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Lee BeGole and Frazer Stamen meet before the old township hall, which will be demolished to make way for Main Street.

City remembers hall it will raze

By JAN JEFFRES
 Staff Writer

All you had to do was pick up the telephone receiver and tell the operator the number, Northville-705.

That plugged in a 1950s-era Novi Township resident with the heart of the local power structure - the township hall, the public safety department (that's police and fire), the courthouse, a hoosegow of sorts for prisoners, the post office, the only election polls and a four-room apartment home occupied by various public safety officials.

"That building you're tearing down had a very important role in the government of Novi. It played a role in anything you can think of," said Lee BeGole, retired Novi police chief.

"We had some high old times in that place." Just south of Grand River Avenue, the now-quiet 1950s structure fronting Novi Road is slated to be razed within the next six to eight weeks. Behind it, the 1970s annex will have a short stay of execution while it is used as a construction office but will also eventually

make way for the Main Street development. BeGole started working - and living - in the main building in 1954. As the director of public safety, he occupied the upstairs apartment rent-free, but had to answer the phone at nights and stoke the oversized, coal-fed boiler in the basement.

Later, the formidable boiler - which was designed to accommodate a community building planned but never built on the site - would almost take out a city supervisor.

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Brewery plan pitched to committee

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
 Staff Writer

Something's a brewin' on Main Street. At least it soon will be.

Imagine strolling down Novi's newly-created, but nonetheless antique, Main Street. Snow flakes fall gently on your shoulders. Lights glimmer in the night. Quickly you duck into what appears to be an old-time tavern.

The smells of home brewed ale permeate the room. Other delicious smells reach your nose. You grab a seat and order yourself a No. VI lager.

Never heard of it? Well, maybe someday soon you will.

Main Street developers are tapping into the quaint, old-time downtown concept and taking it a little further.

After all, what's a little downtown without a tavern and brewery?

Scott Henderson, president of the Euro-American Brewing Ventures Ltd., pitched the idea to Town Center Steering Committee members in December. It will be discussed again at a Jan. 8 steering committee meeting.

Henderson wants to put a 11,100-square-foot micro-brewery on the east side of Vic's Market on Grand River. The brewery would make its own beer, to be served in an attached "taproom" and distributed for sale.

The 140-seat taproom that would function as a pub and serve the home-brewed ale along with other home-brewed specialty beers that would act as test mar-

BEER FACTS

A "brewpub" is not to be mistaken with a "micro-brewery." A brewpub serves its own beer, as well as other brands of beer, liquor and wine on the premises, but can produce only 2,000 barrels per year. A micro-brewery can sell only its own beer but can make up to 20,000 barrels for sale either in its taproom or through wholesale distribution.

There are 775 micro-breweries, brewpubs and regional specialty breweries in North America as of June 1995.

There are 251 Micro-breweries and 417 brewpubs in the US.

Michigan has six operating brewpubs with more licenses being granted everyday.

Michiganders consume more beer than any other state ... 22.8 gallons per year for every adult.

ket beers. The brewery machinery would be imported from Germany and be visible throughout the taproom.

Henderson plans to accompany the beers with a unique and appropriate food menu.

"We view this facility as fulfilling a community need and plan

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Fires down, but runs are up

By JAN JEFFRES
 Staff Writer

While the damage to property by smoke and flames was less in 1995 than in 1994, the amount of actual runs logged in by the Novi Fire Department soared by close to 17 percent.

Tuesday, Fire Chief Art Lenaghan was poring over the statistics for the first five years of

the 1990s. Growth, as always, is the operative word when the topic is Novi.

Last year, the chief estimated that the volume of runs would be about five percent over 1994's 2,099 responses. Instead, the 1995 figure has come in at 2,452.

"I think it shows here with the type of calls we're going on, it reflects the increase in the popu-

lation," Lenaghan said.

"We kind of try to do a projection based on the average daily fire runs. This exceeded everybody's expectations. An increase of 353, that's about a run a day. It's quite high."

Fire losses in 1995 totaled \$769,000. The most significant damage was the \$170,000 loss sustained on Sept. 9 by Sonny's

Catering on Meadowbrook Road. There, a fire breaking out in a truck within the garage led to damage to the building.

In 1994, the total fire losses in town reached \$1,227 million, with the dollar figure pushed up by the interior and structural destruction to the Cooker Bar and Grille on Twelve Mile Road.

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Novi man charged in murder

By RANDY COBLE
 Staff Writer

Laquana Jones had a big, bright future in front of her. A bullet swept it all away last week, however, and police say a Novi man pulled the trigger.

Andrew B. Blakely, a resident of the Woodland Glen apartments on Eight Mile between Novi and

Meadowbrook roads, stands accused of murder, attempted murder and felony firearms charges in connection with the Dec. 26 death of Jones, 24.

Lt. R.J. Smith of the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department alleged that Blakely, 22, shot Jones and her mother, Beverly, because his ex-girlfriend would

not agree to leave her Ypsilanti Township home with him. The two had broken up some weeks before, Smith explained.

Both Jones and Beverly were each shot once with an unknown type of handgun, the investigator said. The mother was shot while trying to intercede between Laquana and Blakely, Smith

alleged.

Both were taken to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Superior Township, where Laquana, a 1989 graduate of Ypsilanti High School, was pronounced dead an hour and a half after the shooting. Beverly, 43, was still in the hospital as of Friday and was reported to

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Trading tales

Jack Grubb (right) and Jerry Burnham trade stories about their lives as police officer with well-wishers at the police station while celebrating their upcoming retirements. The Novi News looks at how the string of retirements will effect the Novi police department in a series of stories on page 5.



Planning chair Laura Lorenzo says the 'door is open' for Novi.

Chair Lorenzo aims to save 'quaintness'

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL 380-48.

Laura Lorenzo says she's not looking to see the chicken or the egg. You know, five on the road by roads.

"Quaintness" at the Medical Center-things services including: miss. "our Short Stay Unit things services • CT Scan our his services • Health Services look at planning • MRI when I look at the Sleep Medicine see the horse Care Services of Meadowbrook for me to see from there."

But as Chair Planning Com knows those t. booming commu.

"It's inevitable to progress, but those are the things that still have some character for me in Novi," she explained. "It signifies where we are and where we've been."

Looking back, Lorenzo said the two biggest issues that faced the planning commission in 1995 were the Lakewoods Preserve Subdivision on Walled Lake and the Interlock case.

Lakewoods preserve was a significant issue because it was one of the last pieces of wild property on the lake to be developed. Lorenzo called it, "the last fron-

said the planning commis- had to find a compromise in development and nature giving the concept

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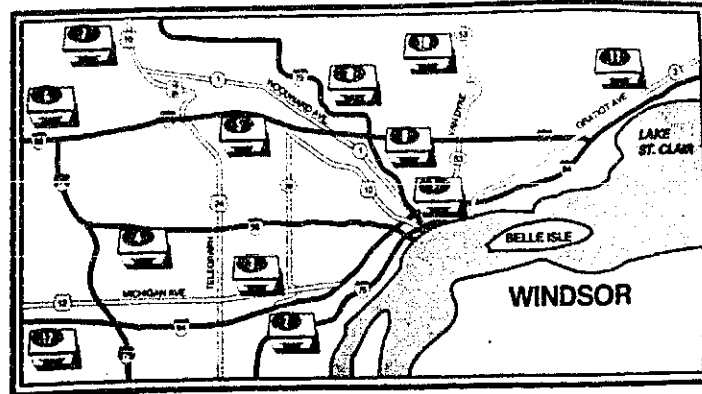
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Glenda's to move to new greenhouse

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

It's already rare to see a small fruit stand or a pumpkin patch within the borders of Novi. Beginning this year, it will become even more uncommon.

The small white frame building that is home to Glenda's Market on Grand River will be no more. Favoring a new and larger store to keep up with the changing pace of Novi, Glenda's will move build a new facility and greenhouses.

But owner Chris Cagle says not to worry.

"We want to keep that same atmosphere," Cagle explained. "Somewhere you can go where it's friendly, you can get good service where nobody is pushing and showing you like you find at the larger chains."

After two and a half years of scaling back and downsizing plans for the expansion of Glenda's Market, the Novi Planning Commission, last month, finally agreed to pass along approval of the project to the City Council.

"We had numerous trips to the planning consultants and for different reasons it went back and forth with the Zoning Board of Appeals," explained Cagle. "We would get approval from one and not approval from another, it seemed like we never put the right package together."

Although not totally finished with the approval process in the city, Cagle has a good feeling about the project.

Cagle and the rest of his three

family members bought the garden and nursery on Grand River in 1982, but it had been a staple of Novi's rural atmosphere since the 1950s.

The expansion entails tearing down the 3,200-square-foot building now on the property and building a 6,000-square-foot retail store on undeveloped property just a couple hundred feet east.

The location, a five-acre parcel on the south-west corner of Joseph Road and Grand River, will provide the space for the new building and two greenhouses.

Cagle, who lives in the home behind Glenda's will simply have a larger front yard.

He said there were several reasons for changing the small nursery and produce store, among them parking space needs and a general agreement among Grand River corridor merchants to improve the look of the area.

The new look won't interfere with the small town feeling of Glenda's, said Cagle. Glenda's will still feature the nursery, gardening and landscaping supplies, spring perennials, summer produce, fall pumpkins and winter Christmas trees.

"It's just going to be a little bit more organized. We're not changing our prices. Everything will stay the same. We'll be able to service our customers at a nicer facility," Cagle said.

Should everything go smoothly from here on in, Cagle said he expects to break ground in the spring.



Photo by AL WARD

Riding the rails

Richard Sobocki of New Boston points out to son, Christopher, details of the model train display at the "Magical World of Lionel Trains" in the Novi Expo Center over the weekend. The pair were drawn to portion of the display depicting a small town

carnival, complete with working lighted carnival rides. The 105-foot by 15-foot display is owned by hobbyist Harold Bailey of Bellevue, Ohio. He claims the display is the world's largest traveling model railroad.

Local resident appointed to child abuse task force

Gov. John Engler has appointed a local resident among 26 persons to the Governor's Task Force on Children's Justice, a group aiming to prevent child abuse and improve handling of custody cases.

Among area residents and the groups they represent are:

Joyce Eskra of Northville, the director of New Rainbow Steps, was named as a child advocate to the task force.

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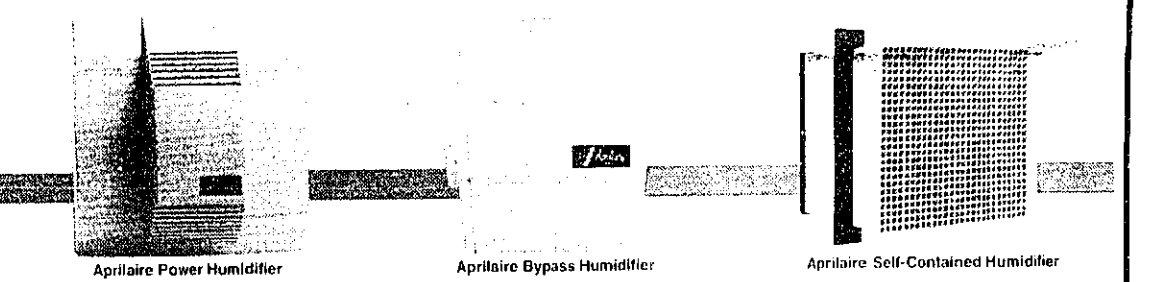
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Woman turns hostile during arrest

A Novi woman turned hostile after she was arrested Dec. 20 for driving while intoxicated.

Police News

Police began following the woman about 1:20 a.m. because she had a frosty window. But as they continued south on Novi Road the Mark VII began swerving on the road and speeding, according to police reports.

When the patrol unit started its flashers and sirens the woman kept driving and even went through a flashing red light at Novi and Ten Mile roads.

The officer followed her several more yards on Ten Mile until the car finally came to a stop.

According to the police report, the woman smelled like alcohol and said she only had two drinks. She appeared frustrated and asked the officer to just let her go, she was almost home.

The woman was administered sobriety tests, then arrested for operating under the influence of liquor. When she arrived at the police station she became verbally abusive, calling the officers names. When officers attempted to book her and take her jewelry, she started to fight back, becoming physically hostile, police said.

Officers placed her in a cell until they could finish the booking process.

She was given citations for OUIL, as well as for obstructing police and is pending arraignment.

MARIJUANA POSSESSION

A Royal Oak man was arrested Dec. 21 after police, with lights flashing and sirens blaring, followed his swerving car for one mile down Meadowbrook Road.

According to police he stopped near Eight Mile about 3 a.m. that snowy morning. Police found beer cans as well as five grams of mari-

juana and said the man was lethargic, slurred his speech and had bloodshot and glassy eyes. The man said he had a few beers but refused a breath test. He was arrested for OUIL.

NEAR MISS

Had the driver of a Jeep Wrangler not pulled out in front of a Novi police officer the early morning of Dec. 20, he might not have run into trouble.

According to police, the man from Caro a check on the man's identification showed he was wanted for violation of probation. A check of the car revealed a stash of marijuana and a hash pipe.

He was arrested, taken to the station and given a citation for possession of narcotic paraphernalia, said police.

But according to police, the Northville man pulled out from the McLaughlin Center onto Grand River causing the officer to slam on the brakes to avoid an accident.

The officer who followed the vehicle witnessed it swerve across the center lane, pulled the man over near Lanny's Street on Grand River.

The officer detected a strong odor of intoxicants coming from the driver who said he had five drinks at the Library Pub in Novi.

The man was arrested, taken to the police station, given a breath test and placed in a cell awaiting bond and release time. He was given a citation for OUIL.

According to police the woman had warrants for her arrest in Taylor and Brighton.

SLEEPING IT OFF

Police found a wanted Commerce Township man lying in a field behind Castle Wine shop on Beck Road the night of Dec. 18.

The man was intoxicated. Medical assistance was required because he had a cut on his left ear and he was extremely wet. He was transported to Huron Valley Hospital and his mother was notified, said police.

THE NUMBERS GAME

A Detroit woman tried several times to use a stolen credit card number to purchase merchandise at Lord & Taylors Dec. 18.

The woman first tried to purchase the items with a slip of paper with the numbers written on it. The cashier asked for identification and the woman left.

Then she went to another register to try again. She used another set of numbers to make a purchase of \$696. Afterward, the cashier called the owner of the card to verify authorization and discovered the stolen numbers.

Police said the woman had placed the packages in her car while mall security saw three men in a tan car pull up and leave with the car.

The suspect was found and arrested. Her 8-month-old son, who was with her, was given to the grandmother.

Lord & Taylor security think a sales associate at the Fairlane Town Center store gave the numbers to a friend of the suspect.

GOOD SAMARITAN

A Novi Police officer did the good deed of the year when she offered a ride home to a Commerce Township woman.

The officer was on patrol Dec. 19 when she noticed a woman walking along Beck Road. The woman explained her ride home from work never arrived so she decided to walk.

Being the weather was so cold, the officer gave her a lift home.

NARCOTICS NABBED

Police arrested a Detroit woman Dec. 18 at 1:30 a.m. for operating under the influence of liquor and possession of marijuana.

Police stopped the woman as she drove northbound on Novi Road near Grand River Avenue without her headlights on. Police said she smelled intoxicated and she admitted she drank two beers.

Police placed her under arrest and discovered a bag of marijuana. She was issued a citation and released on bond.

Levin gets reform passed

When a lobbying reform bill was signed into law last week, it was the result of five years of effort by Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich.

After the bill was signed, Levin said, "By plugging the loopholes in our lobbying disclosure laws, we will finally know who is being paid how much to lobby Congress and the executive branch."

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The law limits paperwork by permitting semi-annual instead of quarterly filing and allows reporting of ranges of dollars spent instead of exact dollar amounts. Persons who spend less than 20 percent of their time on lobbying activities are exempt. Citizens who are not professional lobbyists, but merely contact the federal government to express their views, are also exempt.

Joblessness dropping

Unemployment rates dropped to their lowest levels for the year in Michigan, according to the latest figures available from the state, those for October.

Oakland County's jobless ranks were a mere 2.7 percent of the total workforce.

Novi Briefs

Series features Sweet Adelines

Oakland Community College's Highland Lakes Campus Highlight Series will host an evening of upbeat harmony with the Sweet Adelines quartet Swing Street and the male barbershop quartet Power Play on Friday, Jan. 19, at 8 p.m. in the Student Center Arena.

Swing Street won the 1991 Sweet Adelines International Quartet competition. Rockin' and jazzy, they shift their audiences into high gear with their visual antics and swinging style. Power Play brings a total of 50 years of barbershop experience to their performances. Formed in 1988, they were the 1989 Pioneer District Champions, and have represented the district at five international conventions.

Tickets are \$8 general admission, \$7 for students and seniors. For more information, call (810) 360-3186. The Highland Lakes Campus is located at 7350 Cooley Lake Road in Waterford.

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Obituaries

Larry Arthur Osborne, 47, of Novi died at the University of Michigan Hospital of intracranial hemorrhage.

He was born Oct. 21, 1948 in Detroit and worked as a bodyman for an automotive company.

His wife, Pam, survives him with their children, Dennis and Daniel. His mother, Winifred, of Novi also survives with his brothers Bill, Tom and Ron; his sisters Elizabeth Cord, Sharon Arnold, and Karen Osborne; and his granddaughter Elizabeth.

Visitation was at the O'Brien Chapel/Ted C. Sullivan Funeral Home on Dec. 15. He was cremated.

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Changing of the Guard

Six retire from Novi police squad

With more than half of the Novi detective squad leaving the force on retirement, 1996 is a time for reliving the memories and looking toward the future.

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL Staff Writer

They were here before the city was. Before the mass population. Before the half a million dollar homes. Before a lot of things.

"When I started here there were no traffic lights. Just one at the four corners. The amusement park on Walled Lake was still open. The roads were all gravel. Haggerty Road near Eight Mile - that hill used to be gravel. You couldn't get up it," said Novi Police Lt. Jerry Burnham last month during a retirement party held in his and five others' honor.

Four detectives, a lieutenant and an office manager with more than a combined century of service are walking out the doors of the Novi Police station and into a new world of retirement.

Some will work at home businesses, one will become a private investigator for a law firm, another will travel.

What they leave behind is a veritable hole in the department they served. A void of lost experience and knowledge.

"In a department this size its a huge change. It's 10 percent of the sworn officers," said Police Chief Douglas Shaeffer.

Lt. Jerry Burnham, Det. Bill Brown, Det. Frank Barabas, Det. Jack Grubb, Det. Max Roder and office manager Esther Melnis all left the department by the end of 1995.

The results include a rare opportunity for officers to move up through the ranks, the chance to gain some fresh blood in the department but the unfortunate loss of years of experience.

Shaeffer said having the detective openings filled by people within the department makes it a little easier but it's still a different job with new rules. The new detectives will undergo training and seminars.

"You carry the knowledge of the community with you and the skills you develop in the field but you still have a great deal of new stuff to learn," explained Shaeffer.

"We have experienced people remaining with us and we're glad to keep them," he added.

He said he'll be sad to see the relationships that have developed over the years go but it's exciting to see new people grow and develop.

"It's a big change for the community and a big change for the organization," he said.

The group of retirees is taking advantage of the city council approved "retirement window." The window allows city employees with at least 25 years of service and age 50 or older to acquire extras in their retirement benefits if they



Retiring from Novi police are (from left) Esther Melnis, Bill Brown, Gerald Burnham, Jack Grubb and Frank Barabas



take advantage of retirement. These police retirees will now get a small boost in their yearly pension, according to Craig Klaver, assistant city manager.

Before the window the pension was figured by using a formula: years of service multiplied by a two percent multiplier which equals the yearly compensation percentage. That percentage multiplied by the average ending salary equals the final yearly compensation.

So an officer with 25 years of service multiplied by two percent equals 50 percent. Fifty percent multiplied by the average salary of

\$50,000 is \$25,000 a year. The retirement window increased the multiplier to 2.25 percent.

Now that same officer comes away with a slightly higher yearly pension. 25 years of service multiplied by 2.25 equals 56 percent or \$28,000 a year in compensation.

The incentives plan was approved in July and will expire Jan. 10, 1996. Cities generally offer these incentive windows to save money, explained Klaver. A newer employee costs less to maintain than a senior employee.

Six retiring members of the Novi Police Department are leaving the job behind as 1995 turns into 1996, but they're taking their memories with them.

Here they share some of their fondest moments:

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Det. Bill Brown "With the force since 1968: "One night we got called to the cemetery at Eight Mile and Meadowbrook. We thought it might be grave robbers. It turned out to be Northville students dressed up in early 1800 garb working on the public's apathy. They had a coffin by the side of the road and every time a car passed by the body in the coffin would sit up. They were betting the public would not stop and render assistance. But it scared them. They floored it and kept on going."

Another one was the night I picked up Leslie Allen Williams back in probably 1971. He was about 17-years-old. He had robbed one of the food stores. He said it was us sending him to prison that caused his problems.

The most gratifying experience was back in the 1970s with a kid named Randy Gunn. His tractor had flipped over and punctured his lungs. Back then you only had a medical kit with a tourniquet and gauze packets. So when I got to the scene I knew I had a long wait for the ambulance.

All I had was a pack of Marlboros, so I used my military experience on the boy's chest wound and sealed off the hole in his lungs by folding up the aluminum from the cigarette package and plugging the hole, putting the carton over it and using a tourniquet to seal it off. It was enough to get him to the hospital.

"Four years later, he hunted me down and said thanks for saving his life. Every officer always looks for one chance in his career where he can make an impact in someone's life."

Det. Max Roder "With the force since 1970: "We had a person wandering throughout the city with size 20 feet. We had a Bigfoot. They never found him but he left footprints behind. He even left a couple on the chief's desk. Back in the old days we found ways to occupy our time. When we had to go to check out buildings, we took these wooden pads. We would walk around checking the buildings with the wooden pads on. There were a couple of us (Bigfoot)."

"It's not so much the stories. We were a much closer group at that time because the force was so much smaller. The guys got together and had a lot of fun."

Testing is key to selecting good cops

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL Staff Writer

It's not easy wearing blue. The last of the candidates applying for officer positions in the Novi Police Department are now finishing the battery of written and oral tests and intensive one-on-one interviews intended to weed out the more than 150 applicants.

And the process doesn't stop once they are offered a position. In the next step, candidates must endure a scrutinizing background test and physical, medical and psychological tests. When those are successfully passed, non-certified officers must endure the rigors of basic police training academy.

All new Novi officers are closely monitored for four months by another officer who introduces them to the community. Called the Field Officer Training Program, the new officers are exposed to all phases of the job and their progress is monitored on a daily basis.

With more than half of the detective squad at the Novi Police Department retiring this week, the department has spent much of the past few months occupied with the task at hand.

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The final ten include college graduates, some with extensive police backgrounds, others with a little less experience.

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Retirees share stories about their careers 'behind the badge'

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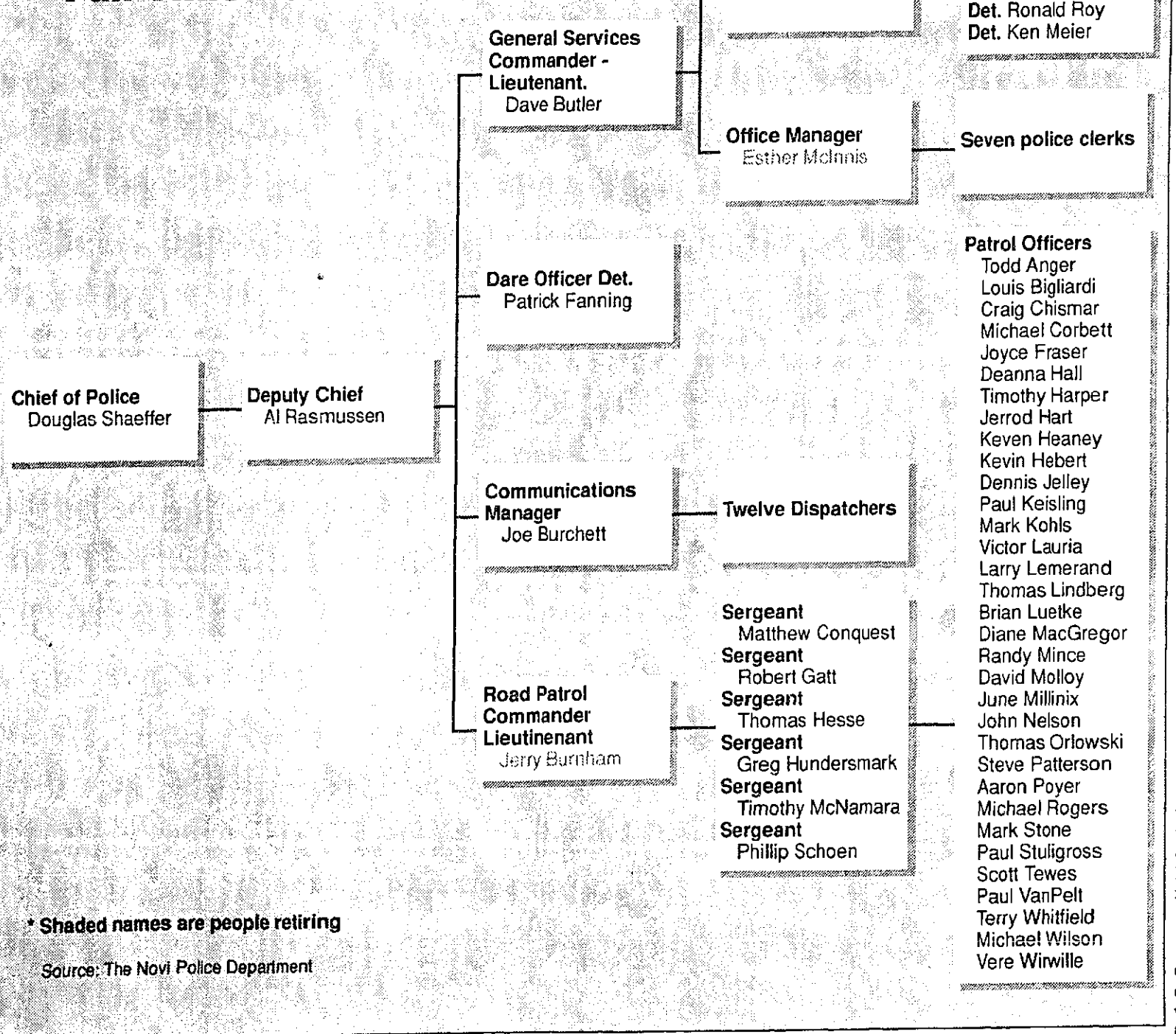
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City of Novi Police Full Time Positions Flow Chart



* Shaded names are people retiring

Source: The Novi Police Department

HEALTH NOTE

by Dennis E. Engerer, P.T. ELECTRIFYING NEWS

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Robber never shows his weapon, but makes off with \$300

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

The lone white male who entered the Mobile Gas Station store at Haggerty Road and Grand River Avenue Saturday night at first just wanted a pack of cigarettes. But when he stuck his hand in his pocket as if pointing a gun, the cashier knew he wanted something more.

Police are now looking for the man who implied he had a weapon and commenced to rob the gas station of almost \$300.

The employee, only her third day on the job, was stocking shelves at 10:20 p.m. when the man, wearing a blue jacket and a baseball hat, came into the store for a pack of cigarettes, police said.

After the red-bearded man made the purchase he placed his hand in his pocket and demanded she open the cash drawer. When she did he told her to get down on the floor behind the booth.

Then he told her to "give me it" and get back down. After she handed over what turned out to be \$208, she ducked back behind the counter while he left.

When the woman heard the door close she dialed 9-1-1 and tried to watch the suspect as he drove away.

According to police, the woman said the car appeared to be a blue and silver Ford Probe with a Michigan license plate.

Although she never saw a gun or weapon, and the man never said he had one, the woman told police he implied he had one with his gestures.

The woman described the suspect as 35-years-old with brown eyes and red hair. He stands 6-foot tall and weighs 180 pounds. Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to call the Novi Police Department at 348-7100.

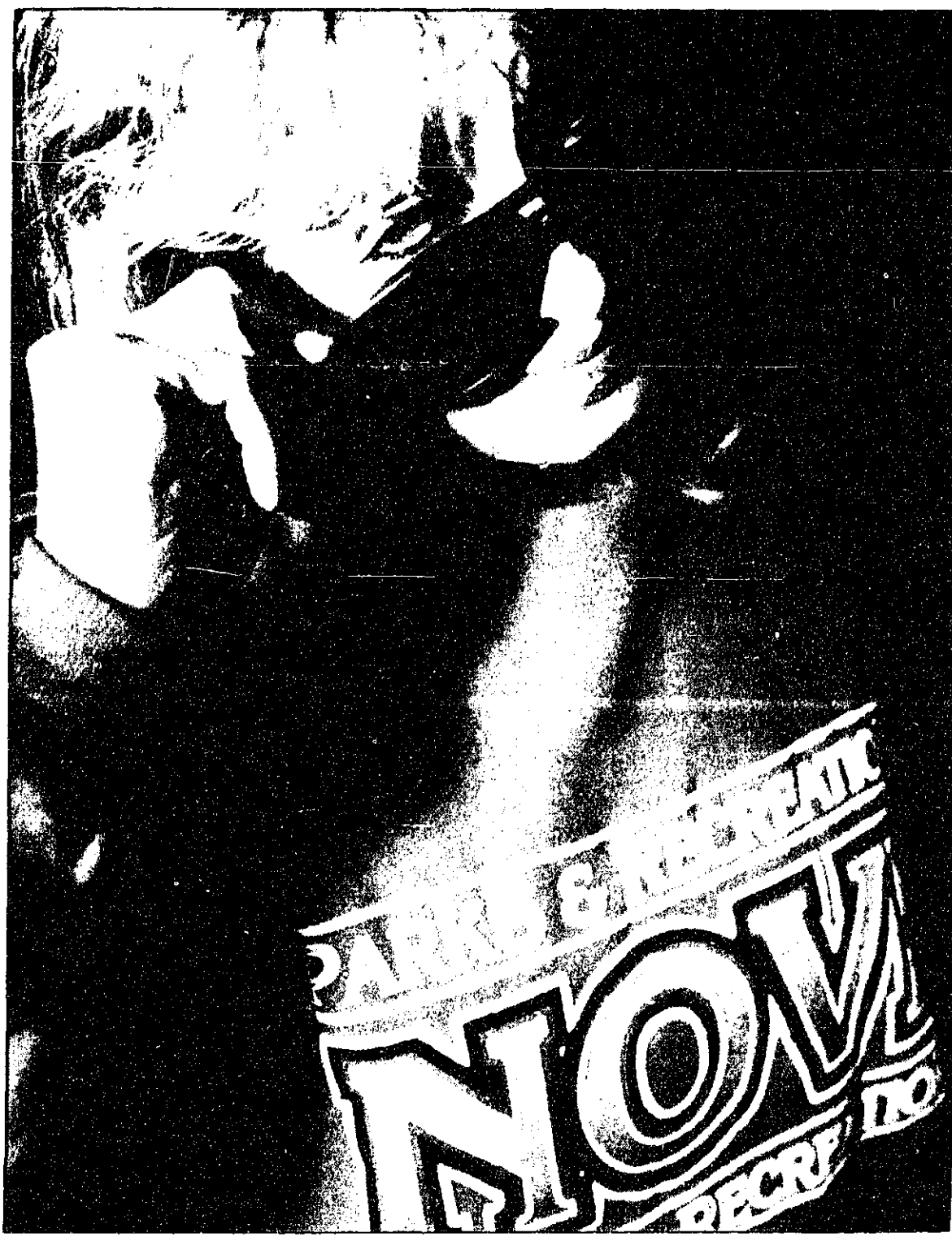


Photo by DRYAN MITCHELL

Toys for Tots over shoots goal by 1,000

By RANDY COBLE
Staff Writer

Area citizens opened their hearts wide this holiday season, digging deep into their pockets to support the 1995 Toys for Tots program.

That's one way to say it. Another way to say it is that thousands of kids, some of them right here in Northville and Novi, had a brighter Christmas because a lot of folks cared enough to make a difference.

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calling us with donations on Christmas Eve and people who told their friends that they didn't want any gifts this year, to just donate to Toys for Tots instead.

More than 2,000 of those toys went to kids in those communities, she added, while the rest were either sent to needy children in other areas or stockpiled for next year.

Besides the toys themselves, the program's "100 Club," which includes people and businesses that donate \$100 to Toys for Tots for gift purchases, saw 17 members this year, Yarbrough said.

"We'd just really like to thank everyone in all our communities from the bottom of our hearts," Yarbrough said.

Toys for Tots began in 1947 with a Marine colonel named Bill Hendricks. He'd met a needy child in Los Angeles and wanted to make sure the boy had a toy for Christmas. He found many agencies and organizations that provided food, clothing and other staples but no one was specifically set up to distribute toys to poor kids.

That changed when Hendricks founded Toys for Tots. In the half-century since his organization has provided Christmas toys to an estimated 100 million children.

Belated gift giving

Forget to get your sweetly a Christmas gift? Try wrapping him or her up in a Novi Parks and Recreation sweatshirt like this one modeled by Lynn George. The sweatshirts are available at the recreation office in the Novi Civic Center at

\$18 for small through extra large and \$20 for 2X, 3X, and 4X. Also available are T-shirts for \$8 and polo style shirts for \$12. Call the recreation office at 347-0400. They might just give you.

House defies governor to limit charter schools

By TIM RICHARD
Staff Writer

State representatives denied Gov. John Engler his educational dream — public school academies (PSAs) in unlimited numbers and without rules.

Instead, the House version of the new School Code limits the number of PSAs, and it damped many of the same restrictions on PSAs that regular public schools face.

It slapped the wrist of State Board of Education president Clark Durant by making it far tougher for state, intermediate and local school boards to "buy out" the contracts of superintendents when there is no cause to fire them.

The House gave one minor victory to the religious right but dealt it a couple of blows on the question of "parents' rights."

The next day the Senate quickly agreed to the House's many amendments to Senate Bill 679 and sent it to Engler for his signature. Most of the law takes effect next July 1 except for the prohibition on superintendents' buyouts, which takes immediate effect. Here are major provisions based on a 13-page analysis by the House and Senate GOP policy analysts.

PARENTS' RIGHTS
Parents and guardians have the continuing right to visit classrooms, but only if

their own children and not during testing. The House removed a controversial section that would have allowed adapting and videotaping. (Sec. 1137.) Parents and guardians have the right to review instructional materials.

A parent or guardian can file a continuing notice to exempt a pupil from sex education (sec. 1507A).

Rules on "home schooling" were tightened. The child must be in an organized educational program appropriate for his or her age and intellectual ability. The program must include math, reading, spelling, science and other subjects. (Sec. 1561.)

The religious right insisted on a lengthy "parents' rights" section but had to settle for a brief one saying parents have a natural and fundamental right to determine and direct the care, teaching and education of their children (sec. 10).

PSAs — CHARTERS
The final version raised but didn't remove the cap on the number of PSAs or "charter schools" — 85 through 1996, 100 through 1997, 125 through 1998 and 150 thereafter (sec. 502).

Central Michigan University's liberal opposition to chartering was curbed by an amendment limiting any one university to 50 percent of the total number of charters (sec. 502).

The State Board of Education can suspend the chartering authority of any authorizing body for lack of oversight (sec. 502). This addressed complaints of lax PSA operations across the state.

Primary school districts may not issue PSA charters (secs. 501 and 511). This was a response to a 6-district in Ionia County which chartered Noah Webster Academy, a home-schooling, religious-oriented school.

The State Board will be required to report annually on PSA operations — attendance, dropouts, aggregate test scores and financial projections. The State Board of Education would have to comment and forward the report to the House and Senate Education committees (sec. 502).

PSAs would be subject to requirements on records, construction of school buildings and bilingual education. PSAs could not be established for a particular race. (Sec. 503.)

PSAs must utilize competitive bidding for buildings and supplies (sec. 503).

PSAs would be subject to the same court desegregation orders as the surrounding school district (sec. 504B).

PSAs would be subject to the same prohibition on spanking and corporal punishment as other public schools (sec. 312). The Senate version would have allowed PSAs to use corporal punishment.

Graduates of PSAs could receive state-

endorsed diplomas when their test scores merited them (sec. 1279).

PSAs could not test for "attitudes and values," the same rule that applies to public schools (sec. 1279C).

PSAs would have to extend their school days to 190 a year by 2006, the same as public schools (sec. 1284).

PSAs won a victory on school building leasing. If a public school board offered a property for rent, it couldn't refuse to rent to an entity for any lawful public educational purpose (sec. 1286). This addressed complaints that public school boards were refusing to deal with PSA board on vacant buildings.

GENERAL RULES
Local school boards must "provide" rather than "make available" to pupils a locally-established core academic curriculum. No longer is a core curriculum mandated, but "model" curriculum standards are called for. The State Board periodically must update model curriculum standards.

State standards must be used by locals in curriculum formation. (Sec. 1278). The new curriculum rules generally are weaker, but not as weak as the Senate had wanted.

The State Board, intermediate boards and local boards have less freedom to "buy out" the contracts of superintendents. The State Board may not place a superinten-

dent on administrative leave for more than six months. The State Board may not deal on the superintendent's contract six months before or two months after an election. The state superintendent's contract may not exceed three years. (Sec. 1229 and 1229A.)

The House Republican Communications office said the code "expands teacher certification standards." Actually, teacher standards are lowered, though not as far as the Senate wanted (secs. 1233 and 1233B).

An uncertified person could be hired to substitute if he or she had 90 semester hours of college credit.

A local board may employ a non-certified person in grades 9-12 if the person has a bachelor's degree and five years of directly-related work experience. Two of those years of experience would have to be in the last five calendar years. The State Board may recommend additional subject areas for use of non-certified teachers. Student teaching may be waived.

Through eighth grade, a non-certified teacher can be employed if a certified teacher is unavailable.

A non-certified teacher who teaches successfully for three years could be issued a state provisional teaching experience. In a blow to unionism, merit pay is allowed, but evaluation of a teacher could not be "subjective" (sec. 1250).

While feds raise limits, state gets tougher

By TIM RICHARD
Staff Writer

A state House Republican task force dodged the question of raising freeway speed limits when it issued a list of traffic safety recommendations.

Instead it opted for the Michigan Legislature's popular solution to many problems — tougher punishments.

"Congress may soon allow states to set speed limits on federal interstate highways," the panel noted. "Before proceeding, the Michigan Legislature should give careful consideration of the consequences of raising those speed limits."

The GOP panel was chaired by Rep. Frank Fitzgerald of Grand Lehigh. Among its eight members were Reps. Dan Gustafson of Williamston and James Ryan of Redford Township. His report was issued in November.

The Senate has voted on a bill to raise speed limits to a uniform 70 mph. Currently, the limits are 65 on rural interstates and 55 in urban areas.

One recommendation has already been enacted: Gustafson's bill to set up a tiered system of driver's licensing for youngsters and to require more training and supervision before they take to the road.

At the same time, however, the panel proposed easing up on training. It wanted to "eliminate the mandate that public schools provide driver's education" but "encourage school districts to continue providing driver's education" with more state funding.

New and more severe punishments were proposed for drunk drivers, particularly repeat offenders. One would be police confiscation of license plates at the time of arrest if a person has a previous conviction or is driving on a suspended or revoked license.

No new programs were recommended for truckers. But the panel noted that truck driver fatigue has been identified nationally as "the primary issue affecting truck safety" and called for more research.

It asked for the state Department of Education to certify all

truck driver schools. "Retain Michigan's motorcycle helmet law," the group said. "Encourage the use of bicycle helmets by all cyclists, especially those under age 16."

In 1994, Michigan recorded 600 crashes and more than 142,000 injuries.

Police made more than 55,000 arrests for drunken driving. Reviewing past laws, the panel said, "Since 1975, the Legislature has reduced the blood alcohol level at which a driver is presumed drunk, mandated seat belt use for persons under age 16 and for adult front seat passengers, instituted zero alcohol tolerance for drivers under the drinking age, approved a tough set of civil infraction laws in the motor vehicle code, and streamlined the system for arresting, prosecuting and punishing drunken drivers."

SBT reform splits business community

By TIM RICHARD
Staff Writer

Over a handful of sharp protests, the Michigan Legislature last week passed a package of bills to cut the single business tax (SBT) in two stages.

It is "a powerful message to job providers to locate and expand in Michigan" was the description Chuck Hadden of the Michigan Manufacturers Association gave of package.

"This bill is bad. Two special exemptions were written into it — one for Ford Motor Co. and one for Meijer," countered Sen. Gary Peters, R-Bloomfield Township. Peters said one key bill benefits 10,000 companies but ignores 170,000 firms.

The amount of the tax cut was estimated at more than \$300 million by senators. "The 28 largest corporations who employ less than 25 percent of the workers in this state, and pay less than 50 percent of the SBT, receive over 80 percent of the tax cut," complained Rep. Howard Wetters, D-Kawkawin.

One key change, said the business coalition backing the package, was to change the SBT apportionment formula. Currently it's 50 percent sales, 25 percent payroll and 25 percent

plant and equipment. The formula in 1997 will become 80-10-10; in 1998, it becomes 90-5-5, making it more of a consumption tax and less of a payroll and investment tax.

In 1997 the measure will provide a capital investment deduction only for new investments made in Michigan. Currently, the SBT allows the deduction for all property, whether or not it's in Michigan.

"This encourages Michigan companies to stay here and ends tax breaks to firms for investment in other states," said Sen. William Van Regenmorter, R-Jenison, one of the sponsors.

On the key measure, Senators voted 29-6 in favor. David Hontigan, R-West Bloomfield, whose district includes Novi voted yes. Gary Peters, D-Bloomfield Township, voted no because the Senate rejected his substitute which would have given credits for health care reimbursements and employee job training. "It also allows all 180,000 businesses in the state to see a tax reduction."

Democrat John Cherry of Clio, the new minority floor leader whose district includes

northern Oakland County, called the SBT changes "an effort to pick winners and losers — this little group decides special interests deserve a tax break."

Cherry echoed the words of 1980s Senate majority leader, now governor, John Engler that the state shouldn't pick business winners and losers.

The House voted 77-26 on the key measure. Rep. Willis Bullard, R-Milford, whose district includes Novi, voted yes.

Ever since it was passed in 1975, SBT has been an object of attack. Its purpose was to consolidate eight other taxes, including the corporate income tax, into a single, value-added tax.

Its logic was to be business revenue minus the costs of materials, with adjustments for federal taxes, interest and royalties. Critics said it taxed payrolls and discouraged employment.

The current base rate is 2.35 percent. Net collections range upward from \$1.6 billion a year.

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Hall of Fame opens site on World Wide Web

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

A quick look at the guest book in the Motor Sports Hall of Fame in Novi shows visitors come from as faraway as Wichita, Kansas, California and even Korea.

The president of the organization hopes with some new technology, more international visitors can hang out at the Hall of Fame without even leaving their hometown, or their living room for that matter.

With a lot of help from EDS, the Hall of Fame now has its own website on the World Wide Web.

"It came about to maybe help us become known through the world wide web," said Ron Watson, president.

Chairman of the Motorsports board, Scott Vicknell was the man with the vision. As a executive at Cadillac Motors, he asked the EDS Division of General Motors if they would donate some time and equipment. They agreed and the whole process from the conceptual idea to implementation took about four months.

EDS designers created the homepage to act as a tour of the museum. Website visitors can get view photos of the museum, get information on cars, people and membership information. The homepage displays gift shop items as well as has the ability to help customers make purchases.

"It starts with the Novi Special and then flips pictures to different

views of the museum," said Watson who added he hopes to take advantage of new technology that could make it look as if browsers are taking a walk through the building. Because the hall of fame has a limited advertising budget, the Internet access is a lifesaver, said Watson.

"More people will discover us with the phenomenal growth of the Internet. I was going to say it's the way of the future, but it's already here. I think you need to be on it," explained Watson.

In the late 1980s a group of racing enthusiasts in Novi got together and decided the sport needed its own museum.

"This sport is as big as football, basketball and baseball but it doesn't have a hall of fame," Watson said the group exclaimed. "So why not here."

With a lot of volunteer work and donations, the Motorsports Hall of Fame opened in 1993 in the Novi Expo Center.

Centered around the Novi Special a racing car designed in the 1940s and named for the city, the museum itself features displays, a Wall of Fame of famous racing enthusiasts, a bounty of racing cars, new and old, a toy race track and a gift shop among other things.

Visitors who wish to tour the homepage can use the on-line address for the Motor Sports Hall of Fame: www.mshf.com.



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The plaque for Rodger Mudd, a new inductee, is unveiled. And patrons can now visit the Hall of Fame via the Internet.

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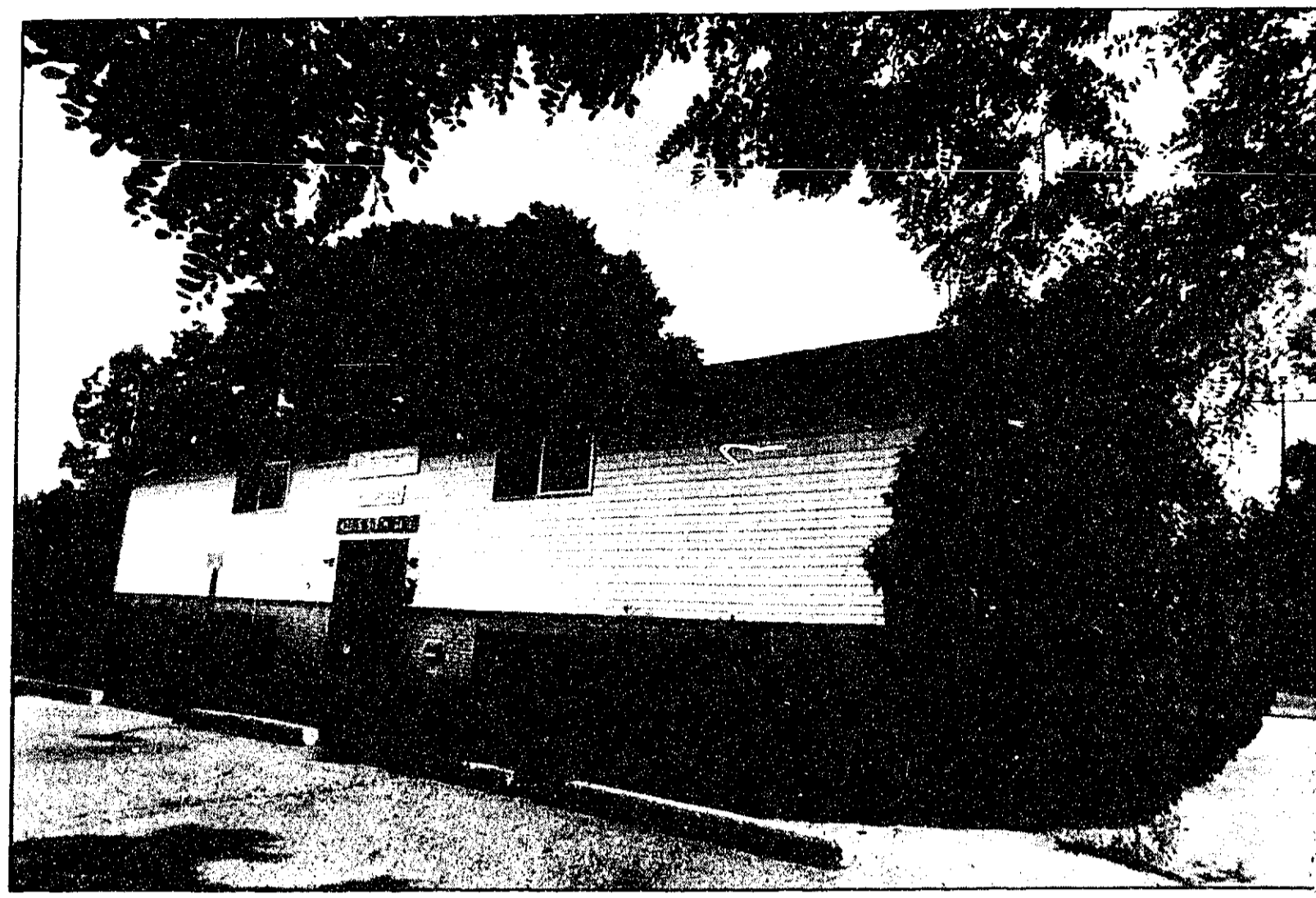
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"City Manager Harold Ackley was rightheaded the boiler, he was bent over and he put a match to it. There was an explosion, it blew the door right off and it went over his head and through the wall. He could have been killed," said City Manager Ed Kriewall, who started out his own career in Novi at a desk in the basement of the old township hall.

In the 1950s, the Novi Township Board of Trustees, pushing several tables together, met once a month upstairs. In the only room not part of BeGole's apartment. He was the sole full-time public safety employee; everybody else doubled up as both part-time police officer and firefighters.

The township supervisor, who was also the assessor, had an office downstairs; but the township clerk and building official worked out of their own homes.

Local police had their own headquarters at the Walled Lake Amusement Park during the summer. Head-on car collisions, many of them fatal, were common in the 1950s, with the three-lane bridge, drunkenness and brawls, especially up at the Walled Lake Amusement Park during the summer. Head-on car collisions, many of them fatal, were common in the 1950s, with the three-lane bridge, drunkenness and brawls, especially up at the Walled Lake Amusement Park during the summer. Head-on car collisions, many of them fatal, were common in the 1950s, with the three-lane bridge, drunkenness and brawls, especially up at the Walled Lake Amusement Park during the summer.



Jaycee House also housed city offices at one time, and will also be demolished to make way for Main Street. Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

Later, a steel bar was placed in one of the walls of the township hall and the prisoner was handcuffed to that.

After Township Supervisor Frazer Staman arranged mail delivery for Novi, the post office was where Harmon Glass stands today on Novi Road. But the mail was sorted in the township hall.

By the late 1960s, not only were the government offices overcrowded but the combination of government meetings with drinks being booked by police in neighboring rooms seemed disruptive. Then-Novi City Council Member Edwin Presnell called for an annex.

Kriewall was hired in 1969 as the Department of Public Works supervisor. He spent several months in the basement of the township hall: "It was crowded there, it was really, really nuts."

Kriewall moved to the annex when it was built in 1973 for the city offices. The township hall was then turned over to the police and fire department.

An incident both BeGole and Kriewall recall is when the police incarcerated a doped-up Vietnam veteran suffering from flashbacks.

"They converted the township vault into a jail cell. One day a person kicked the door down. He was a karate expert. Fortunately, there was a couple of cops around," Kriewall said.

While it may have been new, the Presnell City Hall was a less than glamorous headquarters for the growing suburb and failed to impress Dayton-Hudson executives who flew to town in the early 1970s to discuss building the future Twelve Oaks Mall.

"They said, 'Is this the city hall?'"

They were dumbfounded. They were not totally impressed with where we were at that time," said Kriewall.

"It served the purpose and got the job done."

Do you have memories or photographs of the 1950s Novi Township Hall and annex? Contact Jan Jeffries at 349-1700.

'Door is open' for Novi in coming year, planning chair says

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denis, the developer and the planning commission, it became a win-win situation. Now the developer will deed the lake frontage either to the homeowner's association as a preservation easement or to the city and it will remain in some aspects a "wild area." It will be coming back for preliminary site plan approval in 1996.

Interlock, the other big controversy where residential neighborhoods asked the city to place a ban on 24-hour industrial operations was a struggle.

Knowing the city already imposes many restrictions on business, the planning commission had to take what was fair to the business and the residents into account. Public hearings were held but for all practical purposes the issue was left unresolved and no ban put in place.

Lorenzo explained the planning commission is studying the ordinance regarding industry in an effort to make it more residential friendly. That may include requiring higher berms, more dense screening and limiting noise output.

The ban on 24-hour operations was denied by planning commission because "we felt it was too drastic and restrictive a measure," said Lorenzo.

Planning commissioners continually struggle with ensuring regulation within the city without making it so restrictive no business will locate here.

"How do you regulate it for one type of business within an industrial park and not another? If you're going to limit the hours of manufacturing then you also have to limit the hours of office," she questioned.

"The biggest challenge in being a planning commissioner is in limitations placed on us through the ordinances. Our role is to make sure the projects before us are in compliance with the ordinance standards," Lorenzo explained. "... Sometimes it's difficult for the general public to understand those limitations."

While the commission can review and recommend changes to the ordinances, sometimes that

Novi's own special brew

Micro-brewery proposed for Main Street area

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to develop it in such a manner that it will be viewed as one of the 'crown jewels' of the City of Novi," Henderson stated in a letter to the Main Street developer James Chen.

The focal point is the large machinery, said Henderson by phone earlier this week. Customers will see the big kettles, control panels and the place will have an industrial type look that many micro-breweries have. "But it's not going to look like a Benetton's," he added.

"I envision a place where mom and dad can bring the kids and have a burger but leave by 9 to make room for a younger crowd," Henderson explained.

While state law does not require the company to obtain a liquor license to make or sell the beer, it will not be allowed to sell liquor or wine or any other beer not made in the micro-brewery.

What a micro-brewery can do is produce and distribute up to 20,000 barrels of beer a year.

The main concern for Henderson is the time factor. His contract requires him to open the micro-brewery and pub by the end of 1996. He said the time frame includes about six to eight months of construction.

"The main concern for Novi city officials is the effect on the community. According to Greg Capote, city planning aid, the problem is the zoning ordinance for that area doesn't allow for that type of use. However, planners may be able to amend the ordinance by holding a public hearing and passing a resolution to rezone the section.

In addition, questions such as brewery odors, traffic, distribution and size all come into play.

But city officials are very receptive to the idea because it complies with the master plan for Main Street.

"It would be a very different, very unique situation that would attract people to that Main Street area. It's always interesting to have something that's completely different than what most communities have," said Laura Lorenzo, Planning Commission chairperson.

Town Center Steering Committee members recently took a trip to two micro-breweries in Frankenmuth and Gaylord. The trip was to give the members a better idea of what the concept is and provide more information.

"I want to see if there were any environmentally sensitive issues or negatives for me," said Pete Hoadley, a planning commissioner and steering committee member.

"I'm just a guy who doesn't like making uninformed decisions. I like to do my homework and research."

He said the trip proved worthwhile. Gaylord's Big Buck Brewery was impressive.

"It's a gorgeous establishment," Hoadley said.

He said the restaurant attached to the brewery had a friendly family atmosphere, the brewery offered tours. "It's similar to what this fellow's intent on doing in Novi."

"Whether it would work in Main Street would have to do with the decor. I couldn't see any environmental problems in terms of odor, truck or traffic problems," Hoadley explained.

"I think it would be a neat project for the city to have."

But what will it be called?

"That's step number 47 and were not that far along," said Henderson.

MICHIGAN MICRO-BREWERIES

Other Michigan micro-breweries include the Frankenmuth Brewing Co., Acadia Brewing Co. in Kalamazoo, Dusters Micro-brewery in Lawton, and the Kalamazoo Brewing Co, Big Buck Brewery and Steakhouse in Gaylord, Boyne River Brewing Co. in Boyne, King Brewing Co. in Pontiac and the Motor City Brewing Works in Detroit.

Fewer fire losses please department

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Langhans said the department was "kinda pleased" by the lower dollar figures in 1995, although he noted that it only takes one or two major fires to drive up the stats.

"We like to think our public education and code enforcement programs are starting to pay some dividends," Langhans said.

But the leap from one year to the next was relatively minor compared to the progression of increases shown from 1990 to 1995.

In 1990, the fire department went out on 1,490 calls. The following year, that was up to 1,774. This number remained fairly static in 1992, increasing by only one run. But in 1993, the department answered 1,903 calls.

"We've had a lot of growth and the request for services is just jumping out," the fire chief said.

Most of the department's responses are to requests for medical assistance. In 1995, firefighters answered 1,507 medical calls, a whopping 46 percent increase over 1990. That figure was 1,287 in 1994 and 863 in 1990.

False fire alarms were also up in 1995, as were service calls.

Novi man arraigned in Ypsi murder

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Blakely, meanwhile, fled the scene in a 1992 plum-colored Ford Thunderbird, Smith said, after shooting at but missing Tremaine Jones, 19, Laquan's brother. He surrendered in Ann Arbor to Washtenaw sheriff's deputies with his lawyer in tow two days later on Dec. 28.

Judge Thomas Trueside of the 14-6 District Court arraigned Blakely later that day and ordered him to be held in the Washtenaw County Jail without bond. Trueside scheduled a Jan. 4 preliminary exam in the case.

Blakely is charged with one count of open murder, one count of assault with intent to commit murder and one count of using a firearm during the commission of a felony offense. The "open murder" charge allows Washtenaw County prosecutors to take some time to decide whether to try Blakely for first or second degree murder, Smith said.

First degree murder carries a mandatory sentence of life in prison without parole upon conviction. Second degree murder means life with the possibility of parole, the same as the assault charge. Conviction of the felony firearms offense adds two years to the sentence.

Blakely has no previous arrests or convictions in Michigan, Smith said.

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As We See It

Are the winds of change coming this year?

The winds of change are blowing—howling?—through Michigan. But will change bring improvement or deterioration for the suburbs in metro Detroit.

Answer: both. Republicans this year took control of both chambers of the Legislature for the first time since Gov. George Romney's era, but they weren't Romney Republicans. Their agenda was worked out in closed-caucus retreats fueled by ideology rather than knowledge, experience and public input. That's the chief reason why it's difficult to predict the results of their changes.

BAZ ROADS, SCHOOLS
Our state and local roads and bridges are an embarrassment. It looked as if there might be movement toward a fuel tax increase in the fall. But talks broke down over the issue of whether the state should get the lion's share of any new money.

Who's at fault? Anyone with eyes and a sensitive spine knows both state and local roads need help. Gov. John Engler's position that the state roads should be favored is based more on tax-cutting ideology than the public good. We remind the governor and transportation chief Pat Nowak that a smaller fuel tax hike, enacted five years ago, would have been sufficient. Instead, it looks as if more road deterioration is in store for 1996.

After Engler, lawmakers, educators and voters performed heroically in 1994 to fix public school funding. Lansing took the low road in 1995. Fortunately, Engler's goal of ripping up the School Code and opening up the floodgates for state aid to charter (private) schools was tripped up in the House, but not entirely derailed.

Public schools are getting better. People like them; neighborhood schools are more popular than ever. Only hard-core, private school zealots on the State Board of Education and the Senate Education Committee are continuing to push for lower curriculum standards, lower teacher certification standards, segregationist "choice" schools and a thinly-disguised evangelical mantra called "parents' rights."

Public education in 1995 was wounded and threatened but survived. There will be more fights, but the worst may be over.

The Legislature spoke with forked tongue on the issue of crime. It stayed up at night to concoct new racketeering, juvenile punishment, license-lifting punishments. But it barely kept up State Police strength, and it actually hurt law enforcement by cutting local revenue-sharing. And lawmakers are squeamish about adding more prison beds, which have tripled in a dozen years.

Lawmakers cut arts and cultural funding 26 percent this year. Then they cut several state taxes. Now they are moving to thrust the duty of preserving our heritage onto the counties through more property taxes. We see through this sham.

The jury is out on whether Engler was



Government

right to split off a new Department of Environmental Quality from the Department of Natural Resources. Their missions are related. Unfortunately, DEQ answers directly to the governor with little public input whereas DNR has a commission. With his abrupt executive order splitting up DNR, Engler provided little public education and no public debate on the question of whether our air, land and water will be better protected or hurt by DEQ. His style is abominable.

NOY THE GOOD
The state will junk the shady practice of allotting aid to local units on the basis of "relative tax effort," a procedure that rewards high local taxes and punishes low local taxes. Kudos to Engler if it sticks.

Our leaders hiked aid to public schools, community colleges and universities 2.7 to 3-plus percent. It's not much, but in an era of low inflation with many other demands on the budget, it shows a little respect for public education.

Engler and GOP lawmakers jammed through their welfare reform plan in a month. It's hard to say that those affected understand how the new system will work.

But conceptually, Michigan's new welfare system makes sense. No longer will aid be doled out as an "entitlement," a system which apparently rewarded promiscuous breeding and careless child-rearing. The new system calls for a contract—albeit required by government—for the needy to plan steps to get out of poverty.

Lawmakers made many changes in the insurance and tort areas. One that looks good is removing the artificial link between Detroit and the suburbs on auto insurance rates. Premiums should be based on loss experience, not politics. More insurers should be offering drivers more competitive rates.

One change that may be doubtful is product liability rules. Most of the changes are good, but the threshold of proving a manufacturer knew a product was defective strikes us as high—perhaps excessive. It will take five years or more before the courts tell us the changes were good or bad.

Finally, suburbanites can rejoice that work on trial court reform has begun. Wisely, Gov. Engler has blocked the creation of ever more justices, particularly in the suburbs, until the Legislature gets rid of the artificial barriers between circuit, Detroit recorder's, probate and district courts, and between tiny districts. In this respect, we can look forward to change in 1996.

How'd this get to be my job?



Michael Malott

The world ended, not with a bang, and not with a whimper... but was drowned in a flood of paperwork generated by a overflow of attorneys with nothing better to do...

We in the journalism field are constantly being preached at about how we should be a "responsible press." And by and large, I think we should. But one responsibility I'm utterly baffled by is the responsibility to protect corporations' trademarks. How the heck did I get that job?

Anyone who has taken a J-school class has heard the lecture—when you mention a brand name product, you must treat the trademark gingerly. While the corporations spend enormous sums promoting their brand names, trying to make them household words, they spend almost as much effort to make sure they don't really become household words.

For example, the company may have sung songs about it, but if you really "buy the Coca-Cola" you had better be referring to a Coca-Cola brand soft drink, and not just any old soda pop, or you are likely to get a threatening letter from the company attorney.

If, while covering a local tragedy, one of the victims wipes his or her eyes with a Kleenex, it had better be one of Kimberly Clark's Kleenex brand facial tissues. And if the high school football team plays on Astro-Turf, you'd better not be referring to just any old brand of artificial grass.

I'm not unsympathetic to the plight of these companies. They put a great deal of time, effort and resources into promoting their brand names. But if they are too successful at it, if society at large begins to use the brand name as a generic term for all products of its type, they can lose the trademark. And all that effort will be wasted. Many companies have lost trademarks in just this way.

Still, some companies go overboard... at least in my humble opinion. For instance, I once got a letter from the Wham-O Corporation asking me not to

refer to toy flying disks as "frisbees." Even "frisbees" wasn't good enough, the attorney insisted. I should refer to them only as "FRISBEESe." (Not hardly likely, pal. How 'bout I just don't mention them at all.)

As sympathetic as I may be, I get downright ornery when a company tries to take words directly out of the English language, register them as a trademark, and then threaten to sue anybody who happens to use those same words.

That happened recently when we here at *The Novi News* decided to change the direction of our recreation page, tacked on to the end of the sports section. We decided we might be able to do a little more with it if the subject was health and fitness and gave the page the nifty moniker of "Health Matters." Nice little double entendre, huh?

Well, that got a company named Medstar from Allentown, Pennsylvania all ticked off because they have a trademark on that title. We got a letter from the company attorney telling us to "cease and desist" immediately. If we did, "Medstar" will forego any damage or infringement claims for past use of this service mark or trademark, the attorney stated.

"Damage?" Did our use of those words somehow "damage" a company we've never heard of before way over in Allentown, PA? I can't imagine how.

Our attorney penned a politely worded response informing Medstar that its registration only applied to television services and advertising or promotional kits, and we couldn't figure out how our use of those words for a page in a community newspaper would be confused with their broadcast, so we'll continue to use the name.

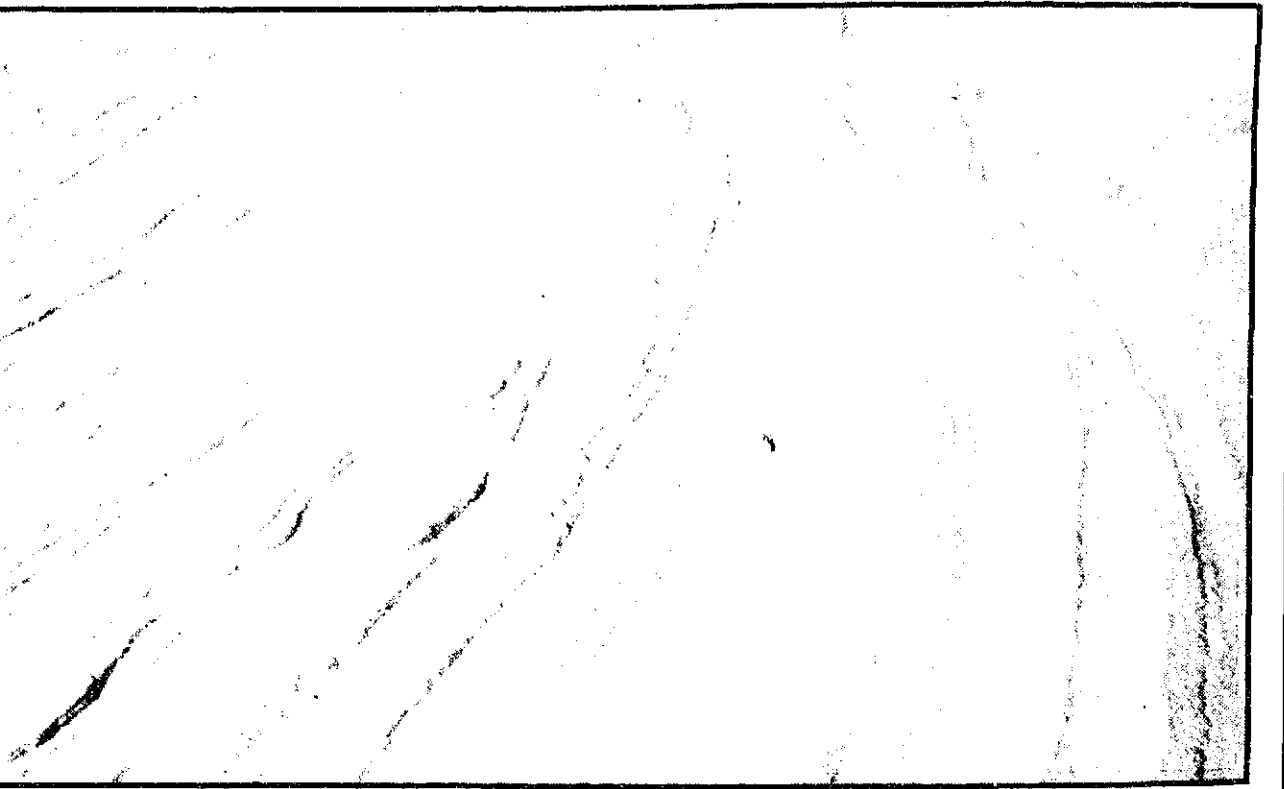
What bugged me was the fact a company tried to appropriate a piece of our language, claim it for itself, and threaten anyone else who tried to use those same words. In the previous examples of trademarks, they were all made up names which entered the language only through the company's promotional efforts.

Some companies however seem to be trying to take these words away from all the rest of us. And the language does, after all, belong to all of us doesn't it?

Michael Malott is the Managing Editor of *The Novi News* and *The Northville Record*.

Moments

By Bryan Mitchell



Wind swept

Nature's abstract art created with wind and snow in Hines park

Schizoid attitude about U.S.



Jan Jeffres

I've been back from my three-week tour of Vietnam and Cambodia for two weeks now and people still ask if I'm going to write about the trip. No, I explain, the company policy is that each column and article must focus on Novi and Northville.

Yet, there's the matter of the mildly schizoid attitude I kept hearing expressed in Hanoi and Hue and other places Vietnamese and how it all rang wistfully familiar. The official line, at least as far as it's made known to tourists in Vietnam, is that the American people are individuals who are frequently good, it's the American federal government which is not.

I asked a Buddhist monk why everyone, even in north Vietnam, was so gracious to Americans and he offered the same story, that they did not judge us by the wartime actions of our government.

The U.S. government and the U.S. people are two distinct entities in their minds. Can you get more local than that? How many of your neighbors right here in Novi and Northville say the same thing?

Like most tourists, I went through the Wartime Attractions Museum in Saigon. There were no surprises. I'd seen many of the gruesome, tragic photographs already in American publications. The real shock was the resurfacing of one long submerged memory of my own.

I was just a kid during the Vietnam War. During the media coverage of the My Lai massacre, I saw the full-

color photos in *Time* and one in particular hit me hard. Odd, that I should have forgotten. The picture was of a little boy, about age 4, sheltering with his own body another little boy, about 2 years old, just minutes before they were murdered by the Americans. It was at that time, I think, that my outlook split.

My conclusion at the time was if that was how our government waged war, if that was how the folks in Washington said we had to protect our freedoms, the U.S. government and I were clearly walking different paths.

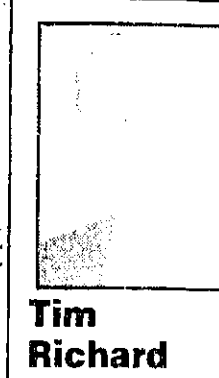
In that small way, in the birth of my skepticism, I became a casualty of the Vietnam War. My attitudes haven't changed much, just hardened with age. Somehow, I manage to balance in my mind the schizophrenic concept that the United States government is the best in the world but as it functions is seriously flawed and doesn't serve its citizens.

Like the Vietnamese, I make clear distinctions. My skepticism is never directed towards our guys who served in the Vietnam war, never towards the U.S. Constitution and the democratic process, only occasionally towards local and state governments, but almost always aimed at the power structure in Washington, our federal government run by the Harvard-Yale wide kids and our so-called representatives.

The odd thing is, I expect my attitude is fairly close to the norm. How many of us, sheltered in the middle-class and coming from each end of the political spectrum, feel this disenfranchisement? And how likely is it that the gap between the people's government and the people will soon be bridged?

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Mistakes in interesting places



Tim Richard

THE RIGHT HAND DOESN'T KNOW ... DEPT.:
News release from the House Republican Communications Office in Lansing: "Our agenda this legislative session continued to build on our recent successes." (Speaker Paul) Hillebronds said. "The Republican agenda has resulted in a savings to taxpayers of over \$600 million this year alone."

News release from Rep. Willis Bullard Jr., R-Milford, chair of the House Tax Policy Committee: "Savings for taxpayers in 1995 totaled more than \$1.26 billion ... (Italics added.) Shucks, what's \$600 million between pals?"

MISSING LINK DEPT.:
With all the interest in taxes, no one in state politics has produced a news release on how much fees, university tuitions, community college tuitions, professional licenses, sportsmen's licenses, motor vehicle fees, court filing fees, bridge tolls and other governmental revenues were increased this year.

WHOPPER OF THE YEAR AWARD:
Here's how the House GOP Communications office describes the way the Legislature lowered

Letters

Freedom proves a confusing concept

To the editor:
The Novi Jaycees would like to thank all of those involved in our 1995 Needy Family Christmas Program. Thank you to the following business organizations for their generosity: Novi Girl Scouts, Toys for Tots Southeast Michigan, Novi/Northville Coalition, Century 21 West, Cummins Michigan, First Federal of Michigan, Sams Club, Novi Post Office, CamMar's Salon, Superabrasives, Marty Feldman Chevrolet, Law Office of James J. Harrington, III, Navetta Mason Contractors, Salon Head West, Michigan Paralyzed Veterans, First of America, Botsford General Hospital, Panther Machine, and Novi Parks and Recreation.

Thank you to the students and staff of Novi Meadows, Orchard Hills, Parkview, Village Oaks, Novi Woods and Novi Middle School for holding food drives and to the Novi Jaycees for their help in organizing the food. Finally, thank you to the many individuals in the community who contributed to the program. Thanks to all of you, we were able to make the holidays brighter for 34 of our neighboring families.

Karen Leppanen
Secretary, Novi Jaycees

Early family wish granted in park name



Barbara Louie

Ella Mae Power Park, located behind the Novi Civic Center off Ten Mile Road, was named for the daughter of an early Novi family.

Franz and Mary Power owned a farm along both sides of Ten Mile Road, east of Napier Road. From 1891 until her death in 1957, Mary Power lived on the farm and was considered to be a "showplace" in the early 1900s.

"Furniture of excellent taste filled the rambling house," raved *The Novi News* shortly after Mary Power's death. "The Powers drove the most expensive cars, owned a piano and a telephone, and entertained lavishly."

The heyday for the Power family was evident in those early 20th century days, when they had a good market, bought the best equipment, and replaced their orchard as the trees died," as described by a friend in *The Novi News* article.

Then Franz and Mary were divorced and, in 1930, he died. What had been "a showplace of the Midwest" ended in tragedy and despair.

The Power's children, Louisa and Ella, both preceded their mother in death, and the 200-acre farm, once boasting a "gleaming white house and barns ... manicured lawn and flower beds ... (and) 200 rich acres of orchard and field" soon fell into disrepair.

A respected arson fire in the summer of 1958 destroyed one of the Power barns further changing the image of the picturesque farm that had drawn admiring glances from travelers in years past.

Before she died at the age of 94, Mary Power had requested that the farm and its surrounding acres be sold to the state, to be made into a park named after her children. Debris adding up to \$15,000, however, made this final wish go unfulfilled.

The house sat in dying ruins until the entire estate was sold in the late 1950s. The house was torn down and the land sold to a Mr. C. Nielson. Over the next few years, the estate was further divided into several smaller lots.

teacher certification standards in Michigan: "Senate Bill 679 ... expands teacher certification standards ..."

MISSING INTEREST DEPT.:
State Democrats are whooping it up over the way majority Republicans are refusing to place limits on political action committees and "special interest" donations to candidates.

Let us not hold our breaths while awaiting the Democrats' proposal to curb labor unions—the AFL-CIO federation, the UAW, AFSCME, AFT, MEA and other public employees' unions which are part of the Democratic Party structure.

FRIENDLY PERSUASION DEPT.:
The Outdoor Advertising Association of Michigan, in its latest newsletter, beats up on billboard opponents, specifically Attorney General Frank Kelley and Michigan United Conservation Clubs (which it refers to as "muck").

On the same page, the billboard newsletter notes it received thanks from state Sen. Bill Schuette, R-Midland, and first lady Michelle Schuette "for contributing 250 billboards—a donation valued at \$87,000"—to the 1995 Michigan Harvest Gathering to generate food and funds for the hungry.

Omitted is the fact that Schuette chairs the Senate Committee on Economic Development, International Trade and Regulatory Affairs, the body that would deal with any bills to limit billboards.

Chances that Schuette's committee will

received be stings to help overcome the crippling effects of Multiple Sclerosis. Since this program was aired on INFO TV-12, the University of Michigan Department of Physical Therapy undertook the first scientific study to measure the effects of bee stings on MS. Results of the study will be presented in September at the National Aphthorology Annual Conference in Flint.

TWO-EDGED SWORDS DEPT.:
Economists at the University of Michigan's conference in November were puzzled: Unemployment is down, interest rates are low, inflation is very low, but consumers were pessimistic. It didn't seem to add up.

Perhaps Frank Kelley, our attorney general for life, put his finger on it when his investigators reported that price scanners in retail outlets showed an error rate of more than 20 percent—errors on 41 items out of 280 purchased—in Oakland County alone.

The real news: Not all the errors are overcharges. Undercharges are increasing. Under charges accounted for 16 of the 41 errors, or 40 percent.

Kelley's guess: "Retailers are trying to attract customers with ever more complex sale schemes. Maybe these one-day sales, two-hour sales and an percentage-off sales are so confusing to the stores as they are to the public."

We'll keep that in mind next time some bozo from the Mackinac Center or Michigan Chamber of Commerce tells us business is so much more efficient than government. Although we catch our friendly hypermarket in errors practically every week, we've never caught the U.S. Postal Service or state Department of Natural Resources in those kinds of mistakes.

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

Letters

Freedom proves a confusing concept

Children are not to blame, however, for their misunderstanding of freedom. Their concept of freedom comes from their observations of the people around them, the news articles they read, the news stories they see on television, and the environment in which they live. Adults too, seem to have lost sight of the vision of our nation's founding fathers. The inalienable rights of life, liberty and pursuit of happiness, has become my life, taking liberties, and purchase of happiness.

Last summer a news reporter on the radio station I was listening to was interviewing a lady who was gassing up her car in the middle of a very hot day, which had been declared an Ozone Action day.

That meant that it was highly recommended that cars be gassed up later in the evening, when less ozone would escape into our already over-ozone atmosphere when gasoline was being pumped into a vehicle. When asked why the lady was doing it anyway, she responded with the all too typical, but totally incorrect response, that

it is a free country and that means we can do what we want, when we want.

In the past four years, while being a substitute elementary teacher for grades kindergarten through eighth, in the different school districts, I have encountered the same basic belief on a daily basis in the children I teach. It makes teaching interesting, but it also makes it frustrating.

If we, as people, believe freedom is a right, and by that mean it's something we have been given and have not necessarily earned, and truly believe we can do what we want when we want, we are putting our nation in the precarious position of using freedom for when anything goes, everything goes.

Closing thoughts: Freedom is a privilege. It is something someone hundreds of years before us earned, but that we, as a result of their foresight and generosity, have been given.

Whatever happened to majority rule? There is no such thing as freedom if we have to depend on lawyers, courts, and judges to solve our most insignificant problems.

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Thursday, January 4

Novi schools

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

Optimist Club

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

Monday, January 8

Aquatics Facility Study Committee

The Aquatics Facility Study Committee meets at 6:30 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center.

VOICE

The Village Oaks Interested Citizens and Educators (VOICE) will hold its monthly business meeting in the Village Oaks Media Center at 23333 Willowbrook at 7:30 p.m.

City Council

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

Health tests

Community EMS will sponsor blood pressure testing and cholesterol testing in the Novi Civic Center from 7:30-9 p.m. in conjunction with the Novi City Council meeting.

Library Board

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

American Business Women's Assoc.

The Novi Oaks Charter Chapter of the American Business Women's Association will meet at Country Epicure Restaurant on Grand River. Social hour is at 6:30 p.m. with dinner at 7 p.m. followed by a general membership meeting. Cost is \$15. All working women are invited. For reservations call Betty Booher at (313) 397-7708. For membership information, call Bettie Johnson at (810) 960-9559.

TOPS

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

Tuesday, January 9

Cable Commission Meeting

The Southwestern Oakland Cable Commission meets at 4:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Farmington City Hall, 23600 Liberty St., Farmington.

Band rehearsal

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

Camera Club

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

Chess Club

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

CHADD

Children and Adults with Attention Deficit Disorders of South Western Oakland County, serving the Novi school district, will hold a support group meeting at the Meadowbrook Congregational Church, 21355 Meadowbrook Rd., between Eight and Nine Mile roads. Registration begins at 6:45 p.m. and the meeting at 7 p.m. The program is "Developing Self-Esteem" by Dale M. Duquet, MSW. Parents, educators and health care professionals are welcome. There is a \$5 donation for non-members. For information, call the hotline at 486-2876.

CAC Meeting

The Cable Access Commission meets at 7:30 p.m. at 24021 Research in Farmington Hills.

Wednesday, January 10

Business Network International

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

Seniors potluck

The Novi Senior Social Club will gather at noon in the Novi Civic Center for their monthly potluck luncheon.

AARP Meets

The Walled Lake Area Chapter of the American Association of Retired People holds its monthly meeting at 1 p.m. at the Walled Lake Community Education Center, formerly Walled Lake Middle School, 615 N. Pontiac Trail. Any community member 50 or over is welcome to attend. Call 960-8444 or 659-6299 for more information.

Lions Club

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

SPARK

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

Youth baseball

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

FEMALE

The Novi-area Formerly Employed Mothers at the Leading Edge Chapter meets at 7 p.m. at the Providence Mission Health Center, 39500 W. Ten Mile Rd., in conference room A. The purpose of the organization is to offer support for mothers who have chosen to interrupt their careers to care for their children. For more information, call (810) 669-5836.

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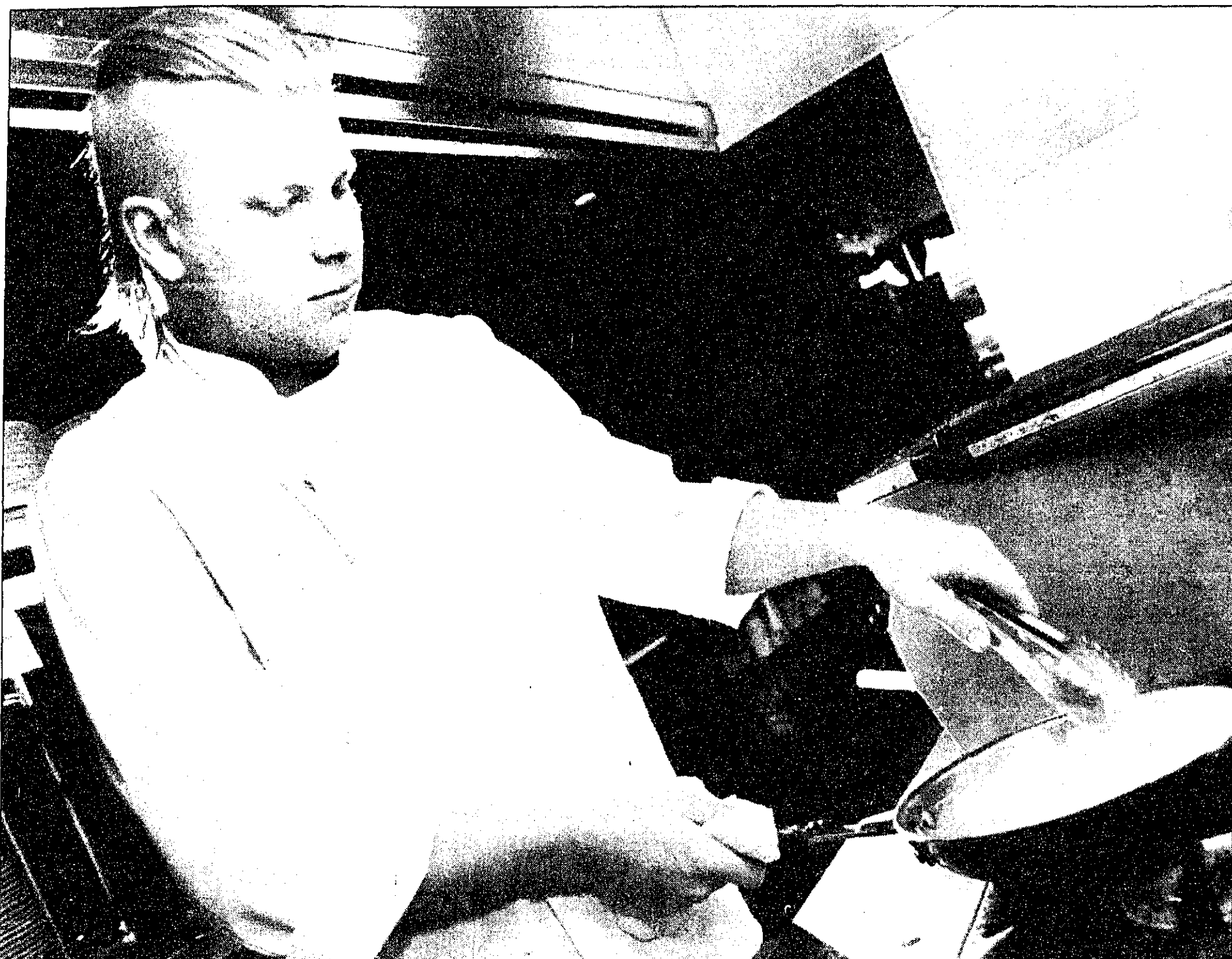
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THURSDAY
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Chef Dan Giroux prepares a pasta dish, Pasta Pistolesi, at Cicero's Italian Ristorante and Bar in Novi.

Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

NEW & IMPROVED

By CAROL WORKENS
Staff Writer

A couple of regulars are out of the running, but there are plenty more newcomers to keep the sixth installment of the Northville/Novi Restaurant Poll exciting.

Toss four more categories into the poll such as Best Salad, Best Coffee, Best Chef and Best Waitperson and folks will be guaranteed to be kept guessing as to the poll's outcome until it is published on Feb. 22.

The new categories were added partially due to comments from last year's poll respondents.

Jane Park of Northville had a couple of votes for her favorite coffee spots, unfortunately last year we didn't have a category on our ballot for Best Coffee. This year we do.

Several of our readers also suggested adding a Best Salad category in the comments section on their ballots last year. So that category is also new this year.

Not only will you be able to vote for your best overall restaurant, but the best chef and best waitperson, due once again to comments from readers included on their ballots last year.

Novi resident Frank Maynard's nomination for best waitperson last year didn't count because there wasn't a category for it. Kristin Anderson of Northville also wanted her favorite waitperson to receive the recognition she deserved. This year, their votes and others will count.

The results and interviews of the Best Chef and Best Waitperson you vote for as the best in town will be published on Feb. 29.

So who are you going to vote for this year? MacKinnon's is undefeated with five wins for Best Overall Restaurant.

It will be interesting to see who you vote for in the Best Inexpensive Restaurant and in the Best Breakfast categories this year. Crawford's, which won for the past four years in the Best Inexpensive Restaurant category and was undefeated as the Best Breakfast Restaurant, is now closed.

The Best Atmosphere category has been eliminated.

Pizza Cutter and Papa Romano have

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

THE RULES:

1. Only restaurants in Northville/Novi are eligible to be mentioned on your ballot.
2. To help us avoid ballot-box stuffing, each ballot must include your name, address and phone number. Ballots without this information will be thrown out.
3. Only ballots clipped from the newspaper will be accepted. Photocopied ballots will be thrown out.
4. Restaurants may not hand out ballots.
5. Mail your completed ballot by **January 31** to: **The Northville Record/Novi News, 104 W. Main St., Northville, MI 48167.** Or, drop it off at our office.
6. Restaurant Poll results will be published February 22. Best Chef and Best Waitperson will be published on February 29.
7. One ballot will be selected at random, and the winner will receive dinner for two at the Novi/Northville restaurant of his or her choice.
(HomeTown employees and their families are not eligible for the free dinner.)

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THE CATEGORIES:

- Best Overall Restaurant _____
Best Inexpensive Restaurant _____
Best Breakfast Restaurant _____
Best Waitperson _____
Best Chef _____
Best Sandwiches _____
Best Desserts _____
Best Coffee _____
Best Salad _____
Best Pizza _____
Best Burgers _____
Best Seafood _____
Best Ethnic Food _____
Best Fast Food _____
Best Soups _____
Best Steak _____
Comments _____

our area."

Eric and Beth Heller of Novi used the comment section of their ballot to say the restaurant selection helped sway their decision to move to Novi.

Here's your chance vote for the best hamburgers, the best coffee, the best salads, the best pizza, the best desserts ... etc.

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

Categories in our poll include: Best Overall Restaurant, Best Inexpensive Restaurant, Best Breakfast Restaurant, Best Chef, Best Waitperson, Best Sandwiches, Best Desserts, Best Pizza, Best Burgers, Best Seafood, Best Ethnic Food, Best Fast Food, Best Soups, Best Steaks, Best Coffee and Best Salads.

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

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- Restaurants found to be distributing ballots will be disqualified.

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

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

When all the ballots are in, we will compile the results and publish them in the Feb. 22 issues of *The Northville Record* and *The Novi News*. Results of the Best Chef and Best Waitperson categories will be published on Feb. 29.

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

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

both won for best pizza, three to one, respectively, but for the first time they tied in 1995.

Border Cantina and Little Italy tied for best ethnic food in 1995.

In the best seafood category, Rocky's of Northville emerged as the new winner,

nudging out Red Lobster and Northville Charley's who each had won twice.

There was a tie in the Best Burgers category last year between Fuddrucker's and Starting Gate.

In the Best Desserts category it has been neck and neck between MacKin-

non's and Crawford over the years with McKinnon's winning in 1995.

Undefeated in the Best Sandwiches category is Genitti's.

As Mary Ann Tegler of Novi and Karen Poulos of Northville said on their ballots last year "We have great restaurants in

Activities at church focused on Christmas

By JEANNE CLARKE
Special Writer

The holidays have been busy at Orchard Hills Baptist Church with special activities centered around Thanksgiving and continuing on into the Christmas season.

Rev. and Mrs. Vandenberg welcomed their daughter and her husband Tye and Anne (Vandenberg) McClain from California who participated in a very special concert. The McClains attend First Baptist Church in Anaheim, Calif., where they are both very active in the music department. Mrs. McClain is a professional pianist.

Following the morning service the church family along with the special guests enjoyed an old-fashioned turkey dinner. Starting in December, the church family came together again for the "hanging of the greens" when decorating for the church for the Christmas season was done. This Saturday they will be meeting for breakfast at Denny's Restaurant at 8:30 a.m. and returning to the church to "take down the greens."

The youth of the church presented an original play written by Mrs. Jesse Vandenberg entitled "Miracle at Triple Corners" with scripture readings by the Sunday School classes at Christmas. The evening concluded with the church family Christmas party and a cookie recipe exchange. On Sunday morning, Dec. 24, the regular musicians, Charlotte Munro on organ and Carol Feldkamp pianist, were joined in the service with a cello presentation by Mrs. Jesse Vandenberg.

Regular activities of the church include the Monday Bible Study at the home of Dennis and Diane Kowalski, the youth meeting on Wednesday evening with schedules including both Bible Studies and also social activities such as Wally Hall, etc. under the direction of John Iren assisted by Rob Waite. Plans for the New Year include G.A. for girls and R.A. for boys of the junior age. Also beginning Jan. 7 they will be resuming their Sunday Night Suppers at 6 p.m. with a potluck fellowship followed by Sunday Evening Service.

WHITEHALL HOME

This facility is celebrating 45 years of caring for residents. The assisted living program has recently offered day care for the elderly. More information can be had by calling Mary Lou Becker at 474-3442.

This has been a busy month for the folks who make their home at the state-of-the-art house located on Grand River near Meadowbrook. They recently had 25 men and women who attended the annual Rotary luncheon accompanied by staff and volunteers including Kathy Jackson, Rose Gimik, Juanita Nelson, Celeste Whitney and others.

The Country Epicure, through the direction of Sandy Wallace, arranged for Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus to pay a visit with gifts from the staff at the restaurant and also several of their patrons.

Caroling was presented one evening by choir members of First Baptist church who also furnish

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bus transportation each Sunday for residents to attend services. Other churches who visited during the holiday bringing entertainment and gifts included Our Lady of Sorrows, Hope Lutheran, Holy Family Catholic Church, Orchard Hills Baptist Church, and the Salvation Army. The Victory Lutheran Church who meet at Novi Meadows came caroling and brought specially made Christmas bell ornaments for each room.

One of the many individuals who also brought Christmas packages and did some one-on-one visitation included Mindy Mallory and her son, Dennis.

Throughout the year Barbara Hildebrandt, activities director, welcomes and appreciates those who bring programs to help with the lives of the residents. Some of these include Pet A Pet every second Tuesday evening at 6:30 p.m., Bingo presented by Hope Lutheran with candy bars and fruit for winners, Holy Family and Our Lady of Sorrows who also plays Bingo and gives toiletries and jewelry for prizes and Orphan Annie's with bagels and donuts. However, she would be interested in hearing

Another special program that will entice you to take a class for free, is being an adult helper in the office because things like filing, copying, etc. during peak registration periods always need to be done. Credit hours can be applied toward payment, call for information.

The brochure has classes available in enrichment, computers, financial classes, one day workshops and much more for adults.

In addition to all the adult classes many are available for children.

NOVI COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Registration has already begun for classes listed in the winter/spring brochure that everyone in the community should have received in the mail. Additional copies are available throughout the area and update information can be had by calling the new direct number, 449-1206. After Jan. 5, registrations will be accepted until the end of April during the hours of 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. or until classes are filled. There is an early bird discount of \$2 if registrations are taken by Jan. 13 unless noted otherwise in the class description. In addition, senior citizens age 60 living in Novi can also qualify for the discount, however they must pay for materials. Several items that will

be useful in the class can be purchased at Radio Shack including the textbook "Now You're Talking" and four optional audio cassettes. Everyone interested should plan to enroll early as classes can get canceled if not enough students enroll. The local club recently had election of officers and they include president Bob Smith, vice president Greg Tullar, secretary Rob Giuliano and treasurer Lou Files. Committee chairs include Jay also working on the annual field day; Tom Goodman with jackets; Rob Giuliano as librarian; Dick Smith, name badges; Tom Goodman, net program; Dennis Owens, news editor; Mike Sharpe, repeater; and Al Rasmussen, treasurer.

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

Feature film is a first for local producer

By CAROL WORKENS
Staff Writer

Carl Lang has just wrapped up shooting *Right of Refusal*, the story of Joe, a second generation Arab American making a decision about his destiny with the Persian Gulf War as a backdrop.

When the post production work is complete, Lang will market *Right of Refusal* at the Sundance Film Festival at the end of January and the 1996 festival circuit where major studios and distributing companies view movies for potential purchases and distribution.

Right of Refusal is about one man's struggle with becoming his own person as opposed to the person society think he should be, according to Lang.

"Viewers will identify with the character very much, because the themes dealt with in the movie are universal and experienced in everyday life," he said.

Lang, who attended Our Lady of Victory School and graduated from Northville High School in 1982, met Paul G. Cuschieri when both were attending Catholic Central High School. Cuschieri, a Farmington Hills resident, is the director/writer of *Right of Refusal*. The two have formed The Kid Stays...Productions earlier this year for this film.

"The film's success will be because we are not reinventing the wheel. We are following a proven formula taken from other successful low budget independent films like *Brubaker*, *McMillan* and *Clerks* making improvements such as a full length feature story line, the use of numerous locations, expanded artistic license, cutting edge camera work and a developed marketing plan," said Lang.

"Shooting for *Right of Refusal* began Nov. 1 at Fishbone in Grosse Pointe. In all, 18 locations were used in filming including Dearborn, Ladbroke Racecar, Parkway party store in South Lyon, International Center in Grosse Pointe, Players Bar and Grill in Farmington Hills and Terrace Theater in Livonia.

In a recent scene shot at Tremors night club at Laurel Park in Livonia, Joe meets Sophia, and their relationship begins to develop.

"There were over 100 speaking parts and 300 extras used in the 90 minute film.

"We finished filming on schedule, and only 5 percent over budget on production," he said. "Since this was Lang's first movie, it was also a learning experience for him. Lang broke the production of the

movie down into smaller more manageable pieces, like a puzzle. "You get to deal with all aspects of making a film so it is very enlightening," Lang said. "You feel a great sense of accomplishment when all the pieces of the puzzle are together," he said.

Some of the most important traits a producer can have are perseverance, adaptability and empathy for people, according to Lang.

"I chose to shoot in Michigan because I knew the resources here and it was less expensive," Lang said. "We also have the largest Arab American community outside of the middle east to work with, about half a million."

Playing the lead is Charlie Saad, a Dearborn resident, who has acted at Henry Ford Community College and is in community theater.

"Over 40 individuals or groups in the Arab community have read the script to check it for cultural integrity," Lang said. "The full length feature film is being shot on a small budget but with big profits in mind. The official budget for the black and white movie is \$75,000. But if sold for distribution, profits could be astronomical, according to Lang.



Shooting *Right of Refusal* at Tremors in Livonia on Dec. 1 were (from left) Carl Lang, producer; George Lieber, cameraman and his daughter, Emma; and Paul Cuschieri, director/writer.

anywhere from hundreds of thousands of dollars on upward. Lang put the degree he received in chemical engineering from Albion College to good use for seven years before moving to New York two years ago to pursue a professional acting career full time. He had been acting part time for five years.

"We looking at filming our second feature during the fourth quarter of 1996," said Lang.

Lang is the son of Elizabeth Lang, a Northville resident. Lang now resides in Livonia.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

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WALLED LAKE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
309 Walker St. 528-2483
Sundays 10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. Nursery Available. All Welcome.

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Church School 9:30 a.m.
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14455 W. Lathrop Road
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Worship 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
Church School 9:30 a.m.
Pastor: David A. Cunningham, Pastor - 349-0266
Wife: Ann Cunningham & Bob Cook
Wed. Fellowship: 7:00 p.m.

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1100 W. Ann Arbor Trail
Riverview, Michigan
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Church School 10:30 a.m.
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41355 Main Road
Sundays 9:45 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.
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41671 W. Van Wert Road
Sundays 10:00 a.m.
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Pastor: Rev. Gary E. Hill

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Church School 10:30 a.m.
Pastor: Rev. E. Neil Hunt
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10 Mile between 1st & 2nd, Novi
Sundays 7:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist
Sundays 11 a.m. Holy Eucharist
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WARD EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
13000 Farmington
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46325 10 Mile Rd.
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Singles

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

On 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 is \$4.

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.

Upcoming Opportunity for Growth Workshops include "Rebuilding" with David Blake on Jan. 11, 18 and 25 at 7:30 p.m. The cost is \$25. "Co-Dependency" will be the topic of the growth workshop on Jan. 14, 21, and 28 at 7 p.m. The cost is \$24.

Social Ballroom Dance Classes taught by Nora Nader will be held on six Sunday evenings from 7 to 8:30 p.m. beginning Feb. 4. The classes will be held at the Northville Recreation Center, 303 W. Main Street in Northville. The cost is \$40.

A bowling evening will be held Jan. 19 at 8:30 p.m. at Novi Bowling on Novi Road between Eight and Nine Mile roads.

On Wednesdays at 6 p.m. the group meets at Sundowner for dinner followed by a presentation, "How to Argue and Win Every Time" with David Blake or "Tragedy to Triumph" with Kathy Jo Levy will be the presentation choices on Jan. 10 at 7:30 p.m. The cost is \$4.

A ski weekend is planned for Jan. 26 through 28. For further information about any of the Single Place programs or to register, call 349-0911.

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

All St. James singles are welcome to join the new activities group **ST. JAMES SINGLES**. For more information, call the church at 347-7778.

SINGLE POINT MINISTRIES offers a unique opportunity to join more than 500 persons of varied backgrounds in a class about Jesus Christ.

The group meets at 10:45 a.m. each Sunday in Knox Hall of Ward Presbyterian Church, 17000 Farmington Road, on the corner of Six Mile in Livonia. The Rev. Paul Clough will lead with scripture messages relevant to single living.

"Talk It Over" is held on the second and fourth Fridays of each month in Knox Hall.

Those interested in subbing for a bowling league at Fiesta Lane in Westland on Ford Road east of I-75 can call (810) 669-2259.

For further information about Single Point Ministries call (313) 422-1854.

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

A Ski-The-Soo ski trip is scheduled for Feb. 16 to 19. Reservations and deposit are due now. Downhill skiers will go to Searchmont. Cross country skiers will ski at Stedley's.

For more information about Farmington Single Professionals call the FSP hot line at (810) 851-9909.

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They're off to see the wizard

Starring in The Wizard of Oz, which continues its run at the Marquis Theatre Jan. 6, 7, 13 and 14 at 2:30 p.m. are (from left) Mike Graveme, as the Scarecrow; Laurie Boloven,

as Dorothy; Valerie Mould, as the Tinman; and Ken Haering, as the Cowardly Lion. For ticket information, call 349-8110. The Marquis is located at 135 E. Main in Northville.

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Wedding



Lisa and Dan Eischen

Mr. and Mrs. T.C. Johnson of Waukesha, Wis., are proud to announce the wedding of their daughter, Elizabeth Marie Johnson-Eischen, to Daniel James Eischen, the son of Frank and Marilyn Eischen of Northville.

The double ring ceremony was performed on Aug. 12, 1995, at Southminster Presbyterian Church in Waukesha, Wis. The Rev. Dana Lindley of Southminster and Father Anthony Klink of St. Anthony's Church officiated at the wedding.

The bride's gown had a bodice of Venetian lace and pearls with chiffon over an organza full skirt and a chapel length train. She carried pink roses and Snapdragons.

Her maid of honor was Mary Johnson, sister of the bride. Other attendants were Beth Foster, sister of the groom; Amy Eischen, sister of the groom; Sarah Davies, friend of the bride; and Maritta Haupt, friend of the bride.

The best man was Craig Eischen, brother of the groom.

Groomsmen were Mike Eischen, brother of the groom; Mark Johnson, brother of the bride; Eric Johnson, brother of the bride; and Garrett VanFassel, friend of the groom.

The couple honeymooned in Aspen, Colo., where they went mountain hiking, white water rafting and horseback riding. The couple now resides in Raleigh, N.C.

Elizabeth is a graduate of University of Wisconsin-LaCrosse where she received a bachelor of science in art and photography. She is working at IBM as a graphic illustrator/designer in Raleigh, N.C.

Daniel is also a graduate of University of Wisconsin-LaCrosse with a bachelor of science in finance. He is presently working at IBM-Poulsic, an agricultural company, as an auditor.

Engagement



Heidi Wendt/Richard Laughinghouse

Skip and Karen Wendt of Novi, announce the engagement of their daughter Heidi Susan to Richard Alan Laughinghouse, son of Clayton Laughinghouse of Chardon, Ohio.

The bride-elect is a 1989 graduate of Novi High School and graduated from Adirond College in 1993.

She is employed as a second grade teacher at Rozelle Elementary in East Cleveland, Ohio.

The bridegroom elect is a 1989 graduate of Chardon High School and a 1993 graduate of Adirond College. He is employed as a pension plan administrator at Libman, Tyder and Company in Independence, Ohio.

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Church Notes

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, at 9 a.m. For more information, call the church at (810) 477-6296.

CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY, 24505 Meadowbrook Road in Novi, will have its annual blood drive from 2 to 8 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 12. Call the church office to schedule an appointment. 349-8847.

A new Bible Study Group sponsored by the **OAKLAND BAPTIST ASSOCIATION** will meet on Thursdays from 7 to 8 p.m. at Novi Middle School, 25299 Tall Road, in rooms 302 and 304. Child care will be provided. For more information, contact Scott Hanson and Edwin Hecutt at 437-1883.

Nearly 1,900 people attended the Christmas Eve worship services at **FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE**, 777 West Eight Mile Road.

An Epiphany Parent's Night Out for children 2-years-old through fourth grade will be held from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 5. Children will learn about Epiphany, the Celebration of Light. The cost is \$4 per child with a \$10 limit per family. The registration deadline is Dec. 31.

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.

A next five week New Member Class meets at 11 a.m. in Friendship Hall on Sunday, Jan. 14.

The Northville United Methodist Women will start the New Year with their next meeting at 1 p.m. in the Sanctuary on Thursday, Jan. 9.

Over 1,000 people have gone through the church's Divorce Recovery Workshop. The next workshop begins on Thursday, Jan. 11, and concludes Feb. 22.

Thirty-one people attended the Home Alone group's dinner and Detroit Symphony Pops Christmas concert in December. Membership in the group is open to those living alone or empty nesters.

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 downtown Plymouth.

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 to participants. For more information, call Judi Ellsworth at (313) 455-5255, or Dawn Downs at (313) 722-2839, or call the church at (810) 348-7600.

The next religious education class at **OUR LADY OF VICTORY CHURCH**, 770 Thayer Boulevard in Northville, will meet on Jan. 8 and 9.

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

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Amateur sleuths are local couple

Linda and Larry Pellicioni of Northville will be performing in the Ridgedale Players production of *Postmortem* on Jan. 11 through 14 and 17 through 21.

Author Ken Ludwig, who also wrote *Lend Me A Tenor*, has packed *Postmortem* full of humor and loaded it with suspects.

Postmortem's main character (William Gillette) was the real-life co-inventor of Sherlock Holmes plays.

"We are all involved in trying to find out who the murderer is," Linda said. "The murder occurred exactly one year ago."

For Larry and Linda, this is their second performance in a murder mystery.

"You forget the audience doesn't know who did it," she said. "It is a lot of fun to hear the audience's reaction as the different clues are given."

Larry has been with Ridgedale Players for 15 years, Linda for five. In fact, the couple met while playing in *Social Security* as husband and wife.

"We liked playing the role so we went through with it," Linda said.

Larry has also acted with Plymouth Theatre Guild and Farmington Players, while Linda has done been involved with Village Players in Birmingham in the past.

Also starring is Tee Burton, Carolyn Church, Paula Rink, Brian Taylor and Jim West.

Performance times are 7:30 p.m. on Thursdays, 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, and 3 p.m. on Sundays. Tickets are \$9, \$7 on Thursdays with senior discounts on Sundays. Group rates are also available. The ticket price includes an afterglow of sandwiches, cookies and coffee.

Ridgedale Players is located at 205 W. Long Lake Road between Crooks and Livernois in Troy. For tickets or more information, call (810) 988-7049.

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Technology will be topic at next meeting

The Northville Novi Branch of the American Association of University Women will meet on Tuesday, Jan. 9, at 7:30 p.m. at Thornorton Creek Elementary School, 46180 Nine Mile Road in Northville.

Speaker Julie Swift, assistant librarian for Comerica Bank, will discuss "Technology for the 21st Century," including methods of using computers and computer networks in daily life.

The meeting is open to the public. Membership in the AAUW Northville Novi branch is open to anyone with a baccalaureate degree.

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Livonia Chorus puts out a call for voices

Celebrating its 31st season this year, the Livonia Civic Chorus will be holding auditions on Tuesday, Jan. 9, at 7:30 p.m. at Frost Middle School, located on Stark Road just north of the Jeffries Expressway. The call goes out to all voice parts.

The Livonia Civic Chorus is under the direction of Jim Whitten, a veteran in the music world who is serving in his second year as director. The chorus is accompanied by Christine Gach.

Since 1965, the Livonia Civic Chorus has been celebrating the love of music with performances in the metropolitan area. Sponsored by the Livonia Department

of Parks and Recreation, the chorus draws members from Livonia and surrounding communities.

Performances have been at the Livonia Civic Center Library Auditorium, the Clarenceville Schmidt Auditorium, the Church at Greenmead Historical Park, Laurel Park Mall, Presbyterian Village, Knights of Columbus, and the traditional Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony at Livonia City Hall. The chorus has also performed "on the road" with the Adrian Symphony Orchestra in Adrian and the MOT/Michigan Singers in Grayling. For more information, call (313) 464-8177.

Frostbite is nippy

This winter, Jack Frost will be nipping at your nose as well as the rest of your face, your ear lobes, feet and hands, because these are the trouble areas for frostbite.

The condition most favorable to frostbite is a temperature below freezing with a high wind chill factor. "As the wind chill and temperature drop, so should your exposure time," said Dr. Vieder, emergency room physician Sanford Vieder, D.O.

Frostbite most readily occurs as moisture evaporates from skin, so it is essential to keep dry. When you perspire while participating in winter activities, don't remove clothing that would expose your skin to the wind.

Dr. Vieder advises that if you detect the early stages of frostbite—the area is cold to touch and

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Schoolyard rivals face off in 'Big Bully'

"Big Bully" features onetime schoolyard rivals who meet again as adults to discover nothing has changed.

Davey Leary was the kind of kid who was always getting picked on chased after, beat up and cut down. Rosecoe Bigger — known to every covering schoolyard victim as "Fang" — was the kind of kid who always picked on, chased after, beat up and cut down kids like his favorite prep, Davey.

But that was then... Now, David Leary (Rick Moranis) is a novelist who has been asked to teach a semester of creative writing at his former school. Thinking the change of pace would be good for his own rebellious son, Ben (Blake Bashoff), David returns home with high hopes of being welcomed as the local boy-made-good.

Sure enough, he's embraced by the small community, reuniting with his old gang and even rekindling his one-time crush on Victoria (Julianne Phillips), now the school's sex education teacher. But when his son is caught bullying a sensitive kid, Kirby (Cody McMains), David is called into Principal Koker's (Don Knotts) office to meet with the boys and Kirby's father — a quiet, henpecked, deferential shop teacher (Tom Arnold). After the meeting, as the two dads walk back to their classrooms, David starts to realize with a growing dread that — no, it couldn't be — may be this shop teacher is — no way — his old tormentor — it is! — the dreaded Fang.

And so it begins again. Seeing old Davey Leary scared to death is all Fang needs to inspire him to his former awfulness as a schoolyard predator. David, in turn, immediately reverts back to the terrorized victim he was before. The two grown men abandon all reason and maturity — not to mention a fair amount of dignity as they regress into an escalating comic battle of gross-out, vulgar props, see-saw fights and "I'm telling's."

But David and Fang might finally learn something from the example set by their own young sons, who find a way to get along without settling the score. Rounding out the cast of "Big Bully" are Carol Kane and Jeffrey Tambor.

"Big Bully" is a Morgan Creek Production in association with Lee Rich Productions, directed by Steve Miner ("Forever Young" and written by Mark Steven Johnson ("Grimmy Old Men"). Lee Rich and Gary Foster are the producers, and Gary Barber is the executive producer.

The behind-the-scenes talent includes director of photography Darryn Okada ("My Father, the Hero"), production designer Ian Thomas ("Wings of Courage"), editor Marshall Hiney ("My Father, the Hero"), and costume designer Monique Prudhomme ("Hideaway").

Who hasn't at one time been the



Rick Moranis — the bullied — and Tom Arnold — the bully — star in Morgan Creek's new comedy, "Big Bully," a Warner Bros. release.

mercy of a bully? Certainly the talents involved in "Big Bully" recall having to endure inventive torments from their respective schoolyard toughs, taking breathless shortcuts home, hiding behind lockers, surrendering lunch money and facing other forms of humiliation unique to adolescence.

"I still have lead in my finger from a kid named Ronnie Egan, who kicked a pencil into my finger in the third grade," recalls director Steve Miner.

Don Knotts remembers, "Bee Lewis used to chase me home every day. I used to get out of school and run, because he'd always be waiting for me."

Producer Gary Foster reminisces, "There was this guy in elementary school and high school who bullied me and Fang into adult life. The bully gets such joy out of harassing the victim that it's carried over for years."

The extension of the relationship between David and Fang into adult life is what takes this relatively simple premise to its furthest — and most comic — extreme. While most people leave the vestiges of their personas as the bully or the bullied on the playgrounds of their youth, David and Fang find themselves right where they left off so many years before.

Although marriage to a nagging wife and being father to a growing brood have subdued Fang into a mere shadow of his former formidable self, he quickly rediscovers his youthful, gleeful rudeness when his old victim, David Leary, returns to town. And

telling a story like this is to entertain people by showing them human foibles in a straight-ahead comedy. Almost every person who attended grade school can relate to these characters. In the playground, there were always the bullies pushing kids around and the victims who went home crying."

Producer Lee Rich agrees, "Everybody has had a bully in their life. The case presented in this movie is just taken to its extreme. The bully gets such joy out of harassing the victim that it's carried over for years."

The roles of bully and victim are reversed with the children of David and Fang, with David's son menacing the sensitive son of Fang. Robinson points to that unexpected generational switch as key to the appeal of "Big Bully."

The hook that really sold me on Mark Steven Johnson's script was that not only did he write two extremely funny characters for Rick Moranis and Tom Arnold, but he also gave each of them sons who were their exact opposites.

Tom's character has a wimpy son and Rick's character gets the bully son. And everybody gets what they deserve in the end." The dynamic of the lead characters

sons is one that producer Lee Rich considers thoroughly genuine. "I think it's absolutely normal to have a kid who is opposite of your own personality. A kid who's been bullied will try to bring his own kid up to make sure that he's not bullied. So the cycle continues, but with roles switched for the next generation."

Screenwriter Mark Steven Johnson comments, "The wonderful thing about the kids in this story is that they are the ones who end up teaching their fathers a lesson in forgiveness and acceptance."

Through their eyes both grown men are forced to see that you can't keep living in the past and you have to face your demons and stop running away from your problems."

The humor in the film comes not only from Fang's villainous delight and David's obvious terror, but also the physical pratfalls and slapstick between the two nemeses as they wage an I'm-gonna-get-you-worse war against each other.

Arnold appreciated the changes that Fang undergoes, from adolescent punk to middle-aged middle-class and back again. He also notes the symbiotic fulfillment that both David and Fang get from their familiar roles. "Fang really believes he is best friends with David, even though he beats him up all the time. However, David's take on this peculiar brand of friendship is quite different."

like they did when they were ten. And who better to act like they were ten than Rick Moranis and Tom Arnold?"

The combustible energy of pairing Moranis and Arnold takes the story from a battle of wits into Tom-and-Jerry territory, replete with greased coffee cups, greased phones, sawed-off chair legs and other pranks. Miner was delighted with the result. As he says, "Together, Tom and Rick are magic on screen. They feed off each other really well, and they come up with so much stuff on their own that all I have to do is sit back and watch."

He really believes that Rick is afraid of Tom, and Tom really looks like he's enjoying it. Tom's unusual persona is somewhat startling, and many of Rick's reactions are genuine."

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DWC, dualist dad of one, 30, restaurant owner, too shy to go out and meet women, seeking friendship with DF, with or without kids. Ad# 6152

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DWC, dad, 28, 6'2", medium build, blue-eyed blond, professional, enjoys sunsets and sunsets, evening walks, holding hands, long talks, seeking a SF, to treat special with love, safety and security. Ad# 1717

REFRESHINGLY DIFFERENT
SWM, 44, available early days or late nights, old-fashioned, enjoys sunsets, spends quality time with SF, similar qualities. Ad# 4839

LEAVE ME A MESSAGE
SM, 40, 5'9", 160lbs., black hair/mustache, hazel eyes, romantic, good personality, General Motors employee, enjoys hiking, canoeing, water-skiing, holding hands, seeking to enjoy life with the right SF. Ad# 9631

HOLDING OUT
SWM, 26, never married, no kids, waiting for Ms. Right, lives on a lake, enjoys outdoors, boating, camping, spending time in the woods, sporting events, at times at home, seeks SWF, for possible relationship. Ad# 2727

A GREAT CATCH
DWC, dad, young 50, 5'10", 165lbs., handsome, athletic, Brighton area, sincere, appreciative, professional, loves life, kids, friends and family, seeks sincere, honest, attractive, slender, outdoorsy SF, who might be his soul mate. Ad# 4848

SERIOUS ABOUT LOVE
SWM, 65, 6', N/S, secure, financially stable, outgoing, enjoys dining, dancing, long walks and talks, concerts, seeking to share the rest of his life with the right SF, who shares similar interests. Ad# 2851

WOW!
SWM, 24, handsome, financially secure, professional, enjoys coffee shops, movies, novels, theatre, adventures, wishes to make all dreams come true for the right SWF, any age, for a wonderful, loving life together. Ad# 9899

ENJOY THE FINER THINGS?
SWM, 25, 6'2", 180lbs., long sandy blond hair, masculine, enjoys Harley's, camping, kids, animals, seeking F, who likes to have a good time. Ad# 6655

HOWELL AREA
SWM, 34, 6', 200lbs., honest, sincere, hardworking, enjoys weightlifting, relationships, fishing, concerts, seeks trustworthy SF, 25-38, not obese, who is easy to talk to. Ad# 4461

LOOKING FOR FUN
SWM, 29, 6', dark hair/mustache, green eyes, enjoys travel, seeks SF, with many interests to share, for possible relationship. Ad# 1277

ANSWERS ALL CALLS
SWM, 30s, medium build, clean-cut, outgoing, enjoys dining, dancing, humorous, enjoys sailing, snow, water-skiing, autumn colors, fireplaces, cuddling, seeks SF, for possible relationship. Ad# 4639

MOM-TYPE WANTED
DWC, dad, 40, 5'9", 155lbs., smoker, light drinker, loves kids, enjoys sports, barbecues, picnics, quiet evenings at home, cooking, seeks slender, small SF, 35-40, who likes family activities. Ad# 4991

LIVES NEAR BRIGHTON
DWM, 41, 6'1", 180lbs., N/S, no kids, caring, giving, enjoys long walks outdoors, picnics, quiet evenings at home, cooking, seeks slender, small SF, 35-40, who likes family activities. Ad# 4991

COMPATIBILITY IS IMPORTANT
SWM, 42, 5'11", 175lbs., black hair, fit, handsome, athletic, confident, enjoys most summer/winter sporting and outdoor activities, seeking attractive, fit, adventurous SWF, who welcome, open-minded, Jackson/Livingston area, for friends list relationship. Ad# 4040

LET'S TALK SOON
SWM, 42, 5'9", medium build, brown hair/eyes, secure, job, enjoys country music, movies, dining out, long walks, seeks SF, to share interests and possible relationship. Ad# 1469

CASUAL OR DRESS UP
SWM, 40, strong family values, likes animals and children, country music, dancing, outdoors, poetry, photography, seeking SF, similar interests. Ad# 2331

A GOOD LISTENER
SWM, 24, 6', college graduate, honest, respectful, open to trying new and exciting things, enjoys racquetball, walks, dining out, seeking smart, fun-to-be-with SF, for relationship based on friendship and trust. Ad# 9683

CARING AND SENSITIVE
SWM, 26, 5'9", college graduate, enjoys movies, dining out, racquetball, nature, seeking caring, warm-hearted SF, for friendship, possible long term relationship. Ad# 1589

AFFECTIONATE, FAITHFUL
DWC, dad of one, 30, 5'8", N/S, social drinker, open, honest, respectful of others, enjoys quality time at home, weekends away, camping, cuddling, talks, seeks SF, who is kind, for companionship, possible relationship. Ad# 1276

NEW TO THE AREA
SWF, 30, tall, thin, honest, outgoing, single, enjoys hiking, fishing, enjoys music, 30-40, by being out and there, possibly develop a relationship. Ad# 1426

LEAVE ME A MESSAGE
SWF, 30, 5'10", 125lbs., professional, new to the area, enjoys watching and being a part in the theatre, gardening, seeks SM, to share interests and possible relationship. Ad# 6169

LIVES NEAR NOVI
SWF, 36, 5'8", 140lbs., never married, M/F, Protestant, seeks caring, honest, financially secure SM, 35-40, N/S, never married, for possible serious relationship leading to marriage. Ad# 8888

LOVER OF ADVENTURE
SWF, 18, 5'6", 140lbs., too many bad past relationships, enjoys concerts, clubs, parties, quiet nights alone, seeks SM, 18-24, similar interests, who knows how to treat a woman right. Ad# 2222

LOOKING FOR MR. RIGHT
SWF, 45, 5'6", medium build, enjoys travelling, casual times at home, much more, seeking honest, caring SM, similar interests, who wants to lead special. Ad# 3495

WILL ANSWER ALL CALLS
Young, active, down to earth SF, 47, 5'7", enjoys music, dancing, bowling, movies, seeking sincere, caring SM, with similar interests, possible relationship. Ad# 3528

LOOKING FOR GOOD TIME
SWF, 20, 5'5", brown hair, blue eyes, enjoys reading, writing poetry, concerts, walks in the park, seeking honest, caring SM, with similar interests for possible relationship. Ad# 1995

LIVES SIMPLE LIFE
SF, 25, generous, loving, caring, enjoys sunrises, sunsets, walks, sharing dinner, summer rains, seeking SM, with some interests. Ad# 1269

ENJOYS GIVING FLOWERS
DWM, 32, 6'2", 155lb., brown hair/eyes, enjoys camping, dining out, movies, sports, beaches, seeking SF, for committed relationship. Ad# 3434

NEW TO AREA
SWF, 27, 5'11", 185lb., attractive, fun, sincere, romantic, humorous, likes country music, seeking attractive, slim SF, to show him around town. Ad# 9999

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES
SWM, 32, 5'11", 170lbs., athletic, outgoing, likes golf, camping, volleyball, canoeing, seeking adventurous, humorous SF, for dating, possible relationship. Ad# 3369

SENSE OF HUMOR PLEASE
SWM, 32, 5'8", dark hair/eyes, enjoys romantic nights, dining out, seeking loyal, honest, slim, attractive SWF, friends list. Ad# 9393

ANYTHING IN COMMON?
DWC, 53, 5'10", N/S, enjoys bowling, camping, dining out, travel, seeks SF, to share interests and possible relationship. Ad# 1541

SHARE HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS
Catholic SWM, 33, 6'2", 230lbs., N/S, very light drinker, home owner, a truly enjoy, enjoys baking, horseback riding, camping, reading, outdoors, seeks SF, a nice girl, for possible relationship. Ad# 2655

LOOKING TO SERVE GOD
SWM, 32, 5'11", 155lbs., evangelist, plays in Christian hard rock/alternative band, enjoys motorcycle riding, seeks SF, who is interested in being

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Novi runners win title

By SCOTT DANIEL
Sports Editor

The high school cross country season ended in early November. But that doesn't mean Katie Zimmerman stopped running. The Wildcat junior, along with several teammates, kept on going right through December.

Competing with the Sunset Striders, Zimmerman, Lorna Camp, Angel Bost, Kendra Matheny and Michelle Harrison won the USATF Junior Olympic National Cross Country Championship in Louisiana on Dec. 9.

"It's fun and you're with your friends," Zimmerman said of the competition and running with the Striders.

While going from the high school to USATF season may seem like a prescription for burnout, it's old hat for Zimmerman.

She's ran with the Striders in each of the past five years. It's a chance to stay in shape and remain close to her friends.

"We all get along really well," Zimmerman added.

The team, which also includes runners from Brighton, Holly and Hillsdale, began practicing right after the high school season. Without the aid of a coach, the Striders practiced nearly every day.

"We ran five miles a day, six days a week," Zimmerman commented.

That sounds like a lot, but it was as intense as high school workouts. Zimmerman said it takes while for herself and her teammates to get rejuvenated after the high school season.

"We were kind of tired in the beginning," she said.

Competition began in mid-November with the state quality. The Striders won that race and then went on to take the regional as well.

Having won the regional, the team qualified for the national finals in Baton Rouge, La. Zimmerman said the team arrived a few days early at the site and got in a few practices.

"The course was really nice," she said. "It had a lot of rolling hills."

Temperatures cooled down just enough, 55 degrees, to make race day perfect. It showed in the Striders' performance.



File photo by HAL GOULD

Katie Zimmerman led the Striders to a national title.

Zimmerman was the team's top finisher. She took 11th overall with a time of 19:14.

Camp finished 23rd in 19:49, Root 39th in 20:22, Matheny 40th in 20:23, Megan Osborn 41st in 20:23, Erica Ozansky 57th in 20:44 and Harrison was 106th in 21:41.6.

Zimmerman and Camp received medals for their performances. The Striders finished with 90 points, eight ahead of the second place team.

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Grapplers finish 2-3 at Pinckney tourney

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The Wildcat wrestling team returns to the mats today at home against Ann Arbor Huron and is bound to be a little rusty after the holiday break.

But not as rusty as they might have been. Novi participated in the Pinckney Team Tournament Dec. 22 and met with modest success.

The Wildcats ended up 2-3 on the day against some excellent competition. Coach Brad Huss said he was able to field a full lineup for the tournament, but some of his regulars were out.

As a result, the Wildcats had to put young wrestlers in at some weight divisions. Not surprisingly, Novi started off most matches in the hole.

"That's what's hurting us now," Huss said. "It's very difficult to come back from."

Novi started off with Kensington Valley Conference rival Howell on Dec. 22 and lost 54-24.

"I knew Howell would be good," Huss said. "But I don't think it will go that way later in the year."

The Wildcats were pinned in the first five matches and trailed 33-0 before getting on the score. Taka Watanabe grabbed a pin at 140 pounds.

Watanabe is currently 17-0 on the season and ranked second in the state in his weight division.

At 145 pounds, Nick Simon also got a pin for Novi, Skip Becker (171) and Kyle Bailey (heavy-weight) were Novi's other winners.

The Wildcats evened their tournament record in the second round by edging host Pinckney, 36-35.

Novi overcame a 12-0 deficit to win the match. Chris Christoff won by pin at 119 pounds. Joe Young took a 7-3 decision both. Watanabe, Simon, Wendt and Becker also won. Novi got forfeit victories at 215 pounds and heavyweight.

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"He did a nice job for us all day," said Huss.

Watanabe earned his third straight pin at 140 pounds. Bruner and Bailey had Novi's other two wins.

Novi, again, evened its record by beating Monroe 49-27 in round four. The difference in this match, Huss said, was avoiding falling behind.

The Wildcats got a forfeit victory at 103 pounds and were tied with Monroe 6-6 heading into the 119-pound match. Novi dominated from that point on.

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Wildcats will beat Harrison

Now that the holidays are behind us - thank goodness - it's time to get serious about basketball in Novi.



Scott Daniel

If you recall, our beloved Wildcats are off to a hot start. Wins over Walled Lake Western, Hartland, South Lyon and North Farmington gave Novi four wins against only one set back to Dearborn Divine Child before the break.

The Wildcats took that mark into last night's game with Walled Lake Central. Win or lose, Novi will be back in action tomorrow at Farmington Hills Harrison.

Let's look at the matchups. Point guard - Anell Kersey goes up against Cody Davis. Both players have different talents. Kersey runs the break well and is the best passer on either team. Cody, on the other hand, is a slasher offensively. He loves to take it to the hoop and can finish when he gets there.

Shooting guard - Mark Sander vs. Sean Kramer. Sander is the better offensive player (he's averaging better than 20 points per game) with unlimited range on his jumper and a good first step to the basket. Kramer is a blue collar player who plays good defense and scores more than you might think.

Center: Garrett Carter faces Novi's Pat Lyskawa. Hustle is what makes both of these players valuable. Carter doesn't stop until the whistle blows and

The Hawks went just 6-15 last year, but return a more experienced lineup this winter. Harrison has seven returning players.

Novi should match up well with Farmington Hills. The Hawks have an short on height with nobody over 6-foot-4.

Guards Kevin Bamberk and Doug Brodski are players to watch for. Also, 6-3 Matt Derocher averaged nine points as a freshman.

Defense, execution and a healthy Brian Cody are too much for the Hawks.

Prediction: Novi 55, Harrison 49

The Wildcats move on with a home game against Northville Tuesday.

Say what you will about the paper overblowing

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Success in soccer, lacrosse mark banner year for 'Cats

When today's Novi High students look back at 1995 a few decades from now they will, no doubt, remember it as one of the finest years in school athletic history.

Go down the list and you'll find almost every Wildcat team had a solid season. A state championship was won in lacrosse, both the girls and boys soccer teams were successful in the state playoffs, girls' basketball made a comeback and the gymnastics squad placed fifth in the state.

Great athletes gave Wildcat supporters plenty cheer about.

Jason Witherspoon ran the heck out of the football in September and October. Jason Fannon provided intensity in March while the Mikes, Sill and Hicks, owned late May. Lydia Raburn, Joe Schimizza, Jessica Kenny, Jon Wroe, Erin Bjerke, Taka Watanabe and Lorna Camp were just a few others that made the past 12 months fun at Novi High.

The following article takes a glance back at all of the Wildcat teams in '95:

WINTER

Gymnastics
Novi joined forces with Northville to field a strong first-year team.

Gymnastics had been offered at Northville High for years. But when that district was forced to cancel the sport during the 1993-94 school year, it looked for a partner to combine forces.

Novi filed the bill by paying for half of the costs and supplying enough athletes to form a whole team.

As a combined team, Northville/Novi competed in the Western Lakes conference and did very well to take second place.

In state competition, the combined team finished fifth in the state. Novi's Robyn was a strong contributor.

Stephanie Manza, Erica Winn, Mary Essary and Stacey Williamson were just a few of the team's

other major contributors.

Wrestling
Individually, Novi enjoyed some success in 1995. But as a team, it was a pretty forgettable year.

The Wildcats went 0-6 in the KVC and finished one place out of the basement. Then in the state tournament, Novi was knocked out by Baseline rival Northville.

But there were several bright spots.

Mark Lesperance and Mark McBride both won KVC titles. McBride and Taka Watanabe went on to make it to the state finals, but failed to place.

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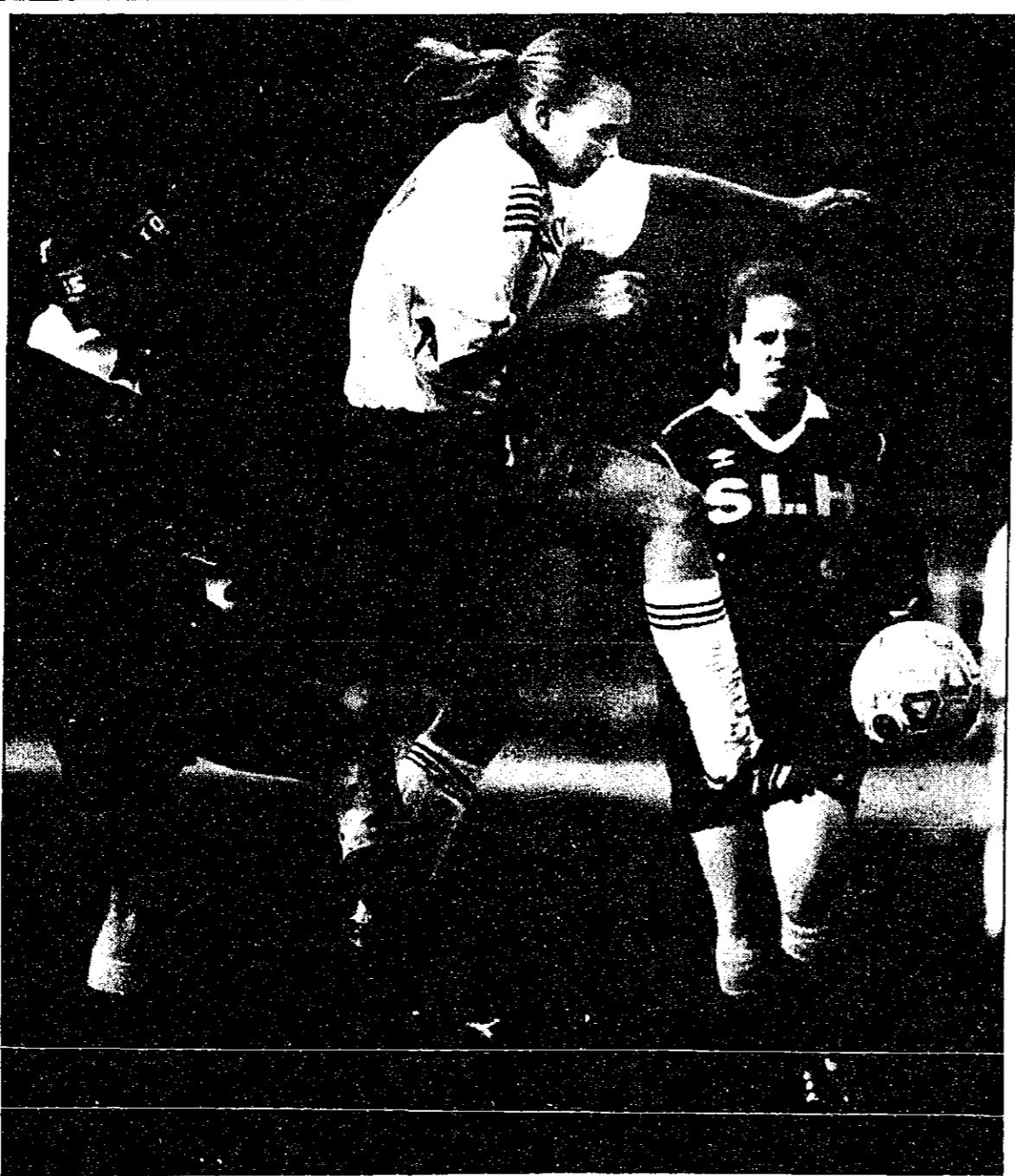
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Mandy McGilnenn helped lead the soccer team to a strong season last spring.

Wildcats find success in lacrosse, soccer in '95

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with a splendid 10-2 mark. In the state tournament, Novi ripped Northville then gave Canton everything it could handle before losing by a narrow margin.

Jon Wroe, Shawn Kelly, Pete Kronsblen, Chad Dicken and Jeff Kalstra were major contributors.

SPRING

Baseball
Ernie Bastian took over for longtime coach Brian Howard in what turned out to be a rebuilding year.

Pitching was the Wildcats' biggest downfall. Aside from lefthander Mitch Jabczynski, Novi didn't strike too much fear into enemy batters.

The Wildcats were also inconsistent offensively. Jon Wroe, who played an excellent center field, was bright spot as was infielder Jim Rose. Jerry Ayers also provided some pop in the lineup.

Boys Track
Not a great year, but not a bad one either for the runners.

Novi ended finishing third in the KVC. A strong stable of sprinters led the way.

Witherspoon, Todd Pajakovich, Ryan and Scott Keys, Chris Goss were key performers on the track. Damien Thompson and Eric Brandon also took turns dominating field events.

Thompson was adept at the hurdles and long jump. Brandon was an excellent vaultier. He, in fact, made the state finals in the event.

Tennis
One of the most unnoticed teams at the high school was the boys' tennis team. But they shouldn't have been.

All the Wildcats did was win a share of the KVC title. Novi took league titles in every doubles flight and at second singles with Rich Vandermass.

A strong lineup had other leaders besides Vandermass. Curt Speersneider, Steve Terensinski and Jim Tankersley were other top singles players.

Joel Mitchell, Scott Baetzers, Matt Lund, Chris Duprey, Nick Angolei, Chris Chirwin, Andy Schradler and Ryo Yamamoto were leading doubles players.

Softball
Playing in one of the best softball leagues in the state, Novi put together a respectable season.

The Wildcats were fourth in the Kensington Valley Conference and posted an overall record of 24-15. Novi went on to have a decent post season with a first round district win over Northville.

Erin Bjerke was the team leader. A right handed

hurler, she dominated more than a few games.

Melissa Strikulis, Shaw, Amy and Christine Edwards, Lindsay Drury and Kristen Sullivan were contributors at the plate.

The 1995 season was the last for coach John Peace.

Girls Track
It was a so-so year for the track squad.

After making improvements in each of the past two seasons, Novi dropped to fourth in the KVC. A lack of depth in several events may have led to the downturn.

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The team was led by Erin Vogel, Lisa Antuna,

Raburn, Kenny and Nikki Borashko.

FALL

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Michelle Pantalco, Jeannie Smith, Michelle Sweller and Meghan Mutch were other top swimmers.

Golf

For the linksters, 1995 wasn't the best of years.

Novi placed just fourth in the KVC. Overall, the Wildcats finished a fraction over the 300 mark at 5-4.

In post-season action, Novi didn't make it out of the regional. Jon Kobylarek had one of the few good rounds that day with a 79.

Boys' soccer
The kickers didn't have a great '95, but a very good one.

Only a 2-1 loss to Brighton kept Novi from winning the KVC title for the second straight year. In the state tournament, Novi beat an excellent Canton squad 1-0. After advancing to the district final, the Wildcats were eliminated by eventual state champ Salem, 4-0.

Standouts included: Schimizza, Dave Hart, Kevin Ansara, Brian Hibach, Adam Hagfors, Casey Bear, Dave York, Dave Stevens, Mark Schaefer and John McShane.

Basketball
After a seven win season in 1994, Novi improved to 11-10 under second-year coach Dennis Cichonksi last fall.

Injuries may have prevented an even bigger improvement. Kelly Kearney, Megan Barton and several other Wildcats missed part or all of the season with injuries.

Novi finished in the upper half of the KVC then went on to an early exit in the state playoffs. Livonia Ladywood ended the Wildcat season in the first round of the district tournament.

Top players included Kenny, Lindsay Drury, Katie Copp, Barton and Julie Britton.

Girls cross country
It was another great year for Norm Norgren's cross country team.

For the second straight year, the Wildcats won the KVC title. Novi beat out Brighton by a wide margin, in fact, for the crown, 35-52, at the league meet in October.

Lorna Camp returned from early season injury to win her second straight KVC championship. She won the race by six seconds with a blistering time of 19:44. Katie Zimmerman finished fourth and Angela Pelletier seventh in the race.

Novi qualified for the state final out of a tough Ann Arbor regional. After taking third in the state in 1994, the Wildcats wound up eighth in '95.

Novi faces uphill fight Tuesday night

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Lyskawa is scrappy under the

Edge: even.

Small forward - Ben Szostek vs. Chad Dicken for the Wildcats. An interesting matchup. Szostek has a height advantage, but Dicken can jump out of the gym. Dicken has a good baseline jumper and Szostek likes the top of the key. Both could score a lot of points.

Edge: Northville.

Power Forward - Kyle Hitchcock goes up against Tim Davis for Novi. Hitchcock is steady and plays pretty good defense while Davis is capable of a 15 or 18 point night.

Edge: Novi.

Bench - Phil Kozdron, John Melnes, Scott High, Jeff Arenz and John Woodsum all see regular playing time for Northville. 56.

Prediction: Northville 60, Novi 49

has been a pleasant surprise while Kozdron and Melnes have been good contributors.

For Novi, Kyle Kearney is the top sub. A shooting guard, the junior is explosive and could be a key factor in this game. Elliot Edmunds is the other main sub for the Wildcats. He's played pretty well, scoring some and getting some boards.

Edge: Novi.

The key to this game will be tempo. If the Wildcats try to run with Northville, it'll be over by half-time. If Novi slows it down, it could go either way.

Interestingly enough, Novi had good success against Turner last season when he coached at South Lyon.

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Hockey Hero
Novi resident Doran Willis ended 1995 on a high note. Playing Bantam A for the Plymouth Sting Rays, he was named tournament MVP over the weekend.

Willis played goaltender in all but one of the Sting Rays' games and finished with a 0.66 goals against average. He allowed just two goals in three games.

Football Champs
The Novi Wildcats capped off a great season a 14-8 victory over Ferrdale Best on Nov. 2 to clinch the Livingston-Oakland League championship. The 5-1 overall record maintains the high level of success the Wildcats have enjoyed recently. In the past three years, Novi has posted a 15-2-1 record during season play.

In the last game, the Wildcats found themselves in an 8-8 tie starting the fourth quarter. Taking nearly six minutes off the clock, Novi drove 80 yards with Adam DiBilasi taking it in from six-yards out. Throughout the final drive, great blocking by linemen Tim Steffanson, Charlie Staub, Ken Gee and Justin Fisher, along with lead blocking from fullback Jim Cavan, led the way. Ferrdale's last chance to score was thwarted by a Cas Werdia interception.

Team members included: quarterback Nick Slown, running backs Todd Greshaw, Tony Rose and Geoff Montano. The team was coached by Pete Cemate and John Cicchelli.

Become a soccer ref

If you are interested in becoming a soccer referee, the Novi Parks and Recreation department has two referee clinics scheduled. They are the USSF Soccer Referee Licensing Clinic on Jan. 27 and the Novi House Program Soccer Referee Clinic in March of 1996.

Both clinics will be held at the Novi Civic Center and pre-registration is required. Since space is limited, registrations will be accepted on a first come first serve basis. If you are interested in becoming an official for the fastest growing sport, please contact the Novi Parks and Rec department at (810)347-0400.

Motorsports Hall of Fame

The Motorsports Hall of Fame and Museum is seeking volunteers to serve as museum guides and to staff the gift shop. Volunteers select dates and times convenient to their schedule. Training sessions are conducted monthly. If you like racing, you'll love the Motorsports Hall of Fame. Students needing community service hours and retirees are welcome. For more information write or call Barb Flis, coordinator of volunteer activities, Motor Sports Hall of Fame, Novi Expo Center, P.O. Box 194, Novi, MI, 48376-0194, or call (810) 349-RACE.

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Kids need to fight fat, cholesterol

A growing number of children across the country should be making New Year's resolutions that traditionally have been relegated to adults: fighting flab and high cholesterol that could lead to early heart disease.

Some one in 500 American youngsters have dangerously high cholesterol levels of 250 or above, due either to bad genes or, increasingly, to a sedentary lifestyle paved with high-fat school lunches and few or no school exercise requirements - lethal combinations that can spell trouble when it comes to controlling lipid levels.

"It used to be that 80 percent of the kids we were seeing had high cholesterol due to genetics and the others were due to obesity. Now it's closer to 50-50," says Donald M. Black, M.D., director of the preventive cardiology clinic in the Division of Pediatric Cardiology at the University of Michigan Medical Center, one of a handful of such clinics in the country. "Kids are exercising less - it is less of a component in school curricula and less

important to adults...and kids now have not only television but Nintendo and Sega. They also eat too many high-fat, fast foods."

One of the major adversaries in the struggle against high cholesterol in kids is school lunches, says clinic dietitian Patricia J. Goshorn, R.D. According to a recent U.S. Department of Agriculture study, school lunches contain 25 percent too much fat and 100 percent too much sodium. The USDA has proposed a plan to improve the nutritional quality of school lunches by 1998, but until such changes are made, kids should bring healthy food from home, she says.

Another problem, says U-M certified exercise specialist Brenda L. Eakin, is the lack of exercise kids receive in school. Not only are gym classes scarce and getting scarcer (Michigan, for example, has no statewide requirement for physical education), but the nature of the activity does not often involve much exertion. "Parents think that gym class is active, but it's not,"

she says. Studies have found that there may be, at most, two minutes of continuous exercise in these classes.

Eakin helps clinic patients set up exercise logs with the aim of getting 120 minutes of aerobic activity a week, which can consist of 10 minutes here or there - shooting hoops, biking or playing tag (baseball and wrestling don't count). "Exercise should be fun, whether you are an adult or child," she says. She also recommends that kids fit exercise into their day whenever possible by walking to school and taking the stairs instead of the elevator. Older kids who drive also can benefit from parking at the far end of the parking lot or a block or two from their destination whenever safe and convenient.

"By limiting their risk factors now - by making some difference in their cholesterol even at this age - we can reduce their risk of heart disease later on," Black says.

When it comes to catching this condition early, however, a big

problem is that parents too often are oblivious to high lipid levels that may be lurking in their children's blood.

"Twenty years ago everyone thought that if someone was thin and athletic-looking they couldn't have high cholesterol," he says.

Now, however, it is known that a child with high cholesterol can be trim and fit; clogged arteries can be caused not only by obesity and a couch-potato lifestyle but also by an inherited inability to metabolize cholesterol, a disease called familial hypercholesterolemia.

For this reason, Black recommends that children with a family history of high cholesterol or heart disease have their cholesterol checked at age 2, as recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics.

This article was coordinated by the office of planning and marketing at the University of Michigan.

New year right time change old patterns



Jacquie Downs

Today is the first day of the rest of your life - right? Today could be the day to take on a new project, a healthy change in diet, or a new sport or fitness program. In fact, just the thought of all these options makes you want to drop the paper and get started. Well, maybe not.

The truth is that many of us are mired in old patterns. The responsibilities of family, jobs, bills and piles of unfinished work and projects often stop us from taking a new direction. We may awake to plans that get sidetracked within minutes. The

truth is that change comes hard, even health change.

It's common to resolve to lose weight, quit smoking or get more exercise at the start of the new year. The new calendar can be a catalyst for change. But without specific goals and a way to achieve them, the best intentions will not be realized. Where to start?

As a retail owner, I take a year-end physical inventory. When looking at the inventory on paper I am often amazed at what I have. Items that I thought sold well might actually not have sold well at all. Other items I had considered slow movers might have been selling well. Pre-conceived notions and personal biases have clouded my view of reality. The reality of the physical inventory on paper becomes the basis for the new year's plans and strategies.

The new year is a time to take an inventory of the good and bad aspects of your life and your

time is spent. How much time do you give to fitness, family and personal projects? How much time is spent watching television or working unproductively? Get out a notebook and put this inventory on paper. Don't just think about it - do it. You, too, may be surprised at the results.

Use these results to find time, shift priorities and reach the specific goals you have made. Then block out times that you will need to complete your plan of action. Now, go on out and attack the new year!

Randy Step is president and owner of the Running Fit stores in Novi, Northville and Ann Arbor. This column is coordinated by staff representing the University of Michigan Health Center in Northville.

Health Notes

Well Child Clinic

Oakland County Health Division's Child Health Conferences provide free ongoing care to keep children well from birth to school-entry age. Families who do not have an HMO or Medicaid may be eligible. Clinics are held at 14 locations throughout Oakland County.

Services include:

Heights and weights; head-to-toe physical examination; immunizations; vision, hearing and lab testing; growth and developmental screening; and counseling with referrals to physicians and area resources as needed.

Appointment is required. For more information, call:

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

St. Mary's Hospital

St. Mary's Hospital in Livonia will be offering the following classes in coming weeks:

Cancer education - The American Cancer Society's "I Can Cope" program for cancer patients, their family and friends will run from Feb. 6 through March 12. The free six week course will meet on Tuesdays from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the lower level conference room in the main hospital near the Five Mile Road entrance.

This course is designed to help patients, family members and friends learn how to take an active role in the cancer patient's treatment and recovery. Call (313) 591-2929 or (313) 432-8542 to register or for more information.

Stroke Risk Assessment - St. Mary's Hospital has been selected to serve as host site for HeartScore '96, a nationwide community program that will offer free blood pressure screening and stroke risk assessment. The screening will be held on Thursday, Feb. 8, from 2 to 6 p.m. in the hospital auditorium. The screening will include educational information about health, stroke and stroke prevention.

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

Taught by registered dietitian Linda DeVore, R.D., day and evening classes are available. The day class begins at 11 a.m. on Jan. 16. A complimentary orientation for the LifeSteps class will be held on Jan. 9 at 11 a.m. The evening class begins at 7 p.m. on Jan. 17. The orientation for the evening class begins at 7 p.m. on Jan. 10.

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

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

Held at St. Mary's Hospital in Livonia, this series of eight classes provides information on self care and successful management of diabetes.

Classes will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, Jan. 16 through Feb. 8. Registration is required. For more information or to register, call (313) 591-2922.

Breastfeeding basics

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

Cholesterol and vision screenings

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

Botsford Hospital

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

- Nutrition for Two: Baby and You (810) 477-6100.
- Aerobic Weight Training for Women (810) 473-5600.
- E-Z Yoga (810) 473-5600.
- Intermediate Water Aerobics (810) 473-5600.
- Kinetics Programs I and II (810) 473-5600.
- ABC of Weight Loss (810) 477-6100.
- Nutritional Tune-Up (810) 477-6100.
- Constipation and Diarrhea (810) 471-8020.
- Diabetes-Cize (810) 477-6100.
- Making the Most of Medicare. Call (810) 471-8028 after Dec. 15.
- Women in the '90s (810) 442-7986.
- Attitudinal Heading (810) 477-6100.
- Do You Know What Your Health Risks Are? (810) 477-6100.
- Weight on the Run (810) 473-5600.
- Diabetes and You (810) 477-6100.
- Stress Management: Trying to Keep It Together (313) 537-1110.
- Cholesterol Connection (810) 477-6100.
- Positive Living Workshop (810) 477-6100.
- PowerStop (810) 477-6100.

• Cholesterol and Vision Screening (810) 477-6100.

• Pre-Marital Counseling, State laws require counseling about the transmission and prevention of sexually transmitted diseases. Preregistration is required. Call (810) 477-6100 or (313) 537-1110.

Free blood pressure checks

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

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

Health education library

Providence Hospital and Medical Centers is now making its health education library open to the public.

The library has books, video tapes, computer databases, pamphlets and anatomical models available to the public which can be used to learn about illnesses, medications, parenting skills or other health issues.

The library is located at Providence Medical Center-Providence Park, 47601 Grand River, and is open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call (810) 380-4110 for more information.

Physician referral service

Are you new in the community? Do you need to find a doctor and can't determine the best way to start your search?

The Physician Referral Service of Providence Hospital and Medical Centers is available to assist individuals in finding a physician who can meet the specific needs or criteria of the individual.

The service is free of charge and can be reached by calling 1-800-968-5595.

The staff of Physician Referral Services can help locate physicians by specialty or location, finding an office close to your home or work. They can even match individuals with physicians who participate in particular insurance plans. Callers can also receive information on support groups and health education classes and lectures.

For referral services, call 1-800-968-5595.

Flu shots

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

The 1995 flu vaccine protects against three viral strains, A/Texas, A/Johannesburg and B/Harbin. The pneumococcal vaccine provides protection for 23 types of pneumonia. The flu vaccine costs \$3 and the pneumonia vaccine cost \$7 or covered by Medicaid or Medicare. In order to do the insurance billing, please bring a picture ID and all insurance cards with you.

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