use cable technology to disseminate the information. The guest speaker, Pamela Poff (a civil rights attorney from New Jersey) was stationed at the Farmington Training Center site. She

was able to speak to all the staff scattered in five different buildings throughout the district (Hillside Elementary, Farmington High, Farmington Training Center, Power Middle School and Central Office). Bus drivers, kitchen workers, maintenance, custodians, teachers, secretaries and administrative staff were all present.

In addition to receiving information from Puff regarding what sexual harassment is, and what their obligations are under the law, video scenarios were played for staff to respond to and discuss with their peers. Small group discussions were led by specially trained facilitators from each school system.

This high-tech inservice day was accomplished by utilizing the Institutional Network (INET), a closed circuit network running throughout some of the buildings in the school district.

"The technical quality of the INET was superior," says Peggy Schmidt, Director of Media Services. Thanks to Clay Collins and the technical staff at Time Warner."

"The Farmington public school employee's

response to this type of medium was quite positive," Schmidt says. Employees liked the fact that they could receive the information and discuss it with peers from their own building.

Of course being scattered among five sites meant greater comfort levels in seating, parking and access to food and refreshments.

"In fact," Schmidt said, "due to the high quality of audio and video signals, the medium soon became transparent to the participants." In the future, the district hopes to have two-way audio signals as well, where the staff can ask questions to the speaker directly.

This medium of delivery is not entirely new to the Farmington public school system. Distance learning among Farmington, Harrison, and North Farmington High Schools has been in place for about six years now. It's the first time, however, the concept has been used in direct staff training. Looks like there will be more district inservice days using the latest technology.

Mary Linda Calderone is the Community Outreach coordinator for the Southwestern Oakland Cable Commission.

## Boone a legendary figure even in own life



Barbara Louie

America has dozens of Kentucky, Virginia and Missouri heroes that make up its colorful history. One of these adventurers spent some time in Detroit during the Revolutionary War.

Born in Pennsylvania in 1734, Daniel Boone was the son of English Quakers who immigrated to the new country in search of adventure.

Boone grew up among friendly Indian tribes in the east, who lived peacefully near the white settlers. Later moving to the west of North Carolina, the Boone family began to encounter more hostile natives, including raids by neighboring Cherokee.

As a young member of the North Carolina militia, Daniel Boone witnessed his first Indian attack. There he also became intrigued by the wilderness, its inherent sense of adventure encouraged him to explore the wilds of the

American west - in this case, the future states of Kentucky, Virginia and Missouri.

Daniel Boone gained his greatest fame by helping clear numerous pathways through forests and over mountains to enable pioneers to walk in safety to new frontiers. The fort at the end of one of these trails, Wilderness Path in Kentucky, was appropriately named Boonesborough.

While scouting a safe passage for a group of pioneers in northeastern Kentucky in January, 1778, Daniel Boone was captured by a Shawnee war party. When he was taken into the native camp, Boone discovered the Shawnee raid was not run by Indians alone. The British influence was strong here, and many of the raids were, in fact, planned by the British.

Using his influence as a well-known figure, Boone was able to convince his captors to spare the lives of the people at the nearby town of Boonesborough and to be taken to the nearest British post, that of Detroit.

The Shawnee agreed to his request, looking forward to the certain reward for turning in potential slaves to the British in Detroit, as well as the legendary Boone himself.

The capture of Daniel Boone by the Shawnee was a blessing indeed, and because of this, the prisoner and his captors remained on fairly good terms, considering the situation. This camaraderie, falsely encouraged by Boone, enabled him to eventually initiate an escape.

Though the Indians were offered a large cash reward by the British for their illustrious prisoner, they did not release him in Detroit. Instead, they proudly paraded him from fort to fort, returning to their base at Chillicothe, Ohio, a fatal error on their part.

There, Boone learned of an upcoming attack by the Indians at Boonesborough. The seemingly random attacks between Boone and the Indians remained and, in a spirit of extreme well-being, the Shawnee adopted the famous tracker into the tribe.

By gaining their trust, he was given more and more freedom until the time was right. Six months after his initial capture, Daniel Boone slipped away from the Shawnee camp to return to the fort that held his name. He arrived in time to warn the settlers of the impending Indian attack.

Barbara Louie is a local historian and is author of the book No. VI on the Trail.

## MUCC head will be hard to replace



Tim Richard

They'll hire a new executive director at Michigan United Conservation Clubs. But it may be impossible to replace Tom Washington, who died Dec. 5 after a heart attack at age 58. The reasons:

If you are an old-fashioned hunting-fishing conservationist, Tom Washington was your leader.

If you are a new style, tree-hugging, bird-watching environmentalist, Tom Washington was your leader.

much concerned about the land and waters, not just the deer and trout that populated it. Amen.

Allen's magazine did some excellent stuff, particularly about the effect of electric power lines on farmers and their livestock. I confess, however, that I disliked having a separate environmental magazine. I thought her work should have been displayed in Michigan Out-of-Doors, MUCC's main publication. Here's why.

Advertising managers are doing much harm to America by segregating folks into markets. Look at any magazine rack. Investors have their magazines; labor has its publications. Hikers and motor fans don't read each other. Men and women have separate magazines. Career women and homemakers have their separate magazines.

The old general circulation magazines that covered politics, health, the arts, business, science, war, recipes, fiction, humor - all have been exterminated by the advertisers. Only in newspapers do they talk to each other - sometimes.

If Michigan's natural resources are to be preserved from the onslaughts of the Engler Administration, which officially refers to polluters as "customers," old-style conservationist and new-style environmentalists must stick together, as Washington insisted.

Washington's MUCC, with 120,000 members, was the muscle behind the 1994 drive for a

constitutional amendment to fund state parks through state oil and gas revenues, and the loudest voice to keep Engler from raiding it.

Washington's MUCC was the muscle for the 1976 "bottle bill" which required deposits on pop and beer bottles and cans, cleaning up our roads and parks almost overnight.

Washington was a key player in the Wetlands Protection Act, Indian fishing controversies, and lawsuits to protect the environment. Without question, other groups - watershed councils, environmental action groups, Sierra Club - were there, too; less than him. But Washington had the loudest voice, biggest checkbook and heaviest clout.

Tom Washington had a greater positive impact on Michigan's outdoors and the people who love it than any live directors of the state Department of Natural Resources, and any 20 legislators. We'll probably never name a state building or park for him.

But every time I visit my favorite camping spot, watch osprey and herons, fish for pike, hike the trails looking for Kirtland's warblers and feel safe that the puppy won't cut her toes on a busted beer bottle, I'll be grateful I knew Tom Washington, even if only slightly.

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

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# Law allows PSC exemption from open meetings

**By TIM RICHARD**  
Staff Writer

With no votes to spare, the state House of Representatives has voted to allow the Public Service Commission to meet permanently behind closed doors.

The PSC regulates utilities and sets their rates.

The bill went to the Senate and was reported out of the Technology Committee. A Senate vote is expected this week.

Rep. Willis Ballard, R-Milford, whose district includes Novi, was absent for the vote.

A 1988 law made the PSC exempt from open meetings but provided the exemption would

expire ("sunset") in 1990. A 1989 law allowed closed meetings through the end of 1995. The new measure, House Bill 5402, would remove the sunset and allow PSC to meet permanently behind closed doors.

The first day's meeting begins at 4:30 p.m. with public comments. To arrange an appearance before the NRC, contact staff person Teresa Gloden at (517) 373-2352.

The NRC business meeting begins at 9 a.m. the next day.

**ELLIS SUPPORTED**

Seventeen state senators like the job Art Ellis is doing as acting superintendent of public instruction and want the State Board of Education to keep him permanently.

**NRC DUE IN NOVI**

The state Natural Resources Commission will come to Novi for its Jan. 10-11 meeting in the Sheraton Oaks Hotel, 27000 Sheraton Drive.

Among signers of the letter are local senators Robert Geake, R-Northville, and Michael Bouchard, R-Birmingham. Thirteen Republicans and four Democrats signed the letter.

Ellis was previously director of the Commerce Department before being appointed interim superintendent of public instruction. He got the job when Clark Durant's conservative board majority succeeded in dumping Dr. Robert Schuller.

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

**MONDAY, DEC. 18**

10:00 a.m. — B.J. Presents: Christmas Magic

10:30 a.m. — Farmington Families in Action: Parenting

11:00 a.m. — Coffee and Conversation: Eternal Fountain of Youth

12:30 p.m. — Dollars and Sense With J.R.: Glen Zabok

1:00 p.m. — Seniors on the Move: The Last Goodbye

1:30 p.m. — The Word of Life: Mumbler and Grumbler

2:00 p.m. — Senior Spotlight: Dental Tips

2:30 p.m. — Driving is a Privilege

3:00 p.m. — Novi Talkin' History: Bill Garfield/Thornton Home

3:30 p.m. — Nardin Park Christmas Concert

4:00 p.m. — (con't)

4:30 p.m. — (con't)

5:00 p.m. — Who, What, Where, Y

5:30 p.m. — Watch What You Heat

6:00 p.m. — Good Health: Healthy People of Novi

6:30 p.m. — Bagels and Talk With Tracy

7:00 p.m. — Multicultural/Multiracial Community Council: Diversity in our Schools

7:30 p.m. — (con't)

8:00 p.m. — Justice

8:30 p.m. — Wise Guys With Ray and Steve

9:30 p.m. — Groove Session

**TUESDAY, DEC. 19**

10:00 a.m. — Rising Tide

10:30 a.m. — (con't)

11:00 a.m. — Summit University

11:30 a.m. — (con't)

12:00 p.m. — Adventures With Pirate Pete

12:30 p.m. — Senior Messenger

1:00 p.m. — (con't)

1:30 p.m. — Praise, Praise, Praise

2:00 p.m. — Walled Lake Casino

2:30 p.m. — (con't)

3:00 p.m. — A Culinary Adventure: College

3:30 p.m. — (con't)

4:00 p.m. — Multicultural/Multiracial Community Council: Diversity in our Schools

4:30 p.m. — (con't)

5:00 p.m. — Faws With a Cause

5:30 p.m. — Living With Your Addictions

6:00 p.m. — B.J. Presents: Christmas Magic

6:30 p.m. — Watch What You Heat

7:00 p.m. — Cash Talks: Cash Family and Leon

7:30 p.m. — Farmington Hills Police Journal

8:00 p.m. — Every Family Needs a C.E.O.

8:30 p.m. — (con't)

## Public Access

**WEDNESDAY, DEC. 20**

10:00 a.m. — Capitol Report

11:00 a.m. — Madonna Magazine

11:30 a.m. — Study in Scripture

12:00 p.m. — The Way The Truth and The Life

12:30 p.m. — That's Italian

1:00 p.m. — Sculpture

1:30 p.m. — (con't)

2:00 p.m. — My Russian Friend

2:30 p.m. — Totally Michigan:

3:00 p.m. — (con't)

3:30 p.m. — Art Recipes for Kids

4:00 p.m. — Crisis in the Modern Family: A.D.D.

4:30 p.m. — (con't)

5:00 p.m. — Women on the Move: Mutual Funds

5:30 p.m. — Groove Session

6:00 p.m. — Senior Messenger

6:30 p.m. — (con't)

7:00 p.m. — Snow Flake Serenade

7:30 p.m. — My Russian Friend

8:00 p.m. — Who, What, Where, Y

8:30 p.m. — Lansing Connection

9:00 p.m. — Speakers Row: News

**THURSDAY, DEC. 21**

10:00 a.m. — Good Health: Healthy People of Novi

11:00 a.m. — (con't)

11:30 a.m. — Bagels and Talk With Tracy

12:00 p.m. — Cash Talks: Cash Family and Leon

12:30 p.m. — Life Matters

1:00 p.m. — The Lew Lady

1:30 p.m. — Snow Flake Serenade

2:00 p.m. — Rudy

**FRIDAY, DEC. 22**

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8:00 p.m. — John Akouri Show: Christmas Special

8:30 p.m. — Hockey Game: Red Wing Old Timers vs. 30-Something Allstars


9:00 p.m. — (con't)

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In 1994, Michigan fire departments reported an increase of nearly 18 percent from 1993. Of the 65,615 fires reported in Michigan during 1994, most occurred between the hours of 4 p.m. and midnight — commonly when the home was occupied. Three areas where fires frequently occurred in the home included the kitchen, bedroom and living area (family room). Last year, 244 deaths in our state were caused by fires.

The state Fire Marshal offers these safe holiday suggestions:

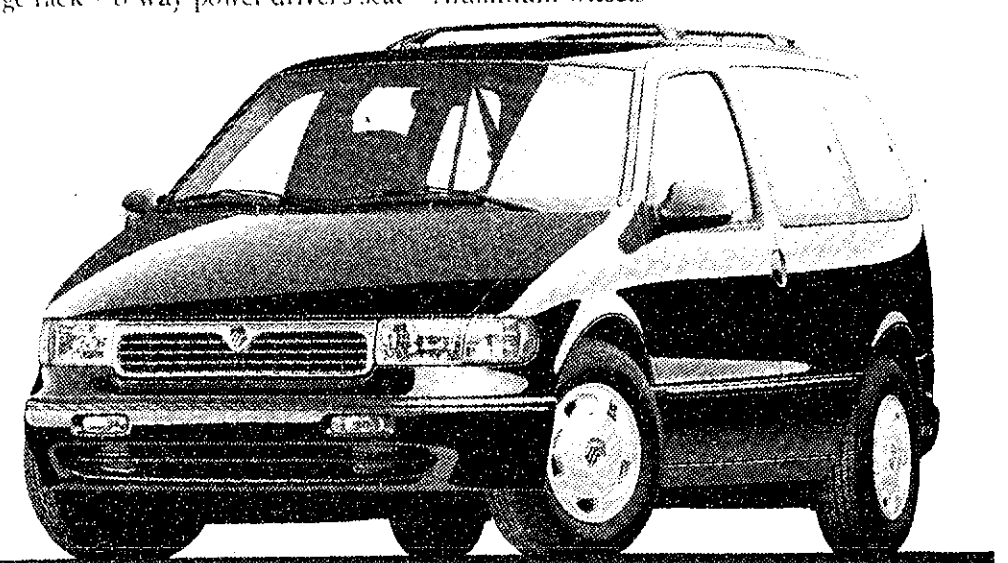
- Choose a fresh Christmas tree and water it frequently. Place the tree in a stand that will not tip over and keep the tree away from heat sources and exitways.
- Keep burning candles away from decorations and other materials that can catch fire. Do not leave children unattended in a room with lighted candles and remember to keep matches and lighters out of children's reach.
- When decorating with lights, purchase only those labeled by a testing laboratory, such as UL. Check for frayed or damaged cords and replace them. Don't overload electric outlets and always unplug all lights before leaving home or going to sleep.
- When hosting holiday parties, provide guests who smoke with large, deep ashtrays. After the party, remember to check inside and under upholstery and in trash cans for smoldering cigarette butts.
- Never leave the stove unattended while cooking. Keep cooking areas clean, wear clothes with tight fitting sleeves, and turn pot handles inward.
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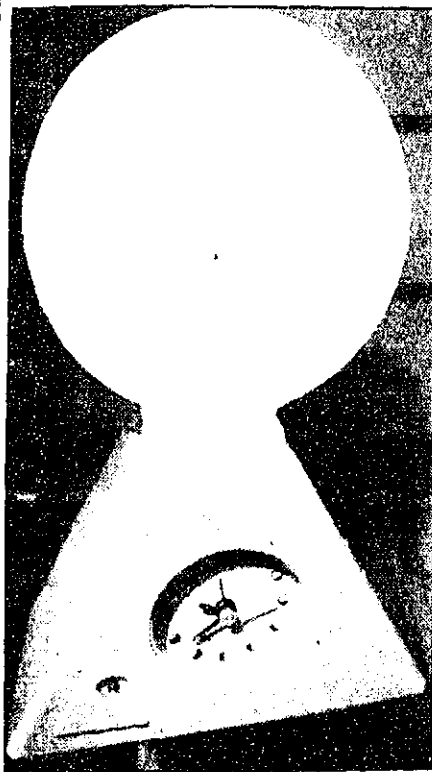
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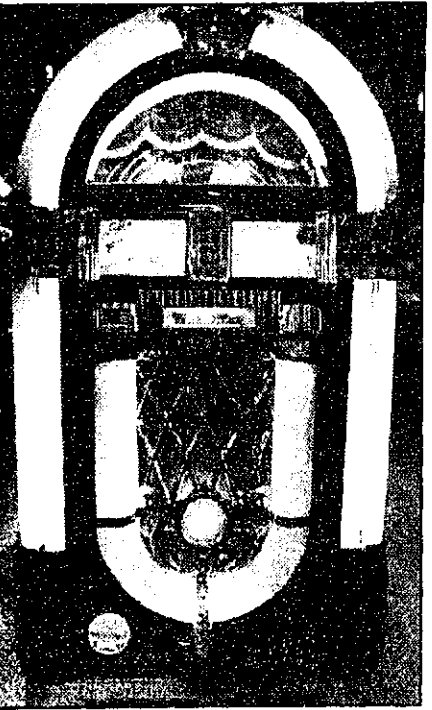
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The SunRise Alarm Clock awakens the sleeper with a light that increases in intensity before the alarm sounds.



Cheryl Volz and her two-and-a-half year old daughter Jenny put in a quarter for one of the 12,000 giant gum balls.



The Wurlitzer Jukebox plays either CDs or 45s and is one of the most expensive items in the store.



Beverly Koivunen takes aim with the new Saucer Launcher which shoots soft foam disks up to 25 feet

## Gifts for the people on your Christmas list are not that scarce

By CAROL WORKENS

Staff Writer  
We've all heard the familiar saying, "What do you get someone who has everything?"

Well, if they truly had everything, they'd already have the hottest item at Sharper Image this Christmas season.

The reasonably priced Saucer Launcher is going out the door at the rate of 35 to 40 per day, according to Joe Muschella, assistant store manager at the Twelve Oaks Mall store. In one weekend recently, Sharper Image sold 250 Saucer Launchers.

The soft foam disks, or saucers, coming flying out of the launching port every time the trigger is squeezed, accompanied by flashing lights and battle sounds. The super-light saucers bounce off walls, furniture and even friends. If your friend already has one, how about his cat? Muschella bought one so that he can play with his cat. He shoots the saucers up into the air and the cat just loves trying to catch them.

If you had a friend who has everything, he'd already have the original 17-inch Lava Lite lamps that were introduced in the 1960s. Their reintroduction recently is proving to be popular with yet another generation, despite the 1990s price tag.

This time out, there is also a 27-inch

Giant Lava Lite lamp and like the original version, liquid continuously forms fascinating art forms once it is thoroughly heated.

You'll shell out a few less clams for the new Spiral Lamp which uses colored beads that come up through a clear center tube and gently glide down a spiral creating a restful night light or kinetic art.

For those that want something even bigger than the 27-inches of motion art of the Lava Lite lamp, there's the 72-inch high Wave Panel or the 83-inch high Water Column. Both filled with distilled water, they capture the serene feeling of water in constant motion through an aerator system that sends bubbles up through illuminated channels. Though you'll be forking out quite a bit more dough, they're cheaper than a cruise.

For a more hands-on approach to art

there's the Laser Ball Light. A central orb generates streams of light which interact with the touch of a hand on the clear globe or with music from a stereo.

Fired of digging in your pockets for change for the gum ball machine? The Giant 6-foot-6 gum ball machine, which holds 12,000 gum balls, is guaranteed to keep you in chewing gum for a year. This is definitely not a pocket change item.

Another item that is definitely not a stocking stuffer is the alien from the movie *Alien*, of which Muschella has sold a few.

"It doesn't do anything, it just stands there and does nothing," Muschella said. "It is made out of the original mold that they used to form the alien for the movie."

"One was sold to the owner of a comic

book company. Another customer bought it just to put in the house."

But if your friend already has that alien, there's the "Alien in a Chamber" from the movie *Roswell*. If he had it, you'd know it. The full-size latex replica is four feet long and reclines in an illuminated chamber.

The next two gift suggestions are not items that should sit in the closet unused and come with hefty price tags that will make you feel guilty if you're not using them on a regular basis - the Vintage Coca-Cola Machine and the Wurlitzer Jukebox.

The jukebox, a reproduction of the original Wurlitzer jukebox, uses all the same molds and the same wood materials as on the original and plays either 45s or CDs.

"We will probably sell one or two during the holiday season," Muschella said.

The Vintage Coca-Cola Machine is a reconditioned 1950s-era machine originally manufactured by the Vendo Corp. of Kansas City.

"To get him in touch with his circadian rhythms (biological clock) there's the SunRise Alarm Clock. The 6-inch glass globe begins to glow softly at 10 minutes, reaching full brightness at 30 minutes.

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PHOTOS BY BRYAN MITCHELL

## Volunteer



Gloria Collins

Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

## Looking up family tree is a hobby for Collins

By DOROTHY NASH  
Special writer

"It takes all the fun out of it" if you have someone look up your family tree for you, said Gloria Collins who founded the first Genealogical Society in the area about 10 years ago.

"There are 25 members now" and their backgrounds are mostly English, Irish and German.

They meet at Cady Inn in Mill Race every second Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Usually there's a speaker.

It's a hobby, she said, looking up your family tree. People do it for various reasons. They want to write a book. They need medical records because some physical conditions are hereditary. Some people want to get into the DAR or some other patriotic society. An only child will want to look up his or her family to keep from feeling alone.

To begin, Collins said, looked up old letters and photographs.

"Do everything at home first," she said. Then get help from vari-

ous agencies.

- Census records. They go back to 1790, but don't expect anything from 1920.

- The Mormon Library. Collins said she's gone to branch libraries throughout the country and even to the main library in Salt Lake City. They have considerable material but not everything.

- The genealogical records in the library in Lansing and in some local libraries.

- Magazines.
- The National Archives in Washington. For a fee you can have them send complete records.

- The source.

"My grandfather moved here from Germany," she said, and once when she was in the small town where he was born, she consulted with the minister who supplied her with church records dating back to 1600.

If you are interested, come to a Genealogical Society meeting at Cady Inn or call 348-1857 for details.

## It's A Fact

**You'll pay for it . . .**

**Violators of the Village of Northville's first ordinances in 1867 faced some pretty stiff fines. Get a load of these levies:**

- Unmuzzled dogs running at large - \$5
- Persons throwing filthy substances onto sidewalks or streets - \$1-\$5
- Persons leading horses or animals on the sidewalk - \$1-\$5
- The exhibition of shows, plays, etc., without a license - \$5-\$100
- Selling or giving away spirituous drinks on Sunday - \$5



# Zero Tolerance is topic at youth forum

By JEANNE CLARKE  
Special Writer

Speaking at the December Novu Youth Forum meeting was Bob Scribner, director of special education for Northville public schools. His topic of interest was the Zero Tolerance Program. He is co-chairman of the program along with Mary Ellen King of Northville Youth Assistance, and John Werth of the Northville Township Police Department. He spoke regarding the use of alcohol, tobacco and drug abuse by local youngsters.

Zero Tolerance is a program aimed at getting local government, businesses, schools, churches and parents to work together on this problem. He explained several ways in which this is being done cooperatively, and explained the latest program in businesses are being asked to adopt a "code of ethics."

The businesses will receive information on the program and will be asked to sign up. They will work with those in charge and help with plans for anti-tolerance for substance abuse. For more information, call Mary Ellen King at 344-1618 to receive a pamphlet about Zero Tolerance.

Others who participated in the discussion included several from the Novu school system. In addition, Winnie Fraser of the Northville-Novu AAUW presented the program "Remember the Ladies," a project to place more books about women in both the Northville and Novu schools (K-8). Anyone in the community who would like to participate in this

program can order a book to be placed in the libraries "in honor" of someone or "in memory" of someone. Books may be selected from lists provided by both school districts by calling 348-7264.

Ann Mattson of Oakland Family Services presented a program called "Ready, Let's Grow," which is available for children 18 months to 4 years of age.

A group has now been formed in Novu. For information, call 458-7766, ext. 312.

## NOVI LIBRARY

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas at the Novu Library with a Christmas tree decorated by the Friends of the Novu Library. Pamphlets are available to help parents select Christmas stories for their youngsters. Among those recommended are *The Cat Who Came for Christmas* by Cleveland Amory, and *Pearl S. Buck's Book of Christmas* featuring stories from around the world. Some of the mysteries are *Trick or Treat* by Ngaio Marsh and *Downtown* by Ed McBain. The library has many more book ideas for parents.

Towards the back of the library is a display showing the many traditional happenings with explanations as to how they came about. These include Boxing Day, Hanukkah, the Legend of the Christmas Tree, who is St. Nicholas, the habit of sending cards and how it started, and much more.

Displays in the library include one about the Novu Neighbors, a

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new quilting group that meets at 10 a.m. at the Novu Civic Center on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month. They quilts made are given to the children at the Haven, a shelter for children who may be abused and homeless. Donations of material suitable for quilting can be left at the Senior Center. Helping hands are needed. Call Jan McAlpine at 347-0414 if you wish to help with this project.

Other displays are crystal balls by Jane Brown, assistant library director and youth services, and baby cups by Leah Brown Kucharek, the library's network graphic artist.

For parents interested in enrolling their children in the story time classes starting the week of Jan. 15, registration forms are available and must be returned by Dec. 29. After Jan. 30, parents can call to find out their child's placement as the registration will be done by a "lottery format."

The library will be closed Dec. 23, 24 and 25 and again on Dec. 30, 31 and Jan. 1.

## NOVI VILLAGE BY THE LAKE

Activity Director Star Adams is also the employee of the month. She began work at Novu Village in March as a waitress and was recently promoted to activity director. Star also has a karaoke business so entertaining is part of her background. She and her husband, Gene, have brought a sing-along time to the activity calendar.

There were only four residents who attended the first karaoke party, then there were 12, and the activity continues to grow. Prizes are given to the one singing the most songs.

A double-feature was recently presented at the Village - a "bazaar" time, colorful Christmas booties for residents and families to do their shopping, later in the afternoon "Teddy Bear Junction" entertained with both talent and treats and was co-ordinated by Jim Woods. Additional entertainment was provided by Center Stage Company which has been performing for the residents annually for the last five years.

On Sunday, Dec. 17 the Dance Force will be there.

The annual Christmas party for

residents, family and friends will be held on Thursday, Dec. 21. At that time entertainment will be provided by Doreen Danron who has appeared on TV in Country Star Search and can sing like both Barbra Streisand and Whitney Houston.

Many soloists who appeared throughout the last couple of months include Betty Burr, Patsy Cline type of music; Pam Ellison who sings country; Randy and Martie, Christmas singers; and for the ladies, Frank Stern who is another Barry Manilow.

Many outings also offered include Ladies Breakfast Out, Mystery Trips, Secret Van Ride, and the Novu Senior Dance complete with band.

## NOVI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Reservations for the general membership luncheon scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 19 at the Novu Hilton Hotel can be made by calling 349-3743 or by fax at 349-4523. A raffle drawing for a \$5,000 shopping spree at Twelve Oaks will be held at the luncheon. Tickets are \$100. In addition, Christmas music preceding lunch will be presented by the Novu Chorale.

Tickets will be drawn with many gifts and prizes to those staying in the drum the longest. Last ticket

drawn wins the \$5,000 shopping spree.

Other holidays plans include the annual Novu Chamber Holiday gathering on Thursday, Dec. 14 from 4-8 p.m. at the Expo, call the office for additional information.

The Chamber along with other groups is spreading Christmas cheer throughout the community. They and Novu Youth Assistance are sponsoring a project for nursing home residents by collecting new or slightly used "cuddly critters." After putting on new ribbons, etc., these "critters" will be distributed on Saturday, Dec. 16. You may drop off a cuddly center at the Youth Assistance office at City Hall or the Chamber office inside the Novu Expo Center.

Another project is the "Mitten Tree" in the atrium at Novu Civic Center. This project is being sponsored by the Chamber and the Novu Homeowner's Association. Everyone, no matter what age, is encouraged to bring hats, gloves, scarves, mittens, etc.

If anyone has large items, call Ruth Ann Jirasek for drop off or pick up information.

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

## Clock is ticking for tax deductible donations

Twenty-eight Northville High School, Novu High School and Schoolcraft College students have received over \$16,900 in scholarship funds in the past five years. The students received money for their first year at the University of Michigan. Last year, \$4,900 was given to six high school seniors from Northville and Novu and one Schoolcraft College transfer student from Howell.

"All of the money goes directly into the student's university account for housing and tuition," according to Martha Reid, Scholarship Chairman of the U of M Club of Northville. "There are no overhead costs."

All contributions are tax deductible. There is still time to get a tax benefit from this year's donation. Checks should be made payable to The University of Michigan, Account No. 3641106. Visa or Master Card payments are also accepted.

Remember to endorse your company matching gift form. Mail to: Martha Reid, 18234 Arsenal Drive, Northville, MI 48167 or call 349-1079.

## Church presents concert



Johnny Hall  
For more information, call the church at (810) 348-7600.

First Church of the Nazarene is presenting a Christmas Concert featuring Johnny Hall at 6 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 17. There will be congregational singing and selections with the Sanctuary Choir.

The church is located at 21260 Haggerty Road between Eight and Nine Mile roads in Northville.

## On Campus

Among the recipients of the Highest Achievement Award from the school of business at Madonna University were Novu residents SHARON BEARD, FRANCES BUSHMAN and BRIAN GATES.

They were recognized for completing a minimum of 30 semester hours with a grade point average of 3.5 or above.

Walled Lake Western student JERREL MAST has qualified for the second part of the 39th annual Michigan Mathematics Prize Competition sponsored by the Michigan Section of the Mathematical Association of America.

Students qualified for Part II by placing among the top 6 percent of about 16,000 participants in an examination held at over 360 schools across the state of Michigan last Oct. 11. On Dec. 6, the qualifiers competed by taking the Part II exam. The 100 students with the highest combined scores will be invited to a banquet in their honor at Grand Valley State University next March 2, and approximately the top 50 will receive college scholarships ranging in value from around \$400 to \$2,400.

For further information contact Western High School Math Department Chairperson, Mary Bellinger, at (810) 960-8500.

Novu resident ANTHONY C. KOZADINOS is among the 300-plus freshmen entering Case Western Reserve University this fall with scholarships based on their superior high school work and achievement test performance.

Kozadinos received the Provost's Scholarship which will provide \$8,000 in annual aid. Recipients were in the top 15 percent of their high school class, and they scored 1300 or above on the SAT (before recentering) or 31-32 on the ACT.

Case Western Reserve University is located in Cleveland, Ohio.

Epsilon Gamma, Madonna University's chapter of Delta Mu Delta, a national honor society in business administration, recently inducted Novu residents SUZANNE CLEERE and KEVIN MARGUESS.

Delta Mu Delta recognizes and rewards superior scholastic achievement by business administration students.

## In Service

Air Force Airman 1st Class THEODORE A. MICHOWSKI has been deployed on a temporary duty assignment to Soto Cano Air Base, Honduras, as a member of Joint Task Force Bravo. JTF-Bravo is the command and control headquarters for most U.S. military forces deployed to participate in exercises and training activities in the Republic of Honduras.

Michowski is the son of Clarence Michowski of Novu and Mary C. Buxton of Redford. He is a 1993 graduate of Novu High School.

## Christmas decorating is full of fun and memories for one Novu family

By CAROL WORKENS  
Staff Writer



Linda Burton adds festive decorations to everything from the kitchen to the bathroom.

Christmas decorating at the Burton's home is like opening a book of memories.

Keith and Linda Burton began collecting Nativity scenes 25 years ago when Keith's mother made them a ceramic set for their first Christmas.

Another Nativity set was painted at a youth sleep over which Linda was chairperson.

"Every time I get it out I think of them," she said. "It always reminds me of the kids."

Among the 15 Nativity scenes are two Precious Moments Nativity sets and four sets from Mexico.

"When we travel, I often see Nativity scenes which are popular anytime of year so I now have about 15 Nativity scenes at least," she said. "It is interesting how they are all so different."

Keith collects Coca-Cola memorabilia and Christmas is the perfect time to get out the holiday-related items. The collection includes a four-foot high Coca-Cola display with Santa which was rescued from the Wayne Liquor Store when they were going to throw it out.

In their previous house Keith had a complete Coca-Cola room, but since this house is smaller, displaying the Coca-Cola items is limited to the holidays.

"Really, our idea of what Santa Claus is, is pretty much Coca-Cola's rendition," she said. "The Santa display with the white beard is Coca-Cola's idea."

"I add red bows to a lot of things just to make them look Christmasy," she said. "It just changes it instantly."

"Figuring out where to put things because you have to get rid of all the other stuff that's in its place, that's the hard part," she said.

A Dickens village is displayed on the mantel in the family room.

Children's great aunt knitted the three red stockings which hang on the wall in the hall under a shelf full of collectible Christmas tins.

A two-foot-tall bunny is all decked out in Christmas finery next to a small basket of red and green glass ornaments, which once hung on the tree but have since been retired to the basket for the family cat to bat around.

A large ornament decorates each step leading to the second floor.

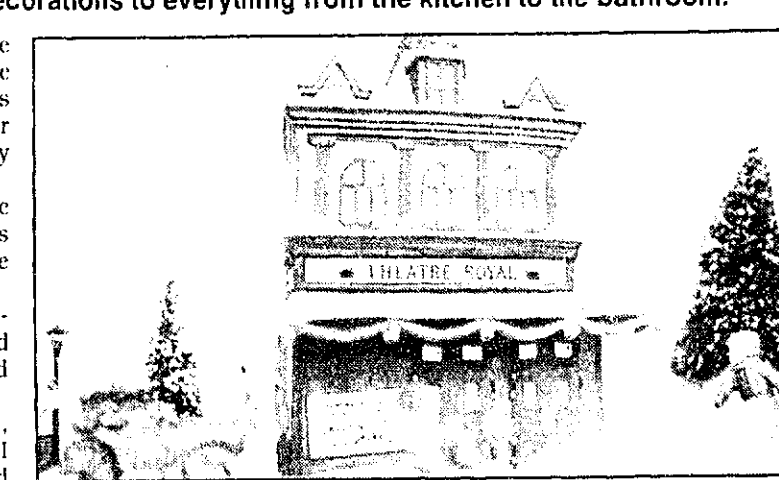
Both the china cabinets in the dining room are decorated with garland, Santas and Christmas tins.

Keith's sister used to make Christmas ornaments every year which she dated.

"Some of it was just 75 percent off after Christmas and it was such a good deal I couldn't resist," she said.

"I think there should be a star at the top of the tree and a manger at the bottom and I like all the little angels in between," she said.

"A manger that sits under the tree is the very one that Linda played with when she was a child and all her children, Tracy, 20, Tiffany, 17 and Ben, 15, were also allowed to play with.



The mantel is just the place for a complete Victorian village.

All the pieces are separate and can be rearranged in the manger.

"Every one of my children stole baby Jesus at some point," she said. "He was their very favorite." One year baby Jesus disappeared until March, when he was discovered in a toy truck.

"Even our dog stole baby Jesus and that's how her legs got it."

One of the easiest rooms to decorate is the powder room, which Linda also calls the gnome room because of her collection of the fabled dwarf like creatures. Add Christmas towels and wrap wreaths around the gnomes is all it takes.

The key to decorating for Christmas is to use a lot of different sizes, according to Linda. "Use tall, short, tall, short and it will always look good if you don't have a lot of something and if you don't have a lot, it's good to put the tall ones in the middle and go out."

Stick to the same colors in the same grouping. "Your eye needs to see similar colors for it to be pleasing," she said.

And save a few dollars for the after-Christmas sales.

"Fifty percent is nice, but 75 percent's better," Linda said.

## CHURCH DIRECTORY

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

<b>WALLED LAKE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH</b> 309 Mason St. 48314-2483 (between Anderson and 1st Rd.) Weds 10:00 am. Morning Worship 11:00 am. Morning Worship 11:00 am. Morning Worship 11:00 am. Morning Worship 11:00 am. Nursery Available. All Welcome. (610) 474-6584	<b>FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE</b> 2021 Main St. Northville Worship & Church School 9:30 & 11:00 am. Children Available at 9:30 & 11:00 am. Rev. James Russell, Minister of Evangelism & Ingles Pastor. 8 Church School
<b>ST. JOHN LUTHERAN FARMINGTON HILLS</b> (between Grand River & Freedom) Worship at 8:30 & 11:00 am. (Nursery) Church School 9:45 am. Pastor: Daniel Cove (610) 474-6584	<b>OUR LADY OF VICTORY CATHOLIC CHURCH</b> 770 Hazel, Northville Worship 8:00 am. 10:00 am. 12:00 pm. Sunday 8:00 am. 10:00 am. 12:00 pm. Church 349-2277. School 349-2610 Religious Education 349-2277
<b>GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH</b> 1155 W. Maplewood Worship 8:00 am. 10:00 am. 12:00 pm. Sunday School 9:45 am. 10:45 am. Pastor: Dr. J. J. Bushman, Jr. 349-0265 Nursery Available. All Welcome. West: 301-261-7666. Westlake: 349-0265	<b>FIRST APOSTOLIC LUTHERAN CHURCH</b> 2925 Westwood Road Farmington Hills, Michigan Worship 8:00 am. 10:00 am. 12:00 pm. Also, First and Third Sunday at 7:00 pm. Sunday School 9:45 am. 10:45 am. Bible Class - Sunday, 7:30 pm. Song Service - Last Sunday of month - 7:30 pm.
<b>FIRST CHURCH OF SCIENTIST</b> 1100 W. Ann Arbor Trail Farmington Hills, Michigan Sunday Worship, 10:30 am. Sunday School 10:30 am. Wednesday Morning 10:30 am.	<b>ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN MISSOURI SYNOD</b> High & Elm Streets, Northville Lutheran Pastor Church 349-3143. School 349-3144 Sunday Worship 8:30 am. & 11:00 am. Sunday School 9:45 am. & 10:45 am. Wednesday Worship 7:30 pm.
<b>NORTHVILLE CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY</b> 4132 S. Was Road Northville Sunday School 9:45 & 10:45 am. Sunday Worship 9:45, 10:45 & 11:45 am. Pastor: Dr. J. J. Bushman, Jr. 349-0265 Nursery Available. All Welcome. Preschool & K-4 349-0265	<b>FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE</b> 3420-1144 8 Mile & Tott Roads Worship Services & Sunday School 9:30 am. Nursery open services begin around 9:00 am. Summer Sunday School 10:00 am. 10:45 am. 11:45 am. Di. Douglas W. Brown, Pastor. 349-0265 Rev. Arthur L. Spafford
<b>NOVI UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b> 4141 W. Ten Mile - Meadowbrook 349-2623 (24 hrs.) Sunday Worship 10 am. Sunday School 9:45 am. Nursery Care Available Choir & Praise Pastor Church School 9:15 am. 349-2623	<b>ORCHARD HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH, SBC</b> 23455 Novi Rd. (between 9 & 10 Mile) Bible Study Sun 9:45 am. Worship Services 11 am. & 8 pm. Wed Bible Study, 7 pm. Choir & Praise Pastor - 349-5645 We Will Love You With The Love Of The Lord
<b>MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH</b> 21355 Meadowbrook Rd. Novu @ 8 Mile Morning Worship 10 am. Sunday School 9:45 am. 349-7127 Minister: Rev. J. Hestert Minister of Music: Ray Ferguson	<b>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH NOVI</b> 4031 11 Mile or Tott Rd. Home of O.T. Church. 227-2122 Sun. School 9:45 am. Worship 10:00 am. 11:00 am. Prayer Meeting, Wed., 7:00 p.m. Choir & Praise Pastor Dr. Gary Baker, Pastor 349-3477
<b>CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS EPISCOPAL</b> 10 Mile between Tott & Back Novu Phone 349-1175 Sunday 7:45 am. Holy Eucharist Sunday 11 am. Holy Eucharist 11 am. Sunday School & Nursery	<b>NEW HORIZON COMMUNITY CHURCH</b> Novu Town Center Sunday Service - 10:11 A.M. Mike Heusel, Pastor 305-8700 A new church with a fresh approach
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<b>ST. JAMES ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH NOVI</b> 4630 10 Mile Rd. Novu, MI 48374 Sunday 9:30 & 11:30 am. Rev. Edward J. Ciolek, Pastor Phone Office: 347-7778	<b>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE</b> 217 N. Was. Stephen Sparks, Pastor Sunday Worship 9:30 am. 11 am. & 6:30 pm. Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 pm. Bible Study 7 pm. Pioneer Girls 7 pm. Sunday School 9:45 am.
<b>CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY</b> 24600 Woodward Road, MI 48375 Worship 8:30 am. 10:00 am. 11:30 am. Morning Worship 10:30 am. 11:30 am. Morning Worship 10:30 am. 11:30 am. Pastor: John Buehler, Pastor Father: Andrew Gaudin, Pastor Phone Office: 349-5847	<b>CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE</b> 21260 Haggerty, Northville 348-7600 (between 8 & 9 Mile Rd. near Novu Hill) Sunday School 9:30 am. Morning Worship 10:30 am. Evening Celebration 6:00 pm. (Nursery Provided) Holiland Lewis, Pastor
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<b>NEW LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH-ELCA</b> 25000 Woodward Road Sunday School 9:30 am. & 10:45 am. Worship 10:30 am. 11:30 am. Pastor: Dwight Ken Roberts Internat. Missions: 349-1700	For information regarding rates for church listings call The Northville Record or Novi News 349-1700

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## College hosts black culture celebration

Oakland Community College's Highland Lakes Student Activities in conjunction with the Pontiac Association of Black Social Workers and the Pontiac Area Male Responsibility Network present "Pre-Kwanzaa: A Celebration of Family, Community and Culture" on Friday, Dec. 15 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Highland Lakes Campus Student Center Arena. The event is free and open to the public.

For more information, call (810) 360-388.

The Highland Lakes Campus is located at 7350 Cooley Lake Road in Waterford.

## Money is available for transfer students

Olivet College announced today that scholarships of up to \$7,720 are available for transfer students from the Wayne County area. These transfer student scholarships are available for the spring semester beginning Jan. 9 or the fall semester beginning Sept. 5. Interested students should contact the college at (616) 749-7635 or 1-800-456-7189.

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## Radio celebrity narrates classic tale

The Novi Concert Band presents a Christmas Concert and Sing-Along at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 17.

Dick Wallace of radio station WQRS will narrate Peter and the Wolf and lead the sing-along. The program will be held at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 West Ten Mile Road in Novi.

Admission is free and refreshments will be served. The afternoon program also includes "And the Glory of the Lord" from Messiah, Russian Christmas Music, "Jingle Bells Forever," "Three Moods of Hanukkah," "Sleigh Ride," a Christmas "Pop" Sing-a-long and Christmas Carol Sing-a-long.

Wallace has over 13 years broadcasting experience, 10 of which have been with WQRS. On Wednesday, Wallace has a mid-day listener friendly style All Request Show. On Monday at 9 p.m. he hosts Detroit Showcase and has interviewed musical stars from around the world and Metro Detroit.

Wallace is a Wayne State University graduate, has a bass-baritone singing voice and plays piano and drums.

The Novi Concert Band is conducted by Jack Kopnick, who was appointed music director in 1992. He recently retired from the Allen Park Public Schools where he taught music and English for over 37 years. He also served as the school system as the director of Fine Arts. As high school director of music, Kopnick's band and choral groups were recipients of many honors and awards.



Dick Wallace  
Kopnick is an active member in the Michigan School Band and

Orchestra Association and serves as an adjudicator for band festivals as well as solo and ensemble festivals.

The Novi Concert Band, a symphonic wind ensemble, was formed in 1982 under the auspices of the City of Novi Parks and Recreation Department.

The goals of the band are to provide adults having a musical background with the opportunity to participate in a musical ensemble, offer a supplemental musical experience to mature students, represent the City of Novi in performances throughout southeastern Michigan and support the revival of the community band movement in America.

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### AUDITIONS

**STRING, BRASS, WOODWIND, PERCUSSION:** The Livonia Youth Philharmonic will hold auditions for all four levels of the orchestra for youths ages 8 to 18 by appointment in December. Call Terrie Wedder at 422-5603 for an appointment.

**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 Frey, (810) 348-3563.

### SPECIAL EVENTS

**COOKIE WALK:** Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church is having a Cookie Walk which will include homemade holiday cookies by the pound, nut and apricot rolls and sweet breads. The public is invited to attend.

The walk will be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 16, at the church, which is located 36075 West Seven Mile Road between Newburgh and Farmington in Livonia. For more information, call (810) 476-3432.

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

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

### 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

**MARGUIS 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 Christmas break, performances will be held Tuesday through Friday, Dec. 26-29. All performances are at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$6.50. Children must be 3 1/2 years of age.

The Marguis Theatre is located at 135 E. Main Street in downtown Northville. For more information, call (810) 349-8110.

### GENITTI'S

Santa's coming to Genitti's for lunch on Dec. 16, 17

and 23. After lunch, children will go into the theater to be entertained by singing elves and holiday characters.

"Genitti's Holiday Office Party" continues through Dec. 31. It's Christmas Eve at the Genco World Headquarters and time for the annual office party. The white collar crazies must try to keep their tempers, passions and alcohol under control before they kill each other while trying to discover who "Fanny Photocopier" really is before the boss fires them all.

Luncheon theater "Mistletoe Madness" is available Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. in December.

Reservations are available weekly and every weekend.

Genitti's "Hole-in-the-Wall" and restaurant is located in downtown Northville at 108 E. Main St., just east of Center Street.

Call (810) 349-0522 for reservations.

### 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 Peagler's Jazz Trio, featuring vocalist Sander Bomar.

Country Epicure Restaurant is located at 42050 Grand River in Novi. For more information, call (810) 349-7770.

### CICERO'S ITALIAN RESTAURANTE & BAR

Cicero's Italian Ristorante & Bar is located on Novi Road just north of Ten Mile. Reservations are suggested on the weekends.

For more information or reservations, call (810) 380-0011.

### TUSCAN CAFE

Tuscan Cafe presents light jazz music on Friday and Saturday evenings.

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday performances are 8:30 to 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday performances are from 9 p.m. to midnight.

Tuscan Cafe is located at 150 Center Street in Northville. For more information, call 305-8629.

### BRADY'S FOOD & SPIRITS

Playing favorites from jazz greats will be Herbie Ross every Tuesday and Reggie Braxton every Wednesday.

Live entertainment is offered from 7:30 to 11 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. on Friday and Saturday.

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### BACKDOOR GALLERY

Farmington's Backdoor Gallery on 37220 Eight Mile Road specializes in unusual art dolls. The gallery is in the home of co-owner Kathy Landers. She and the other owner, Kathleen Bricker, are both artists. Hours are 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Dance with The Globe at 9 p.m. Fridays, and Saturdays, and by appointment. Call 474-8306.

### LITTLE ART GALLERY

The Little Art Gallery at Genitti's Samuel H. Little Theater in downtown Northville features two shows a month.

Michigan fine artists who would like to display their works are encouraged to contact gallery manager and artist Julie Giordano at 348-0282.

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

### PAINTER'S PLACE

A display of Northville Christmas cards over the years is featured in the window of Painter's Place, Studio & Gallery of Caroline Dunphy, 140 N. Center Street in Northville.

The cards feature various views of Northville's historic buildings on Main Street and in the historic village, Mill Race.

The new Christmas card for 1995 is also on display and is in the gallery. Gallery hours have been expanded for the pre-Christmas shopping season to Tuesday through Saturday from noon to 5 p.m.

Call 348-9544 for more information.

### MR. B'S FARM

Mr. B's Farm, a fun, casual place on Novi Road north of Ten Mile, presents Marrying with Mary at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 19. Featured will be Mary McGuire of Cosmic Dull in a special performance with Michael Eversole of Shotgun Willie, Uncle Jesse White and the 29th Street Blues Band, Stacla and Phil Treas. There is no admission cost.

For details call 349-7039.

### SPORTS EDITION

Every weekend guests can enjoy live entertainment at the Sports Edition Bar, located inside the Novi Hilton Hotel at 2111 Haggerty Road.

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

### STARTING GATE

The Starting Gate offers live music every Friday and Saturday night from 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.

The Starting Gate is located at 135 N. Center St. in downtown Northville.

### SUNSET GRILL

The grill is located on the corner of Thirteen Mile and Novi roads. For more information, call (810) 624-8475.

### TOO CHEZ

Too Chez, located across from Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi, offers live jazz entertainment from 6 to 10 p.m. Mondays and 7 to 11 p.m. Fridays.

### JAZZ NIGHT

DePalma's Dining and Cocktails, 31735 Plymouth Road in Livonia, offers live entertainment. Larry Nozoro and Friends perform intimate jazz from 8 to 11 p.m. on Mondays.

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

The Enrico Caruso Society performs live opera from 7 to 10 p.m. every Wednesday and strolling musicians David and Francesco entertain diners on the accordion, mandolin and guitar from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. Thursdays.

### NEARBY

### BORDERS BOOKS

Upcoming events at Borders Books and Music include: Wally Pleasant at 7 p.m. on Dec. 15; Novi High School Chorus under the direction of Paula Joyner at 11:30 a.m. on Dec. 16; pianist Charley Gehring at 1 p.m. Dec. 16; media specialist Gary Price at 4 p.m. Dec. 16; the star music of Gernot Blume and Glen Bering at 1 p.m. Dec. 17; and Author Sylvia Branzen will sign her book *Chronology* at 7 p.m. Dec. 18.

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## Grumpy Old Men return in hit sequel



Maria Ragetti (Sophia Loren) has eyes for Max Goldman (Walter Matthau) in Warner Bros. comedy, "Grumpy Old Men."

Jack Lemmon and Walter Matthau return in "Grumpy Old Men," the sequel to the hit comedy "Grumpy Old Men."

Summertime has come to Wabasha, Minnesota, and everything is thawing. The ice has melted off Indian Slough, and mosquito-slapping in canoes has replaced shivering in ice shanties as the local fishing ritual. Even the decades-old battle of one-upmanship between next-door neighbors John Garstson (Lemmon) and Max Goldman (Matthau) has melted.

With John happily and newly married to Ariel (Ann-Margret), Max is left without a sparring partner. Until she comes to town.

Maria Ragetti (Sophia Loren) has taken over Chuck's legendary bait store and has the unspeakable, sacrilegious notion to endanger the cherished fishing hole and its rustic way of life by converting the store into a romantic Italian restaurant. To keep that from happen-

ing, John and Max begin a strategic campaign of innuendo, gossip and sabotage that spreads quickly through town. But the pair isn't prepared for the fortitude of Maria, who has no intention of surrendering so easily.

As she returns their volleys, insult for insult and prank for prank, not only does she threaten to win the war but, perhaps, to win Max's heart as well.

Meanwhile, John's daughter, Melanie (Daryl Hannah), and Max's son, Jacob (Kevin Pollak), are surprised to find their fathers eager to help plan their upcoming wedding day. But as they learn of their dads' low-rent ideas — including looking Shipperly's Tavern and Handsome Hans' One-Man Band (poika a specialty) — they panic and call off the big day.

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# Lemmon, Matthau team up for sequel

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John blames Max. Max blames John. And thus the brief cease-fire between them erupts into a titanic battle that only two grumpy old men with a gripe could create.

"Grumpy Old Men" is directed by Howard Zieff ("Pretty in Pink") and written by Mark Steven Johnson, who wrote the original. John Davis and Richard C. Berman return as the producers.

Co-star Jack Lemmon is the first man ever to win Oscars as both Best Actor ("Save the Tiger") and Best Supporting Actor ("Mister Roberts"). Lemmon's esteemed list of film credits includes "My Sister Eileen," "Cowboy," "Hell, Book and Candle," "Some Like It Hot," "The Apartment," "Irma La Douce," "The Fortune Cookie," "Avanti!" "The Front Page," and "Buddy Buddy." He has also starred in the dramas "Days of Wine and Roses," "The China Syndrome," "That's Life!" "Dad," "JFK," "Short Cuts," "Glen or Glen Ross," and "The Grass Harp." His comedic talents have been showcased in films such as "How to Murder Your Wife," "The Great Race," "The Out-of-Towners," "The Prisoner of Second Avenue" and, of course, "The Odd Couple," which teamed him with Walter Matthau.

Tony and Oscar-winner Walter Matthau made his motion-picture debut in "The Ken-

rickian" and has starred in such films as "The Indian Fighter," "Strangers When We Meet," "Goodbye, Charlie" and "Mirage." Matthau's other film credits include "The Fortune Cookie," "A Guide for the Married Man," "The Odd Couple," "Cactus Flower," "Hello, Dolly!" "The Laughing Policeman," and "The Front Page." More recently, Matthau has starred in "The Sunshine Boys," "The Bad News Bears," "Mickey's Shadow," "House Calls," "Little Miss Marker," "Hopsotch," "Buddy Buddy," "I Ought to Be in Pictures," "The Survivors," "The Couch Trip," "Little Devil," "JFK," "Dennis the Menace," "I.Q.," "I'm Not Rappaport" and "The Glass Harp."

Sophia Loren won an Academy Award for her role in "Two Women" and was awarded the Jean Hersholt Award for her lifetime body of work.

That acclaimed body of work includes "Africa Beneath the Seas," "Village of Bells," "Good People's Sunday," "Pilgrim of Love," "Two Nights with Cleopatra," "Our Times," "Attila," "The Pride and the Passion," "Scandal in Saratoga," "Houseboat," and "That Kind of Woman." Loren has also starred in "Happily Ever After," "Ghosts—Italian Style," "Man of La Mancha," "The Verdict," "Brass Target," and "Ready to Wear."

Ann-Margret is the winner of five Golden Globe Awards and has been nominated for two Oscars and four Emmys in addition to maintaining a career as a live performer around the world. Ann-Margret made her film debut in

Frank Capra's "Pocketful of Miracles." Forty-two motion pictures have followed, including "Bye, Bye Birdie," "Viva Las Vegas!" and "Stagecoach." Her first Oscar-nominated role was for "Carnal Knowledge," a second nomination followed for her portrayal in "Tommy." Succeeding films include "The Cheap Detective," "I Ought to Be in Pictures," "Twice in a Lifetime," "52 Pick-Up," "A Tiger's Tail," "Newsies," and the first "Grumpy Old Men."

Daryl Hannah's film credits include "The Party," "Blade Runner," "Splash," "Romance," "Steel Magnolias," "Crazy People," "Memoirs of an Invisible Man," "Grumpy Old Men," and "The Tie That Binds."

Kevin Pollak's film credits include this summer's acclaimed independent feature "The Usual Suspects." Martin Scorsese's upcoming "Casino," Michael Moore's "Canadian Bacon," in addition to "A Few Good Men," "Willow," "L.A. Story," "Ricochet," "Indian Summer," "Grumpy Old Men," and "Miami Rhapsody."

Burgess Meredith's career has spanned every creative facet of entertainment. He is famed as an actor, director and writer. He made his feature-film debut in 1936's "Winterset." He has co-starred in dozens of films, among them "Of Mice and Men," "The Man on the Eiffel Tower," "In Harm's Way," "Batman" (1966), "Foul Play," and "State of Grace."

Meredith's performance in "Rocky" brought him an Academy Award nomination. He repeated the role in "Rocky II," "Rocky III" and "Rocky V."

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# 'Toy Story' has lots of eye candy

**TOY STORY**  
By Jason M. Kaminski  
New Hudson

Disney should stick to making animated features rather than movies. I say this simply because of the fact that the animated story-lines are much more interesting than the latter, and also have more life-like characters. In Disney's latest animated feature, "Toy Story," there is nothing that can be said to be negative. First of all, it has a cue that will lure people in: it's entirely computer animated. Second, it has the voices of Tom Hanks and Tim Allen as the two leading roles, as well as Don Rickles as Mr. Potato Head.

The story is about a child's toys coming to life whenever they are left alone. They all look up to

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Woody, a pull-string talking cowboy played by Hanks who is the favorite toy of the child. However, his birthday comes around and Buzz Lightyear, Allen, soon becomes the new favorite. The action of the story begins when the two get lost in the real world and

try to get back home before the family has to move. The quality of the film is nothing less than amazing, even the most minute detail stands out among the rest. The textures are incredibly realistic. From the ridges of Mr. Potato Head, to the goopy stuff that is left behind when a sticker is peeled off, "Toy Story" is definitely one movie to see more than once, partly to get in all the eye-candy it gives, and to just relive the days of childhood when it really did seem that toys had a life of their own.

**TOY STORY**  
By David "Spike" Schultz  
Whitmore Lake

I have to agree with Jay about the fact that "Toy Story" is a real

eye catching movie. This is definitely a movie you'll have to go see on the big screen rather than wait until it comes out on video cassette. The detail of this movie is exemplary and the animation is very realistic. The voices for the characters also added to the quality of the movie. The one thing this movie lacked was time. The movie wasn't quite long enough for my taste. It only lasted about 81 minutes.

This movie is going to be one more great Disney classic. Better than the Little Mermaid, better than Aladdin, and better than The Lion King, "Toy Story" has got to be the best one to date.

So leave the kids home and go see it with a friend because this movie is just too good for the kids to see.

**APOLLO 13**  
By Buddy Moorhouse  
Editor, The Brighton Argus

It's hard to put together a suspenseful, thrilling film when everyone in the audience knows ahead of time how it's going to end. Yet director Ron Howard accomplishes just that in "Apollo 13," his excellent telling of the ill-fated 1970 moon shot.

Even though we all know the three astronauts will make it back safely (sorry if I gave away the ending there), Howard's film still keeps us on the edge of our seats.

He accomplishes this by simply letting the facts tell the story. The film is based on Commander Jim Lovell's book, and Howard sticks to the facts throughout. The spacecraft-to-Houston talk in the

movie is just as boring and tech-filled as it was in real life.

Howard also uses great special effects including lots of actual zero-gravity footage which was shot in a NASA training plane and has a superb cast, headed by Tom Hanks as Lovell.

"Apollo 13" doesn't miss a thing. It keeps us on edge the whole while, and lets us see the pain that Lovell — America's most-traveled astronaut — feels when he realizes he'll never set foot on the moon.

As for its nostalgic value, anyone over the age of 30 surely remembers the Apollo moon shots. And this film faithfully puts us back in front of our black-and-white sets, listening to Walter Cronkite tell us what's happening. (This review was reprinted from the Brighton Argus, a HomeTown Newspaper.)

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## Spikers sweep through South Lyon invite

By SCOTT DANIEL Sports Editor

So far, so perfect. The Wildcat volleyball squad got off to hot start Saturday by winning the South Lyon Invitational. Novi was perfect in that title.

"We're 6-0," said coach Julie Fisetto, who was hoarse after rooting her team on all day. "The girls are excited. I'm looking forward to an excellent season of this."

It's the first time Novi's won the tournament in which they know how long Fisetto said her team clicked in every phase of the game, passing, setting and hitting.

"The girls played well together," she added. "The Wildcats have always had talented volleyball players. But there were always missing parts or weak areas on the team - until this year, at least."

"I've got it all," Fisetto said. "The tournament drew 16 schools. They were divided into four pools of four with the top two

teams advancing to medal play. Novi was grouped with Trenton, Milan and Milford.

The Wildcats started the day at 9 a.m. with Trenton. Novi ripped the Trojans by winning both games 15-4 and 15-6.

Consistency was key to beat Trenton. Fisetto said the Wildcats didn't miss more than four serves in the two games.

"We were passing very well," she added. The back row and front passes set up easy hits. Lindsay Drury and Sarah McClintock took advantage of those hitting opportunities and led Novi to the win.

Michelle Mott also played strong. "She set very well," Fisetto said. "The Wildcats moved on to beat Milan 15-11 and 15-2 in the second round of pool play. Fisetto said her team controlled both games and overcame a few of their own errors in game one to win.

It was Surenkonis who served for six points in that first game, including an ace. Ursula Place was also solid with eight kills in the two games. Drury added seven kills.

"Everyone hit well in the match," Fisetto said. "I was able to get to anybody for a kill," she said. Novi closed pool play by whipping Milford 15-11, 15-8. The Redskins played a very slow, deliberate style in game one.

"We always play to their level," Fisetto noted. Having gone undefeated, Novi came out of pool play in the top spot. The Wildcats drew Ann Arbor Huron in the first round of medal play and prevailed 15-6, 15-10.

A balanced attack was led by Surenkonis with eight kills in the two games. Junko Matsumaga and four serve aces and McClintock three blocks.

The lineup was also bolstered by Julie Britton, who arrived late after taking the ACT test. In the semi-final, Novi faced Monroe Jefferson and won 15-10, 15-10.

"They were a scrappy team," said Fisetto. "They were good defensively, but didn't have a lot of hitters."

Britton really got on track for the match and had eight kills. "Every time they overpassed," Fisetto said, "she smashed it back at them."

Drury added five blocks. Novi beat Jackson in three games to win the championship.

The two teams split the first two games with Novi winning game one easily, 15-8. Jackson took a close 15-13 win in game two.

Playing under rally score rules for the rubber game, Novi won 15-5. In rally play, points are scored on each serve.

In normal play, points can only be scored by the serving team. "The difference in the final game was aggressive-ness, Fisetto said.

"We weren't playing not to lose," she said. "My girls were really fired up."

## Cagers destroy Hartland by 13

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"We did a better job taking (Massey) away in the second half. That was the key right there."

It wasn't a Picasso, but Novi High was able to outlast Hartland Friday night and take a 62-49 home win.

A long, long, long fourth quarter saw the Wildcats make 15 of 22 free throws and stretch a two-point lead into a 13-point victory. Coach Pat Schluter was just glad to get the victory.

"We're 2-0," he said. "So I'm happy. While his team wasn't sharp, especially early on, Schluter said they never gave up."

"I thought we played hard," he said. Brian Cody led the way in the fourth quarter. He scored nine of his game high 15, six of which came at the free throw line.



## Rec Briefs

### Winter Clean-Up Sale

Last year, over 30 households participated in this event. Mark your calendar for Jan. 20. Whether you want to get rid of some "junk" or buy some "treasures," this is a sale you don't want to miss. Look for more information in the 1996 Spring brochure.

### 'The Fridge'

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

The date is Thursday, Feb. 15, 1996. The 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 8:30 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. (when limit is reached).

### Youth Classes

Drawing and Pairing for Youth (Ages 5-8). Saturday, 10 a.m.-noon, Feb. 3-March 23 (8 weeks) \$75; materials fee: \$10.

### Senior Adults classes

Stretch and Strength Training for Seniors with low-impact exercise, a fun fitness to "big band" music will be held on Fridays, 9:30 a.m.-Jan. 19-March 8 (8 weeks), \$16 resident, \$19.20 non-resident. Drop-in fee: \$3 per person.

### "Swinging Senior" Bowling

For further information call Harry Brown at (810) 348-0898 or Clare Wilson (810) 349-0250.

### Clogging

The Beginners 1 class should wear flat shoes, preferably with leather-like soles.  
Mondays-Evenings (all ages).  
Workshop and Review - 6:30-7:30 p.m. Cost: \$2 per person (drop-in).  
Lesson/Review/Open Dance - 7:30-10 p.m. Cost: \$3 per person (drop-in).

Wednesdays-Daytime (age 50 plus or if you're close) Performance Practice Lesson and Open Dance - 12:30-3:30 p.m. Cost: \$3 per person (drop-in).  
Wednesdays-Evening (ages 8 plus) Beginners 1 - 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 per person (drop-in).  
Open Dance: 2:30-3 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.

### Fitness Factory

Winter Session: (Week of Jan. 8-March 16 (10 weeks). No classes Jan. 15, 20, Feb. 19.  
M/T/W/Th/F: 9-10 a.m., Lo-Impact.  
M/W/F: 10:15-11:15 a.m., Step.  
M/W: 6-7 p.m., HI/Low Impact.  
T/Th: 10:15-11:15 a.m., Body Sculpting.  
Saturday: 8-9 a.m., Step.  
Location: Novi Civic Center.  
Fees: \$40 once a week (\$48 non-resident); \$54 twice a week; (\$64.80 non-resident); \$69 unlimited (\$82.80 non-resident).  
Step Rental: \$10.  
Babysitting: \$1.50 per child. (Available only for classes designated with an asterisk.)  
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).  
Beginner - 5 years and older (no experience required).  
Advanced Beginner - 5 years and older - prior lessons required.  
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.

### Adult Softball

Novi Parks and Recreation hosts men's, women's and co-ed leagues during the spring and summer months. An information booklet will be available for these leagues on or after Thursday, Feb. 1. Call (810) 347-0400 for information.

### Youth Floor Hockey

Boys and girls in grades 3-8 can enjoy the excitement of floor hockey. All teams are co-ed.  
Season: Feb. 24-March 30  
Games: Saturdays, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.  
Divisions: 3rd and 4th grades; 5th and 6th grades; 7th and 8th grades.  
Fee: \$35 per player (includes T-shirt and award); \$42 non-resident.  
Registration deadline is Tuesday, Dec. 19 at 5 p.m.  
Extra equipment: Goggles and mouth guards will be required during practices and games. Coaches will have details.

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### Intramurals

Dates: Tuesday, Jan. 9-Thursday, Feb. 29, 1996.  
Who: All Novi Middle School students.  
What: Basketball pick-up games or Mini Skills Sessions: Novi Middle School Gymnasium; 4:30-6:30 p.m.; Tuesdays and Thursdays. Fee: \$1 per person per session (preregistration is not required). Call 347-0400 for further information.

### WSSL

This is a travel league which plays other communities in the area, such as Farmington, Plymouth, Northville, etc. Games are played on Saturdays, Sundays and occasionally mid-week. Practice times are dependent on the availability of volunteer coaches. Birth certificate must accompany registration. For information about age groups, etc. call (810) 347-0400.  
Registration Fee: New players - \$48\* residents; \$57.60 non-residents. \*Fee includes: Uniform-adult size soccer shirt, shorts, socks and award. Returning players, \$35.50\* residents; \$37.80 non-residents.  
Program cost and award (uniform fee not included). Spring uniforms will match those from Fall 1995.  
Games begin in mid-April to mid-June. Coaches will not be calling players until the last week of March.  
Registration deadline is Thursday, Feb. 8, 1996, at 5 p.m. Shin guards completely covered by socks are mandatory. Also recommended for safety are mouth guards and knee pads.

Novi's 101st loss came in round two to Central, 38-33.  
Wildcat winners included Chris and Lenny Christoff, Watanabe, Hadley, Bruner, Talbot and Hyle Bailey (heavyweight).  
"We're very tough," Huss said of Walled Lake. "They have a nice program."

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Novi closed its home tournament with a couple of easy wins. The Wildcats beat Pontiac Central 63-18 and then closed the day by whipping Oxford 52-24.

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**Blocked!** Katie Copp goes up for a block in a match Saturday at the South Lyon Invitational. The Wildcats won the tournament by going undefeated. Nov beat Jackson in the final.

## Wrestlers second at home tourney, beat Northville big

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# Health Matters

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## By age 40 initial stages of menopause or perimenopause are well under way

By MARGO SCHNEIDMAN  
Special Writer

Women often know they are approaching menopause when they start experiencing a variety of symptoms, the most dramatic of which can include hot flashes, irregular bleeding and difficulty sleeping.

While such signs usually occur between the ages of 48 and 51, the physical and emotional changes that set the stage for menopause start well before the last menstrual period - perhaps as much as a decade before, according to University of Michigan Medical Center researchers.

By age 40, they say, the initial stages of menopause or perimenopause are well under way.

"I think the transition into menopause starts much earlier than previously thought - in the late 30s, certainly by age 40, and it continues into the 50s," says John Randolph, M.D., associate professor of obstetrics and gynecology.

During the last seven years, Randolph has teamed up with MaryFran Sowers, Ph.D., associate professor of epidemiology at the U-M School of Public Health and lead investigator of a study that has been looking at perimenopausal changes in more than 500 Michigan women.

"By 40 we could discern changes in bone density. By 44 there were variations in menstrual cycle bleeding," Sowers says.

Being informed about perimenopausal changes is important for women, she feels, because the more information they have, the more choices they may have in terms of preventive care.

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For example, one of the most obvious signs of perimenopause, variations in menstrual cycles and heavy bleeding, also is a major cause of hysterectomy. Randolph believes that as patients become aware that heavy bleeding is both normal and finite, "that may be all they need to be comfortable with the process."

"It may be frustrating and frightening at times, but it's a normal part of what's going on. If women can ride that out and we can find ways to make heavy bleeding tolerable, we could avoid major interventions like surgery," he says.

Osteoporosis is another consequence of menopause that may have its roots in perimenopause.

"Osteoporosis begins earlier than the last period. It's not just a state of being for elderly ladies in nursing homes," Sowers says. "It's observable much earlier and may be preventable."

Sowers says she dreams of a day when routine screening for osteoporosis, using a non-invasive technique called bone densitometry, is available in every OB-GYN and family physician's office.

According to Sowers and Randolph, one possible strategy for controlling perimenopausal bleeding - and preventing osteoporosis and heart disease in those at risk - may be starting hormone replacement therapy early, in a woman's late 30s or early 40s.

They believe that perimenopause is brought on by changes in ovarian function, which causes dips and swings in estrogen levels. By starting hormone therapy early, women may be able to shore up their estrogen production before irreversible damage is done.

To further study this phase of a woman's life in the hopes of coming up with some simple diagnostic signs for perimenopause, Sowers is leading a four-year National Institutes of Health-funded study called SWAN (Study of Women's Health Across the Nation). The study, which began this fall, is recruiting 3,500 women across the nation from four ethnic groups.

Margo Schneidman works for the University of Michigan Medical Center, Public Relations Department.

## Tips for keeping healthy mouth with dentures



Kathryn Hoppe

Dentures are very personal. They are fitted and adjusted by a dentist to match the function of your natural teeth as closely as possible.

If you are among the 32 million Americans who wear full or partial dentures, there are several things you should know to protect both your dentures and the health of your mouth.

Upon receiving dentures, you will be instructed on inserting and removing them, cleaning them and caring for your gums. Since your mouth consists of living tissues that change with time, you will need regular dental check-ups to make sure the dentures continue to fit snugly.

Handling a denture requires care. When removing it, you should stand over a towel or sink with water in it in case you accidentally drop your denture. Brush the denture each day to remove food deposits and plaque, preferably with a brush designed for dentures. Avoid using a brush with hard bristles. And never use bleach on your dentures.

Dentures can warp if placed in hot water. If they become dried out, they may change shape. When you remove your dentures, place them in a container of water or denture cleaning solution.

As you age, your mouth naturally changes, which can affect the fit of your dentures. Loose dentures can cause various problems, including sores and infections. Dentures should always be adjusted by a dentist. Continued use of ill-fitting dentures can irritate the gums, tongue and cheeks. Poor-fitting dentures can cause oral abrasions, bruises, inflammation, overgrowth of gum tissue, destruction of bone and even disturbances of the jaw joints.

Denture reliner and repair kits found on the drugstore shelves should be used only as a temporary measure, never as a substitute for professional dental care. A dentist can usually repair and refit a broken or cracked denture.

Beware of over-the-counter repair kits which contain chemicals and solvents that actually may damage the plastic material in the denture. If that happens, or if the broken parts of the denture are not lined up properly, dentures may have to be replaced.

Most dentures can last 11 years or so with the proper maintenance and relines by a dentist. A denture should be relined every 3 years for proper fit and to minimize bone loss, so continue to have regular dental check-ups even with dentures.

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## Health Notes

### Immunizations

The Oakland County Health Division will be offering an immunization clinic for Walled Lake and surrounding areas at the Walled Lake United Methodist Church, 313 Northport, Walled Lake on Tuesday, Jan. 1 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Immunizations for measles, German Measles, mumps, polio, diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough and Haemophilus influenzae Type B (HIB) will be available.

A parent or legal guardian must accompany a child under 18 years of age. Please bring any previous records of immunizations, including notices which might have been sent home from the child's school pertaining to immunizations. Immunizations will be given at the same time and location on the first Tuesday of every month.

For further information, call 858-1305.

### Weight Management Class

How many times have you gone on a diet only to get the pounds back? Diets often don't work, but learning a new way of eating does. St. Mary Hospital's weight management class, LifeSteps, can help you achieve your weight loss goal. With LifeSteps, you'll lose weight and learn how to keep those pounds off.

Taught by registered dietitian Linda DeVore, R.D., day and evening classes are available. The day class begins at 11 a.m. on Jan. 16. A complimentary orientation for the LifeSteps evening class begins at 7 p.m. on Jan. 17. The orientation for the evening class begins at 7 p.m. on Jan. 10.

Come and find out about the program before you commit yourself to a weight loss plan. At the free orientation, the instructor explains the course in detail, expectations, cost and what participants need to consider. For more information, call St. Mary Hospital Food and Nutrition Services at (313) 591-2983.

20900 Oakwood Blvd.  
Dearborn, MI

Diabetes Education Classes

Learn to take charge of your diabetes through a program designed for diabetes 18 years of age and older, "Taking Charge of Living With Diabetes."

Held at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia, this series of eight classes provides information on self care and successful management of diabetes. Classes will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. on

### Breastfeeding basics

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

North Oakland: 858-1311 or 858-4001  
South Oakland: 424-7066 or 424-7067

### Cholesterol and vision screenings

Total cholesterol screening is conducted by the fingerstick method from 1-4 p.m. on the third Monday of each month at the Botsford Center for Health Improvement-Health Development Network, 39750 Grand River Ave., Novi. There is a \$5 fee. For more information, call (810) 477-6100.

### Botsford Hospital

Botsford General Hospital is offering the following winter classes, Dec.-Feb. '96:

- Nutrition for Two: Baby and You (810) 477-6100.
- Aerobic Weight Training for Women (810) 473-5900.
- E-Z Yoga (810) 473-5600.
- Intermediate Water Aerobics (810) 473-5600.
- Kinetics Programs I and II (810) 473-5600.

### Free blood pressure checks

Providence Hospital and Medical Centers is offering free blood pressure checks on the first Thursday of every month at Providence Medical Center-Providence Park at the corner of Grand River Avenue and Beek Road from 1-3 p.m. in the Cardiology Department. Call (810) 380-42







# KVC basketball race looks wide open in 1995-96

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seniors, all of whom have previous Lakeland basketball experience. The top returner will run the LHS offense and he also happens to be the coach's son. Senior Dave Wilkins is back for his fourth year on the varsity team.

Last season Wilkins was the squad's second-leading scorer, averaging 11 points per game. He was the top assist man, dishing off nearly five feeds per game, and he was also one of the top three-point gunners in the area, knocking down 39 attempts from long range.

Wilkins established himself as a scorer late last season, but his father said he'll need to be aggressive from the start this year if LHS has any hope of making a run at the KVC crown.

"He'll have to pick up where he left off last year," coach Wilkins said. "We'll need him to score early. He can't wait until late in the year to turn it on."

Senior Chris Shiland will make his return to the hardwood this year in the Eagles' backcourt. Shiland, fresh off an outstanding fall football season, played on the junior varsity team as a sophomore and is back to try and help the varsity team this year.

Senior Nick Wicjacha will also play at the off-guard spot for Lakeland and may see some action at small forward. Wicjacha averaged about seven points per contest last winter and was the team's third-leading three-point shooter.

Senior C.J. Stevenson returns for his second year on varsity and will also play the off-guard position and back up Wilkins at the point. Stevenson missed most of last season with mononucleosis, but he's healthy now and coach Wilkins likes his quickness and court sense.

A couple of junior cross country runners - Lance Binoniemi and Ryan Johns - will play reserve roles at guard for the Eagles. Both players are hard workers who saw a lot of minutes on the junior varsity squad last season.

Junior Mike Leitheim, a smart player who also played a lot on junior varsity in '94, will also be a backup guard for the squad.

Although Lakeland looks to be solid in the backcourt, center appears to be the deepest position for the team. Three players could vie for a starting spot in the middle for the Eagles.

Senior Wade Nagelkirk, a 6-foot-4 varsity back up last season, may get the nod because of his outstanding defense and rebounding. Senior Jason Martin, a 6-foot-6 player who also saw spot time on the varsity team last year, will also compete for the starting job. Martin is an excellent shooter who is working on developing better low-post skills.

Martin's brother, sophomore Chris Martin, could also see some time at center. He's also 6-foot-6 and a pure shooter who brings a little more athletic ability to the position.

Junior Eric Hardin looks to have a lock on the starting power forward spot for the Eagles. Hardin was the third-leading scorer last season for LHS, posting eight points per game, and was the top rebounder on the team, clearing the glass for eight boards per contest.

Senior Mike Minna, a 6-foot-2 returner, will also see a lot of time at power forward and as a reserve center. Junior James Saylor, the leading junior varsity scorer last year, will also act as a key reserve.

Saylor, a 6-foot-2 leaper, fits well into the Eagles' up-tempo system and could see some minutes at small forward.

Lakeland can't afford to get out of the gate slowly this season with a rigorous early-season lineup. In their first contest against North Farmington, the Eagles will be looking for revenge after an opening-game loss last season.

## MILFORD

Anyone looking for a member of the Milford boys varsity basketball team might want to start the search at the perimeter of the court this season. Don't bother looking in the lane because the Redskins will definitely make their home on the outside of the floor this year.

As Milford prepares to open up the prep hoops season tomorrow night at home against Walled Lake Central one thing is clear. The "Skins will be an aggressive attacking team but the paint will be a lonely area on the cold winter nights ahead.

"It will be a very small team and it will be a very young team," Milford coach Don Palmer said. "We have a lot of kids that can shoot the ball pretty well from 15 feet in and even from outside the (three-point) arc. Some of these kids will also be pretty good off the dribble but we really have no legitimate inside threat."

With the tallest player on the court standing at 6-foot-2 for MHS, rebounding and easy hoops inside will be a sight rarely seen, but Palmer feels that his squad could still make its mark in the KVC if it sticks to its style of ball.

"We should be a team that will be able to get its shots and we should be a better club defensively as far as awareness but there will be certain things that will give us trouble," Palmer said. "If people play zone against us we'll be able to dictate the tempo of the game but if they man us than it may cause some matchup problems."

The Redskins finished with an overall record of 9-12 last year and the squad finished tied for third place in the KVC with South Lyon posting a record of 6-6. But gone from last year's team are big guys Bob Kofahl, Case Lancaster and Jon Booms. That leaves behind a pack of versatile younger players but Palmer said the team needs to draw on the experience from last year and move forward.

"We're a young team with only one senior but we have to try to play like veterans," he said. "We can't go through and do our maturing through the season. We need it now."

The backcourt is where the experience is most evident for Milford. The team's top returner in junior Nick Demester. After running the team as a sophomore last year, Demester will switch from point guard to shooting guard this year. He averaged nearly nine points and two assists last year and he was a big threat from outside the arc where he canned 31 triples in '94.

"If Nick can match his numbers from last season I'll be very, very pleased. I think he'll find he attracts a lot more attention this year," Palmer said. "But he's one of those guys who can create his own shot."

Sophomore Justin Williams will likely start the year as the team's top point guard. The 5-foot-10 Williams played the last seven games on the varsity team last season and provided the club with a spark. He's a tremendous pure shooter who's gained confidence in his ball-handling and his ability to drive to the hole in the off-season.

Junior Treavor Phillips may also play in the backcourt but he'll also see a lot of time at small forward this winter. Palmer said Phillips, who averaged three points per game last season, will have to increase his output this year.

Sophomore Ron Austin, a 6-foot-2 player who saw a lot of minutes on the junior varsity team last year, will play a key role as a reserve guard behind Demester and Williams.

Juniors Al Adams and Dave Bergin will also be key backups at guard along with the only senior on the team, three-point threat Case Cicchelli.

Junior Chad Chwalek looks to get the nod in the middle for Milford despite his 6-foot-2 size. Chwalek averaged nearly four points a game as a forward last year but Palmer said he's improved his post game and was one of the most effective summer players this year.

Sophomore Bill Nash will see a lot of action at the big forward spot for Palmer's team. Nash is an athletic player who handles the ball well and Palmer said he improved a lot during summer sessions.

Sophomore Eric Iix is another Redskin who shined this summer and he'll be a key bench player up front along with junior Mike Jones. Junior Jeff Shetter has some good post skills and he'll likely be the top backup to Chwalek in the middle while junior Brett Vaughn is another good athlete who could play some key minutes at forward.

Junior Mark Johnston will be a defensive specialist who'll play at small forward for MHS.

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Getting his younger swimmers some experience will payoff down the road, he added.

"It was an eye-widening experience," McCord said of the EMU meet, which he described as large

in scope. "After that everything else will be taken in stride."

Team conditioning is coming along well at this point. McCord said most of his team is practicing twice a day and putting in about 10,000 yards.

While that may seem like a lot of yardage for each swimmer, the coach said it's about middle of the road. He hopes to avoid boring swimmers out-by adding additional yardage.

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