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Arena on ice while city seeks details

By JAN JEFFRES Staff Writer

A two-year-old proposal to build an ice arena here is frozen

until January. Novi City Council members in a joint meeting with the Parks and Recreation Commission said Monday they didn't yet have enough details to make a decision about entering into a joint public sector/private sector development agreement with Center Ice Management Inc. The council began pondering the contract in

When it comes down to putting the pen to the paper, there's still some hesitation as to where the risk is," Mayor Kathleen McLallen

Meanwhile, City Manager Ed Kriewall said that research has been underway about an alternative way to finance the \$6.5 million, two-rink complex, through a voter-approved general obligation bond which would assess taxpayers millage if the arena's revenues

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NOVI MEAP SCORES

Schools recover on MEAP tallies

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL

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This year, Novi schools played catch-up with the Michigan Educational Assessment Program scores ... and won.

After dropping substantially last year, Novi students scored higher in all test subjects this year, and even topped scores from

Students in the fourth and sev-

enth grades took the math and reading tests in October.

Results show fourth graders improved 24 percent this year in the reading category with 77.7 percent of students rating satisfactory. That's a better rating than the 1993 score of 66.6 per-

Novi fourth graders scored an 87.5 percent satisfactory on the Continued on 12

'Previously loved bears'

Elsie Schulz, 77, was thrilled to receive a 'slightly loved bear' from Abigail Saari,a member of Quest and Novi Youth Assistance. The groups took more than 135 bears to Novi Charter House Saturday to give to residents

there. Youth Assistance and the Novi Chamber of Commerce joined forces to collect the cuddly critters to give to seniors to brighten the holiday season. Men received baseball caps during the Christmas event.

Board puts tough query to hours change

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL Staff Writer

Novi Board of Education trustee Ray Byers is planning for some "robust" discussion come the new

But not until he and the other trustees get some answers.

He and other members of the board handed over a concise but insightful list of questions to the Novi High School Restructuring Committee last week.

The trustees were asked earlier this month to consider a proposal to change the high school day.

But board members said they needed some additional information and presented the committee with a list of queries they want answered by the Jan. 4 public hearing and school board meet-

A committee of teachers and administrators wants to switch from six periods of 55-minute classes to a four-period day of 85minute classes.

The increased class period in a sense condenses a one-credit class into a single semester instead of a full year. That would allow a student to take more classes over the course of a year. The purpose is to give students more electives.

"Some tough questions need to be asked," said Byers. "I encourage the staff and the administration to work through them to where everyone can come to an

understanding." Probably the best question, and one the board said is "absolutely necessary prior to full consideration of the block schedule," has to do with staffing.

Other schools using similar proposals have decreased class sizes, and with the reduced class schedule teachers will see fewer students every day. This indicates a need for increased staffing.

Is Novi going in that direction and how would the district afford it? The board wants to know.

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Students celebrate the holiday

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL Staff Writer

Twas the week before Christmas and all through the schools, teachers put together lessons real

Students warbled caroles and put on Christmas plays. But still they were learning each and every day.

Teachers say holiday activities not only help to get in the spirit of the season but gives them the opportunity to teach students about culture and goodwill.

Kindergarten teachers, Marianne Boschma and Sharon DeWitt, at Orchard Hills this year opted to teach kids to develop a good habit for Christmas.



Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

Rather than bringing in gifts for Orchard Hills first graders (from left) Jackie Kaske, Kelsi Olkowski and Nick Tsangaris sing Continued on 9 "I'm gettin' nuttin' for Christmas" in a sing-along Friday.

Robber spotted on return to bank

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL Staff Writer

Determined to nab the man suspected of two bank robberies in Novi, police had a plan.

"The week of Thanksgiving we figured he was about due again because it had been about two weeks. So we watched the bank Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday morning because he hits in the morning," explained Det. Frank Barabas of the Novi Police.

However, the robber pulled a surprise. He didn't appear until 12:30 p.m. Wednesday. just after police gave up surveillance for the

But he didn't rob the bank this time, just entered and left.

"We figure he was casing the joint and he

Instead the man robbed a Comerica Bank in Ferndale and traded in a stolen Ford Thunderbird for a Grand Cherokee left running outside a store near Farmington Road and Eight Mile. Farmington Hills Police chased him into Detroit where they lost him.

But not to worry. They knew he would be back. "They always return to the scene of the crime," said Barabas.

On Nov. 28, Livonia Police chased and captured the man after he robbed the Michigan National Bank at Wayne and Ann Arbor Trail.

According to Livonia Police, they located the man leaving the bank and gave chase. The man then rear-ended a semi, jumped out of the car and ran. Officers fired one shot which would probably be back on Friday," said did not strike him. But he stopped running.

Novi's Det. Barabas said 24-year-old Gregory Berry Jr., of Detroit, confessed to four bank robberies, two 7 Eleven robberies and five auto thefts.

Berry will be charged in Federal Court for the bank robberies, which are federal crimes. Barabas said federal authorities indicated

"(Berry) doesn't have a dope problem. He was just trying to pay some bills.

He said Berry got away with almost \$5,000 in the two Novi bank robberies.

Berry hit the Comerica in Novi on Oct. 26 and Nov. 7. Both times he walked into the bank, showed the same teller a note asking for the money, flashed a gun at her and then left with the money in stolen cars.

Church services set for Christmas

Churches in the area have planned special services and events to celebrate Christmas and the New Year.

The following is a list of area churches and the days and times

of their services: CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMI-LY. 24505 Meadowbrook Road in Novi, will have Christmas Eve Masses at 4, 6 and 10 p.m. The

Junior Choristers will perform

just prior to the 6 p.m. Mass at

5:50 p.m. The Music and Choir

will perform at 11:30 p.m.

Christmas Day Masses will be at 8:45 and 10:30 a.m. and 12:15

Masses will be at 5 p.m. on New Year's Eve and at 9 a.m. on New Year's Day. For more information, call the

church at 349-8847. On Christmas Eve, the FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE, 200 E. Main in

Northville, will have an 11 a.m.

service with the Choir Cantata: a

5 p.m. Children's Pageant, 7 p.m. Continued on 11

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CHRISTMAS & **NEW YEAR'S**

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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 Wed., Thurs., December 27-28 and January 3-4.

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

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City offices and the public library are closed. Have a very Merry Christ-

Tuesday, December 26

Youth Assistance

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

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.

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The Novi City Council has scheduled Thursday, January 11, 1996 as a special meeting to interview all candidates. Applications received by 5:00 pm on Friday, January 5, 1996 will be scheduled for an interview. All applications received after that date will be placed on the next interview session Applications are available from the offices of the City Clerk by calling 347-0456.

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Wednesday, December 27

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

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

Business Network International

Thursday, December 28

Friday, December 29

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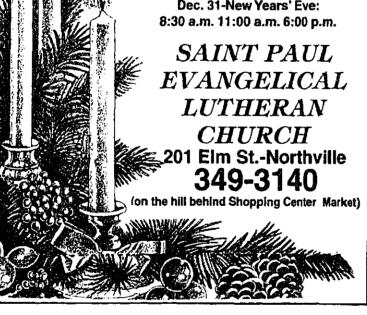
The Farmington Hills chapter of The Business Network International, made up of members from 10 neighboring communities, meets at 7 a.m. women with concerns about menopause. Call 380-4115 for more inforat the Tollgate 4-H Education Center, Twelve Mile at Meadowbrook Road. mation. For chapter information or an invitation to one of the meetings, please call 642-7725.

Optimist Club

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Dec. 25-Christmas Day: 10:00 a.m.





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Monday, January 1

New Year's Day City offices and the public library are closed. Have a happy New Year.

Tuesday, January 2

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

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Providence Medical Center's Conference Center, 47601 Grand River Ave., hosts a monthly menopause support group from 7:30-9 p.m. for





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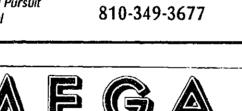
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Novi cop selected for Olympic security

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZE

Gregor always wanted to go to the

Olympics. "I was always looking up the most obscure sports to see if 1 the fields so I can see a could qualify," she explained. But although an athletic woman, lot of things ... and just she just never had the time or the energy to practice kayaking or experience everything,"

MacGregor never gave up the dream though. And now she is from the other officers and be chogoing to the Olympics doing what sen for the job. she is probably best qualified for: providing security for the games. 1,000 security officers at the more she knows the better.

Olympic games held in Atlanta this She will spend the month of July in the city. And although she only provided for them. MacGregor is receives room and board, she said

more than money. "I'm hoping I'll be part of the security that rings the fields so I can see a lot of things, meet a lot of different people and just experience everything," she explained. The security force is made up of retired or current law enforcement officers from around the world.

"You're going to have the world stage there," MacGregor added. "It's a once in a lifetime experi-MacGregor first learned of the opportunity in 1994 at a women's

and filled out the preliminary application. In June she received a second application and in November she found out she was chosen. It didn't take long for everyone else to find out she was chosen will learn a lot and bring that either. "I've started a list of souvenirs everyone wants, but they

have to give me the money ahead of time," she said. Preparing for the trip is exciting, she said. MacGregor offered to take classes in Spanish and sign language to distinguish herself

Novi Police Officer Diane Mac- "I'm hoping I'll be part of the security that rings

Office Diane MacGregor

"Everyone goes up to security to ask them how to get somewhere," MacGregor was recently chosen—she explained. And with the games from 6,000 applicants to be one of being an international event, the

MacGregor and an assigned roommate will live near the Olympic Village and have uniforms hoping she will come back with what she'll get in return is worth some nice Nike clothes. Nike is a sponsor of the games. She said the officers will work various shifts and have time for

fun. "If we are put up next to the Olympic Village I could go nuts," she laughed. "I'm also a pin collector so this is right up my alley." MacGregor was given the green light by the department and will most likely take a combination of vacation pay and time off without

pay during July. "I'm really excited for her," said Chief Douglas Shaeffer. "Even though she's going in an off-duty police conference in Pittsburgh manner there is no doubt she will carry the honor of the Novi Police Department with her. It's a great opportunity for her to meet people from throughout the nation. She experience back to us."

So, while the rest of Novi is dealing with the snow and the cold. MacGregor is thinking thoughts of sunny and warm Atlanta in July. "I always thought I could do something like this and now I am,

she said.

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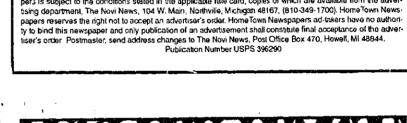
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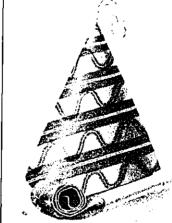
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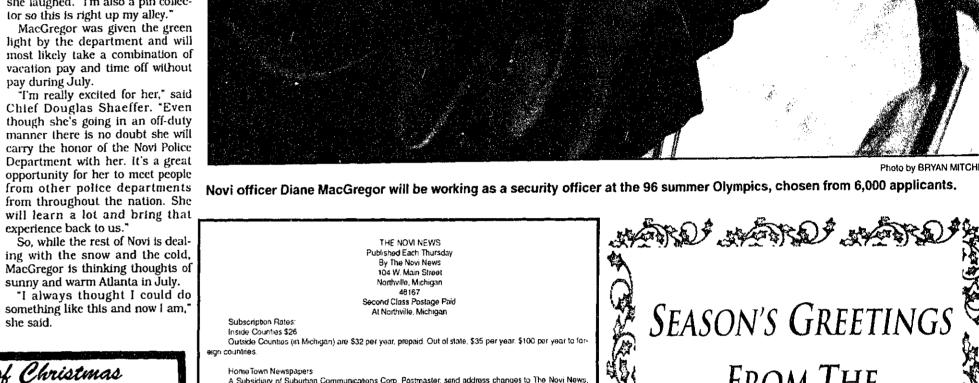
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Dissatisfied customer turns robber Novi Briefs

ACO Hardware on Ten Mile reportedly turned into an strong-arm robber the night of Dec. 5.

Police said the white male - in his early 40s, about 5-foot-10inches to 6-feet tall with dark, unkempt hair and wearing work clothes - bought a container of brake fluid only to return it a few

moments later. After illegibly filling out a return slip, the man tried to push the female cashier away from the register as it opened. She slammed the drawer shut and yelled for help as the man ran out the door and fled in a 1994 Cadillac. He escaped without getting any money.

Police said the Farmington and Northville Police indicated they've had similar attempted robberies in their communities by a man of similar description using a similar method of operation.

CAR BREAK-INS

Two residents of the Solomon Apartments parked in the wrong spot the night of Dec. 9. According to police both resi-

dents found their cars broken into. One man with a 95 purple Geo Prism discovered his \$529 Sony CD changer missing from the truck of his car. A car parked one spot over was

also broken into however the thieves tried but couldn't pry the speakers and the stereo from the car. Only cassette tapes were found missing from the 1992 **Police News**

Green Toyota Tercel. Police said in both instances the suspects punched in the door locks to gain entrance.

the Mary Feldman Chevrolet dealership on the morning of Dec. 9 tires to sell in order to afford his

jeans, shirt, gloves, boots and a having more in the trunk. leather jacket - hopped the wall. On arriving, the officer said he fol- MISSING PURSE lowed the footprints left in the Park apartments.

The tracks led to a new Chevy the night of Dec. 10. Blazer where the officer found evidence of attempted larceny.

The officer stopped the man as he tried to leave the apartment complex in the mini van and found WAITING FOR LEFTOVERS a box matching a jack left at the scene. The man did not have the help the night of Dec. 9 but it CD player, according to police. tires with him although police turned out to be a case of pooch believe he may have been taking preference. the van closer to retrieve the tires. But according to the man, he the Border Cantina restaurant off a pair of work socks. didn't finish the job because he became 'nervous and lost Inter-

Police said he was booked, jailed and released pending a warrant.

MINORS IN POSSESSION Police issued a citation to appear in court to an 18-year-old Novi A man seen jumping the wall at man for illegally possessing alco-

Police came across the man and told police he needed to steal some a friend as they sat in a blue Ford Probe on Cranbrook, Dec. 9 at about midnight. Officers noticed a A Novi officer responded to a beer can in the back of the car at report that a man - wearing black - which time the minor confessed to

Thieves got away with a black snow beginning at a lone white 1994 Chevy Blazer and a purse mini-van parked in the Fountain containing \$80 cash and several credit cards and a cellular phone According to police the woman

was inside the hotel and discovered the missing vehicle at 1 a.m. Police responded to a call for

According to police, someone at

dog left inside of a car, but when

determined the dog was in no dan-

Perhaps he was just waiting for

A resident living off Heartwood

called police to report someone

had thrown eggs at his home and

The incident, which occurred

Dec. 10 after 2 a.m., was not the

first time the house has been van-

dalized according to the man. He

and forth because he wasn't sure

about whether he wanted to do it."

detained the man Dec. 10 at 5

p.m. after he tried to exit the store

without paying for a \$129 portable

About an hour later, Sears loss

prevention discovered another

said it is a continual problem.

cut the string of Christmas lights

down from his pine tree.

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Silver Beech sanitary sewer extension

police arrived the dog was fine and Beck Road at Nine Mile will be under construction for a water main looked like he enjoyed his stay in crossing on Wednesday, Dec. 27, weather permitting. If weather does not permit, the operation will take place on Thursday. Dec. 28. The dog's owners were inside the Construction hours will be between 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. with traffic restaurant eating dinner. Police

reduced to one lane, which will be maintained with signs and flagmen. For further information, contact the JCK field office at (810) 348-9005 between 7 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

A mindful can drive

Students from the Odyssey of the Mind team at Novi High School hope to collect enough money to cover the costs of participating in the competition by holding a bottle drive Dec. 27. The students will be out and about collecting returnable bottles and

expenses for the competition ran about \$600. Odyssey of the Mind is a team competition involving creativity and skill. Students are given an assignment ahead of time to create a certain object and compete in other categories at the competition, The regional competition is scheduled for Feb. 24.

Court case delay

The husband of Mayor Kathy McLallen will have to wait just a little A man arrested for shoplifting in longer to be tried for assault and battery in 52-3 Court in Rochester. Sears was so pervous about com-Due to illness, Judge Robert Shipper adjourned the bench trial which mitting the crime he "paced back |

was to be held Friday and postponing it indefinitely. James "Peter" Irwin McLallen III was charged with assault and battery

after a May 27 altercation with another Novi man. Sears loss prevention officers Police said McLallen was exiting his private driveway off of Eight Mile when another mini-van appeared on the lane. Matthew Wick, who said he was looking at houses with his wife and two daughters, claimed McLallen jumped out of his van and began pounding on Wick's mini-van. He said, McLallen hit him and pushed Wick back into his van. McLallen alleges he requested Wick turn around and leave the private man trying to leave the store with | drive several times and when Wick didn't obey he simply pushed him back into the mini-van to tell him to go home.





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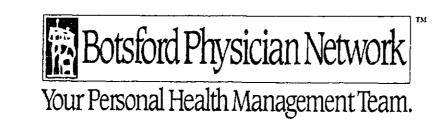
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The Log Book

The following is a list of the emergency runs of the Novi Fire Squad 3. Department for the week ending Dec. 17. Each incident is listed by tupe, location, time and the engine and squad number which respond p.m., Squad 1. ed to the call.

TUESDAY, DEC. 12

Injury accident, Novi Road and Ten Mile, 4 p.m., Squad 1. Medical, 40812 Village Wood, 5:51 p.m., Squad 3. Medical, 40929 Malott, 7:21

p.m., Squad 3. cans door to door in neighborhoods around the community. Last year Trailer fire, 26231 Ohio, 7:43 p.m., Squad 2. p.m., Engines 1 and 4.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 13

Medical, 41636 Sleepy Hollow, 7:14 a.m., Squad 2. Fire alarm, Novi High School, 1:06 p.m., Engines 1 and 3. Medical. Nine Mile and CSX Railroad, 6:32 p.m., Squad 3. Medical, 26864 Roric, 10:10

p.m., Squad 1. Investigation, 48845 Delmont, 10:36 p.m., Engine 4.

THURSDAY, DEC. 14

Injury accident, Twelve Mile and CSX Railroad, 8 a.m., Squad 1. Fire alarm, 43700 Expo Drive, 3:33 p.m., Engines 1 and 2. Medical, 20808 Woodland Glen, 5:07 p.m., Squad 3. Medical, 27500 Novi Road, 8:22

FRIDAY, DEC. 15

p.m., Squad 1.

Stand by, Stonehenge, 8:45

Medical, 23581 Nilan, 9:02 a.m., Investigation, 24633 Dinser, 11:58 a.m., Engine 4.

Medical, 41107 Jo Drive, 12:15 Fire alarm, Novi Expo Center, 2:25 p.m., Engines 1 and 2.

Wire down, Summit Court, 3:31 p.m., Engine 2. Medical, 31274 Springlake, 5:52 p.m., Squad 2.

Medical, 220 Endwell, 6:43 p.m., Squad 2. Medical, 22788 Cottage, 10:40

SATURDAY, DEC. 16 Fire alarm, 27780 Novi Road, 12:07 a.m., Engines 1 and 2.

Dumpster fire, 22655 Heslip Dr. 3:54 a.m., Engine 3. Fire alarm, 46011 Nine Mile Road, 7:48 a.m., Engines 1 and 3. Medical, 43100 Twelve Oaks Crescent, 7:58 a.m., Squad 1.

SUNDAY, DEC. 17 Medical, 30900 Jasper Ridge

2:50 a.m., Squad 2. Medical, 31140 Wellington, 3:13

a.m., Squad 2. Medical, 45535 Amhearst, 9:05

a.m., Squad 4. Trailer fire, 1458 Nardeer, 12:56 p.m., Engines 1 and 4. Medical, 30760 Beck Road, 1:06

p.m., Squad 2. Medical, 27500 Novi Road, 3:24 p.m., Squad 1.

Car fire, 27800 Novi Road, 6:20 p.m., Engine 1. Medical, 20918 Glen Haven, 11:17 p.m., Squad 3.



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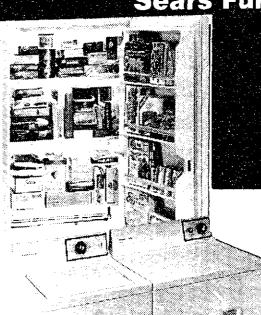
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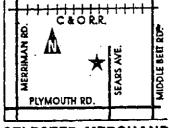
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Robbery lead a case of mistaken identity

Payless Shoe Store robbery turned dent. out to be a case of mistaken iden-

A Detroit grandmother called police the Monday after the robbery to say she thought her grand-

nowhere," Barabas explained.

"It was a lead that went Police attempted to get the composites of the men aired on Detroit

woman received wrong information facial feature will lead to the cap-nant New Hudson woman and one Novi police are trying to link a May What Novi police thought might from friends about the television ture of two men suspected in the a Novi woman were bound with 7 in the West Oaks II shopping be a lead in the case of the Nov. 25 report aired the night of the inci- Nov. 25 crime and two other duct tape and left in a dark bath—center to the same two men. nesses in all three robberies identifled one of the men as having a store and no witnesses.

On Nov. 25 at 8 p.m., two men robbed the Payless store in West

armed robberies this year. Wit- room while the men escaped. There were no customers in the

sell's Tuxedos shop was robbed by link two men fitting the same descrip-The Payless Shoe store in tion only this time wearing busi Roseville was robbed in much the ness suits. The men told the area television news broadcasts, armed with a gun and a knife, same manner just six days before. employee to put a note on the door. Roseville last week to compare Thanks to the description of the and then bound him with electrical notes on the two shoe store cases.

The description of the men plus the method of operation, using the tape, have police considering a

Novi Police headed out to

He won't be home for holidays, so his home heads for him

Jeremy Truong, 10, won't be month of chemotherapy prior to a He was diagnosed with acute home for Christmas, but his home bone marrow transplant. is essentially coming to him. His big brother Quyen Truong, the hospital and is in good spirits, 17, and dad Ben Truong will leave says Quyen. Friday to join Jeremy and his

mother, Caroline Truong at the expected home until February,* Ronald McDonald House near the Guyen added. University of Wisconsin Hospital in In late September, the Parkview when Jeremy left for his trans-

He's doing pretty good. He's not Just in case he couldn't make it back in time for the holidays,

lymphblastic leukemia in March. He's since been released from In April, Jeremy's family for an Asian bone marrow donor. It was expected that a match

western Michigan woman fit the bill and agreed to help. Jeremy will be unable to know Elementary School student left his plant, he packed up a stuffed the identity of the donor for one

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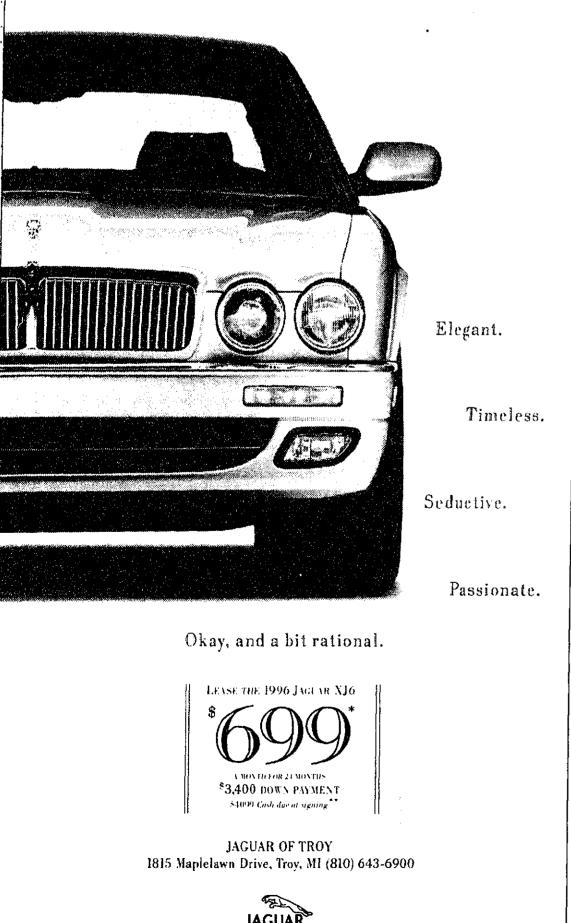
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Awards go to Novi's best dressed homes

By JAN JEFFRES

The Novl Civic Center was more 22298 Antler, plaque stuffed than a Christmas stocking Monday as winners of the annual Trail holiday decorating contest came in to claim their prizes from Mayor Fawn Trail Kathleen McLallen.

But maybe the real victor was Detroit Edison, as dozens of residents here rack up some pretty stiff electricity bills with their Antler thousands of outdoor lights.

"It's great fun. It's probably the cheapest night out. Stop at McDonald's and then drive around town," McLallen said. The City of Novi Homeowners

Association, led by President Ruth Ann Jirasek, and the City of Novi combined forces in the annual contest to select the fanciest yards, subdivisions and businesses. Jirasek noted that all of the neighborhoods had "upwards of 73

tion" in the outdoor decorating. "There are really spectacular subdivisions to see," she said. Snowmen, nativity scenes, Santas and reindeer adorn local yards. Even the city's most recent residents are getting into the act, the

mayor pointed out. Two families, the Burts and the Bells, in the recently-built Lochmoore subdivision, drew prizes.

"These are brand-new residents who really knew how to get into it. In spite of moving, they knew where they packed their lights," McLallen said. Top winners were given plaques. Others took home City of Novi

ornaments. And the winners were: ADDINGTON

Ken and Merry Kroll, 23952 Devonshire Marcus and Susan Hoight. 23940 Devonshire

BIRCHWOOD Brian and Erin Rogg, 25126 Birchwood **BRIARWOOD HOMES**

Steve and Lynn Hohenshie, 24548 Bramblewood Tom and Linda Winkel, 24363 Bramblewood John and Terri Tyler, 47283

Robin Court **CAMBRIDGE DRIVE** Bob and Millie Cummings. 21080 Cambridge CARRIAGE HILLS

The Bayer family, 41153 Coven-CHASE FARMS The Martell family, 21142 The Keane family, 21046 Chase,

plaque The Serra family, 21455 Chase, The Thomas family, 42913 Ash-

The Kline family, 42897 Ashbury CEDAR SPRINGS Roy Wilson, 25747 Sullivan,

Jodi Barndt, 25651 Sullivan James Eagan, 25757 Sullivan

Suspected arson

Novi firefighters spray down two burning truck

Drug warehouse on Novi Road at around 6 a.m.

trailers off of Gen-Mar Road near the Arbor

Monday. There was a report of an explosion

Walt Paliwoda, 44511 Copland Dwayne and Denise Wiedor, 44512 Copland

Mark and Lenore Evarian. The Meyer family, 41565 Fawn The Mazurck family, 41469

The Beeler family, 22167 Antler The Kohls family, 22191 Antler The Adams family, 22215 Antler The Pheiffer family, 41493

Richard and Barbara Hatch, 44839 Lightsway, plaque Julie and Dale Mantay, 44601 Fordway

Thomas and Paula Chomiuk, 45346 Courtview Trail Bonnie Lauts, 44525 Midway ECHO VALLEY The Todd family, 23981 Wood-

The Styles family, 48150 Cedarwood percent to 89 percent participa-

The Tymensky family, 48246 Cedarwood The Brennan family, 23876 Heartwood GARFIELD ROAD

The Miras family, 21801 Garfield Jean Signor, 223077 Garfield GREENWOOD OAKS Larry and Sue Czecki, 24383 Nantucket, plaque

The LaRose family, 24425 Nan-LAKES AREA The Ott family, 1425 W. Lake

Lake Drive, plaque Kozlowski, 1635 West Lake ry Grove Drive, plaque No family name given, 208 Hen- Winthrop

The Jackson family, 116 Penhill The Hatchigian family, 132 Pick-The Smith family, 1320 East

LAKEWOOD PARK HOMES Jim Terze, 39725 Villagewood LOCHMOORE

The Burt family, 25774 Grove-The Bell Lochmoore

MAPLES OF NOVI John Gabrielsen, 31173 Rolling Grove, plaque Ted and Jane Gabriel, 41673 Blaire Drive

MEADOWBROOK GLENS The Daldduk family, 24560 Knollwood The Gatt family, 42455 Parkridge

Kadaj family, 24568 Queens MEADOWBROOK LAKES Bob Brayton, 41834 Chattman,

ORCHARD HILLS Ron Knox 41860 Quince ORCHARD RIDGE The Heffernan family, 23468

Dutchess Court, plaque The Wasik family, 23869 Green-

The Coles family, 23755 Harvest The Flecher family, 23793 Har-

The Frink family, 23981 Harvest The Menke family, 23823 Hicko-





Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

The Little family, 21135 Mead-

J.T.L. Investments, 26900 Mead-

Crosswinds West Condominiums

North Hills Village Apartments

OVERALL PARTICIPATION

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Westminster Village

Plaques, city awards

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Michigan Catepillar, Novi Road,

Diamond Castle, 39955 Grand

Vic's World Class Market, 42875

Grand River, by Vic Ventimiglia

Little Valley, 45225 Grand River

J.K. Kelly and Co., 48595 Grand

by Jerry Jung for tractor, special

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ENTRANCES

Riverbridge

Timber Ridge

Turtle Creek

River Oaks West

Cedar Springs

DeerBrook

Echo Valley

Timber Ridge

BUSINESSES,

and Lisa Riboda

Plaques, city awards

Highline Apartments

The Murphy family, 1107 South This giant greeting card can be found on the lawn of the Brayton residence on Chattman.

The Brandon family, 43977 Screnity Lane

RIVER BRIDGE The Graham family, 43347 Riverbridge Court The DeBoard family, 43382 Ash-

The Vaishampayan family 43388 Ashbury The Ellis family, 43241 Ashbury

The Donaldson family, 43238 Ashbury Lori and Tim Macaddino, 43310 Ashbury

ROMA RIDGE Tom and Beth Belcher, 46535 Crestview Drive, plaque Richard and Rochelle Lichorobiec. 46653 Crestview, plaque The Reynolds family, 24469

Kent and Carol Davenport, 46890 Cidermill Charles and Julie Halasn, 24707 Bacara

ROYAL CROWN Bill and Mary Murphy, 45542 White Pines, plaque Brian and Debra Wines, 22776

Randall Court Robert and Janis Gaydos, 45748 White Pine Dave and Lynn Kimpel, 45704

Greg and Ann Berry, 45652 White Pines Cal and Sharon Fleming, 22694 Bertram

TIMBER RIDGE Judy and Larry Rybacki, 43532 Scenic Lane, plaque Jill and David Kurtz, 43588

The Pizzornie family, 39610

WHISPERING MEADOWS

No name given, 21960 Sunflower The Gabrielle family, 40136 Ladene The Ellis family, 40233 Ladene

MEADOWBROOK ROAD

The Bradford family, 21709 Patti and John Quincey, 43570 Sunrise

Brian and Theresa Tucker, The Hanson family. 21901 Sun-43610 Serenity Lane TURTLE CREEK Jim Rzepka, 22251 Cascade

Tom and Karen Yancheson, ingside, plaque 21758 Meridian Dennis and Diane Kowalski, LeBost, plaque 21922 Heatherbrae Way

VILLAGE OAKS Lynn and Steve Milligan, 22935 Brookforest The Poremba family, 22646 Deerfield

Gil Shultz, 22654 Chestnut Tree The Sale family, 41098 The Speilman family, 22517 McMahon The Van Oast family, 23971 E. Chestnut Tree WALDEN WOODS LeBost The McMillan family, 23757

The Freerer family, 25622 Gina Maud Lea Circle Barbara Hillier, 23760 Maud Lea The Jabbort family, 25626 Gina

The Reichley family, 25886 Veni- The Barbarich family, 24423 The Gartner family, 23839 Rip- award. The Borai family, 25945 Arcadia

WESTMINSTER VILLAGE YORKSHIRE PLACE Carole and Steve Singer, 39631 Westminster Circle, plaque The Piche family, 39675 Westminster Circle, plaque

Michael Yaylaian, 24983 EIGHT MILE ROAD The Shaffner family, 49680 The Grimaldi family, 39763

McMahon

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Eight Mile, Maycrest Farms, The Kerrigan family, 39570 plaque The Zayti family, 47500 Eight The Standafer family, 39643

WILLOWBROOK

The Natzel family, 40921 Moor-

The Makowski family, 24250

The Bethel family, 24340 Willow,

The Fennelly family, 41039 S.

The Hornsby family, 41147 S

ELEVEN MILE ROAD Phil Brodak, 46330 Eleven Mile, TEN MILE ROAD Wilbert Volz, 46400 W. Ten Mile

Planners want shorter minutes

Anglin, 42750 Grand River Novi Town Center BUSINESSES Ornaments

Marcus Glass, 25914 Novi Road Lacey Tool, 40375 Grand River Butcher's Choice Meats, 40110

W. Grand River Marty Feldman, 42355 Grand The Marderosian family, 23141

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL didn't approve. So the issue was Vrettas explained. back on the table Dec. 6, where However, many of the commis-Planning Commissioners had to once again commissioners opted sioners thought the shorter, condecide Dec. 6 if the need to be for the short version. more efficient supersedes the need At the recent meeting, Lorenzo Planning commissioner Pete to provide as much information as told commissioners to look at the Hoadley wanted the short version intent of the minutes and not at possible to the community. Four members felt "the shorter the time factor. long. "I doubt all the commissionthe better" when they voted to "In addition to this being a legal ers read them," he said. juash a motion, 4-4, to make the record ... it's a service to the Jacque Hodges said, "Ditto. I 40,000-plus residents of this com- agree with Hoadley." She felt the Meeting minutes are meant to munity," she said, realizing many short version fit the requirements provide a record of motions, discussions and actions. They are minutes because they were a of the meeting. legally required to be a fair repre-Kim Thomas Capello also went sentation of the meeting. But are "With the very short version, the for the short version. "The summanot required to be verbatim. city's thought process isn't there. ry of the minutes is easier to read While lengthier records provide The reasoning (for decisions) isn't it gives a better representation of more details to residents of the there," she explained. what transpired," Capello said. "I'm very disappointed we would He said minutes shouldn't be city, they can be tedious for planning commissioners who need to go to the cut version ... I could taken verbatim unless the city read and approve them every probably go to the middle of the hires a professional court reporter. road if I had to but..." Lorenzo Vrettas wanted to make sure the

versions for reporting the minutes long way was a safer way and sup-

of the meeting, long, medium and ported Lorenzo. "Who are we here

A majority of the commission "The most valuable information

version, but Chair Laura Lorenzo shouldn't cut off that knowledge," them."

voted Sept. 20 to adopt a short citizen's can have is knowledge. We

Obituaries

So planning commission clerks trailed off.

experimented with three different

born in Detroit on Oct. 29, 1919. Novi. Mr. Riley was an assistant fire chief in Highland Park from 1945-77. For 13 years, he was employed as security in Beaumont Hospital.

Surviving Mr. Riley is his wife,

Sullivan Funeral Home in Novi.

given to the Heart Association,

Mrs. Bevens lived most of her James C. Riley, age 76, of Novi Mass of Christian Burial followed life in the Novi area. Before retirdied Dec. 15, 1995, at Beaumont at Holy Family Church, Novi. ing, she was a licensed practical Her survivors include daughter, Betty Badger of Southfield; son, Bill Badger of Battle Creek; sister,

Alice Grubbs of California; and 13

tape recordings of the minutes

"I want to have some sort of

record kept," said Vrettas. "We're

going to run into situations like

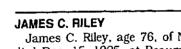
Interlock where we're going to need

the shorter minutes.

Member Arthur Vrettas said the were kept long enough to back-up

A private service was held and interment was at Grandlawn

Arrangements were made by Casterline Funeral Home Inc. in



He was a veteran of World War II

Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

being heard and Novi Fire Chief Art Lenaghan

said that arson is suspected. The fire is under

review by the Oakland County arson investiga-

tion units. The amount of damage is unknown.

18 at the O'Brien Chapel/Ted C. and Bessie (Dawson) Eldridge.

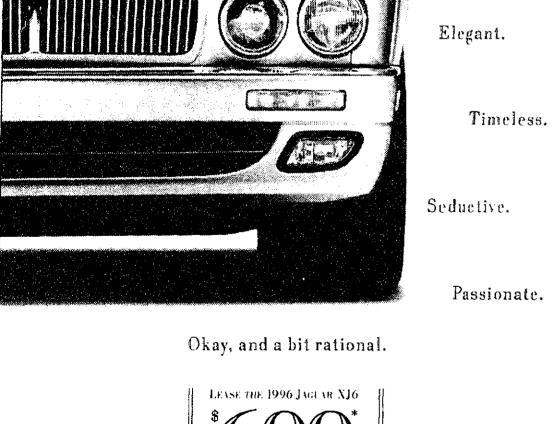
Hospital in Royal Oak. He was Interment was at Oakland Hills in Memorial contributions may be

to serve?" he asked.

and a life member of Northville MARY E. BEVENS

Mary E. Bevens of Novi died Dec. Genevieve; daughter, Mary Cather- 12, 1995, at Lahser Hills Nursing ine; two grandchildren, James and Home in Southfield. She was 90. Mrs. Bevens was born on Sept. 6, Prayers were held Monday, Dec. 1905, in Shelburn, Ind., to John

P.O. Box 160-LV, Lathrup Village, grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband and one son.



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At left, Tom and Mary Wicke shop Kay-Bee Toys to buy gift "for every child connected to the family." Above, Dave Scheffler tries to pick out the perfect gift for his girlfriend at Victoria's Secret.

those hectic people out on Christmas Eve.

Novi shoppers are still looking for that perfect gift

By LINDA HAMILTON

eggnog or wrapped up in ribbon, there's the mall by laying down to rest after a chased already. Harry looked comfortable hard to tear his big, brown eyes away from Sometimes shoppers need to take a no escaping the fact that the Christmas season is here in full force.

Sometimes shoppers need to take a busy night of shopping. Mom Katie Nicles in the mall, however. This might be due to season the fact that the Christmas shoppers need to take a busy night of shopping. Mom Katie Nicles in the mall, however. This might be due to the fact that Harry has a part the part.

son wholeheartedly to the point of deco-surprised to find the mall crowded, even. Twelve Oaks which requires great listen-mountain of stuffed toys at the back of the having a great time. Cabeza had picked up rating the luggage racks on their vehicles. though it was a week night. while others could sleep right through to In fact, the various resting areas in dren. Valentine's Day. A recent trip to Twelve Twelve Oaks were getting a pretty good Jeff Hatfield of Brighton, with his two that he has none of his Christmas shop- wasn't looking. They thought that the Oaks Mall discovered an array of shoppers workout last week. People unaccustomed sons Curtis, 2, and Brad, 6, were patiently ping done and will probably be one of trying to conclude their gift buying and to the concept of relentless power shop- waiting for Mrs. Hatfield to make her way

long Santa Claus line was infant Steven Leider of Walled Lake readily admitted, of a Karate Fighter, while Curtis is waiting for his niece. Guido of Farmington Hills. Mom, Paula, after a yawn, that he needs to "keep going for a "choo-choo" or a "Vroom-vroom." said they had been waiting in line for and it's hard staying in one spot." about 45 minutes and that this was The Champe family men, also of Walled imitation with a hearty "Ho Ho." Steven's first visit to see St. Nick.

Whether you're up to your ears in of one of the many benches throughout pretty good list of things they had purnated by a Disney music box that it was the family."

ping and its often cutthroat methods were back to them. Brad and Curtis had Dressed like one of Santa's miniature taking a break from the crowds. These already been to see Santa and were getting front of shelves of pink boxes at Kay-Bee

smile he must have been practicing for his special photo with Santa.

Sporting a Santa hat was Randy, shopping Kay-Bee Toys, trying in vain not to look ping is going "terribly" and that they'll Ready of special photo with Santa.

Ready of special photo with Santa.

Tag teaming it through the toy store Lake, had staked a claim in one of the Of course, children play a major part in were Tom and Mary Wicke of Northville. Steven woke up just in time to flash a cushioned conversation pits in the mall. Yuletide festivities. The Disney Store and Tom admitted that this Christmas shop- this year and is just about finished.

Amanda, 7, and Steven, 3, Nicles of sons, Eric, 7, and Alex, 3, along with children both young and old. Kaustubh here. We're shopping for our kids, other Commerce Township were making use out Randy's dad, Harry Champe. They had a Prabhu, 3, from Northville was so fasci-kids, godchildren; every child connected to

Some people embrace the holiday sea- to rest her shopper's legs. She said was eight years in a holiday occupation at Belleville were busy making a dent in the Ferreira of Wixom looked like they were ing skills and a special fondness for chil- Disney store. Grandpa Dave Knight was a hand massager and was giggling while letting them enjoy and readily admitted she poked Ferreira's back with it when he shopping mall would be less crowded on a week night and are going to bring their kids back to see Santa.

Bob Koltuniak of New Hudson stood in At Victoria's Secret, Dave Scheffler of elves and sleeping his way through the dazed shoppers were mostly men. Rick their lists ready to mail. Brad's dreaming Toys and was thoughtfully looking at gifts Southfield was having a hard time deciding on something for his girlfriend. He had "I'm working off a list and I'm about already bought another present and was thoughtfully trying to accessorize it. doesn't have too many people to buy for

Prostitution ring busted at motel, outcall massage services are fronts

during a bust of a prostitution ring vices in local papers. operating out of the Red Roof Inn at Ten Mile and Grand River.

Three other people were arrested Robert Tiderington.

According to police the compa- combination of prostitutes and nies involved, Fantasia and Inter- "johns." They were issued misde-Farmington Hills Police arrested active Complete Nude Massage, meanors and will appear in court a dozen people over the weekend advertised as nude massage ser- in January.

> "But there was more going on than nude massages," said Det.

at a home in the Spring Valley Police raided the motel Friday part of a series of on-going investi-

None of those arrested were from

Tiderington said the bust was

Conservative bills to dump curricula, install prayer stall in state house

By TIM RICHARD Staff Writer

stalled last week as the state House of Representatives tripped up Gov. John Engler's agenda. The developments: · Chairman William Bryant, R-

Grosse Pointe, canceled a meeting of the House Education Committee that was scheduled to report out favor to private and parochial and to be present during exams. House Bill 639 on "schools of "I'm pretty sure he didn't have

the votes," said committee member

Tom Kelly, D-Wayne. • The House barely approved a watered-down version of the Sen-

of the House's most conservative Cropsey of DeWitt and Deborah blow to Noah Webster Academy, Whyman of Canton - Joined 36 Democrats in voting no.

679, were 47 Republicans and 10 the brother of Rep. Alan Cropsey. Democrats. Nine members missed

many of his pet projects, like leges may issue charters only requires a moment of silence expanded public school academies within their district boundaries. (PSAs) and weaker curriculum ules, restored if the measure goes Agee, D-Muskegon, to clamp an are forced to hear. The bill removes to a joint House-Senate conference even tighter lid on university- the core curricula - the only real

s'"charter schools" - view with a blow to Central Michigan Univer- prayer alarm the number of private and sity, the biggest issuer of charters. parochial schools that are getting Harter status and state aid despite the Michigan Constitu- mission for parents to videotape. Local schools and charter schools tion's ban. Opponents also view and audiotape classroom sessions may continue to issue their own. weak curriculum standards as a

Two right-wing education bills "The bill removes the core curricula – the only real expectation we've ever had. We have replaced content with prayer."

Rep. Maxine Berman, D-Southfield

Here – subject to change without open invitation to harass teachers notice - is what happened on and provide fodder for evangelicals' major issues in the House version television shows.

• Charter school authorities - Out. After putting a mandatory Limited. In a blow to Engler, the core curriculum back into the ate's revised School Code on a 57House removed charter-issuing code, the House dealt a blow to
44 vote early Wednesday after a authority from the State Board of moderate Republicans and 14-hour session. Significantly, six Education after mid-1997 and Democrats by sticking with the from a handful of districts without Senate standard - a "model" cur-Republicans - including Alan high schools. That was an outright riculum. the fundamentalist school char- hot debate, the House approved an tered by a K-8 school district in amendment allowing a moment of Supporting the measure, SB lonia County whose headmaster is silence at the beginning of the

• Charter school caps - In. Engler and the Senate wanted to Republican. Rep. Willis Builard, R-Milford, remove the present cap of 75. The whose district includes Novi. voted House lifted the cap to 85 this year to the far right wing of the Repub-

The Senate version was seen as an

· Mandatory core curriculum -

• Moment of silence - In. After school day. The sponsor was freshman Michael Green, a Thumb-area

This is nothing more than a sop but doesn't remove it entirely until lican Party," said Rep. Maxine Chances are Engler can get the year 2000. Community col- Berman, D-Southfield. *SB 679 which in fact will become a prayer An amendment by Rep. James in name which minority religions issued charters fell two votes expectation we've ever had. We Opponents of PSAs - also known short, 54-40. Nevertheless, it was have replaced content with

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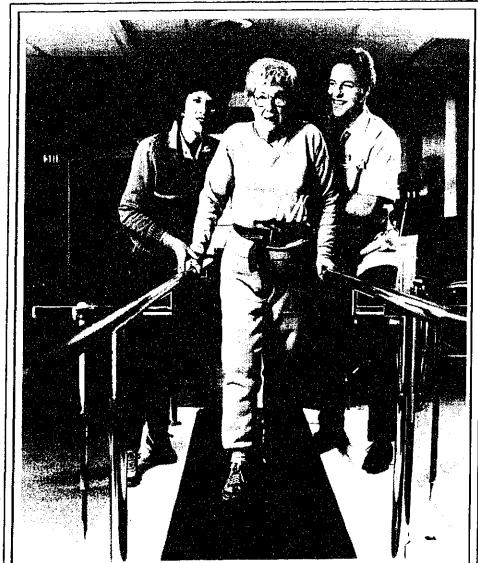
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asked to bring in a small monetary donation for an animal charity. gious holidays. Now students are helping to save donating to the Humane Society. "What a nice way for the kids to

can relate to," said Boschma. At Village Oaks, second graders learned the art of classical ballet from the director of the Detroit other cultures. Ballet. They presented the modifled Nuteracker "musical" to parents one night last week.

Lisa Erickson, a teacher at Parkview Elementary, said her first grade students learned a little about cooking and entertaining last week at school. "We made sugar cookies and invited the families into the class-

the teacher, the students were nent holiday, other Novi students celebrate other cultural and reli-

Erickson said teachers have dogs, cats and other critters by eased up on the "Santa thing" sometimes because some kids just don't celebrate that.

be helpful doing something they Orchard Hill's Boschma and her paraprofessional, Dawn Howard. said the holidays are a great opportunity to introduce kids to

> "We have a great National Geographic kit that introduces students to Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, the Chinese New Year and Christmas,"

> Erickson said her class also explored the various ethnic tradi-

"It's exciting to know kids today room," she said. "The kids loved it. have experienced the other cultures and appreciate other people It was nice for them to feel they and their beliefs, customs and herwere the entertainers and the itage," said Erickson. The teachers Although Christmas, celebrated use non-religious symbols to celebrate the holidays.

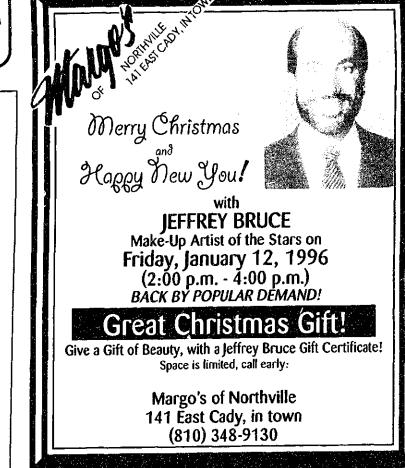
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State gets tougher on animal shelters

By TIM RICHARD

A 90-4 yes vote gave no indication of the work state Rep. before concurring in the Senate Gerald Law put into a bill regu- amendments. All area lawmaklating dog pounds and animal

"Every time I turned around. another group would come forward with its own problem," said Law, R-Plymouth.

*Basically, if you adopt a pet from a licensed shelter, you have to leave a \$25 deposit and promise to get it sterilized," said Law, a dog owner who takes a • Pet shops are required to strong interest in animal legisla-

The Michigan Humane Society benefits of altering animals." Pet requires it. But there's nothing shop licenses are issued by the in law to require it. This should cut the number of unwanted

"An estimated 200,000 dogs adoption of an unaltered dog, and cats are euthanized each cat or ferret until the customer year, but we don't know how has contracted to neuter it. many for sure. This will require Exception: An owner reclaiming them to report it leuthanasia fig- a lost pet from the shelter isn't ures) to the Department of Agri-required to agree to neutering.

"The shelter can go to small leave a \$25 good faith deposit states have laws like this." House Bill 4654 will become

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passed its version Nov. 9, and the House waited three weeks

ers voted yes except Rep. Deborah Whyman, R-Canton. A complication occurred, said Law, when groups promoting the adoption of certain purebed dogs came forward. The final bill is 10

Major provisions: • The law applies to dogs, cats and ferrets. distribute pamphlets to pur-

chasers about "the pet overpop-"Many county shelters do it. ulation problem and the health Department of Agriculture. Animal control and protec

and unadoptable dogs and cats. tion shelters may not permit the The adopter is required to

claims court and get damages to with the shelter guaranteeing make you conform (have the pet his intention to have the animal sterilized) and can get the ani-neutered. If he fails to keep the mal back. Twenty-five other promise, he forfeits the \$25 and can be required in District Court to pay damages of \$150 plus the law as soon as Gov. John Engler shelter's attorney fees. His \$25 is returned when neutering has

OCC head proposes reorganization

Interim Chancellor Anthony Jarmunity College board to approve chancellor. his reorganization plan for top manent changes now.

"There are so many vacant posttions. Things weren't getting done," said Jarson, who came out of retirement a month ago to head the college where he was a financial officer 26 years. By a vote of 4-2, the board

. Changing Vice Chancellor's James L. Warner's title from head of curriculum and professional development to head of academic and student affairs - "to more accurately reflect the role of the chief academic officer." In addition, Warner will super-

vise institutional research, a duty now overseen by the ailing Daniel A. Jaksen, vice chancellor for planfor Jaksen's replacement.

 Upgrading Dr. Edward Callaghan's title to vice chancellor for human resources and communications. He currently is executive director for human resources. "We've always had a vice president for human resources," said Jarson, using the pre-1987 title. "We have five unions. It needs to be an executive level position."

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supervision of the College Rela- trol. tions Office, a function that previ
• Eliminating the post of manageglas Wakefield of Southfield, vice son persuaded the Oakland Com- ously had reported directly to the er of environmental health and chair Judith Wiser of West Bloom-

 Promoting Clarence E. Brantadministrators despite some lev to interim chief business officer trustees' reluctance to make per- and treasurer effective Jan. 1. Brantley has been controller and who is resigning for family rea-

> Before joining OCC in 1992, Brantley was executive vice presi- who was ousted in mid-October on by a 7 p.m. business meeting in dent and chief financial officer of a 5-2 vote. Highland Park Community College and vice president of finance at interim appointments," said Scott. stone, north of M-59 and east of I-Taylor Engineering in Southfield. He is a Rochester Hills resident. mons. "The new chancellor might • Replacing Brantley with an want his or her own people. I don't are open to the public.

interim controller. Reclassifying Cheryl Kozell as executive director of workforce school 26 years. I don't consider development. She currently is myself a newcomer. The new chandirector of resource development, a cellor might not be able to recomfund-raising job that involves work mend changes for a year or a year with the OCC Foundation.

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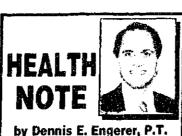
tion plan were board chair Dousafety. Eugene Lapko is resigning field, Carol L. Crew and Sandra

Davis of Madison Heights. The board will move its Jan. 25 Voting against the changes were will replace Helen Kieba-Tolksdorf, trustees Anne Scott of Royal Oak meeting to the Auburn Hills Camand Janice Simmons of Pontiac. pus, the site of OCC's industrial programs. A 6:30 p.m. tour of the They had been loyal to the previous chancellor, Dr. Patsy Calkins, virtual reality lab will be followed the High Tech Center. The Auburn "I think they should be acting or Hills Campus is at 2900 Feather-"Why the rush?" asked Sim-

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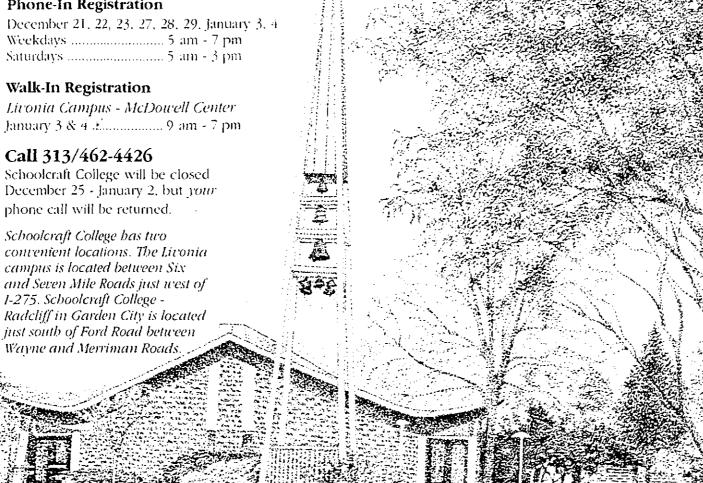
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Community Presbyterian Church Sunday, Dec. 24. That evening, CHURCH OF HOLY CROSS 11 p.m. The earlier service, geared Sunday School program at 10 Eleven Mile Road in Novi, at the 11 EPISCOPAL, 46200 West Ten Mile to families with younger children, church at 349-5665.

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be no Sunday school. A "Traditional Candlelight Christmas Eve Service" is sched-NORTHVILLE CHRISTIAN 7 p.m. Christmas Eve Family Wor- uled for 7 p.m. featuring Nancy Stelter on Hand Bells, Ruth Jones regular 11 a.m. Sunday worship 8, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Masses on in Novi, will have Carols and Can Story and Candlelight Ceremony. and Nancy Steller on piano and Sonshine Bells. For more information, call the

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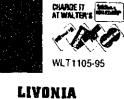
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Novi shows improvement on MEAP after one-year dip

math, up 5 percent from last year. Satisfactory is the rating given to students who achieve a score of 300 or more in both the story and informational sec- increased, too, from 65.2 last year to 78 off," said Traynor. tion of the reading test and a score of 520 this year.

or better on the math tests. from year to year so it's difficult to define and performance by students. MEAP scores on a "score from a total"

Novi rated satisfactory on the reading test. Changes in instructional methods also acknowledge the low scores on the test made what they call sweeping changes in But even that's up 30 percent from the play a part. 1994 score of 45.9.

MEAP department at the State Board of ling strategies have been applied in terms students varies each time.

required to formulate new goals and meth- become a "descriptor" for the community. skills.

"We think we've been looking at that students falling in the moderate range. grade tests. Scores of satisfactory on the math test—over the years and its beginning to pay

Traynor said when comparing scores Parkview Elementary the number of fourth According to Rita Traynor, assistant from year to year and district to district, graders scoring satisfactory on the reading According to Diane Smolen, of the superintendent for instruction, as teach- it's important to remember the group of test jumped from 57.8 percent last year to Education, the test scores are calculated of the assessment expectations, there — She said although district's shy away — cent increase.

87.3 this year. That's a whopping 51 perwith a formula that allows for comparison seems to be a steady increase in learning from using the scores as a comparison. The MEAP tests students on basic between districts and students, schools math, reading and science skills such as She said teachers in each building are—can't avoid the fact that the MEAP has—comprehension and application of those—which replaced the upper grade MEAP,

Individually, all four elementary schools

scores increased from last year. At

have fallen this year, which puts more—the tests for all but the fourth and seventh

Students will see a revamped test next year, the state plans, and test time will take place in the spring. Students in the fifth and eighth grades

will take the newly revised writing and sci-The new high school proficiency test,

will be given to eleventh graders in the

Only 59.6 percent of seventh graders in ods for increasing scores each year. She said it's just as important to The state department of education has spring. Plans for ice arena cool while council seeks the detail

its new Eight Mile Road Ice arena. "It appears they could pay for Robert Pheiffer said.

the debt and pay for the operation of the rink without levying any tax members and Assistant City Attor-*For various reasons, political—would happen to the 15 acres of and otherwise, the city council and city land the arena will stand on, the parks and recreation commissions should the business flop. A Twelve group with board members. June 1997.

sion chose to pursue the private. Mile Road site is proposed for the partnership. However, sometime in the notso-distant future Novi voters will likely be asked to approve a com- lion in revenue bonds would be for at least three to five years. munity swimming pool, a new road sold. bond millage and an increased

Council members agreed to stay take possession of the city's 15 responsibility of Community Clubs the original course for now, opting acres if the revenues are insufficent of Novi to make good the bonds, he to look once again at the contract cient to repay the bonds. They added. with Center Ice Management, after asked that the contract be Seyler says he expects a

that this was the way. Only within the land. the general obligation bond better than a government, like an ty Clubs of Novi, Parks and Recre-

Recreation Commission Chair

The biggest concern for council Clark said. ney Dennis Watson was what from the city for 20 years.

police and fire millage, Kriewall was the possibility, raised by Wat- of Center Ice Management said. son, that the bondholders could

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approval. We think public/private lice arena. I don't think we should ation Director Davis said, lice Censaid she's all for an ice arena: "I fees, Also, Center Ice's proposal proved insufficient. This is how the is the least risk to the city and the be trying to do all things for all ter Inc. will be able to appoint one firmly believe we need to dot the i's that they be paid \$6,000 a month City of Farmington Hills financed fastest way to go," Parks and people to the extent of putting tax- board member, the rest will be and cross the t's. I think we're all to manage the rinks was reduced payers of the city at substantial named by the city council. risk," Council Member Richard — Davis said the goal is to have the — sooner the better."

> appointed by the Novi City Counrink. The land would be leased cil. The city would lease 15 acres about the high risk of failure but restricted to a \$112,000 maxi- week during the first year and of public land to the facility, which looking at the property, we're not mum. To build the ice arena, \$6.5 mil- would be managed by Center Ice looking at a high risk of failure. A \$250,000 cap was placed on next few years supervising the site,

Not acceptable to the council an agent for the city," Terry Seyler ment can do it better," Robert If the project fails, it's the missioner, told the council.

changed so that the purchasers of \$60,000 profit the first year, rising Residents are already lining up

The Parks and Recreation Com- the bonds would only have to as much as \$400,000 by the mission were under the impression - recourse to the rental payments on - end of the third year. the last couple weeks we became "I agree that there a number of to sit on the anywhere from eight aware of the idea of going back to things private enterprise can do to 23-member board of Communi-

"Mainly, we're the developer as a city can do it, private manage- seven percent cap on construction manager. Shaw, a parks and recreation com-Council Member Nancy Cassis

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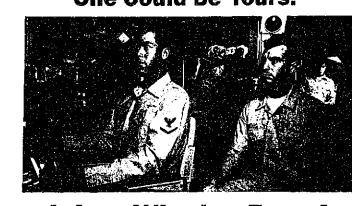
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hoping this goes forward, the by the council to \$5,000 per

ice arena up and running by Changes to the original contract on the additional monthly fee Cen-The proposal calls for Center fee September 1996, but the timetable requested by the city council ter lee has proposed receiving for Management Inc. to develop the is now getting tight. If the council include that the cost of the develsite, which would be run by Com- goes ahead with the agreement, opment activities engaged in by programs. Seyler, who would be compenmunity Clubs of Novi, a non-profit the facility might not open until. Center Ice Management not exceed \$250,000 and that work under the sated at \$95 per hour, says he "We're getting very concerned design/build agreement be expects to spend most of his work

about 10 hours per week in the Farmington Hills turns a profit. If architect and engineers fees and a which would also be run by a rink

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PROFESSIONAL HOCKEY AT THE PALACE

Board wants debate of hour change plans

Student radio announces game schedule

Continued from 1

The board offered its own suggestion that would add flexibility for two students per class for a four-year trial period to eliminate the need for more teachers. For example, academic class maximins would be raised to 30 students per class.

ter. The station will air six regular- later.

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An understanding would have to he reached between the school board and teachers as class sizes

to learn new ways to teach with ed for students. "What do you plan know. planning periods for other things? through at too fast a pace?" they In addition, how will students asked. make up the increased class work — Trustees are also concerned the

High School, WOVI 89.5 FM, has action. Regular-season broadcasts Northville at home; Friday, Jan. 12 announced.

know if teachers are willing to be Members are also concerned "How will these classes be hanheld accountable for taking extra that condensing math courses into dled, and planned for, in terms of professional development classes—one semester will be too accelerat—the spring testing?" they wanted to

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teachers take that extra time dur- order to cover the needed curricu- ward to hearing more about the ing their increased 85-minute lum, yet not push these subjects plan but remain somewhat causwitch be evaluated after on year. "This has been an absolutely are in place to ensure that stu-testing in the spring, won't be the staff," said Byers.

tious. Members requested the

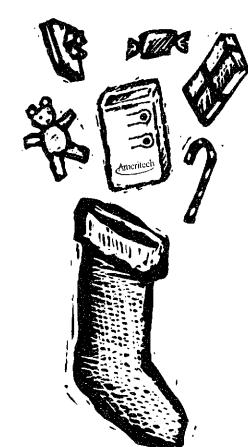
Library Notes Book talk

The next book discussion group will be on Jan. 8 at 7 p.m. The subject of the discussion will be Turtle Moon by Alice Hoffman. Please have this the 85-minute class period. Will on doing with the math program in Board members are looking for book read and be prepared to discuss it with the group.

Holiday closings

The library will be closed on Saturday, Dec. 23; Sunday, Dec. 24; and Monday, Dec. 25, for Christmas; and Saturday, Dec. 30; Sunday, Dec. if they miss a day of school? What Advanced Placement classes, wonderful process, I continue to 31; and Monday, Jan. 1 for New Year's. The library will also be closed safeguards, the board is asking, which usually last a year with the be amazed at the thoroughness of Monday, Jan. 15, for Martin Luther King Jr. Day.





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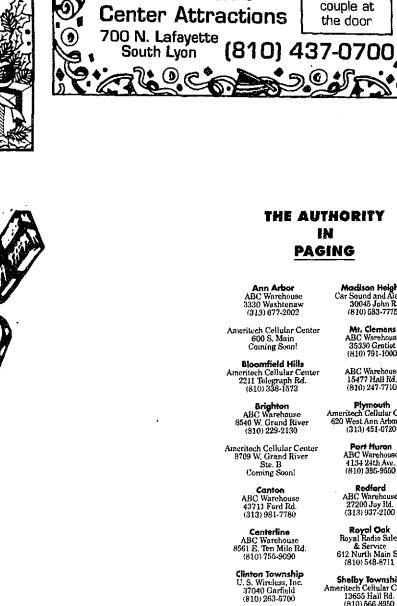
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Novi needs to coordinate its proposals for new taxes

rapidly growing community. Although

it is not clear at this point how much

new millage the committee would be

asking for, it is almost certain it will

Then there's the roads. Novi has just

recommend some amount of increase.

finished with its bond project upgrad-

ing a dozen roads in the city. And that

has certainly proved to be a more

effective way of getting the money

needed to do road work than trying to

obtain it from the county, state or fed-

But with that program concluding, it

number of proposals on the horizon that could cost taxpayers money.

This past week, the City Council met with the Parks and Recreation Commission to discuss plans for the construction of an ice arena. And while the proposal up until now has been to develop it through a joint private/pub- Government lle sector partnership with Center Ice Management, the idea of a general obligation bond is now surfacing.

Neither necessarily equates to new taxes, but under the general obligation bond proposal, there could be a tax eventually if the ice arena experiences financial difficulty. With the partnership, a business failure by the arena would not result in a tax hike.

City Manager Ed Kriewall pointed out the possibility of the general obligation bond question - which would require voter approval at the ballot box eral road agencies.

- in a meeting Monday. The vote and the bond issue would allow for the has already been proposed that a secconstruction of a \$6.5 million two-rink ond road bond question will likely have arena which would permanently be to be put on the ballot sometime in Novi's to own.

The problem is that this bond is With all this confronting the taxpayraised at a time when there are er in the coming year, we believe the numerous other proposals in the hop- city should begin a process of coordiper likely to be brought before voters nating all these projects. Hearings in the future for funding. Even the should be held to give the public a chance of having to pay taxes on the chance to consider all the proposals ice arena should be considered in light and attempt to prioritize them. All the of all the other tax demands likely to projects should be laid out before voters, so they can see what needs to be

For example, committee members done and pick the ones they believe are closing in on their efforts to sell a are most important. community pool, or Aquatic Center, to As it is, the city has approached all he city and the public. An ice arena these projects on a piecemeal basis. may be able to be self-supporting, but Michigan's economy is certainly lookit seems to us likely a pool/aquatic ing good for 1996. Unemployment here center will have to be tax supported.

And then there is all the land the city pated recession of 1995 was averted. has purchased (through voter And of course Novi and Oakland Counapproved bonding) which now needs to ty are riding the crest of the state's be developed and utilized. For the economic wave. most part, the parks department is trying to design a program that would ment officials who believe this is a be self-supporting. In part, that's good time to start trying to pass tax where the concept of a golf course on questions. But they will be in for a big the old Tree Farm land comes from. surprise if they hit up voters too often. But it is not clear whether the parks Taxpayers' pocketbooks are limited. can been fully utilized without some And if Novi intends to dip into them additional tax money.

And then there are non-parks ques- make sure it has its priorities in order tions. The Police and Fire Needs Com- so that the most important questions mittee is working to assess what those are the first to go before voters. departments will need in the way of Otherwise, taxpayers are likely to get support to meet the demands of a very testy with them indeed.

A time of shopping intrigue



dagger stuff, a scene right serve as double-agents. out of "Spy vs. Spy."

As I walked about the shopping center, I was fully aware of my every move was being observed. I knew that my "watcher" would make a full before I could even get home and get my coat off. And I knew the opposition would

persistently debrief this observer for every last detail of my movements by the end of the day. I used what tactics I could, my best "fielderaft." I ducked in and out of stores where I had no business. I checked frequently over my shoulder. I dou-

bled back, and doubled back again. But I also knew my only real hope of keeping my secrets was to "turn" the agent following my every move, to bring him over to my side.

My "tail" wasn't hard to spot. He was the little guy holding my hand, the one who kept asking me if I would take him to the potty So I set about my task. "Charlie," I said to my 4-

year-old, "what are you going to tell Mom when she asks you what we got her for Christmas?" Dana — the love of my life and my dear sweet wife

— is relentless ... no, ruthless ... in her efforts to uncover the secrets held beneath the Christmas tree long before she has to unwrap them. I guess that's just her idea of fun. I have long since concluded that figuring what her gifts are ahead of time is more important to her than the gifts themselves. In any case, she will stop at nothing to learn the contents of her packages.

When I first started dating Dana I thought it odd how many hints she wanted about gifts I was giving her. Inevitably, she'd figure it out long before the our secrets were safe. For his bravery, I awarded

Once we got married and I no longer had to cooperate, I stopped answering her interrogations. As a News and The Northville Record.

was thick with intrigue Sun- improved, if only slightly. Then came the kids. And I day. It was real clock-and- realize now that we only had them so they could

At age 4, Samantha couldn't keep a secret to save her soul. I'd coach her for hours that the point of going shopping was to surprise Mom with gifts on Christmas day, so she shouldn't tell Mom anything about what we got at the store. Nonetheless, when we'd get home, one question was all it took to get report on my whereabouts Sam to spill the beans. And she spilled them all.

So this past Sunday when I announced I was go shopping, Dana said, "Why don't you take one of the kids? I can't handle all three by myself. Why don't you take Charlie?" I knew the game was afoot. I also knew I didn't have much time, so I spent the entire trip teaching him how to give nothing more than the equivalent of his name, rank and serial number.

When we got home, Mom was in the kitchen baking Christmas cookies. And sure enough, I didn't even have my coat off when the questioning began. "Where'd you go, Charlie?" "Did you see anything

you liked?" "What did you buy?" "You'll have to wait until Christmas to find out," Charlie answered dutifully each and every time. But

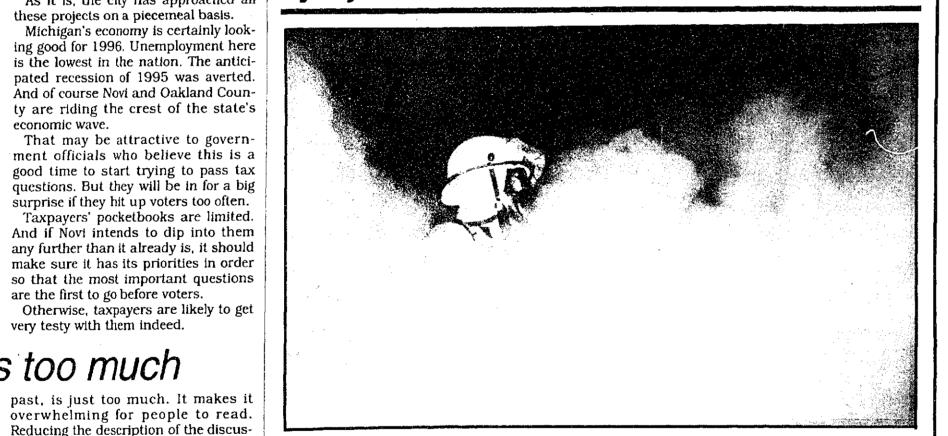
she kept working on him. "What'd you get for Mom?" "What'd you look at?" "What'd you see?" "Did you see any toys you liked for yourself, Charlie?" "What would you like for din-

ner?" Charlie held up. "Well, maybe you'll have to wait until Christmas to eat some of these cookies," Mom finally said with a dead serious look on her face. As I told you, she can be ruthless, but even I hadn't anticipated it would go this far. To a 4-year-old, this had to be as bad as

bamboo shoots under the fingernails. "You'll have to wait until Christmas to find out," he I breathed a heavy sigh of relief. He'd held out and

him a distinguished service medal ... and a cookie. Mike Maloit is the Managing Editor of The Novi

Moments By Bryan Mitchell



Smoke out

a truck fire this week

Enough versus too much

really needs to put in its minutes.

there is also little agreement about just be a little too stripped. how short the minutes should be A description of the debate gives

record just the motions and their is very much the idea behind the votes. Others would prefer the minutes extensive records kept in the federal give a description of the debate that government's Congressional Record. occurred in the meeting. And how (Of course, the congressional record is detailed that description could or a verbatim account in many cases, should be could go on forever, ranging which we believe would be excessive from a simple synopsis to paraphras- for the city.) utes written in the past.

used to record the meetings for later As for the question of keeping tapes. retained or reused.

The Novi Planning Commission is past, is just too much. It makes it currently going through much the overwhelming for people to read. same process the City Council is, try-Reducing the description of the discusing to decide how much information it sion should allow readers to get a good idea of how the meeting went without Last week, commissioners voted 4-4 having to spend hours reading.

on a motion to make the minutes But we find the stripped-style of longer. That vote killed the motion. But minutes - motions and votes only - to

readers an additional insight into the Some would like the minutes to legislative intent behind the vote. That

ing comments made by individuals to Still, legislative intent is a key to going back to the near-verbatim min- helping residents, enforcement officials and the courts sort out what was Another issue is whether the tapes meant by a particular policy decision.

transcription into minutes should be that decision may have already been made for the city. The state Open We've already said on this page that Meetings Act says that if meetings are the longer version of minutes, of the taped, those tapes must be retained style kept by the City Council in the for at least one year.

Not test but motive that counts



I had an interesting talk educators. Rezmierski the other day.

the student's test scores. Instead, Rezmierski began our conversation in It's not the test that's in question, it's the motivaworried tones, and you would have thought by his tion. demeanor, the district's test scores had gone In today's society those test results could deterthrough the floor.

It didn't take me long to learn why. you have to keep in mind that these results repremination of school funding. sent a very small snapshot in time," Rezmierski said. "We should be looking at these results and focus on students, the test will never be the educa-

students to learn on a ongoing basis?" In short, the district's top administrator is wor- ers and administrators should use the scores to ried that today's society may be focused on the continue to improve the quality of learning in our wrong goals in regards to proficiency testing. He schools. explained that instead of looking at MEAP testing from a comparative point of view, society needs to Bob Jackson is a staff writer for The Novi News use the test as a "learning tool" for students and and The Northville Record.

with Northville School "It's more important to me, as an educator, to Superintendent Leonard look beyond the scores and ask the question - what have we done for the kids that took the test three The purpose of the converyears ago? Did we improve the curriculum? Did we sation was to get his com- improve the learning environment?" he said. "The ments on the recently other question is, have we learned anything as edureleased district Michigan cators that will help students in the future?" Educational Assessment I think Rezmierski's right on the mark. Tests are

Program scores. Northville impersonal, their numbers can be manipulated to again scored high in the suit any particular need or whim. I also believe. annual proficiency yardstick, however, that if used properly, proficiency testing and I figured he'd be more could be an important tool for educators to ensure than happy to boast about they continue to improve the delivery of public edu-

mine the success or failure of a school district and could translate into the growth of a community, the "Of course I'm elated with this year's results, but placement of business and industry, or the deter-

Until the importance of MEAP results returns it's asking ourselves the question, are we challenging tional tool it was meant to be. Northville's test results should be applauded, to be sure, but teach-

Testing gradually improves schools



who wants to con- pay for private schooling for their kids. in his tiny (1,500 mid-

Power "This would force take off all restrictions on the number of the school district schools to be chartered. The House evento take the responsibility that it should have and add some accountability to what Senate notions. we're doing here," said Bos, who plans to

that local school boards and superinten- per-pupil grant paid to charter schools dents were supposed to take responsibility comes from public tax dollars. But boards and accountability for what kids learn of charter schools are privately appointed school districts into charter schools. Or get public oversight of the expenditure of am I missing something?

Charter schools are an experiment in schools to receive the same amount of perrized to open next year.

pendent schools would break the what our kids are supposed to learn in voice mail number is (313) 953-2047 ext. monopoly on K-12 education now held by school.

Randy Bos, super- and provide parents with greater school round of MEAP (Michigan Educational Montabella Com- folks who are hot for charter schools want last week. In general, they showed that munity Schools, little more than to get our tax dollars to most school districts have improved in

squabble in Lansing between the Senate to meet the demands of public testing. (very conservative, very ideological) and Michigan district the House (more moderate, more narrowly charter divided) was so important. The folks in the Senate were hell-bent to

tually watered down most of the radical I think allowing uncontrolled numbers of submit his proposal to the school board in charter schools poses two enormous prob-

Pardon me, but up to now! had thought • Financial oversight. Remember, the

without having to convert their public rather than publicly elected. How do you public funds? · Educational standards. With a lot of

charter schools, how do you know that our schools. pupil funding that is provided regular each kid is getting an education that's up public schools in the region. There are to standard? The Senate was adamant in now about 40 such schools operations in wanting to do away with the mandated Michigan, with another 20 or so autho-statewide curriculum, and so Michigan is now one of only three states in the nation The theory is that chartering some inde-with no - none! - minimum standards for that owns this newspaper. His Touch-Tone

lems you mentioned as your rea- that "already heavily congested

sons for voting against this trans- area" with an additional 250-seat

fer. In fact, you voted in support of business which proposes accelera-

changing our city ordinance on tion and deceleration lanes on

behalf of that same developer. East Lake Drive, as well as the

picture while existing businesses I can assure you it isn't to me. I

are pushed aside? Is it okay that a . live on this street. My neighbors

70-seat neighborhood pub in this and I, just like you, Mr. Schmid,

'heavily, congested area" be a are very concerned with proposed

problem for you while a new 250- projects which will directly affect

seat bar, proposing to bring our everyday lives as well as our

I know that the transfer was explain this discrepancy. I look

approved and it should have been. forward to that call and can

The majority of people in this area assure you my mind will be open

Perhaps you think this is trivial

Well, which is it? Is it okay for ones on Fourteen Mile

"tourism" ("tourism" as stated in property values.

some to add new problems to the

to Mr. (Ted) Andris, that he may purchased our homes being aware to the ideas you may wish to por-

comes public schools, provoke experimentation It's ironic that the scores for this year's of choice. I'm afraid the fact is that lots of Assessment Program) tests were released reading and math over the past few years That's why the year-end educational as teachers began to adjust their classes

We regularly publish the local MEAP test results, school building by school building, in this newspaper. Nothing we do gets a bigger response from our readers, and this kind of intense interest translates - surprise! - into pressure for school improve-

Next year, the MEAP will be augmented with a battery of tough new tests, including an entirely new proficiency test for 11th graders. This test, designed to assess what kids really learn before they leave school, will, in turn, drive the system of state-endorsed diplomas. So the process – testing what kids learn,

publishing those results in local newspapers like this one and letting pressure to improve work its way on teachers and school reform that authorizes independent kids attending a bunch of independent school officials - gradually is improving

Isn't that the kind of responsibility and accountability we've been expecting from the public schools all along?

Phil Power is chairman of the company

Discrepancy in Schmid's statements our prompt attention to this mat

Co-op offers bar/restaurant directly next to it's been a bar since the '30s. That this existing business. This, in bla- same majority of people, however, thanks to Vic's tant disregard of the same prob- never expected this city to add to

To the editor: What is Christmas all about? Christmas is about giving and that s exactly what Vic's World Class Market of Novi did! They knew Northville Co-op Preschool was working with a limited budget for their holiday party and were kind enough to supply them with a generous amount of delicious food. But more than that - they made the day a very special one for all the preschool children and their Mr. Andris' liquor license applica- I hope, Mr. Schmid, you take the

Thank you very much, Vic's, You tion) to this same area, is not? time to call me in an attempt to can be sure the Northville Co-op Preschool will be giving you the business!

Northville Co-op Preschool

of the existing business. After all, tray. Thank you in advance for It's news when law is used right



Council member:

Re: Transfer of Liquor License to

Mr. B's, Council meeting of Dec.

I attended the council meeting of

Dec. 11 at which time the transfer

of a Class C liquor license with

beer and wine takeout, from

Frigate's Inn to Mr. B's, was on the

During the council discussion,

Mr. Schmid, you spoke of your

concerns. You said that you were

"very concerned," and you were

"amazed that half the north-end

wasn't here again this week." For-

tunately, I was in the audience!

You spoke of your concern that the

area in question was an "already

heavily congested area." You spoke

of traffic and parking problems,

commendable, vet on Dec. 4 vou

voted in support of giving our

city's last available liquor license

Richard

that a public school president Clark Durant! district is seeking

occurring in Montabella district, midst the out earlier for whatever reason.

schools so that they can slip around the astounding news.

across the United States" and published Pinecrest Academy.

educators' journal. They add: "The charter schools idea was advanced ed. by Albert Shanker, president of the Ameri- It was the second time Pinecrest ran Club. Shanker argued that charter Plaza of Baldwin Township. schoolswould increase [FI]choice within So what will Pinecrest Academy do now? the public schools system[FR] without First, said administrator Elizabeth Bald-

longer holiday period will prompt tions."

according to AAA Michigan.

Sensational! Amazing, isn't it? A union president's schooling while we're working on getting Scoop! Zowie! Stop idea being picked up by Michigan's reli- another building." She and staff members gious right and its gofers, Gov. John will travel to students' homes, though not The astounding. Engler, Senate majority leader Dick every day, to teach parents how to work incredible news is Posthumus and State Board of Education with the materials.

In truth, Michigan public school districts around between universities to see if one to convert all five of have been setting up alternative specialits buildings to ized schools for a long, long time. In the to get state aid. So what we're most likely public school 1920s, my father learned printing at such to get is yet another private school in line academies, alias a school in Detroit, called Cass Tech. Sub-"charter schools." urban districts like Livonia and Walled The unusual Lake long have had alternative programs development is for "last chance" students who dropped

potato farms of Edmore in Montcalm The unusual feature of Montabella plan is that the entire district will be composed Why unusual? Because this is what of charter schools. Some observers (see It's as if John Engler and pals had their charters were intended to be - specialized Phil Power's column) raise an eyebrow at fingers crossed on Jan. 1, 1995, when schools within a public school system. making all five buildings charter schools. they took an oath of office that began: "I Michigan has been misusing the concept, Whatever the merits, the idea that a public do solemnly swear that I will support the issuing charters to private and sectarian school district is going the charter route is Constitution of the United States and the

state constitution's prohibition of vouchers What we usually are [mis)treated to in the plain language of the Michigan Consti-Michigan is this story from the losco tution: In a paper called "Charter Schools Laws County News Herald in Oscoda about

by Michigan State University's Institute for It seems the health department shut Public Policy and Social Research, Sandra down Pinecrest, a private school housed, Vergari and Dr. Michael Mintrom assign for whatever reason, in Lighthouse Baptist credit to Ray Budde, a professor of school Church. The health inspector "could not administration, with bringing forth the conduct inspections at the church and charter idea in 1988 in (of all things) an therefore could not issue written approval for operating the school," the paper report-

can Federation of Teachers, in a 1988 afoul of the authorities. The state fire marappearance before the National Press shal shut down its operation in Cooley

win, "We are going temporarily to home tions of state and regional events.

Traffic to be heavy over holidays

Good news: Christmas and New Services Manager Jerry Basch. "To them."

use extra caution because the and adjust for weather condi- al AAA. "Last year, there were 39 high-ties last year, compared to about from 1994. Travel by air, train or belts buckled and never drink and way fatalities recorded statewide 30 percent alcohol-involvement in bus is expected to increase 4 per-drive. during the Christmas/New Year's crashes that occur during non- cent to 7.8 million.

holiday period, the second highest holiday periods," Basch said. "And Michigan motorists will pay an pared for the unexpected by carrynumber in the last decade," said of the 32 victims with safety belts average \$1.079 per gallon for self- ing a "winter survival kit" in the AAA Michigan Community Safety available, 22 were not wearing serve regular unleaded gasoline trunk.

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PRECINCT	BOUNDARY	POULING LOCATION Good Skepherd Lutheran Church 41415 Nine Mile Road	
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2	East side of Novi from Eight Mile to Nine Mile; South side of Nine Mile from Novi to Meadowbrook; West side of Meadowbrook from Nine Mile to Eight Mile; North side of Eight Mile from Meadowbrook to Novi.	Meadowbrook Congregational Church 21355 Meadowbrook	
3	East side of Meadowbrook from Nine Mile to Village Lake; South Side of Village Lake thru to Village Wood from Meadowbrook to Haggerty; West side of Haggerty from Village Wood to Nine Mile; North side of Nine Mile from Haggerty to Meadowbrook.	Village Oaks Elementary School 23333 Willowbrook Drive	
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Road to Meadowbrook; West Side of Meadowbrook from Ten Mile to Nine Mile

East side of Novi from Ten Mile to Grand

River: South side of Grand River from Nov

constitution of this state ... " They ignore "No public monies or property shall be appropriated or paid or any public credit

Second, the administrator is shopping

for a government handout.

now Pinecrest.

utilized, by the legislature or any other political subdivision or agency of the state directly or indirectly to aid or maintain any private, denominational or other nonpublic, pre-elementary, elementary or secondary school." The rhetoric about choice, competition,

parental control, non-traditional programs, and educational diversity is window dressing. The name of the charter game is tax money for private and sectari-

Tim Richard reports on the local implica-

will grant it charter school status in order Hickory Woods Elementary School from Decker to Haggerty; West side of Haggerty from Fourteen Mile to Thirteen Mile: North side of Thirteen Mile from Week after week, the list of charter laggerty to Decker. abuse stories grows: Noah Webster. Acade-East side of Beck from End of City Limits Novl Village by the Lake my of Detroit, Trivalley and a church's South side of Pontiac Trall from Beck to dummy corporation in Muskegon, and West Road: West side of West Road from Pontine Trail to City Limits (Near to Beck City Limits from Twelve Mile to West Beachwalk Apartments - Club House Road; South side of West Road from City Limits to Pontine Trail (City Limits): Pontiac Trail (City Limits) from West Road to Walled Lake; Along Walled Loke from Pontiac Trail (City Limits) to Fourteen Mill South side of Fourteen Mile from Walled Lake to Decker; West side of Decker from Fourteen Mile to Thirteen Mile: North side side of Novi from Thirteen Mile to Twelve Mile: North side of Twelve Mile from Nov to City Limits (Near to Beck Road) East side of Talk from Ten Mile to Twelve Novi Christian School Mile; South side of Twelve Mile from Taft to Novi: West side of Novi from Twelve Mile to Ten Mile; North side of Ten Mile East side of Beck from Ten Mile to Twelve to Taft: West side of Taft from Twelve Mil to Ten Mile; North side of Ten Mile from East side of Beek from Nine Mile to Ten Faith Presbyterian Church Mile; South side of Ten Mile from Beck to Taft; West side of Taft from Ten Mile to Nine Mile, North alde of Nine Mile from Taff to Beck. East side of Beck from City Limits (Near to Novi High School Strafford) to Nine Mile: South side of Nine Mile from Beck to Novi; West side of Nov from Nine Mile to City Limits (Near to Galway Drive); City Limits from Novi to East side of Taft from Nine Mile to Ten Novi Civic Center Mile; South side of Ten Mile from Taft to Navi; West side of Navl from Ten Mile to Nine Mile; North side of Nine Mile from Novi to Taft. East side of Napler from Eight Mile to Ten Thornton Crock Elementary School Mile: South side of Ten Mile from Nanier to 46180 West Nine Mile Road Beck; West Side of Beck from Ten Mile to

Year's fall on Monday this year, reduce these high numbers this Michiganians will be among the two cents per gallon from last year. giving folks an extended weekend year, motorists should use extra record 37.6 million Americans - 3 For those traveling by car this caution, buckle up, follow desig- percent more than 1994 - who holiday, Basch advises vehicles But, holiday motorists need to nated driver rules when needed plan to travel, according to Nation- should be checked by a certified

mechanic prior to long trips to AAA estimates 29.8 million will avoid possible breakdowns. Travelan increase in traffic volume, "Alcohol was involved in nearly travel by automobile, light truck or ers should plan extra time to get to half of the holiday highway fatali- recreational vehicle, up 3 percent holiday destinations, keep safety

Holiday travelers should be pre-

from Beck to Napier. Any questions regarding precinct location or other election matters should be directed to the office of the City Clerk at 347-0456. Tonni L. Bartholomew, CMC/AAE City Clerk

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Dear Santa

KACKET Johnson

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THURSDAY December 21, 1995

Dear Santa

If there is a trend in what kids want for Christmas, Santa is the guy who knows.

After Santa had a chance to consider all letters he'd received from children who had dropped off their wish lists at the Northville Post Office and at Twelve Oaks Mall, he forwarded them to The Northville Record and The Novi News.

Whether written in crayon, pencil or ink, the most frequently requested presents this year were Doodle Bear, Barbies and accessories. CDs, video games. clothes, sports equipment and

Dropping down a notch on the list this year were Power Rangers and Dr. Dreadful.

Price is no object for some who requested big ticket items. like televisions, computers and printers.

Covering all bases was one young lady who sent Santa her list the old fashioned way, she mailed it, along with a back up copy via fax machine.

Many children asked about the health of Mrs. Claus, the reindeers and the elves.

The popular snacks children are leaving out for Santa is still cookies and milk and for the reindeer, carrots. One youngster will be leaving candy canes for Santa to take back for each of the elves.

Letters to Santa from the young, and a few from the young at heart, included:

Dear Santa.

I hope you have a good trip—and telescope even computer aroud the world. Mack a rile games snowboard. l prasint for Bobby from nie. We will have two tres.

One in my room and one in the family room. Merry Christmas 000000XXXXX Jennifer Dorsch

Dear Santa. Please give me a super soaker, GI Joes. Winny Pooh bear.

Thank you. Nicholas Hoyt P.S. My name is the same as yours.

Dear Santa.

Please bring me all the horse stuff you can stuf in your bag! Love. Kerri Bivins to seeing you soon!

Dear Santa,

1 want everything listed hockey net, ice hockey skates, roller blades and CD. I was a good boy, and I hope you had a good year. I would also like clothes - pajamas and animal slipers. A movie and some things for school.

Sincelery. Joseph Lunn

P.S. I also need a miracle to carry around.

Dear Santa. I want lots of stuff. Even though I've been bad. That's

O.K. I'll fax you my list. Jennifer Davies

Dear Santa. For Christmas I want: Addy's school dress, two mini stocking for my two A.G. dolls, Sega. ninendo games, two or three ornaments for my room tree. that H2O stuff, my own little mailbox, a few games and I do not care wach ones I get, like chutes and ladders. And on a separate pice of paper I want yor signature, please and thank you for the four early Christmas presents.

Jenny Rudolph

Dear Santa.

anchol of their stuff has

I want Jason (my boyfriend) to come back soon safe from North Carolina! Love.

Sarah P.S. Hove you Santa!

I love you. I've been very good! Please bring me a suit of armor. Andrew Hazen Dear Santa.

I have been good this year, well pretty good. I would like a Doodle Bear for Christmas, How are things going up at the North Pole? My brother just lurned to read and write. I'm in 3rd grade, Your Friend. Jessica Noel Markstrom

Dear Santa, A would love a remote control red truck. Thank you.

Andrew Phillips P.S. Please don't forget Matt, my big brother.

Dear Santa, This is Jeremy Brodsky, my favirate raindeer is still Comet. I done really know what I want Id'e prefer a suprise I know vo know what I want. Say hi to Comet for me. And do you like chochalate chip cookies because it's eather that or suager cookies I hope you like it, lve been good

> Frome Jeremy Brodsky

Dear Santa, I would like some Army men and Air Jordan shoes. How are

almost all year.

you doing? I am doing fine. Oh! I would also like a pair of ice hockey skates too. I am excited about Chis'mas! I will leave you cookies and milk.

> From, J.D. Gerblick

Dear Santa, I woul like a legs and train set

Dear Santa, Dress, earrings, boots.

Holly Lazarus

Dear Santa, Hey there old pal! My name is Alan I've always been a big fan of yours. I've been a super guy this year, and hope you had a good year too. If it's not too much trouble this year, I'd like a lot of money (I don't have much left), some CDs and books, a new Tigers hat, some corduroy pants, and good seats for the Pistons game on the 26th. If you cant get it all, that's ok. As always. I'll leave out some cookies and milk for you and the reindeer, and give my byest wishes to the lovely Mrs. Claus

and the Elves! Looking forward Alan Stevens

Dear Santa, I want a pole table and I want to go out salobating with you. James Alan Payne

Dear Santa, I hope you can gic the bike, if you can't gec it it is okay.

Love, Amy Minielly

Dear Santa. How are you I am fine I want a new bike for Christmas and I wat to be really happy for Christmas don't make me cry alot. I leve Ted Sparks boy.

> Love. Surabhi Rohatgi

Dear Santa. I would like you to please brigs me these things. Felisty American girl exs. Baby Born those things are what I really really want. If there are anything outher things you would like to bring me with that stuff I don't care what you bring me. Lauren Knurek

I want a skateboard, a Yoshi's Island video game, a Lego castle, some Magic cards, and if you can a Sony Playstation.

Dear Santa,

Dear Santa.

I want a bear and a bear shirt and a Lenny Gymnist and a dollhouse pllese. Thank you.

Love. Rachel Otis

Jamie Dalton

Dear Santa, This is Kelli, Merry Christmas Santa, I want lots of friends and

Kelli Timar P.S. My big sister wrote this because I'm only 1/1/2.

Dear Santa.

For Christmas I would like a birth stone ring. My birthday is February, I would like a camerafor Christmas. I would like a pet for Christmas it can be any cind of pet except for a snake. I would like some beads and box, I would like a soccer ball. I would like a pair of ice skates. I would like some stickers games casper the movie. I would like a telephone, TV. Thank you.

Kristi Timar

Dear Santa.

Gargoyles, Batman, hockey, pads, blocker trapper, hockey game, hockey puck.

Ayanti Man

Dear Santa,

How are your reindeer doing? What kind of cookies do you want? I've been a good boy this year. I want a Legs set, a model Dino, 15 hot weels jets, Dr. Dredful stuff, a maxamizer.

Your Pal. Thomas Riegel

Dear Santa, Thope you have a nice trip with all your reindeer. I want football cards, baseball cards, a Segea game called Toy Story, a relly good football, football bear (The Lions), a belinet phone, a T.V., a race car Seagea game. that is what I want for Christ

mas. I hope this year will be a great Christmas for me, my mom, my dad, and my sister. Have a great Christmas. And add to my list a dog.

Brandon Cigna

Dear Santa. Here is my list. My size Barbie, rocking raindeer, baby bag that has everything a baby will need, dollar cash register scancards and fed, my own wood desk, sewing kit with directions. a real puppy, a work case that has a fip phone, office working kit. Toy Story video game, a kit-

Brittany Cigna

Dear Santa, Hi, It's Kerri. I want a camera for Christmas, a pet like a

ten that purs.

bunny, hamster or any kind of bird. I also want some jewelry like rings and pierced earings. My birthday is in April so my birthstone is the diamond. Bye. Hope you have a good Christmas. See ya. Merry Christmas.

Kerri Timar P.S. Hope it is not cold.

Dear Santa, I want a Chris Osgood jersey and Herman Moore jersey and a Biakubutuka jersey and a Lego castle and if you can a Sony playstation and if you can I want Grant Hill shoes.

Chris Dalton

Dear Santa, I want a new baby sister! Thanks. Also games. Trevor Patterson

Dear Santa. For Christmas I would like ... Phantom of the Opera full soundtrack original cast please. Bodyshop stuff. Limited tops. Gap jeans. American girl stuff. New swimsuit (racing tight). New nylon black or purple. Straight A's on my report card. Thanks, Merry Christmas! Give the reindeer a kiss please.

Love. Alison Stewart

Dear Santa, I want moonshoes, hermit A crabs, Barbie phone, two front teeth and surprises. Merry Christmas.

> Love. Katie Stewart

Dear Santa. I would like a spelling bee. practice makes perfect, and a surprise.

Christmas is a busy time for church groups

By JEANNE CLARKE

The holidays have been a busy time at the First Baptist Church. There were many in attendance from various ministries of the church and Novi Christian School including home school families and day care, at the annual harvest dinner. Invitations were sent to those who formerly attended the church as this was the "kick-off" event to start the celebration of the church's 150 years in operation in

the Novi area. The program included both staff and children from the school and also a professional barber shop quartet called "Today's Line Up," led by Don Bonhnwagner.

The ladies Friendship Circle had their annual cookie exchange with extras being made for use in the

basket ministry and for shut-ins. The choir is busy with plans to attend the program Glory of Christmas" at Temple Baptist attended the "Messiah" by George Frederick Handel in Ann Arbor. at both Whitehall nursing homes and for several shuts-ins, bringing The choir just presented their Christmas cantata "Sing of the Wonder" by Ted Wilson, written by nied by Carol Richards, Instrumental selections were also presented. Kevin Talbot on the guitar, and Valerie Jackson on flute. The Christmas tree in the lobby

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NOVI

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is decorated with baby items, bibs, shoes, socks, etc., and will be given to Another Way Pregnancy

Other upcoming programs include a presentation by Kellie party held at the Expo Center which they shared with the other

NOVI AMERICAN LEGION

Commander Ed Sytsma, Post No. 19 in cooperation with Post No. 147 and Rebecca Yarbrough in the Novi/Northville Coalition, have completed their drive 'Toys for Tots." The unwrapped toys were

and gifts for Veteran's Hospital. Novi Methodist Church. The ladies were asked to furnish Church in Redford. They also 30 gifts this year with Evelyn Sale NOVI GIRL SCOUTS doing the purchasing. These were taken to the hospital and placed in Just recently, they went caroling a gift-shop setting. Novi ladies Carolyn Pohlman, Dorts Peterson, Evelyn Sale and Audrey Blackburn were there to help veterans shop for their families at no charge. They were then gift wrapped and mailed free-of-charge to the veter-Janet McMahan-Wilson and Dale ans families. This program starts Matthews. The choir was directed back in November and final shopby Charlene Chase and accompaping by the veterans is done on the first weekend in December. Time is allowed for gifts to be received by

The ladies also participated in the Veterans Alliance Christmas

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tov. James Russell, Minister of Evangelism & Single: Kathleen Robertson, Director of Youth & Church School

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OF NORTHVILLE

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FIRST CHURCH OF THE

NAZARENE

21260 Haggerty, Northville 348-7600 between 8 & Pillie Rds. near Novi Hiltor Sunday School 9:30 am Morning Worship 10:50 am Evening Celebration 6:00 pm (nursery provided) Holland Lewis, Pastor

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Novi Highlights

Donovan, missionary to Russia; along with members of the Post, troops. New Year's Eve service on Dec. 31. League. The evening included pot troops of second-graders, No. 3347 luck supper, eards, games and and No. 979, who gathered five caroling as well as a "bring one- carloads of household articles and take one" gift exchange. Also a raf- clothing which were taken to the Under the leadership of Post fle with items donated by members Youth Learning Center in Livonia.

Other recent activities included with personal care items. Troop a visit from Mayor Kathleen No. 2308, composed of first Ashley Hartshorne, fourth grader McLallen regarding the need for a graders, adopted a family and from Novi Woods. Veterans Memorial Building. This filled a food basket for the family. building would not only house the This troop also went to Franken- Jan. 2 under the direction of Sally brought in to be distributed among Legion but would provide a place muth and stayed overnight at the Collins. the needy children in for the potential membership of Girl Scout House, took a pretzel. Wednesday, Jan. 17 is the next Novi/Northville and surrounding 3,200 veterans in the Novi area.

The Legion also reported a suc- lighting ceremony The Auxiliary once again did a cessful Veterans Day breakfast great job in the selection of toys which was held on Nov. 11 at the Light-Up the Holiday program at

France, German, Russia, England, cookies and pies sections. Troop Giebel, would like to thank Giebel Mexico and some from the Far No. 2367 won first place with their for all his help. Also thanks to the that country and also information grader, Samantha Perry from Novi over the weekends before Thanks-

Also included were stockings filled

tour, and were there for the official leader's meeting. All troops participated in the NOVILIONS CLUB World' with nine troops and 110 the Novi Jaycees' Adopt-a-Family total of \$12,589 was raised.

Woods; and third place with the giving. The drive brings in over 37 donut snowman by fourth grader for the Lions for the year. Shannon Dingman.

In the bread, coffee cakes, etc., first place went to Jerri Sunisloe, one of the organizers; second place was the cinnamon tree by Troop candlelight service on Dec. 24; and the AMVETs and the Marine Corps Service projects included two No. 2367. Novi Woods; and third rickton center, and the seniors at place by Kate Pawliski, first grader

Among the local current projects In the cookies and candy, first include helping a local family with place was Kate Siskonen, second grader from Parkview; second place to Jacqueline Sabourin of Novi Meadows; and third place to Blind in Grand Rapids. Cookie sale begins Tuesday,

the Civic Center and assisted in The Novi Lions would like to the sing-along as well as having a wish everyone season's greetings mother/daughter bake off silent and a big thank you to all those auction. The result of the auction who purchased a candy cane dur-Novi Woods troops held a special of 106 items was very successful, ing the sale or supported it in any program called "Hands Around the taking in \$453 which was given to way. The sale was the best ever, a girls participating. Each troop program. Prizes were also given in Lion Jim Burnett who cochoose a country such as Sweden, the different categories of cakes, chaired the event with Lion Marc

percent of the total disbursements Last year, they dispersed over

\$32,000. Some of this money supports the Leader Dog School in Rochester, the children at the Penthe Welcome Home for the Blind.

eve exams, and purchasing medicine for a lady with glaucoma. This year they purchased and installed new lighting for the dining room at Welcome Home for the After all their hard work, the

Lions and their families held their annual Christmas party on Dec. 15 at Tanglewood Golf and Country Club with South Lyon Hotel (Paul Baker) preparing the food.

A wild game dinner will be held at Tanglewood Saturday, Feb. 17. The dinner will include buffalo roast, venison stuffed ravioli with venison meat sauce, wild fowl cacciatore, barbecue wild boar ribs. alligator gumbo, Alaskan whitefish pate' and much more. Included in the evening will be a raffle, auction and door prizes.

Novi Highlights is written by Jeanne Clarke, Should you wish to East. They learned a craft from yule log; second place by fourth 37 workers who sold the canes contact her with information for

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SINGLE PLACE, an adult ministry for single people, meets at the First Presbyterian Church of Northville Sunday at 9:45 a.m. for a Sunday morning gathering, followed by a worship service at 11 a.m. and brunch at Northville Crossing at 12:30 p.m.

On Dec. 29, Jan., 12 and 26 from 9 to 10:30 p.m., the group will meet for Volleyball at the Northville Rec. Center, 303 W. Main Street. The cost

A Divorce Recovery Workshop will begin on Jan. 11 and run through Feb. 22 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. in the Library Lounge of the church. The cost is \$30. Scholarships are available. See Jim Russell for information. Topics to be discussed include Networking, Stages of Grief, Legal Aspects of Divorce, Helping Children through Divorce, Church and Divorce, Passage of Divorce and Relationships Old and New.

Single Place presents "Light and Lively Cabaret Style with Cecila Lee" at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 27 in Boll Fellowship Hall. Cost is \$4. Reservations for a New Year's Eve party at Getzie's of Northville, which includes cold cuts, hors d'oeuvre and sandwiches, is Dec. 30. Cost is \$20 prior to Dec. 29 and \$23 afterwards.

Bowling evenings will be Jan. 5 and 19 at 8:30 p.m. at the Novi Bowl on Novi Road between Eight and Nine Mile roads. For further information about any of the Single Place programs or to

the Holy Family, 349-8847. All St. James singles are welcome to join a new activities group, ST.

or never-been-married persons. For more information, call the Church of

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Welcome to the club

The Northville Woman's Club welcomed new members (front row from left) Sonja Lane, Nancy Longo, Katie Berry, Shirley Hartley, Jane Spence, Marianne Thelen, Carol Sassaman, Ruth Evans, Karen Smith, Karla Scobie and Maureen Settles

at the Dec. 15 meeting held at the Northville First Presbyterian Church, Sponsors are from left, Sue Smith, Diane Rockall, Lois Curl, Karen Olsen, Dotty Crain, Betty Allen, Geraldine Mills, Kathy Leo, Sue Stiles and Lonna Lemmon.

Photographer earns recognition for his work



Novi resident Dennis Blaisdell has been named Sterling Heights Artist of the Month for

Photo by HAL GOULD December by that city's cultural commission for his nature photography. THIS THURSDAY FRIDAY & SATURDAY! **TABLES** IF NEW \$89 IF NEW \$458 IF NEW \$99 CORT PRICE: CORT PRICE: CORT PRICE: CORT PRICE: 90 DAYS SAME AS CASH** 42350 Grandriver Rd., Novi (810) 449-7560 Store Hours: Mon. - Fri. 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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into chest deep water has its Ask Dennis Blaisdell, a profes- phy, men replacing stones in a sional nature photographer of

Lying in the muck and wading

Blaisdell has been selected to be the Sterling Heights Cultural Com- nature and wildlife photography. December. Select works will be wildlife, the more we know and displayed throughout the month of December in the Sterling Heights will be preserved," he said. City Hall at 40555 Utica Road. The display area is open from 8:30 a.m. until 9 p.m. weekdays.

Blaisdell's selection comes after the Sterling Heights Cultural Comhours and not get one shot off," he mission viewed exhibitors' works said. "I enjoy being out with nature during the the city's 1995 Summer so it's not a problem. Fest. An exhibitor in the show for the second year, Blaisdell was cho- get that special shot and the sen to be the December Artist of

the Month. "The entire Warren and Sterling Heights area has a lack of wildlife To shoot a blue heron, he had to and they are really appreciative of get up at 4 a.m. and sit in the wildlife because they haven't got muck all day before he snapped

Blaisdell was 8 years old when he made a pin-hole camera, simi- and dirty," he said. lar to those used in the 1800s and Another important consideration began developing his own prints. when shooting animals is to read Blaisdell writes a short story about Using a cardboard box, he made a up and understand the animal the animal. pin hole through the front of the habitats and how they react. box which acted like a lens, and according to Blaisdell. put a piece of negative paper in the

He set up a darkroom under- the animal and understand what neath the stairs of his parent's the animal could do," he said. "You Canadian links, bobcats and penhouse with the necessary tools to don't want to disturb or stress the guins.

Blaisdell's love of photography you can to not upset them. Birds drafted and later stationed in Ger-close. many for two years, he captured

tography," Blaisdell said.

There are other times when you

adrenaline flows."

the perfect shot.

on film local scenes from an Amerness get in the way," he said. "You have to respect nature."

ican's perspective. In 1987. Dennis met his future "I shot street type scenes in Germany, old men sleeping on park wife, Fern. Fern knew all the birds. Dennis had collected butterflies, benches, architectural photograhunted and fished since he was a cobblestone street and scenic pho- child.

Together their love of the wildlife and nature cemented a partner-Blaisdell has since specialized in ship of love and mutual desire to "Michigan has an abundance of record the magic moments in nature and his studio, Nature's Fleeting Images was born. understand about it, the longer it "By having the photographs in

Capturing wildlife on film is not your home, you are rem inded about the animals." he always easy. It requires a lot of

Specializing in original custom "I can sit in a blind for eight prints, Dennis sells his work at 12 to 15 fine art shows each year, throughout Michigan and through select nature stores. His studio also specializes in custom framing. Subjects include loons, eagles, songbirds, deer, wolves and others.

Blaisdell will wade out in water Whenever possible, the pictures chest high to photograph ducks. are taken right here in Michigan. "You have to be able to be able to extract from that two dimensional picture the essence of the "You can't be afraid to get wet animal," he said.

On the back of each picture,

"I'm kind of a purist," he said. "What you see is what you get, you shouldn't use a flash or filters." Blaisdell's future plans include "You have to be able to relate to shooting big horn sheep, bison,

"I could photograph for the rest of my life and not get everything I continued. In 1969 when he was will abandon the nest if you get want," he said. "Here is an opportunity to express yourself with "You can't let your own greedi- something that is really declining."

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Engagement



Brian Tallman/Kristen Pembroke

Tom and MaryAnne Pembroke of a certified nursing assistant at St. Novi announce the engagement of Mary's Care Center and will gradutheir daughter, Kristen Denise, to ate in December, 1996, with a ington Hills, announce the engage-Brian Robert Tallman, son of Bob bachelor's degree in nursing from ment of their daughter, Caroline graduate of Novi High School. He | Kyle Anthony Boring were married | The long tapered sleeves were and Bonnie Tallman of Lodi, Wis. Edgewood College in Madison, Kay, to John Christopher Weldon, also graduated from Michigan on Oct. 7, 1995 at Assumption embellished with alencon lace and

The bride-elect is a 1990 gradu- Wis. ate of Novi High School. She The future bridegroom graduat- and John Weldon of Fort Wayne, currently a packaging engineer at | Shores with Rev. Demetrios full skirt which ended in a cathereceived her bachelor's degree in ed from Lodi High School in 1989. Ind. psychology from the University of He is a technician at Woodman's Michigan in 1994. Her member- in Madison, Wis. ships included Alpha Gamma Their wedding date is June 29,

On Campus

Delta and Tau Beta Sigma, She is 1996.

Novi residents NICHOLE BORASHKO and JAMES E. THOMAS have been named to the Dean's List for fall term at Northwood University in Midland. Both Borashko and Thomas are freshmen at Northwood. Borashko is the daughter of Donald and Kathleen Borashko of Novi and Thomas is the son of Wayne and Susan Thomas also of Novi. To achieve Dean's List recognition, students must carn a 3.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

Who's Who Among American High School Students is the largest high school recognition publication in the country. Students are nominated by high school principals and guidance counselors, youth groups, hurches and educational organizations based upon the student's aca demic achievement and involvement in activities. Selected students have

a grade point average of B or better. Included in the 29th Annual Edition of Who's Who are the following Novi residents: Ryan C. Arnold, Casey J. Bear, Nicholas J. Bechtel, Joe R. Blackmore, Adrienne L. Breisacher, Shannon Breisacher, Brianna S. Brock. Laura K. Bucrek. Pamela M. Burns. Rozanne Campos, Halima Cherif, Cory T. Davenport, Corey A. Davis, Jill M. Demaree, Hunter Downey, Melissa L. Ducker, Jeremy Duncan, Kristyn Dunnaback, Angela Foster, Emily S. Foust, Darlene Galido, Megan C. Gilberg, Michael Girard, Daniel C. Gulledge, Michael D. Hart, Deborah Havelka, Ryan Henderson, Tim P. Hopkins, Shailesh Humbad, Mathew Innes, Cristi Jarvis, Samir Jasuja, Kelly Kearney, Thomas R. Kennedy, Cara A. Killkelley, Erin L. Killkelley, Nathan Kirmis, Abigail Kneisel, Jeremy Maynard, Audrey Messer, Andrea L. Mione, Blythe K. Myers, Paul N. Nguyen, Farbood Nivi, Greg Norris, Kelly A. O'Doherty, Emily Parker, Emily Pipas, Chris A. Resciniti, James Rose, Meredith C. Rushford, Kiran A. Saraiya, Andrew Schrader, Nisha Shah, Andrew W. Song, Nick Spindler, Vikram Srinivasan, David Stevens, Natalie Stojanovski, Mark Tucker, Erin R. Vandeveer, Wayne Vicklund, Bradley J. Ward, Jason Wenzel, Thomas West, Peter A. Wickman, Michelle Williams, Kevin J. Winkelmann, Olivia W. Zoma.



Caroline Adams/John Weldon

Dr. and Mrs. David P. Adams of State University from which she Dallas, Texas, formerly of Farm- graduated in 1994.

North Farmington High School in planned. 1990. She was a member of Alpha Gamma Delta sorority at Michigan

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The bridegroom-elect is a 1990 son of Debbie Monicatti of Novi State University in 1994 and is Orthodox Church in St. Clair silk roses as was the border of the Texas Instruments.

The bride-elect graduated from A June 1996 wedding is being

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Have you recently received an award? Done some interesting volunteer work? Have a story you think may be of interest to readers? Call Carol Workens, staff writer for the Living Section of The Novi-News at 349-1700, or write to The Novi News, 104 W. Main Street. Northville, MI 48167.

And don't forget, regardless of whether you're newly betrothed, proud new parents, just married or celebrating a big anniversary, we'd like to print your news too.

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Wedding



Stephanie and Kyle Boring

Nicholas Liolin and Rev. Constan- veil was held by a headband of silk ceremony a dinner reception was stephanotis. held at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel for

and Virginia were in attendance. Slinger and Dunwoodie in Farm- gies Network in Southfield.

esmaid was Lisa Dimitry and flower girls were Katie Dimitry and

The bride's silk satin gown, designed by Amsale, featured an

Stephanie Lynne Pappas and off the shoulder scoop neckline. Kavadas officiating. The Very Rev. dral train. Her cathedral-length tine Makrinos assisted at the dou- roses and pearls. She carried a ble-ring ceremony. Following the sceptor of roses, lilies and

The bride's attendants wore 275 guests. Guests from New York, floor-length champagne satin Massachusetts, California, Indigowns with long ivory gloves and ana, Illinois, Ohio, Pennsylvania carried nosegays of ivory and coral

The bride is the daughter of Dr. The groom is the son of Mr. and and Mrs. George J. Pappas of Mrs. Phillip Jan Boring of Northville. She is an attorney with Northville. He is a manufacturer's the law firm of Goldstein, Litt, representative for New Technolo-

Best man and friend of the Attending the bride was matron groom was Michael Hilfinger. The of honor and sister, Elizabeth New- bride's brother, George Pappas, boles. Attendants were Robin Cer- served as Kumbare. Groomsmen retani, Kristina Harding II, Kath- were Greg Good, Gary Harper, leen Foland, Kelly Kolar, Kristen Adam Morris, and Paul Newitt, McCreadie, Aimee Rymiszewski, friends of the groom; Dr. John all friends of the bride. Junior Pappas, brother of the bride; Matt brother-in-law of the bride; and Darrin Dimitry, cousin of the bride.

The couple honeymooned in

The annual Christmas Dance which was held in the new Activities Building at CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY, 24505 Meadowbrook Road in Novi, was a huge success. Pictures are on display in the corridor behind the Activities Room. Earlier in the day, Joan and Ted Marzonie, Judy McLaughlin, Arleen Cunningham and Kim Wagner were on hand to decorate the room which contributed to the dance's success. For more information, call the church at 349-8847.

SPIRIT OF CHRIST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH, 40700 West Ten Mile Road in Novi, has a new schedule of Services. Contemporary, informal worship will be held each Saturday evening at 5:30 p.m. Sunday morning worship will take place at 10 a.m. Sunday Church School for all ages will resume on Sunday, Jan. 7, 1996 at 9 a.m. For more information, call the church at (810) 477-6296.

Church Notes

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

For more information, contact Scott Hanson and Edwin Hocutt at 437-

The U.M.M. group at FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE, 777 West Eight Mile Road, will not meet on Dec. 23. A new Cancer Support Group for Women is being formed at the church. The first organizational meeting will be held Jan. 6 at 9:30 a.m. and the second will be on Jan. 11 at 7:30 p.m. Both meetings will be held at the church. Babysitting will be available on request. The group is open to all women who have been diagnosed with cancer. This support group will meet on a regular basis. For more information, call the church at 349-1144.

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

New Life Lutheran Church recently received \$450 from Lutheran Brotherhood, a fraternal benefit society, through the Society's Congregational Matching Funds program. Lutheran Brotherhood matched the amount the congregation raise

through a potluck luncheon recently. New Life Lutheran Church will use the funds it raised and the matching funds from Lutheran Brotherhood for an office computer and printer. For more information about Sunday services or the mission, contact Pastor-Developer Ken Roberts at (313) 459-8181.

Post-Abortion Counseling and Education (P.A.C.E.) meets at FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE, 21260 Haggerty Road, on Thursdays from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. in Room 220. The support group is personal and confidential. There is no cost t

For more information, call Judi Elisworth at (313) 455-5255, or Dawr Downs at (313) 722-2839, or call the church at (810) 348-7600.

The children of OUR LADY OF VICTORY CHURCH, 770 Thayer Boulevard in Northville, will take part in a Nativity play on Christmas Eve before the 4:30 p.m. Mass in the Social Hall. Children of the parish who are interested in participating should meet for rehearsal on Saturday, Dec. 23 from 3 to 4 p.m. in the Social Hall. Performers must supply

The next religious education classes will meet on Jan. 8 and 9. For more information, call the church at 349-2621.

The Adult Seminar Program at NOVI UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 41671 West Ten Mile Road in Novi, has begun a new study group which meets on Sunday mornings at 9:15 a.m. The group will discuss the truths which are the foundation to the Christian faith. Parishioners interested in participating may attend when ever they are able.

VICTORY LUTHERAN CHURCH, holds Sunday worship and school from 10 a.m. until 11:15 a.m. at the Novi Meadows School cafeteria, located on Taft Road between Ten Mile Road and Grand River. The Third Sunday in Advent, Dec. 17, was Christmas Outreach Sun-

day as it is every Sunday. After the Sunday service on Dec. 17, members of the church re-congregated at the Whitehall Home on Grand River in Novi for carolling and the Strunks and 13 of their neighto deliver the Christmas bells they had made to present to each resident. The Christmas bells had been made from the top portion of a clear plastic juice container and a small satin ornament for the clapper, braided cord, artificial greenery and a bow. Adults and children flanked both

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sides of the hall carolling as residents walked to the dining area.

For more information, call 349-2669.



In no particular order are neighbors Linnie Jo and Gary Strunk; Susan, Brian, Lauren and Kristen Walsh; Dorothy Malasky, Lisa Wallace, Bea, Annabel, Lodewijk, Hendrik and Elise Van Holsbeeck; Nancy Hinshon; Bob and Claire Frazer; and Jessi,

Motorists doing a double take at neighborhood's yard art

By CAROL WORKENS

There's a little bit of Texas in out the figures. Northville Township this holiday

Strunk were on a golfing vacation a'Leaping's hands. in Texas last Christmas they called "Yard Art."

they returned to their Quail Ridge hand and he was as good as new. sealers. the neighbors to discuss bringing terminds, their garage was used the popular Texas art form to their for the project. neighborhood—a 14 lawn display of "The Twelve Days of Christ-

To wish their community, neighbors and friends a happy holiday, bors began the project that would take the rest of the year to com-

Strunk and Claire Frazer, whose design work and drawing of each of the figures. Dr. Patti Kolowich and and Gary

Strunk were in charge of taking a project saw to the plywood and cutting "Everyone has had a real good time doing it," she said. Jared Buckley was relieved of The Scrooge sign at Larry and the neighbors are resting. his cutting duties when he acci- Kresin's and Jan Liberi's home

"Al right Jared," said Linnie Jo, Dan Seaman offered a little noticed a popular lawn decoration "that's it before one of the heads encouragement and a lot of help It took only a few weeks after Linnie Jo redesigned the lord's about colors, primers and paint Partridge in a Pear Tree and Two

> The neighbors spent the summer dashing back and forth between their homes and the Strunk's garage, cutting, priming

and painting. John Farrar expertly put paint to plywood and lettered all the

Bill Walsh was responsible for lighting and staking each of the 12 expertise is needlepoint, did the days to the ground so that they would withstand Michigan's freez- whimsical characters to depict ing rain and blowing winds.

While Linnie Jo and Gary dentally cut one of the Lords was done tonguc-in-cheek just for

which is on display at Quail Ridge

subdivision off Eight Mile Road lit for all to see from 5 p.m. to 11 "The kids have loved it and walk around singing Christmas carols,"

she said. "We've had some limos, drivers finding out where some good displays are."

Linnie Jo's sense of humor is what led to the decision to use each of the 12 days. Gary Strunk has his garage John Malasky supervised the

back and all the lords are now leaping on the lawn, the geese are laying eggs on a neighbor's lawn

Participating in Quail Ridge's presentation of The Twelve Days of Christmas and their signs are: John and Susie Williams, Welwhen the group had questions come; Bob and Claire Frazer, A Turtle Doves; Matt and Nellie Adawi, Three French Hens: Bill and Susan Walsh, Four Calling Birds; Bob and Nancy Hinshon, just west of Meadowbrook Road, is Five Golden Rings; Doug Higley, Six Geese a'Laying: Dr. Marnix and Bea Van Holsbeeck, Seven Swans a'Swimming; Larry Kresin and Jan Liberi, Scrooge; Garrett and Karen Kelly, Eight Maids a'Milking; John which I suspect are from the and Anita Farrar, Nine Ladies Dancing; Jared Buckley and Dr. Patti Kolowich, Ten Lords a Leaping; Gary and Linnie Strunk Eleven Pipers Piping; John and Dorothy Malasky, Twelve Drummers Drumming; and John and Corinne Kaounas, Happy Holidays.

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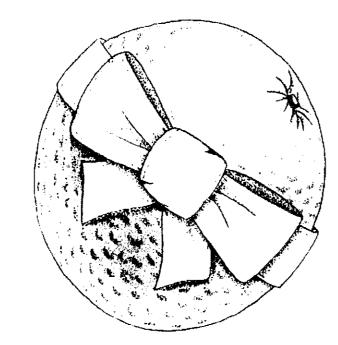


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THURSDAY December 21,



The Northville Woman's Club enjoyed barber shop quartet harmony when the Spirit of Detroit Sweet Adelines performed "In the Christmas Spirit" at the group's Dec. 15 meeting.

Group enjoys perfect harmony

Eighteen members of Spirit of Detroit Sweet Adelines performed In the Christmas Spirit* for the Northville Woman's Club at the group's Dec. 15 meeting which was held in Boll Fellowship Hall of Northville's First Presbyterian

Spirit of Detroit is a chorus of 95 women who are members of Sweet Adeline International which was founded in 1945. They are dedicated to education and performance of four-part barber shop harmony There are 30,000 Sweet Adelines in 360 choruses in 12 countries round the world.

Spirit of Detroit is always looking or women who are interested in singing. Reading music is not a requirement. Rehearsals are on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. at the VFW Post at I-96 and Inkster Road in Redford Township. Interested singers are welcome to attend the weekly rehearsals.

Chairperson of the day was

Entertainment listing

Northville, MI 48167; or fax to 349- ard of Oz continues on Saturdays day.

AUDITIONS

Livonia Youth Philharmonic will be 3 1/2 years of age. hold auditions for string, brass. woodwind and percussion for all at 135 E. Main Street in downtown four levels of the orchestra for Northville. youths ages 8 to 18 by appointment in December. Call Terrie appointment.

for actors and actresses to occasionally participate in Sunday morning dramas and skits based

Scripts are provided and minimal rehearsal time is needed. All creative input is welcome.

Those interested should call Ann

Marle Frey, (810) 348-3563.

SPECIAL EVENTS

BRIDAL SHOW: A Winter Bridal Show will be held at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, Jan 7, 1996 at Sheraton Oaks Inn, 27000 Shera- east of Center Street. ton Drive in Novi. Among those featuring fashions will be Elizabeth's Bridal Manor of Northville.

The latest in bridal gowns, bridesmaid dresses, tuxedos, as well as information and advise on planning a successful wedding will be available. Tickets are \$6 in advance or \$7

at the door. For details, call (810) 790-5500.

Performer's Showcase perfor- dra Bomar. mances which are held prior to Novi Civic Center at 7:30 p.m. On Novi. taped by Time Warner and cable- 349-7770. cast to residents.

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

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. day performances are 8:30 to 11 p.m. until 1 a.m. featuring Tim Rauf will play traditional African at 380-3961.

THEATER

MARQUIS THEATRE: The Frank L. Baum classic tale of the adventures of Dorothy, the Scare-

and Sundays through Jan. 14. performances are at 2:30 p.m. YOUTH PHILHARMONIC: The Tickets are \$6.50. Children must

For details, call (810) 349-8110.

NEW HORIZON COMMUNITY the theater to be entertained by temporary and folk music every continues through January. CHURCH: The church is looking singing elves and holiday charac- Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

"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 A local community church fea- tempers, passions and alcohol turing a contemporary format, the down before they kill each other Blues Band will host the Wedneschurch meets at the Novi Town while trying to discover who day Blues Jam from 9 p.m. to 1 Center General Cinema Theaters "Fanny Photocopier" really is a.m. All musicians are welcome. before the boss fires them all.

> 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 located at Novi Road north of Ten appointment. Call 474-8305. Northville at 108 E. Main St., just Call (810) 349-0522 for reserva-

COUNTRY EPICURE RESTAU- Southfield. **RANT:** December entertainment offered in the lounge with full bar and dinner menu with no cover charge from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 boards with midi bass and PERFORMER'S SHOWCASE: evenings will be Wilbert Peagler's details. The public is invited to attend the Jazz Trio, featuring vocalist San-

Country Epicure Restaurant is end guests can enjoy live enter- p.m. Call 348-9544 for details. select city council meetings in the located at 42050 Grand River in tainment at the Sports Edition occasion, performances may be For more information, call (810) Hotel at 21111 Haggerty Road.

> CICERO'S ITALIAN RIS- hits groups every weekend. A On the weekend, the gallery is TORANTE & BAR: Cicero's Italian cover charge begins at 8 p.m. Ristorante & Bar is located on Novi Road just north of Ten Mile.

Reservations are suggested on the Gate Saloon offers live music every For more information or reserva- p.m. to 1:30 a.m. tions, call (810) 380-0011.

TUSCAN CAFE: Tuscan Cafe Northville. presents light jazz music on Friday

and Saturday evenings. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursp.m. Friday and Saturday perfor- Flaharty and Mark Barringer. The instruments at 1 p.m. on Dec. 23 mances are from 9 p.m. to mid-

Tuscan Cafe is located at 150 Center Street in Northville. For 624-8475. more information, call 305-8629.

BRADT'S FOOD & SPIRITS: across from Twelve Oaks Mall in tion call (810) 347-0780.

Record/Novi News, 104 W. Main, road to the Land of Oz in The Wiz- and Reggle Braxton every Wednes-

Live entertainment is offered During Christmas break, perfor- from 7:30 to 11 p.m. Tuesday, mances will be held Tuesday Wednesday and Thursday; from 9 through Friday, Dec. 26-29. All p.m. to I a.m. on Friday and Sat-

The Marquis Theatre is located the Holiday Inn, Farmington Hills. film and acting at the Center for

The cafe is located at 110 Main-Centre in downtown Northville.

FRIGATES INN: Frigates offers p.m. on Sunday. live music every Tuesday at 8 p.m. featuring 2XL Band. The Sunset 349-4131. Luncheon theater "Mistletoe Fridays, and Saturdays. Frigates in unusual art dolls. The gallery is Madness" is available Monday Inn is located at the corner of in the home of co-owner Kathy

For details, call (810) 624-9607.

MORE JAZZ: Outback Cappuc-Northville and Terrence Lester of

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Bar, located inside the Novi Hilton

The Sports Edition is home to Intrigue and other high-powered through Friday 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

STARTING GATE: The Starting Friday and Saturday night from 9 The Starting Gate is located at 135 N. Center St. in downtown

Thirteen Mile and Novi roads.

TOO CHEZ: Too Chez, located south of I-96. For further informa-

Submit items for the entertain- crow, Tin Man and the Cowardly—Playing favorites from jazz greats—Novi, offers live jazz entertainment ment listings to The Northville Lion as they follow the yellow brick will be Herbie Ross every Tuesday from 6 to 10 p.m. Mondays and 7

ATRIUM GALLERY: Atrium Brady's Food & Spirits is located by Charles Aimone, a Northville at 38123 West Ten Mile Road, in resident and long-time professor of For more information, call (810) Creative Studies. On exhibit are wall panels which are used as backdrops for his puppet film Flu-CAFFE BRAVO: Caffe Bravo fea- ing High. The panels depict World Weeder at 422-5603 for an GENITTI'S: Santa's coming to tures the talents of many artists. War I French town buildings and Genitti's for lunch on Dec. 23. performing everything from classical can be used as unique and deco-After lunch, children will go into cal guitar, jazz and blues to con-rative wall hangings. The show

Atrium Gallery is located at 109 N. Center in downtown Northville. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 6 Call 344-0220 for additional p.m. Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, and noon to 4 For more information, call (810)

BACKDOOR Farmington's Backdoor Gallery on Dance with The Globe at 9 p.m. 37220 Eight Mile Road specializes Fourteen Mile and East Lake Drive Landers. She and the other owner, Kathleen Bricker, are both artists. Hours are 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays; 10 a.m. to MR. B's FARM: Mr. B's Farm is 4 p.m. on Saturdays, and by

Mile. For detais call 349-7038. PAINTER'S PLACE: A display of Northville Christmas cards over cino Bar, 370 S. Main St. in Ply- the years is featured in the winmouth, presents live jazz from 7 to dow of Painter's Place, Studio & 9 p.m. Wednesdays, featuring the Gallery of Caroline Dunphy, 140 work of jazz artists Gary Cooper of N. Center Street in Northville. The cards feature various views of Northville's historic buildings on Main Street and in the historic vil-

The new Christmas card for 1995 is also on display and is in a.m. on Friday and Saturday rhythms. Call 455-0445 for the gallery. Gallery hours have been expanded for the pre-Christmas shopping season to Tuesday SPORTS EDITION: Every week- through Saturday from noon to 5

GATE VI GALLERY: Gate VI is located in the atrium of the Novi Civic Center. Hours are Monday open if the building is open. Call

NEARBY

BORDERS BOOKS: Upcoming events at Borders Books and Music include: Loba Akou will per-SUNSET GRILL: The grill hosts form North African flavored jazz at a blues jam every Tuesday from 9 7 p.m. on Dec. 22; Naim Abdur grill is located on the corner of and Media specialist Gary Price talks about what to get the com-For more information, call (810) puter lover at 4 p.m. on Dec. 23. Borders is located in the Novi Town Center off Novi Road just

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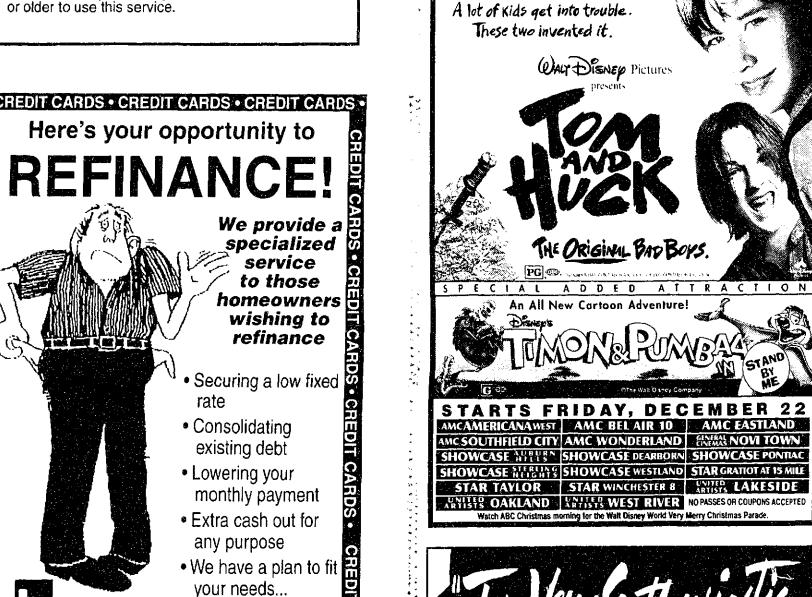
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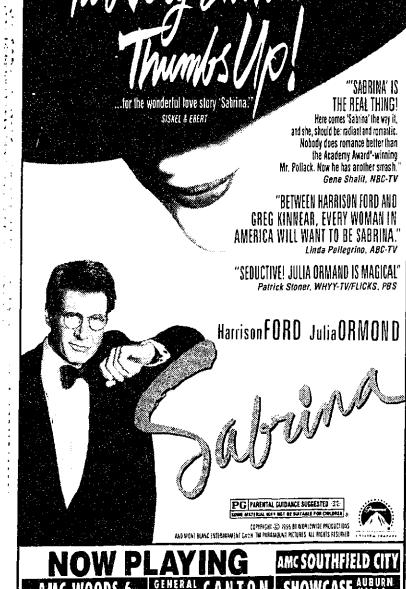
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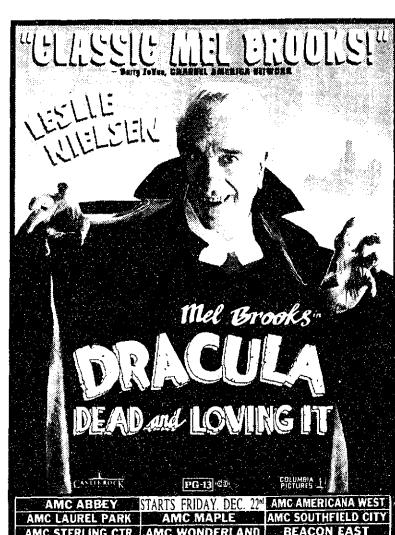
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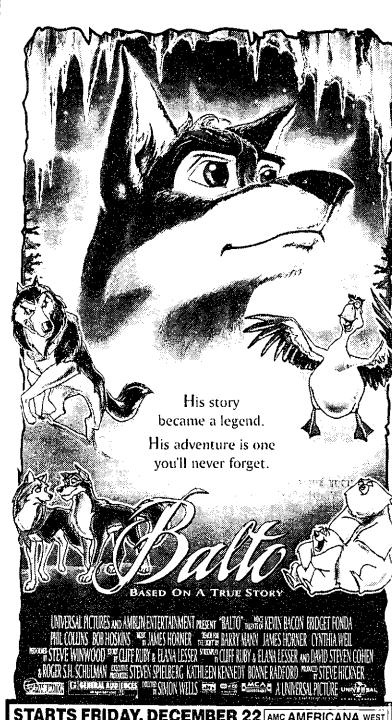
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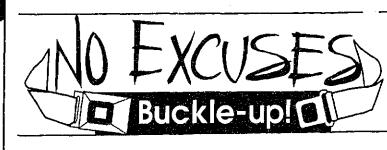
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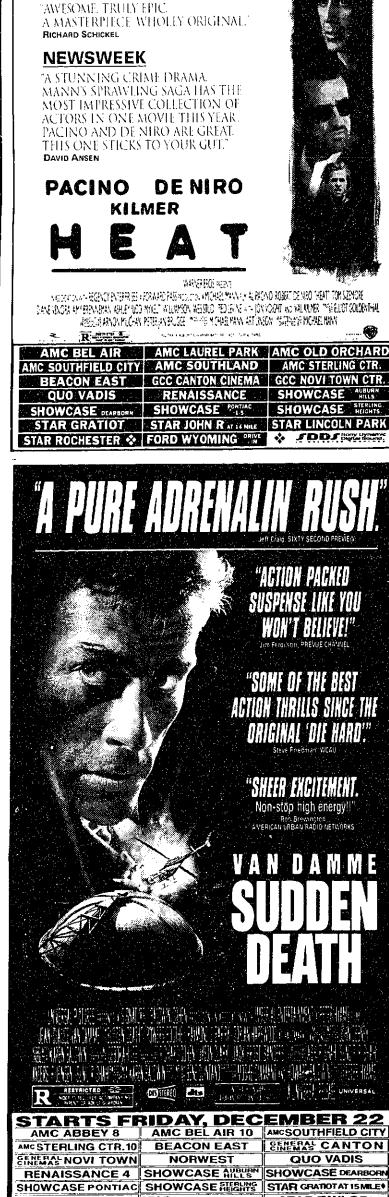
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John Gustafson (Jack Lemmon) and Max Goldman (Walter Matthau) are set for a date with a catfish in Warner Bros.' new comedy "Grumpier Old Men," also starring Ann-Margret and Sophia Loren.



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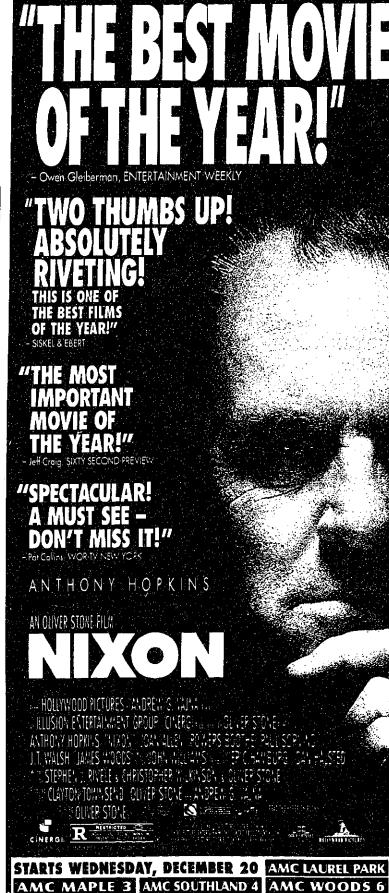


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sports, beaches, seeking SF, for commit-quality time at home, weekends away.

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NEW TO BRIGHTON DWE 58, 512", educated, likes music. aining out, cooking, seeking SM, for friendship, life's experiences.

ALL LOVE HOCKEY DWE 39, 41101, 210lbs., full-figured, mom, toves dining out, most sports, pizza in front of the fireplace, seeking N/S, social drinking SM, 30-40, for dating, maybe roore Ad#.9420

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SWF, 25, 5'6", blande hair, green eyes.

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playing pool, sports, having a good

possible relationship. Ad#.1141

DWF, 48, 513", 115lbs., smoker wanting to

tionship. Ad#.7295

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SW mom, 31, 2 children, 6, 4, from Florida, employea, enjoys sports, watching football, rides, animals, old cars, seeking content, secure SM. Ad#.3399 MANY INTERESTS TO SHARE

FAMILY-ORIENTED GUY? SWF, 30, 5187, 250ips., brown hair, blue eyes, enjoys reading, traveling, shopping, looking for SM, similar interests. marriage-minded. Ad#.2375 INTERESTED? CALL! SWF, 21, 5181, 154lbs , enjoys bars/clubs.

cooking, concerts, dancing, beaches, DW mom of two 21, 5'2" 160lbs very attractive, enjoys movies, kids, dancing, cial semeone, seeks SWM, 21-30, 5197+, romantic evenings at home, seeks SWM, to share interests and possible relationship. Ad#.3733 ship. Ad#.2155 LET'S MAKE CONTACT!

42, 5°2", 125lbs., enjoys Motown/country music, dancing, cud- SWF, young 59, N/S, non-drinker, dling, romantic dinners, movies, seeks employed, romantic, enjoys walks WW/D/SWM, 35-53, with similar interests. for possible relationship. Ad#.1629 N/S, who likes to be pampered. WHAT ABOUT YOU? companianship, maybe more. SW mam of two, 23, 5'4", 132lbs., seeks easygoing, talkative SM, who enjoys

AWAITING YOUR CALL conversation, great outdoors, cuddling on the couch, for friendship and comdrug-free, social drinkers okay, for possi-SWE 35, mom of three, creative, intellible relationship. Ad#.1920 gent, charismatic, dynamic, humorous.

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secure, attractive, medium build SM, to share Interests, for possible relationship. LOOKING FOR LONG-TERM SWF, 64, 5'2", weight proportionate, enjoys going places, walks, travel, aniner and componion. Ad#.9836 mals, outdoors, watching sports, live entertainment, seeks active SM, 60-70,

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NEW TO HOWELL/BRITON blande hair, seeks attractive SWM, who enjoys klds, romance, dancing, movies. eyes, honest, sense of humor, loves for possible relationship. Ad#.2444 INTERESTED? CALL!

SAF, 20, seeks attractive SWM, 20-27, who likes art, reading, writing, films, afternative and classic rock, for friendship, relationship, Ad#,1313

TALK TO HER SWF, 20, 5171, attractive, not overweight, movies, quiet times at home, concerts, likes movies, pool, book stores, music, theater, skiing, card games, seeking SM, to spend time together. Ad#.1974 Ad#.2233 FRIENDS FIRST

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SWCF, 44, 5'4", weight-proportioned, blonde hair, blue eyes, seeks strong SCM, for friendship, dating, and possible relationship. Ad#.3232

eeking SWM, 20-30, N/S, non-drinker, for SWF, 35, fall, thin, honest, outgoing sometimes a homebody, enjoys music seeks SM, to hang out and share activi-SWE 18, 5'9", blond/brown hair, green eyes, enjoys car racing, pool, hockey, animals, seeking caring SWM, 18-23.

LEAVE ME A MESSAGE SWE 35, 5'10", 120'bs., professional, new to the area, enjoys watching and being a part in the theatre, gardening, seeks SM, to share interests and possible rela-

DWF. 21, mother of two, sincere, serious, seeking serious, good-looking SM, for a serious commitment, family, Ad#.5467 tionship, Ad#.6169 LIVES NEAR NOVI

SWCF, 36, 5'8', 130lbs., never married. N/S, Protestant, seeks caring, honest financially secure, fit SCM, 35-40, N/S, never married, for possible serious rela-

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> PRE-MED STUDENT SWF, 19, 5:81, 160lbs., loves to laugh. enjoys rugby, biking, rollerblading, walks, seeks SM, to share laughter and fun times, possible relationship. Ad#. 1024

honest, very outgoing SM, for possible LOOKING FOR MR. RIGHT SWF, 43, 5'4", medium build, enjoys bowl seeking honest, caring SM, similar inter-sunrises, sunsets, walks, sharing dreams, ests, who wants to feel special, summer rains, seeking SM, with same

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"Skip Becker is 100 per-

cent guts. He just won't

Thomas of Lake Orion and Den-

"I think if he wrestled him

Joe Young went 0-2 at 125

pounds. He fell to Kyle Ellis of

South Lyon and Rich Hicks of

Lenny Christoff just missed

placing at 130 pounds. He won

his first two matches, a pin of

Trenton's Tony Osentoski and 14-

Christoff suffered his first loss

to Walled Lake Central's Mike

Donahue. He then split his final

At 140 pounds, Nick Simon

dropped his first match and then

rebounded for an 8-1 win over

fell from the tournament with a

loss to Farmington Hills Harri-

Hadley competed at 152. He

Hadley dropped his final two

matches and finished in sixth

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BRAD HUSS

Novi Wrestling coach

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**THURSDAY** 

# **Grapplers 12th** at county meet

The Wildcat wrestling team had a heck of a weekend. Novi finished 12th at the Oakland County meet Saturday in quit. He won't give up South Lyon. Some 40 county

teams competed in all. "I was pleased," coach Brad Huss said. "I thought we could've finished a little higher, but I was not disappointed at all." Three Wildcats placed, which is

three more than they've had in Taka Watanabe won the 135pound weight division. Josh

Hadley was sixth at 152 pounds and Skip Becker third at 160. "Skip Becker is 100 percent guts," Huss said. "He just won't quit. He won't give up for any-

The tournament was held over two days at four different sites around the county. The Wildcats were at South Lyon both days.

Clarkston dominated the tour- 2 thumping of Lake Orion's Nate nament. The Wolves totaled 274 points while Walled Lake Central was a distant second with 173. Novi scored 114 points. Wrestlers had to win twice Fri-

day to make it into Saturday's final rounds. Novi's Ryan Christensen made it to Saturday, but failed to place. Aram Sahiner of Farmington. He

He drew a bye in the first round then lost to Scott Richmond of North Farmington 5-2. The junior rebounded to pin Walled Lake Central's Ryan Parks. He was knocked from the beat Clarkston's Chad Autin 10-2 tournament in the next round and pinned Peter Yu of Rochester with a loss Jeff Collins of Berkley.

John Harris got one victory at 112 pounds before being eliminated. He lost his first match then beat Brian Watson of South Lyon 9-2. Harris was then pinned by Justin Torrez of Holly.

At 119 pounds, Chris Christoff split four matches. He pinned Scott Aubrev of Walled Lake Central in round one then edged pounds. Becker won his first two an Oakland County championship. Brian Macias of Farmington 3-2. matches, both by decision, then Christoff was dropped from the tournament with losses to Brian

The junior cut weight to get Mark McBride. But you have to go back all down to 152. Huss said it may the way to Mike Gowans in 1991 before you have fatigued him a little bit. come to a real standout. "He wrestled a lot of matches," Valley Conference titles and finished third in

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Taka.

County Championship. He bested the field of and surely won't after the Oakland County

likes of Tony Scappaticci, Ben Wendt and That would be great."

Taka Watanabe (top) won all but one of his matches by pins last weekend at the Oakland County meet in South Lyon.

The 140-pounder won a pair of Kensington of hard work, however. "To say Taka could win it would be accu- the Lion grappler and pinned him

ent. State finals is a whole different ball gan of Walled Lake Central. The junior said In his first two seasons, Watanabe was

shed over the weekend and won an Oakland area. But folks aren't overlooking him now

Watanabe carried the top seed at South Lyon. The county tournament was held at

> In his first match, Watanabe faced South Lyon's Jason Brown. He made short work of

Morgan was a tough opponent.

# Cagers

By SCOTT DANIEL

If you listened to Novi basketball coach Pat Schluter before the start of the season, he'd have you believe the Wildcats were going to be lucky to win a game all year.

Whether he was trying to pull the wool over everyone's eyes or just underestimated his own club, Novi is 3-0. The Wildcats stayed perfect Friday night by pounding South Lyon at home

"It helps that we played those three games at home," said Schluter. "We're just trying to take one game at a time. Right now we're playing hard

and playing good defense." About the only downside to Friday's game was the loss of senior point guard Brian Cody. He twisted an ankle early in the second quarter and was forced to miss

the rest of the game. "He jumped and came down on somebody's foot," said Schluter. "He should be better in a couple of weeks."

Cody missed this week's Northville Christmas tournament. The Wildcats opened the tournament Tuesday night (after Novi News deadline) against Dearborn Divine Child. As for Friday's game, Novi was

in control the entire way. The Wildcats jumped out to a 16-5 lead in the first quarter. Choking defense was the key. "South Lyon only had three or four shots in the quarter," Schluter said. "Either they turned it over or we got steals."

The Wildcats made 21 steals, which is almost double of a normal game. Novi pressed the Lions hard to get those turnovers. "We knew there weakness was

# Spikers beat Harrison in 3

volleyball team, but it's already been outstanding. Novi won the South Lyon invitational last week by sweeping through the field with the greatest of ease. Fresh off of that triumph, the 'Cats beat Farmington Hills Harrison in three games. "We've never beat them before," coach Julie Fisette

said. "It was a nice win." The non-league victory improved Novi's record to 7-0. The Wildcats, now off for the holidays, resume action Jan. 8 by opening the Kensington Valley Conference season at home against Hartland. As for the Harrison match, you might say it was

"We took them to three games and lost," said

Fisette. This year, finally, we took them to three games and won." The coach was expecting a tough match from the

Hawks - and got one. She said Harrison always

Fisette said, they don't make many mistakes." vere able to place their shots well, said Fisette. "Our hits were scoring," she added. "We won it oretty easily.'

all played well in the opener, Fisette said. She added that Harrison's points in the game really amounted to Wildcat miscues. "Most of their points were scored off our errors.

The Hawks rallied back for a 15-9 win in game The Wildcats fell behind early, 7-0. Again, their own errors allowed Farmington Hills to score. "It was a passing problem," Fisette said. "We

couldn't serve-receive. Novi rallied to the game at eight, before Harrison pulled away.

The two squads slugged it out in game three with Novi prevailing 15-12 The work of Novi's defensive specialists help save

the day in this game, Fisette said. Shaunnah Yeihey, Junko Matsunaga and Chiho Amemiya all came off the bench to play

well in the back row. The coach described game three as a slow one. She said the teams sided out many times, often,

before scoring a point. Novi led 7-4 early and then relinquished the lead as Harrison fought back for a 12-12 draw. The Wildcats, however, pulled it together to take the final

For the match, Britton wound up with eight blocks, Place with 40 hits and eight kills, Suenkonis eight kills and Lindsev Drury 24 hits.

# Eagles could challenge in KVC

Howell, Hartland and Brighton. shooter. Senior Nate Whitmeyer (6-1) is

back at strong forward.

The Eagles have four starters also on varsity for the third played well at summer camps and

said. "We're going to try and do Hartland has three other squad. what we did last year and just do returning seniors. Matt Machala it better."

Ollila aid. "He has been unbelievdedicated himself to his team."

(6-0) is a rebounder and a good sees Howell, South Lyon and Novi Senior John Curtis (6-foot-4) is leaper who will start or come off as the teams to beat. "It's who wants it the most," he Gavin Cappuccilli is a good said. "It's going to be one of those

The Highlanders went 18-5 last

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to share interests and possible relation-GOOD OUTLOOK ON LIFE together, dining out, quiet evenings at home, cuddling, seeks romantic SWM

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LET'S GET TOGETHER SF. 29, professional, enjoys rollerblading, SWE 3D. 5'5", enjoys honest, personal volleyball, barbeques, darts, billiards, growth, learning, spirituality, nature, dining out, seeking motivated, yet easygoing SM, to share interests, possible burning stoves, oil lamps, seeks SM to share Interests and possible relationship

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> SWF, 20, enjoys reading, writing poetry, contemporary Christian music, concerts, walks in the park, seeks kind, sweet, understanding SM, for honest, special

SWF, 20, 5'4", 120ibs., enjoys nature, music, seeks honest, sincere SM, who knows how to freat a lady right, for possible relationship.

SWCF, 23, N/S, intelligent, enjoys sports. shows, quiet walks/talks, going out with friends, seeks honest, caring, mature SWCM, to share interests, for possible

blue eyes, fit, seeks SM, to share friend-

DWC mom, 40, 5'2", average figure,

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> handsome, athletic, confident, enjoys LET'S HAVE COFFEE most summer/winter sporting and out-SWM. 35, 6', 165lbs., hardworking, door activities, seeking attractive, fit, secure, enjoys camping, fishing, bowling. adventurous SWF, kids welcome, age outdoors, dining out, open to other unimportant, Jackson/Livingston area,

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> friendship, possible long term relation- ties. Ad#,4839 SM. 28. 5'11", 170lbs., brown hair, green tache, hazel, eyes, romantic, good pereyes, honest, hard worker, enjoys out-sonality, General Motors employee, doors, music, animals, sports, seeks SF, to enjoys hiking, canoeing, water-skiing,

Continued on 12 Tim Davis led Novi with 12 points Friday against the Lions.

performers over the past few years with the "because it's the first time. It gets my hopes said. up to win states. I'd really love to win states.

The junior has an excellent shot of doing four sites. just that. Coach Brad Huss said it'll take a lot

Becker was third at 160 the state in his senior year. Gowans also won rate," he said. "To say he will win it is differ- Watanabe then went up against Randy Mor-

Well, move over Mike, because here comes game."

Taka Watanabe kept his record unblem- somewhat of an unknown commodity in the

had a legitimate wrestling star.

It's been a long time since Novi High has 135-pounders by pinning three of four oppo-The Wildcats have had solid, workman like

Watanabe wins 135 pound division

"I can't imagine he won't be seeded No. 1 at "It feels great," Watanabe said of his title, every tournament from here on out," Huss

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The season is barely two weeks old for the Wildcat

sweet revenge. The two teams met a year ago, but with different results.

plays smart. "They can dig, they can hit, they can serve," Novi took the opening game 15-9. The Wildcats three points and won the game and match.

Julie Britton, Ursula Place and Renee Suenkonis

Last week's Novi News began a team so far," Ollila said. "He is a "He has a good shot," said preview of the Kensington Valley role player, a rebounder who will Ollila. Conference basketball race with fill the lane." looks at Milford and Lakeland. In Senior Aaron Daniels (5-9) is in this season. Corey Leppeck is a today's issue, we conclude our his third varsity year. He led disciplined player who may start preview by featuring South Lyon. Hartland in scoring last year and at the point. Jason Stevik is a is the team's best three-point shooting guard and Jason

eturning from a team that went straight year. He will play either Hartland's summer league and 5-14 last season. Joel Begin, a point guard or small forward for will play center. point guard, is the key loss from the Eagles. last year's team. "We expect a lot of rebounds," "We're not going to do anything the coach said. "He's probably Ollila said. new," Hartland coach Gary Ollila one of our playmakers."

back at center at 220 pounds, the bench. provides a good inside presence. "He worked hard on his game," shooter who will play shooting kinds of years."

guard or small forward. Mark able in the preseason. He has Frazier (6-1) will play a shooting guard or small forward as well. Senior Jason Baliko (6-2) is Senior Same Robeson (6-2) is a senior transfer from North Caroli-"He has been a leader for the na that will play forward.

Mathis Noth rounds out the As for the league race, Ollila

Buback a backup guard.

Sophomore Tommy See (6-5)

"He has good quickness for his

size and a good outside shot,"

### **Rec Briefs**

#### Spring 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 9:30 p.m. There is a limit of 38 individuals at a fee of \$14 (\$16.80 for non-resi-

Registration deadline: Wednesday, Feb. 7, 1996, at 5 p.m. (or when

#### **Youth Classes**

Drawing and Painting 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:

#### 'Swinging Seniors'

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#### Clogging

The Beginners I class should wear flat shoes, preferably with leatherlike 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-

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

Fridays-Daytime. Beginners II - starts Jan. 12 (10 weeks) - Noon-1 p.m. Cost: \$20 resi-

dent (\$24 non-resident). Intermediate: 1-2 p.m. Cost: \$1.50 per person (drop-in).

Open Dance: 2-3:30 p.m. Cost: \$1.50 per person (drop-in). None of the above classes will be held on days when the Novi Civic Center is closed.

#### 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.

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# **Cagers** whip 58-36

their guards."

their guards," Schluter said. "We put a ton of pressure on

Even if his team didn't make the steal, the coach said he wanted to disrupt South Lyon's offense.

"We wanted to take them out of their offense," Schluter said.

Balanced scoring helped Novi take the lead. No player scored more than four points in the frame, in fact. Novi continued to dominate in the second and led 30-14 by halftime. About the only thing South Lyon had going for it in the first half was Mike Arden.

The 6-foot-7 center scored 10 of the Lions 14 first half points. He finished with a game high 22.

Schluter said his team was in command despite Arden's efforts.

"After the first quarter," he said, "they never got the lead under

South Lyon tried to fight back in the second half by pressing Novi. But the Lions failed to give the Wildcats a dose of their own

"It wasn't effective," Schluter

Forward Tim Davis paced Novi in the third with six points. Kyle Kearney came off the bench with four points.

Schluter went to his bench in the fourth quarter. Novi responded by outscoring the visitors 16-9.

"It was a good game for us," Schluter said. "Everyone got to play."Davis finished with 12 points, Chad Dicken added 10 and Elliot Edmunds added eight. Kearney and Pat Lyskawa each had

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Senior point guard Brian Cody sprained an ankle against South Lyon Friday.



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**Immunizations** 

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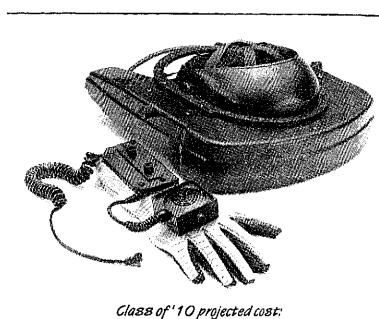
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Chad Dicken and Novi got the best of South Lyon Friday night.

# Brighton features talents of super sophomore Hensen

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winter and won the KVC as well as a district title.

Gone from that team are Jason Klein, Derrick Dixon, and Bryan Funke. The three were the statistical leaders in almost every catego-

Senior Jason Olthoff (6-1) is a returning starter who was a streaky scorer for Howell last sea-

"He is a real hot outside shooter," Howell coach Bill Simmons said.

Junior George King (6-4) is another returning starter who will provide inside help. King averaged five rebounds per game as a

sophomore. Senior Nate Blakeslee (6-1) played well off the bench last season and lends quickness and a nice outside shooting touch to the

team. Senior Joe Portera (6-2) is back

as a forward. "He goes to the basket real well,"

said Simmons. Senior Kris Pennell (5-10) is an excellent defensive player who returns at guard.

Senior Kevin Burke (6-1) also returns and at 210 pounds will provide some muscle underneath the basket.

"He's a banger down low," Simmons said. "He's a strong rebounder type guy.'

Ten newcomers, all juniors, have been added to the mix. Andrew Ratke (6-4) is a good post defender while Mike Soehl (6-1) is tough inside. Ken Pilalja will back up at point guard and Scott Boss is a strong, aggressive player who will play guard. Jason MacCarreall (6-1) is a fast player who goes to the basket well.

"We've got some speed," Simmons said.

Rounding out the squad are forward James Tomaszewski (6-1), swing player Keith Kraegel (6-1), guard Matt Schonfeld (6-0) and forward Andy Gray (6-3).

Howell's interior defense and rebounding are a concern for Simmons.

"We're not real strong around the basket," Simmons said. "We have a lot of kids that do a lot of things real well. We have a balanced team."

Simmons said that Novi should

be the team to beat in the KVC. "I think the league will be tough

from top to bottom," Simmons in '94. Junior Kris LaMontagne said. "I hope we can contend. If we get pushed around too much, we could be struggling."

#### SOUTH LYON

The times and the seasons they are a changin' at South Lyon High

Enter new boys varsity coach Ron Shanks - no stranger to the Lions' arena.

Shanks has coached the girls hoop squad for the past 14 seasons and he brings his disciplined style and steadying hand to the SL boys team - a unit that has seen

four coaches in a five-year span. Last year's coach, Tim Turner, stepped down after one year at the helm of the team. Shanks took over the reigns of the program last spring and he plans on remaining as the boys bench boss for quite

some time. With a young team this winter, however, Shanks may find a few bumps in the road in his first goaround, but he promises that this year's bunch will certainly work hard and provide some exciting

moments for area fans. The Lions came on late last year and finished third in the conference before finishing as district runner-ups in the playoffs.

The biggest problem Shanks may face early this year is finding a way to blend some of the football players into his team's lineup. Three of the Lions' top players this season are coming right off the Silverdome floor onto the SL hardwood this week. Senior forward Cory Sargent is the team's leading returner, and he along with junior guard Lance Siegwald and senior forward/center Brian Spencer will all try to make the transition from

the gridiron to hoops this week. "It may be a little tough but at least I know they're physically in shape because of football," Shanks said. "But as far as basketball skills they may be a little bit behind."

Shanks said he knows from watching most of the players in summer camps exactly what each man can do, but he said there will be some tough adjustments in the days leading up to the opener next Tuesday against Northville.

Besides Sargent, who came on at the end of last season playing on the wing, SL returns four other players who saw significant action

was a backup guard last year and Shanks will look to him to run the team. LaMontagne is a talented athlete who just needs some experience at the point, according to

the coach. Junior Steve White could start at either big forward or center for the Lions after an impressive campaign as a sophomore coming off the bench last year. Seniors Jeremy Meier and Brent Cook also saw backup roles last year at guard and they look to fit right into the

regular rotation this season. Another player who could figure into Shanks plans is junior Mike Arden. At 6-foot-6, Arden is the tallest player on the team and even though he didn't see much time on varsity last year, Shanks thinks he has the ability to play in the middle for SL.

Two junior varsity players from last season - juniors Dominick Cogo and Mike Cashen could also vie for backup roles along with junior guards Chad Richardson and Mike Kluck.

Shanks said he's spent most of his early workout sessions with the team working on defense. The Lions mostly played zone last year, but Shanks wants them to learn to play man-to-man this year, a transition that hasn't been easy on the

#### BRIGHTON

The Bulldogs feature a high scoring offense and the KVC's biggest player in 6-10 Billy Anguish.

In a game with Northville Friday, Brighton scored 100 points, but lost. Bill Krips leads the offense from his shooting guard position.

Up front, Drew Hensen is a forward to watch. The sophomore, who's also a standout in football and baseball, scored 31 points in that game with Northville last week. Hensen does it all for the Bulldogs, leads the fast break, is a good defender, scores and block shots.

Speaking of blocked shots, Anguish is sure to be among the league leaders. He's inexperienced and prone to foul trouble, but can swat away shots with the best of them when he's on the court.

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# **Grapplers 12th at county**

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lost to the eventual champ, Jeremy Lafferty of Clarkston, in round

Becker came back to win two more matches by decision to finish

"He's not a pinner," Huss said and added that it takes a finely first round then beat Ben Raupp of

conditioned wrestler to keep going the distance. "That's a tough kid."

Jeff O'Sullivan went 1-2 at 171 pounds. His win came in the second round with a 13-5 decision

over Jeff Lawrence. At 189, Shawn Bruner went 3-2. He fell 9-8 in overtime to Steve Monroe of North Farmington in the

Bruner got two more wins by stopping Steve Monroe 2-1 and pinning Amir Scissor. Waterford Mott's Doug Smith pinned him in round five and kept him from placing John Talbot split four matches at 215 pounds. He lost in the first round then garnered a pin and a decision in the next two rounds.

# Watanabe champion at 135 pounds

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"He was tall and lanky," said Watanabe, "He knew what to do." Morgan had an advantage going into the match. The Vikings are

coach by Mark McBride's father. "His dad warned (Morgan) about my head lock," said Watanabe. "He told him to stay away.

Watanabe prevailed 5-4. Huss said he didn't wrestle smart in the "He just didn't wrestle his style

at all," Huss commented.

Watanabe didn't have any trou-

ble in his final two matches. He pinned Dave Snyder of Walled Lake Western then pinned Ben Phillips of Clawson for the title. "That was my easiest match,"

Watanabe said. The Wildcat grappler has improved over sophomore year.

I think I've improved a lot because of coach (Tom) Fritz, Huss and my dad," Watanabe said. "He's better all the way around,"

Huss said. "He's more experienced. The coach added that Watanabe's experience in the martial

arts has helped him. "It's helped him with his balance and body position," Huss said. "Some kids don't even know when they're in trouble. Taka understands when's in trouble and when he's not in trouble. He doesn't

panic when he's in trouble." Watanabe is hoping to do well in state competition this year and next. He would like to carry his mat career on to college as well.

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