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City draws fire for golf course plan

By SHARON CONDRON
 Special Writer

"We started this discussion, but then the train left without us." That was Nov. 14, when Mayor Kathleen McLallen's reaction Monday night to all the debate that's surfaced recently about a proposed city-owned golf course in North Novi Park.

Council, she says, is still in the process of looking at the "big picture" but continues to play through the concept that includes enough space for a golf course, banquet facility and natural park-like settings.

"There is a meeting in January," she said after sitting mum and listening to nearly a dozen residents parade their likes and dislikes about the parkland proposal before the City Council.

Resident reaction to North Novi Park proposals have been emotional since some residents heard a council member say the \$6.235 million proposal could be funded without a vote of the people, the mayor suggested.

"They just stopped listening after they heard that," she said. According to McLallen, council

agreed to conceptual plans and initiated discussions about how a golf course would be funded if and when one was approved.

Among the proposals to fund the 18-hole golf course are plans to finance it with either revenue bonds or a general bond issue. Should council opt to fund the project with revenue bonds, there would be no need for a referendum. Instead, bonds would be paid back from the profits generated by the course. If members choose a general bond issue, they would need a nod from voters because taxes would have to be raised to cover the bond payments.

The mayor contends the face of North Novi Park is still in the developing stages and whether

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Lack of consensus delays appointment

By SHARON CONDRON
 Special Writer

Novi City Council has 30 days to appoint someone to fill Nancy Cassis' unexpired term.

"A lot of names have come up and some people have been approached and asked if they would be interested, but it hasn't gone any further than that, said Mayor Kathleen McLallen, declining to disclose the names of any of those in the running.

According to McLallen when a council member is appointed to another office, council has 30 days from the day the outgoing member is sworn into his/her new office to appoint a replacement. The clock started ticking last Tuesday when Cassis was sworn in as the 38th District State Representative.

"We are looking for someone who will work well with the council, is familiar with the community and has some public service experience," she added.

Candidates will most likely come from those already seated on city boards or commissions such as the Novi Planning and Parks and Recreation Commissions. Any of the six seated council members can nominate a candidate, but a majority rule will

choose Cassis' replacement. The person selected will serve 11 months, but will have to run in the general election next year to retain his/her seat.

McLallen said the process is mandated by the city charter, therefore, discouraging the notion of a special election or requiring the council to appoint the runner-up in the last election.

"We've had 10 recent elections costing us about \$15,000," she said. "I don't see any reason to hold another one. I feel the people of the community have spoken when they elected all of us ... they have faith in us to make the decision." But not everyone shares the mayor's point of view.

"Whoever is chosen should have the support of the community," said City Resident Ruth Hamilton, adding that among oth-

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TRAGEDY IN WIXOM: THE FORD MOTOR COMPANY SHOOTINGS



Photo by SCOTT BENEDICT

Police officers and motorists alike take cover behind their cars when shots are fired from the Ford Wixom plant Thursday.

In the line of fire

Novi officers lead response at Ford Wixom

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
 Staff Writer

Novi police Lt. Tim McNamara was on his way to an FBI luncheon in downtown Detroit, Nov. 14, but he never made it.

McNamara was one of many Novi police officers who jumped into action at the Wixom Ford Plant to combat a suspect running loose with an assault rifle.

Dressed in a suit, dress shoes and a flak jacket instead of his normal police uniform, McNamara spent the afternoon on the plant rooftops looking for the man who had entered the building and shot his way through, killing one and injuring three others, before surrendering shortly after 4 p.m.

"I was at Beck Road and Nine Mile assisting two marked units ... when I heard the dispatch call for

Wixom police ... there was a man with an assault rifle at the Ford plant ... There was no doubt in my mind that this was somebody who had come to do something he shouldn't be doing," McNamara explained.

"It didn't even phase me that it was someone selling a gun in the parking lot or a guy going deer hunting. I just said 'That's not good.'"

He took the marked unit with Officers Diane MacGregor and Mike Mancini with him to the site, switching radio frequencies to leave the airwaves open. He got on the phone to Sgt. Ken Meier to request he bring tactical flak vests and shotguns to the plant.

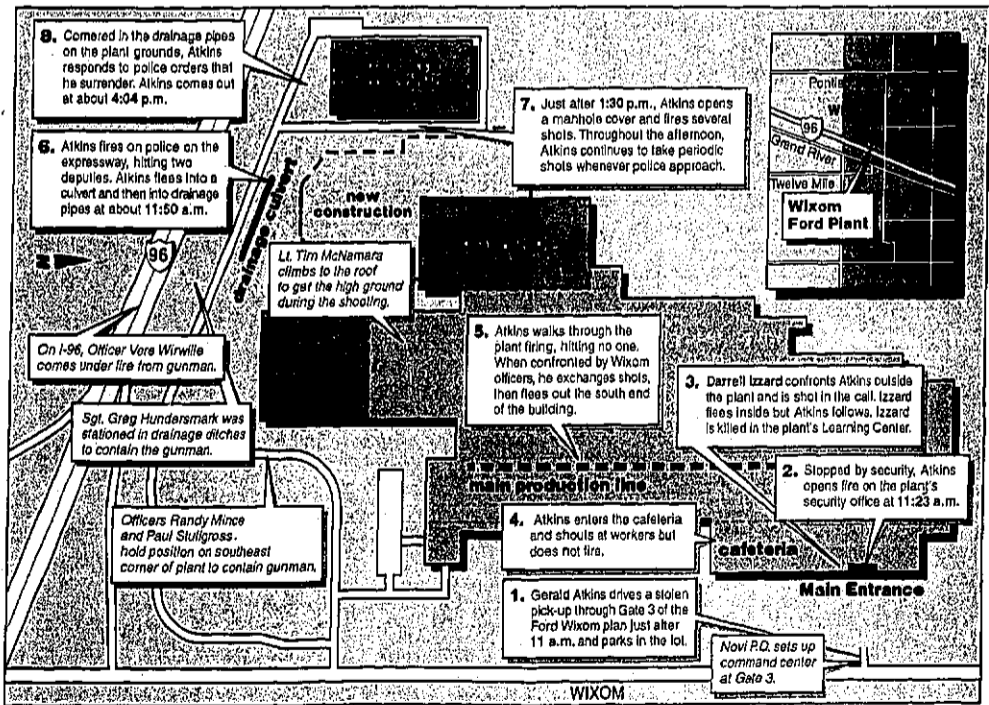
"You can't get there fast enough. It feels like you're



Lt. Tim McNamara

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Shooting at the Ford Plant: a timeline of events



Graphic by JUANITA LITTLE

Gunman stalks through plant

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
 Staff Writer

A day before deer season Gerald Atkins went hunting.

Armed with an military-style assault rifle and dressed in green camouflage, the 29-year-old Wixom man allegedly stalked his prey through masses of metal and machines, opening fire on several targets.

The rampage left one dead,

three injured and many communities feeling the effects.

Atkins reportedly drove a stolen pick-up truck to the Ford Wixom Assembly Plant just after 11 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 14 and walked toward the building in a group of employees. He was stopped at the security gates and questioned when suddenly, at 11:23 a.m., he pulled out an assault rifle and began shooting.

Atkins was angry he had been denied access to the plant the previous week when he showed up to propose to a woman who worked there, police said. She was uninterested in his advances.

According to Wixom Police Officer Al Blashfield, he shot out the security windows. Running out to the area, planning manager Darrell Izzard, 57, was struck in the calf. Izzard ran into the building

to escape but was allegedly followed by Atkins into the plant's media and computer Learning Center. Atkins then fired again at a pleading Izzard, striking him in the hip, the chest and the elbow, killing him.

Parts inspector Jerry Elliot came face to face with Atkins outside the center.

"He was saying 'I wish I knew

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A special section ...

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Community Calendar

To have 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, November 21

Red Cross Bloodmobile

The American Red Cross bloodmobile will be in the auditorium of Novi High School, 24062 Tall Rd., from 7:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Novi schools

The Novi schools Board of Education will meet in regular session at 7:30 p.m. at Novi Meadows School, 25549 Tall Rd.

Optimist Club

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

Sunday, November 24

Country Breakfast

Sons of American Legion Post 224 are holding a country breakfast from 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at 70 W. VFW Hall, 2652 Loon Lake Rd. Cost is \$4 for adults and \$2 for children under 12 years of age. The public is welcome.

Monday, November 25

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.

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Tuesday, November 26

ZONTA

The ZONTA Club of Farmington/Novi meets at 6 p.m. at the Embassy Suites Hotel, off I-275 between Seven Mile and Eight Mile roads. ZONTA International is a worldwide classified service organization of executives in business and the professions, working to improve the legal, political, economic and professional status of women. For information and reservations, call (813) 539-8043.

Youth Assistance

Novi Youth Assistance board will meet at 7 p.m. in the Novi Community School Educational Services Building, 25315 Tall Rd.

LARA

The Lakes Area Residents Association meets at 7 p.m. at Walled Lake Middle School, 46720 W. Pontiac Trail.

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

The Novi area chapter of F.E.M.A.L.E. (Formerly Employed Mothers at the Leading Edge) meets at Providence Mission Health Center, 39500 W. Ten Mile Rd., Conference Room A. For more information, call Beth at (810) 669-5836.

Civil Air Patrol

The Sixgate Composite Squadron, Civil Air Patrol, meets at Novi Middle School, 25299 Tall Rd., from 7-9:30 p.m. Adults and youths who have finished the sixth grade are welcome. For additional information, call 349-2689.

Band rehearsal

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

Camera Club

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

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Chess Club

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

Wednesday, November 27

Lions Club

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

Seniors business

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

Business Network International

The Farmington Hills chapter of The Business Network International, made up of members from 10 neighboring communities, meets at 7 a.m. at the Tollgate 4-H Education Center, Twelve Mile at Meadowbrook Road. For chapter information or an invitation to one of the meetings, call 692-7725.

Thursday, November 28

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Novi students selected for Thanksgiving parade

This year Novi High School was proud to select Heather Kortlandt and Rory Pfeiffer to represent Novi High School in the Thanksgiving Day Parade Honor Corps.

"Thanksgiving Day Parade Honor Corps" is sponsored by the Cross of the Shield of Michigan. The corps recognizes about 300 honor roll students from high schools in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties. The students march in the Thanksgiving parade every year.

The standards for selection are extremely high. Each year, school superintendents from both public and private schools in southeast Michigan, are asked to select their "best and brightest" honor roll students. To meet the criteria students must:

- Be in high school grades 10-12.
- Meet strict attendance standards.
- Be outstanding academic performers.
- Be involved in extra-curricular activities such as civic and community projects, school activities or organizations, or sports.

Heather Kortlandt is a senior and has earned a 3.84 grade point average, and is a National Merit Finalist. She is a member of the National Academic Letter and Dar.

Rory Pfeiffer is a junior and has earned a 4.0 grade point average, and he is a member of the National Honor Society. Rory has been enrolled at Northwestern University's Honors Correspondence program. He has taken several courses through Northwestern, including Geography and The Modern World and earned an "A" grade. He is currently taking AP Macro and AP Economics courses. He has already earned college credit for AP European History, and is currently taking AP U.S. History, and AP Calculus AB.

Rory manages to find time to participate in numerous extracurricular activities, including Interact Club, National Honor Society, French Club (treasurer), tennis team, performed in the musical "Two Years, Two Days and a Night."



Novi High School students Rory Pfeiffer, a junior, and Heather Kortlandt, a senior, were chosen to march in this year's Thanksgiving Day Parade in Detroit. The students will march in the high school Honor Corps, sponsored by Blue Cross and Blue Shield. Forty-four others will join them.

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Teens nabbed stealing women's clothes

Three 17-year-old women from Dearborn were arrested Nov. 19 for stealing nearly \$800 in women's clothing from various stores at Twelve Oaks Mall.

Police said J.C. Penney loss prevention officers noticed the women walking into fitting rooms with clothes and returning without any but they carried full shopping bags. There were no clothes left behind in the rooms.

"They stopped the women who admitted to wearing the items but did not offer to pay for them. They did not admit to stealing the clothes in their shopping bags."

Warrants were requested for the teens. Two worked at the Sears store in Fairlane Town Center. They told police they took the clothes for personal use. Stores hit were J.C. Penney, Victoria's Secret, Abercrombie and Fitch and the Limited.

NOT FOOLED

A 19-year-old female got her fake driver's license confiscated Nov. 8, when she presented it to a server at a bar on Grand River Avenue.

Police said the woman came into the bar with a white male and asked for a beer. The server thought the ID looked suspicious and called police. By the time officers arrived she had left but they had enough information to track her down and leave messages for her. A request for a warrant was

Police News

NOT BOILING

Two officers on a routine patrol, Nov. 6, drove through the Novi Bowl parking lot and noticed a black male leave the building to drop something off in his car at nearly midnight. He went back into the building before police could stop him.

According to police, the officers took a peek inside to see if there was an orange bag they suspected was marijuana and a paper bag shaped around a pint sized bottle. Both items were between the seat and the center console.

They waited until he resparked and followed him in their vehicle as he left the building. They pulled the 22-year-old man over and questioned him about the bag. "My friend just gave it to me," he said and explained another friend had taken the bottle from the car.

He was cited for possession of marijuana. The incident was cleared at 2:40 a.m.

PARTY

A Walden apartment resident gave police a hard time Nov. 10, when they were called by a neighbor upset about a loud party and music coming from his place.

MULCH PAINTED

A Lockmoor Village resident called police to report an unidentified painter had spilled white paint in her flower bed mulch and on her grass. She said she was afraid the paint would kill the grass and the flower bulbs.

A Speedway gas station attendant called police to report a large, foul smelling garbage bag in a dumpster Nov. 9. She suspected it was a corpse. Police arrived and took a look, determining it was a corpse... that of a dead deer.

Novi police woke a man slumped over in his pick-up truck outside Mr. B's bar Nov. 10 when they were called by an anonymous person.

Police said the man was intoxicated but could explain he was from Canada and was working at Michigan Caterpillar for the week. He requested to be left in the truck to sleep it off with the heat on. A co-worker approached police and asked to take the man to his home in Novi.

Police advised her to get a personal protection order. She said her husband is involved in a court case with the man over a prior

complaint.

Citizens with information about the above incidents are urged to call the Novi Police Department at 348-7100.

Novi Briefs

Chamber in cyberspace

The Novi Chamber of Commerce has created a home page on the World Wide Web, making access to community information immediately available on the Internet. The announcement was made by Connie Mallett, president of the Novi Chamber of Commerce. The site can be found at <http://www.novichamber.com>. It serves as an interactive, user-friendly source for the chamber to promote and protect the commercial, industrial, professional and general business interests throughout Novi. The Web page also includes the chamber's calendar of events, visitor bureau information and membership information. The home page was created by Southfield-based Online Marketing Co., a marketing firm specializing in the creation and implementation of commercial Internet applications. Plans from a development perspective are to include general information about city government, schools and other information regarding Novi to anybody and anywhere - all for the price of a local phone call, said Mallett. "The City of Novi has an interactive avenue to further promote economic vitality on a local, national and international scope."

Critter Connection

The Critter Connection, a rescue league, is sponsoring an Adopt-A-Pet event on Saturday, Nov. 23 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. It is located at 41860 Ten Mile Road and Meadowbrook in Novi. Available for adoption will be adult dogs, puppies, cats, and kittens. For additional information, call (313) 563-1823 or (810) 626-8051.

Walking Maniacs

Village Oaks Elementary students walked away their recess time during the last few months to see who could rack up enough miles to win awards in the Feelin' Good Mileage Club. The program is designed to encourage lifetime fitness. And the winners (well they were all winners) were: First graders Brian McDonald and Valerie Ziegler; Second graders Scott Sherline, Eric Preston, Alex Prasad and Amy Chubinski; Third graders Megan Salony and Brent Neville; and Fourth graders Yoko Kanno, Andrew McGinn and Cal DePollar.

Time for yearbooks running out

Dec. 9-13 will be the last week to purchase Novi High School yearbooks. Cash or checks will be accepted. Yearbooks will be on sale for \$40 during all lunch periods. Don't miss your chance.

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The following is a complete list of the emergency runs of the Novi Fire Department for the week ending Nov. 17.

MONDAY, NOV. 11

Fire alarm, 43350 Crescent, 9:38 a.m., Engines 1 and 4.
Electrical fire, 48253 Andover, 5:24 p.m., Engine 4.
Medical, 43500 West Oaks, 5:56 p.m., Squad 1.

TUESDAY, NOV. 12

Injury accident, Haggerty and Eight Mile, 12:05 a.m., Squad 5.
Injury accident, Haggerty and Grand River, 4:29 p.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 30047 Rouseau, 5:47 p.m., Squad 2.
Fire alarm, 42450 Twelve Mile Road, 7:42 p.m., Squad 2.
Medical, Twelve Oaks Mall, 9:26 p.m., Squad 1.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 13

Service, 2213 Austin, 12:12 a.m., Squad 2.
Structure fire, 400-40 Grand River, 8:09 a.m., Engines 1 and 3.
Fire alarm, 43825 West Oaks, 12:24 a.m., Engines 1 and 4.
House fire, 24062 Illickery Grove, 1:38 a.m., Engines 1 and 3.
Medical, 45182 West Road, 11:17 a.m., Squad 2.
Investigation, 22214 Selomon, 1:12 p.m., Engine 3.

THURSDAY, NOV. 14

Investigation, 45580 Addington, 2:35 a.m., Squad 4.
Fire alarm, 43825 West Oaks, 5:14 a.m., Engines 1 and 3.
Medical, 45182 West Road, 8:08 a.m., Squad 2.
Investigation, 22859 Penton Rise, 12:11 p.m., Squad 3.
Fire alarm, 45298 Yorkshire, 2:35 p.m., Engine 1.
Medical, 30915 Jasper Ridge, 5:26 p.m., Squad 2.
Investigation, 45588 Addington, 6:31 p.m., Engine 4.

FRIDAY, NOV. 15

House fire, 23700 Maude-Lea, 12:11 a.m., Engines 1 and 3.
Fire alarm, 43825 West Oaks, 12:24 a.m., Engines 1 and 4.
House fire, 24062 Illickery Grove, 1:38 a.m., Engines 1 and 3.
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One injured in Hickory Grove house fire

A burning candle is being considered by the Novi Fire Department as the possible culprit of an early morning house fire, Nov. 15, at 24062 Hickory Grove Lane.

The fire began at 1:36 a.m. in the front second floor bedroom and was confined to the room. One of the residents in the home suffered minor second degree burns on her foot and leg as she

ran from the room. According to the department, the woman was asleep in the room and woke to find it burning. She was able to leave the room with only those injuries. The rest of the home suffered smoke and heat damage. Total damage is estimated at \$60,000. The fire department was on the scene until 3:11 a.m. Two engines and a truck were dispatched to the site.

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Council rejects liquor license for New Bangkok restaurant

The owner of Novi's only Thai food restaurant was denied a liquor license by the Novi City Council Monday night.

Chia Ly Vang, owner of the New Bangkok Thai Restaurant, 43436 West Oaks Drive, was told that even though the restaurant is one of a kind in Novi and the only one within ten miles that would serve alcohol, it did not meet the "unique" requirements specified in the city ordinance.

According to the ordinance, there are four subjective requirements that determine and define uniqueness. They are: a need/demand for the business at its present location; the ability to provide a product or service that's not currently available in the city; a uniqueness that makes the busi-

ness distinctly different; and the length of time the business has been in business.

The applicants believed they met the requirements. New Bangkok, an 84-seat sit down restaurant, has been in business in Novi for three years. It is the only Thai restaurant in town. Had the license been approved it would have been the only Thai restaurant in a ten-mile radius that is able to serve alcoholic beverages with its entrees.

Vang, a Detroit resident, owned a restaurant in Thailand for four years before he immigrated to the United States in 1978. He first applied for a liquor license in November of 1995. At that time, he told the city he wanted to serve beer from Thailand and other

Thai-type drinks to compliment his entrees.

In October, nearly a year later, the entrepreneur appeared again before the city council requesting one of six available Class C liquor licenses. The request was delayed while the city amended its liquor license ordinance, and then was denied Monday night.

A 4-2 vote of the council rejected the application saying that just having the ability to serve alcoholic beverages didn't make the restaurant unique enough in its own right. Vang and his building passed inspections and background checks with the Novi Police, Fire and Building departments.

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TRAGEDY IN WIXOM: THE FORD MOTOR COMPANY SHOOTINGS

In the line of fire

Novi officers lead response to capture gunman at Ford Wixom

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going in slow motion. And all the people blocking the marked car in front of me — you're wondering why they got out of the way," he said.

"When I got there, it was just utter chaos. There were people running out of the plant people standing there in shock."

McNamara instructed Novi officers and plant security to reroute traffic, get people out of the parking lot and building, watch the gates and set up a staging and command area for officers to work from.

"In a situation like this, everybody wants to run to the scene. We've all been trained here in the incident command system."

"Your head is spinning really fast because you're trying to do a million things at one time," he explained. "It's like you want to call somebody, like people call 9-1-1, but there's no one to call."

Sgt. Meier arrived with the vests and guns and the officers moved to the southern portion of the plant, where the suspect was hiding. That's when they heard

an officer had been shot.

"Everything's moving fast, but in slow motion, if that makes sense..." McNamara said. "My concern was I wondered who had been shot, whether it's one of my officers or someone else."

Novi Officer Vere Wirwille was on the freeway diverting traffic when the deputy was hit, but was uninjured himself. Wirwille's car was hit by bullets from the suspect's gun.

"It was kind of unique because you think you're on a traffic detail and all of a sudden you're in the hot zone," said McNamara.

"The problem is you couldn't get near the subject because he had a rifle. And our shotguns and handguns, for us to fire at him, in my opinion wouldn't hit him and probably wouldn't draw fire on us that we didn't need at that time."

He instructed police officers and bystanders to pair up and take cover behind the semi-trucks that were in the area, using the tires to hide their legs.

"My head felt like a 12-foot pumpkin," he explained.

"I looked up to my right and saw several construction workers up on the top of the plant and I said, 'How do I get up there? High ground is always much better in a gunfight,'" the lieutenant with 20 years experience explained. "I had to go over to the side of the plant and climb up a fire ladder."

He told Sgt. Meier to take command of that area as Det. John April pulled up to the scene.

"I instructed him to put a flak vest on and he and I — probably the two oldest guys there — climb up this ladder that looks like his ten feet high but it was at least three stories high. I was dressed in a suit, of all things. I normally have my uniform on and I just remember climbing up a steel ladder hanging onto a shotgun with one hand and climbing up with one hand," McNamara said.

He said his tactical training and his experience with a robbery in Wixom in 1977, helped in making snap decisions and keeping track of his officers at all times.

"By this time, other city departments and the SWAT team had arrived on the scene



Novi police Officer Diane MacGregor listens to radio dispatches Thursday afternoon on Wixom Road as she directs traffic and keeps the public at a safe distance during the gunman's assault at the Ford Wixom plant.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

and McNamara headed down the stairwell into the building.

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"The special response teams are trained to always ask the subject to come out. Due to the fact he'd been down there a long time, he knew he was surrounded. He was cold and his adrenalin had probably run out. He came out," explained McNamara. "From my vantage point, there was no way he was getting out of there."

"Everybody was exhausted," he said. "The sheer adrenalin and tense moments drained the cops both physically and emotionally."

"If any policeman tells you he doesn't have a little bit of fear in him, they're not truthful," said McNamara.

He commended the dispatch staff, the other building staff who filled in and got other jobs done as well as every officer on the Novi force. Each person from each department and city unit had a crucial role, he said. There was a lot of work to be done after the incident to clear the scene and process evidence.

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Workers explain what they saw in the Wixom shooting

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Tom Dodi said workers managed to flee without causing more injuries. "They had a pretty good evacuation system. They came over the radio and said to get out and don't ask questions," he explained.

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Police were unable to reach the suspect because every time they approached he would fire. There were discussions of gassing him but the radio system, but balloons messages into the ditch convinced the man to surrender at about 4:04 p.m.

He was taken to the Novi police station, and then onto Oakland County Jail that night. He was charged on 46 charges the next day at 52-1 District Court.

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Above, Ford Wixom plant employee Haskell Borden describes what he witnessed in the plant Thursday morning as a gunman opened fire near him. At left, cold Ford Wixom employees walk outside the assembly area once the all-clear had been given for the area in which they had been hiding.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Novi dispatchers were first to get the call

By MICHAEL MALOTT

The first reports of trouble at the Ford Wixom plant Thursday provided very little information — a man with a high-powered rifle was shooting somewhere around Gate 3.

Novi's most experienced police dispatchers, Christine Regentik and Janet Holton, were on duty at the time. Nonetheless, they were quickly overwhelmed by the flow of information. All 27 incoming phone lines to Novi dispatch, which also services the cities of Wixom and South Lyon, quickly lit up and remained lit for the next 20 minutes.

Only two Wixom officers were on duty at the time, according to Regentik, so Novi sent two officers of its own as well.

"As the situation escalated and gunfire continued, Novi sent everything it had, five marked cars and two sergeants. And in a short time, Novi called in all its personnel, including detectives. Eventually, Novi had some 20 cars on the scene.

In addition, the dispatchers called in officers from the Oakland County Sheriff's Department, the Michigan State Police, Walled Lake Police and South Lyon Police. The dispatchers even asked for assistance from the Charnel 7 News helicopter until the State Police helicopter could arrive.

Fortunately, Novi police had pretty good information through most of the crisis, Chris Johnson, a maintenance supervisor at the Ford Wixom plant, was the second to call and provided information about the gunman throughout the shooting spree. According to Holton, Johnson was receiving reports via two-way radio from his boss, Chris Leppl, on the gunman's whereabouts, and then relayed those reports on to the dispatch center. Johnson stayed on the line providing information until Atkins disappeared into the assembly plant's storm drain system a half hour after the shooting began.

But there were difficulties too. For one, the dispatchers were overwhelmed. Regentik concentrated on the radio, giving instructions to officers while Hol-

ton manned the phones. Some calls went unanswered, at least until the dispatchers could get help.

"In my 25 years, that was the hardest I've had to do, letting the phones ring," Regentik said. "But because of the volume of information, you know, I had to determine my priorities, and my priorities were lying to prevent any more people from getting hurt."

Another problem was that dispatchers did not know where all their officers were. Regentik said she used to have specific information about where all officers are at all times during an emergency.

When sheriff's deputies Matt Miller and Jerry Petruska were shot, the dispatchers didn't know they had officers on the expressway. No officers had told dispatch they were entering the expressway, Regentik said it was understandable, in such a high adrenalin situation, that officers weren't reporting in their every move.

After the officers were injured, dispatchers also did not know who had been shot and assumed it was a Novi officer.

"When we heard there was officer down, we assumed it was one of ours. We didn't know until much later who it was. Of course, we don't want any officer to get hurt, but it's harder when it's one of your own," Holton said.

Making things more difficult was the fact that dispatch had no maps of the interior of the plant, and exterior maps had not been updated to include the new construction at Ford Wixom. So when they received information that Atkins was in specific areas of the plant, it meant little to dispatchers even as they passed the word along to officers.

But the dispatchers were lucky that there were relatively few other calls from their communities that day, and that traffic problems resulting from closure of the expressway did not put more demand on police services.

"I always hoped, for as long as I've been here, that it would never come here," Regentik said of the type of violence seen at the Ford plant last week. "You don't think it's going to happen here."

TRAGEDY IN WIXOM: THE FORD MOTOR COMPANY SHOOTINGS

Genitti caught in gunfire on expressway

By ROBERT JACKSON

When John Genitti got into his Ford truck last Thursday morning, he had no idea that he'd be an eyewitness to the tragic events that unfolded at the Ford Wixom plant.

Genitti, 76, father of John Genitti, Jr., who owns and operates Genitti's Hide in the Wall in downtown Northville, was driving westbound on I-96 at about 11:35 a.m., when State Police troopers forced him to stop near the Wixom Road interchange.

Sitting in his truck directly below the Ford plant, Genitti had no idea that Gerald Atkins, armed with a military style assault weapon had already shot one man, and that he would soon shoot two others — right behind his very eyes.

"After the trooper waved me down to stop I saw all of these police cars and police officers crowded behind their vehicles," Genitti said. "I saw a couple of Sheriff's Department deputies run up the hill towards the plant."

"All of a sudden I heard pop, pop, and I saw one of the deputy's fall and begin rolling back down the hill," he continued. "That's when I decided it was time for me to get out of my truck and get down. At the same time a sheriff was yelling at me to get the hell out of my truck."

"You better believe he didn't need to tell me twice."

Genitti had witnessed the shooting of Sheriff's deputies Matt Miller and Jerry Petruska. Miller received a gunshot wound in the shoulder and Petruska received a grazing wound to the leg. Both were treated for their injuries at local area hospitals.

Genitti explained that after the first shots he couldn't see anything

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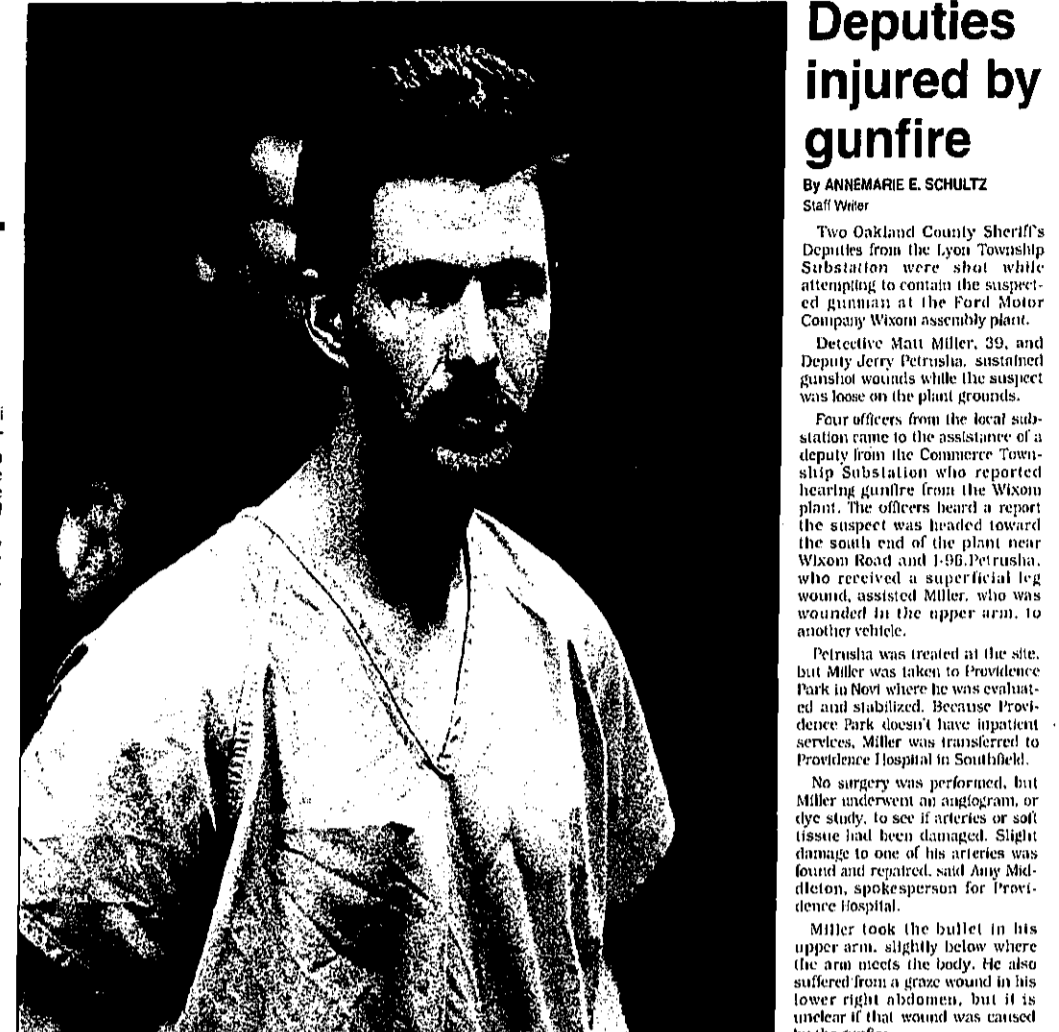
else because officers made him stay behind his vehicle. So for the next half-hour, he explained, he sat on his truck's running board waiting for the ordeal to end.

"Everyone down on that freeway were sitting ducks. (Atkins) could have had at the top of that hill and just take potshots," Genitti said. "Here I was, about 50 yards from the whole thing, wondering how I was going to get out of there."

Finally police officers allowed Genitti to turn his truck around and travel up the westbound entrance ramp at Wixom Road. "I think they figured I was a bit too close for my own good," he said. "So they let me turn around and drive up the Wixom on-ramp. From there I drove onto Grand River Avenue and headed for home."

Looking back at the ordeal, Genitti said that he didn't feel like he was in any real danger despite his close proximity to the shootings.

"There were plenty of police officers surrounding me, and all of them had their guns down," he said. "Actually, I wasn't afraid until I heard those two shots, and then common sense kicked in and I decided getting behind the truck was probably a real smart thing to do."



Gerald Atkins eyes the media's cameras as he is arraigned Friday afternoon in 52-1 District Court in Novi on 26 felony counts stemming from the violent incident Thursday in the Wixom plant.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Young officer faces gunman

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL

Novi Officer Randy Mince is going into his second year with the Novi force. Before that he spent four years with the University of Michigan Police.

Although he's never been in a shoot-out like last week's Ford Wixom Plant, he has spent nights controlling rowdy college students celebrating Final Four was out in the streets.

Thursday's incident though, gave him a few gray hairs.

He and Novi Officer Paul Stullgross arrived at the plant's parking lot and began moving people from the lot to safety.

"As we're going through the parking lot some of the employees

were running out and saying the suspect was around the corner," explained Mince. "So myself and Officer Stullgross exited the car and started going up around the side, and that's when we started hearing the shots."

Mince said as the pair crept along the building and fence line to the southern end of the building where the action was, "deputies in the tree line are yelling for us to get down because we could hear the shots but we couldn't tell exactly where they were coming from."

"I came up came around the corner and you could see the subject laying in the culvert where he initially went in the hole," said Mince. "Mince kept his position until he

was relieved by another officer. At times it felt a little surreal. "At some point you're trying to figure out 'Why?' explained the young officer, "but it's not my job to figure out why he's doing this. I just have to figure out a way to stop him."

He, Stullgross and a Wixom officer were in a Jeep getting around up when they heard over the radio that the suspect was in custody.

"It was a big relief," he said.

He said he was impressed with how the various departments worked together successfully.

"I never met this officer before but he's lying there next to me," Mince said.



Officer Randy Mince

Local man in caught in crossfire

By ROBERT JACKSON

and WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL

Kevin Harshorne and Gerald Atkins came from two completely different worlds.

Harshorne, a Northville resident, is a happily married man with two children. When he's not at work at the Ford Plant in Wixom, he is actively involved within the community co-chairing Northville's Playhouse effort.

"You never expect this type of thing to happen where you work," he said from his van parked across the street from the plant as the tragic events were still unfolding. "You never think somebody is going to just flip out and do something like this."

Harshorne was at his workstation in the body shop when Atkins allegedly began firing his weapon at the windows of the plant's security department. He was unaware that in a few short minutes the gunman would be making his way towards him.

"At first I didn't know what was going on. I saw all of these people running by and then I heard someone say 'he's got a gun,'" he said. "Initially I was curious and started looking around, but I couldn't see him. Then someone yelled 'there he is.'"

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through plant windows, walls, doors and equipment.

By the time Atkins surrendered himself to police almost five hours later, one person was dead and three others were injured.

The senseless surprise attack left two employees at the assembly plant, located at I-96 and Wixom road. In shock and horror, Ford Harshorne, an eight-year veteran at the plant, the day will be forever etched in memory.

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Plant workers began running towards the building's exit as Atkins continued through the plant. Harshorne said that he never left the building and that plant personnel were able to track Atkins by using communication mikes. "We knew exactly where he was in the plant because you'd hear people reporting in on their radios," he said. "One person would say 'he's at this line, or he's at this location.'"

"It was strange. It didn't seem like he was after any of the hourly employees," he added. "I knew he didn't belong in the plant, that he wasn't an employee here. Everyone was saying that they had never seen him before."

Several employees fled the building in what Harshorne describes as "orderly chaos" out to a neighboring wooded area to hide. "I stayed inside simply because I couldn't figure out why he would want pliers," he recalled. "Now I guess I know why he was looking for the pliers."

The incident closed the plant through the weekend. Employees were back at work Monday morning, and according to Harshorne some workers were in a somber mood.

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been in shock because they looked like they were ghosts. Actually, they looked like they had seen a ghost."

He added that Atkins must have been pretty familiar with the plant layout. "He seemed to know right where he was going, like he knew the plant pretty well," he explained. "He was just slowly walking through the plant, sneaking as he went along."

Harshorne also said that employees found a pair of pliers and a gun scope on Monday that could have come from Atkins' weapon. "When he was walking through the plant several people heard him talking about pliers and I couldn't figure out why he would want pliers," he recalled. "Now I guess I know why he was looking for the pliers."

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Mechanic John Underhill points out where one of the 223 caliber bullets fired by the gunman pierced the hood of officer Vere Wirwille's patrol car last Thursday.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Manager killed by gunman at Wixom

By BRYN MCKLE

and BRIAN SEYMOUR

Darrell Izzard was never one to run away from a problem.

Last Thursday, that courage cost him his life.

The 57-year-old Brighton Township resident died Nov. 14 after he was mortally wounded by a gunman he had confronted at the Ford Motor Co. plant in Wixom, a manufacturing planting manager at the plant, had worked for Ford for 18 years.

Izzard's wife of 24 years, Nancy, described her husband as a troubleshooter who always went to the source of a problem to find a solution.

"If it could be done, he did it," said Nancy Izzard. "Even if it couldn't be done, he did it."

Nancy Izzard said her husband shielded away from the limelight and aimed it was front his death came in such a high-profile incident.

"He never wanted to take credit for anything," she said. "It's just

so said it had to happen."

Darrell Izzard was born in 1939 in Fickford, a small town in the Upper Peninsula.

After a two-year hitch in the U.S. Army, he attended Western Michigan University and graduated in 1969 with a degree in aviation engineering.

Izzard was a licensed private pilot and had worked for a Thomas-based aircraft firm, prior to beginning his career at Ford in 1978.

The Izzards lived in Milford for

15 years, but last year decided to move to Brighton Township and build their dream house — a house for which Darrell had done all of the landscaping.

"We were going to build our empty nest home," said Nancy Izzard.

They had wanted to move, said Nancy, until the couple's children were grown and out of the house. Darrell Izzard left behind three children: Randy, 28, an electronic technician in North Carolina; Kimberly, 25, a teacher at Seran-

ton Middle School in Brighton; and Jeffrey, 21, a student at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

Randy Izzard said his father was always available to fix any thing or help anything and said he was not surprised by his dad's involvement with last Thursday's incident.

"I wish he hadn't been, but that was what I expected," said Randy Izzard. "He is a hero."

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Judge Michael Batchik listens to testimony.

Suspect charged with 26 felony counts

By ANNEMARIE E. SCHULTZ

The man suspected of murdering one, and wounding three others during a shooting rampage Thursday at the Ford Motor Co.'s Wixom plant was charged Friday with 26 felony counts, including first degree murder in 52-1 District Court in Novi.



Atkins had little to say at his arraignment on Friday.

Atkins is accused of killing Ford employee Darrell Izzard, 57, of Brighton, after shooting him four times with a military-style assault rifle. Izzard was shot in the calf, hip, chest and elbow. Two Oakland County Sheriff's deputies and an independent contractor working at the plant were wounded during the shooting.

Atkins was also reported to have said if anyone at the plant tried to stop him he had enough bullets for all of them.

Was plant a time bomb?

By TAYLOR LINCOLN

A strange thing happened on the way to working conditions at the Ford Wixom plant being implicated in Thursday's shooting spree: It turned out that working conditions had nothing to do with the incident.

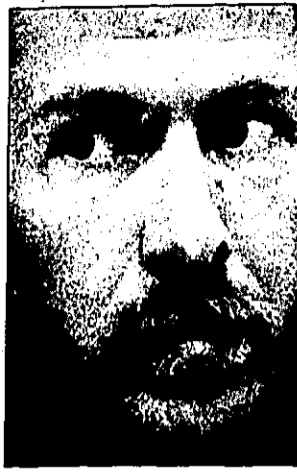


Photo by JOHN HEDDER

But, from the time that Gerald Atkins shot his way through the plant until he was apprehended, several Detroit media organizations carried reports which presumed that stressful working conditions were the cause of Atkins' fury.

WWJ radio spent the afternoon interviewing plant workers, many of whom essentially said "Things are so stressful here that I'm surprised it didn't happen sooner."

The radio station even interviewed experts about worker violence. Listeners were not only treated to an analysis of why large organizations are most susceptible to violent worker outbursts, but also to an explanation of why spring and fall are (supposedly) the most likely seasons for them to occur.

Then, at 4:04 p.m. the suspect was caught and identified. It turned out that he had never worked for the Ford Motor Co. and had no known affiliation with the company, let alone the plant.

Alas, neither worker stress nor the conditions at the Ford Wixom plant could be cited as contributing factors to the incident.

But, still, an interesting question remained: Was there validity to the Wixom employees' comments that were made immediately after the shooting rampage? And, if so, is that plant a ticking time bomb?

Or were the bonny of workers' allegations about stress in the plant merely the inevitable result of leading questions that media organizations asked? After all, any workplace as large as the Ford Wixom plant which has 3,100 employees is apt to have a percentage of disgruntled workers willing to share their discontent with news reporters.

Interviews with four current United Auto Workers employees of the Ford Wixom plant yielded mixed views about conditions there.

"Any time that I have asked for something or pointed something out I have always had it done," he said. "If I had a problem, I'm confident that my union would fight for me."

"It depends on the person you ask. To me it's not that stress, but because I don't dwell on that aspect of it," he added. "There's a lot of people who don't like the work who are just lazy. It's not really that stressful."

South Lyon mayor Jeff Foster, who works as a spot welder in the body shop, said that the working conditions are much better than was portrayed in the interviews carried by WWJ radio.

This idea that the stress is somehow laden with difficulty is really crazy," he said. "The people who look at stress as a problem are, in my opinion, alienated people who would be stressed by anything."

Butler said that numerous programs are in place for employees to air concerns about working conditions and to receive help if they are suffering from aggressive physical or mental stress. Moreover, he said that the current climate of cooperation between labor and management resolves most problems before formal safeguards need to be enacted.

Jim Dunkel, who works in the same area of the plant as Foster, agreed. "I realize that there are some areas in the plant that could be a little overloaded but I don't think it's that big an issue," he said.

The employees' comments to the media during the crisis raised the ire of Bill Carroll, a Ford spokesman.

"If they're worried about things like that they should bring it up to the company," he said. "We're going to talk to them and tell them that we think it's a disservice to the company to air their grievances to the media."

Carroll pointed out that there are many opportunities for the employees to express their concerns. In fact, Carroll said that many of the same counselors who were brought in for crisis counseling in the wake of the plant shooting are available throughout the year.

"Why don't they bring their concerns up to them?" he asked.

Counseling offered to Ford Employees

The Ford Motor Co. has brought in a team of crisis counselors to help employees deal with stress that they incurred as a result of the shooting rampage in the plant last Thursday.

In all, 21 counselors are meeting with employees who are distraught over the shooting spree.

"We give them time off to do this," Ford spokesman Bill Carroll said. "They can sit privately and talk to a counselor or do in groups."

The UAW is also offering crisis counseling with the company's 24-hour hotline. Employees wanting to call should dial 1-888-245-0036. This service is available throughout the year.

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Finding facts proves difficult despite heavy media coverage

By RICK BYRNE

For all the resources mobilized by Detroit media outlets, getting to the facts proved difficult in coverage of the Wixom Ford plant shooting.

Certainly media response was quick. Within a half-hour of the police dispatch last Thursday, trucks from Channels 2, 4, 7 and 50 were on the scene, along with radio stations WJR and WWJ. All except Channel 50 and WWJ had a helicopter on scene, as did the Detroit Free Press.

Channel 7 had the first helicopter on the scene, barely 10 minutes after the initial dispatches. Indeed, police asked the WXYZ helicopter to spot for them until a chopper from the Michigan State Police arrived from Lansing.

"We got a call from someone at the Oakland County Sheriff's Department," said Bob Giles, WXYZ's director of news operations. "They were looking at our pictures back at headquarters in Pontiac, and they realized we were getting good pictures, better than they could get. So we stayed in that area, with pilot Scott Bartolet to communication with me."

Giles had Bartolet on one line, and a sheriff's dispatcher on the other for an hour and a half before the state police helicopter arrived.

After performing yeoman duty, however, Channel 7's eye in the sky got the news, better than the ground complained it was too close and the noise kept them from hearing. At that point all non-police helicopters were told to back.

Channel 4's helicopter had the best views of the suspect being taken into custody. Indeed, Channel 4 viewers knew the suspect had been captured even before police dispatchers were told.

"The big difference for us was the use of the helicopter," said WWJ News Director Carol Rueppel. "First, it gets us to the scene fast, and second, we were dealing with a remote, relatively inaccessible area. If we had to rely on ground crews we would only have been around the perimeter."

Channel 4 had nine mobile reporters and crews on the story, some at the site, some at the Wixom police station, and some at area hospitals. The station committed heavily to the incident, going on air at 1:45 a.m. with the story, staying with it through the regular noon newscast, and pre-empting afternoon programming.

The suspect was captured shortly after 4 p.m., the start of WWJ's afternoon newscast.

Channels 2, 50 and 7 followed the same scenarios, committing multiple crews and pre-empting afternoon programs. Though the stations each promote themselves as better than their competition, Giles said competitiveness plays little role in split-second decisions.

"We don't say to ourselves, 'Well, 2 and 4 are covering this so we better go cover it, too,'" he said. "We think people are going to choose us because we're going to cover a story better than anyone else."

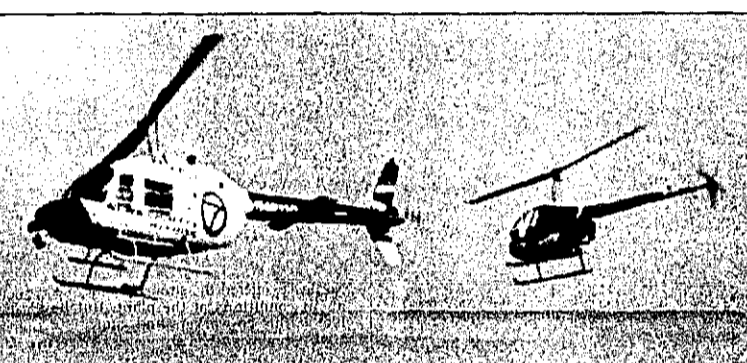
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All cameras were fixed on the Ford plant as last Thursday's events unfolded.



Channel 7's helicopter, first on the scene, aided police during the manhunt.

Another expert commentator on WJR added that if indeed this was a case of workplace violence, such incidents were less often a result of job stress as much as they were caused by job insecurity.

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Even with a full day to get their facts right, the Detroit News contradicted itself on the front page of its Friday morning edition. A headline reading, "Rampage-type" behavior of suspect surprises few who knew him," topped a story that immediately quoted two close acquaintances of Atkins saying things like, "We didn't know it was Jerry in there, but we suspected it was," and that his parents feared "... he's distraught and he's capable of something like this."

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Misinformation abounds during manhunt

Following are instances of misinformation or misinterpretation from various media outlets during the shooting and manhunt at the Wixom Ford plant Nov. 14.

Most media aired lectures about workplace stress and workplace violence, though it later became apparent that suspect Gerald Atkins did not work at the plant, and this was an act of violence where the location was incidental.

Most media also called the gunman a "Ford employee" though they later corrected when they couldn't confirm it.

Television and radio stations identified the weapon used either as an AK-47 or an M-16. Some said it was an automatic (requiring one pull of the trigger to fire many rounds) while police later confirmed it as a semi-automatic weapon (each round requires one pull of the trigger).

One TV station reported that two people had been killed before correcting.

A radio station initially claimed no fatalities, though it later corrected.

Police announced at a 3:15 p.m. press conference that two Ford "line employees" had been shot, one fatally.

On the contrary, the only man, Darrell Izzard, was one of the top managers at the plant. Elvin Akers, the other injured person, was an outside contractor who was not even shot. He had been hit in the neck by flying glass when Atkins shot up the security area.

Reports throughout the day had Atkins cornered in a building at the plant, though after the initial shooting he remained outside or in storm drains until captured.

One TV station aired video of a Ford employee who speculated that the gunman's girlfriend had had an affair with someone.

A TV reporter talking to a neighbor at the Wixom apartment complex where Gerald Atkins lived paraphrased the neighbor's words in such a way as to practically declare the man mentally ill. The neighbor corrected the reporter on air, however, saying, "I didn't say that." And then went on to more accurately characterize the demeanor of Atkins.

Decision to close I-96 shortly after incident begins proves wise

By BRIAN SEYMOUR

Interstate 96 is well-known for bumper-to-bumper traffic, especially during rush hour. But the decision to close I-96 because of the potential danger to motorists and the need for police units to get to the plant, said Sgt. Richard Howe of the Wixom Police Department, was almost immediately made.

While more than 100 state and local law enforcement officials were combing the Ford Wixom plant last Thursday, attempting to apprehend gunman Gerald Atkins, local police were also responding to reports that subjects matching Atkins' description were loose all over town.

Novi dispatch received a call from a day care center located at Twelve Mile and Beck roads, reporting that a suspicious individual wearing camouflage and carrying a gun was on their property. Northville police officers responded to the call but could not locate the individual, according to Northville Police Detective Dave Fendeleit.

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Assault rifle was used in shooting

By Robert Jackson

The military style assault rifle allegedly used by charged gunman Gerald Atkins in the Wixom Ford plant shootings last Thursday, is likely to be found in the gun cases of too many local gun enthusiasts.

According to Wixom Police Chief Larry Holland, law enforcement officials confiscated an Eagle Arms EA-14, semi-automatic rifle from Atkins when he surrendered to police after a five hour standoff. The weapon is similar to the Soviet made AK-47 or the U.S. Military's M16 rifle.

The weapon was confiscated, was a semi-automatic but we don't know if it was tampered with to make it fully automatic," Holland said Monday. The weapon is currently illegal to purchase without modifications under the guidelines set by the 1994 crime bill.

Wixom, but did not disclose the weapon types. Atkins is reported to be a gun enthusiast, who spent three years in the U.S. Army and three years in the Michigan National Guard.

Police officials still haven't determined whether the gunman was using armor piercing bullets, but Holland said state police lab technicians should be able to make a determination on the bullets and possible gun modifications within the next week.

"It's scary to think that someone could purchase this type of weapon, walk into a plant full of people and begin firing off rounds," Holland said. "If we continue to see this kind of stuff out there, we will find ourselves rapidly slipping back to the days of Dodge City."

Police respond to a number of false alarms

By ROBERT JACKSON

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Agencies aid Novi during incident

By ROBERT JACKSON

While the bulk of Novi's police department was responding to last week's tragedy at the Ford Wixom Plant, Northville's Police Department extended a helping hand.

Northville's department extended mutual aid assistance to the city of Novi, according to Northville Detective Dave Fendeleit, who said Northville officers handled a few calls near the Northville/Novi border.

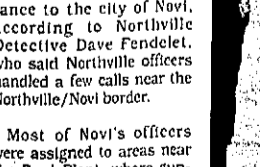
Most of Novi's officers were assigned to areas near the Ford Plant, where gunman Gerald Atkins allegedly shot and killed one person and injured three others.

The standoff with police lasted about five hours, and according to Fendeleit, Northville Police were present to offer additional support to Novi.

"Essentially we offered assistance to Novi to handle any of the normal patrol runs that the road patrol couldn't handle because of what was happening at the Ford Plant," Fendeleit said.

"We wanted them to be there when we'd help out any way we could."

Northville officers were routed to a Novi daycare center near Twelve Mile Road and Beck Road in the early afternoon. Novi dispatchers had received a call that a man dressed in camouflage, carrying a weapon, was on the day care property.



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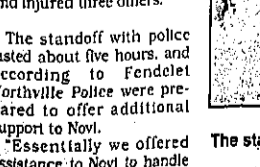


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Officer Blasfield gives account

By SCOTT DANIEL

It took Gerald Atkins just a second or two to squeeze off three rounds from his military-style rifle, firing at Wixom police officers Thursday.

But for Martin Harp, Gary Hamlin, Eugene Farkas and Alan Blasfield, those few seconds seemed like an eternity. The four officers confronted Atkins, whose five-hour shooting rampage left one dead and three others wounded in a production area of the Ford Assembly Plant.

"When he was shooting," said Blasfield, a 23-year veteran of the Wixom force, "it was as if everything was in slow-motion. All time had stopped."

Wixom police responded at 11:28 a.m., five minutes after Atkins' first shot at the mammoth plant rang out. Their confrontation, which was just moments after the 29-year-old gunman allegedly murdered Ford executive Darrell Izzard, lasted until officers chased him out of the building.

"We just visual contact right after he stopped shooting," said Harp, who described the ensuing chase. "We were pretty much guided through the plant by different members of Ford security. But we were never able to regain sight of him until after he exited the plant."

In all, the chase lasted a few minutes. Wixom police followed Atkins outside where they were once again shot at. "He pretty much planned

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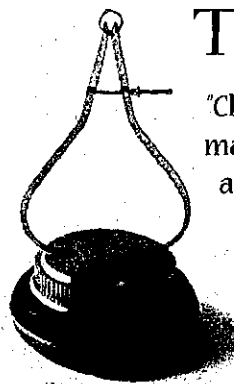


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Toys for Tots campaign readies for the season

By RANDY COBLE
Staff Writer

Getting to be that time of year again, isn't it? Frost on the windpanes, a chill in the air and presents beginning to pile up under the tree.

Sadly, that last part's not true for everybody, including some of our neighbors right here in Northville and Novi. You can change that, though, and make a needy kid's Christmas bright next month by taking part in the Toys for Tots program.

"Christmas is the one time of year when every kid would give up a meal for a present," local program coordinator Rebecca Yarbrough said. "My goal is to have no kid without a toy to unwrap on Christmas morning."

The Novi/Northville Coalition for Toys for Tots aims to make that happen for kids who live in several area communities, including right here at home.

"There are needy families right here in Northville and Novi. We just hide them well," Yarbrough said.

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

That changed when Hendricks founded Toys for Tots. In the half-century since then his organization, in cooperation with the Marine Corps Reserves, has provided Christmas toys to an more than 100 million kids.

Walt Disney himself designed the program's locomotive logo and celebrities ranging from John Wayne to Nat "King" Cole have pitched in to raise public awareness about Toys for Tots.

The Coalition got in on the act four years ago with the cooperation of members of Northville's American Legion Post 147 and

VFW Post 4012 and Novi's American Legion Post 19. Last year the organization distributed more than 6,000 toys to kids who otherwise would have gotten nothing on Christmas.

For Yarbrough, who's been involved with Toys for Tots for 15 years now, that bottom line makes it all worthwhile.

If you want to find out how it feels for yourself buy a new, unwrapped toy and drop it off at one of several Toys for Tots dropoff locations.

If you do, Yarbrough asks donors to put some careful thought into their gifts.

"Think about if it was your kid and you only could give them one toy under the tree. What would it be? Make it something special," she said.

Make your move soon as toys will only be collected for the next three to four weeks. Coalition volunteers will then sort donated toys by age and sex and distribute them to community organizations like the Goodfellows, Jaycees, the Salvation Army, churches and battered women's shelters.

"This frees them up to concentrate on finding food and money and other resources," Yarbrough explained. "Toys for Tots takes a burden off of them."



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Novi West Oaks II mall Toys R Us manager Cindy Emahisa, center, is joined by Toys for Tots chairperson Rebecca Yarbrough, right, and her son Joseph, 4, as well as Toys for Tots co-chair for Novi/Northville Ed Sytsma Monday afternoon. The store began accepting unwrapped toys that the Marine Corps will help distribute to local needy children this holiday season.

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HEALTH NOTE

by Dennis E. Engerer, P.T.

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Novi youngster to co-host parade

By CAROL WORKENS
Staff Writer

Six hundred children ages 8 to 12 tried out, but only two were chosen.

At the suggestion of a friend, Sue and Stan Olkowski of Novi asked their 10-year-old son Josh if he would like to audition to be one of the two parade co-hosts on WDIV Channel 4's television coverage of the Thanksgiving Day Parade. Auditions were held at each of the five Media Place stores in the Detroit area.

"This is the first time he has ever done anything like this," said Sue. "I just told him to have fun with it."

A fifth grade student at Novi Meadows Middle School, Josh was among the 15 finalists to be called for a second interview before a panel of producers, which was held at WDIV's studio.

"It was quite the audition process," Chuck Galdica said.

"I was jumping up and down when I got called for the second interview," Josh said. His mom sent him off to the call back with the same words of encouragement "just have fun with it."

"He was cute and talkative and had a great smile," Jeff Fish, producer of the parade broadcast said

of Josh's selection as a co-host. Eleven-year-old Jessica Shad-dawine of Inkster will be the other co-host.

"He is a great guy," Galdica said. "A real bubbly guy. I think he will be a lot of fun."

"I'm excited," Josh said. "I'm looking forward to riding the Turkey Trot float."

Josh had lunch with Galdica last week and was given a tour of the studio where he got to see the filming of the lottery show *Road to Riches*. On Monday Josh will interview children who entered the Skillman Foundation Float and Balloon Contest from a children's perspective. The segment will air during the Thanksgiving Day show. Josh will don a tuxedo and be introduced at the Hob Nobble

Gobble parade fundraising party on Wednesday which will air on Dateline Detroit Holiday Edition.

The roles for the parade co-hosts will change slightly this year from in the past when the children normally did the live calling of the parade, according to Galdica.

"They won't be exposed to the elements as much," he said. The co-hosts will be introduced at the beginning of the parade and then whisked away in a motorized golf cart to the Turkey Trot float where they will ride in half of the parade.

"They will have to learn to wave like Lady Di (and Prince Charles)," Galdica said. Galdica will catch up with them from time to time, where the two co-anchors will be live commentators from a children's point of view.

A big aspirin for area drivers

After months of repair work on a collapsing water main on Novi Road, the major thoroughfare leading north through the city is now open. Closed between Twelve Mile and Decker roads since September, residents acquired huge headaches trying to find alternate routes. Most of the cost of renovating the road was

carried by a housing developer. City officials held a ceremony Monday afternoon commemorating the event. With a line of patient ceremonial cars behind her, Novi mayor Kathleen McLallen cuts the ribbon. McLallen is joined by state representative Nancy Cassis, City Manager Ed Kriewall and others.

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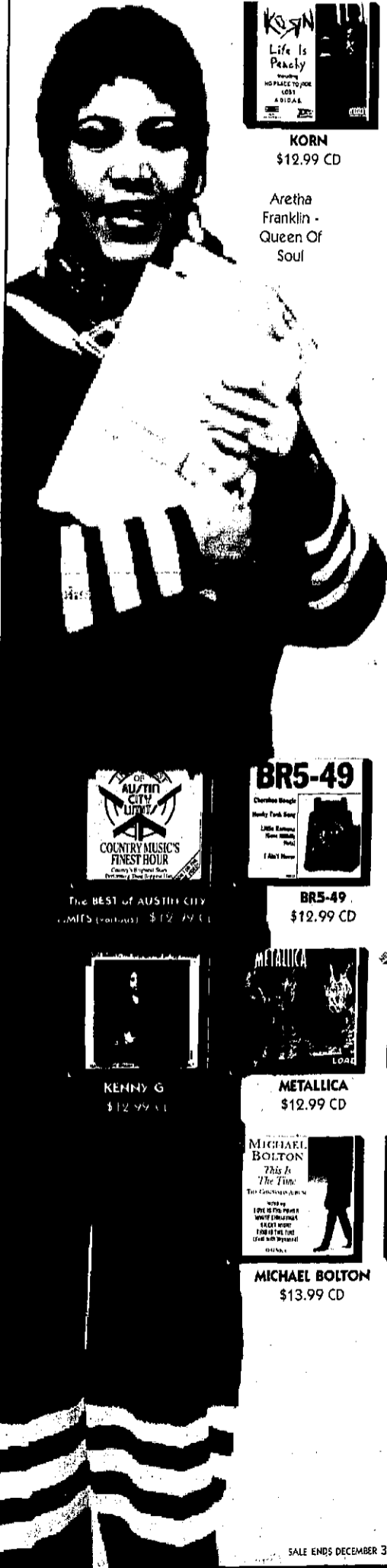
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Land deal proceeds between Wayne, Northville

By RANDY COBLE
 Although it was tentative and uncertain, the development plan for the Wayne County land on the south side of Northville Township has taken a giant step forward. Whether that's a good or a bad thing depends on whom you talk to.

The board of trustees, which left office yesterday (Nov. 20) voted 4-3 on Nov. 7 in favor of a conceptual design plan for the 900-acre county parcel. That plan makes use of the township's planned unit development (PUD) ordinance and the green light capped off a week which saw voters approve new sports stadiums and casinos in Wayne County.

Things aren't sewn up, however. The township's endorsement came with more than a dozen pages of

conditions tacked onto it. The deal could still sink if both sides can't eventually come to terms.

Plan supporters say the PUD gives the community things it wants but can't get from a plan that uses conventional zoning standards (see related story).

"I think this plan on balance is the better one for Northville Township," Trustee Mark Abbo said. The many conditions were tacked onto approval, instead of being worked through beforehand, because the majority of the board was concerned that the county might scrap the PUD plan before long.

"I think there was somewhat of a sense of urgency," Abbo said. Opponents have a sense of concern, fearing that the board was too hasty and may have leapt before really looking where the

township might land.

"I know that I for one have some doubts concerning it and I think that the new board is going to have to watch very carefully to make sure that all of our concerns are addressed as we go along," Clerk Sue Hillbrand, who voted against the PUD concept approval, said.

That approval is a key step in the lengthy process that will transform the county parcel from vacant land to a developed site that is equal to nearly 20 percent of the township.

The county's acreage lies between Beck Road on the west and Hines Drive on the east. Six miles to the north and five miles to the south. It's zoned almost totally for single-family home development.

Wayne County wants to do more

that, however, which is why they're trying to conclude a PUD agreement. That accord takes the form of a written contract between the township and the county and allows things that normal zoning wouldn't.

After the concept plan comes the lengthy negotiations over the PUD contract language. Once that wins board approval individual concept site plans for different portions of the property will be submitted and everything starts all over again.

The county has committed \$20 million in proceeds from the land sale for the new downtown twin-stadium "sports village." The rest will go to Wayne County's 23rd Century Fund, officials say, which aims at revitalizing communities.

Area church launches season with musical

St. Matthew Lutheran Church of Walled Lake is moving its worship services to Walled Lake Westwood High School on Sunday, Dec. 15, for the Christmas musical, "The Thrill of Hope."

Worship performances will be held at 9 and 11 a.m.

Walled Lake Western High School is located on Beck Road between Pontiac Trail and West Maple Roads in Commerce Township. Ample parking is available.

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Walled Lake Western's auditorium will be the setting for this "spiritual spectacular," which will include musical and dramatic performances by the St. Matthew's adult choir, children's choir, bell choir and orchestra.

One will be held Tuesday, Dec. 8, in the Oakland County Commissioners Auditorium, 1200 N. Telegraph in Pontiac. Invited speakers will be heard at 3 p.m., the public at 5 p.m.

No specific proposal for holding salaries is before the SOCC yet. Currently the governor is paid \$121,166, the lieutenant governor \$89,450, Supreme Court justices \$118,758 and legislators \$50,629.

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Input sought on lawmakers' pay

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presidents' salaries are set by the governing boards.

"Public hearings and our toll-free comment line open the process to everyone and make the commission easily accessible to the public," said SOCC chair William Hampton, a former legislator and retired Oakland circuit judge.

The toll-free number is 1-800-788-1766. The address: SOCC, c/o Department of Civil Service, 400 S. Pine, PO Box 30002, Lansing 48909.

Pay hikes will take effect unless rejected by the Legislature.

NEW U.P. PARK?
 No legislation has been introduced to create a new state park during Gov. John Engler's term, says state Rep. Greg Kaza, R-Rochester Hills.

Kaza wants to change that with a bill to create a Mt. Arvon-Mt. Curwood State Park in the Upper Peninsula's Huron Mountains west of Marquette.

Kaza said Mt. Arvon, at 1,979.2 feet, is the highest point in Michigan. The area "is one of the most rugged in Michigan. We need to do everything we can to encourage conservation and access for hikers," said Kaza.

Michigan's last state park was Thompson Harbor, established in 1988 by the Department of Natural Resources, not the Legislature.

WHICH PRINCIPLE?
 A union principle and a constitutional principle may bump heads when the state Supreme Court hears a suit brought by Western Michigan University against the state, says Attorney General Frank Kelly.

WMU claims that "constitutional autonomy" exempts it from a state "prevailing wage" law. That law requires a state agency in a construction project to pay the average wage for a particular skill or trade in the surrounding community. It's usually the union scale.

"WMU cannot pick and choose the laws they decide to follow," said Kelly. "They seem to have no trouble taking the money appropriated by the Legislature, but when it comes to following the laws established by the Legislature, they claim that they are autonomous. WMU should be ashamed of its refusal to pay prevailing wages on this project that cost construction workers' paychecks by nearly 30 percent."

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Additionally, holiday trees will be recycled at Independence Oaks and Orion Oaks only through Jan. 26.

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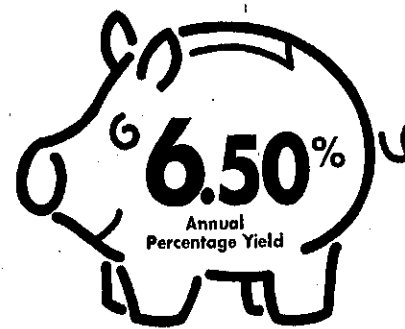
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OCC board now looking for two presidents

By TIM RICHARD

Now Oakland Community College is looking for two campus presidents.

Preslon Pulliams is leaving Dec. 31 as president of the Highland Lakes Campus to become president of Orange County Community College in upstate New York.

Pulliams didn't attend the Nov. 18 OCC board meeting because he was meeting with the Orange board. His resignation at OCC is subject to final appointment at Orange.

OCC spokesman George Carston said that Orange, a one-campus college with about 7,000 students, is roughly the same size as an OCC campus. The difference is that at Orange, Pulliams would be the chief executive. In charge of budget and development, and reporting to a board, not a central CEO.

Pulliams, 50, has been at OCC since September of 1993, when he was hired in from the Community College of Philadelphia. He has an associate in science degree from Muskegon Community College, a bachelor's in social science from Michigan State University, a mas-

ter's in counseling and personnel from Western Michigan University, an Ed.D. in education administration and a Ph.D. from the University of Michigan.

There was no board discussion of the news. Pulliams' departure leaves Highland Lakes leadership at a critical time. A month ago, Pulliams outlined a term proposal for \$25 million in renovations for the campus, one site of a tuberculosis sanitarium.

The OCC board gave routine approval to Chancellor Richard Thompson's choice for interim president - Ann C. Craiglie, dean of academic and student services at Highland Lakes. She has degrees in business education from Michigan State and Wayne State. She will be paid at the rate of \$87,748 per year.

Craiglie, 54, started as a part-time business information systems teacher in 1971. She was named interim dean in October 1995 and permanent dean in March.

Highland Lakes, set on 160 acres in the rolling hills of Commerce Township, houses OCC's allied health programs, transfer programs in liberal arts, business

and engineering, and aviation flight technology.

OCC also is advertising nationally for a president for the Auburn Hills Campus, a post that has been vacant for more than a year.

The board in September rejected Thompson's nominee, saying the candidate lacked background in dealing with business, a necessity on a campus that houses OCC's computer-aided engineering programs.

Interim president there is Barbara Einhardt, also dean of academic and student services.

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The board selected Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone as its all-around legal counsel after interviewing four firms on Oct. 28.

The vote was 4-2. Supporting the choice were board chair Judith Wisner of West Bloomfield, Anne Scott of Royal Oak, Jeanne Tower of Royal Oak and Janice Simmons of Rochester Hills.

Wright, has been handling collective bargaining with a Teamsters union local representing about 100 deans and managerial staff.

The board resolved that problem by voting 6-0 to retain Dickinson Wright for the Teamsters negotiations. Missing the meeting was trustee Sandra Ritter of Waterford.

Trustees decided to hire one all-purpose legal counsel after a 1995 snafu in which then-Chancellor Patsy Calkins used the college's firm in fighting the college. This time the OCC board made sure the law firm knew to whom it was reporting.

"You're the elected representatives," said Bill Danhof, one of the Miller Canfield representatives, during the Oct. 28 interview.

"If there's a conflict with the administration," added Tom Huston, "we work for the board."

Steven Palms, another contact man, said his specialty is building and real estate, reminding the board he helped draft OCC's construction management contract with Aech Co. and served on the OCC Foundation board.

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District sets timetable for work

Walled Lake school officials and representatives from the architectural firm of TMP Associates and the George Aech Co., general contractors, have developed a tentative construction timetable to accomplish the projects included in the \$114 million bond issue approved by voters on Sept. 28.

Tentative timelines are:
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As We See It

Credit for targeting domestic violence

Love hurts ... it shouldn't have to, but it often does. And there's no excuse for it.

But Novi police are doing something about it. They've already launched into a program put forward by the 52-District Court to expedite cases involving domestic violence and keep perpetrators away from their victims during the court process.

That might seem to be enough for some, but now Novi police are going a step further with the program. The police department has assigned officer John Nelson to be its full-time domestic violence officer. The program comes by way of a federal grant, but we think it's great the Novi police department is pursuing the issue.

Credit is in order. Of course, Nelson will be assigned to the case when a domestic violence complaint comes in. He'll be working with both parties in an effort to get at the root of the problem.

But he'll also will spend his time doing research and disseminating information to the public about



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spousal violence.

According to Nelson, the children of such couples are often left out of the picture when law enforcement is brought in because of domestic violence. The trauma can lead to juvenile delinquency and adult criminal behavior, he said. It's the kids who grow up in violent homes that become violent later on.

His long term goal is to cut off this cycle of violence and prevent the children from these homes from turning to violence themselves.

An extremely worthwhile program, in our opinion. And Novi police deserve credit for the initiative.

Seminars need the scrutiny

It's good to see that Novi High School teachers and administrators are keeping on top of the seminar period program.

As readers may recall, we were highly skeptical when the period was approved last year, despite the assurances from educators that the period could be used to good use. We saw it as a great deal of potential for abuse. To some degree, that apparently has turned out to be true. Students aren't always using their time to its best potential. Sometimes, they are aren't using the time to shore up an academic pursuit.

But the problem is not being ignored. Assistant Principal Tom Evans said at a recent board meeting that the school has some "challenges" and that "everything is not perfect" with the program.

Despite the curious way of phrasing it, the comments indicate the school's administration is attempting to ferret out the problems and get them solved. The seminar periods were instituted with a promise they'd be reviewed later, but frankly Novi students can't afford to wait for a longer review of its effectiveness. So action now to correct any problems is definitely in order.

Approved last year as part of the high school's new block schedule, students attend the seminar periods twice a week. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday schedules have four classes a day lasting 85 minutes. Monday and Thursday have four classes lasting 68 minutes and a seminar period in the morning that lasts 60 minutes.

Students are supposed to use the time to make up assignments, missed

tests, getting extra help on homework and get enrichment instruction on top of their regular class work. Students also can hold meetings, pep assemblies, retake standardized tests or take care of other school business.

The choice of activities for the seminar periods is made by students themselves. They sign up with teachers ahead of time to go to another class for help or go to a media center to do research. Students are signed out of the seminar period if their planners have a teacher's signature. The seminar teacher calls that staff member a short time later to confirm the student is in the assigned place.

Teachers report that for the most part, the program is working. But there appear to be some problems too. Some students say the seminar period is a waste. They just sit and finish homework or read. Other students say teachers give more homework and less time to complete it because they expect students to use the seminar periods to do the work.

Of course, learning to make good use of time is itself a skill students have to master. Some students apparently aren't able to plan effectively enough ahead of time to sign up for classes they need help in.

In any case, it is good to see Novi High School administrators and teachers are on top of the problems, trying to root out the causes and make the necessary repairs. The question of whether the program turns out to be a good one may have to wait for that later review, but it should be given a fair test. And frankly, it is time Novi students can't afford to lose.

Support for the Novi Jaycees

It was frustrating for the community to be hearing rumors about a defunct Novi Jaycees during the past couple of months. But luckily, board member Beth Murphy set the record straight last week, indicating the group is indeed healthy.

The Novi Jaycees, founded in 1966 as an extension of the Farmington chapter, strives to build leadership amongst the younger generations. As a junior chamber of commerce the group takes part in many community activities.

For instance the group is well-known for its highly attended Distinguished Service Award banquet in the spring which rewards community members who have given Novi their all. The Jaycees host the Light up the Holidays celebration at the Civic Center and the annual Breakfast with Santa event in December. The group's Holiday Family in Need project collects food and clothing to distribute to families in and around the Novi area.

This group has produced leaders in the community in the past, namely former city councilman Tim Pope who died last year, and John Balagna, a former planning commissioner and now school board trustee.

It's groups like this that provide a service to the community in two ways: by hosting programs and completing projects and by helping it's members to grow.

We are happy to hear the group has 40 members and wants to keep adding them on. We want to keep these young leaders in the spotlight.

We encourage the community to support the Jaycees' programs and encourage young community members to sign up themselves. Now that the Jaycees have successfully jumped some hurdles, in changing locations and restructuring membership, we hope they can move on to better promote their projects, be organized and increase membership throughout the city.

Now, the rest of the story



Michael Malott

The untold story of the shooting spree at the Ford Wixom plant Thursday was the involvement of Novi police.

There's a reason for it, while officers from other departments were giving interviews to the Detroit area media, almost the entire Novi police department was on the scene trying to catch the bad guy, evacuate the building and control traffic.

Novi cops were sent to the plant on first response. Since only two Wixom officers were on duty at the time, Novi dispatchers sent two of their own. Shortly later, they sent seven more. Within a few minutes, the Novi department was calling up all off-duty personnel and sending them to Wixom.

As one observer said, Novi officers were "everywhere" at the plant during the shooting incident. Lt. Tim McManam climbed to the roof of the building during the initial shooting to get a better view of the situation. He set up the command post and helped evacuate workers.

Officer Vere Witwille was on the expressway stopping traffic ... and taking fire. His car was hit.

Officers Randy Mince and Paul Stullgrass had the gunman hemmed in on the south end of the plant until he finally fled into the drain pipes.

Sgt. Greg Hundersmark was in the drainage pipes all day keeping the gunman contained.

I don't want to diminish the efforts made by any other department, but it would be a shame if Novi

residents were not made aware of the contributions their officers made, and the professional way in which they handled themselves.

It seems to me highly likely that the situation could have been much worse were it not for the valiant performance of the many Novi officers who were there.

I also have to say a word of thanks to Novi police for their help to us in our attempts to report the story. They allowed me to sit in the dispatch center during the crisis, providing us with valuable information. And Novi police have bent over backward to get us the necessary information after the fact.

Again, thanks. And compliments on a job well done.

FROM THE RUMOR CONTROL CENTER: The Debbie Meyers so well known to Novi residents is not - repeat not - the Debbie Meyers for perhaps Myers) for whom Gerald Atkins professed his love Friday as he exited the 52-1 District Court building following his arraignment for the shooting.

Meyers - member of the Novi police and fire bond committee, secretary for the Lakes Area Residents Association, marathon runner and community activist - spent a lot of time fielding inquiries from the media this week nonetheless.

But she said Tuesday she doesn't work at Ford Wixom, hasn't been to the Wixom Bar, and never met Atkins. By the way, she got married recently so she actually goes by the moniker, Meyers-Fagan. Meyers-Fagan was in pretty good humor nonetheless about the case of mistaken identity. But the true identity of Atkins' flame remains, for the time being, a mystery.

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

In Focus

By John Heider



Novi Technology Center students Hillary Koff (left) and Christina Bosman cut sheet metal during their industrial science class.

Ramblings from a reporter



Randy Coble

This week it's a serving of tantalizing tidbits courtesy of your friendly neighborhood reporter.

FRIENDS IN NEED: It's the holidays, which are the best of times for a lot of us but the worst of times for more than a few of our neighbors. I'm lucky. I've never gone hungry. I've never had the power turned off on me, spent a Christmas without a present under the tree or had

to endure the heartbreak of seeing my kid have to do it. A lot of people, more than most of us probably realize, have to deal with that.

But we can do something about it. You can put all the talk we hear this time of year about love thy neighbor into actual effect and make a difference in the life of somebody right here in our town.

Here are three places to call to find out how you can donate food, Christmas toys, cash, clothing and a little bit of your time and heart:

- The Salvation Army, Lt. Randy Vanlandingham, 453-5464.
- Northville Civic Concern, Marlene Kunz, 344-1033.
- Toys for Tots, Rebecca Yarbrough, 477-6449.

THOUGH THIS BE MADNESS: Wish me luck, folks. Captain Rando is going to try to scale to the summit of a personal mountain Tuesday night when I audition for Hamlet.

Yes, you read that right. In case I haven't bored you with it yet, next to my beloved wife, Carolyn, the passion of my existence is the stage. Some guys want to see a World Series before they die; I'm gonna play Hamlet. Prince of Denmark, before I shuffle off this mortal coil.

Randy Coble is a staff writer for The Northville Record and The Novi News.

The Ann Arbor Civic Theater is staging a production of the show in February and auditions are next week. If I get it, don't worry; you and everyone else on the face of the planet will know because I'll be really inufferable for the next three months. I'm sure Carolyn can hardly wait.

MOVING ON UP: Did I hear Chip Snider, director of the township's department of public safety, humming the theme from *The Jeffersons* the other day? After years in cramped quarters like the portable office trailer that's parked out back of township hall, said director has just set up shop in the roomy former digs of now-departed manager Tamara Hanlin. The guy's even got windows. There's hope for us all.

AWARD WINNER: She wouldn't do it so I'll have to brag about staff writer Wendy Pierman Mitzel myself. She is none other than the author of the very first news story ever to be nominated for a Drewlitzer!

What do you mean "huh"? In case you don't know, the world's funniest morning radio show can be found in the form of Drew and Mike on WRIF-FM. Stories about flashers, like the one Wendy wrote last week, will put you on the floor laughing 10 times out of 10 once these guys get ahead of them.

Sucking up aside, they've just created a new award - the Drewlitzer - for news stories of distinction and Wendy's mistake made it to the head of the class last week. I practically begged her to call WRIF when Drew and Mike read it over the air but she didn't want to.

Being the buddy that I am, of course, I proceeded to call the station and tell them how to get ahead of her but by then it was too late. Of course, if you guys change your mind the number's 349-1700 ...

Randy Coble is a staff writer for The Northville Record and The Novi News.

Based on politics, rather than facts



Phil Power

There must be a fair-sized industry out there that concerns itself with finding the names and addresses of media folks like me and then selling the resulting mailing list to various groups with an eye to grind and hand-outs to duplicate. I'm sure that's why I get inundated with mail every week. Some of it is boring; some interesting, despite itself; some offensive; some kind of nutty.

Among the better-financed judging from the frequency of mailing, the quality of paper in each mailing and the fancy-colored letterhead stock on which the material is printed is an outfit calling itself the Mackinac Center for Public Policy. Most moderately-informed news folks recognize the Mackinac Center as a generally very right-wing think tank, located in Midland.

So it was with only limited expectations that I opened up a mailing a couple of weeks ago that contained a handout headed: "Study: Michigan Universities Not Adequately Preparing Graduates for Teaching and Business."

The "study" turned out to be an extended essay by a Dr. Thomas F. Bertonneau, who is billed as a "Mackinac Center adjunct scholar" (meaning somebody who is right wing enough for the center to engage him to conduct studies) whose credentials to opine on universities consist in being an English instructor in Central Michigan University's extended degree program.

The conclusion that Michigan university graduates are not adequately prepared for business comes from a real study on recruiting trends by Michigan State University Professor L. Patrick Scheetz, who found, "Employers believe college graduates are receiving degrees in academic majors with low market value."

Dr. Bertonneau's contribution to the piece consisted of reaching through 300 course catalogues. He issued a blanket indictment of "Michigan universities" in general which consisted of many assertions, some sensible and some merely ideological.

Sensibly, he decries the "general demise" of the core curriculum, "once common on Michigan campuses, a set of courses that all students took to become generally educated, including history, literature, language and the sciences."

He's right there. A lot of universities have phased out a lot of required subjects and allowed their students to graze on a smorgasbord of courses, some serious and some not. Graduates with such training, however, will find it hard to get good jobs and harder still to excel in them. Isn't that precisely the working of the free market that the Mackinac Center so stridently favors?

Dr. Bertonneau also attacks "indoctrination in the classroom" and thinks "rules and regulations against political indoctrination should be vigorously enforced."

Although it isn't said explicitly in the stuff mailed me, the fact that it comes from the Mackinac Center leads me to conclude that what Dr. Bertonneau opposes is left wing political indoctrination in the classroom.

I don't know a university in Michigan that doesn't disapprove of and monitor against political indoctrination in the classroom. That said, however, it's hard to understand just how even the Mackinac Center is going to shear each individual professor in Michigan universities of their particular political point of view when teaching courses. Most teachers make no secret of their preferences, and then work very hard to show students how best to achieve their own through study of the material.

Dr. Bertonneau also wants more great books courses (he's right), more required foreign language instruction (right again), less multicultural rubbish and more solid emphasis on grammar and syntax (mostly right but probably self-defeating).

What was sad about reading through this stuff was that much of Dr. Bertonneau's rant was solid and sensible but inextricably mixed in with right-wing ideology. That hurt the usefulness of his conclusions because it made me, at least, suspicious they were based more on politics and less on fact.

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

Letters

Give accurate information when opposing course

To the editor: On Saturday, Oct. 26, I attended the Halloween Extravaganza at Lakeshore Park sponsored by the Novi Parks and Recreation Department. I was asked by a group of citizens to sign a petition to block conversion of Lakeshore Park into a golf course. They explained that the trails used for the hayride would be eliminated and all of the park land used for the golf course.

Wanting to learn more about the proposal, I contacted the City of Novi Parks and Recreation Department and asked to see the plans for the golf course. Much to my surprise, the "concept plan" for Lakeshore Park dedicates less than one half of the total land area

for the golf course. The remaining park land is kept in a natural state or used for additional recreational facilities.

In conclusion, if citizens are concerned about improvements being discussed for Lakeshore Park they should provide complete and accurate information before asking for signatures on a petition.

I would also urge those who, like myself, signed the petition to visit the Novi Parks and Recreation office and look at the concept plan. You will see a proposal that addresses the recreation needs of the city while maintaining the natural beauty of Lakeshore Park.

Carinne P. Avanti

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

This newspaper welcomes letters to the editor. We ask, however, that they be issue-oriented, confined to 400 words and that they contain the signature, address, and telephone number of the writer. The writer's name may be withheld from publication if the writer fears bodily harm, severe persecution, or the loss of his or her job. The writer requesting anonymity must explain his or her circumstances. Submit letters for consideration by 4 pm Monday for that Thursday's paper. We reserve the right to edit letters for brevity, clarity, libel, taste and relevance. The week prior to an election, this newspaper will not accept letters to the editor that open up new issues. Only responses to already published issues will be accepted, with this newspaper being the final arbiter. This policy is an attempt to be fair to all concerned. Submit letters to: Editor, The Novi News, 104 W. Main, Northville, MI 48167 Or send E-mail to: novinews@ttonline.com

Wildlife provides interesting moments



Barbara Louie

Lions and tigers and bears - oh my. Well, OK, there weren't any lions and tigers, but Wayne County in the early 19th century had plenty of bears, wolves and wildcats, which caused many a hair-raising experience for Michigan pioneers.

Plymouth pioneer Abraham Markham mentioned seeing many wild animals in his ramblings over the local countryside, including deer, wolves and bears. He described one exciting encounter in June of 1826.

"About four miles from the Indian camp I saw a large bear in the trail, about four or five rods from me, standing upon his hind feet in the attitude of defiance. As I went forward to a small maple tree and drew my 'squaw-piece' from my shoulder and leveled it at him with all the caution I could muster, taking good aim at his broad side, just below the shoulder blade, and let off."

"Mr. Bruin keeled over, made a very fine noise, as much to say, 'You may have the trail.' He took to the woods and I to the trail and as far as I was concerned, we were very well satisfied ..."

According to another of Plymouth's first settlers, John S. Tibbits, "Wolves and bears were more numerous than agreeable. They were very destructive to the few flocks of sheep and herds of swine then in the country. They were caught in traps and in deadfalls, and sometimes wolves were inveigled into the folds with the sheep and captured in that way ..."

A bounty was placed on wolves and Markham once hoped to cash in on it. On a trip through the woods with an old rifle on his back, Markham was thinking of shooting some game.

"I got about halfway through (the woods) and there stood before me five wolves - two of them were large ones, the others were smaller. They were only about 10 or 12 rods from me, and nothing in the way they had not discovered me. I got behind a cluster of basswood trees, and, as the bounty was \$25 each, I was almost sure of two of them the first shot."

"My imagination led me to see myself with two wolf skins on my back plodding my way to the city to claim the bounty. I got a fair sight at the two largest and I got a fair shot at the fattest gun, stepping, as we say, at half bent.

"I hauled back and got another sight. When 'clp' went the old thing again; by this time the wolves were going 'west' for safety and future speculation, while I was minus my anticipated bounty. I ... got home the next morning ... heaping everlasting contempt on the treacherous old rifle."

Deer were also plentiful. Markham once "started up a herd of deer of over 40 in number, a very beautiful sight for me at that time. We saw turkeys and other wild game in abundance. There was no danger of starving for the want of meat."

Tibbits reported that "occasionally a lynx was seen in the swamps in the western part of the county, but they were extremely shy, and it was rare indeed that one was killed. The porcupine was more common; they proved very troublesome to the hunters' dogs, which would frequently return from the chase at night with their mouths full of their sharp quills."

As late as 1861, a porcupine was seen in a tree on Congress Street in downtown Detroit. As Detroit and neighboring communities grew, the frequency of seeing wildlife in urban areas lessened, but even today we are lucky enough to encounter the occasional deer or opossum along the road in the "wilds" of Wayne County.

Barbara Louie is a local historian of the Novi and Northville area and is author of the book No. 10 on the Trail.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Let Novi city hall know what you want at the 500-acre North Novi Park, formerly the Novi Tree Farm, at Twelve-and-a-Half Mile Road. Currently, the Parks and Recreation Commission, with go-ahead from the City Council, is exploring the feasibility of a combination of an 18-hole golf course, nature trails and play areas at the property. This is seen as a way to make money to support other city park programs. An alternative design, rejected by the officials, would create a nature and recreational park, without the golf. Financial details are yet to be worked out, but it's possible the golf course could end up before voters. Already, residents are organizing to show their support - or strong lack of - for the golf course.

What do you think? (Check one)

- I support the concept of the city building a \$6.236 million development plan at the park, to include:
 - A \$3 million, 18-hole golf course with a \$700,000 clubhouse.
 - A \$600,000 banquet center.
 - Three miles of hard surface paths.
 - 1.25 miles of board-style nature trails.
 - 2.5 miles of multi-surface trails.
 - An observation tower, seven viewing decks and a \$300,000 nature center.
 - One picnic area and one picnic shelter.
 - Two playing fields and one area for court games.
 - One playground.
- I prefer the alternative, a \$2.673 million recreational nature park without golf, to include:
 - Three miles of hard surface paths.
 - A 0.75 mile boardwalk nature trail.
 - A 0.5 mile tree habitat and building.
 - A \$300,000 nature center.
 - A \$600,000 banquet facility.
 - An observation tower, ten viewing decks and a wildlife blind.
 - An amphitheater.
 - Four picnic areas and three picnic shelters.
 - Four acres of playing fields and three areas for court games.
 - Three playgrounds.

I don't care for either of the above options because _____

I would like to see something else at the park _____

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Public Access

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MONDAY, NOV. 25
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 10:30 a.m. — Citizens Against Government Waste
 11:00 a.m. — The Cutting Room Floor
 11:30 a.m. — Colorado Picture Perfect
 12:00 p.m. — Coffee and Conversation: Stuck in the Middle with You
 12:30 p.m. — (cont.)
 1:00 p.m. — Adventures with Pirate Pete
 1:30 p.m. — My Russian Friend
 2:00 p.m. — Fall Harvest
 2:30 p.m. — Women on the Move: MichUican
 3:00 p.m. — Sell Mastery
 3:30 p.m. — The Imagination Tree
 4:00 p.m. — Colts vs. Vikings Football Vikings
 4:30 p.m. — (cont.)
 5:00 p.m. — Who, What, Where, Y
 5:30 p.m. — Headwaters: The Life-line of a River
 6:00 p.m. — The Furst Property of Novi
 6:30 p.m. — Bagels and Talk with Tracy
 7:00 p.m. — Critter Connection
 7:30 p.m. — INFO TV-12 News Magazine
 8:00 p.m. — Law Talk: Dennis Fitzgerald
 8:30 p.m. — (cont.)
 9:00 p.m. — Lansing Connection
 9:30 p.m. — Groove Session

TUESDAY, NOV. 26
 10:00 a.m. — The Light to the Nations: As the Lord Leads
 10:30 a.m. — Specs Profile
 11:00 a.m. — Law Talk: Dennis Fitzgerald
 11:30 a.m. — (cont.)
 12:00 p.m. — Summit University
 12:30 p.m. — (cont.)
 1:30 p.m. — Drawing Men to Christ
 1:30 p.m. — (cont.)
 2:00 p.m. — Lansing Connection
 2:30 p.m. — Make Your Dreams Come True
 3:00 p.m. — Iditarod
 3:30 p.m. — (cont.)
 4:00 p.m. — Four-Wheel Drive Adventure
 4:30 p.m. — Travelin' on American West
 5:00 p.m. — Mountain Ski Series
 5:30 p.m. — Ready or Not
 6:00 p.m. — Colts vs. Vikings Football: Junior Varsity
 6:30 p.m. — (cont.)
 7:00 p.m. — Cash Talks
 7:30 p.m. — Fall Harvest
 8:00 p.m. — Colts vs. Vikings Football: Freshmen
 8:30 p.m. — (cont.)
 9:00 p.m. — Let's Talk with Ben Marks
 9:30 p.m. — (cont.)

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 27
 10:00 a.m. — Life Matters
 10:30 a.m. — Fall Harvest
 11:00 a.m. — A Culinary Adventure: Beans and Bagels

THURSDAY, NOV. 28
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FRIDAY, NOV. 29
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Plastics forum slated for Novi

The Michigan Plastics Industry Roundtable, a unique partnership between Michigan's plastics firms and the Michigan Jobs Commission, is hosting a forum for industry executives and local educators on competitiveness issues facing the state's plastics industry.

The forum, to be held from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 21, at the Doubletree Hotel in Novi, will include speakers on molder certification, job training, and school-to-work issues. Finding, training, and retaining skilled employees is a primary focus of the Roundtable.

The forum is one of four being held statewide. The first two forums, in Grand Rapids and Port Huron, attracted more than 250 plastics company executives as well as local educators. More than 600 plastics manufacturers are located in Southeast Michigan. The forums will lead up to the first-ever Michigan Plastics Economic Summit to be held April 10, 1997, in Lansing.

"This is a great opportunity for those in the plastics industry, and those preparing our future workforce, to get together and discuss the issues we face," said Doug Rothwell, Chief Executive Officer and department director of the Michigan Jobs Commission. "The plastics industry is very important to Michigan, and a steady supply of skilled workers is needed to make sure the industry can maintain its edge in global competition."

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Cassis honored by city council

By SHARON CONDRON
 Special Writer

She bid her friends and colleagues farewell Monday night, but Nancy Cassis vowed her resignation from the council was not an ending, but a beginning of a new era.

"Let this moment not be a departure but the beginning of a new relationship — a relationship between Novi, the 38th District and Lansing because we are joined by similar hopes and aspirations," Cassis said prior to the council accepting her resignation.

Cassis, a three-time Novi City Council seat holder, was sworn into House of Representatives as the 38th District delegate last Tuesday in Lansing, a week after winning the seat in the November general election.

Friends and colleagues attended the ceremony at the State capital so Monday's resignation came as no surprise. To help celebrate a win for Cassis and Novi, the city threw a pre-council meeting reception for her to wish Cassis well in her new political endeavor. More than 100 well-wishers attended the reception and then joined council to bid Cassis farewell.

"This is a significant time for the City of Novi," said Mayor Kathleen McAllen, prior to reading a proclamation congratulating and recognizing Cassis. "We have had the distinct pleasure of serving the citizens of the Novi community with Nancy Cassis throughout her nine years as a Novi City Councilwoman and have benefited from the perspectives that she has brought to our governmental forum, including her work within the Novi Community School District and many civic activities."

"It's very emotional," Cassis said about her resignation and the reception she's received from the city. "Thank you for your friendship and support. I assure you that the warm reception and presentation (s) this evening will be remembered always."

"...Never in my wildest dreams did I imagine coming before the Council in 1982 to represent citizen's concerns that I would be elected to Novi City Council three times and to a post in the State Legislature in Lansing."

"It's emotional for me to watch the process. So much of my life started just this way...as a citizen supporting people's concerns."

City puts off appointment

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ers either Novi Planning Commissioner Chair Laura Lorezzo or former Oakland County Commissioner and Novi Commu-

nity School Michael Meyer would be a real asset to the city council. Naming a replacement could come as soon as the next council meeting, McAllen said.

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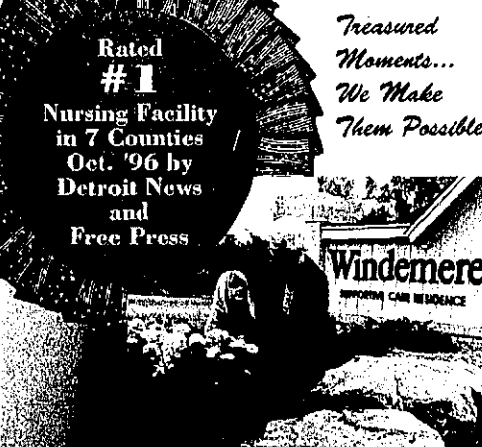
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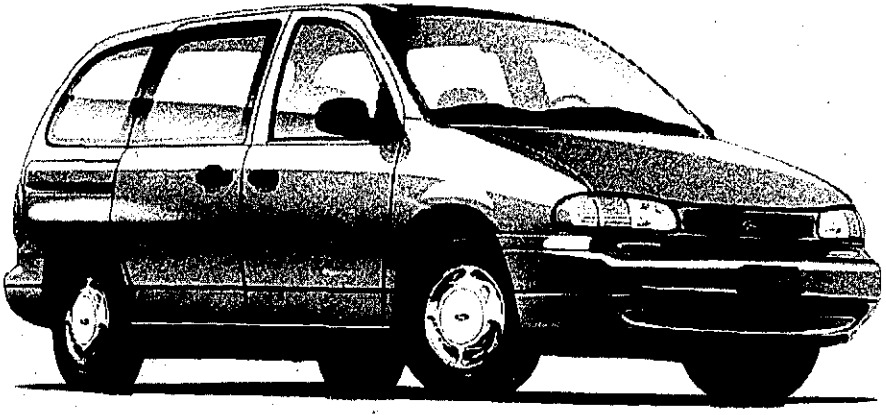
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City says golf course is not a sure thing yet

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

City officials are cautioning residents that a golf course plan for 500 acres of city owned property on Twelve and A Half Mile is just a proposal and isn't a sure thing just yet.

"I don't think everybody needs to get too anxious about it," said City Manager Ed Kriewall. "It's a long process... There are a myriad of issues that have to be addressed."

"We're still in the exploration stage," Kriewall said. "There's no definite plan to build a golf course. It still requires further study before we take any action."

But opponents of a golf course say getting the thumbs up from the city council for developing a plan and receiving \$10,000 for a marketing and feasibility study of the land indicates the proposal is pretty serious.

Members of People About Recognizing Kids' Space attended both last week's Parks and Recreation Committee meeting and Monday night's City Council meeting to once again show their opposition to a municipal golf course on Novi Road.

The residents near the proposed development believe there are better uses for that land. A golf course isn't in the best interests for the residents and besides, nobody asked them, they say. Earlier this month they submitted 450 signatures of people opposing the plan.

"By the time there is another public input they'll have spent over \$10,000 dollars," said PARKS member Ruth Hamilton.

"We want them to put this to a

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Kent Poll
President of LARA

vote or actual public hearing with public notification in The Novi News," she explained.

"If 80 percent of the people think the best thing is a golf course than we'll have to deal with that," said Kent Poll, president of LARA, the Lakes Area Residential Association.

PARKS feels residents haven't been properly notified of previous public hearings.

"The unfortunate thing is people don't realize what's back there," said Poll.

He said while it's unlikely the land will not go undeveloped in some form, he wouldn't mind

keeping in its natural and current state; for use as hiking and cross country skiing trails. Members of PARKS would like to see the land developed as baseball diamonds and family pavilions. That option would provide children and families with recreation and be less intrusive on the property than a golf course.

"We want to make it as passive as possible," said Hamilton. Despite nearby Lakeshore Park having some of those options, the park is booked solid and packed with people, Hamilton said.

A golf course, the group argues, will destroy the natural habitat

and send lawn chemicals and other detrimental effects downstream into nearby Shawood and Walled Lake.

Although the city said only 30 to 40 percent of the land will be used for the course, Hamilton said that's the only developable part of the land. "The rest is under five feet of water," she said.

Members have also met with Mayor Kathleen McLallen.

"She was very pleasant," said Poll. "It's always interesting to sit down and talk to someone when they're not in front of a microphone... She did indicate there would be an opportunity for public

input down the road."

The group opposes plans to build a golf course on land purchased with voter approved tax money. Purchased in 1993, the land was to be used for park land, said Hamilton. She disputes golf courses being considered as park land.

"We feel the city sold us the bond in 1993 as being for the kids," said Hamilton.

"We don't feel the city should be in competition with the private sector. The city should be providing residents with services the private sector can't provide," she explained.

Council criticized for course

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the park will include a golf course or not remains to be seen.

But that's not the impression lakes area residents opposed to the plan have received. Many of those residents said Monday they oppose it because they've had no say in it and because it would have an adverse impact on woodlands, wetlands and the natural habitat of the 500-acre site north of Twelve Mile Road, known as the tree farm.

"You have to put a halt to this project until you hear from the community," said Ruth Hamilton, who reminded council this was the second time she'd appeared before them to discuss this issue. "Council should hold a public hearing... prove to me that you do care and schedule a meeting that's properly noticed and posted."

Hamilton suggested council delay any further action on the park plan for 60 days until the community has a chance to give its input.

In the past, council has declined to host a public hearing of its own. Members have said the hearing held in the spring by the Parks and Recreation Commission met the requirements for a public hearing. And yet residents interested in the project have continued to express their concerns at recent council meetings without reaction or response from the council.

Kathy Briggs, a Nine Mile Road resident, talked Monday about the impact the golf course would have on the woodlands and wetlands.

"It's important to remember that 13 years ago this (woodland preservation) was a high priority for the City of Novi... ensuring that the rural flavor and heritage of the city was preserved," she said, referring to a 1983 proclamation that kicked off the Novi Woodlands Committee. "You have a jewel in the tree farm and in what was rural Novi. I'm begging the city to slow down and take another look at this." Keith Bond disagrees and contends a municipal golf course would cause little disruption on the natural habitat. Bond, who is circulating petitions in favor of the development, said he recently spotted a pair of nesting eagles with their eaglets on a golf course in Lewiston. Park rangers at the course said the pair have survived the elements and have successfully reproduced each year.

"It's well known that eagles can't survive in a toxic or polluted environment, yet they live and rear their young on this course," Bond said.

"That should speak to the concerns of polluting the environment because of the operation of a golf course." Proponents on both sides of the issue have submitted petitions. And while they can't agree on the golf course, they do agree that the residents should have a say in the decision-making process.

"I hope that all of the residents of Novi have the opportunity to speak their peace on the development of the North Novi Park when all of the pros and cons have been studied and given to the general populations for their information," Bond said.



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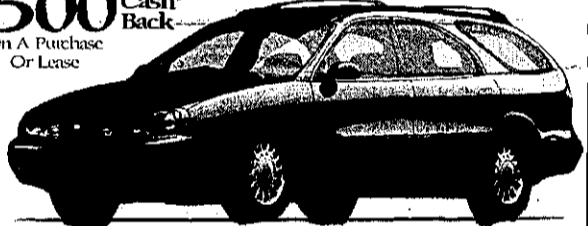
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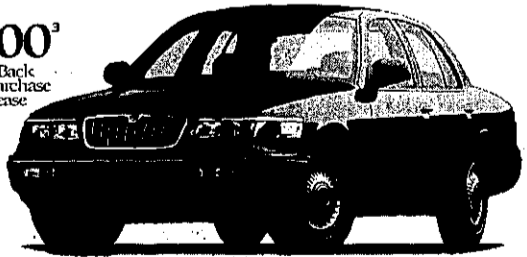
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HOLIDAY FAVORITES

The Pilgrims had the first Thanksgiving Day feast in 1623, but it wasn't until Nov. 26, 1789, that George Washington proclaimed the occasion a national day.

The custom was revived by Abraham Lincoln in 1864 when the 16th president set aside the fourth Thursday of November as Thanksgiving. The traditional turkey most families feast on is a reminder of the wild turkeys served at the Pilgrims' first Thanksgiving feast with their neighbors, the Indians.

The following local celebs are sharing their favorite holiday recipes for readers and neighbors to include in their own feasts.



Kathi Jerome
President,
Northville
Women's Club

Thanksgiving Cranberry Jello Mold

Adapted from Joan Leonard's Family Recipe Double Cranberry Relish Mold

Combine:

(When this recipe was developed, cranberry Jello did not exist. You can substitute one large package of cranberry Jello.)
3 oz. raspberry Jello
3 oz. lemon Jello
1/2 c. sugar

Add:

2 c. boiling cranberry juice
Stir until Jello and sugar dissolve
Add:
1 c. cold water
1 8 oz. can (undrained) crushed pineapple
1 Tbs. lemon juice
Partly chill

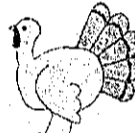
While chilling:

Chop in food processor
2 c. cranberries
1 unpeeled small orange (seeded and quartered)
1/2 cup nuts (walnuts or pecans)

Then:

Dice 1 cup celery
Fold into Jello when partly set. (A substitution for this cranberry orange sauce is the one you can find around Thanksgiving in the frozen food section. Be sure that you have enough for 2 1/2 cups. You will need to add the celery and nuts just the same.)
Cranberries and orange (already chopped)
Celery and nuts
Makes 8 1/2 cup mold. Use either 12-inch by 9-inch rectangular or bundt cake pan mold. Garnish each serving with a dollop of sour cream and a few whole cranberries.

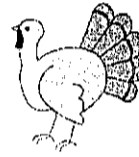
"This is a tart and crunchy salad. It tastes wonderful with turkey and is very colorful."



Kathy McLallen
Mayor,
City of Novi

Aunt Mary's Pea Salad

1 12-oz. package of frozen baby peas
1 c. of diced celery
1 c. of chopped fresh cauliflower
1/4 c. diced green onion
1 c. of chopped cashews
1/2 c. of sour cream
1 c. of ranch salad dressing
Combine all ingredients. Chill well. Garnish with parsley, if desired. This recipe feeds about six but is easy to double.



"Nice and crunchy and fresh and something different."



Dr. Leonard Rezmierski
Superintendent
Northville Public Schools

Mincemeat Coffee Cake

Serves 10 to 12

Cake:

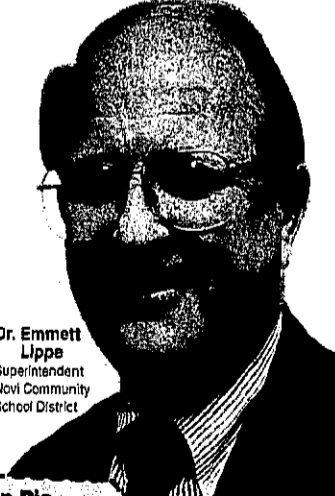
3/4 c. (1 1/2 sticks) butter, softened
2 c. flour
3/4 c. sugar
2 1/2 tsp. baking powder
1/2 tsp. salt
1 egg
1 c. mincemeat
3/4 c. milk

Glaze:

3/4 c. confectioner's sugar
2 Tbs. warm water
1/2 tsp. almond extract

Directions:
Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
Grease an 8-inch angel food pan. In a large bowl, mix butter with flour, sugar, baking powder and salt. In a medium bowl, mix egg, mincemeat and milk. Add to dry ingredients. Blend well. Place in well greased angel food pan. Bake for 30 minutes or until done. Glaze.
Glaze preparation:
Mix together all ingredients. Pour over top of coffee cake while cake is still hot.

"Enjoy."



Dr. Emmett Lippe
Superintendent
Novi Community School District

Pumpkin Pie Dessert

Bottom layer:

1 pkg. yellow cake mix (reserve 1 c. for topping.)
1/2 c. margarine - melted
1 egg
Press this mixture into a 9- by 13-inch ungreased pan.

Middle layer:

1 lb. can pumpkin
1 tsp. cinnamon
1/2 tsp. ginger
1/4 tsp. cloves
1/2 c. brown sugar
2 eggs
2/3 c. milk

Mix and pour on above mixture.

Topping:

1 c. reserved cake mix
1/4 c. sugar
1 tsp. cinnamon
1/4 c. margarine (not melted)
Sprinkle on top.
Bake at 350 degrees 45 to 50 minutes.

Serve warm with whipped cream.



Laurie Marrs
Executive Director
Northville Community Chamber of Commerce

The Ultimate Pumpkin Pie

8 servings

Crust:

1 1/4 c. all purpose flour
1/2 c. powdered sugar
1/2 c. (1 stick) chilled butter, cut into pieces
3 Tbs. whipping cream

Filling:

3/4 c. sugar
1 Tbs. packed golden brown sugar
1 Tbs. cornstarch
2 tsp. ground cinnamon
3/4 tsp. ground ginger
1/4 (generous) tsp. salt
Pinch of nutmeg (per Laurie)
1 16-oz. can solid pack pumpkin
3/4 c. whipping cream
1/2 c. sour cream
3 large eggs, beaten to blend
1/4 c. apricot preserves

For crust: Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Blend first 3 ingredients in processor until mixture resembles coarse meal. Add cream and process until moist clumps form. Gather dough into ball. Flatten into disk. Wrap in plastic. Chill 15 minutes. Roll out dough on floured surface to 14-inch round. Transfer dough to 9-inch glass pie dish. Trim overhang to 1 inch. Fold overhang under. Make cut in crust edge at 1/2-inch intervals. Bend alternate edge pieces inward. Freeze 15 minutes. Line crust with foil, pressing firmly. Bake until sides are set, about 10 minutes. Remove foil. Bake crust until pale brown, about 10 minutes more. Reduce oven temperature to 325 degrees.

For Filling: Using whisk, mix first six ingredients in bowl until no lumps remain. Blend in pumpkin, whipping cream, sour cream and eggs. Spread preserves over crust. Pour in filling. Bake until filling pulls at edges and center is almost set, about 55 minutes. Cook on rack. Cover, chill until cold. (Can be made one day ahead.)

Pumpkin pie was introduced to the holiday table at the Pilgrims' second Thanksgiving in 1623. Decorate this American classic with some whipped cream, or serve the cream on the side.

"This pie is worth every fat gram and calorie!"



Compiled by
CAROL WORKENS

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Co-op students and family have a fun filled fall

By JEANNE CLARKE
Special Writer

Fall has been a busy time for the staff and children of Novi Co-op Preschool. The children have been learning about the season and having fun on Halloween. The children used this time to learn how to play with other children, learning about apples, leaves and pumpkins, and colors.

Every Thursday is color day and the children are asked to bring in an item with that particular color. The co-op has reached an all-time high enrollment of 87 children. This includes both morning and afternoon 3- and 4-year-olds. The co-op philosophy allows parents to be a part of the child's school day through helping in different areas. Most recently, the 3-year-old afternoon class worked with the housekeepers to "shine up their room."

Membership meetings regarding the school and its needs are held monthly for the parents. Recently, there was a need for pine cones, bottle caps, shirt cardboard, oatmeal boxes and eye droppers. The Girl Scouts, under the leadership of Andrea Kohl, provide free baby sitting at membership meetings.

The Fall Family Event Committee sponsored a day at Maybury State Park with 144 in attendance. All enjoyed the family outing along with good food, fellowship, fun and farm aroma.

Novi Highlights

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On Campus

BETHANY VANDERHOFF, a senior at Miami University-Ohio, has been selected to be a member of Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society for the Fall semester. As a member of this student-run advertising group, she is working on a campaign for this semester's client, Xerox Corp. Last Fall & Associates is an advertising practicum which services one professional client per semester. Nearly 70 students are working for Xerox on this campaign.

Vanderhoff is majoring in mass communications and speech communications, a double major. She is also a member of the Alpha Sigma Alpha sorority and is involved in Dance Marathon. She is looking to work in public relations or marketing in the field of sports management after graduating from Miami University in May 1997.

Among the law officials graduating from Eastern Michigan University's first all-Michigan School of Police Staff and Management is **ROBERT GATT** of the Novi Police Department.

Not only does the school teach officers the traditional methods of police management, but also how to save time and expand their resources by computerizing tasks. This program has been instrumental in preparing command personnel to accept positions of senior leadership within their agencies.

Church Notes

FREDERICK LYONS and **JEFF ZIMMERMAN** have made the Honor Roll for the first card marking of the first semester at St. Mary's Preparatory in Orchard Lake, Lyons, a junior, and Zimmerman, a sophomore, are honorably ill adults and/or children, are invaluable should the EMS, fire department, etc. are called. Information regarding medication necessary in case of an emergency is listed on the special form placed in the vial.

Members have been volunteering their time in

Church Notes

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Girls take home trophies, crowns

By CAROL WORKENS
Staff Writer

Novi and Northville girls brought home the trophies and crowns after competing in the Northern U.S. Sunshine Pageant on Nov. 2. Mikhala Humbad, 11, the daughter of Niranjan and Suneeta Humbad of Novi, won three trophies and two crowns at the regional pageant, which was held at the Royal Hotel in Honolulu.

Mikhala finished in first place among all age groups in the interview, evening gown and sportswear competitions. She also placed first in talent and second in the photogenic category in her age group.

"I want to do it just for fun," Mikhala said. "I get a lot of coverage from it, from getting up on stage."

Northville resident Stephanie Zaas took home a gigantic trophy for placing third runner up in the talent portion of the pageant. Mikhala received a perfect score during the interview portion from the judge, Miss Michigan 1992 Terri Sue Lifford, who is also an English teacher.

"She is a very, very hard judge," said Lifford's sister Sherri Bramlett, the state director of Sunshine pageants in Michigan, Indiana and Illinois. "It blew me away when she gave a perfect score of 100 percent."

"We are one of the few pageants around where their interview is just as important as their talent. It's important to Northville at the 11 a.m. service held on Sunday, Nov. 17. Rev. Clise took over as pastor on Aug. 15.

Rev. Clise and his wife, Paula, moved to Northville from Durham, N.C., where he had served as the senior pastor and head of staff at Trinity Avenue Presbyterian Church since 1989.

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Rev. Clise earned a bachelor of arts degree from Butler University and was awarded his master of divinity from McCormick Theological Seminary, where he received the preserved Smith Award for Academic Excellence.

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Kent Clise, shown with wife Paula, installed as pastor.

Pastor installed at church service

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Mikhala Humbad scored 100 percent in the interview portion.



Kate Maxim Stephanie Zaas

In Service

DANIEL F. BROOKS, Coast Guard Petty Officer 1st Class, recently reported for duty with the U.S. Coast Guard Integrated Support Command, Cleveland, Ohio.

Brooks' new assignment will be to improve knowledge and skill as part of the most highly technical naval force in history.

Whether serving in the Persian Gulf near Iraq or in the Adriatic Sea near Bosnia, people like Brooks are making a difference as they work to improve their skills.

Brooks graduated from Frank Cody High School of Detroit, and joined the Coast Guard in June 1984. His wife, Valerie, is the daughter of Ernest A. Page of Novi.

"She had a great time," Bruce said.

Spar's Flowers of Northville supplied the bouquets for both Kate and Stephanie. The Starting Gate Saloon, also in Northville, has been a sponsor of Stephanie's since she began competing in pageants in 1985.

The next competition is the Royal Valentine Sunshine Pageant, which is held in February. It will be followed by the nationals in July.

Since Mikhala's placement in the regionals qualifies her to attend the nationals, she does not plan to compete in February. Instead, she'll apply to be a host.

In the role of host Mikhala will walk contestants to and from the stage and the interviews, and will introduce contestants. Mikhala will also perform the talent routine that won her the first place, an Indian dance called Rongkela, which means colorful dance.

Stephanie has signed with the John Roberts Power Agency. She is currently attending a workshop which is taking her from her placement to modeling status, according to Jake Graham of the John Roberts Power Agency.

"The kid's got a lot of personality, a lot of everything, a lot of zest and desire," said Graham. "She is the type of child that takes direc-

Church hosts tasting event

What would your Thanksgiving table look like if you took away all the traditional meat dishes you might serve this year? Pretty bleak, you might think. Not so, says Jeanie Weaver, chairperson of this year's ninth annual Vegetarian Holiday Tasting Extravaganza, scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 24.

Each year the Better Living Seminars, together with the Metropolitan Seventh-day Adventist Church at 15585 Haggerty Road, have hosted this event to a sell-out crowd.

Attendees can come and taste for themselves what a meatless Thanksgiving may look and taste like. They will receive helpful helpings of all types of special dishes prepared by long-time vegetarian or semi-vegetarian cooks. Main entrees are emphasized at the event, along with presentation suggestions and ideas on what to serve to complete the meatless menu. A cookbook of all the recipes is available for purchase.

Those who are interested should look quickly as there is a limit on how many people the event can accommodate.

Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$3 for children 6-12.

Send name, address and phone number to: Holiday Tasting Event, 695 N. Ridge Court, Canton, MI 48187-46635, or call (313) 495-0538.

Seating times are 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m., 12:30-2 p.m. or 2-3:30 p.m. Indicate which one you would prefer. You may also indicate if you would like to get an invitation flyer to next year's event or if you would like more information on future programs.

Call the hotline at (313) 495-0538 for information regarding the Holiday Tasting Event, the cooking school in February, or to order a cookbook.

The Adventist church, the site of the event, is on Haggerty near Five Mile Road in Plymouth.

Celebs share Thanksgiving recipes

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Karen MacKenzie
Farmington Youth Assistance
Wife of Judge Brian MacKenzie

INDONESIAN RICE SALAD

Salad:
2 c. cooked brown rice
1/2 c. raisins
2 chopped scallions
1/4 c. toasted sesame seeds
1/4 c. toasted cashews
1 large chopped green pepper
1 stalk diagonally sliced celery
fresh parsley

Dressing:
3/4 c. orange juice
1/2 c. safflower oil
1/2 tsp. grated ginger root
1 tsp. sesame oil
2 tbs. soy or tamar sauce
2 tbs. dry sherry
Juice of one lemon
1-2 cloves crushed garlic
Combine ingredients and serve chilled.

Variations:
1/2 c. sliced bamboo shoots
Fresh pineapple chunks
Toasted unsweetened coconut
Fresh snow peas

FOURTH GENERATION STUFFING

Cut one loaf (or slightly less) soft white bread into cubes, using scissors.
Cut 2 medium onions and about 4-5 stalks of celery (including leaves) into small pieces.
Simmer onions and celery in 1/4 lb. butter, until onions become clear.
Add poultry seasoning (about 1 tbs.) and salt to taste.
Combine vegetable mixture with bread and refrigerate overnight. If mixture is dry in the morning, add broth from boiled neck and innards to moisten. Do this sparingly—you don't want to make mush, you just want to hold it together.
Stuff the rinsed turkey cavity in Thanksgiving morning. Do not leave in bird overnight.

AMBROSIA

1 c. mandarin oranges
1 c. pineapple bits (not chunks)
1 c. coconut
1 c. sour cream
1 c. small marshmallows
Combine ingredients and chill.

PUMPKIN BREAD

2 2/3 c. sugar
2/3 c. shortening
3 1/2 c. flour
2 tsp. soda
1/2 tsp. baking powder
4 eggs, beaten
2 c. pumpkin (from the garden, steamed)
1/2 tsp. cinnamon
1/2 cloves
2/3 c. raisins (or chopped dates)
1 1/2 tsp. salt

Cream shortening and sugar. Add eggs, pumpkin, water and mix well. Add sifted dry ingredients



Karen MacKenzie

"This freezes well, but disappears fast!" MacKenzie said.

Troop raises money for girl's operation

By CAROL WORKENS Staff Writer

It may be a drop in the bucket, but each one of those trickles adds up.

Girl and Boy Scout organizations at Thornton Creek Elementary School in Northville were part of a fund-raising effort to help 8-year-old Stephanie Smith of Belleville, a much needed operation in an attempt to save her life.

The organizations raised \$750 for Stephanie, someone they have never met.

It all began when Novi resident Kathy Maximluk read an article about Stephanie in a local newspaper.

"As a Brownie leader, I thought what a great way to get girls of the same age involved," said Maximluk of her third grade troop.

So Brownie Troop 354 and the school's Boy Scout organization put on a six-hour bake sale during parent/teacher conferences on Nov. 6.

"It was wonderful to see how giving people were," Maximluk said. "Some people donated more than the cost of the baked goods and some just gave checks."

Avrey's Bakery donated 18 cakes and a Novi printer made up the flyers. The children handed out information on Stephanie to all the parents as they entered the school for their conferences.

Stephanie's softball coach, Bob Thorn, began the fund-raising prior to a press conference which was held on Oct. 9 to bring the problem to the attention of the community. As of Nov. 15, the effort had raised \$463,000.

An additional \$18,000 was raised by 150 volunteers at the U-M - Penn State game on Saturday. This is only the second time in 20 years that a fund raising request was granted by U-M.

Stephanie and her family are waiting on the medical team to make a determination as to the best medical facility to perform the surgery.

"The national transplant assistance fund has never seen any community raise this kind of money so quickly," said Thorn.

Stephanie has a unique autoimmune disorder which has no name. She has been suffering from the disease, which eats away at bones and joints, since she was 2-years-old and had a leg amputated below the knee when she was three.

Although Stephanie has already undergone 40 operations, a stem cell transplant operation using her own stem cells is the operation family and friends hope will produce a cure.

"This kid has so much determination and courage," Thorn said. "She is too precious to us to let her go."

Anyone wishing to make a donation to Stephanie can make checks payable to the National Transplant Assistance Fund (NTAF): The Friends of Stephanie Smith, P.O. Box 258, Bryn Mawr, PA 19010 or the Van Buren Public Schools, 555 West Columbia, Belleville, MI 48111. attn: Stephanie Smith fund raiser.

For more information, or to hold a fund raiser, call Bob Thorn at 313-697-8629.



Jessica Reuter, 8 (from left); Cortney Maximluk, 6; Kelly Lockman, 8; Kelly Maximluk, 8; and Ellen Storch, 8, were among those who participated in a bake sale at Thornton Creek Elementary School in Northville to benefit Stephanie Smith.

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WALLED LAKE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH 300 Market St. 224-2433 (at end of Wall St. off of Park Rd.) Wed 10:30 am Worship, 8:30 am Sunday School, 10:30 am Morning Worship, Nursery Programs, All Welcome	NOVI LUTHERAN CHURCH 1000 W. Meadowbrook Worship: 10:30 am, 11:30 am, 8:00 am Sunday School: 10:30 am, 11:30 am Nursery: 10:30 am, 11:30 am Worship: 10:30 am, 11:30 am, 8:00 am Sunday School: 10:30 am, 11:30 am Nursery: 10:30 am, 11:30 am
ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA 22722 Glen Road Farmington Hills, Michigan SUNDAY WORSHIP: 8:30 & 11:00 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL: 10:30 A.M. Pastors: Donal Coyne & Mary DeWitt Phone: 313-761-6264	FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE 200 E. Main St. Northville, MI 48161 Worship: 10:30 am, 11:30 am, 8:00 am Sunday School: 10:30 am, 11:30 am Nursery: 10:30 am, 11:30 am Pastor: Rev. Mark M. Minter, Minister of Evangelism & Spirituality Rev. James H. Minter, Minister of Education & Spirituality
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Diversions

Music never stops at the Raven Gallery

Billboard magazine has called tonight's performer at the Raven Gallery and Acoustic Cafe one of America's best new singer-songwriters. Jim Akens has an array of powerful songs with intelligent lyrics and captivating melodies. Akens' outlook on life is upbeat and his musical narratives reflect basic values of family, friendship, and enduring positive memories. One track, entitled "Better Day," is an anthem for moving forward in life in spite of the innocence one loses from fully living.

On Nov. 22, J. D. Lamb brings the wide variety of folk, country and rock music and great original storytelling songs he both writes and sings to the Raven. Lamb's new CD, *A Novel Day*, contains easy listening, beautiful arrangements and love tunes, rock-a-billy Western pop, slow Tex-Mex matador ballads and upbeat, downbeat, slow and steady songs.



Joel Mabus

"Love A Novel Day, every cut. So do a lot of people with cars I respect," writes Bob Talbert of the *Detroit Free Press*.

Folksinger, songwriter and instrumentalist Joel Mabus has spent the past 25 years traveling around North America performing a mix of unique original songs and traditional music performed on an array of stringed instruments. He'll be on stage at the Raven on Nov. 22.

At festival workshops he has shared the stage with Joan Baez, John Prine, Greg Brown, as well as past guests Lightning Hopkins, Doc Watson, Dan Cray, Mark O'Connor and Norman Blake. In concert, he has been chosen to share the stage with Joan Baez, John Prine, Greg Brown, as well as past guests Lightning Hopkins, Doc Watson, Dan Cray, Mark O'Connor and Norman Blake. In 1978.

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Movies

'Michael Collins' is full of sound and fury, but signifies nothing

By Brad Hundt
STAFF WRITER

With director Neil Jordan, there seem to be a couple of simple rules of thumb to follow. When he sticks to small budget, independent films made in his native Ireland, like "Mona Lisa," "The Miracle," and (especially) "The Crying Game," he does quite well.

However, when he ventures to Hollywood and gets a Hollywood-size budget, like he did with "Interview With the Vampire," "We're No Angels" or "High Spirits," the results can be sorely disappointing.

But the cut-and-dried rules get blurred a little bit with "Michael Collins." Here's a movie awash in "Hollywood money" and a cast packed with name stars like Liam Neeson, Julia Roberts, and Aidan Quinn.

However, this biography of Collins, a married Irish freedom-fighter turned peacenik, is surprisingly enough, made in the style of the *Blair Stone*.

Ultimately, the Hollywood taint seems to have done its damage

with "Michael Collins." Hopes that this could be a sweeping saga that mixes the political and the romantic, the heart and the head, are quickly dashed. Instead of being 1996's answer to "Reds" or "Lawrence of Arabia," what we get instead is another overrated, air-headed, pseudo-epic like last year's "Braveheart."

Jordan's script plods us down in the middle of an assault by Collins (Neeson) and companions on the Irish Parliament building. There's no explanation of who he is. None is ever really offered. All we basically get over the course of two hours are a collection of battles and fights, interspersed with heated strategy sessions, and that's it. Any human interludes carry little weight or meaning, and offer us few hints as to who these people really are. What we ultimately end up with is sound and fury, signifying nothing.

Neeson is adequate enough. His characterization carries echoes of his work in "Schindler's List," but lacks the depth and shadings he brought to Oskar Schindler. Roberts is little more than window



Eamon De Valera (Alan Rickman), Michael Collins (Liam Neeson) and Harry Boland (Aidan Quinn) in Gelfin Pictures' epic drama "Michael Collins," distributed by Warner Bros.

dressing, as is Quinn. The most interesting performance is turned in by Stephen Rea, as a British informant for the Irish Republican Army. But he exits all too early from the proceedings.

"Michael Collins" is a sadly missed opportunity. If you want to know more about Collins or the long-running strife in Northern Ireland, you're better off getting a library book.

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

AUDITIONS

YOUTH ARTIST COMPETITION: The Plymouth Symphony Society will give up to \$600 in awards to instrumental soloists and provide an opportunity to perform with the Plymouth Symphony Chamber Music Recital. The recital will be held in the Plymouth Canton Little Theatre on Jan. 25, 1997. The first-prize winner may be invited to perform as a soloist with the PSO.

Applicants must meet the requirements for entry in the District 12 Solo and Ensemble Festival of the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association. Solo piano applicants will not be eligible. Students must complete an application and perform at the competition on Monday, Dec. 16.

Authentic British Brass Band: The Motor City Brass Band is conducting interviews for concert and session players. Auditions in 1996. North America's newest brass band's first full season with performances through the holidays will culminate with a championship competition in Red Wing, Minn.

For more information, call founder John Aren at (313) 531-7389.

SPECIAL EVENTS

CHRISTMAS CONCERTS/WREATH SALES: The Novi Chorale's Christmas concert is scheduled for Friday, Dec. 6, at Farmington United Methodist Church, 33112 Grand River in Farmington, at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 7, at Meadowbrook Congregational Church, 21355 Meadowbrook in Novi, at 7:30 p.m.; and at Holy Family Church, 24505 Meadowbrook in Novi, on Sunday, Dec. 8, at 4 p.m.

Tickets are \$5 (4 for seniors and children 12 and under) and are available from the Novi Parks and Recreation Department or at the door.

Transportation can be arranged for Saturday evening's concert by calling 347-0414.

NEW ORCHESTRA: The Novi Arts Council is exploring the possibility of forming a community orchestra. Interested people should call Melissa O'Rear at (810) 347-0400.

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

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

For details, contact the arts council, 347-0400.

CARRIAGE RIDES: Northville Carriage Co. offers carriage rides throughout the year and packages for holidays and special occasions.

THEATER

TIMBERS SEAFOOD GRILL: Classic Productions presents a variety of entertainment at Timbers, the home of Bananas Comedy Club, 40380 Grand River west of Haggerty Road in Novi, on Friday and Saturday.

MARGUS THEATRE: Performances of the classic *Show White* and the Seven Dwarfs will take place Saturdays and Sundays through Jan. 26 and weekdays Dec. 26, 27, 30 and Jan. 2 and 3. All shows are at 2:30 p.m.

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

THE RAVEN GALLERY & ACOUSTIC CAFE: The Raven will present an acoustic night on Wednesdays, all acoustic music, string instruments, horns and some jazz on Friday and Saturday evenings and a variety of entertainment on Sundays.

Upcoming performances include Jim Akens on Nov. 21; John D. Lamb on Nov. 22; Joel Mabus on Nov. 23; English Brunch, Dickens Tale on Nov. 24; Lou Rye on Nov. 29 and Tert Gondra on Nov. 30.

The Raven is located at 145 N. Center Street in downtown Northville. For ticket information or reservations, call 349-9420.

GONNETT'S HOLE-IN-THE-WALL: Performances of "Holidays-R-U" will take place on Nov. 30 and Dec. 7, 8, 14, 15, 21 and 22.

"Just Be Patient" is being held over until late November. Performances will be held Nov. 22 and 23 at 7 p.m.

Gonnett's is located at 108 E. Main Street in Northville.

OXFORD INN: Entertainment is offered on weekends. Level Six performs on Friday and Saturday evenings.

Oxford Inn is located at 43317 Grand River in Novi.

COUNTRY EPICURE RESTAURANT: Freshly redecorated in bright, happy colors, the restaurant offers two non-smoking dining rooms and a smoking lounge area.

Country Epicure Restaurant is located at 42050 Grand River in Novi.

LIBRARY SPORTS PUB AND GRILL: The Library Sports Pub and Grill is located at 42100 Grand River Avenue in Novi.

TUSCAN CAFE: Tuscan Cafe presents light jazz on Friday and Saturday evenings.

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

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

NEARBY

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

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 details.

WEARABLE ART: The SWARTZ Group (Sewing Machine Artists) will hold an exhibit of wearable art at Objects of Art, 6243 Orchard Lake Road in West Bloomfield, through Nov. 23.

Hours are Monday through Wednesday 11 a.m. until 5 p.m.; Thursday 11 a.m. until 8 p.m.; Friday 11 a.m. until 5 p.m.; and Sat. 10 a.m. until 6 p.m.

For more information, call (810) 539-3332.

CRIMES OF THE HEART: Rosedale Community Players present "Crimes of the Heart" on Nov. 22 and 23, at 8 p.m. at the Uptage Theater, 21718 Grand River, one-half block east of Lahser in Detroit.

How Pulitzer Prize winning play by Beth Henzy examines the plight of three young Mississippi sisters betrayed by their passions.

Tickets are \$9 and all seats are reserved.

To make a reservation or for more information, call (313) 532-4010.

FARMINGTON PLAYERS: Performances of *Light Up the Sky* will be held at 8 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 21.

Farmington Players is located at 32332 Twelve Mile Road in Farmington Hills.

For tickets, call 553-2955.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT: Performances of the 25th annual Plymouth Community Chorus's Christmas concert, entitled "Christmas Celebration 1996," will take place Dec. 5, 6, and 7 at 8 p.m. and Dec. 7 and 8 at 4 p.m. in the sanctuary of the First United Methodist Church, 45201 North Territorial Road, west of Sheldon Road in Plymouth Township.

Michael Cross will direct the 22 selections which will be accompanied by piano and orchestra.

The concert is sponsored in part by the City of Detroit Cultural Affairs Department and the Michigan Council for the Arts and Cultural Affairs.

Tickets are priced at \$8. To order tickets, call (313) 455-4080.

PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM: "Visions of Christmas" will be on display through Jan. 26, 1997.

The Plymouth Historical Museum is open Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday from 1 until 5 p.m. and Sunday from 2 until 5 p.m. Admission is \$2 for adults and 50 cents for students (5-17), and there is a family rate of \$5.

The Plymouth Historical Museum is located at 155 S. Main Street in Plymouth.

For details, call (313) 455-8940.

Multi-talented Tom Hanks successfully writes and directs 'That Thing You Do'

THAT THING YOU DO
BY HEATHER WADSWORTH
NORTHVILLE

Sure, Tom Hanks can act. But can he write? Can he direct? If you've seen "That Thing You Do," which was written and directed by Tom Hanks, you know the answer to these questions are yes.

"That Thing You Do" is the story of five friends, played by Tom Everett Scott, Lee Tyler, Jonathan Smeeth, Steve Zahn and Ethan Phillips, who form a band in the '60s called The Oneders. The Oneders were a big hit in Erie, Pennsylvania, and with the help of Adam White (Hanks) they soon become a big hit across the nation.

But as their hit single, "That Thing You Do," climbs the Billboard Top 100, the band is slowly falling apart. Relationships are breaking, members are quitting, and eventually The Oneders, as they are now known, become a one-

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"That Thing You Do" shows showbiz as it is. No matter how hot you are, without your friends, you're nothing. Tom Hanks illustrates this point in a wonderful movie filled with humor and lots of great music.

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the NOVI NEWS Sports

Cigna wins punt, pass kick title at Silverdome

By SCOTT DANIEL
Sports Editor

Brandon Cigna is living proof that one can be poised at a tender age.

In front of more than 50,000 spectators at the Pontiac Silverdome Sunday, the 10-year-old Novi resident calmly won the state Punt, Pass and Kick competition.

Cigna led four competitors by just six feet during the punting and kicking events were held Sunday morning. That last passing competition for halftime of the Lions-Seahawks game.

Brandon, a fifth grader at Novi Meadows, made the most of his one chance and heaved the ball 100 feet. It gave him a total of 253 feet and a winning margin of just seven inches.

"I was a little bit nervous. But not totally nervous," said Cigna. "But not totally nervous."

He is the first Novi resident to win a state title. Just making it to the championship was his goal. "My goal was to get to the Silverdome," Cigna said. "It was an honor to play on the same field as the NFL players."

Sunday's competition may not be his last. Cigna will learn in about a month if his score was good enough to qualify for national punt and kick. Finals will be held in January at an NFL play-off game.

"Only the top four kids in each age group advance," said Cigna.

The youngster survived a pair of qualifying rounds in the Silverdome.

Back in September, Brandon won his third city championship. His October "sectional" score of 281

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Brandon Cigna won the state title by just seven inches.

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Six Wildcats on area cross-country teams

Avenius lands spot on area's top boys' unit

When it came to choosing HomeTown Newspapers' All-Area Boys' Cross Country team it wasn't a matter of selecting the top 10 runners in the area!

With all of the cross country talent that has emerged locally over the past several seasons, the sports editors of The Midford Times, The Northville Record, The Novi News and The South Lyon Herald knew that the members of our area all-star crew truly deserve to be considered the cream de la creme of the state as well.

Just look at who dominates the team. Lakeland, which wound up winning every race it entered this season while finishing with an 11th-place national ranking, was certainly the fastest and deepest team in Michigan. The Class A champs earned six selections on our all-area squad.

And Novi's Kevin Avenius, South Lyon's Tom Haapala and Tom Greenless of Milford may not have experienced the team success that each runner had great individual seasons finishing in the top 50 in the Class A individual race. Northville's Kevin Kolarchick was also a formidable runner in the Western Lakes Athletic Association this season.

So this collection of talent isn't merely a who's who of local runners. This group can literally be considered a good sampling of the best that Michigan has to offer in boys cross country this season.

So, without further ado, let's examine the 10 athletes who surfaced as the best of the best this fall:

- KEVIN ARBUCKLE**
Northville, Mich.
At the start of the season, almost nobody knew this sophomore's name. But the same can't be said now.
- Arbuckle, a transfer student from Ohio, quickly established himself as Northville's top runner this fall. Mustang coach Ed Gabrys said Arbuckle could turn into a premier cross country performer.
- "He's a hard worker," he commented, "and he doesn't know his limits as a runner."
- Arbuckle made all-Western Division in the W-LAA this season. Gabrys said the sophomore will likely move up to all-conference status a year from now.
- "He's a natural athlete," he added. "He's also mentally tough."
- Arbuckle posted a best time of 17:05 at Cass Benton this year and should drop into the 16's next season.

KEVIN AVENIUS
Novi, Mich.
If you're looking for one of the area's brightest up-and-coming runners, Avenius is the one to watch.

NICK GOW
Lakeland, Mich.
Somebody had to push the

Novi dominates girls' All-Area squad in '96

To the victor goes the spoils. That may be the best way to explain why Novi High dominates HomeTown Newspapers' East All-Area Girls Cross Country team in 1996. The Wildcats, which finished third in the Class for the second time in three years, place five on our team squad.

All-State performer Brooke Albright leads the Novi contingent. While the Wildcats were loaded this time, it is not to say the country was bare elsewhere in the area.

Milford runners Dayna Herr and Shawn Kemp, both sophomores, provide the Redwings with a dynamic one-two punch. Kim Belsey of South Lyon, Erin Evans of Lakeland and Kristin Kolarchick of Northville provide awesome depth for this year's All-Area squad.

So let's take a closer look at some of HomeTown Newspapers' 1996 selections:

KRISTIN KOLARCHICK
Northville, Mich.
Just a first-year runner, Kolarchick showed she's one of the state's up-and-coming runners.

She quickly established herself as Northville's top runner. Mustang coach Chris Cronin said she's the state's most talented girl spring when Kolarchick ran track.

Now, the coach just raves about her future.

"She'll be the best distance runner we've had at Northville in some time," he commented.

With a time of 20:28 at Cass Benton Park, Kolarchick has already posted the state's fourth fastest time ever. She cut more than two minutes off of her time this fall and should break 20 minutes a year from now. Cronin said.

The sophomore made all-WLAA Western Division this fall.

DAYNA HERR
Milford, Mich.
Although Herr had a strong freshman campaign, she'll remember 1996 as the year she truly came into her own as a top-level runner.

Her development was more mental than physical this season, Milford coach Brian Salyers said of Herr. "She had more of a mental focus and that was the main reason for her success."

Two years ago Herr finished 14th in the Class A Individual race. This season she combined her superb leg speed with her increased determination to finish as Oakland County champion.

But Herr's top effort came at the state finals earlier this month. She shattered the Milford all-time record by becoming the first runner to break the 19-minute mark. Her time of 18:48 put her in fifth

place in the team race. "She learned a lot of things about herself and the sport that helped her become the great runner that she is," Salyers said.

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BOYS		
NAME	YEAR	SCHOOL
KEVIN AVENIUS	SOPHOMORE	NOVI
KEVIN ARBUCKLE	SOPHOMORE	NORTHVILLE
NICK GOW	JUNIOR	LAKELAND
LANCE BINONIEMI	SENIOR	LAKELAND
RYAN JOHNS	SENIOR	LAKELAND
RICH OLTEVIG	SOPHOMORE	LAKELAND
MIKE CAMILLERI	SENIOR	LAKELAND
SCOTT KINGZKOWSKI	JUNIOR	LAKELAND
TOM HAAPALA	SENIOR	SOUTH LYON
YOM GREENLESS	FRESHMAN	MILFORD

HONORABLE MENTION		
South Lyon - Kevan Juna, Brian Curry, Jason Zellan		
Milford - Nate Sienkiewicz, Brad Rutkowski, Eric Makin		
Lakeland - Anthony Sagar, Rob Camilleri		
Novi - Jukos Namm, Jason Sabol, Chris Dupuy		
Northville - Tim Schovers, John Julow, Josh Smith		

GIRLS		
NAME	YEAR	SCHOOL
BROOKE ALBRIGHT	JUNIOR	NOVI
JENNY HAMPTON	SENIOR	NOVI
LORNA CAMP	SENIOR	NOVI
ANGEL ROOT	SENIOR	NOVI
KATIE ZIMMERMAN	SENIOR	NOVI
KRISTIN KOLARCHICK	SOPHOMORE	NORTHVILLE
KIM BELSLEY	SENIOR	SOUTH LYON
SHAWN KEMP	SOPHOMORE	MILFORD
DAYNA HERR	SOPHOMORE	MILFORD
ERIN EVANS	SENIOR	LAKELAND

HONORABLE MENTION		
Lakeland - Lisa Topley, Josi Miller, Jessica Crocker		
South Lyon - Valeria Van Netton, Laura Gilga		
Milford - Karen Wandlee, Edith Pike-Bigunska		
Novi - Kendra Mathoney, Alaina Chipponeri, Audra Wolowicz		
Northville - Karen Loeffler, Stephanie Flood		

Wildcats dominate area girls' squad

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SHAWN KEMP
Novi, sr.
While Herr may have had greater highs for the Redskins, there was no doubt that it was Kemp who pushed her teammates to the limit this fall.

"Shawn is the rock of our program," Salyers said.

Kemp alternated with Herr for the top spot on the MHS team during the year, but individual success always took a backseat to team goals for the mature sophomore. Salyers said it was Kemp who took the most pride in Milford's qualification as a team for the state finals.

"I can't think of enough adjectives to describe Shawn as a runner or as a person," the coach added.

Kemp, who was second in Oakland County, third in the KVC and fourth at the state regional, had a time of 19:16 at the Class A team race taking 21st place.

BROOKE ALBRIGHT
Novi, jr.
From junior varsity to all-state. That's what Albright did this fall for the Wildcats.

A year ago, she couldn't crack Novi's top seven and was simply an alternate on the team's state final roster. But a summer of hard work put the junior in the driver's seat.

"Brook ran her butt off," coach Norm Norgren said. "Brooke just ran, ran, ran."

Few athletes ever reach their full potential. But Albright may be one that has.

"She doesn't have as many tools as some," Norgren said, "but nobody works harder."

Besides making all-state, Albright also earned all-KVC, all-Oakland County and all-regional honors this fall.

JENNY HAMPTON
Novi, sr.
After taking a year away from the sport, Hampton returned as strong as ever this fall. She just missed making all-state. But Hamp-

ton did earn all-county honors and won several races.

"She had a phenomenal season," said Norgren. "Jenny's a natural runner who works hard."

Hampton overcame injury to perform well in crucial meets toward the end of the season. She had a micro fracture in her leg, but was able to run through the pain.

"She has lots of heart," Norgren said.

LORNA CAMP
Novi, sr.
Give Camp a lot of credit for her focus. Having already achieved almost everything possible at the high school level, the senior came out and posted a solid 1996 campaign.

Camp gave the Wildcats performances consistently in the 20s during the regular season then bumped it up a notch for state competition.

"She ran very steady and consistent for us," said Norgren.

Camp, who has been all-state and all-KVC in her career, made all-county this year.

ANGEL ROOT
Novi, sr.
The senior saved her best for last. After posting a solid regular season, Root helped Novi to a third place finish in Class A.

Root ran the best time of her life at the state final and finished third for the Wildcats that day.

"She came on strong when it counted the most," said Norgren.

Like many of her teammates, Root had to overcome injury this year. She had knee problems and was forced to sit out a few meets. The senior was a model of consistency for Novi.

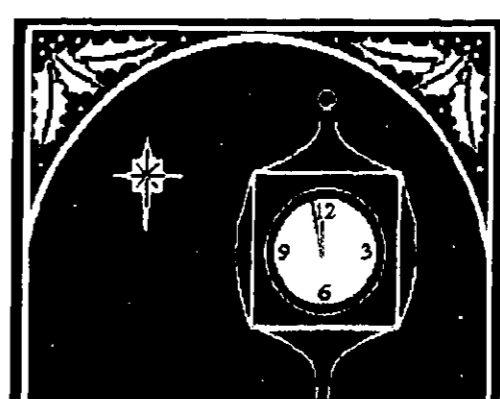
"She's just been a rock-solid performer for us," said Norgren.

KATIE ZIMMERMAN
Novi, sr.
Zimmerman closed out her Wildcat career on a strong note this fall.

After a slow start, the senior finished with a flurry. In a critical meet against KVC rival Brighton, Zimmerman won the race.

That allowed Novi to beat the Bulldogs and secure a share of the league title. Norgren said his runner was capable of big performances at any time.

"Katie has tremendous potential," he said, "but she had difficulty achieving it all the time simply because she worries too much."



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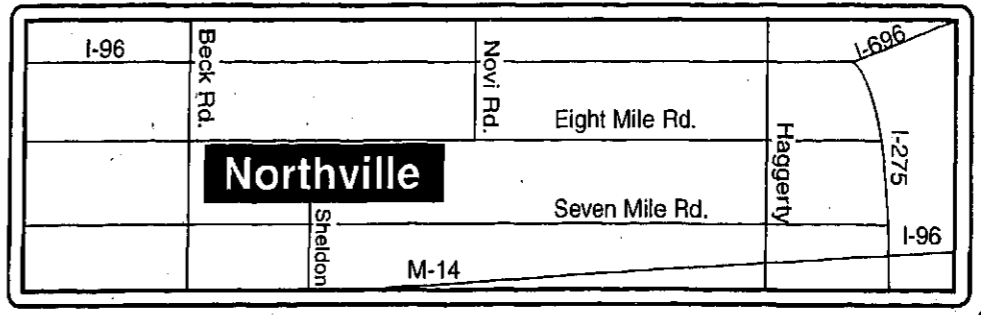
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Brighton's Davis helps sink cagers

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Brighton.

"I think the girls are capable," he said Sunday. "and will bounce back."

As for last week's regular season finale, the Wildcats were never in the ball game.

Brighton came out fired up and charged to an 8-0 lead. An aggressive press caused several Novi turnovers in leading to that opening run.

Cichonski said the Bulldogs also came out playing very physical basketball.

"That usually works against us," he said. "It definitely worked in their favor."

By the end of the first quarter, Brighton took a commanding 21-7 lead. Star guard/forward Nikki Davis led the way with 10 points in the frame.

Novi cut the lead by three going into the locker room. Down 29-18, Cichonski thought his team might have a shot at getting back in the game.

But it didn't happen.

The Wildcats had a "horrendous" start to the third quarter and fell even further behind, Cichonski said. Brighton outscored Novi 20-10 in the period and took a 49-28 lead going into the fourth.

The coach was surprised his team wasn't able to adjust to Brighton's pressure.

"It was uncharacteristic for us not to be able to shut down things happening to us," said Cichonski.

Davis led the winners with 16 points. Jessica Kenny had 11 for Novi and Amy Edwards added 10.

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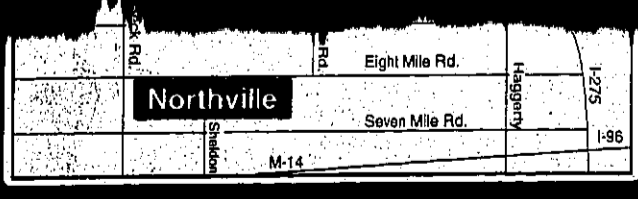
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Osteoporosis a common health disorder with potentially serious consequences

Osteoporosis is a common disorder with potentially serious health consequences. It weakens a person's bones, increasing the risk of fractures.

To understand osteoporosis, you must first understand the normal structure and function of bone. Bone is a living tissue which provides both mechanical support and a repository for minerals. Your bones actually get their strength from a structure that resembles reinforced concrete. Hard calcium crystals, called calcium hydroxyapatite, are reinforced with strands of a tough protein called collagen.

But bone is more dynamic than concrete is. Thanks to those same calcium crystals - which respond to jarring mechanical forces generated through your daily activities. Whether you're strolling around the block or straining to lift a heavy box, your bones respond by constantly reinforcing and remodeling themselves.

Bone remodeling, in fact, is a continuous, lifelong process. It involves two steps: drilling and building. Cells called osteoclasts will dissolve an area of bone, followed by other cells, called osteoblasts, that rebuild it anew. The

process resembles road repair, where an old street is torn up, only to be replaced by fresh pavement.

Osteoporosis occurs when the drillers outpace the builders - and bones lose substance, weaken and become susceptible to fracture (the key problem with this disorder). Theories abound about the causes of osteoporosis, but none have been proven. Medical experts do know that risk factors include menopause, old age and family history.

Menopause affects the bone replacement process in two ways. It stimulates the osteoclasts (the "drillers") in the first couple of years after menstruation ceases, leading to large losses of calcium from the bones. And while both men and women lose bone strength as they age, menopause accelerates that loss in women's later years.

How can you prevent osteoporosis? Weight-bearing exercise - including walking, jogging and aerobics - will help, because any activity that gets you on your feet and moving will stimulate bone and help strengthen it. And because muscles are attached to bone, weight-lifting will have a similar effect.

You can also help retain bone mass through your diet - by including milk and other dairy products, along with calcium-fortified orange juice and dark-green leafy vegetables. But even then it can be difficult to get all the calcium your bones need. Calcium supplements will help provide bone with its basic building blocks

(read the product label for dosage indications or consult your doctor).

There are medical options as well. For menopausal women, the first preventive medical remedy for osteoporosis was hormone replacement therapy. While it will not replace the calcium a woman has already lost, HRT can prevent the sudden surge in the rate of calcium loss that comes with menopause. It will also slow down post-menopausal loss of bone.

There are now additional choices when it comes to medical treatment of osteoporosis. Medications are now available that actually build bone. They stop the osteoclasts from drilling and, over time, allow the "builders" to catch up. Treatment results can be monitored through a test called bone densitometry.

Meanwhile, other therapies to slow or reverse bone loss are under development. For now, though, the best prevention strategy against osteoporosis is to include regular weight-bearing exercise in your life and eat a diet rich in calcium, using calcium supplements as an additional source.

If you think you may be at high risk for osteoporosis, or you have questions about this disorder, you should consult your physician to see if any of the medical treatment options is right for you.

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Life saving techniques taught locally

Life Support

St. Mary Hospital is offering the course "Basic Life Support for Healthcare Providers" on Tuesday, Dec. 3, from 6-10 p.m. The class will meet in Pavilion Conference Room B near the south entrance off Levan Road.

This refresher course includes a one- and two-person rescue of the adult victim and a one-person rescue of the child and infant during a cardiac emergency. Instruction also includes management of an obstructed airway in this American Heart Association course.

The course fee is \$25 per person. Registration is required by calling the Community Outreach Department at (313) 655-2922.

Just for Dads

St. Mary Hospital is offering the course "Just for Dads ... Childbirth and Beyond" on Thursday, Dec. 5, from 7-9 p.m. The class will meet in the Pavilion Conference Room A near the Levan Road entrance. This two-hour 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 format includes open discussion on attitudes and beliefs about fatherhood and lifestyle changes. Instruction on baby care includes a demonstration.

The cost is \$10 per person. Registration is required by Nov. 29. For more information or to register, please call (313) 655-3314 or toll-free at 1-800-494-1615.

Pager rentals

Providence Hospital and Medical Centers is offering "baby beeper" rentals to help labor partners stay in touch during those critical last weeks of pregnancy.

Rentals are available through Providence Hospital, 16001 W. Nine Mile, Southfield, and Providence Medical Center-Providence Park, 47601 Grand River Ave. in Novi. Pagers can be rented for one or two months at a time at a cost of \$30 for one month and \$40 for two. A security deposit is required. Call (810) 424-3332 for further information.

Blood pressure

Providence Hospital and Medical Centers is offering free blood pressure checks to members of the community. This free service is available at Providence Medical Center, Providence Park, 47601 Grand River Ave. Thursday from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Health Education Library (Suite A-101), available to all ages. Call (810) 380-4225 for more information.

Anxiety & Depression

St. Mary Hospital in Livonia will be offering a program on Anxiety and Depression on Dec. 4 from 7-9 p.m. Guest speaker Ann Bradley, M.S.W., C.S.W., St. Mary Hospital Center for Counseling Services, will discuss "Anxiety and Depression" at the Center's menopause

support group in the Marian Pavilion Conference Room B. Use the new south entrance off Levan Road.

The group provides in-depth information, education and emotional support to help women lead fuller lives during their mid-life years. There is no charge to attend the meeting, and no registration is required.

New Baby

On Dec. 5 from 6-8 p.m., a program on welcoming a new baby into the family will be held at St. Mary's Hospital. The Marian Women's Center is offering a sibling class in the Miracle of Life Maternity Center Postpartum Lounge on the third floor of the main hospital.

Children are invited to attend this class and learn how much fun it can be to be a big brother or big sister. You can see what your new baby brother or sister will look like and learn the safe way to hold the new baby. Parents are invited, too. The cost of the class is \$10 per family. Registration is required. For more information or to register, call the Marian Women's Center at (313) 655-3314 or toll-free at 1-800-494-1615.

Immunization clinics

The Oakland County Health Division will be offering free immunization clinics in the area.

Oakland County Health Division will be giving influenza vaccine at all three health division locations in Pontiac, Southfield and Walled Lake. Flu shots will be given through Friday, Dec. 27 or as supplies last. The pneumococcal vaccine is given all year long, or as supplies last.

The 1996 flu vaccine protects against three viral strains, A/Texas, A/Nanchang, and B/Harbin. The pneumococcal vaccine provides protection for 23 types of pneumonia. The flu vaccine costs \$9 and the pneumonia vaccine costs \$7 unless covered by Medicaid or Medicare. In order to do the insurance billing, please bring picture ID and all insurance cards with you.

Oakland County Health Division offices are located at 1200 N. Telegraph Road in Pontiac, 27725 Greenfield Road in Southfield, and 1010 E. West Maple in Walled Lake.

Women's Health

Women's roles are changing nowadays and, sometimes as a result, their health needs take a back seat to those of their spouse's and family's. In October, Botsford's Health Development Network is presenting a special screening event for women that highlights what women can do to avoid certain health risks.

Starting with individual health questionnaires, the health screening includes a battery of tests including blood pressure, osteoporosis and cholesterol (with HDL) screenings, and body fat analysis. The fee for the screening is \$15. Screening takes place at Botsford's

Health Development Network, 39750 Grand River Ave., Novi. Appointments must be made in advance and are available between 2-8 p.m. For more information and to schedule an appointment, call HDN at (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.

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.

Diabetes Care Outpatient

A program for all non-pregnant individuals over 14 years of age with diabetes. The program is designed to help individuals control their blood sugar and become more active in treating their diabetes.

Day and evening classes and/or individual appointments are available in Southfield and Novi. Call (810) 424-3903 for information on schedules, fees, insurance coverage and registration.

Blood pressure check

A free blood pressure check will be held 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, find 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.

The purpose of the support group is to provide men with educational information on topics relating to prostate cancer and to allow them to verbalize feelings, concerns and problems with others who are having similar experiences.

For additional information on "Man to Man," Providence's Prostate Cancer Support Group, call (810) 424-3175.

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 without 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.

An appointment is required. For more information, call: North Oakland (810) 858-1311 or 858-4001, South Oakland (810) 424-7066 or 424-7067.

Looking young

Board-certified dermatologist Michael Dorman, M.D., provides skin care tips for looking younger from 8-9 p.m. at Botsford Hospital. For more information and to register, call (810) 477-6100.

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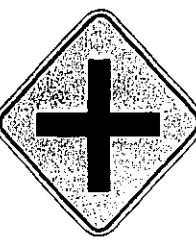
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FOOTBALL

KVC STANDINGS	South Lyon..... 6-0/6-1	Brighton..... 5-1/5-2	Novi..... 4-2/6-3	Howell..... 3-3/6-3	Hartland..... 2-4/4-5	Milford..... 1-5/3-6	Lakeland..... 0-6/0-9
AREA LEADERS							
RUSHING	Boyer (South Lyon)..... 1,164	Bishop (South Lyon)..... 912	Akpan (Novi)..... 848	Witherspoon (Novi)..... 843	Tyle (Fowlerville)..... 806	Whittington (Northville)..... 741	Leighton (Pinckney)..... 718
	Schaff (Brighton)..... 670	Zilio (Hartland)..... 588	Baron (Milford)..... 578	Mazaris (Milford)..... 577	Powers (Fowlerville)..... 558	Arnold (Howell)..... 530	Gibson (Hartland)..... 403
	Miller (Brighton)..... 388	Murray (Brighton)..... 380	Kalis (South Lyon)..... 364	Dukes (Howell)..... 311			

Jones (Pinckney)..... 283	Everett (Pinckney) 260	Bridson (South Lyon)..... 259	Jones (Milford)..... 224
PASSING	Henson (Brighton)..... 2072	Robertis (Fowlerville)..... 693	Husak (Northville)..... 433
	Reel (Northville)..... 427	Phelilla (Howell)..... 421	Ninke (Novi)..... 374
	Tabor (Milford)..... 304	Cooke (Pinckney)..... 330	Gibson (Hartland)..... 293
	Hincka (Milford)..... 152	Novak (South Lyon)..... 169	
RECEIVING	Gie (Brighton)..... 52	Murray (Brighton)..... 29	Schaff (Brighton)..... 28
	Zilio (Hartland)..... 28	Miller (Brighton)..... 25	Burke (Northville)..... 23
	Cogswell (Pinckney)..... 15	Fladke (Howell)..... 15	Copeland (Fowlerville)..... 12
	Gusardo (Northville)..... 12	Leighton (Pinckney)..... 11	Falls (Brighton)..... 11
	Adams (Milford)..... 9		

Livanos (Northville)..... 8	Vaughn (Milford)..... 8	Aro (Milford)..... 7	Pearson (Brighton) 7
Kish (Hartland)..... 6	Balagna (Hartland)..... 6	Peas (Howell)..... 6	Wright (Pinckney)..... 5
SCORING (POINTS)	Schell (Brighton)..... 91	Boyer (South Lyon)..... 80	Witherspoon (Novi)..... 74
	Bishop (South Lyon) 65	Siegwald (South Lyon)..... 63	Tyle (Fowlerville)..... 56
	Zilio (Hartland)..... 54	Akpan (Novi)..... 54	Copeland (Fowlerville)..... 52
	Leighton (Pinckney)..... 42	Mazaris (Milford)..... 42	Arnold (Howell)..... 42
	Miller (Brighton)..... 42	Hanson (Brighton)..... 42	Whittington (Northville)..... 38
	Cooke (Pinckney)..... 36	Arnold (Howell)..... 36	Pietila (Howell)..... 36
	Kalis (South Lyon)..... 30	Ralke (Howell)..... 30	Murray (Brighton)..... 30
	Nikes (Brighton)..... 29	Gibson (Hartland)..... 26	

Bridson (South Lyon)..... 24	Gie (Brighton)..... 24	Novak (South Lyon)..... 24	Jones (Pinckney)..... 18
Baron (Milford)..... 18	Falls (Brighton)..... 18	Minke (Novi)..... 16	
INTERCEPTIONS	Jakubowski (Brighton)..... 8	Robertis (Fowlerville)..... 3	Fry (Pinckney)..... 3
	Dull (Pinckney)..... 3	Arnold (Howell)..... 3	Adams (Milford)..... 2
	Brown (South Lyon)..... 2	Peters (Northville)..... 2	Dukes (Howell)..... 2
	Pietila (Howell)..... 2	Lindsay (Pinckney)..... 2	Maik (South Lyon)..... 2
	Norwood (South Lyon)..... 2	Harland (Milford)..... 2	
TEAM OFFENSE	South Lyon..... 34.6	Brighton..... 28.7	Howell..... 26.7
	Novi..... 25.8	Novi..... 25.8	Novi..... 25.8
	Harland..... 22.3	Pinckney..... 18.0	

Milford..... 15.3	Northville..... 11.8	Lakeland..... 1.0	
TEAM DEFENSE	South Lyon..... 11.2	Novi..... 14.3	Howell..... 15.9
	Brighton..... 19.0	Pinckney..... 19.2	Harland..... 20.7
	Milford..... 23.1	Northville..... 31.2	Lakeland..... 42.7
BASKETBALL			
KVC STANDINGS	Howell..... 12-0/20-0	Brighton..... 10-2/16-4	Novi..... 7-5/14-6
	Harland..... 5-7/9-11	Milford..... 4-8/10-9	South Lyon..... 4-8/8-11
	Lakeland..... 0-12/3-16		
AREA LEADERS			
SCORING	Davis (Brighton)..... 17.8	Mota (Northville)..... 16.3	Harris (Hartland)..... 16.3

Raths (South Lyon)..... 14.6	Blakeslee (Howell)..... 13.7	Houck (Lakeland) 13.5	Rajala (Fowlerville)..... 13.4
Heinonen (Milford)..... 13.0	Weishuhn (Pinckney)..... 12.1	Esper (Howell)..... 12.0	Chasson (Northville)..... 12.0
Kenny (Novi)..... 12.0	Huot (Northville)..... 11.3	Kroll (South Lyon)..... 10.9	Schumacher (Milford)..... 10.9
Osborne (Pinckney)..... 10.5			
REBOUNDS	Raths (South Lyon)..... 11.2	Blakeslee (Howell)..... 9.5	Schumacher (Milford)..... 9.4
	Davis (Brighton)..... 9.3	Metro (Brighton)..... 9.0	Ruddle (Fowlerville)..... 7.5
	Chasson (Northville)..... 7.7	Kenny (Novi)..... 6.5	Heinonen (Milford)..... 6.5
	Weishuhn (Pinckney)..... 6.5	Drury (Novi)..... 6.3	Harris (Hartland)..... 6.3
	Houck (Lakeland)..... 6.1	Daymon (Fowlerville)..... 5.9	Jacobs (South Lyon)..... 5.8
ASSISTS			
Davis (Brighton)..... 5.3	Murray (Brighton)..... 4.5	Mota (Northville)..... 3.7	Armstrong (Hartland)..... 3.1
Blakeslee (Howell)..... 2.9	McGuire (Lakeland)..... 2.9	Harris (Brighton)..... 2.8	Esper (Howell)..... 2.7
	Huot (Northville)..... 2.6	Osborne (Pinckney)..... 2.5	Raths (South Lyon)..... 2.5
	Palmer (Milford)..... 2.3	Calhoun (Fowlerville)..... 2.2	Harris (Hartland)..... 2.1
	Drury (Novi)..... 2.1	Ramsay (South Lyon)..... 2.0	Kenny (Novi)..... 2.0
THREE-POINTERS	Houck (Lakeland)..... 39	Harris (Hartland)..... 35	Heinonen (Milford)..... 27
	Mota (Northville)..... 25	Davis (Brighton)..... 22	Murray (Howell)..... 17
	Kenny (Novi)..... 14	Kroll (South Lyon)..... 14	Huhman (Pinckney)..... 13
	Esper (Howell)..... 13		

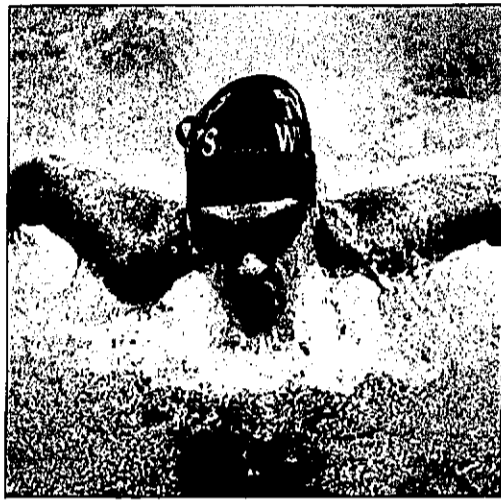


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Making waves

Novi High's swim team, including Jamie Vandermass, will have its largest contingent in years at the state finals this weekend. The Wildcats have qualified in seven events. Joining Vandermass at Eastern Michigan University will be Katy Nicol, Amy Hartland, Jean Smith, Leslie Nimer, Kris Utley, Kristy Vermillion and Meghan Mutch.

Avenius makes top area x-country team

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Injured and had a hard time returning to form once the injury was healed.

By the end of the season, though, Camilleri was back to his old self helping LHS win the Class A championship. He had his personal-best time at the state race finishing 21st in 16:16.

SCOTT KINCZKOWSKI Lakeland, Jr.

The unsung hero among the Eagles' front-line runners, Kinczkowski was a quiet killer this season.

While opposing teams were worried about guys like Gow, Johns and Bloniewski, Kinczkowski was sneaking up with some solid times.

"In our top seven or eight runners he was our most improved," Wilkins said of Kinczkowski. "By the end of the year he was consistently running under 17 (minutes)."

Kinczkowski also had his best effort at the state meet taking 26th place in 16:25. That performance

was key for the state champs because Gow had to withdraw from the race moving Kinczkowski into the final scoring slot.

"I look for (Kinczkowski) to be a front-runner next year," Wilkins added.

RICH OLTESVIG Lakeland, soph.

When Lakeland has needed someone to step up in the past couple of seasons, Oltesvig has been Johnny on the Spot.

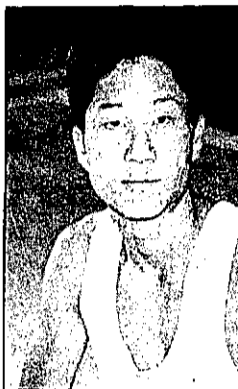
Last year he emerged as the squad's top runner in the regional when injuries had hurt the team and this year he was the second team finisher after Gow withdrew from the state championship race.

"When you've got to have him he's there," Wilkins said. "He improved at every meet and really hit his stride at the end of the season."

Oltesvig, an experienced big-meet runner for only a sophomore, produced his best time of 16:15 while taking 20th place at the state finals.



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TOM HAAPALA South Lyon, sr.

In only his second season on the SL team, Haapala took over as the Lions' top runner midway through the season.

With Haapala's disciplined style and dramatic improvement throughout his time with the team, South Lyon coach Scott Smith could only wonder what the runner would've accomplished had he been on the squad for four years.

"It really didn't surprise me that

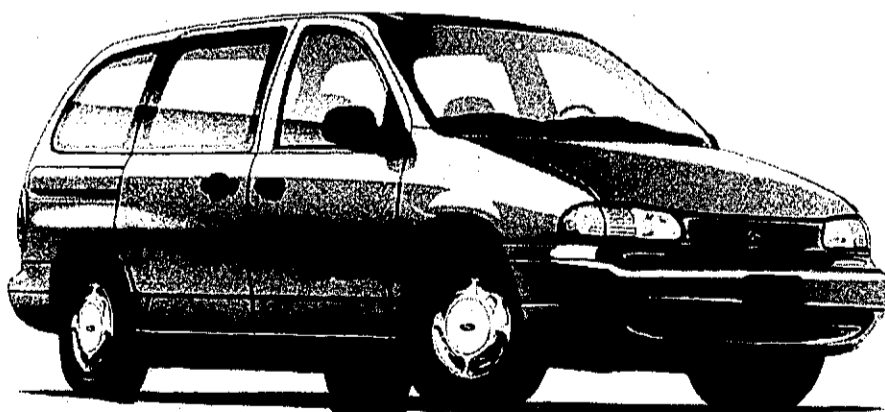
he took over as our No. 1 runner this year," Smith said. "Haapala uses his head and he doesn't get too emotional. He definitely would've been running in the 16 (minute range) by his senior year if he would've been a four-year runner."

Haapala, who made the all-KVC team this fall, did break the 17-minute mark for the first time in his career at the Class A individual race. He finished with a personal-best time of 16:54 in 45th place.

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