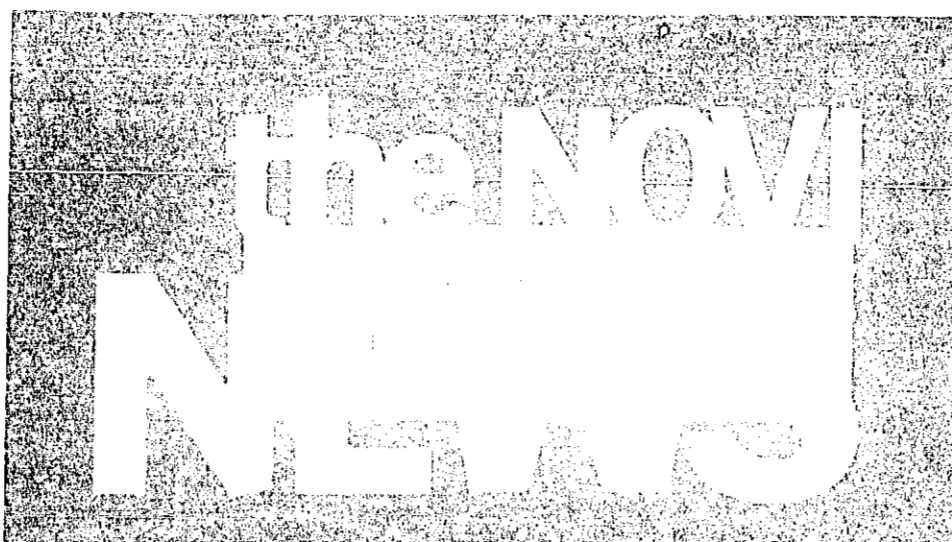


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Novi school board moves ahead with new schedule

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

Teachers breathed a sigh of relief, clasped hands and patted their leader Paula Joyner-Clinard on the back in congratulations.

After more than two years of study and nearly two months of presentations, the Novi High School teachers involved in the Restructuring Committee got their wish: a new school day at the high school.

The seven member Novi School Board voted unanimously Jan. 18 to approve the recently proposed high school block schedule, including a seminar period. It will begin the 1996-97 school year on a pilot basis for a period of not more than four years.

"The pressure is going to shift from this table to you people," trustee George Korlandt told the teachers.

Although board members said they hadn't come prepared to take a vote, the teachers' cooperation in responding to questions gave them enough confidence to send the plan through.

"How long is this going to go on?" asked President Craig Foreback. "You're always going to have more questions."

He commended the teachers for their ability to problem-solve and move quickly to find answers to board questions.

Teachers attended the meeting

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Eric Saurer (left) and Matt Duprey created an entire city from recyclable materials.

Photo by BOB JACKSON

Welcome to 'Dupreyville'

Novi students design city of the future

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

It's a city like none ever seen before in the history of the world.

It's made of tin can tops, lipstick containers, laundry detergent caps and film canisters.

It's in a world created not by the Big Bang theory, but in the mind of a young Novi Middle School student.

Seventh grader, Matt Duprey entered the Detroit Future City Competition with one idea in mind: to create a city using the most recyclable materials available.

"They make interesting shapes for building," said Duprey's teammate Eric Saurer.

The competition, sponsored by The Society of Manufacturing Engineers and ESD - The Engineering Society, was held at Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn last Thursday and featured 35 schools and 105 seventh and eighth graders.

All the students first designed their cities using SimCity computer software. They competed to apply math and science while using imagination to develop solutions to problems facing cities.

Duprey was chosen to represent Novi Middle School with his design of Dupreyville, a city with nature preserves, subdivisions, an underground train and an airport with a working tram to take people from terminal to terminal. Duprey chose

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Cities put up to repair Beck interchange

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

First they asked, then they begged.

And now, Novi, Wixom and Providence-Novu are laying out hard cash in an attempt to convince the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) to speed up the multi-million dollar reconstruction of the Beck Road and Wixom Road freeway interchanges.

Monday, the Novi City Council agreed to chip in \$14,000 as its portion of a three-way split of \$42,000 to hire attorney David Lick, who will help the two cities and Providence in setting up a public/private corporation which may acquire rights-of-way for the roadwork.

"We're convinced that after working with an ad hoc committee for over two years, if we're serious about moving this project, we need to bring someone like Mr. Lick on board," Novi City Manager Ed Kriewall said.

"If he can move this project up one year, it's money well spent. Road building is very inflationary as is land acquisition. We know how land prices gallop upwards."

For the past two years, an "ad hoc" committee consisting of Novi and Wixom officials, Providence representatives, state elected officials, Oakland County Commissioners and a staffer from Congressman Joe Knollenberg, R-Bloomfield's office has met monthly to try to push the pro-

jects through.

■ **The Haggerty Connector** gets top priority from the state and region as money is siphoned from other projects to extend M-5 to Fourteen Mile. The story appears on page 9A.

"Simply focusing a large special interest group on any given project tends to build the circle of influence in terms of making it a reality. We have at least moved this project into the five-year window for construction," Kriewall noted in a memo to the council.

"Our new goal would be to move it even closer by accomplishing certain tasks."

He explained that the state lacks funds needed to match a federal grant for the work. The committee's goal now is to raise not only the local match for a federal grant, but MDOT's match as well. To do this, the aim is to assemble much of the rights-of-way for the roadwork.

Several Wixom developers have indicated a willingness to donate some of the needed land, Kriewall said.

Kriewall said the committee is now attempting to model itself after a Romulus group of developers who managed to get state money for the I-94/Vining Interchange, after a substantial contribution from the private sector.

Novi picked as home of unique soccer complex

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Slide tackle this. The northwest corner of Grand River Avenue and Meadowbrook Road could be home to what is billed as the world's first four-field indoor soccer complex.

"We're unique in the industry in what we're developing. It is the largest and only kind in the world. Obviously, this is an investment of several million dollars," Mike Garrett, president of the Kalamazoo-based SoccerZone, told the Novi City Council Monday.

"Indoor soccer is very new."

The goal is for SoccerZone to open here as early as fall 1996 in a two-acre building housing the professional caliber fields. It's possible that in-line roller skate hockey would be offered there during the summer season, Garrett said.

A former college player, Garrett played professional soccer with a

number of teams, including the Kalamazoo Kangaroos, the Memphis Americans and the Toledo Pride.

SoccerZone began business in 1989, opening the following year in Kalamazoo a two-field indoor soccer complex. A second followed in Lansing in 1994 and a third the Grand Rapids area in 1995.

In Grand Rapids, the fields are rented to boys', girls', men's, women's and co-ed teams. The registration fee per team there is \$630. Individuals who don't have a team can sign up for the house teams at \$50 per each eight-game season. SoccerZone also offers training clinics, soccer camp and field rentals for birthday parties.

"We have been working very feverishly behind the scenes to put all the components together to do this," Garrett said.

The facility would need variances from the city's Zoning Board of Appeals to be built on

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Sheraton sold to partnership

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

An Oklahoma City-based corporation thinks Novi is an OK place to do business, so much so that they've signed an option to purchase the Novi Sheraton Oaks Hotel for \$8.65 million.

The soon-to-be owners are the Novi Hotel Fund Limited Partnership, a spin-off of Southern Hospitality, Inc., which owns 12 hotels, primarily in Oklahoma, Texas and Arizona.

Any changes to the Sheraton Oaks will be in the upward direction, Robert Slater, president of Southern Hospitality and one of the new owners, said.

"We're in the process of reviewing what we'll do. After we acquire the hotel, we'll put together a budget," Slater explained.

"The hotel is running 77 percent occupancy, so obviously it's not in trouble. We're going to try to continue on with the good strong management in place."

Monday, the Novi City Council agreed to the transfer of the

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Weather really doesn't matter

The rest of the country may be getting pelted with snowstorms this year, but you can't buy the stuff here in Novi. So the Chilly Willy Festival, the city's annual break from the winter doldrums, went off without snow this past weekend. But it didn't seem to matter for those who participated — they had fun anyway. At left, 8-year-old Deanna Albanelli takes a shot during the Super Score-O competition, trying to win tickets to a Detroit Vipers hockey game. More photos appear on page 7 of today's edition.

Photo by SUE SPILLANE

Community Calendar

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

Thursday, January 25

Optimist Club

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

Saturday, January 27

4-H Horse Club

The Novi Trailblazers 4-H Horse Club meets at 11 a.m. in the Lower Conference area of Tollgate Farms-MSU Educational Facility, Novi and Twelve Mile roads. All ages and experience levels are welcome. For more information, contact Susan Smith at (810) 624-0452.

Sunday, January 28

American Legion Breakfast

Sons of American Legion Post 224 host a country breakfast at the VFW Hall, 2652 Loom Lake Rd. in Whitom from 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Cost is \$4 for adults and \$2 for children under 12 years of age. The public is welcome. For additional information call 624-9742.

Tuesday, January 30

Contest deadline

The Northville Town Hall Board of Directors will meet at 10 a.m. at Our Lady of Victory Church.

Wednesday, January 31

Contest deadline

Ballots for the City of Novi bird and tree selections are due. Clip and complete the ballot in *The Novi News* and return to the Public Information Department, Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Rd., Novi, 48375. Ballots must be postmarked January 31 or earlier.

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Thursday, February 1

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, February 5

City Council

The Novi City Council is scheduled to meet in regular session at 8 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Novi Civic Center.

Health tests

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

Village Oaks PTO (VOICE)

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

TOPS

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

Motor City Speak Easy Toastmasters

The Motor City Speak Easy Toastmasters Club meets from 7-9 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 777 W. Eight Mile. For more information call Tom Lahiff at 348-8019 (evenings). Visitors are welcome.

Tuesday, February 6

Seniors meeting

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

Middle School PTO

The Novi Middle School PTO meets at 7:15 p.m. in the school Media Center.

Menopause Support Group

Providence Medical Center's Conference Center, 47601 Grand River Ave., hosts a monthly menopause support group from 7:30-9 p.m. for women with concerns about menopause. Call 380-4115 for more information.

Board of Appeals

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

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.

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Twelve Oaks plans mall renovations

By JAN JEFFRES and WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL Staff Writer

Parents will have a low cost way to bribe their youngsters into hitting the mall, even when the Saturday morning cartoons are on. Twelve Oaks Mall will soon be installing a fancy, foam-padded children's play area in the Lord & Taylor court.

"It's a great place for parents to rest their feet and burn off that energy they always have," Twelve Oaks General Manager Phil Morosco said.

"Most of the comments we hear from the parents is they can use it as a bargaining chip when they want to go to the mall and the kids don't want to go."

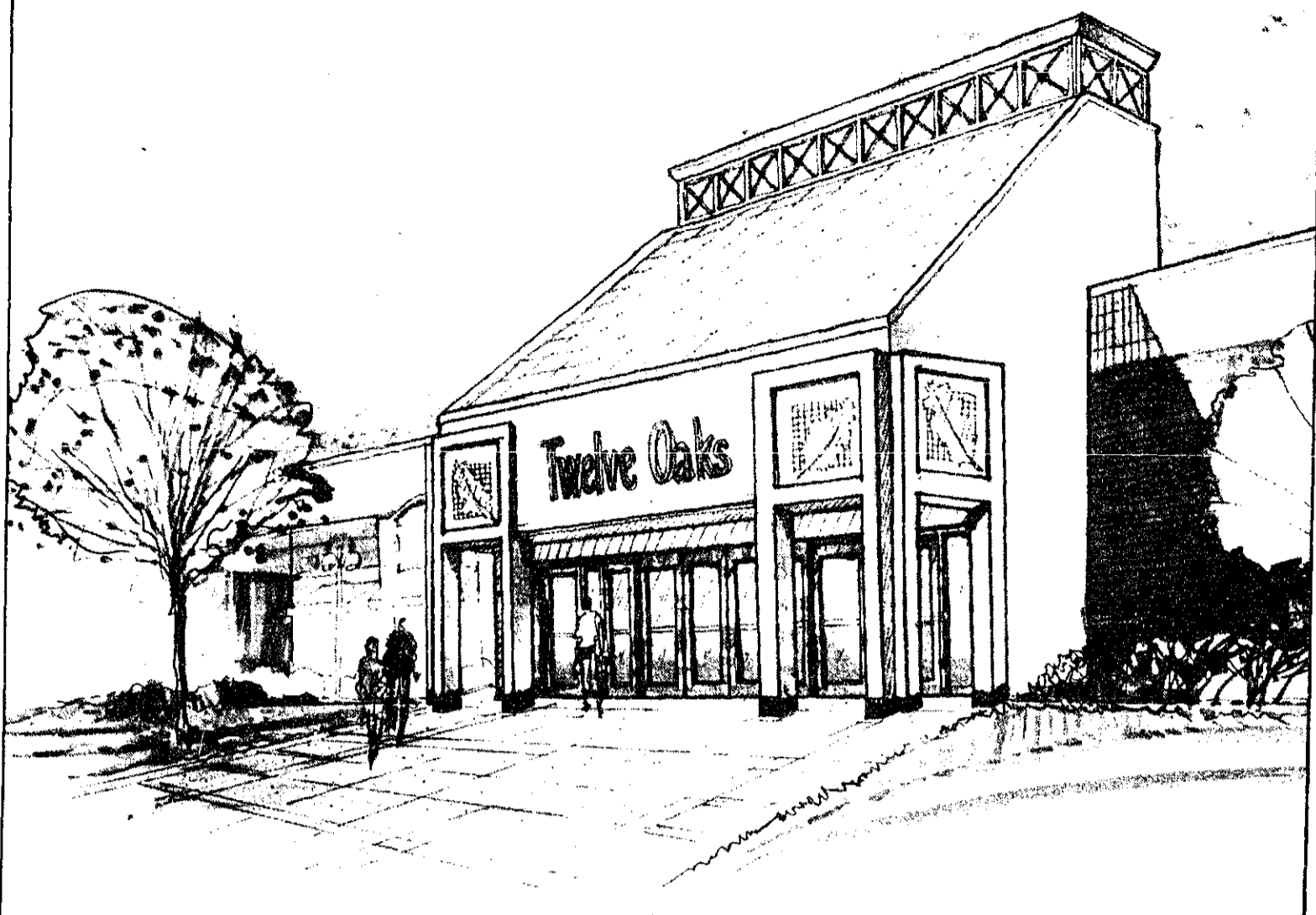
The 1970s-era mall will soon undergo an approximately \$10 million or so facelift to bring it into the 1990s, in time for its 20th anniversary next year.

"I could swing a million or two either way, depending on how aggressive we end up being," Morosco said.

Most of refurbishing is "customer-friendly" and "consumer-driven," he explained.

Among the staff customers will likely find friendlier will be a new family restroom, which will enable someone to accompany a spouse in a wheelchair or a young child on that necessary errand.

"If you happen to be a father with a 4-year-old daughter who doesn't feel comfortable taking her into the men's room or letting her go into the women's room by herself, you can go in the family




An artist's rendition of the new look of the Twelve Oaks shopping center entrances.

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Bomb threat made at convention

A group of horsemen at odds over money with another horseman's organization was the subject of a bomb threat during a convention held at the Hilton Hotel Jan. 19.

The acting manager and head of security for the Hilton received a call at about 7:30 p.m. The caller told the manager an unknown person would be bringing in a small bomb to be placed by "a lot of people" in the ballroom occupied by the Michigan Harness Horseman's Association, according to police.

The caller had no demands, threats or specific instructions.

Police said the manager cleared the room of more than 400 people by telling them to take a break. The room was investigated and cleared. Nothing was found.

The meeting was resumed and members informed of the threat. The meeting continued as planned.

The head of the organization said he thought it could be another group of horsemen. The groups have been at odds with each other over money allocated by a state legislator.

BB GUN DAMAGE
The owner of a Ford Festiva and a tan Escort parked her vehicles in the street in front of her home on Villageview Jan. 9. At about midnight she said she heard voices outside, according to the police

Police News

STOLEN VEHICLE
A call on an abandoned gray car on North Hills Drive led police to discover a stolen vehicle.

Police said the 1985 Honda Accord was recently stolen from Toledo. Police called Kolar's Collision to come for the car and notified the owner who was to pick up the vehicle. The car showed no signs of damage.

WELCOME HOME
A new Novi resident went to Chicago for the weekend Jan. 5 and came home to find his Macintosh laptop computer pilfered from his home in the Springs Apartments.

Police said there was no sign of forced entry. The suspects may have used a key or the door may have been unlocked, police concluded. Nothing else was missing from the apartment despite camera equipment and jewelry in the home.

The man said the computer screen had two burn marks from airport X-ray machines.

STOLEN AUTO
Police recovered a yellow 1995 Ford Mustang stolen from the home of a Novi resident on Wellington on Dec. 30.

Police said the car was the second such Mustang stolen from the area that day. Detroit Police found the car with severe damage to the steering column, the leather seats removed and the airbags stolen.

SURPRISE GIFT INCLUDED
A Novi man surprised the owner of a Ford Escort the night of Jan. 2.

The owner, his car parked in the driveway of his home on Shadybrook, went to the front door about 5 a.m. after he heard his dark begin barking. When he saw the young white male laying in the front seat he yelled at him, said police.

EASY ACCESS
The young man jumped out of the car and screamed back "I'm going to kill you" and ran down the street.

The homeowner said the male was about 6 feet tall and wearing black clothing.

STOLEN MUSTANG
The owner of a white 1974 Ford Mustang worth \$22,000 won't be tooting around town for a while.

Unknown suspects made off with the car the night of Jan. 7 from the Westgate VI Apartments, said police. Also in the car was a pair of men's sunglasses.

JUST CHILLIN'
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Tax Forms
1995 tax forms are now available at the Novi Public Library. The library carries a large number of tax forms, and residents should call (810) 349-0720 to find out if it has the forms they need.

Your Child's Tonsillitis
A children's health lecture entitled "Your Child's Tonsillitis/Ear Infection - What Do They Mean?" will be presented by J. Weingarten, M.D. on Thursday, Feb. 1 at 7:30 p.m. in Conference Room D of Providence Medical Center located at 47601 Grand River. Pre-registration is required. Please call 1-800-968-5595 for more information.

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Northville's ACORD to address racism in program
The difficult and sensitive issue of racism will be addressed in a 9-week program offered by A Community Organization Recognizing Diversity (ACORD).

The workshops begin Monday, Jan. 23, and will take place each successive Monday from 7-9 p.m. in room 114 at Northville High School.

There is no charge to attend. ACORD chairperson Connie Orr said that Jim Waslawski from the Institute for the Healing of Racism will head up the discussions. Topics include deflating racism and prejudice, stereotyping, how racism is perpetuated, unaware racism, achieving unity and ally building.

"Coming to this doesn't mean you're declaring you're a racist," said Orr, an African American. "We all harbor our own opinions and feelings, most of which we got when we were kids. One of our missions is to help bring education to the community."

Orr, who lives in Novi and sends her children to Northville public schools, said she became motivated to join ACORD due to a racial incident involving one of her children. She added that the incident was effectively handled by the school principal and that there have been few repeats.

"I feel my children are well grounded and enjoy their school experience. It's been years since any of them came home with any problem."

The Institute for the Healing of Racism is able to provide the workshop series due, in part, to a grant from the Race Relations Committee of New Detroit Inc.

Novi Briefs

Ski-dadde

Cross country ski trails are open to the ski-owning public at the Novi Tree Farm. The Avalanche Trail, with its blue markings, is 1.8 miles long and the Sherwood Trail, with the green markings, is a substantial 2.8 miles long. Now, for a little snow...

O, Tannenbaum

Not only the evergreens are green at the Novi Tree Farm park, which is proving a rather lucrative purchase for the city. This year, 1,085 Christmas trees were sold from Nov. 25 to Dec. 17, bringing in a net profit of just under \$24,000. The total net profit over the past three years the city has owned the land and sold the trees is \$72,500. The Parks and Recreation Commission Chairman Bob Pfeiffer recently reported to the Novi City Council.

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Call Novi Community Education at 449-1206 to register.

Tax Forms

1995 tax forms are now available at the Novi Public Library. The library carries a large number of tax forms, and residents should call (810) 349-0720 to find out if it has the forms they need.

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The Log Book

The following is a complete list of the emergency runs of the Novi Fire Department for the week ending Jan. 21. Each incident is listed by type, location, time and the engine and squad number which responded to the call.

MONDAY, JAN. 8
Medical, 45182 West Road, 1:55 a.m., Squad 2.
Medical, 13825 West Oaks, 2:19 p.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 45182 West Road, 3:14 p.m., Squad 2.
Stand by, Country Place, 9 a.m., Response 510.
House fire, 132 Mandlin, 4:43 p.m., Engines 1 and 2.
Investigation, 41711 Birchhart, 7:10 p.m., Engine 3.

TUESDAY, JAN. 9
Medical, 45297 Duabarton, 12:45 a.m., Squad 3.
Fire alarm, 41039 Belmont, 7:46 a.m., Engines 1 and 2.
Medical, 1523 West Lake, 8:28 a.m., Squad 2.
Medical, 27500 Novi Road, 8:06 p.m., Squad 1.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 10
Medical, 45182 West Road, 7:32 p.m., Squad 2.
Medical, 25667 Monroe, 8:07 p.m., Squad 1.
Fire alarm, 24062 Taft Road, 9:27 p.m., Engines 1 and 3.

THURSDAY, JAN. 11
Medical, 26700 Wixom Road, 7:24 a.m., Squad 3.
Investigation, 24416 Venice, 9 a.m., Squad 4.
Investigation, 38471 Twelve Mile Road, 9:45 a.m., Engine 1.
Injury accident, 1396 and Beck Road, 3 p.m., Squad 1.
Building fire, 21390 Glen Haven, 7:33 p.m., Engine 3, Squad 3.

FRIDAY, JAN. 12
Medical, 24569 Old Orchard, 3:47 a.m., Squad 1.
Wires down, 39900 Eight Mile Road, 4:45 a.m., Engine 3.
Fuel spill, Eight Mile and Chase, 7:47 a.m., Engine 3.
Medical, 30500 Orchard Hill, 9:02 a.m., Squad 3.
Service, 144 Pickford, 10:38 a.m., Squad 2.
Injury accident, Haggerty and Eight Mile, 12:02 p.m., Squad 3.
Stand by, Stonehenge, 1:03 p.m., Response 510.
Service, 144 Pickford, 1:05 p.m., Squad 2.

SATURDAY, JAN. 13
Injury accident, Novi and Nine Mile Road, 12:40 a.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 27550 Novi Road, 5:57 p.m., Squad 1.

SUNDAY, JAN. 14
Injury accident, 1538 West Lake, 12:40 p.m., Squad 2.
Fire alarm, 43350 Novi Road, 2:43 p.m., Engines 1 and 2.
Medical, 1396 and Beck Road, 2:44 p.m., Squad 1.
Injury accident, Berk and Ten Mile Road, 3:29 p.m., Squad 4.
Medical, 30233 Celeste, 4:03 p.m., Squad 2.
Mailbox fire, 27500 Novi Road, 4:21 p.m., Engine 1.
Injury accident, 196 and Beck Road, 5:07 p.m., Squad 1.
Investigation, 39977 Crosswinds, 10:05 p.m., Engine 3.

MONDAY, JAN. 15
Fire alarm, 47601 Grand River, 7:36 a.m., Engines 1 and 4.
Medical, 144 Pickford, 6:50 p.m., Squad 2.

TUESDAY, JAN. 16
Fire alarm, 43155 Nine Mile Road, 8:03 a.m., Engines 1 and 3.
Stand by, Stonehenge, 9:04 a.m., Response 510.
Medical, Meadowbrook and Ten Mile, 12:06 p.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 22663 Cranbrook, 2:25 p.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 22581 Sheridan, 3:12 p.m., Squad 4.
Medical, 33 Ferhoolde, 3:23 p.m., Squad 1.
Electric fire, 27000 Napier, 5:06 p.m., Engine 4.
Injury accident, Novi Road and Twelve Mile, 5:15 p.m., Squad 1.
Trailer fire, 24505 Meadowbrook, 5:26 p.m., Engines 1 and 3.
Vehicle fire, Eight Mile and Haggerty, 7:40 p.m., Engine 2.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 17
Investigation, 1730 Paramount, 6:46 a.m., Engine 2.
Medical, 45182 West Road, 8:26 a.m., Squad 2.
Medical, 26139 Novi Road, 11:30 a.m., Squad 1.
Medical, Scars at Twelve Oaks, 12:24 p.m., Squad 1.
Fuel spill, Grand River and Novi Road, 2 p.m., Engine 1, Response 508.
Medical, 30820 Golden Ridge, 2:52 p.m., Squad 2.
Car fire, 196 and 1275, 2:33 p.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 45125 Ten Mile Road, 3:27 p.m., Squad 3.

THURSDAY, JAN. 18
Medical, 34145 Wellington, 12:54 a.m., Squad 2.
Medical, 39607 Rotary, 2:28 a.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 43572 Scenic, 7:08 a.m., Squad 3.
Medical, Meadowbrook and Ten Mile, 12:06 p.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 22663 Cranbrook, 2:25 p.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 22581 Sheridan, 3:12 p.m., Squad 4.
Medical, 33 Ferhoolde, 3:23 p.m., Squad 1.
Electric fire, 27000 Napier, 5:06 p.m., Engine 4.
Injury accident, Novi Road and Twelve Mile, 5:15 p.m., Squad 1.
Trailer fire, 24505 Meadowbrook, 5:26 p.m., Engines 1 and 3.
Vehicle fire, Eight Mile and Haggerty, 7:40 p.m., Engine 2.

FRIDAY, JAN. 19
Investigation, 1730 Paramount, 6:46 a.m., Engine 2.
Medical, 45182 West Road, 8:26 a.m., Squad 2.
Medical, 26139 Novi Road, 11:30 a.m., Squad 1.
Medical, Scars at Twelve Oaks, 12:24 p.m., Squad 1.
Fuel spill, Grand River and Novi Road, 2 p.m., Engine 1, Response 508.
Medical, 30820 Golden Ridge, 2:52 p.m., Squad 2.
Car fire, 196 and 1275, 2:33 p.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 45125 Ten Mile Road, 3:27 p.m., Squad 3.

SATURDAY, JAN. 20
Medical, 31245 Wellington, 5:31 a.m., Squad 2.
Car fire, Expo Center Parking, 6:40 p.m., Engine 1.
Investigation, 43820 Algonquin, 11:31 p.m., Engine 3.

SUNDAY, JAN. 21
Medical, 21111 Haggerty, 12:20 a.m., Squad 2.
Medical, 45182 West Road, 6:27 a.m., Squad 2.
Fire alarm, TGI Friday's in Town Center, 9:31 a.m., Engines 1 and 2.
Medical, 22663 Cranbrook, 10:54 a.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 43700 Expo Center Drive, 2:47 p.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 21800 Heatherbrae, 4:38 p.m., Squad 3.
Injury accident, Ten Mile and Taft Road, 8:43 p.m., Squad 4.
Medical, 45182 West Road, 10:46 p.m., Squad 2.

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Boasting leads to arrests for theft of deliveries

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL Staff Writer

Too much boasting led police to discover more than \$4,000 worth of stolen merchandise in the home of a 16-year-old Novi boy this month.

Det. David Molloy said the boy and three of his friends, ages 16 and 15 all from Novi, had been starting out UPS deliveries to homes in the Maples of Novi in November and December.

The group would follow the trucks around the neighborhood to find deliveries left on the front porches. The boys would then take the packages if no one answered the door to get the packages.

The boys collected the merchandise, kept what they wanted, threw unwanted items in a field and even gave some of the stolen goods as Christmas gifts, said police.

The scam was going off without a hitch because most people had no idea their presents were being stolen. In fact, only one police report of a missing item was filed by police.

But the 16-year-old Walled Lake Western student who traveled to Missouri during the Christmas holidays told some old friends of the plan, gave them a demonstration, which eventually led police in that town to call Novi law enforcement.

"He got greedy, showing off a bit," said Molloy. "But it all caught up with him in the long run."

Molloy said the United Parcel Service had also contacted Novi Police to report a number of packages missing from delivery drop-offs in the Maples of Novi. With some investigation, detectives were able to track down the four boys.

"They did not snitch each other out," said Molloy.

When parents of the 16-year-old led police through the home, Molloy said they discovered thousands of dollars worth of wine glasses, clothes, telephones, model toys and candy tins, among other things.

"I was surprised at the amount of merchandise they had," said Molloy.

He said police were most concerned about whether the boys had attempted to use credit card numbers gathered from the packages to make other purchases.

"People don't realize all the stuff you get through delivery out there that contains credit card numbers, telephone numbers," said Molloy.

Molloy said the parents have worked closely with the department and have been "very supportive."

He said UPS also helped to clear the case.

The three Walled Lake Western High School students will be petitioned in juvenile court this week.

The Novi High School student, 15, was figured to be a bystander and will be assigned to Novi Youth Assistance.



Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

The city in miniature

The kindergarten class at Parkview along with their parents designed and built a miniature City of Novi in the hallway outside their classroom, on display Wednesday, Jan. 17. The 3-D

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A Chilly Willy weekend

The Chilly Willy Festival at the Novi Civic Center over the weekend included activities for everyone, despite the lack of snow. At far left, ice sculptor Chris Sokolowski shapes a block of ice outside the Civic Center during the ice carving portion of the event. Near left, 3-year-old John Shoop does some painting at one of the Imagination Stations in the community room during the festival. The Imagination Stations give youngsters a special chance to showcase their talents during the festival. But perhaps the most important part of the program is the chili tasting contest. Lower left, chili judge Charley Staab tastes one of seven entries during the judging of the chili cook off. Rocky's of Northville dished up the first place chili this year. The bowls in which Rocky's chili was served were made from corn meal and were also edible.

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Ice arena gets go-ahead

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

At age 12, Curtis Russell already has some of his future planned. The local middle-schooler is shooting to play hockey on the Novi High School team. The fact that there's not yet a Novi High School hockey team doesn't faze him a bit.

"That's because the Novi City Council unanimously shared into a development agreement with Center Ice Management Inc. Monday that will ultimately lead to a two-rink arena here. If all goes as planned, it could open in July 1997."

"I think it's good, it's great that they're going to do this," said Curtis, who currently belongs to the first place Pee Wee B team, the Southfield Dakotas.

The way the whole thing works is that Center Ice Inc. and the City of Novi will unite to get the arena built with an act to be appointed board of trustees for Novi Community Clubs. About 15 acres of

city land, likely on Twelve Mile Road, will be leased for 20-years to the facility. To build the estimated \$6.5 million complex, Novi Community Clubs will issue revenue bonds and use its income as a payback. The bonds will be backed by the club's credit, not that of the City of Novi.

"Almost four years ago, an ice arena was first proposed. Many more people in this community who have children have supported it," Council Member Nancy Cassis said.

"Any project is not without its risks. Sometimes you have to take a certain leap of faith and have confidence in the work of the people who have come before you."

The next step is for the Novi City Council to appoint eight members of the board of trustees, with an additional trustee to come from Center Ice Management. The city is expected to seek volunteers with backgrounds in finance, law, management and ice sports.

"They will oversee the designing

of the facility, said Center Ice Management's Terry Seyler. Center Ice has the contract to design, build and manage the project.

From there, the arena will go through the city's site plan approval process.

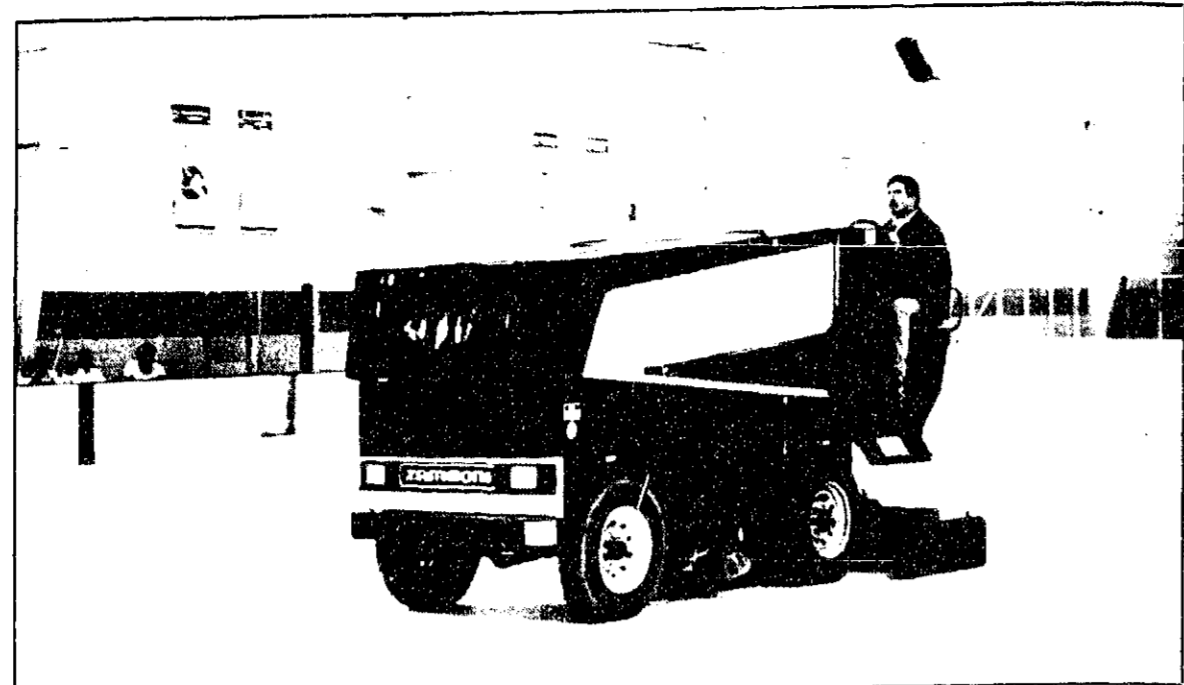
Before the council would agree to the set-up, the council held out for assurances that if the arena goes bankrupt, the city land would not go to the bond holders.

"There's no way the city can lose its land. The collateral is solely the income derived from the operation of the rink," Seyler said.

Monday night's meeting brought out a horde of eager Pee Wee hockey players — many with their jerseys hanging past their knees — and their parents.

A local rink is expected to save time spent on the road for hockey and figure skating moms and dads. One hockey parent/chauffeur enthusiastic about the new arena is Jeff Russell, Curtis's dad.

"It's about time," he said after the council decision.



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Novi chosen for SEMCOG land use research

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

The path Novi's future takes could be a model for other communities statewide.

This city is one of 15 Michigan pilot communities selected this month for a study on the public costs and public impact of land use changes commissioned by the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG). As an outcome of the project, SEMCOG hopes to be able to predict a municipality's future, based on what planning direction is taken.

"We hope to be able to say, 'If you're a community of 15,000 and expect to grow by ten percent over the next five years, you're like Community A and here's what they experienced... The reason we are doing this is communities are attempting to manage their growth,'" said Patrick Brunett, SEMCOG Land Use and Environmental Program Manager.

"One of the questions that continues to be asked by the general public and public officials is what is the benefit to us if we do this? Why should we take on the burden of managing our growth?"

Research will be done by a team from Michigan State University and New Jersey's Rutgers University Center for Urban Policy Research. Novi was selected as an example of a fast-developing suburban community — but not every city official is glad their hometown made the cuts.

Forty municipalities volunteered to take part in the study, but most were weeded out. The pilot communities, which also include in southeast Michigan the townships of Canton, Pittsfield, Macomb and Harrison, were chosen based on geographic distribution, relative growth, populations and potential

to experience one or more problems of growth.

Preliminary results are anticipated in June and the final report is scheduled to be delivered in September.

"They are going to try to tell us what all this means," Novi City Manager Ed Kriewald said.

"This is really going to be an unbiased, apolitical look at statistics and what they mean for a community."

Monday, Council Member Robert Schmid expressed his trepidation about the project.

"I'm not thrilled with SEMCOG and their motivation as relates to urban sprawl and their motivation towards the outlying communities. They adhere to keeping development within the City of Detroit," Schmid said. "It will be unbiased. It will be SEMCOG's position. SEMCOG is not a friend of Novi or any other suburban area."

Rutgers professor Robert Brunett, considered the national expert on land use changes, will be working on the project, Brunett said. Similar studies have been conducted by Rutgers researchers in New Jersey and Delaware analysts.

While projections will fall to the Rutgers group, MSU land use experts will look at the actual costs and revenue experiences in the pilot communities over the last ten years.

"They'll look at actual data and attempt to draw some conclusions," Brunett said.

Information to be collected from Novi for use in the study includes population and employment projections, vacant land by zoning category, housing types and value, road lane and per mile costs, water and sewer hookups and cost, property tax rates and data on nonresidential development.

"Our model will take into account land use and tax revenues and alternate development patterns. Models will provide analysts to give estimates of the costs of providing services to developments, versus revenues," Brunett said.

CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF ADOPTION ORDINANCE NO. 96-82.04

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Novi City Council has adopted Ordinance 96-82.04, an Ordinance to amend Sections 29-17 and 29-18 of the Novi Code of Ordinances to revise Statutory references contained within the City of Novi sedimentation regulations.

The Ordinance was adopted by the City Council on Monday, January 22, 1996 and shall become effective February 6, 1996. A complete copy of the Ordinance is available for public use and inspection at the office of the City Clerk.

TONNI BARTHLOMEW, CITY CLERK

CITY OF NOVI NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Novi is looking for citizens to serve on the newly formed Community Clubs of Novi Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees will be responsible for the design, implementation and management of the community ice arena.

The tentative interview date before City Council is Monday, February 12, 1996. Applications received by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 7, 1996 will be scheduled for an interview. All applications received after that date will be placed on the next interview session.

Applications are available from the office of the City Clerk by calling 347-0456. (1-25 & 2-1-96 NR, NN)

TONNI BARTHLOMEW, CITY CLERK

CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF ADOPTION ORDINANCE NO. 96-18.126

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Novi City Council has adopted Ordinance 96-18.126, an Ordinance to amend Subpart 1602.3b of Ordinance No. 84-18, as amended, the City of Novi Code of Ordinances, to revise the standards for retail commercial buildings within the TC-1 Town Center District.

The provisions of the ordinance shall become effective fifteen (15) days after adoption. The Ordinance was adopted by the City Council on Monday, January 22, 1996 and the effective day is February 6, 1996. A complete copy of the Ordinance is available for public use and inspection at the office of the City Clerk.

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NOTICE CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR SPECIAL USE PERMIT TUP 96-005

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Cohen Associates, Inc. is requesting a Temporary Use Permit to allow placement of a construction trailer on lot 13, Westmont Village, for a six-month period.

A public hearing can be requested by any property owner of a structure located within 300 feet of the boundary of the property being considered for temporary use permit.

This request will be considered at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 31, 1996 at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 West Ten Mile Road. All written comments should be directed to the City of Novi Building Official and must be received prior to January 31st.

(1-25-96 NR, NN)

WETLANDS EARLY PUBLIC NOTICE MAINSTREET VILLAGE NOVI, MICHIGAN PROJECT NO. 044-35540

The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is considering an Application for mortgage insurance of a market rate rental project in Novi, Oakland County, Michigan.

The site contains approximately 27 acres and is located on the south side of Grand River, approximately 2 miles east of Novi Road, and will contain a total of 241 units. The State Department of Natural Resources has identified some wetland areas on site.

Pursuant to Executive Order 11990, Protection of Wetlands, the Department is interested in discussing alternatives to this project, perceptions of possible adverse impacts that could result from the project, factors to consider in evaluating the alternatives, and minimization measures. Further information is available from the Michigan State (Detroit) Office of HUD, Environmental Officer.

Written comments or suggestions concerning this project may be submitted by February 5, 1996. Comments may be addressed to:

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(1-25-96 NN)

M-5 extension gets top priority

By TIM RICHARD
Staff Writer

The Hagerly Connector remains a top priority for the state — at least so far as running the highway from Twelve Mile Road to Fourteen Mile Road.

A recent reshuffling of funds by the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments siphoned money towards the Connector and three other projects.

SEMCOG, the official planning agency for the seven-county region, is being forced to go back to the drawing board on its Traffic Improvement Program (TIP).

The \$2.1 billion, three-year TIP was cut drastically by the Legislature's failure to pass \$350 million in fuel tax increases and 2) federal cuts under the ISTEA (Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act).

David Maffitt, an Oakland County commissioner from Farmington Hills, shook his head over the vote. "Gee, I wish my road officials had been here to advise me on this vote," Maffitt said after the Jan. 19 meeting in Detroit.

SEMCOG's executive committee debated whether to fight (bringing all construction to a halt), surrender to state-directed cuts, or negotiate. Its final decision is due at a

special meeting in March. Consensus: It will be a negotiated surrender.

What bothered Maffitt was that so few local elected chiefs attended the monthly meeting.

No L. Brooks Patterson, Oakland County executive, or road commission types.

No Edward H. McNamara, Wayne County executive.

No Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer. Of the so-called Big Four regional leaders, only Macomb County board chair Diana Kolakowski showed up.

Birmingham Mayor Dante Lazzetta denounced SEMCOG's "policy of vigorous surrender" but voted with the rest to advise negotiating road construction cutbacks with the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT).

A bewildering blizzard of road fund numbers is floating around, complicated by the fact that federal, state and local funds are involved. Outgoing MDOT director Patrick Nowak told SEMCOG the situation was further complicated by the fact that the feds changed categorical figures.

In a nutshell, there appears to be a 25 percent cut in available money over the next three years. Gov. John Engler and MDOT

promptly announced four state projects would be given priority.

• Widening I-96 between Chilson and Dorr roads in Livingston County — \$12 million.

• Constructing M-50 to highway standards from Romeo to Plank roads in Macomb County — \$40 million.

• Rebuilding the 50-year-old Davison freeway in the middle of Detroit — \$65 million.

"These projects were identified as priorities in the Regional Transportation Plan and the State Long Range Plan," said Louis H. Lambert, Nowak's deputy director.

SEMCOG officials had no list of available of local projects that had been cut.

"Many hours of planning are being thrown out the window," objected Meri Lou Murray, chair of the Washtenaw County board. "This is becoming partisan," said Democrat Murray as she cast the lone nay vote.

"We have taken the high road in not vilifying anyone," cautioned SEMCOG executive director John Amberger of Livonia, adding: "There's an anti-tax feeling out there." Amberger outlined four roads SEMCOG could take:

• Proceed with the current

Transportation Improvement Program — impossible because the federal government won't approve projects for which funds aren't available. Moreover, scarce available funds could go elsewhere in the state.

• Reexamine all projects, including the state's four favored projects — impossible because Engler would veto it, and nothing would be done.

• Approve the Engler-Nowak plan — the one Lazzetta called "vigorous surrender." It would require serious cuts in local road programs, but keep on pressure for a fuel tax increase.

• Approve the state proposal with negotiations — moves critical projects forward, still requires serious cuts, keeps up pressure for a fuel tax increase, allows possible compromises on some projects. SEMCOG selected this option.

"The executive committee has the power to bring all of this to a screeching halt," added Paul Tait, SEMCOG deputy director.

Washtenaw's Murray made a wry joke about the situation. "We could give it a positive spin: There will be no construction delays for the summer tourist season," she said.

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PREVIOUSLY SELECTED MERCHANDISE NOT INCLUDED

Seminar added, but it's unclear where it will fit

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL Staff Writer

While the Novi School board gave Novi High School teachers a green flag to implement the new school schedule, several questions remain to be answered. Many of them concerning the surprise addition of a seminar period.

The seminar period, considered by the board as an important part of the schedule, will allow students time during the day for remediation, extra test taking, research time, time for pep assemblies and career exploration options among other things.

"I can guarantee from this board it will not be a study hall," said trustee Ann Newton. "I would not allow myself to allow that."

The seminar period will be mandatory for students. Teachers will be assigned to approximately 20 students in a variety of grade levels. Teachers hope to implement one or two, 40 to 50 minute seminar periods a week. Students will receive credit or no credit for attending.

"The seminar period is vital to the success of the block schedule," said Paula Joyner-Clinard, chair of the restructuring committee. Earlier this week, Trustee Carol Elfring said she first decided she liked the idea of a seminar period when she visited Marshall High School, which uses a block schedule.

"What I see is it gives students a chance to pull everything together at least once or twice a week," said Elfring.

She said she didn't see it as a board requirement to passing the proposal for a block schedule, but

that it was something some board members found to be a constructive addition to the plan.

Joyner-Clinard said the restructuring committee does know the seminar period will fall in between the second and third class period. But it doesn't know how or where it will fit into a schedule once guaranteed to remain the same number of hours a day.

"Where are you going to put this?" asked parents.

"I don't want instructional time taken away to make room for this," said one woman.

"We have not gotten to those specifics yet. That's why we want parent and student input," said Joyner-Clinard.

A committee of parents, students and staff will form within the next weeks to evaluate the seminar period and examine the options. Teachers will have to meet instructional standards set by the state.

However well-intended the seminar period was conceived, there appears to be a paradox of sorts.

The staff restructuring committee has said students will get a full day of four 85-minute classes. The staff has also said the school hours 7:20 a.m. to 1:55 p.m. will remain the same. This is the proposal approved by the board of education.

Yet, also included in the proposal is the still to be determined seminar period which will add one hour, twice a week to the school day.

The only option available appears to be take time away from the 85-minute class periods or extend the school day by one hour.

TIMETABLE FOR IMPLEMENTATION

With the newly approved block schedule at the high school, a new time plan for scheduling has been conceived.

Teachers have assured the administration they will spend extra time with students and parents explaining the new schedule and helping students get the courses they need. The schedules are "student driven," meaning the students choose which courses they want and teachers are assigned based on the students' picks.

The following is a tentative schedule for implementation of the Block Schedule at Novi High School:

- THROUGH MARCH 8** - Design and print the new course catalog with block schedule classes.
- MARCH 11-18** - Meetings with 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th grade students and 8th grade parents.
- MARCH 25** - Course selection sheets due.
- MARCH 28** - Scan all course selection sheets.
- APRIL 17** - Student course requests mailed to students.
- APRIL 22** - Course request changes due back to high school.
- APRIL 29** - Construction of Master Schedule.
- MAY 17-21** - Finalize student schedules with counselors, students, parents and teachers.
- JUNE 21** - Written notification of tentative teaching assignments mailed to staff.
- AUGUST 9** - 1996-97 student schedules mailed home with August Packet.
- SEPTEMBER** - School year begins using new block schedule format.

Both are contradictions in the proposed block schedule.

"We don't want to take away any of the instructional time," said Joyner-Clinard on Tuesday. "We want to offer as many scenarios as we possibly can," she explained but declined to say anything more specific because much of the plan entails bargaining and negotiations to take place this summer.

Also left unaddressed is the question of how the district will accommodate the need for additional teachers under the new plan. At one time, board members had suggested contracts be changed to allow more students per class.

Board restructures NHS school day

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To give additional answers to the plan to change the high school day from six, 55-minute periods to four, 85-minute periods. Many parents stayed for the meeting to hear explanations.

Advanced placement classes, as well as the math curriculum have been adjusted to fit the block schedule, explained Joyner-Clinard, chair of the restructuring committee. She said teachers believe the changes will be more advantageous to students.

Also, Joyner assured board members the additional conference time for teachers, two-and-a-half hours a week to equal more than seven hours, will be used wisely and is much needed for teachers to adjust and plan for the more intensive 85-minute classes.

Instructors will teach for three periods a day and have one period for conference time. Currently, teachers instruct five class periods and have one hour for planning.

According to Joyner-Clinard, teachers will use the time for professional development, meetings with students and parents, grading, class planning and designing tests and activities.

Teachers also assured parents that even though there is a 22 percent loss of class time with the new plan, the longer class hour lends to more efficient teaching and productive learning.

"I see it as a good opportunity to really blossom some good teaching strategies," said Gary Kelly, a social studies teacher at NHS.

Joyner-Clinard added that a team of parents, teachers and students will form to track the progress of the new schedule during the next several years.

Before trustees voted to approve the plan, they voiced concern that

"We want to offer as many scenarios as we possibly can. How creative we get depends on how things go at the bargaining table."

Paula Joyner-Clinard
Chair of the restructuring committee.

teachers were rushing the plan and some specifics should be in place.

"This just screams time to me," said Carol Elfring. She said teachers don't even know how they are going to fit in lunch periods and parents are going to be rushing to understand the plan in time to help their children plan schedules.

"I'm feeling a personal struggle on how do you allow enough time to plan without killing the enthusiasm."

Even board member Raymond Byers, who made the motion to approve, said that with the first wave of high school proficiency testing coming up in the spring, trying to plan the implementation of the new school schedule "may be too much to stack together at once."

Nevertheless, board members took fellow trustee Julie Abrams' advice. If the teachers are ready to tackle the challenge then the board and community should trust them.

"You will not let us down, you will not let yourselves down, and you will not let the students down," she told them.

Mother of 3 dies of self-inflicted shots

The life of 31-year-old Faith Marie Zarembo ended tragically Jan. 17 when she apparently killed herself with a gunshot wound to the head.

Officers were dispatched to the home on East Lake Drive at about 4 p.m. after the 31-year-old woman's young daughter discovered the body in an upstairs bedroom.

Police said the Novi woman was being treated for stress and was on antidepressant medication, including Prozac. Her husband of nine years said she also had an alcohol problem.

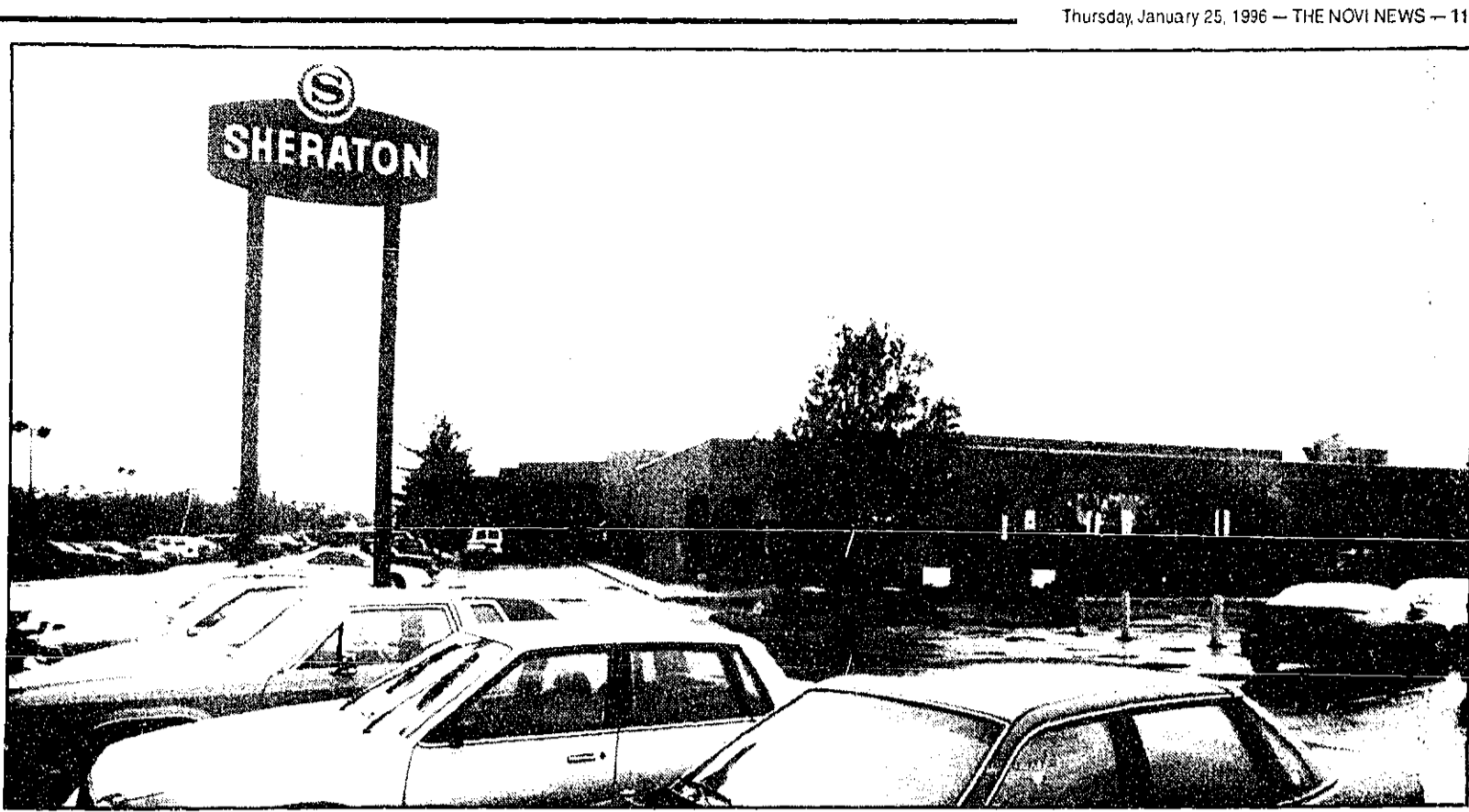
She had discussed suicide four weeks ago with her husband and

just days before her death with her father, according to the police report.

Zarembo's husband told police he had called his wife from his workplace just hours before the suicide. He recounted the sounded strange but she told him she had just awakened.

Police said they found a gun case under a dresser in the bedroom as well as an illegible handwritten letter on another dresser.

No signs of forced entry were found by police, who said the daughter indicated the door was unlocked when she arrived home. Zarembo was the mother of three children.



If any changes are made, it will be to upgrade the franchise, new owners of the Novi Sheraton say.

Sheraton sold to Southern Hospitality

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The new owners plan to put \$1.75 million down on the property and finance the rest through the Bank of Oklahoma.

Novi Expo Center president Blair Bowman and his wife, Barrie, are the only local individuals in the consortium of investors. Novi Hotel Corporation will own 50 percent of the hotel, with Slater holding 25 percent of that.

Slater started the Southern Hospitality Inc. in 1986 as a real estate management company. According to company reports, from 1990 to 1994 alone, the firm purchased nine hotels valued at \$30 million for \$8.5 million. These include a Holiday Inn, two Sheraton Inns, two Hampton Inns and a Ramada Inn.

Slater said that the Novi Sheraton Oaks is categorized as a Sheraton hotel, the mid-range of the

franchise, while the more luxurious version is the Sheraton Hotel.

"If we do make a change in the franchise, it will be a shift up," he added.

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OLHSA to help with heating bills

This winter Oakland Livingston Human Service Agency (OLHSA) will help Oakland County residents living in the southeast and west Oakland areas pay their utility bills through The Heat and Warmth (THAW) fund. Residents of Novi, South Lyon, New Hudson, Milford, Highland, White Lake, Commerce, Water Lake, West Bloomfield, Keego Harbor, Auburn, Auburn Hills, Waterford, Hazel Park, Royal Oak, Madison Heights, Troy, Southfield, Oak Park, Farm-

ington, Farmington Hills or Berkeley may contact OLHSA for assistance.

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In order to qualify, total household income requirements must be

below \$11,205 for one person, \$15,045 for two people, and for each additional person add \$3,840. For more information on how to qualify or to set up an appointment, call OLHSA at (810) 458-5066.

The THAW fund is made up of contributions from corporate donations and customers of Detroit Edison and Southeastern Michigan Gas.

HEALTH NOTE

by Dennis E. Engerer, P.T. IT'S NEVER TOO LATE

Although weightlifting is generally associated with young, toned bodies, this form of exercise is not reserved solely for the young. Proof of this comes from a study recently published in the *New England Journal of Medicine* in which a group of 100 elderly men and women (average age 67) more than doubled their lower body muscle strength after partaking of a 16-week program of intensive weightlifting. As a result of having done various leg lifts, the study's participants could walk faster, climb stairs more easily, and engage more frequently in spontaneous activity than nonparticipants. This shows that those who are willing to work at physical exercise can effect a healthier aging process for themselves.

Experts underscore the importance of receiving careful instruction in weight training equipment and exercises to maximize benefits and reduce the risk of injury. Because weight training can trigger increases in blood pressure, it is also important to review any exercise plan—weight training or aerobic—with a doctor for more information.

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NOVI EXPO CENTER FEBRUARY 1-4 I-96 AND NOVI ROAD

Novi students compete in future city contest

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teammates Eric Saurer and Michael Wang to help him design a 3-D model of the city.

The three boys came home from Dearborn with the Special Award for Most Environmentally Friendly City and a \$100 CompuUSA gift certificate.

"There are preserves because nature is important to this city. So is wildlife," explained Wang, pointing to the sectioned off corner of the city with trees and animals.

"It's a great place to live with recreational amenities and may opportunities for jobs," said Dupuy.

Dupuy said he spent about 10 hours on the computer designing the city, and the model took

week to build. He and his friends pilfered the materials for the city from their mothers' dressers and their homes. The students spent time after school and on the weekend to finish the project.

During the competition, they submitted a written essay about the city and were quizzed by judges who visited the various tables.

The kids were assisted by Novi Middle School teacher Maggie Gonzalez-Sheran as well as Nissan Corp. engineer Mike Rosinski. "I'm always impressed by the kids' imagination," said Rosinski.

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Thank each and every one of you for your overwhelming kindness in helping out with Ted, when he desperately needed you.

Ted had decided to try a new medical treatment in the hopes it would improve the down hill slide of his MS, but the side effects of the drug proved to be too much for his system to handle, especially when he developed pneumonia, which was our reason for calling you and the EMS for that last time to Ted's home.

I realize it's "your job" to respond to calls from people who have fallen or need other assistance, but all of you ... Mike Evans, Joe Shelton, the other Joe and those whose names I didn't know, were absolutely superb. You came quickly, never complained, even when you came more than once in a day, and were always most kind and considerate of Ted. Ted enjoyed humor and he appreciated your humor when you arrived. He never called 9-1-1 until he had first called us, his parents, or his sisters to help pick him up. He didn't want to cause work for you but when you arrived you never once made him feel guilty about it.

Many, many times Ted would comment to us that a nice group of men you were ... and we agreed wholeheartedly. You are all true gentlemen in every sense of the word and our family thanks you for being there for Ted and for others who need you. The Novi Fire Department is fortunate to have men of your caliber.

To Mike and Joe ... yes, we finally finished the new room on our house for Ted. I'm so sorry he never got to live there. Think he would have enjoyed it. We do miss him.

Ann Kleinhans
Tim McDonald

Help preserve Novi landscape

To the editor:
Last year the City of Novi nominated a 45-acre parcel located south of the Orchard Hills Subdivision for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) development rights acquisition program. This environmentally sensitive property is heavily wooded and bisected by the Middle Rouge River. It is unique in being

one of the few remaining undeveloped properties in southeast Novi. The purchase of development rights by the DNR would ensure that this area would be naturally preserved in its natural state.

Recently the city learned that this parcel was ranked fourth out of a state-wide group of 71 nominations. Along with six other nominees, this parcel was approved for the purchase of development rights by the director of the DNR. Unfortunately, this recommendation is now in jeopardy.

The threat to Novi's nomination is House Bill 4325. This bill would change the Farmland and Open Space Preservation Act to specifically exclude open space parcels, like Novi's, from the development rights acquisition program. It would restrict the purchase of development rights to agricultural land only. This is despite the fact that the tax credits offered by this act primarily benefit farmers, are funded by all state taxpayers, and the tax dollars of Novi residents are supporting these farmland preservation programs, it is only fair that Novi residents should also benefit from the development rights acquisition program.

If this change in policy is approved, Novi would lose the opportunity now, and in the future, to ensure that some of our most environmentally sensitive areas can be permanently preserved. Fortunately, there is still time for your voice to be heard in Lansing. I encourage everyone to call and write Sen. David Hanigman (517) 373-1758, and Rep. Bill Bullard (517) 373-0827, and voice your support for the currently policy which recognizes the importance of preserving open spaces. Let them know that House Bill 4325 should be changed so that the DNR can continue to purchase the development rights of environmentally sensitive open spaces. Your voice can make a difference. Help preserve an important part of Novi's landscape.

Andrew Mutch

Send message on cable rates

To the editor:
Like the other 35,000 area Time Warner Cable customers, I was upset to open my last bill and discover another rate increase. In this age of corporate downsizing and

increasing productivity, I do not buy Time Warner's lame excuse about rising operating costs. The actual cost of most basic communication services (e.g. telephone, Internet access) has been decreasing in recent years. I believe the only reason Time Warner's rates are so high is that they have a monopoly on cable service and they believe they can charge as much as the FCC will allow them to. Time Warner seems to be thumbing their corporate nose at the FCC's attempts to lower the cost of cable service.

While I applaud those who complained to SWOCC, I decided the best form of protesting the rate hike was to hit Time Warner where they would not: it, in the wallet. I changed my cable service from the "extended basic service," which had increased by \$1.38, to "basic service," which decreased by \$1.21. To do this, I will incur a one-time charge for changing service of about \$19, but I will recoup this cost in less than two months due to the lower monthly service charge. The net effect of the change I made is that Time Warner's revenue will drop by \$13.87 per month. I urge other cable subscribers to change their service as I did and send Time Warner a message that we are fed up with exorbitant cable TV rates. Make sure you let Time Warner know you are changing your service. If only 10 percent of the subscribers would change to the less expensive basic service, it would more than offset the additional revenue Time Warner expects to generate by increasing the price of extended basic service.

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Obituaries

GORDON D. MACFARLANE JR., Gordon D. MacFarlane Jr., 77, died Jan. 20, 1996, at his residence in Northville. Mr. MacFarlane was a resident of Northville since 1984. He was born in Glasgow, Scotland, on July 1, 1918.

Mr. MacFarlane owned and operated the MacFarlane Plumbing Co. in Redford for 28 years. He was a plumbing inspector with the City of Detroit building department for 15 years. He retired in 1983. Mr. MacFarlane also served in the United States Army during World War II.

He is survived by his wife, Rita; son, Craig (Beth) of Novi; daughter, Martha (Thomas) Eickhoff of Bryan, Ohio; and four grandchildren, Peter, Andrew, Bradley and Sarah.

Services were held on Tuesday, Jan. 23, at the Northrop-Sassaman Funeral home in Northville with the Rev. James P. Russell, First Presbyterian Church of Northville, officiating. Interment was at Huron Hill Cemetery.

Memorial contributions to the Community Hospice Services, 32932 Warren Road, Suite 100, Westland, MI 48185, would be appreciated.

BETTY A. (BLAKEBY) YURICK, Betty A. Yurick, age 71, of Novi died Jan. 17, 1996, at Greenvale Nursing Home in Howell. She was born in Detroit on May 2, 1924, and was raised in Toronto.

A housewife, Mrs. Yurick was active in Novi delivering flowers and meals-on-wheels. Her education included Danforth Technical School studying commerce, typing and design, and Chrysler Institute. She then worked at Chrysler in engineering design and also worked at Modern Engineering in Berkeley. Mrs. Yurick lived in Ferndale from 1952 until 1979 where she was active in the Girl Scouts and the Ferndale Community Center. She also performed for the Canadian troops during World War II.

Her survivors include her husband, Emil, of 43 years; sons, Michael (Vicki) and James; daughter, Ann; brother, Robert; sisters, Grace Penrose, Irene Young, Aida Tengler and Joy Blakeley; and four grandchildren.

Service was held on Saturday, Jan. 20 at the O'Brien Chapel/Ted C. Sullivan Funeral Home, Novi.

Memorial contributions may be sent to the American Lung Association, 18860 W. Ten Mile, Southfield, MI 48075.

BETTY J. WEDEMAYER, Betty J. Wedemeyer, 78 of Northville, died Jan. 14, 1996, at Botsford General Hospital in Farmington. She was born Feb. 9, 1917, in Columbus, Ohio, to Alexander W. and Ann B. Fisher.

Retired from Hudson's Westland, Mrs. Wedemeyer was an active member of the First Church of Christ Scientist in Plymouth. She was Past Matron and Treasurer of Orient Chapter No. 77, Order of the Eastern Star in Northville.

She is survived by her husband, Herman A. Sr., of Northville; children, Diane E. Barrows and Herman A. Jr., both of Calif.; son-in-law, Craig R. Barrows; daughter-in-law, Chansonette Wedemeyer; and two grandchildren, Susan E. Barrows and Sara N. Wedemeyer.

Memorial service will be held on Sunday, Feb. 11, 1996, at 2 p.m. in the Northville Masonic Temple at 106 E. Main St., Northville. Interment will take place at Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens in Novi.

Memorial contributions may be made to the First Church of Christ Scientist in Plymouth, or Orient Chapter No. 77, Order of the Eastern Star in Northville, or the Michigan Masonic Home in Alma.

VIRGINIA E. BRAND, Virginia E. Brandt, age 71, of Farmington Hills died Jan. 8, 1996, at St. Joseph Hospital in Pontiac. She was born in Detroit on Sept. 9, 1924.

Mrs. Brandt worked for eight years as a customer service rep at an insurance company in Farmington. She was a former resident of the Novi, Westland and Detroit areas.

Surviving Mrs. Brandt are three daughters, Terri (Robert) Scott of Walled Lake, Shari (Peter) Baldwin and Tracy (Martin) Piper, both of Farmington Hills; and three grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Gerritt, in 1975.

Services were held on Thursday, Jan. 11 at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home in Farmington. Rev. V.F. Halboth of Grace Lutheran Church officiated at the service. Interment was at Getsemane Cemetery, Detroit.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the Arthritis Foundation of Michigan, 23999 Northwestern Hwy., Room No. 210, Southfield, MI 48075.

Mayor criticized for skipping over long-time residents

By JAN JEFFRIES
Staff Writer

The Novi Planning Commission seat vacated by Council Member Kathy Mutch after the November election will be occupied by Gwen Markham, who comes to the role with a background in engineering and manufacturing.

But Mayor Kathleen McLellan's choice was far from unanimous. Although both said they had nothing against Markham personally, Council Members Nancy Cassis and Robert Schmid questioned why McLellan would skip over long-time Novi residents for a newcomer who has not yet lived in town a full year.

Among those who applied for the volunteer post were two recent candidates for city council, Michael Meyer and Denise Jenkins.

"Why pass over persons with a long track record of investing and living in Novi, individuals with an abundance of active civic involvement and contribution who draw their opinion from a rich understanding of our community's heritage and its citizens?" Cassis questioned.

"Why pass over individuals like Michael Meyer with 14 years past deny or Denise Jenkins with 15 years for someone who has lived here for less than a year?" Both Michael Meyer and Denise Jenkins have an impressive and extensive resume of community service to the extent that they committed themselves in a recent run for city council. They also represent a diversity of talent that would enhance the present membership of the planning commission.

Meyer is a former Novi school board member and Jenkins serves on the city's Board of Review. Others who put in their resumes were David Breuch, Lawrence Williams, Joseph Girardot, Eleanor Respecki and Victoria Dickason.

As mayor, McLellan has the prerogative to nominate a planning commissioner, but the City Council must then approve her choice.

Schmid said he would not usually oppose what was going on. "I think she did a nice job interviewing ... I really don't think she has a sense of the community. I would prefer someone with a little sense of what was going on. I feel your appointment to be lacking in background."

Markham noted on her application that she has over 20 years experience in manufacturing and engineering and owns her own consulting business. She formerly served as an advisor to the Elm Grove, Indiana, planning commission in the areas of land use and park zoning.

Assisted living complex proposed for Novi seniors

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

American families aren't what they used to be.

Grandparents usually moved in with relatives when they couldn't take care of themselves anymore, but changes such as location often leave children to choose but to put parents who need a little extra assistance in a nursing home.

Now developers of new assisted living facilities hope to fill the void and help senior citizens to live with more independence.

"A lot of people who stay in nursing homes were there in the past because there was no alternative," said Mike

Kahn.

"We try to provide a more residential feel. Make it feel more like it's their home," he explained.

And they'll be close to Twelve Oaks Mall for mall walking in the morning.

Singh Development last week presented plans to the Novi Planning Commission for a revised facility for independent living and assisted care.

Crescent Oaks Continuum of Care will be built on a 13-acre site overlooking Crescent Lake near Twelve Oaks Mall. Conceptually, developers hope the long building with a porch overlooking Crescent Lake will resemble the Grand Hotel at Macknaw Island.

The facility will overlook Crescent Lake, ready a relaxing pond, and residents will be able to enjoy the view from a platform.

The development was first approved in May 1994 at which time the plan included an additional seven acres and 30 patio homes. But Singh removed plans for the patio homes.

Planning commissioners gave a 6-1 positive recommendation to city council last week, who will hear the plans in the near future. Member Glen Bonaventura was the lone dissenter.

Singh hopes to begin building phase one in the spring of 1997. Phase one is an assisted living facility that will feature 110 beds in rooms with conveniences such as

refrigerators, sinks and even microwaves. Residents will have such things as meals and laundry completed for them.

The facility will be licensed and reviewed annually by the state but will feature aides, and not nurses, to help the seniors when ever they require assistance.

In phase two, 120 independent living apartments will allow residents to live independently if they chose with options for meals, laundry, housekeeping and other services.

Because the property will connect to the ring road around the mall, planning commissioners did have some concern about emergency vehicles getting proper access in and out of the facility.

With the senior facility warranting emergency care, how would EMS vehicles be able to gain entrance and exit to the facility other than the mall entrances.

But developers say they don't expect that to be a problem and may likely connect a road from their facility to an in-the-works-plan for an additional Detroit Medical Center facility to be built north of the Crescent Oaks land.

Kahn said Singh will receive about \$6 million in HUD money for mortgage insurance for phase one. More HUD money may come through for phase two. Singh also owns an independent living facility, Walton Woods, in Rochester Hills and is currently adding an assisted living section.

Home show opens at Novi Expo

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Special highlights of the show include The Discovery Channel's *Easy Does It*. Beverly DeJullo how-to tips for improving, fixing and decorating your home, from plumbing to plants, co-sponsored by *The Family Handyman* magazine and Home & Garden Television; WYTT's *Ask the Handyman* Glenn Haege on Feb. 3 and 4.

Show hours are from 2 p.m.-10 p.m. Thursday and Friday; 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Saturday; and 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$6 for adults; \$4 for seniors; \$3 for children 6-12; children under 6 are admitted free. Family tickets for two adults and accompanying child are available at Farmer Jack for \$9. Discount admission coupons were mailed to homeowners in their Detroit Edison bills.

DNR wants license fees hiked for hunting, fishing

By TIM RICHARD
Staff Writer

Even as Gov. John Engler boasted about 21 state tax cuts and less regulation, the Department of Natural Resources is pushing for a 20 percent increase in fishing and hunting license revenue.

Youngsters of 14 and 15 would have to buy junior licenses at reduced fees of \$3.25 (vs. \$9.85 currently for adults) and \$13 proposed for adults. The age for an adult fishing license would be dropped to 16.

Youths of 12 and 13 would need hunting licenses, but they would be free. Purpose: to ensure that they had completed hunter safety courses and had kill tags.

"I subscribe to much more user-pay," said Rep. Bill Bobier, R-Ellettsburg. "There was a distinct choice (by lawmakers) last year not to raise fees. Let's see who's pandering (to voters) and who's not. It's politically profitable to pander."

But Bobier, who chairs the House Appropriations subcommittee handling the natural resources budget, saw it as "not a terribly hard sell this year," even though representatives are up for reelection and senators aren't.

He told outdoors writers Jan. 17 that the DNR proposal has the advantages of simplifying Michigan's license system a little and beefing up the current corps of 165 conservation officers (COs).

Natural Resources Commissioner chair Larry DeVoy said Michigan licenses, even if increased 20 percent to raise a total of \$47.6 million, are "a bargain" compared to the prime hunting-fishing states of Colorado and Alaska.

Many proposals are floating around. Here are some DNR ideas:

- **Restricted fishing** - from \$9.85 to \$15 in 1997, \$14 in 1998 and \$15 in 2000. This is essentially for non-trout species. The proposal includes a gradual phasing out of trout stamps.
- **All-species fishing** - not available currently; \$26 in 1997, \$27 and \$28 thereafter.
- **Small game** - from \$9.85 to \$13 in 1997, \$14 in 1998 and \$15 in 2000.
- **Junior small game** - from \$5.10 down to \$3.25, \$4.90 and \$7.50 in future years.
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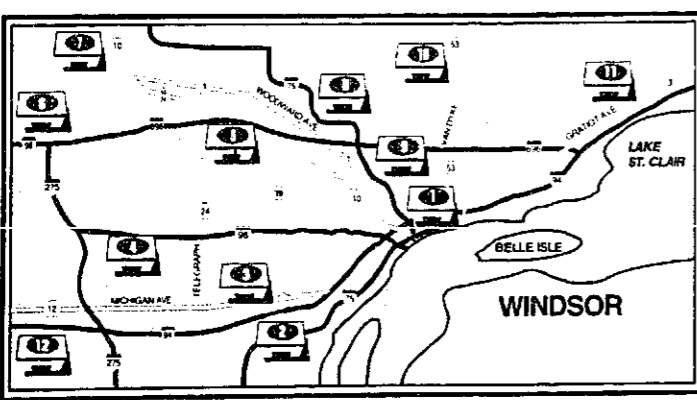
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Cookie fund raiser for Girl Scouts—2B

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Woman receives recognition—3B

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Backdrops become objets d'art—3B

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Interactive comedy opens to rave reviews—6B

Year of the Rat

CHINESE ZODIAC

According to traditional Chinese legend, ages ago Buddha summoned all of the animals and honored those who came by naming a year for them. Each animal in turn gave its characteristics to people born in its year.

Pig

1911, 1923, 1935, 1947, 1959, 1971, 1983, 1995, 2007
Glib and observant, the friendships Chinese like

Dog

1910, 1922, 1934, 1946, 1958, 1970, 1982, 1994, 2006
Loyal and honest, sometimes critical. You are and ill-suited to the dragon

Rooster

1909, 1921, 1933, 1945, 1957, 1969, 1981, 1993, 2005
You are direct to work a few words and surely the best

Monkey

1908, 1920, 1932, 1944, 1956, 1968, 1980, 1992, 2004
Clever and skillful, these monkeys generally have a way of getting along with the dragon but it

Ram

1907, 1919, 1931, 1943, 1955, 1967, 1979, 1991, 2003
Elegant and artistic, care of appearance of others. Seek the moon

Horse

1906, 1918, 1930, 1942, 1954, 1966, 1978, 1990, 2002
Extremely popular as son brother whose company the rat

By CAROL WORKENS
Staff Writer



The Year of the Rat is dawning. The most important custom for heralding in the Chinese New Year is a gastronomic one.

The traditional celebration, which begins on Feb. 18, the eve of the new year, is essentially a family celebration. Area restaurant owners, however, find it difficult to set aside the several days needed to celebrate traditionally.

Winnie and Eddie Tse and their son, Patrick, sandwich in prayer and a family dinner which includes many traditional foods such as fish and chicken cooked whole, rice and noodles which bring luck before going back to their restaurant, New Wing Jing Chinese and American Restaurant in Northville Township to celebrate with employees. Many of the customers they will serve are Chinese who may be here on temporary job assignments or who are single. Most Chinese-Americans families stay home to eat, according to Winnie Tse.

For Linda Parker, owner of Hunan Palace in Farmington Hills, the celebration will take place at the restaurant. Along with a 10-

course dinner, Parker will have the Chinese Lion dance, thought to dispel evil spirits, and a martial arts demonstration.

The Chinese Lion dance is an integral part of the New Year's festivities. It is the symbol of courage, majesty and constancy and signals the approach of good luck. In a tightly-knit Chinese community, the dancers will prance through the streets, but in communities where families are more scattered, festivities are not as elaborate.

When visiting family and friends during the celebration, the Tses will bring fruits and candies. Although the don't get together often, his grandparents know everyone in town, according to Patrick Tse.

Another important custom during the New Year, which is practiced by both Parker and the Tse family, both at home with their employees, is the practice of giving lay shee (good luck piece). This gift of money is packaged in a traditional red envelope and symbolizes the giving and receiving of good luck.

To please the American palate, Parker and Chef Jack Dai, have prepared menus and recipes according to characteristics of the animals linked to the coming year based on ancient Chinese texts and elderly Chinese teachers in New York City.

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Rat

1900, 1912, 1924, 1936, 1948, 1960, 1972, 1984, 1996

The Rat person is always busy and very sociable. He hurries hither and yon, involved in big projects (sometimes too big for his changeable nature). His projects will always turn out because he makes efficient use of his resources. He hides disappointment. He is usually the leader of the pack, since he keeps his head while others have lost theirs.

is self-confident, but often find the will of the dragon, however

1985, 1997
at a disadvantage of failure. You and should avoid the rain

RAT YEARS

- January 31, 1890 - February 18, 1901
- February 18, 1912 - February 5, 1913
- February 5, 1924 - January 24, 1925
- January 24, 1936 - February 10, 1937
- February 10, 1948 - January 28, 1949
- January 28, 1960 - February 14, 1961
- February 15, 1972 - February 2, 1973
- February 2, 1984 - February 19, 1985
- February 19, 1996 - February 6, 1997

1974, 1986, 1998
moderate, not short-tempered
is. For happiness, seek the serpent and rooster, but

1975, 1987, 1999
work well with people and the rat, pig and dog, and rooster

RAT PEOPLE

- Peter the Great, 1672
- George Washington, 1732
- Louis Armstrong, 1900
- Clark Gable, 1901
- Marlon Brando, 1924
- Jimmy Carter, 1924
- Prince Charles, 1948

176, 1988, 2000
is shrewd, very healthy and expect and monkey, but all

RAT EVENTS

- America discovered, 1492
- Poor Richard's Almanac published, 1732
- Democratic Party founded, 1792
- Telephone invented, 1876
- First National Baseball League formed, 1876
- Little Big Horn, 1876
- The Commonwealth of Australia created, 1900

89, 2001
caution, not vain and high
100, 100, 100, 100, 100, 100

MADE IN CANADA

Volunteer



Jean Vonsoosten

Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

Vonsoosten's music soothes residents

By DOROTHY NASH
Special Writer

It seems hardly possible but someday you may be in a nursing home. How will you spend your time?

Jean Vonsoosten is a volunteer in the Whitehall Convalescent Home on Ten Mile. She plays the piano for one hour once a month for residents, performing songs of all kinds for singing or clapping in time to the music. She gives them songbooks so they can follow along.

She started when her mother-in-law lived there and continued doing it after she died.

"I've been playing for 15 years," she said.

The grand piano is at one end of the activities room, a long cheerful room with windows along one wall and tables with chairs, potted plants and a television screen.

People come in under their own power or in wheelchairs which

they propel or employed assistants push into place. Between 15 and 20 residents come. Men and women are equally represented. They come and go but most stay the entire hour.

One woman taps her feet and keeps time with her hands, too, and several others clap out the rhythm. A convalescent home employee encourages it by walking around and enthusiastically singing the lyrics.

"I've been thinking of updating," said Vonsoosten. "These people know the second world war," and songs that were popular then.

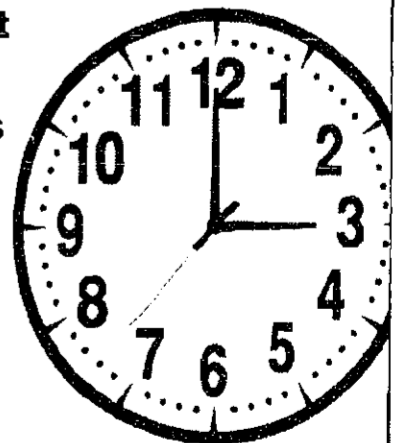
But whatever's on the program, "It's getting them out of their rooms," she said, "and motivating them, encouraging them to sing. It's a small thing to do to brighten up their day. It's rewarding."

Entertainment suggestions are welcome. Call the Whitehall Convalescent Home social activities director at 349-2200.

It's A Fact

Novi High School

Beginning next school year, on a trial basis for not more than four years, Novi High School students will attend four, 85-minute class periods. Teachers will teach three class periods and have one class period for planning and conferences per day.



Girl Scout cookie fundraiser is going on now

By JEANNE CLARKE
Special Writer

At the Novi area neighborhood service unit meeting of troops, Janice Church, director of the local unit, introduced Marie Timm, the new marketing manager from the Novi area.

The annual Girl Scout cookie sale is continuing through January with the initial orders to be turned in by Jan. 31. Delivery date will be Feb. 26. The cookies are \$3 and all 39 troops in Novi are participating. However, if you are not contacted by a Girl Scout you can call Sally Collins, cookie manager for the neighborhood, at 349-5409. She will provide information about cookie cupboards which will soon be available. Cookies available this year include Samosas, Mints, Daisies, Tagalogs, Trefels, Juliettes and low fat Snaps.

Brownie Troop No. 213 (3rd graders), under the leadership of Kathy Setzer, meet at Parkview. Their recent activities included a trip to Upland Hills pumpkin festival at Oxford. While there, they went through the haunted house, milked a cow, attended a magic show, went for a hayride and picked out pumpkins.

They also attended the Island Adventure dance at the Civic Center, and the North American horse spectacular at the Expo Center. There they each received a patch and photo on a race horse. They are currently working on "Bridging," a 7-step process of flying up to Junior Girl Scouts.

More recently they baked with

their mothers for the bake-off at the Civic Center for the Light Up Holidays. They also helped at the Chilly Willy.

Brownie Troop No. 213 (2nd graders) led by Nancy Samples and Nancy Haverty, attended the senior Christmas party at the Civic Center where they presented homemade ornaments to those present. They also addressed Christmas cards to recipients of "meals on wheels." They are working on their Manners badge and will have a tea party for the parents. Future plans include a trip to the Flint Planetarium for their space Explorer badge, and their first sleep over being held at the Discovery Zone sometime in February.

LIFETIME SENIORS

"Cons and scams against senior citizens was the title of the program recently presented at the Novi Library by Sherry Kaars, director of the program. The presentation was by Mark Krosnick, investigator, Michigan National Bank. Also present was Rob Smigelski, manager of the Michigan National Bank located on Flambeau Trail in Novi. His presentation involved services available for seniors.

Lifetime Seniors is a not-for-profit educational program for seniors 55 plus which meets monthly. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 21 at 6 p.m. at the Novi Library. Subject matter from previous pro-

Novi Highlights

grams include hospice information, home security and personal safety, eating well and staying healthy. At the next meeting a speaker on interior decorating will relay information on the do's and don'ts of decorating.

In March a speaker from the Poison Control Center and in April, a representative of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) from Oakland County. A special program regarding confidence games and swindles and how it pays to be alert was presented at the last meeting. Examples were given of the "pigeon drop," the "charity switch," the "inheritance scam," the C.O.D. scam and many more, aimed at showing seniors how to spot a con artist. Following the presentation a drawing was held for door prizes which were given by Borders Book Store, Kacey Hallmark and other local businesses.

This month, in addition to several lovely gift baskets and certificates, Smigelski presented one for a United States Savings Bond from his branch. The lucky winner was Jeanne Clarke.

another one for grades 9-12 with youth choristers for the younger set and craft for the older group. Both will have Bible study and the development of worship skills.

Pulpit Exchange Sunday, a part of the annual observance of the Week of Prayer, found Rev. Cy Smith of Faith Community Presbyterian Church in the pulpit and Rev. Jacobs at Spirit of Christ Lutheran Church.

Only a few days left to get the 1996 Entertainment Books. Please call the church office for details.

NOVI LIONS CLUB

Ladies Night is being planned for Wednesday, Feb. 14. Members are encouraged to bring their spouses and/or lady friends to hear Cindy Dodd, chair for the Diabetes Education program.

Tickets (\$20 each) are available for the wild game dinner scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 17 at Tanglewood Golf Course clubhouse on Ten Mile Road. Dinner will be prepared by Paul Baker, South Lyon Hotel owner and caterer at Tanglewood.

The evening will include a social hour at 7 p.m. complete with hors d'oeuvres, and dinner at 8 p.m. The dinner will include buffalo

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Woman gets local honor

By CAROL WORKENS
Staff Writer

Betty Shultz is still pinching herself after being named Chapter Woman of the Year by the Novi Oaks Charter Chapter of the American Business Woman's Association (ABWA).

Shultz has been employed with the Goldstein Dental Group for two years and is the patient account manager. Her responsibilities include taking care of the front desk, insurance and scheduling patients.

"I keep track of everything that goes on up front," Shultz said. "My boss, Raphael Goldstein, is the reason I am in the ABWA as well," she said.

Shultz was chosen from a group of four women who were nominated for their community involvement in Novi.

After moving to Novi from Ohio 23 years ago, one of the first things Shultz noticed was that Novi did not have a Welcome Wagon.

"Novi was growing very fast, at least at that time we thought it was fast," she said, "and it was a great way to meet new friends."

So she became the co-founder of

Novi's Welcome Wagon. When her two sons, Chris who is now 25, and Mike, now 23, were young she volunteered at Novi Oaks Nursery as treasurer, photographer and substitute teacher.

Later, when the boys were attending Novi High School, she volunteered to work on the senior all-night party for three years.

"I also donated to the Red Cross," she said, "the usual type of thing that everybody does."

In 1992, Shultz joined the Novi Oaks Charter Chapter of the American Business Woman's Association to meet new friends and as a way to network. She is now in her second year as treasurer and she also volunteers as the groups photographer.

Over the years, Shultz has raised her hand on numerous occasions when it comes to filling the need for photographic volunteers. She and her husband, Gil, had their own photographic business in Ohio before moving to Novi.

"We didn't continue the business," she said, "but the love is still there."

Novi Oaks Charter Chapter of



Betty Shultz received the American Business Woman's Chapter Woman of the Year Award.

ment books to raise money for our group is ABWA convention," said Shultz who has been to three national and two district conventions. "The ideas you exchange and things you learn is unbelievable."

For more information or to make a reservation for the next meeting, call the hospitality chair at 348-3297 or Shultz at 349-3113.

Backdrops are objets d'art

By CAROL WORKENS
Staff Writer

Charlie Aimone had no choice but to sell off his art.

Like a doting father, when Aimone comes across one of his "paintings" in a home he is visiting, he makes sure it is hung correctly so that it doesn't fall off the wall, rehanging the piece if necessary.

But Aimone's "paintings" are more than just art objects. They were first created to be used as backdrops and individual pieces for his first full-length feature film *Flying High*.

Aimone began the project two years ago and has about a year's worth of work left.

With no place to store all the hand painted backdrops, each piece, which range in size from one-foot-by-four-feet to four-foot-by-four-and-a-half-feet, are being sold at the Atrium Gallery in downtown Northville.

Art aficionados who have already purchased one or more of Aimone's pieces have been given clues as to where and how they appear in the film.

The backs of each of the scenes are signed and numbered and include a short description. The number gives an indication of where it was used in the production and the description is a brief clue to the scene.

Over 50 individual pieces were used in the production so far with some still being created.

Flying High centers around the protagonist who is innocently trapped behind enemy lines and is running from the enemy and finding locations to hide until the war ends.

But unlike other full length feature films, the hero and about 25 other characters are puppets made by hand.

Some puppets were made totally by Aimone while others were designed by his students at the Center for Creative Studies in Detroit where Aimone teaches film, acting and game design.

"It varies according to what the students are interested in," Aimone said. "Some want to design the puppet and perform, while others are just interested in finding a puppet they can relate with. Other students like to operate a variety of puppets."

All the puppets have speaking roles which will be rerecorded later with music and sound effects.

Aimone drew the idea for the film from the all-American optimist he saw in Harold Lloyd characters - the ability to come through against impossible odds.

"This is a visual experience that moves along quite rapidly with visual jokes. I think that a lot of comedy can be done visually and competently very fast and it has a cleaner kind of rendition than if you get caught in a lot of verbal words that seem to be prevalent in some productions," he said.

"It is also a spoof of the old



Charlie Aimone, shown here with puppeteer Diane Spratt, will be displaying backdrops for his film *Flying High* at the Atrium Gallery in Northville through the end of January.

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Engagements



Carolyn Cody/Darin Forgacs

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Cody of Novi would like to express their joy in announcing the engagement of their daughter Carolyn F. Cody to Darin M. Forgacs, son of Steven Forgacs of Harbor Springs and Mary Forgacs of Ann Arbor. The bride-elect graduated from Novi High School in 1988. She received a bachelor's degree in fine arts from the Center for Creative Studies. Carolyn is currently working as an art director at McCann/SAS Retail advertising agency in Troy.

The bride groom-elect is a 1987 graduate of Tecumseh High School. He received a bachelor's degree in business/finance from Central Michigan University. Darin is currently working as a personal financial advisor at American Express Financial Inc. in Auburn Hills. Their wedding day is September 7, 1996.

Church Notes

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 200 East Main Street in Northville, will present a series of Inquirers Classes beginning Sunday, Feb. 4 at 7 p.m. in the Forum Room for those wishing to learn more about membership in the church. The next two Sundays the class will meet at 9:30 a.m. and those wishing to become members will meet with the session on Feb. 18 at 9:30 a.m. and be presented at the 11 a.m. worship service that day. For more information, call the church at 349-0911.

FAITH COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 4440 West Ten Mile Road one half mile west of Novi Road across from the police station in Novi, will have their Annual Used Book Sale on Thursday, Jan. 25, from 6 to 9 p.m., Friday, Jan. 26, from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. and Saturday, Jan. 27, from 9 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.

Proceeds go to a literary mission project and to help furnish the church library.

Fiction, non-fiction, biographies, children's books, special interest and self-help books, texts, hard and soft covers, and paperbacks, etc., will be available.

Book donations will be accepted prior to sale dates and may be dropped off at the church office. Tax receipts are available.

For more information, call the church at 349-5666.

Adult volunteers are needed for both the Junior and Senior Youth Ministry at **ST. JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH**, 46325 Ten Mile Road in Novi. At least 10 people for each level are needed for an annual commitment, with others helping shorter terms.

The adult role is to serve, advise, facilitate and support the goals of Youth Ministry which are to foster the total personal and spiritual growth of each young person and draw young people to responsible participation in the life, mission and work of the faith community.

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

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 is at 9 a.m.

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

Additional copies of the new *Gather Comprehensive Hymnals* at **CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY**, 24505 Meadowbrook Road in Novi, will soon be ordered and will be available for families to donate for the chapel or church in their own name. OR the name of a family member or friend who has died, or both. The cost of a hymnal is \$12. Each hymnal

will have a donor bookplate. For more information, call the church office at 349-8847.

The U.M.M. at **FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE**, 777 West Eight Mile Road, is planning an overnight retreat to Judson Collins Camp on Jan. 26 and 27. If interested, call the church office.

Parents Night Out continues to be a big hit with church parents. Over 70 children attended the Epiphany Parents Night Out. The next evening is scheduled for Feb. 2 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. for children of parishioners 2 years-old through fourth grade. A Christian Valentine will be the theme and the "Heiric Puppet" will be presented along with a live animal demonstration. A snack will be served. Registrations must be received by Jan. 28. No late registrations will be accepted.

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.

Parishioners at **OUR LADY OF VICTORY CHURCH**, 770 Thayer Boulevard in Northville, raised \$2,060 for the Salvation Army Kettle Drive this year. Leslie Foley successfully coordinated the OLV bell ringers for the Salvation Army.

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

VICTORY LUTHERAN CHURCH holds Sunday worship and school from 10 a.m. until 11:15 a.m. at the Novi Meadows School cafeteria, located on Taft Road between Ten Mile Road and Grand River.

For more information, call 349-2669.

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

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.

Upcoming workshops include social ballroom dance classes taught by Nora Mader 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.

"The Key to Empowerment" will be taught by Barbara Halpern on Feb. 1, 8 and 15 at 7:30 p.m. at the church. Cost is \$24.

"Healing and Rebuilding Yourself" with Sue Dahlmann, Linda Hanniford and Diane Szymanski will begin on Feb. 11 and meet for three Sunday evenings through Feb. 25 at 7 p.m. at the church. The cost is \$24.

Sports activities coming up include bowling evenings on Feb. 9 and 16 at 8 p.m. at Novi Bowl on Novi Road between Eight and Nine Mile roads; and volleyball on Jan. 26, Feb. 2 and 23, from 9 to 10:30 p.m. at the Northville Rec. Center.

On Wednesdays at 6 p.m. the group meets at Sundowner for dinner followed by a presentation. The presentation at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 31, will be "The How To's of Your First Date" with speaker Lynn Vaughn, Ph.D., including a panel discussion, or "Being Your Best" with speaker Janet Drass. The cost is \$4.

The group will meet for volleyball from 9 to 10:30 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 26, at the Northville Recreation Center, 303 W. Main Street in Northville. The cost is \$4.

Single Place Ministries will present a "50s Sock Hop" on Saturday, Feb. 17, at 8 p.m. at the Northville Rec. Center. There will be prizes for best '50s costume and neatest socks. DJ Brian Bosman will entertain with blasts from the past. Tickets are \$7 in advance and \$8 at the door and are available at the church and on Wednesday evenings.

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.

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

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

Novi Concert Band to perform at mall

The 16th Annual Festival of Community Bands will commence at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 27 at Twelve Oaks Mall in the Center Court.

Carl Grapentine will be the master of ceremonies. The first note will be played by the Schoolcraft College Community Wind Ensemble with Dr. James Nissen conducting, at 11 a.m.

The Plymouth Community Band, conducted by Mr. Carl Battishill will perform at noon.

The first massed band, conducted by Battishill, Jack Kopnick and Nissen will begin at 2 p.m. followed by an intermission. The massed band will include performances by Schoolcraft College Community Wind Ensemble, Plymouth Community Band and Novi Concert Band.

Concluding the day's event will be the Farmington Community Band, conducted by Barber at 7:30 p.m.

Music will fill the mall once again when the South Oakland Concert Band performs at 4:30 p.m. with George Gillespie conducting.

Grant Hoemke will conduct the Birmingham Community Band at 5:30 p.m.

Conducting the second massed band at 6:30 p.m. will be Paul Barber, Gillespie and Hoemke. The afternoon's massed band performance will include the South Oakland Concert Band, Birmingham Community Band and Farmington Community Band members.

Concluding the day's event will be the Farmington Community Band, conducted by Barber at 7:30 p.m.

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RESTAURANT POLL
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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.
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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 _____

'Rats' have specific palate preferences

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Those born in the Year of the Rat prefer certain foods, partially due to their personalities. Likewise with friends of the Rat, those born in the year of the Monkey, Ox and Dragon.

The "Rat" is ambitious, honest, sincere, generous and in self control. Foods Parker and Chef Dai have selected that the Rat would find to his liking include Peking Duck, a mild chicken and spicy beef combination, and shrimp stir-fried with mixed Chinese vegetables and egg whites.

Maintaining good relations with the Rat is the Dragon whose chief characteristics are passion, gentleness, stubbornness, health and energy. To please the palates of Dragons, Dai suggests lobster and chicken stir-fried with soft Chinese vegetables, pineapple crispy shrimp, and pan-fried noodles decorated and filled with seafood and vegetables.

Also linked to the Rat is the Monkey, who is clever, skillful and practical. Meals appropriate for a Monkey include Jumbo shrimp in champagne sauce, fish in a spicy Szechuan sauce with a secret blend of exotic Chinese condiments and deluxe moo shu shrimp, chicken and beef which is made to eat with hands as either an hors d'oeuvre or main meal.

The Ox, whose characteristics are patience and intelligence, also relates well with the Rat. An Ox might enjoy a deluxe fried rice with shrimp, beef and chicken or a shrimp, scallops and beef entree.



Amy McMartin/Derek Wartner

Mr. and Mrs. Michael McMartin of Novi proudly announce the engagement of their daughter, Amy, to Derek Wartner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wartner of East Point.

The bride is a 1991 graduate of Novi High School and will graduate from Eastern Michigan University in April 1996. She is currently student teaching at Village Oaks Elementary School in Novi.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Notre Dame High School and is a 1995 graduate from Eastern Michigan University. He is currently an accountant with Lease Line Financial in Birmingham.

A May 1996 wedding is being planned.

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THURSDAY
January 25,
1996

Audience loves new comedy

Mama's Boy opened to rave reviews from customers and staff at Genitti's Hole-in-the-Wall on Jan. 19.

The interactive comedy centers around Bunny who loves Johnny. But Johnny loves Hope who loves Claude. Johnny hates Claude for loving Hope and Franco wants to destroy the Bazzard's restaurant empire.

The script is written by David McKnight and Cindy Blake, who are also in the cast.

"We thought it would be fun to do something more in line with an Italian restaurant this time," said McKnight.

Returning performers are Andrew, Laura and Christina Genitti, the children of John and Toni Genitti; Cindy Blake; Curt Christoff; Lisa Brandow and Brian Edwards, who is making his premier at Genitti's.

Christoff is back on stage at Genitti's after a four year leave.



From left, Cindy Blake, Laura Genitti, David McKnight, Lisa Brandow, Andy Genitti and Curt Christoff are starring in Genitti's *Mama's boy* now through February at Genitti's in Northville.

Members of the audience will play such as roles as Vanna White and Mario the busboy.

The play is set in an Italian restaurant and in a blind pig, which is operated from a room in the back. Sets are designed by

McKnight and painted by Marybeth Oravec.

"It's really a fun show. It has a fun story line along with fun audience participation parts," McKnight said.

Mama's Boy at Genitti's Hole-in-the-Wall is now playing through

Feb. 14.

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

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Entertainment listing

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

AUDITIONS

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE: The winter production of Neil Simon's *Comedy Plaza Suite* will hold auditions Jan. 30 and 31 at 7 p.m. in the Liberal Arts Theatre on the college's main campus, 18600 Haggerty Road between Six and Seven Mile roads in Livonia. There are roles for seven males and five females.

Auditions are open to the public and no experience is necessary. Scripts are available in the campus library to read ahead of time.

For further information, call the Theatre Department at 462-4400, ext. 6270.

Performance dates for the show are March 22, 23, 29, 30 and April 5 and 6.

NEW HORIZON COMMUNITY CHURCH: The church is looking for actors and actresses to occasionally participate in Sunday morning dramas and skits based on topical issues.

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

A local community church featuring a contemporary format, the church meets at the Novi Town Center General Cinema Theaters in Novi. Those interested should call Ann Marie Frey, (810) 348-3563.

SPECIAL EVENTS

PERFORMER'S SHOWCASE: The public is invited to attend the Performer's Showcase performances which are held prior to select city council meetings in the Novi Civic Center at 7:30 p.m. On occasion, performances may be taped for home viewing and cablecast to residents.

Writers, actors, poets, dancers, and comedians are invited to submit their forms and audition tapes available to the Novi Arts Council.

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

CARRIAGE RIDES: Northville Carriage Co. offers carriage rides throughout the year and packages for birthdays and special occasions. For more information and reservations, call Northville Carriage Co. at 380-3381.

CLUB SEAFOOD: Evening of murder-mystery dinner and a four-course dinner next when the Water Club's *Seafood Grill* presents the interesting *Murder by Dinner* at 7:30 p.m. on Jan. 23 at 7 p.m.

The Water Club is located on Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth, one quarter mile east of I-275.

For more information and reservations, call 454-0666.

Mama's Boy at

Genitti's Hole-in-the-Wall is now playing through Feb. 14. The interactive comedy centers around Bunny who loves Johnny. But Johnny loves Hope who loves Claude. Johnny hates Claude for loving Hope and Franco wants to destroy the Bazzard's restaurant empire.

Reservations are required. Genitti's offers interactive comedy shows every weekend along with their famous seven-course meal.

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

Call (810) 349-0522 for reservations.

MUSIC

COUNTRY EPICURE RESTAURANT: Entertainment is offered in the lounge with full bar and dinner menu with no cover charge from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. on Friday and Saturday evenings. Wilbert Peagler, jazz pianist, with Jesse Reeves on bass and Milton Hale on drums, will accompany Barbara Ware on Jan. 26 and 27.

COUNTRY EPICURE RESTAURANT: Country Epicure Restaurant is located at 42050 Grand River in Novi.

For more information, call (810) 349-7770.

CICERO'S ITALIAN RESTAURANTE & BAR: Cicero's Italian Ristorante & Bar is located on Novi Road just north of Ten Mile. Reservations are suggested on the weekends.

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

BRADY'S FOOD & SPIRITS: Playing favorites from jazz greats will be Herbie Ross every Tuesday and Reggie Braxton every Wednesday.

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

Brady's Food & Spirits is located at 38123 West Ten Mile Road, in the Holiday Inn, Farmington Hills.

For more information, call (810) 478-7780.

CAFFE BRAVO: Caffe Bravo features the talents of many artists performing everything from classical guitar, jazz and blues to contemporary and folk music every Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

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

Call 344-0220 for additional information.

FRIGATES INN: Frigates offers live music every Tuesday at 8 p.m. featuring 2X1 Band. The Sunset Blues Band will host the Wednesday blues jam from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. All musicians are welcome.

Dance with The Globe at 9 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Frigates Inn is located at the corner of Fourteen Mile and East Lake Drive in Novi.

For more information, call (810) 624-9607.

MORE JAZZ: Outback Cappuccino Bar, 370 S. Main St. in Plymouth, presents live jazz from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesdays, featuring the work of jazz artists Gary Cooper of Northville and Terrence Lester of Southfield.

Cooper is a versatile musician, playing flute, trumpet, sax and flugelhorn, while Lester plays keyboards with midi bass and rhythms.

Call 455-0445 for more information.

MR. B'S FARM: Mr. B's Farm is located at Novi Road north of Ten Mile.

For more information call 349-7038.

SPORTS EDITION: Every weekend guests can enjoy live entertainment at the Sports Edition Bar, located inside the Novi Hilton Hotel at 21111 Haggerty Road.

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

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

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

SUNSET GRILL: Every Tuesday from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m. the Sunset Grill blues jam continues into the second year. Featuring Tim Flaherty as host, the jam is open to all musicians.

The Tim Flaherty Trio with Nancy K. host an open jazz jam every Sunday evening from 7 until 11 p.m. Ongoing for over six months, the jam is open to everyone interested in classical jazz, swing and bebop.

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

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

ART

ATRIUM GALLERY: Atrium Gallery is featuring art works by Charles Almone, a Northville resident and long-time professor of film and acting at the Center for Creative Studies.

On exhibit are wall panels which are used as bookends for his puppet film *Flying High*. The panels depict World War I French town buildings and can be used as unique and decorative wall hangings. The show continues through January.

Atrium Gallery is located at 109 Farnham in downtown Northville. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m.

to 5 p.m. Saturday, and noon to 4 p.m. on Sunday.

For more information, call (810) 349-4131.

BACKDOOR GALLERY: Farmington's Backdoor Gallery on 37220 Eight Mile Road specializes in unusual art dolls. The gallery is in the home of co-owner Kathy Landers. She and the other gallery owner, Kathleen Bricker, are both artists.

Gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays; 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays, and by appointment. Call 474-8306.

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

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

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

PAINTER'S PLACE: Two new watercolors, one of Main Street featuring the town clock and the other of the Oldenburg Building on Center Street when Fred Oldenburg operated a grocery store in the building, are available at Painter's Place, Studio & Gallery of Caroline Durphy.

The gallery is located at 140 N. Center Street in Northville. Hours during January are Tuesday through Thursday, noon to 4 p.m. or by appointment.

Call 348-9544 for more information.

GATE VI GALLERY: Gate VI is located in the atrium of the Novi Civic Center. Hours are Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. On the weekend, the gallery is open if the building is open. Call 380-0470.

BORDERS BOOKS: Upcoming events at Borders Books and Music, located in the Novi Town Center off Novi Road just south of I-96, include a bibliophiles group meeting featuring a discussion of *Open Secrets* by Alice Munro on Jan. 25 at 7 p.m.; a poetry club meeting Jan. 26 at 7 p.m.; a celebration of Mozart's birthday with members of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra Jan. 27 at 1 p.m.; instead of the Super Bowl shop for pottery bowls by local artist Sandy Lentz Jan. 28 at 1 p.m.; and Allene Boughton of Plymouth's Old Village Yarn Shop hosts a knitting circle Jan. 31 at 7 p.m.

For further information call (810) 347-0780.

MAYFAIR CO-OP FRESHFOOD: Applications for the 1996-97 school year are now being accepted. See classes in action during Mayfair's open house Feb. 5, 6 or 7.

Mayfair is located at 30450 Farmington Road, in the Orchard United Methodist Church, between Thirteen and Fourteen Mile roads, in Farmington Hills.

For registration and information, call 626-2759.

Movies

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THURSDAY
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'Grumpier' sequel is a winner

GRUMPY OLD MEN
BY HEATHER WADOWSKI
NORTHVILLE

Most sequels aren't funnier or more entertaining than the originals, but "Grumpier Old Men" isn't like most sequels.

Walter Matthau, Jack Lemmon, Ann-Margret and Sophia Loren star in "Grumpier Old Men," the sequel to the 1993 hit "Grumpy Old Men." This time though, John Gustafson and Max Goldman aren't fighting quite as much because they've found a common enemy...Sophia Loren.

Now, John and Max are plotting day and night against Sophia...and forgetting the small fact that their children are getting married. So when their kids decide to call the wedding off, John naturally blames Max and Max naturally blames John. Thus, the fifty-year fight begins all over again.

Walter Matthau and Jack Lemmon are perfect together. Not a scene goes by with them together that viewers don't laugh at.

"Grumpier Old Men" has the same humorous and heart-filled

READER MOVIE REVIEWS

scenes that made the original a winner...and the sequel one, too. That's why it receives five stars out of five. For anyone who's seen the original "Grumpy Old Men" and thought nothing could top it, you were wrong.

DEAD MAN WALKING

BY DR. GAIL MAJCHER
NORTHVILLE

This movie accomplishes the difficult task of accurately portraying the emotional and psychological issues of the victims, their families, the killer and his family in a

realistic manner. No matter what the viewer's opinion is on capital punishment, this movie causes one to rethink both positions as each person becomes very real.

Susan Sarandon acts as a nun who finds herself emotionally involved with all of the family members while trying to minister to the killer. Her facial expressions alone are well worth seeing.

Sean Penn gives one of the finest performances of his career as he brings out the human side of a person capable of an evil act.

Would the killer have found the truth that set him free if the outcome had been different? It is a philosophical question open to debate. *A must see.*

BABE
BY HELMINE BINSTOCK
NOVI

Were it not for Siskel & Ebert's enthusiastic recommendations, I'd have skipped "Babe" and missed my second favorite picture of '95. It's really not a kid's picture. Subtle and clever writing is geared more for adults, but kids love the combined live/computer-animated photography and audio.

"Babe" is actually about farm life, and the role each animal must play in order to earn it's keep. If you're a pig, like Babe, your usual function, like ducks, is simply to be used as food for the others.

That's why Babe must use his vast charm, especially with "boss" (the farmer), to learn a sheep dog's tasks. Clearly a pig, Babe must ignore laughs and ridicule when he assists "boss" in achieving his lilelong goal.

Especially witty were the live actors, the farmer and wife characters. Truly, a take-charge woman, the wife leaves many reminder notes of chores for her unassertive husband to handle while she is away. We know, of course, the he's intelligent and resourceful... simply passive. Regarding the ongoing special relationship he has with Babe, well — his wife simply doesn't quite grasp it.



Max Goldman (Walter Matthau) and John Gustafson (Jack Lemmon) get a surprise pasta sauce shower from Maria Ragetti (Sophia Loren) in the current comedy "Grumpier Old Men."

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NEW TO THE AREA
 SWF 35, 101, 120lbs, honest, outgoing, sometimes a hombody, enjoys music, seeks SM, to hang out and share activities, possibly develop a relationship. Ad# 1426

ARE YOU THAT PERSON?
 SWF 35, 5'8", blonde hair, blue eyes, Born-Again, N/S, non-drinker, church active, plays guitar, piano, loves leddy baby, seeks Born-Again, easygoing, humorous SM, 6' - 100lbs+, for dating, maybe more. Ad# 7000

MOTHER OF THREE
 DW 35, 170s, down home, green eyes, seeking loving, gentle SM, who takes going out, being around children, for friendship, possibly more. Ad# 5898

SEEKING A PAL
 SWF 35, attractive, honest, affectionate, active, likes nature, church, music, concerts, hiking, seeking healthy, active SM, who likes working out, pets, for friendship, possible relationship. Ad# 8443

LIVES NEAR NOVI
 SWF 30, 5'7", 130lbs, never married, N/S, Protestant, seeks caring, honest, financially secure, fit SM, 35-40, N/S, never married, for possible serious relationship, leading to marriage. Ad# 8885

INTERESTED?
 SW mom of two, 36, works a lot, enjoys line dancing, country music, motorcycle, cuddling, walks the park, lives at home, seeks SM, to share interests and possible relationship. Ad# 7998

LOVES ATTENTION!
 SWF 37, 5'5", brown hair/eyes, humorous, affectionate, enjoys movies, travel, dining out, quiet times, seeking affectionate, trustworthy, financially stable SM, for relationship. Ad# 2055

METHODIST CHURCH MEMBER
 DW mom of two, 38, 5'6", involved with team and single parent church group, enjoys long walks and talks, seeking stable, sincere, employed M, 34-44, for friendship, leading to relationship. Ad# 5263

CHILDREN ARE A PLUS
 SW mom, 38, 5'6", 160lbs, Auburn hair, grey eyes, likes to relax, seeks caring, fun, hot tubs, refurbishing furniture, romance, seeking DM, 30-35, for companionship, maybe marriage. Ad# 1919

BELIEVE IN MIRACLES?
 SWF, 40, 5'4", 125lbs, loves to travel, looking for tender-hearted, loving, professional, financially secure, honest, love of animals, sound moral values, honesty. Ad# 4261

VERY PETITE LADY
 DW, 40, big blue eyes, blonde hair, professional, enjoys outdoors, theatre, dining out, plays, seeking positive SM, kind, sensitive, nurturing, good listener, conversationalist, with God first in his life. Ad# 5101

WORKS AFTERNOONS
 SWF 40, enjoys going thru for other people, seeks SCM, with similar values who enjoys long slow walks in the park, 200s, music, car, fitness together, stimulating conversation, for possible relationship. Ad# 4842

LIVINGSTON COUNTY
 DW mom, 40, 5'2", average figure, spontaneous, creative, affectionate, enjoys boating, roller skating, window shopping, enjoying dining, seeks (D)SMW, for fun, companionship, maybe more. Ad# 4655

THANKS FOR ANSWERING!
 SW mom, 42, 5'4", weight problem, energetic, enjoys biking, rollerblading, outdoor sports, working out, seeking SM, similar age, good sense of humor, for companionship/more. Ad# 1993

MAKE MEMORIES
 DW mom, 42, physically/emotionally fit, three children, enjoys dancing, music, outdoor sports, the theater, all kinds of things, seeks SM, with similar interests. Ad# 599

LOOKING FOR MR. RIGHT
 SWF 43, 5'4", medium build, enjoys dancing, quiet times at home, and much more, seeking honest, caring SM, similar interests, who wants to feel special. Ad# 3485

CRAZY ABOUT FISHING
 DW mom, 44, 5'5", reddish-blond hair, dark eyes, N/S, non-drinker, churchgoer, loves children, animals, camping, nature, seeking sincere, honest, kind SM, with new experiences. Ad# 1951

FRIENDS FIRST
 SWF 44, 5'4", weight proportionate, blonde hair, blue eyes, seeks strong SCM, for friendship, dating, and possible relationship. Ad# 3232

LIVES IN BRIGHTON
 SWF 46, 5'5", N/S, non-drinker, no kids, loves fishing, camping, bowling, music, N/S, non-drinker, friendship first. Ad# 1036

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 Down-to-earth SWF, 47, 5'7", young, active, enjoys music, dancing, bowling, movies, seeking sincere, caring SM, with similar interests, for possible relationship. Ad# 3529

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SPARKING PERSONALITY

DWF 50, 5'2", 150lbs, blonde hair, blue eyes, energetic, fun-loving, aggressive, N/S, non-drinker, former volunteer, enjoys golf, dining, dancing, boating, seeking outgoing, open-minded, educated M, N/S, social drinker. Ad# 5256

FOR SERIOUS RELATIONSHIP

SWM 23, enjoys working out, traveling, going out, looking for SM, similar interests. Ad# 5959

A GOOD LISTENER

SWM 24, 6', college grad, honest, respectful, open to trying new and exciting things, enjoys recreational, music, dining, warm-hearted SM, fun-to-be-with SM, for relationship based on friendship and trust. Ad# 9683

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SWF young 59, N/S, non-drinker, employed, romantic, enjoys walks together, dining out, quiet evenings at home, cuddling, seeks romantic, SWM, N/S, who likes to be pampered, for companionship, maybe more. Ad# 3456

LOOKING FOR LONG-TERM

SWF 62, 5'2", weight proportionate, enjoys going places, walks, travel, animals, outdoors, watching sports, live entertainment, seeks active SM, 50-70, 5'7", husky build, with similar interests. Ad# 3917

LIVES ALMOST EVERYTHING

SWF 65, 5'8", healthy, N/S, enjoys music, animals, seeking SM, for friendship/companionship. Ad# 5103

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A HOMEBOY

SWM 33, 5'11", 220lbs, brown hair, blue eyes, secure, intelligent, outgoing, home owner, engineer, likes boating, skiing, camping, music, comedy, times home, seeking SM, to share time, for companionship. Ad# 5900

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BASKETBALL	Lewis (Howell) 8-0	King (Howell) 2-1	Austin (Milford) 47-0	Milford 50-1	N. Wayne (Lakeland) 11-7	Mattar (Pineckney) 4-1
KVC STANDINGS	White (South Lyon) 7-2	Olhoff (Howell) 2-0	FREE THROW PERCENTAGE	Howell 51-1	Torrence (Northville) 14-6	Graybill (Hartland) 25-7
Novi 5-0	Arden (South Lyon) 6-8	Parker (Howell) 2-0	South Lyon 55-7	N. Wayne (Lakeland) 15-9	Masilli (South Lyon) 10-6	
Milford 3-2	Szostek (Northville) 6-4	Edging (Brighton) 2-0	Lakeland 58-0	Cushman (Brighton) 11-10		
Brighton 3-2	King (Howell) 6-0	Wepcha (Lakeland) 9-0	Northville 60-0	Glynn (Hartland) 11-10		
Lakeland 1-3	Thomas (Lakeland) 6-0	Lyskova (Howell) 8-0	Hartland 62-0			
South Lyon 1-3	Coleman (Brighton) 6-0	E. Howells (Howell) 8-0	Brighton 70-0			
Hartland 0-7						
ASSISTS	Daniels (Hartland) 19	Boss (Howell) 8-0	WRESTLING			
Wilkins (Lakeland) 6-6	Sander (Northville) 18	Clawick (Milford) 8-0	125 POUNDS			
Mouser (Brighton) 6-2	Kips (Brighton) 16	Williams (Milford) 7-0	Choyne (Milford) 24-1			
Kotsey (Northville) 5-9	Kiss (Pineckney) 14	Sander (Brighton) 7-0	Kyle (Northville) 14-3			
Kramer (Novi) 5-1	Shalard (Lakeland) 13	Blaise (Howell) 7-0	Rosen (Howell) 21-9			
Daniels (Hartland) 5-0	Wilkins (Lakeland) 13	Brown (Pineckney) 7-0	Fench (Howellville) 16-7			
Whitmyer (Hartland) 4-3	Wilkins (Milford) 12	Hudson (Lakeland) 7-0	Ellis (South Lyon) 11-10			
Henson (Brighton) 3-8	Portera (Howell) 11	Kearney (Howell) 7-0	Doranzo (Hartland) 12-12			
Daniels (Hartland) 3-7	Henson (Brighton) 11	Lamontagne (South Lyon) 7-0	Levy (Pineckney) 23-9			
King (Howell) 1-3	Cody (Novi) 3-5	Outfall (Howell) 10	Tom Lincoln (Brighton) 6-5			
Arden (South Lyon) 12-9	Robinson (Pineckney) 3-0	Lewis (Howellville) 7-0	Paul Genapp (Brighton) 7-2			
Chvalak (Milford) 12-5	Greenman (Pineckney) 3-0	Dreng (Howellville) 7-0	L. Christoff (Novi) 24-8			
Dickson (Howell) 12-3	Brown (Pineckney) 3-0	Greenman (Howellville) 7-0	Long (Hartland) 17-13			
Wilkins (Lakeland) 12-0	Saylor (Lakeland) 3-0	Ardas (Milford) 7-0	LaFouche (Lakeland) 14-10			
Koppy (Pineckney) 12-0		Trucker (Howellville) 7-0	Becker (Novi) 27-4			
Ans (Brighton) 11-9	STEALS		Becker (Novi) 27-4			
Kramer (Novi) 11-7	Wilkins (Lakeland) 4-6	TEAM OFFENSE	Rochowak (Pineckney) 25-6			
Greenman (Pineckney) 11-0	Mosser (Brighton) 3-6	Brighton 70-8	Greenman (Howellville) 22-5			
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Amberg (Pineckney) 10-0	Kearney (Novi) 2-5	South Lyon 45-9	171 POUNDS			
Henson (Brighton) 9-4	Kramer (Novi) 2-5	TEAM DEFENSE	Dinning (Howellville) 22-0			
Edmonds (Novi) 8-7	Wilkins (Lakeland) 2-1	Novi 43-0	Ony (Brighton) 14-0			
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Spikers off to 10-0 start

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The Wildcats opened up by winning the South Lyon tournament. A win over Farmington Hills Harrison followed.

Christmas break didn't slow the Wildcats down. Novi resumed the season by beat KVC rivals Hartland, South Lyon and finally Milford Thursday.

That's 3-0 in the league and 10-0 overall, if you're keeping count. Mott said the team is hoping for many more wins before the year is out.

"I think we have the potential to go far," she said. "When we're working as one, we're unstoppable."

Stienkions said Novi's record is no fluke. The Wildcats have talent in every area, she said, especially hitting or spiking the volleyball.

"A majority of the girls are hitters," the junior said. "Now anybody (the setter) goes to, we're ready."

Having some like Mott to set up a big hit makes it easy, Stienkions added.

"Michelle is the best setter Novi's seen in awhile," she said.

Mott said having so many options to go to on the floor makes her job easy.

"As a setter I can depend on everyone on the team," she explained. "I have confidence that everyone can put it down."

Thus far, Ursula Place has been Novi's star among setters. The senior is among league leaders in kills and aces.

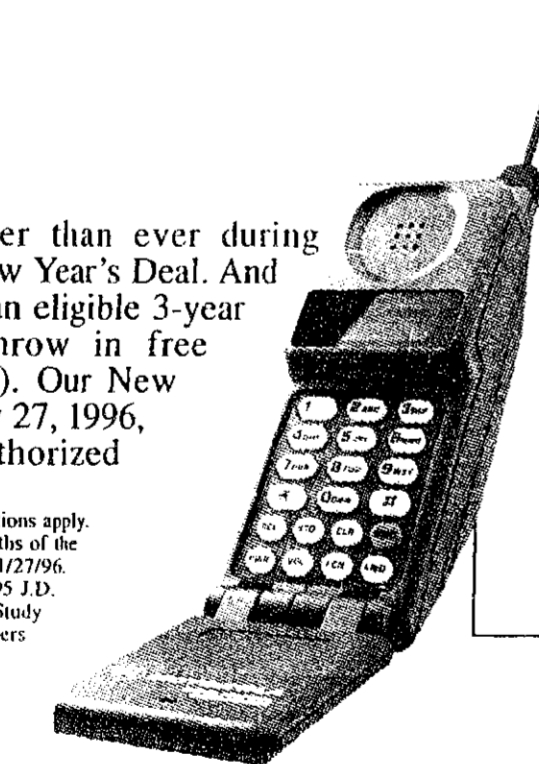
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Milford used a couple of good serves as a block to take a 6-2 lead. The Wildcats cut that gap to one-Place's serve, but then fell back again.

The visitors took a commanding 13-7 lead. Fissette called timeout and gave her squad a short pep talk.

Novi didn't make a miscue the rest of the way.

Mott came up to serve and scored a point. Ranzilovich followed moments later with six straight serves for points and Novi won 15-13.

Grapplers second at Adams tourney

By SCOTT DANIEL Sports Editor

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According to coach Brad Huss, his team was competitive.

"We can wrestle with them," he added. "But it would've taken our best and an off day for them for us to win."

In order to beat teams like Rochester Adams, the Wildcats have to go up to the next level.

"We have to step it up a notch," Huss said. "That's what the good teams are doing."

"We're beating teams we should, but losing to teams we should lose to."

Novi won five matches against the Wildcats.

Lenny Christoff decided Matt Frazier 6-2 at 130 pounds while Mike Watanabe pinned Stu Moore at 140 pounds.

Novi won three straight pool matches.

The Wildcats defeated Lapeer West 42-30 to open the tournament.

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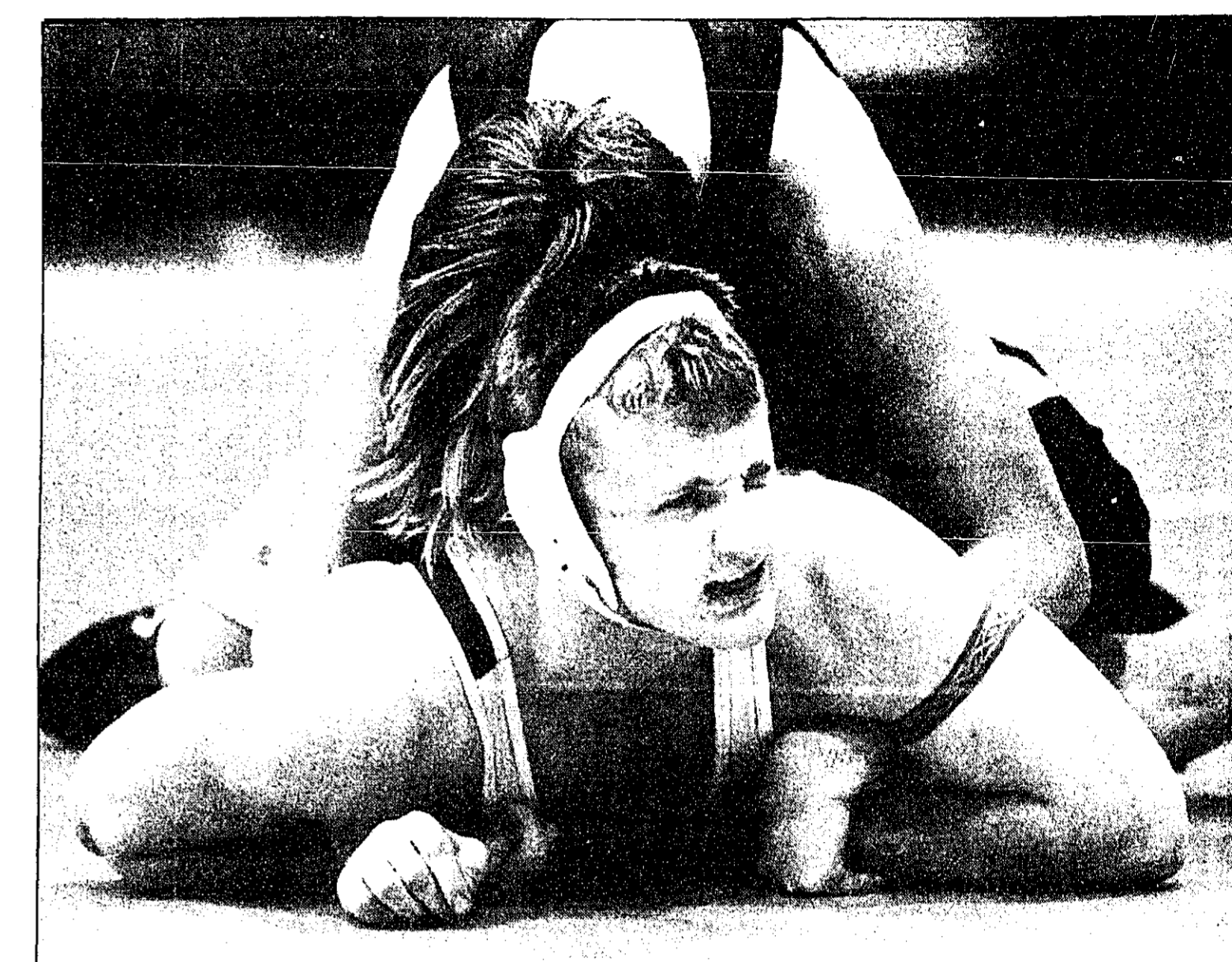
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Novi's Josh Hadley suffered some painful moments on his way to beating Hartland's Ryan Bennett in a 152-pound match.

Huss said, "It will set the tone for the rest of the year for us."

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Gymnasts second at Hartland invite

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Northville/Novi 134.3, John Glenn 133.5.

The combined team traveled to Westland on Jan. 17 and narrowly got its third win.

Northville/Novi did take the top three all-around slots. Winn totaled 34.35 points for first.

The combined team won every event except the balance beam.

The Rockets outscored Northville/Novi by almost two points, which is why the meet ended up as close as it did.

In the vaulting competition, Winn was first with an 8.85. Pei-

Tankers edge NHS with superior depth

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Brian LeRoy was fourth in 2:01.1. Erich Kelly got Novi's first win. He took top honors in the 200-yard IM in 2:05.7 and Andy Kelly was third in 2:21.3.

In the 50-yard freestyle, Jason LeRoy was second in 24.5 and Kushman was third in 24.8.

Northville's Chris Anderson won the diving competition with 220 points while Novi's Mike Alberry was second with 177.5 points.

In the 100-yard butterfly, Newton was second in 1:00.5, a half-second behind winner Craig Steving of Northville. Kushman placed third in 1:03.4.

Erich Kelly won the 100-yard freestyle in 51.77 and Jason LeRoy was third in 54.7. Dan Lynch finished second in the 500-yard freestyle and Brian LeRoy was third in 5:24.4.

Trackin' the 'Cats

The Wildcats are at home today against Brighton at 6 p.m. Monday. Novi travels to Howell to play the highlanders at 6 p.m.

The basketball team plays Kensington Valley Conference leader Howell tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. on the road. Tuesday, the Wildcats go back on the road to play Hartland at 7:30. Novi beat the Eagles last in December.

The Wildcats will try to even their KVC record with matches against Howell and Lakeland tomorrow at home starting at 5 p.m. Novi travels to Lansing Saturday for the Lansing Warty Invitational. Action starts at 9 a.m.

The tankers swim against Brighton today at 7 p.m. and are then off until Tuesday. Novi swims at Dexter on Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

The combined team goes up against North Farmington on the road Wednesday at 7 p.m.

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Shingles can be debilitating illness

For most people, chicken pox is no more than an itchy childhood nuisance that leaves few traces - other than perhaps a bad memory and a scar or two. But for some, the disease resurges in later life in its most virulent and debilitating form: shingles.

The condition is caused by the varicella zoster virus, the type of herpes virus that causes chicken pox. The virus, which can lie dormant for years in sensory nerve roots near the spine, can be reactivated by the effects of aging on the immune system (most cases occur after age 50), a back injury or stress to the spinal nerves, or general life stress.

Immunosuppression from chemotherapy, radiation therapy or steroid use also can bring on an attack.

Often patients bounce from doctor to doctor in a futile search for relief from their symptoms, which include skin blisters, swelling and pain that travels along the path of a nerve on the chest, face or limbs. In some people, the infection can cause "post-herpetic neuralgia," chronic episodes of jabbing pain that appear about a

month after the other symptoms subside.

The lingering pain and numbness is caused by nerve damage from poor circulation to the affected area. For those with neuralgia, even the lightest touch to the skin or breeze on the face can be agonizing.

Standard pain management techniques - narcotics and nonprescription drugs such as Motrin - deal only with the acute, short-term discomfort. But anesthesiologists at the University of Michigan Medical Center's Multidisciplinary Pain Center are offering a little-known yet highly effective prescription for shingles pain that cannot only make patients feel better fast but can also speed healing and prevent any long-term misery.

The treatment consists of sympathetic nerve blocks - injections of local anesthetics such as Novocain - into the infected nerves every other day until the pain is gone, usually within three to four sessions. Nerve blocks prevent postherpetic neuralgia because they stimulate blood flow to the nerves involved and thus avoid long-term damage.

"We've found that with nerve blocks, we can treat the acute attack and prevent both the temporary and long-term pain. It's much easier to prevent the pain from coming on later than it is to treat it once a patient's got it," says A. Michael de Rosayro, M.D., associate professor of anesthesiology and director of the center. However, most shingles patients and their doctors don't routinely think of turning to a pain center for relief.

"The pain clinic is usually considered a court of last resort," says Jack M. Rosenberg, M.D., a pain fellow in the clinic. "But what is really ideal is for primary care practitioners to put their patients on the anti-viral drug acyclovir to treat the infection, and then send them to us right away so that we can do sympathetic blocks and take care of their pain without the use of narcotics. If you treat an acute case of shingles within three weeks, the patient does really well."

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Lasers becoming common in eye care



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(nearsightedness) and astigmatism who are not satisfied with glasses or contacts. These options involve refractive surgery (RS) and include radial keratotomy (RK) and excimer laser photorefractive keratectomy (PRK).

After spending three days of intensive training at TLC - The Laser Center - in Windsor, I've looked into the future of eye care.

Lasers are becoming common in modern

medicine, and the excimer laser demonstrates the reason: This machine helps doctors perform delicate surgery with a degree of accuracy and speed unimaginable just a few years ago. This makes it an ideal instrument to perform PRK.

Government guidelines now allow only mild to moderate amounts of myopia to be corrected. This category will expand over the next few years, and it's likely that astigmatism corrections will be added. LASIK, an advanced form of PRK performed outside the United States, can correct higher amounts of myopia and will be featured in my next article.

Patent selection is just as important in PRK as in any other surgery. There are a few abnormalities of the eye and other general health problems, like rheumatoid arthritis or lupus, that may disqualify a patient for PRK. Patients and their eye doctor need to have a good understanding of what PRK will do for each individual.

First of all, PRK will not eliminate the need for glasses entirely. Many patients will continue to need a mild prescription for driving or read-

ing. PRK will decrease dependence on glasses. About 95 percent of the people now eligible for the procedure should see clearly enough to pass their driver's license test and function nicely most of the time without glasses.

The excimer will be big business, about a \$5 billion industry. About 250,000 people had RK in 1994. By comparison, by 2005 1.6 million people are expected to undergo some sort of refractive surgery annually, making this type of operation the No. 1 surgical procedure worldwide.

The new technology has its price: roughly \$2,000-\$2,500 per eye. Many optometrists provide pre- and post-operative care for RS patients and are a good source of information. Be sure to discuss all your options with your eye doctor before making a decision.

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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:

"I can Cope" - 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.

"HeartScore" - 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.

"Menopause" - The first meeting of the St. Mary's Hospital Menopause support group will be held on Feb. 7 from 7 to 9 p.m. in the St. Mary Hospital Pavilion Conference Room B near the Levan Road Entrance. The support group gives women the opportunity to share with others in a private, confidential, relaxed environment, questions and concerns about menopause and other mid-life health and personal issues. Learn the difference between fact and fiction, share insights, experiences and opinions. For more information or to register, call (313) 591-3314.

"Just for Dads" - St. Mary's Hospital in Livonia has a class for new and expectant fathers. "Just for Dads... Childbirth and beyond." The class helps fathers understand feelings and changes associated with the birthing process, how to become an active participant in childbirth, and the new role of fatherhood. The next class will be held Feb. 8, from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Marian Pavilion Conference Room A near the Levan Road entrance. The format includes open discussion on attitudes and beliefs about fatherhood and lifestyle changes. Instruction on baby care includes a demonstration. Cost is \$10 per person and registration is required. For more information or to register, please call (313) 655-2882 or toll free at (800) 494-1617.

"Anxiety" - If your heart races every time you try to leave your home, if you are fearful of

social encounters of any kind, or if you are constantly redoing the same task to be certain you did it right, then you may be one of more than 28 million Americans who suffer from an anxiety disorder. Anxiety disorders are treatable illnesses and do not have to ruin your life. If you think you or a loved one may be suffering from an anxiety disorder, the Marian Women's Center, next to St. Mary Hospital at Five Mile and Levan in Livonia, will offer a free Anxiety Screening on Thursday, Feb. 8. The screening will be held from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. by appointment only. A mental health professional will meet privately with individuals to help identify if they are experiencing anxiety and how to seek relief from the symptoms. Registration is required. For more information or to register for the screening, please call the Marian Women's Center at (313) 655-3314 or toll free at (800) 494-1615.

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 Healing, a support group for inner peace, (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.

• Asthma: Managing Asthma and Staying Healthy (M.A.S.H.) - (810) 477-6100.

Ongoing programs at Botsford include:
• Foot Screenings (810) 473-1320.
• Winter Driving and Child Safety Seats (810) 442-7986.

• Blood Pressure Screening - Botsford Hospital main lobby. Second Monday of every month - Free, 1-4 p.m.

• 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 Cardiopulmonary 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.

Prostate Cancer

Providence Hospital and Medical Centers offers a free monthly support group for men with prostate cancer.

"Man to Man" meets the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at Providence Hospital in Southfield.

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