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# City moves to cut business in north end

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL  
 Staff Writer

Maree Davis wants to build a greenhouse for her interior plant landscaping business.

She and her boyfriend purchased a home in May, backing up to vacant commercially zoned land in Novi, thinking that would be a convenient location. They were in negotiations to purchase that vacant property until they learned the city was planning to rezone the land.

According to Davis, when she went to the city planning office this past spring to see if a greenhouse would be appropriate for the land, no one indicated there might be changes.

Now that the city has initiated a rezoning of hers and other property in the area from business to residential, she feels slighted. Now her plans are on hold.

"We tried to follow your rules and work with you, and I was taken aback when I heard this," said the Austin Street resident to Planning Commission members at the Nov. 20 meeting.

The City of Novi is tinkering with small changes to the Master Plan and zoning map, altering and rezoning small parcels along Novi Road north of Twelve Mile Road. The change would be from business and commercial property to residential.

The beginnings of the proposal were presented to the planning commission in June as a result of some failed zoning and site plan proposals.

The Master Plan and Zoning Committee met with residents during the summer and encountered the same split in philosophy.

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

## Testing their medal

Novi Middle School seventh-grade students Andrew Becker, left, and Christian Santos work to pound out their sheet-metal boxes last week in teacher David Hartman's Industrial Science class. After smoothing out the edges on these boxes, Becker and Santos learned how to weld the seams together to complete their shop class projects.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Ken Owen decorates a tree outside of the Novi Civic Center.

## Santa comes to Novi in Light Up Ceremony

How does the City of Novi get Santa Claus to visit each Light Up Holiday Ceremony?

"We've got a direct line that hooks him up with the Fire Department," said Dan Davis, Parks and Recreation Director. "Allegedly he comes to one of the fire stations and leaves reindeer at the station for feeding but I can't say which one or else everyone would rush over there."

"We work out a deal with (Fire Chief) Art Lenaghan to plump them up," Davis laughed.

Santa won't come in on a sleigh for the Dec. 2 ceremony, but he will arrive in a big red fire engine for all to see and touch and tell

their secret wishes.

The Light Up The Holiday Ceremony begins at 6:30 Monday, Dec. 2 with hayrides and ends with a 7:15 tree lighting ceremony, visits with Santa and entertainment.

The Civic Center has spent weeks getting gussied up for the event. Banners are hung, lights are strung and city elves are scurrying about putting on the finishing red, white and green touches.

The annual event draws hundreds of adults and children of all ages each year. According to Parks and Recreation, this is the

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## Court reverses ruling for schools

By TIM RICHARD  
 Staff Writer

Reversing its decision of two months ago, the Michigan Supreme Court said it will hear Gov. John Engler's appeal of the so-called Durant case, a Court of Appeals ruling that could cost the state billions.

"On reconsideration, the defendants' application is granted," said the highest court in a three-sentence order. The vote was 6-1.

Oral arguments aren't likely before April, a high court spokesman said. Each side has lengthy periods to prepare briefs and rebuttals.

"I hope their decision is not based on politics but on law."

Jim Kosler  
 Novi Schools Assistant Superintendent

The high court's reversal comes as no surprise for school district officials in Northville and Novi. Jim Kosler, assistant superintendent of business for Novi Schools, said he's concerned that the decision was a political

one.

"I hope their decision is not based on politics but on law," he said. "If it's based on politics than we're all in trouble. Then they could do this to any other governmental agency."

Northville Superintendent Leonard Rezmierski has believed all along that any type of settlement would most likely take years.

"I've said all along that the court's initial ruling was a moral victory for school districts," he said. "Whether we'll receive any of those disputed funds in another story."

Both districts could receive between \$5 and

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## Police say air bags are effective

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL  
 Staff Writer

Novi police are cautioning residents wary of air bags to think twice before cutting the safety devices out of their vehicles in fear.

Patrol Lt. Tim McNamara said the dangers of air bags is a legitimate concern because people are dying but those people concerned about being harmed by the safety feature should "do a little homework."

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration is currently studying decreasing the power of air bags now that 49 people that have died as a result of the safety device deploying.

That's caused people to seriously question the safety of their own cars.

Since 1990, air bags reportedly contributed to 49 deaths nationally. Most of the victims were women and children, and were short in stature. Only five were wearing seatbelts, as instructed by automakers and required by

law.

"I think there's some confusion as to what an air bag is expected to do, that's inflate to keep you from moving forward," said McNamara.

Air bags work like this: The bag is folded in the steering column or dashboard, much like a parachute, attached to a small explosive device. The bag is designed to deploy, inflate

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## Interest turned into new venture

By JAN JEFFRES  
 Staff Writer

Every time it's Shark Week on cable TV, nobody shudders more than the folks at scuba shops.

"Across the country, calls to learn how to scuba dive go down. People see that and believe that's how it is," said Brian Wisner, manager of Ocean Adventures. "I dived for close to 20 years before I saw a shark and I was trying to get a picture of one."

Located on Grand River Avenue, the store opened several weeks ago. The company has a mailing list of 5,000 customers, the kind of people who are interested in exploring one of the last frontiers - the seven seas.

Jeff Rose is the owner of this business and across, the street, J.R. Limousine and Motor Coach Tours of Novi. Rose became interested in diving in the 1980s while on a cruise in the Cayman Islands.

"I was snorkeling along looking at the divers on the reefs and said



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Brian Wisner shows the 1940s Dutch Navy diving helmet that is prize of his new store. The brass helmet, weighing in at 40 pounds, is only for display.

"wait a minute, something's wrong with this picture?" he said. "Snorkeling is on the water's surface. In scuba, an acronym for 'self-contained underwater breathing apparatus,' divers head for the depths. Often, like Rose, someone will

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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 Novus News, 104 W. Main Street, Northville, MI 48167.

Thursday, November 28

### Thanksgiving Day

City offices, recycling center and public library are closed.

Friday, November 29

### Thanksgiving Holiday

City offices, and recycling center are closed.

Saturday, November 30

### Holiday Arts and Crafts Show

The Novus Jaycees and Novus Arts Council are holding their sixth annual Holiday Arts and Crafts Show from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Novus Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Rd. The juried show features over 50 crafters and artists. Admission is \$1. For more information, call 347-0400. Strollers welcome, handicap accessible, wide aisles.

Monday, December 2

### City Council

The Novus City Council is scheduled to meet in regular session at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Novus Civic Center.

### Health tests

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

### TOPS

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

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### Motor City Speak Easy Toastmasters

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

Tuesday, December 3

### Seniors meeting

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

### Civil Air Patrol

The Sixgate Composite Squadron, Civil Air Patrol, meets at Novus Middle School, 25299 Taft Rd., from 7-9:30 p.m. Adults and youths who have finished the sixth grade are welcome. For additional information call 349-3669.

### Menopause Support Group

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

### Board of Appeals

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

### Band rehearsal

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

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### Chess Club

The Novus Chess Club will meet from 7-10 p.m. at the Novus 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.

### Amateur Radio Club

The Novus Amateur Radio Club meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Novus Civic Center. For more information, call 348-0009.

Wednesday, December 4

### Athletic Boosters

The Novus High School Athletic Boosters Club will hold its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. in room 107 of the high school.

### Planning Commission

The Novus Planning Commission will meet in regular session at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Novus Civic Center.

### Business Network International

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

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Novus High School students in full costume prepare for the school's annual Madrigal Dinner.

## Students ready for Madrigal dinner

By WENDY FERMAN MITZEL  
Staff Writer

Novus High School will take a step back in time when the Novus High School Chorus hold their annual Madrigal Dinner Saturday, Dec. 14 at 6:30 p.m.

Tickets are on sale now through Dec. 6 for \$25 a person.

Set in the days of the 15th century, lords, ladies, knights and barmaids will entertain, singing and dancing throughout the night as guests of the king feast on a traditional meal prepared by the Birmingham catering company, Too Unique.

"We've been doing it for about five years," said Paula Joyner-Clinard, choir director. "It's not new. Colleges and universities have been doing it for years."

Madrigal tunes were the first popular songs ever written, said Joyner-Clinard. The Madrigal Dinner is a good way to expose students to core literature and it's historical aspect.

The fundraiser has been a success in the past, tickets selling out the maximum of 400 guests. All

## WHAT ARE MADRIGALS?

Madrigals are a group of three to six vocalists singing unaccompanied secular vocal compositions. Madrigals developed in the Netherlands and Italy in the late 15th and 16th centuries and spread to England where they attained much popularity during the Elizabethan times. Madrigals were at first harmonized similar to hymn tunes.

proceeds support the Novus Choir Boosters Student Scholarship Fund.

All of the Novus High choral are involved, putting about 160 entertainers at the event.

"It's a mini-Renaissance Festival," Joyner-Clinard said. Intrigued guests don't have to wear armor or feel intimidated about performing in accordance with the dinner.

"You don't have to perform as long as you follow the king's rules," said Joyner-Clinard. While the dinner is very traditional, some modern conveniences are provided for the guests. "We do have knives and forks and napkins, so you don't have to use your sleeves," she explained.

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# Deer hunters told to back off

Novi police found three men hunting for deer on property north of Twelve Mile Road at Napier Nov. 16 and told them to make an appointment with the chief.

Police said a caller told them he heard shots coming from the area and police responded to the scene at 8:30 a.m. to find a black pickup truck on the road. Three men were hunting in the woods.

They told the officer they had permission from the landowner and thought hunting was allowed in the city. They said they had already shot one deer but police could not find it.

The officer told them any hunting requires special permission from the chief of police and they should make an appointment with him if they still wish to hunt in Novi.

## Police News

**DRINKIN'**  
Two teens from Farmington were cited and released Nov. 17 for possession and consumption of alcohol after police pulled over the car they were riding in.

Police said a 15-year-old Farmington girl was not drinking but was driving the car, who was riding in the rear seat. The car had swerved close to the white lines and stopped at a yellow flashing light, prompting the police to suspect drunk driving.

Officers found two beer bottles on the back seat floor, one was dumped over, the other was half full. Police said preliminary breath tests on the 19-year-old female and male passenger were .05 and .03.

**SMOKIN' TOO**  
Police responded to a suspicious car call at 11 p.m. Nov. 15 and as a result arrested three men for possession of 55 grams of marijuana and narcotics paraphernalia.

Police said the men were in a car parked in the Portsmouth Apartments lot. The car was filled with smoke and smelled of pot. The men, two from Witkon and one from Wall Lake, were arrested and one was later released when he was said to have had nothing to do with the incident.

The two remaining men said they purchased the pot like they

do every pay day and admitted to being heavy smokers. They sometimes sell to friends, police said.

One of their fathers posted bail. One of the men also was wanted for a violation of probation for marijuana possession.

**GUN STOLEN**  
According to police reports, a White Lake man's .22 revolver was missing from his car after he parked it at a local auto repair facility.

The 46-year-old man told police he left the car, packed for a hunting trip, at the service station on Nov. 14 at 8:20 and returned at 2:30 p.m. When he looked in the back of the car, the case was open and the gun was gone.

Employees were questioned by police but they denied knowledge of the gun. The gun was entered into records as stolen.

**WALKIN'**  
A 39-year-old Novi man was found intoxicated and walking down Novi Road south of Thirteen Mile, Nov. 17 and driven home. The man was wearing camouflage and was holding a pint of Seagrams 7.

**PAINTIN'**  
A 18-year-old Novi boy reported to police another classmate shot at him with a paintball gun, Nov. 4 as he got off the bus in front of his home. He was hit in the arm and

foot and his house was hit six times.

According to the report, the suspect, a 17-year-old male, drove away from the scene.

The incident may be related to an incident where the suspect hit the victim's arm hair on fire with a lighter in school and the victim told staff. The boy is afraid he will be harmed again.

**DRUNK DRIVING**  
A 28-year-old Farmington Hills man was arrested for drunk driving Friday night after his car ran off the road and forced another man's car to lose control.

Police said witnesses indicate the light at Haggerty and Twelve Mile Roads was green for the victim who was heading south on Haggerty. However, the suspect's vehicle, a Ford Explorer went through the light facing westbound Twelve Mile and drove off the road forcing an oncoming car into a spin.

The victim, a Farmington Hills man, was taken to Betsford Hospital for minor injuries.

The suspect was noted to have slurred speech and moved in a slow motion.

Police ran him through a series of sobriety tests and a breath test which indicated a .16 blood alcohol level at the scene.

The man told police he thought the light was yellow.

**Down on Main Street**  
The City of Novi is gathering Dec. 4 at 5:30 p.m. for a grand celebration and ribbon cutting for Novi's Main Street at the corner of Grand River Avenue and Novi Road.

**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.

**Walking Maniacs**  
Village Oaks Elementary students walked away their recess time during the last few moments to see who could rack up enough miles to win awards in the Peckin' 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 Eberline, Eric Preston, Alan Prasad and Amy Ghilbinis; Third graders Megan Sankony and Brent Neville; and Fourth graders Yoko Kanno, Andrew McGinn and Cal DePater.

## Novi Briefs

### Giving Thanks

Proud parents of the Arsenal Soccer Team of the Parks and Recreation 8-year-old soccer league sent the Novi Community School Board a letter this month, complimenting three Novi High School students for their time and effort in coaching the girls' and boys' team.

Kevin Avenius, Alan Lyskawa and Matt Maler were applauded for their efforts by the parents and the players.

These young men were not only good soccer coaches, they were good examples to children of what high school aged kids should be. We might also add that these young men are wonderful ambassadors for the Novi High Wildcats soccer team," according to the letter signed by 15 parents.

### Children's libraries

To promote reading outside the classroom, Oakland County 4-H will be setting up children's libraries at community centers and other kid-friendly sites. If you have used books that your children aren't likely to read again, 4-H can use these books to help other young readers in Oakland County. You can help 4-H get started by donating these books that are collecting dust in your basement. Call (610) 858-0890 for directions to a collection.

### Walking Maniacs

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## The Log Book

The following is a complete list of the emergency runs of the Novi Fire Department for the week ending Nov. 24. Each incident is listed by type, location, time and the engine or squad number which responded to the call.

**MONDAY, NOV. 18**  
Medical, Town Center and Crescent, 4:31 a.m., Squad 1.  
Fire alarm, 41548 Tamara, 1:50 p.m., Engines 1 and 3.  
Investigation, 23235 Cranbrook, 4:42 p.m., Squad 3.

**TUESDAY, NOV. 19**  
Stand by, County Place, 10:22 a.m., Response 510.  
Service, 45760 White Pines, 2:50 p.m., Squad 3.

**WEDNESDAY, NOV. 20**  
Car fire, 27500 Novi Road, 5:54 a.m., Engine 1.  
Medical, 45182 West Road, 11:31 a.m., Squad 2.  
Medical, 30880 Beck, 11:44 a.m., Squad 1.  
Medical, 43055 Crescent, 6:08 p.m., Squad 1.

**THURSDAY, NOV. 21**  
Medical, 45182 West Road, 3:10 a.m., Squad 2.  
Medical, 39511 Blakeston, 9:05 a.m., Squad 1.  
Car fire, Beck and Twelve Mile Road, 9:31 a.m., Engine 4.  
Fire alarm, 43350 Crescent, 6:12 p.m., Engines 1 and 2.  
Investigation, 24655 Novi Road, 7:16 p.m., Engine 1.  
Injury accident, Twelve Mile and Beck Road, 8:06 p.m., Squad 4.

**FRIDAY, NOV. 22**  
Fire alarm, 43800 Gen-Mar, 3:38 a.m., Engines 1 and 4.  
Stand by, Stoughton, 9:55 a.m., Response 510.  
Medical, 29712 Pierre, 11:25 a.m., Squad 2.  
Medical, Twelve Oaks Mall lot, noon, Squad 1.  
Fire alarm, Fourteen Mile and Welch Road, 12:40 p.m., Engines 1 and 2.  
Fire alarm, 45298 Yorkshire, 4:09 p.m., Engines 1 and 2.  
Medical, 45144 Ten Mile Road, 10:21 p.m., Squad 3.  
Injury accident, Haggerty and Twelve Mile, 11:22 p.m., Squad 1.

**SATURDAY, NOV. 23**  
Fuel spill, 27000 Sheraton, 12:02 p.m., Engine 1.  
Medical, 41850 Ridge Road East, 1:07 p.m., Squad 1.  
Medical, 43650 West Oaks, 3:32 p.m., Squad 1.  
Medical, Hudson's Twelve Oaks, 3:52 p.m., Squad 1.  
Rubbish fire, Austin and Novi Road, 4:51 p.m., Engine 2.

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Medical, 39714 Village Wood, 12:02 a.m., Squad 3.  
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## Novi won't dip into fund balance

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL  
Staff Writer

The Novi Board of Education approved a revised the Novi Community School District budget at last week's meeting.

According to Treasurer George Kortlandt, the budget first approved in June had reflected a deficit and a need to dip \$77,000 into the district's fund balance of just over \$3 million. However, he now says that won't be necessary.

In June, school board members approved a tentative budget of \$89.5 million, an approximate seven percent increase over the previous year. But with the board approved changes, the budget is now \$39.1 million.

According to Jim Koster, assistant superintendent for business, there's no specific reason for the changes in the final tally.

"Everything has changed. All the numbers are different," he said.

The district had planned for a total \$39.45 million in revenue for next year, 61 percent of that from state sources such as state per

## Grant to pay for sobriety program

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL Staff Writer

Novi Police and many other around Oakland County aren't going to settle for all the unsafe driving that goes on during the holiday season.

Thanks to a \$12,000 state grant that pays for additional police hours, Novi is kicking off a "Safe, Sober and Secure Campaign" that will intensify coverage of certain corridors within the city and have officers looking for safety belt violations, driving violations and drunk driving incidents.

Police will also work to promote awareness of the various safe driving necessities.

The campaign heats up during the holiday season "because that's when all the merry people are out drinking and driving," said Sgt. Terry Whitfield of the Novi Police.

Holidays include Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's, Memorial Day and Independence Day. Each holiday period consists of two weeks of pre-publicity, two weeks of enforcement and one week of post-publicity.

Officers have already begun their quest. According to police, on Nov. 17, officers stopped 14 vehicles and cited six as part of the Safe and Sober Patrol. On Nov. 23, police issued five citations and 11 warnings.

The grant, sponsored by the Michigan Office of Highway Safety

Planning, is administered by the Traffic Improvement Association of Oakland County. It will last until Sept. 30, 1997. The total grant was \$40,000.

Novi is joined by Farmington Hills, Royal Oak, Southfield and Waterford Township Police as well as AAA Michigan, Mothers Against Drunk Driving, the Oakland County Sheriff's Department and the State Police.

In 1995, Oakland County lost 114 lives due to traffic crashes. Of the 114 fatal crashes, 28 were alcohol related and 50 percent of those killed were not wearing seat-belts.

"Our goal in Oakland County must be zero fatalities resulting

from drunk driving and lack of safety belt use," said Frank Cardmen, president of TIA. "This selective traffic enforcement detail is designed to reawaken the citizens and drivers of Oakland County to drive defensively, safely within speed limits, safety belt secure and sober."

The cooperative effort was celebrated earlier this month at the Novi Expo Center by all participating agencies.

"The visible patrol car provides great comfort for out motorists out there," said Jerry Basch of AAA Michigan.

## Novi woman arrested for storage larceny

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL Staff Writer

Novi police arrested a 42-year-old Novi woman in connection with an alleged larceny last year from a storage shed she shared with a friend.

Dorothy Darlene Carter was arraigned and charged with one count of larceny and one count of possession of cocaine on Nov. 20.

She is scheduled for a preliminary examination in 52-1 District Court Nov. 27. A Canton woman came to the police department last year after \$20,000 jewelry and thousands of dollars in cash were stolen from a rented storage space in Novi. She shared the space with

Carter. The Canton woman suspected her ex-husband took the items but police could find no such connection. However, a tip came in to Det. Vic Lauria which directed him to look at the woman's friend.

"Somebody cared enough to spend five minutes on the phone," said Lauria. Police said Carter had set up the larceny to look like the ex-husband had committed it, but allege she had taken the items and spent the money.

Police said they recovered some of the items. Police also allegedly found cocaine paraphernalia in her possession.

## Brickscape continue contest tradition

A 50-foot walnut tree decorated with thousands of Christmas lights is aglow again for the fifth year on the north side of Eight Mile Road and east of Novi Road.

Lighted only during the holidays and now famous to Eight Mile and Novi Road travelers, it is again the object of a "guess the number of lights" contest.

The tree on the property of

Brickscape Christmas Store and Tree Lot, straddles the Novi border with Northville.

The first year, so many people asked Brickscape owners Joe and Diane DiGado how many lights were on the tree, they decided to make an annual guessing contest out of it.

Prizes in the contest are \$150, \$100 and \$50 raffish toward a premium fountain, the "Candillac"

more this year.

"Dozens of people drive in to gaze at the tree from all angles and try to calculate the number of lights," said DiGado.

Guesses, one per person per day, are free, with entry blanks available at the store.

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# TRACC launches new program for ski sport safety

Every winter, do you promise yourself you'll learn the ins and outs of cross-country or downhill skiing but never seem to get around to it? Or while nursing aching legs, shoulders or arms, do you promise to train and prepare yourself better for next season?

The Botsford Center for Health Improvement may hold the answer in its ski clinic, scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 7.

"The popularity of skiing has increased in recent years and, with more people on the often-crowded slopes, injuries are likely to occur," said Jeff Weir, a certified athletic trainer at TRACC.

The clinic is designed to help prevent injuries, which are most commonly sustained to the knees, and assist skiers in gaining confidence in their skills so they can better enjoy this terrific winter-time activity.

There are three basic principles to hitting the slopes safely and preventing injury.

- Proper training.
- Proper equipment.
- Ski education.

Training: Skiing — either downhill or cross-country — requires aerobic conditioning, strength, endurance and a good sense of balance. Without proper training in these areas, skiers may be setting themselves up for injuries. Bicycling, jogging, rowing or similar pastimes are excellent to help you get in, and stay in, shape.

A good general exercise for strengthening your lower body is the mini squat, suggests Jeff Weir, a certified athletic trainer at the

Botsford Center for Health Improvement in Novi. Standing with feet shoulder-width apart and holding the back of a chair for balance, allow your knees to bend slightly while keeping your back erect, pause and then straighten the knees. Repeat this exercise 20-30 times.

Equipment: Ski equipment advances have made the sport safer, yet improperly fitted or adjusted equipment still can cause injury. Inspect skis, boots and bindings regularly for signs of wear, improper fit or adjustment.

Education: A sound education program should include ski lessons as well as learning the skiers' responsibility code. The code stresses skiing under control; knowing not to stop where you may obstruct a trail or may not be visible from above; yielding appropriately to other skiers; using devices to help prevent runaway skis; and obeying posted signs on the slopes.

Skiing can be an enjoyable, healthful sport for individuals of any age or level of ability if these injury prevention and safety practices are put to use on the slopes and trails this winter.

The TRACC ski clinic, held in conjunction with Dunham's Sports and Wolverine Orthotics, will address injury prevention through presentations, hands-on assessments and demonstrations.

The clinic will take place 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at TRACC, 39750 Grand River Ave., Novi. The fee is \$20. Because of limited space, preregistration and prepayment is

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required. For more information, call (810) 473-5600.

TRACC is the Novi-based comprehensive outpatient rehabilitation and conditioning facility that specializes in sports, occupational and industrial medicine. It is part of Botsford General Hospital's Physical Medicine Department.

# Cassis named to insurance, government committees

State Rep. Nancy Cassis, R-Novi, has been appointed to two state House committees.

Speaker Paul Hillegonds announced that Cassis' committee assignments include Insurance and Local Government.

"Rep. Cassis brings strong team skills to her legislative role," said Hillegonds, R-Holland. "Her success as a community leader was excellent preparation for serving in the legislature. We are glad Nancy Cassis is on the Republican team."

Cassis, a nine-year veteran of the Novi City Council, was sworn

into office Nov. 12. She replaces former Rep. Willis Bullard, who was elected to fill a vacancy in the state Senate earlier this year.

After two weeks of intense House sessions and this week's committee meetings, Cassis said the opportunity to serve central southern Oakland County residents and participate in the legislative process is even more exciting and challenging than she anticipated.

"While the process of making law is properly slow and deliberate, the pace of running a legislative office is unbelievably swift,"

she said. "Staying on top of district residents' issues and concerns while working in committees and session is a demanding schedule. You learn quickly to prioritize and organize."

"The committee assignments are especially demanding. Thanks to my community and the opportunities it has provided, I am prepared for a productive legislative experience. I look forward to this new challenge eagerly and thank Speaker Hillegonds for his confidence."


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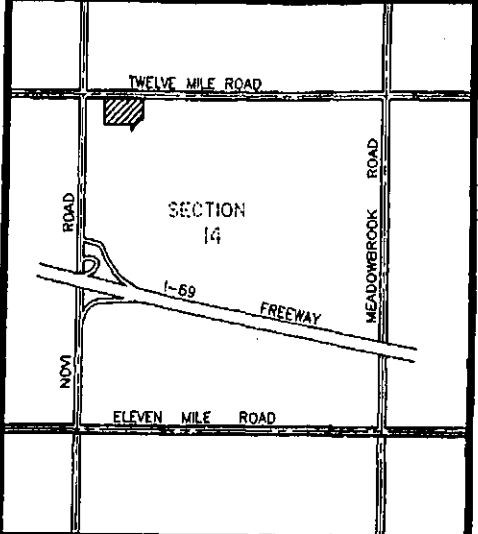
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### CITY OF NOVI NOTICE

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All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments will be heard at the hearing and any written comments may be sent to the Planning & Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 until 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, December 4, 1996.

NOVI PLANNING COMMISSION  
KIM THOMAS CAPELLO, SECRETARY  
TONNI BARTHOLOMEW, CITY CLERK

(11-28-96 NR, NN)

### CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY USE PERMIT TUP 96-054

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Welland-Davco is requesting a Temporary Use Permit to allow the placement of an office trailer on lots 5 and 6 Venture Drive located on the north side of Nine Mile Road, between Novi and Meadowbrook Roads. A Temporary Use Permit may be granted for a period of not longer than six months.

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

This request will be considered at 3:00 PM on Wednesday, December 4, 1996 at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 West Ten Mile Road. All written comments should be directed to the City of Novi Building Official and must be received prior to December 4, 1996.

(11/27/96 NR, NN)

### CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF ADOPTION ORDINANCE 96-100.19

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Novi Council has adopted Ordinance No. 96-100.19, an Ordinance to amend Section 28-7 (2) of the Novi Code of Ordinances to extend the duration period for temporary business signs advertising residential or commercial subdivisions.

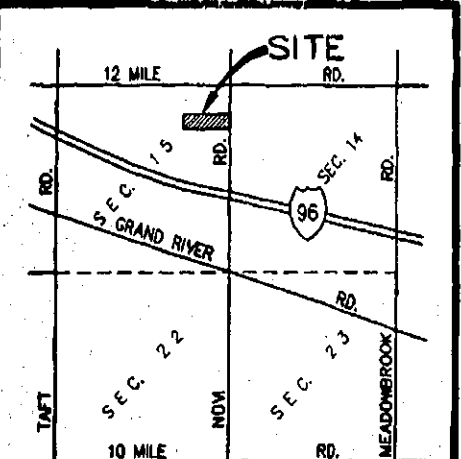
The provisions of this Ordinance shall become effective fifteen (15) days after its adoption. The Ordinance was adopted on November 18, 1996 and the effective date is December 3, 1996. A complete copy of the Ordinance is available for public purchase, use and inspection at the office of the City Clerk during the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. local time.

TONNI BARTHOLOMEW  
CITY CLERK

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LOCATION MAP  
NO SCALE

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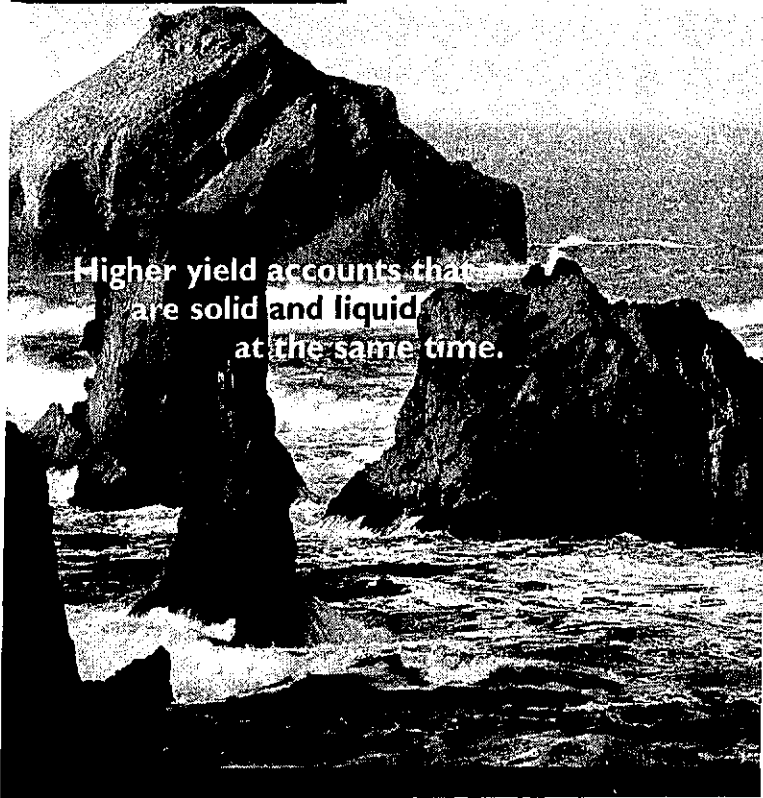


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**WHAT DO YOU THINK?**

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 a 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 \$6.235 million development plan at the park, to include:
  - A \$3 million, 18-hole golf course with a \$700,000 club house.
  - A \$600,000 banquet center.
  - Three miles of hard surface paths.
  - 1.25 miles of boardwalk-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 6.8 mile trail for hiking and biking.
  - 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 \_\_\_\_\_

Comments \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone number \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Please send to Editor, The Novi News, 104 W. Main Street, Northville, MI.)



**Giving a precious fluid**

Jessica Staling, a Novi High School senior, and Tom Parish, also a senior, donate blood last Thursday at the school and are checked up on by registered nurse Sue Simancek. The two were donating blood as part of the school's annual blood drive for the American Red Cross. The Red Cross in recent years has reported a severe shortage of blood donations.

**Toys for Tots program offers many ways to get involved**

By RANDY COBLE

Staff Writer

Do you want to get involved with Toys For Tots? Here's how:

• The Novi/Northville Coalition for Toys for Tots is in need of a place to store donated toys for about three weeks in December. If you own a warehouse or storefront that's empty at the moment, consider letting the Coalition store toys there from Dec. 1-20.

Call Rebecca Yarbrough at 477-6449 if you're interested.

• Buy a new, unwrapped toy for either a boy or girl in one of the following age ranges: infant (newborn to 18 months), preschool (18 months to four years), 5- to 8-years-old and 8- to 12-years-old. The need is highest in the 5-8 and 8-12 ranges.

• Drop that toy off in a Toys for Tots collection barrel at any of the following locations:

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- VFV Post 4012 on S. Main Street.

• Mail Boxes Etc. in the Main-Centre building on Center Street.

• Ugg Lots on Seven Mile.

• Cambridge Homes' model home in the Woods of Edenderry subdivision, located on Stonebrook Drive just off Six Mile just west of Sheldon Road.

**NOVI**

- Toys 'R Us in the West Oaks II mall.
- The TGIF restaurant in the Novi Town Center.
- Marty Feldman Chevrolet on Grand River Avenue.

• Town & Country Eye Care, located off Novi Road between Eight and Nine Mile.

• The offices of the Novi Chamber of Commerce in the Novi Expo Center.

• Harold's Frame Shop in Novi on Grand River Avenue.

• Another great way to get involved is volunteer to take a bigger role in Toys for Tots. You can help in picking up donations, sorting them and then delivering the

toys to the agencies who'll distribute them.

• Business owners, you can make your firm a drop-off site or even ask your employees to donate to Toys for Tots.

• Toys for Tots very much prefers you buy a toy yourself and donate it but if there's no other way you can make a monetary contribution to the program. Toys for Tots volunteers will then take the money and buy toys for needy kids.

Send a check made out to the Novi/Northville Coalition to 24048 Glen Ridge Ct., Novi, 48375. You can also drop your check off at the Northville VFV Post on S. Main St.

For a gift of \$100 you can join the Coalition's elite "100 Club," whose donors this year include Nick Burton and Chapter 528 of the Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA).

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## State MEGA program renewed

"This place is run by 22-year-olds."

By TIM RICHARD Staff Writer

Speaker pro tem Frank Fitzgerald had to keep the House of Representatives roll call board on an extra quarter-hour as GOP lieutenants rounded up votes to renew Gov. John Engler's controversial MEGA program.

After much arm-twisting, the House on Nov. 20 gave MEGA a one-vote victory, 57-44, with 56 needed for passage, as a coalition of liberal Democrats and conservative Republicans fought the business-aid measure.

"Government ought to reduce taxes all the way across the board," said Rep. John Jamian, R-Bloomfield Township, a firm no-vote. "Jeff McKevey (aide to Engler) said, 'We need your vote.' I told him, 'Get yourself a real job or a business, and then come back and tell me MEGA is good tax policy,'" said Jamian, who is retiring from the Legislature after five years.

"This place is run by 22-year-olds," Jamian grumbled.

MEGA stands for Michigan Economic Growth Authority Act. The House bill extends the authority's life three years, from the original sunset date of Dec. 31, 1996, to the end of 1999. Created in 1995, MEGA gives single business tax credits to companies that have located and expanded in Michigan and created a minimum number of jobs.

Sponsor Beverly Hammerstrom, R-Temperance, quoted University of Michigan figures: 25 projects authorized so far, out of 79 applications, will generate 17,000 jobs — 7,000 directly and 10,000 indirectly.

Cost, according to the state Jobs Commission: \$158 million in tax breaks.

Open debate was brief. Most critics voiced their displeasure in formal statements published next day in the House Journal or in interviews.

Critics said MEGA creates winners and losers, with the winners being big companies. They said the state should improve its competitive business climate even more before going to specific tax break programs like MEGA.

Representative Nancy Cassis, R-Novi, voted yes.

A sampling of comments:

Representative Deborah Whyman, R-Canton: "It's bad tax policy because it picks winners and losers. When I took my oath of office, I swore to treat everyone equally."

Representative Maxine Berman, D-Southfield: "MEGA is very, very bad because it picks winners and losers. I'm not so sure we ought to be doing that. It favors larger developers and property owners over smaller ones. Engler voted against MEGA-type bills when he was in the Senate."

Representative Greg Kaza, R-Rochester Hills, a free market guru: "Corporations like to complain about social welfare programs, yet they are the first to lobby for corporate welfare. MEGA is a blatant example of corporate welfare. MEGA should never have been established in the first place. Its sunset should not be extended today, for another three years."

"We need campaign finance reform in Michigan, not government programs that allow politically-connected corporations to trade favors and campaign contributions with ambitious career politicians."

Representative Dave Jaye, R-Utica: "The cost of this corporate welfare is statewide, since the state must make up the revenue lost from local government. Free market competition should allow customers and businesses to decide who are winners and losers, not politicians."

Representative Howard Wetters, D-Kawkawin: "The program greatly favors large projects in large population centers. Rural Michigan gets shortchanged because they are unlikely to attract the large projects MEGA supports."

A smaller bipartisan group also fought a series of "Enterprise Zone" bills passed Nov. 20 and 21. They would remove most taxes in about 10 selected areas of the state. Most bills passed by 77-22 votes. Casting votes against them were Democrats Eileen Duffart and David Gubow and Republicans Whyman, Jaye, Barbara Dobb and Jim Ryan.

The MEGA renewal bill now goes to the Senate. Refer to House Bill 4840 when writing your state senator. State Capitol, Lansing 48909.

## SOCC takes input on state pay

The public will have a chance to sound off on the paychecks of state officials when the State Officers Compensation Commission holds a public hearing Tuesday, Dec. 3, in Pontiac.

The SOCC will meet in the Oakland County Commissioners Auditorium, 1200 N. Telegraph, Pontiac, invited speakers will be heard at 3 p.m. and the public at 4 p.m. The public sound-off time was moved forward an hour since first announcement.

No specific proposal for hiking 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.


Salaries of the Court of Appeals and trial court judges are pegged at a percentage of Supreme Court justices' salaries. The Legislature sets the salaries of the secretary of state and attorney general. University 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.

SOCC's recommended pay hikes will take effect unless rejected by the Legislature. Other members besides Hampton are Yvonne Brown Blackmond of Southfield, Nancy Grandall of

Norton Shores, Julia Darlow of Grosse Pointe, Mary Lukens of Ann Arbor, Russell Mawby of Augusta and Matthew McLagan of Grand Rapids.

Those who can't attend may make their views known through a toll-free number, 1-800-785-1766, or by writing to: SOCC, c/o Department of Civil Service, 400 S. Pine, PO Box 30002, Lansing 48909.



### THE YEAR IN REVIEW

In this special section, we'll be looking back at 1996. The big stories, the changes, the happenings and the pictures of people and places that made 1996 memorable. THE MILFORD TIMES, THE NORTHVILLE RECORD and THE NOVI NEWS will each take a fond look back...

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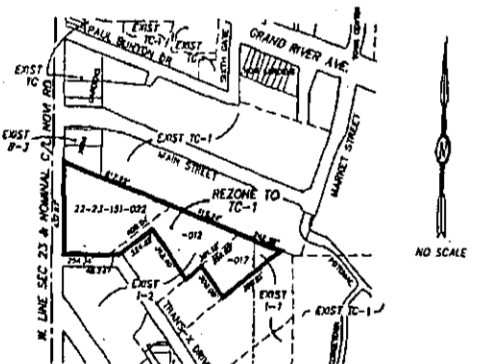
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To rezone a part of the NW 1/4 of Section 23, T1N, R4E, City of Novi, Oakland County, Michigan, being parcels 22-23-151-012, -017 and -022 more particularly described as follows:

PARCEL 22-23-151-012  
Beginning at a point distant South 1137.46 feet along the west line of Section 23 (nominal C/L of Novi Road) and 570°45'00"E 681.47 feet from the NW corner of Section 23; thence S70°45'00"E 415.24 feet; thence S53°39'00"W 301.18 feet; thence N36°19'00"W 312.40 feet; thence S53°34'00"W 224.82 feet; thence N07°58'32"E 48.24 feet; thence N53°34'00"E 409.04 feet to the point of beginning. Containing 2.24 acres.

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FROM: I-1 LIGHT INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT  
I-2 GENERAL INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT  
TO: TC-1 TOWN CENTER-ONE DISTRICT

All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments will be heard at the hearing and any written comments may be sent to the Planning & Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 until 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, December 18, 1996.


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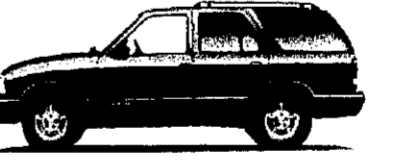


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# City reviews plans for Novi Road area

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The argument from city consultants and committee members is that the plan would make Novi Road north of Twelve-and-a-Half Mile Road less congested and more of a residential community of its own.

Another factor in the decision is the decreasing need and probability for developing businesses on the existing properties currently zoned for commercial use.

The lot sizes are too small for the city to approve most commercial building under local ordinances, according to Rod Arroyo, the Novi Planning Commission's traffic consultant. Some parcels measure 40 feet by 100 feet.

Also, the properties on the west side of the road are currently developed as residential. It appears to be the predominant land use in the area, said Arroyo.

Under the plan, the current business zoning would be changed to single family residential zoning, except for two current businesses on the western side of Novi Road.

In addition, the commercial zoning on the corner of Thirteen Mile and Novi roads will stay as is.

But support among the residents of the area is split between those who want to see the changes and those who want to keep the business parcels to develop commercially.

Attorney Matt Quinn represents business landowners in the area who want their property to stay commercial. He said they have plans underway to build a convenience store.

Changing the Master Plan is supposed to serve the whole city

and "I don't see any benefit to the city as a whole," said Quinn.

Austin Street resident and Southeast Shawood Homeowners Association member Jim Korte said it's about time the city recognized those parcels would be better off as residential lots. He disagrees with landowners who argue building residential won't be profitable.

"For people to say you can't build it residentially, that can't be," said Korte.

Houses are being built in that area all the time and are selling, he explained.

Besides, since Decker Road was finished and opened, routing Novi Road traffic up that thoroughfare, there is no need to put commercial development in the area, he said.

"It makes perfect sense at this point and time (that the area) will never be the same," said Korte.

Planning commissioners tented to agree with the landowners.

"I feel it's premature to rezone this property when the property owners have strong enough opinions about the rezoning to keep coming here and voicing their opinions," said Commissioner Gwen Markham.

Members Kim Thomas Capello and Eda Weidinger agreed the properties should be given more time to develop on their own, especially since the city is going to expand its park land and recreation facilities in the area.

The Master Plan change was zoned in a 6-0 vote. A change in the zoning map was given a 4-2 negative recommendation to council, which now has the power to make the final decision.



Marcil Davis and Steve Schuster are frustrated the city is proposing to rezone land they had hoped to use for their business.

# Court says it will hear case over school funding

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88 million if the state is forced to pay back withheld special education funds.

The case involves a suit by 84 mostly suburban school districts which complained the state under three governors had failed to pay for special education and other programs, as required by the 1978 Headlee amendment to the Michigan Constitution.

The news was cheering to the Engler Administration and Republicans, who had been zapped with rumors they were intending to kill off special education in order to pay the judgment. Cost of the decision had been variously estimated at \$500 million to \$3.5 billion. The entire state general fund budget is \$8 billion.

There is no bill in the Legislature that would abolish the special education requirement in public schools, said state Sen. Robert Gettle, R-Northville, in a formal statement. Other GOP lawmakers issued similar denials.

Justice Michael Cavanagh dissented, saying the court should order mediation to settle the damages rather than re-hear the case.

The court has written two full opinions in the tortured 16-year path of this litigation, Cavanagh

said. "I had urged my colleagues to grant leave to appeal (on Sept. 27), not because of the issues urged upon us by these defendants (gov-ernor and Legislature), but because I thought it appropriate for this court to promptly resolve the questions of the state's obligations to the school districts."

Cavanagh said he couldn't take seriously the majority's suggestion that "there are unanticipated consequences" to a ruling against the state.

This administration (Engler's, no less than its predecessor (Gov. James Blanchard's, 1983-1990), was well aware of the severe consequences of the Headlee Amendment," which requires that state

government pay for services it mandates local units to perform.

Cavanagh concluded that "the state presents nothing beyond which this court already considered when we denied leave (Sept. 27) ... Rather than adding a 17th year to this litigation and even further delaying the state's school districts their due, I would deny reconsideration."

The case takes its name from Donald Darnoff of Warren Consolidated School District, where the protest against the shortage of state aid originated.

— Staff writers Wendy Plummer, Mixel and Robert Jackson contributed to this report.

# Obituaries

**DAVID OWEN O'CONNELL**  
David Owen O'Connell of Northville died Nov. 21 in St. Mary Hospital, Livonia. He was 70. Mr. O'Connell was born Jan. 9, 1926, in Detroit.

Mr. O'Connell had been a manufacturing representative for D&C Plumbing in Walled Lake. Prior to D&C, he was in sales with his father and brothers at O'Connell Supply Co., Dearborn, and later, as a manufacturing representative with R.K. Wallace.

He was a member of the Knights of Equity, Knights of Columbus, and was past president of St. Gabriel's and Precious Blood Dad's Clubs. He enjoyed competition in sports.

In the early 90s, he was a senior Olympics medalist in the javelin, long jump and discus events. According to his family, his famous boast was "I'll beat you in any 15 sports, you name 'em."

Mr. O'Connell had been married to his wife Mary (Beating) for 36 years when she preceded him in death in 1985.

He is survived by sons Patrick (Catherine), Timothy (Margaret), Dennis (Patricia), Thomas, and Joseph (Deborah); daughters Nancy (Donald) Weston, Anne (Allan) Frank, and Kathryn; brother Francis Jr.; sisters Eileen

McMahon, Beulah Stewart, Rosemary Hogan, and Sister Norcen O.P.; and eight grandchildren.

Services were held on Monday, Nov. 25 at St. Colette Church in Livonia.

Arrangements were made by O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home in Novi.

Memorial contributions to the charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family.

# Police say bags still effective

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and deflate, in milliseconds because that's how fast an accident occurs. The bag deploys at 200 miles per hour in a 30 mile per hour crash. The bag is triggered by a front impact or 30 degree angle side impact collision.

McNamara said it's important to note the lack of seatbelts. Without seatbelts to keep their bodies in place upon impact, air bags can cause damage especially to shorter women and children. Car labels warn drivers and passengers that the air bags are to be used in conjunction with the safety belts.

Air bags are designed, according to a universal standard, for a five-foot nine, 165 pound man, averaging lives, I don't think people understand what kills you. It's blunt trauma," said McNamara. "We want everyone to feel positive about air bags."

**AIR BAG SAFETY TIPS**

For people concerned about the safety of air bags, the police offer a few safety tips:

- Wear your seatbelt snugly. Don't let the belt droop. Don't wear it under an arm. Without the lap and shoulder belts fitting snugly across the waist and chest, the body can be jolted.
- Push the front seat as far back as possible for the driver and passenger to give the bag more room to inflate.
- Place children in the backseat with a shoulder belt.
- Place car seats in the backseat.

On the flip side to the controversy, 1,100 lives are saved each year nationwide due to the effective use of air bags, said McNamara.

"It's seen air bags save lives more than once in Novi."

"On the way to work one day, at 6:30 a.m., a drunk driver went over the center line and hit a pickup in front of me," he explained. "The drunk driver survived because she hit an air bag but her passenger was killed." The passenger had no air bag.

He thinks talk about depowering air bags or including a shut-off switch may be premature.

"Will I be happy if my next car has safety bags?" he asked. "Yes I will. It's a percentage thing. There may be a few lives lost because of it versus hundreds of lives saved."

# Novi readies to launch into holidays

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15th year for the ceremony.

All you need is a can or boxed food item for admission. The items are collected by the Novi Jaycees and distributed to area families in the Holy Family Christmas Program.

The event is also sponsored by the Novi Newcomers and Neigh-

bers, who provide assistance with refreshments.

The Novi Neighborhood Girl Scout Mother/Daughter Bake Off and Silent Auction will take place during the festivities of the ceremony from 6 to 8 p.m.

The Girl Scouts are inviting everyone to attend and be prepared to bid generously and treat

extravagantly. The Novi Civic Center is located on Ten Mile Road one half mile west of Novi Road.

# Local man offers scuba service

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take a trip to the beaches of Mexico or the Caribbean islands and see a dive company, become intrigued but not take the plunge out of fear that the operators there aren't top notch.

One solution is to take a course and get your diving certificate locally. Wisner said Ocean Adventures offers night classes at the Novi High School pool. The first class is six sessions, four hours each. Students don't have to be superb swimmers in prime physical condition, he added, but they can't have an overwhelming fear of the water.

"It's one of the sports where everybody seems to have some apprehension. Everybody is really nervous the first night. The second night of class, they're been underwater. Scuba is fun," he said.

It really is a safe sport. They go back on that next trip to the Caribbean with their certification card in their hand and they don't worry ... They know how to judge a bad regulator from a good regulator.

The initial course runs about \$200, while basic equipment

requires an outlay in the \$700 to \$1,500 range. That includes a wetsuit, mask, snorkel, fins and an air regulator to attach to the air tank. Other must-haves are a buoyancy compensation vest to give the diver that weightlessness feeling and a dive computer that calculates how long a diver can stay under safely, to avoid decompression sickness.

"People get into this sport with both feet. There's very little used diving equipment around because people use it," Wisner said. "Once you get all your equipment, it's fairly inexpensive."

You name it, they've got it at Ocean Adventures. Even, on display and not for sale, a 40-pound Dutch navy diving helmet from the 1940s.

Wisner said one of the company's best sellers is a \$12.95 elastic wristband with a plastic button to hit the wearer at the appropriate decompression point to block motion sickness. While they may be fine underwater, some divers get seasick while boating on the surface.

Wisner started diving at age 12. Scuba divers come in all ages, he said.

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## As We See It

### City is lucky to have dedicated owners

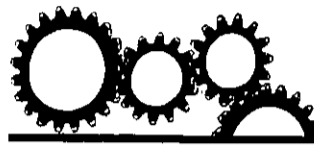
Novi should count itself as lucky to have residents who will do whatever they can to keep their businesses and their homes in the city.

Take, for instance, the example of Nisid and Narendra Nagar, owners of the Blooming Day Child Care Center. The couple, who currently operate the daycare center from the basement of their Whispering Meadows home, attempted twice to build an expanded daycare facility elsewhere in town and twice were unsuccessful.

Undeterred, the two attempted a third time and won city approval for a site at Ten Mile and Wixom roads. The five-acre site there is expected to open in January and have enough capacity to care for 60 youngsters.

Earlier attempts to build new facilities ran into problems. The first site, on Lagrange, ran afoul of state daycare regulations. The second, at Nine Mile and Meadowbrook, ran into resident opposition. Residents said they were concerned that the noise of children playing on the playground would disturb the neighborhood.

Nonetheless, the couple stayed with their efforts to find a new location. And



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they insisted the city has been good to them in their venture.

And daycare is an important need in this town, with its penchant for two-income working couples.

You can't buy that kind of loyalty. The city is lucky to have folks of this caliber willing to work hard to stay here and not give up to move elsewhere.

That of course means the city should make special efforts to accommodate such loyalists... perhaps by not making it so hard for them to find a good location in the first place.

This city needs to examine the level of demands it places on businesses, especially those owned and operated by people of such dedication to the city.

## Sorting out good info from bad



Michael Malott

Many of us have had a chance by now to shake our heads about the amount of bad information carried by the shooting incident at the Ford Wixom plant Nov. 14.

And the conclusion for many is that the TV stations and press just plain screwed up in these instances.

It may just be, however, that the factual discrepancies were merely brought into focus by the speed with which good information became available, and by the fact so many media outlets were covering the incident. I'll pose a theory here that many stories are reported in exactly the same way, but the discrepancies just aren't as noticeable.

Information gathering is a practice fraught with potential for error. Researchers—whether in the field of news, scientific inquiry, police work, etc.—find they spend as much time eliminating wrong facts as they do gathering good information.

In the case of the Wixom shooting, it was an emotional, chaotic scene with hundreds of witnesses. Discrepancies are likely to be, and were, numerous.

Here at HomeTown, we did pretty good at eliminating the bad information that came our way. I think. But we had an unusually large crew working on the story and the luxury of a week prior to publication.

Still, looking at how and why we got some bad information makes for an interesting case study.

The type of gun used may have been the most often misreported fact of the story. It was variously described as an AR-17, an M-16, automatic, semiautomatic, with armor piercing ammunition, without the armor piercing ammo. It turned out to be an EA-14. During the shooting, that confusion was understandable. People don't pay attention to makes and models of guns when the bullets are still flying.

But I thought I had one of the best views of the gun of anyone in the media. I was in the Novi dispatch center when the gunman was brought in after his capture. I watched on the monitor as he was led into the lock up and police brought in with them an assault rifle. It was not a gun aficionado, but the weapon had the distinctive shape of an M-16.

Only one little problem, it wasn't the gunman's rifle at all. It turned out the rifle was one carried by a police officer.

Another example was the conflicting reports about what happened inside the plant cafeteria. Police, the media and factory workers all said shots were fired there, yet our best eyewitnesses—those who were actually there at the time—indicate the gunman never fired in that portion of the plant. Why isn't clear. He apparently fired the gun everywhere else.

We also found one instance of a witness who appeared to be fabricating a story in order to get in the news. Although the witness at first sounded credible, facts didn't fit with many aspects of the shooting we know to be true.

Some factual discrepancies still have me baffled. For instance, when I first heard the gunman had been captured, I looked at the clock on the wall of the dispatch center—the time was 4:50. That time was also confirmed by a dispatcher. But the time of the gunman's capture was actually set at 4:04. That's more than a 45 minutes difference. Could there have been a lag between his capture and the time when dispatch was notified he'd been taken into custody? Or did I just misread the clock?

The lesson for me is that good reporter has to question everything in order to insure accuracy, everything... including his own observations.

Michael Malott is the Editor of The Novi News.

## Stay sober for holidays

This time of year is a great time to celebrate, eat, drink and be merry.

During the holidays we take the time to enjoy life a little more. We're with family members from near or far. We're sharing fun and good times.

We let work stress and holiday stress take their own vacation by going out and having a little fun.

We're also out more often, running here and running there in the wet and slippery weather but always in a hurry.

It's this time of year that we all have to be more careful with the way we drive.

Novi Police and others in the area are on the lookout for dangerous and at-risk drivers, either those drinking and driving or those speeding or not wearing seatbelts.

As part of the Safe, Sober and Secure campaign, the cops will be there to protect people from the themselves and others. Patrol cars will be stationed at targeted corridors within the city, watching and waiting for someone to make a mistake. Most likely someone will.

The drunk driving reports come through the police station on a weekly basis. They heat up during the holidays.

But it's not the responsibility of the police in our community to keep us from danger. Something called personal responsibility comes into play. And also being responsible for those we love and care for.

Ensure guests at your homes don't drink if they are driving. If you are a guest, don't have a couple of glasses of wine or a couple of beer and then get in a car to drive home. In Michigan last year, 42 percent of all fatal crashes were alcohol related. Don't be another percentage point. Don't cause another percentage point.

Ensure guests leave parties buckled-up. Belted drivers are ten times less likely to be ejected from their vehicles in a traffic crash. Seatbelts save lives.

Take responsibility for your life and the life of others.

During this season of celebration, celebrate what's important in life: the safety and security of family and friends.

Celebrate safe and sober.

Put on the seatbelt.

Obey the speed limit.

Don't drink anything if you are driving. It's that simple.

## No kid without a toy

Think back to your days as a kid. What was the most important day of the year? Why, Christmas of course. But what would it have been like without any presents under the tree.

The Novi/Northville Coalition for Toys for Tots has launched its annual campaign to gather up toys for disadvantaged youngsters. And the goal is that no kid in Novi or Northville goes without a gift.

The Coalition launched into the program 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 9. Last year, the organization distributed more than 6,000 toys to kids who otherwise might have received nothing on Christmas.

Anyone interested can help out, by buying a gift and dropping it off at a Toys for Tots collection center. But do it soon, because toys will only be collected for the next couple weeks.

Buy a new, unwrapped toy for either a boy or girl in one of the following age ranges: infants, preschool, ages 5 to 8, and ages 8 to 12. The need is highest in the 5-8 and 8-12 ranges.

Collection sites include:

- Toys 'R Us in the West Oaks II mall.
  - The TGIF restaurant in the Novi Town Center.
  - Marty Feldman Chevrolet on Grand River Avenue.
  - Town & Country Eye Care, located off Novi Road between Eight and Nine Mile.
  - The offices of the Novi Chamber of Commerce in the Novi Expo Center.
  - Harold's Frame Shop in Novi on Grand River Avenue.
- Or call Rebecca Yarbrough at 477-6449.
- Another great way to get involved is to volunteer to assist Toys for Tots. You can help in picking up donations, sorting them and then delivering the toys to the agencies who'll distribute them. Business owners can make their firms a dropoff site or even ask employees to donate.
- Toys for Tots volunteers will also take donations and buy toys for needy kids.
- Send a check made out to the Novi/Northville Coalition to 24048 Glen Ridge Ct., Novi, 48375. You can also drop your check off at the Northville VFW Post on S. Main St.

## In Focus

### By John Heider



OCC photography student Carlos Quesada disappears behind a black cloth Monday at Maybury State Park while making images with his 4x5 "zoom" camera

## Stories going on in your head



Carol Workens

With pen and pad in one hand and tape recorder in the other I headed to the Northville Town Hall Lecture on Monday, Nov. 18 to hear the guest speaker Sharon McPhail.

McPhail told the audience to erase everything they had heard or read about her because they weren't true and she, having the most experience on the subject, would tell us the truth.

Not many eraser crumbs fell under my chair because I didn't really know what she meant about McPhail.

McPhail talked about a variety of things among which was prejudice and the stories people have going on in their heads on just about everything. Sometimes people write a story about someone to whom they have seen but to whom they have not been formally introduced and find out later that the person is not at all like what they had thought.

A day or two after the lecture while driving in my car, I heard a news blurb on the radio that said McPhail at the lecture had said that Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer was building monuments to greed.

I didn't remember hearing her say that. I immediately thought, Checking my tape I realized that she did say "monuments to greed" but it was such a poor recording that I couldn't make out the words just prior to that phrase. McPhail had been quoting a passage from the Bible about loving one another as God has loved you just prior to the phrase "mon-

#### Images

OCC photography student Carlos Quesada disappears behind a black cloth Monday at Maybury State Park while making images with his 4x5 "zoom" camera

## Judicial candidates avoid review



Phil Power

For years and years, Michigan has been in a minority among states in selecting judges by popular vote.

And for years and years, abuses of this system have been rife.

Beviled voters, faced with bed-sheet ballots—this year in Detroit, for example, there were 45 judgeships up with 73 candidates running—vote largely in ignorance or for familiar (often Irish) names. Merit loses out to name ID.

Worse, because we elect judges, we invite bipartisan political excess onto the bench. The Democrats are saddled with organized labor and the trial lawyers, who exercise disproportionate influence in nominations and money-raising in elections. The GOP, with Gov. John Engler and his chums at the Michigan Chamber of Commerce in the lead, this year raised hundreds of thousands to make the Michigan Supreme Court safely Republican.

And for years and years, those who have wanted to change things have languished, prisoners of big special interests, well satisfied with things as they have been.

But two years ago, the State Bar of Michigan elected a bright lawyer called Tom Kleinbaum to be president. He started agitating for change. But he did it with due regard for the complexity of the political process. Writing in September's issue of the Michigan Bar Journal, Kleinbaum argued that merit selection of judges "would run into a brick wall of public skepticism and opposition" unless the political spadework were well and carefully done.

Last week came the first sign that this approach might be working. Sen. Dick Posthumus, Republican majority leader in the state Senate, announced that he would spearhead creating a bipartisan task force to study how judges are selected in Michigan and to recommend improvements.

"Right now," Michigan is one of the few states remaining that elects its higher court judges and justices in a semi-partisan manner," Posthumus explained. "An increasing number of other states have gone to a system in which these judges are either appointed by the executive office or selected using a nonpartisan panel."

"This year," Posthumus went on, "we saw an unprecedented amount of money being spent by groups from both sides of the political spectrum on the Supreme Court campaigns. We must find a better way of doing it before Michigan becomes like Texas, where millions of dollars are wasted to elect supreme court justices. Clearly, that's putting a price on justice."

So, thanks to Sen. Posthumus, the action is shifting from the somewhat rancid chambers of the State Bar to the business reality of the Legislature. That's a big step forward.

Posthumus is right, and he deserves a lot of credit for sticking his neck out to push for reform. A lot of the business interests who belied up to the bar in this state Supreme Court election have got to be fairly cross with him.

But the facts are on his side.

Contained in the handbook Sen. Posthumus' office sent me was this recital: Of the 618 state court judgeships (excluding magistrates and referees) in Michigan, only 338 incumbents were originally elected to the office; the remaining 280 judges were first appointed.

Candidates for appointment to fill judicial vacancies between elections are reviewed and rated by a State Bar committee, considering courtroom experience, reputation in the community, temperament, writing and administrative skills, and past complaints or ethical misconduct. The ratings are provided to the governor before appointments are made.

Candidates for election to judicial office are not required to undergo any evaluation or review.

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

### Kmart Customers

There are corrections to our Nov. 29 circular. On pg. 2, a \$10 rebate was pictured with the Polaroid 2-pack instant film. This product does not have a rebate. Page 17 pictured Emerson Car Audio System model #2050SP. It should have shown model #1001 at \$19.99. All other car stereos are at 25% off our regular price.

We apologize for any inconvenience.

### HEALTH NOTE

by Dennis E. Engerer, P.T.  
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When lower back pain strikes at the end of a workout, exercises may have to look as far down as their feet for the source of the problem. The fact is that even minor structural problems in the feet can trigger a ripple effect that stretches from the heels to the knees, hips, and back. Fortunately, these problems may be properly addressed with the addition of shoe inserts, known as orthotics, for compensatory foot support. Unlike generic shoe inserts found in pharmacies, orthotics are custom-made devices that correct for specific structural problems within the feet. Whether made of plastic, cork, leather, or graphite and rubber, orthotics are commonly used as wedges to position the feet at angles that prevent postural, or biomechanical, problems. At Northville Physical Therapy & Rehabilitation Inc., our staff of well educated, experienced, and highly motivated professionals specializing in all phases of rehabilitation care. To schedule a consultation, call 349-3816, or see us at 332 E. Main Street, Suite A.

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## Develop tree farm as it was intended

To the editor:

I have followed with interest the discussion regarding turning the Novi Tree Farm (park) into a municipal golf course.

About two years, the city put on the ballot a funding request to purchase park land. The year raised proposal passed and the tree farm was one of the first acquisitions. I certainly did not vote to spend my tax money on any golf course.

Someone else somewhere has a very short memory.

I developed the tree farm for what it was intended and funded—a park.

Frank Brennan

#### Letters

### Paving paradise for a parking lot

To the Editor:

After reading quotes by Mayor McAllen concerning the North Novi Park property in The Novi News, Nov. 7 edition, I was left with a lot of questions and concerns.

The mayor said, "We can't just buy that stuff and leave it there in deplorable condition." Deplorable condition? I don't understand. Is the mayor saying we can do better than nature? Are the wild flowers and trees growing in the wrong places?

"You've got insurance costs," the mayor said. I find it hard to believe it is costing more for insurance now than it would with a golf course and developed park lands.

"We have the responsibility of looking at every particular revenue source," she said. I wonder if she and the city council have looked into deciding the property over to a developer for a possible hotel/retail development. Maybe they could call it The Landing. Or have they considered giving it a special zoning for development of private residences within a golf course and retail space. Kind of a planned urban development. That could be a big money maker. Better yet, why don't they just put all the trees in a tree museum and charge all the people a dollar and a half just to see them.

I am starting to think that if given the chance, this mayor and the city council would pave paradise to put up a parking lot.

Charles Tindall

## New channel dedicated to city info



Mary Linda Calderone

Channel surf no more: Farmington 15 premiered Dec. 1. Farmington 15 is the government access channel for the city of Farmington. Up until now, the city of Farmington has shared Channel 8 with Farmington Hills.

Farmington City Manager, Frank Lauroff, talks about the philosophy of the city having its own channel: "We're going to use the channel not only to provide information on times, notices and minutes of meetings as in the past but we're looking to use the channel as a way to inform the public about all of the city's services and how to take advantage of them. Any kind of

unusual situations, that our residents need to know about, will also be covered on the channel.

"In situations such as the recent outbreak of Legionnaires disease in the Farmington/Farmington Hills area," Lauroff says, "the value of having government access channels was brought to the forefront." Public health updates ran continuously with first-hand, up-to-date coverage on Channel 8.

I asked Lauroff what else may be in store for us. He told me about a project in the works that Kevin Southers, government production specialist, is now developing. There will be approximately 20 different public service announcements that will describe activities and services provided by the city. Leaf pickup, sled-hill use and parks information are just a few examples of what you will see in video form mixed with graphics and character-generation. You'll watch council members

## Imposing politics on the military



Tim Richard

It was an eerie feeling to be 750 miles from home on vacation, in a motel overlooking the Mississippi, and hearing a neighbor lady's voice.

But Elaine Donnelly is an unusual neighbor. She is the local Republican precinct delegate, a long-time party worker who in recent years has become a national figure on defense issues.

Her voice came from television, a C-SPAN Sunday morning talk show. The subject was sexual harassment of women in the Army, specifically the Aberdeen, Md. case where 15 sergeants and officers face charges. And Donnelly, the voice of the Center for Military Readiness, was the only one talking sense.

Said retired Brig. Gen. Pamela Foote: "There's a real problem with women being treated as equals."

Said Valerie Vojdik, attorney who spent two years getting Shannon Faulkner into the Citadel only to see her client cut after three days: "Men and women are working in all aspects of society. There's no excuse for sexual harassment. Sexual abuse is about power and excluding women."

Said Donnelly: "Women are now very close to combat," such as the two who were captured by Iraqis during Desert Storm, and one who was sexually assaulted.

"If we're concerned about what could happen in the next war when women are abused at the hands of the enemy."

Donnelly and I take the non-ideological, practical view that the purpose of the military is "to provide for the common defence," according to the U.S. Constitution—to discourage aggressors and defeat foes. From Bunker Hill to San Juan Hill and Pork Chop Hill, the military's mission is primarily military.

Donnelly again: "We should consider the concept of whether women should be assigned to or near combat units is perhaps mistaken. Perhaps we are encouraging the kind of behavior that everyone is being alarmed about."

She called it "a cultural contradiction" that the United States wants military men to behave like gentlemen but then assigns women to or near combat.

Even if it were possible to train male officers to tame their lusts and behave like monks, it wouldn't help women soldiers captured by a more chauvinistic enemy. A prisoner-of-war camp is hell for men; for women, it may be unspeakably cruel.

Well, Gen. Foote and attorney Vojdik wouldn't even discuss it.

The woman general chatted on about the Army's need to "do a very thorough review of sexual harassment." The attorney stonewalled, rattling on about "expanding women's role... treat women as equals... The solution is to have men behave more responsibly."

Military mistreatment of women always has been with us. Somewhere in my archives is a book on the Etruscans, the folks who inhabited northern Italy prior to the Romans, with a picture of two soldiers

## THE WORD IS OUT ABOUT OUR HOLIDAY PLAY!

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Enjoy an all-time favorite of young and old alike! Charlotte's Web, the classic, inspirational tale of a spider who befriends a little pig, will be presented in collaboration with Wild Swan Theater in the museum's Anderson Center Theater. It's great for kids 5 years and up and lasts about an hour. It's also just one of the activities to enjoy during Traditions of the Season—a time when the museum and village are aglow with holiday spirit. See a mammoth holiday tree, a spectacular gingerbread village, a model train display and more. You'll have a terrific time!

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

## Supervision at root of N'ville mail problems

By RANDY COBLE Staff Writer

The heads of the two unions agree. "Northville is notorious for improper management," said Roger Holbrook, local area president of the American Postal Workers Union. The organization represents clerks and maintenance workers in Northville. Holbrook said that Northville Postmaster Judy Buffinger, placed on "administrative leave" by Detroit postal officials, has not laid down the law to the supervisors under her who, according to the letter, have been behaving inappropriately. "She needed to kick the butts of her supervisors out there a long time ago," Holbrook said. "She hasn't always done what she needed to do and that's kind of developed a total lack of respect for everything in general. If you don't have a captain of your boat you're going to go around in circles." The letter uses words like "favoritism," "intimidation" and "reprimand" to describe the behavior of some supervisors in Northville.

## "Northville is notorious for improper management."

Roger Holbrook  
Local Area President of the American Postal Workers Union

It says that some workers are cut slack, making it harder on everyone else, while people who complain are sometimes the targets of harassment. Several specific incidents are cited. Holbrook and Tim Manning, president of Branch 2184 of the National Association of Letter Carriers, also say that postal service officials aren't giving the Northville post office the people it needs to make sure the mail gets delivered right and by a workforce that's not running itself ragged. "There is a bad mix between the number of workers out there and the amount of work. It's the worst workload I've ever seen," said Manning, who represents 38 Northville carriers. While Northville gets hundreds of new hires to deliver to every year, the workforce has not kept pace. The result, according to Manning, is that many at the post office work as much as 60 hours a week, week in and week out, leaving almost no time for family or outside interests. Holbrook said the situation is so bad that workers often can't get days off for vacation or even doctor appointments. It all has a marked impact on the workers' morale, stress level and physical health, he added. "These folks really care about that mail and about doing their jobs right. That's why it's so frustrating to see this," Holbrook said. Earl Flowers, the manager of post office operations for the Detroit District, said Friday that the postal service administrators are taking steps to examine the situation at Northville and correct any problems. He said complaints about supervisors like the ones in the letter are often heard in the postal service but "then no one is able to substantiate anything." He added that the postal service feels things have to change.

## A look at the work of postal service

By RANDY COBLE Staff Writer

Here are some fast facts about America's mail delivery system: • The United States Postal Service (USPS) is the world's largest mail delivery organization. It handles more than 170 billion pieces of mail a year, 40 percent of the planet's total. The USPS includes about 750,000 people and is second only to the U.S. military as the largest employer in the nation. • The Constitution says that the federal government will be responsible for the postal system. From 1789 until 1971 that job was the purview of the Department of the Post Office. The department was part of the executive branch of the federal government and taxpayers paid for all, then later only part, of the cost of postal services. • In 1971 Congress replaced the Department of the Post Office with the USPS. It's a government agency but unlike most others is run largely independently of the government. Since 1983 the USPS has received no taxpayer dollars. The system instead operates with money gained from user fees like the 32-cent first class postage stamp. • An 11-member board of governors runs the USPS. The president, with the approval of the Senate, appoints nine members. The nine appoint the postmaster general of the United States, who becomes the 10th member. The 10 then pick a deputy postmaster general, who becomes the 11th and final member of the board. • An independent five-member panel, the Postal Rate Commission, examines postal rates and recommends hikes to the board of governors. The commission's members are appointed by the president with Senate approval. • Financial difficulties have led the USPS to hike fees several times. In 1974, for example, a first-class stamp cost eight cents. Today it costs 32 cents.

## Teen crime will result in adult trial

By TIM RICHARD Staff Writer

Oakland Prosecutor Richard Thompson got a going-away present from the Michigan Supreme Court — a chance to try Joseph D. Fultz, now in his mid-20s, as an adult for an alleged sexual assault committed when he was 15. The highest court voted 5-2 to order Oakland Probate Judge Sandra Silver to waive jurisdiction over Fultz, binding him over to Circuit Court for trial as an adult. • If convicted as an adult, Fultz could get 4-10 years in prison, had he been convicted when he was a juvenile, he could have been placed in a boys training home that year. Judge Silver found that, even if he were found guilty, no facilities existed for someone in his mid-20s. • Thompson, who lost his Aug. 6 primary for reappointment as prosecutor, had a tough reputation for appealing more judges' decisions than the other 82 prosecutors combined. And he appealed this one through the circuit, appeals and supreme courts. • Fultz was 15 and a niece in Holy was 7 in 1984 when two incidents were alleged to have occurred. • "We find the probate court abused its discretion in denying the prosecutor's motion to waive jurisdiction to the circuit court," said the half-page Supreme Court order. Concurring were Chief Justice William S. Brickley, Justices Dorothy Constock Riley, Elizabeth Weaver, Patricia Boyle and Conrad Mallett Jr. • Silver was to issue the order binding Fultz over to circuit court last week, according to assistant prosecutor John S. Pallas. Fultz is free, at least until his arraignment. Justice Charles Levin, retiring at the end of the year, filed one of the lengthy dissents for which he is noted — 10 pages — with Justice Michael Cavanagh concurring. Fultz was 23 in 1991 when the girl brought the incident to light. She said Fultz had handcuffed her a bedpost and forced her to have intercourse, forced her to perform fellatio and threatened her mother and sister if she told anyone. Levin's dissent criticized the high court majority for issuing an order without an opinion that the court "carefully" considered, "quality addresses" the issues. • "The defendant has in fact lived a life free of crime for eight years," Levin said. "There is no evidence that would justify a finding that he poses a threat to the public safety — one of the law's criteria."

## Public Access

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

### MONDAY, DEC. 2

- 10:00 a.m. — INFO TV-12 News Magazine
- 10:30 a.m. — A Little Christmas Magic
- 11:00 a.m. — Women on the Move: MichU/Hean
- 11:30 a.m. — May Your Dreams Come True: Sleepy Spines
- 12:00 p.m. — Coffee and Conversation
- 12:30 p.m. — (cont'd)
- 1:00 p.m. — Adventures with Pirate Pete
- 1:30 p.m. — My Russian Friend
- 2:00 p.m. — Walked Lake Casino and Amusement Park
- 2:30 p.m. — (cont'd)
- 3:00 p.m. — Braiding Simplified
- 3:30 p.m. — The Bow Lady
- 4:00 p.m. — Rising Tide: GOP TV
- 4:30 p.m. — (cont'd)
- 5:00 p.m. — Who, What, Where, Why
- 5:30 p.m. — Impact Video: Groff Moore and the Distance
- 6:00 p.m. — Self Mastery
- 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: Homebiz
- 8:30 p.m. — (cont'd)
- 9:00 p.m. — Lansing Connection
- 9:30 p.m. — Groove Session

### TUESDAY, DEC. 3

- 10:00 a.m. — The Light to the

- Nations: Outside the City
- 10:30 a.m. — Specs Profile
- 11:00 a.m. — A Culinary Adventure: Copper Creek
- 11:30 a.m. — Farmington Musical: Fredrick Doc Shale
- 12:00 p.m. — Summit University
- 12:30 p.m. — (cont'd)
- 1:00 p.m. — Drawing Men to Christ
- 1:30 p.m. — (cont'd)
- 2:00 p.m. — Lansing Connection
- 2:30 p.m. — Motorsports: Racing for Kids
- 3:00 p.m. — The Day We Stole TV
- 3:30 p.m. — (cont'd)
- 4:00 p.m. — Farmington Student Government Day
- 4:30 p.m. — (cont'd)
- 5:00 p.m. — First Time Home Buyers
- 5:30 p.m. — People Who Make Things Happen
- 6:00 p.m. — Multicultural/Multicultural Community Council
- 6:30 p.m. — (cont'd)
- 7:00 p.m. — Cash Talks
- 7:30 p.m. — A Little Christmas Magic
- 8:00 p.m. — The Art of Being Interviewed: Salary Negotiation
- 8:30 p.m. — Spanish 101: Basic Spanish for Travelers
- 9:00 p.m. — Let's Talk with Ben Marks

- 12:00 p.m. — Cash Talks
- 12:30 p.m. — The Way, The Truth, and the Life
- 1:00 p.m. — Study in Scripture
- 1:30 p.m. — AMVETS
- 2:00 p.m. — Restoration Now
- 2:30 p.m. — The Ride
- 3:00 p.m. — (cont'd)
- 3:30 p.m. — Grove Session
- 4:00 p.m. — Critter Connection
- 4:30 p.m. — INFO TV-12 News Magazine
- 5:00 p.m. — Wise Guys: Home Improvement Freaks
- 5:30 p.m. — A Little Christmas Magic
- 6:00 p.m. — In Line Skating
- 6:30 p.m. — The Bow Lady
- 7:00 p.m. — Adventures with Pirate Pete
- 7:30 p.m. — My Russian Friend
- 8:00 p.m. — People Who Make Things Happen
- 8:30 p.m. — Who, What, Where, Why
- 9:00 p.m. — The Light to the Nations: Outside the City
- 9:30 p.m. — Detroit Skates

- High School Marching Band
- 3:30 p.m. — (cont'd)
- 4:00 p.m. — Law Talk: Honorable
- Hilda R. Coge
- 4:30 p.m. — (cont'd)
- 5:00 p.m. — Sharye Zedek Productions
- 5:30 p.m. — (cont'd)
- 6:00 p.m. — Lewonia Jr. League Football: Bluejays vs. Orioles
- 6:30 p.m. — (cont'd)
- 7:00 p.m. — (cont'd)
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- 8:00 p.m. — (cont'd)

- 7:30 p.m. — (cont'd)
- 8:00 p.m. — Farmington Student Government Day
- 8:30 p.m. — (cont'd)
- 9:00 p.m. — Mountain Ski Series
- 9:30 p.m. — (cont'd)
- 1:30 p.m. — (To be announced)
- 2:00 p.m. — Cash Talks
- 2:30 p.m. — Bagels and Talk with Tracy
- 3:00 p.m. — Viewer request day, call (810) 553-7303, extensions 251, 252, 253 and 254.

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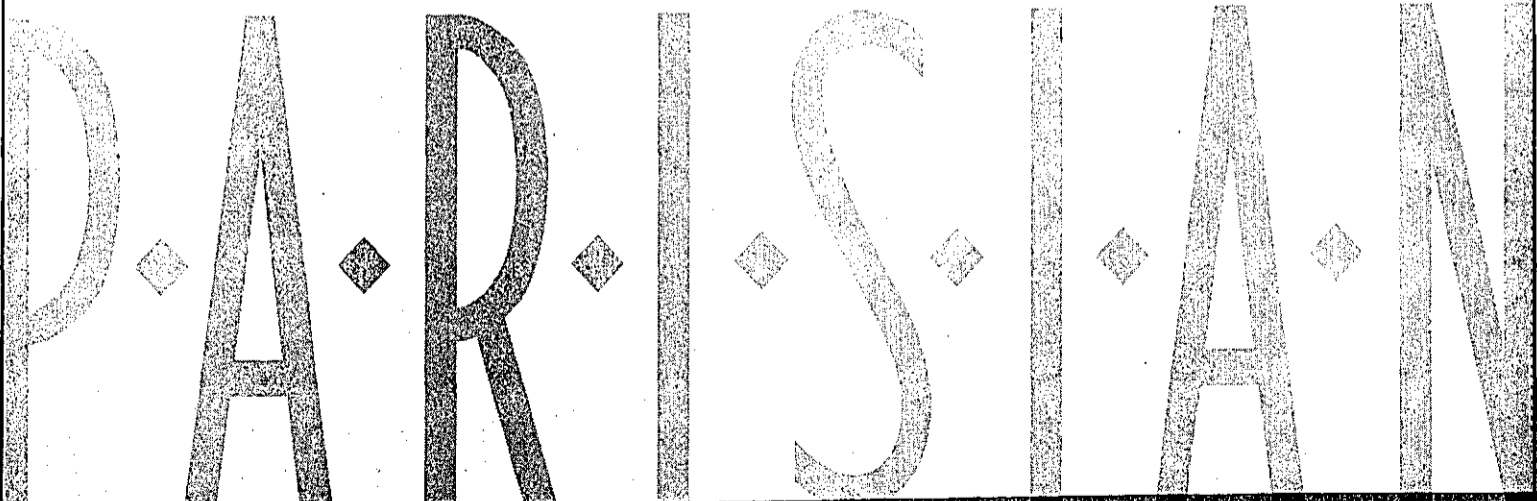
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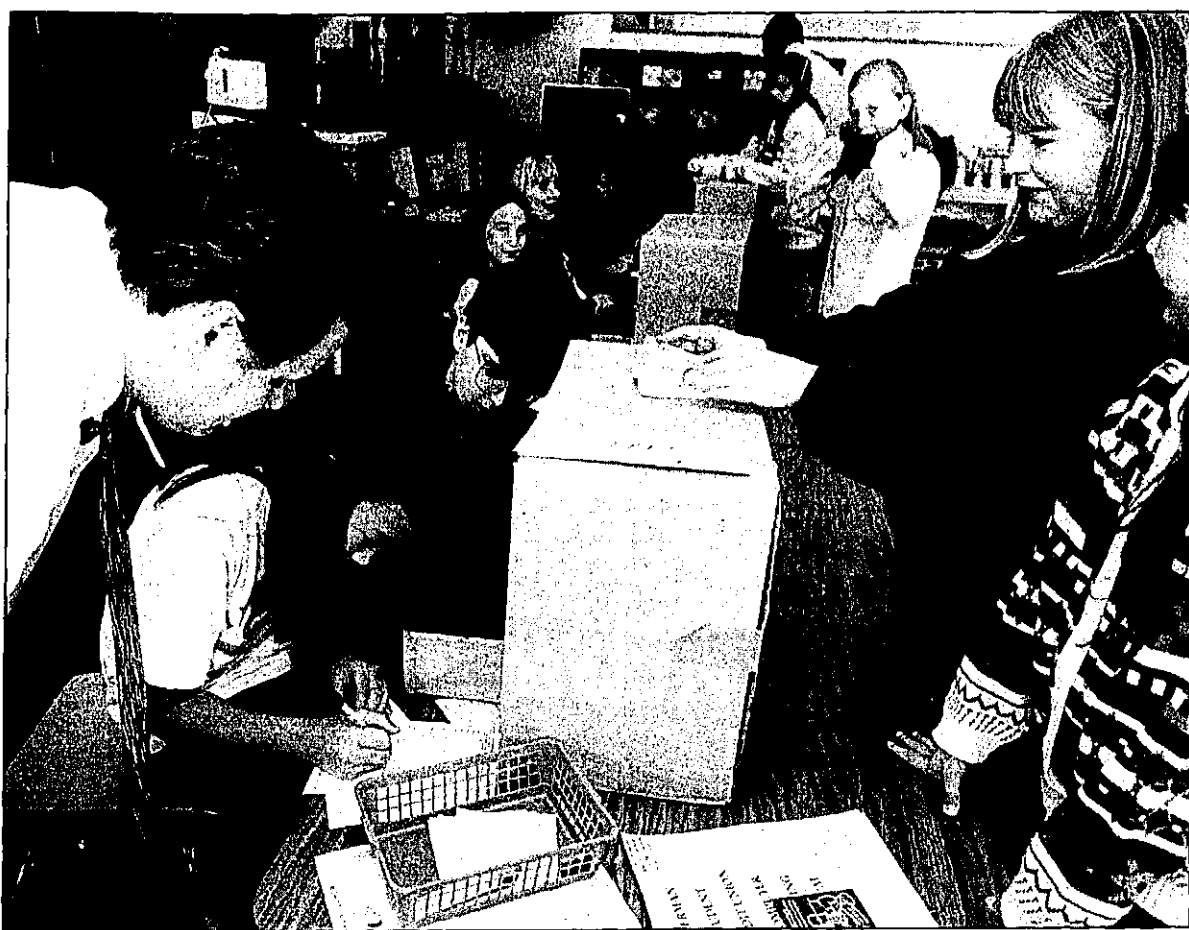
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Michael Haggerty, far left, of the Community Federal Credit Union, assists Amerman Elementary School student credit union bankers last Wednesday in completing a transaction. Tellers Layne Scherer, from left, and Aram Sarakisian help patrons Nickie Brants and Nika Frimanko.

## An Education To Bank On

Financial institutions team up with area elementary schools to give students a hands-on experience in money management

Story by CAROL WORKENS  
Photos by JOHN HEIDER



Novi Woods Elementary School student Cathleen Garback counts the deposits as part of her duties as head teller.

A penny saved is a penny earned. Banking has never been easier. There are ATM machines in the lobby of or on the outside of banks if you can't make it to the bank during business hours. There are also small branches and ATMs in supermarkets and shopping malls.

Area elementary schools are also making it easy for students to save, as well as providing them with a good learning experience. The Amerman Elementary School bank just opened for business on Nov. 21. Part of the Partnership in Education program, Community Federal Credit Union has been working with Amerman since 1991.

But this year there's a new twist - for the first time, the student bank is online with the Plymouth branch of the credit union.

To staff the bank, students filled out job application forms similar to those filled out by adults.

During the simplified interview process, students were evaluated on their ability to answer basic questions, and on their appearance, their demeanor and their ability to act professionally.

"They liked being in the spotlight," said Michael Haggerty, assistant vice president of the Northville branch of Community Federal Credit Union. "They were a little nervous but they liked it."

"They are learning some skills they can use when they go for their first interview."

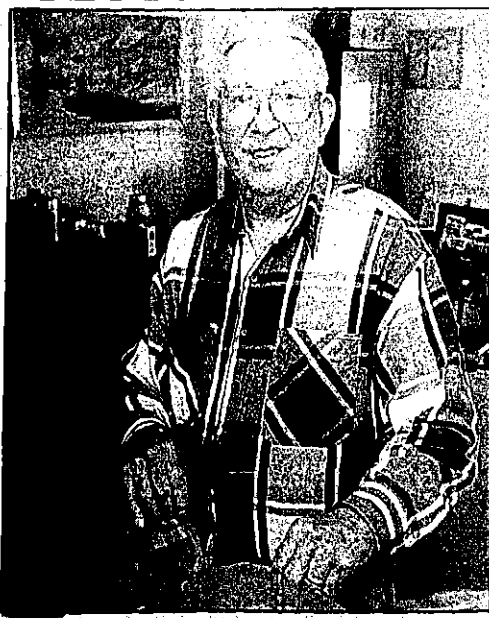
The 35 fifth grade student staff members are not compensated, except for a big party at the end of the year.

"It is an excellent hands-on experience for them," said Jeff Lightfoot who has worked very closely with the students and the credit union.

There is also a group of students in the bank's marketing department who come up with ideas for publicity. Promotional ideas can consist of a video, a commercial,

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### Volunteer



Harold Price is the food coordinator at Civic Concern.

### Price knows the cost of pounds of food

By CAROL WORKENS  
Staff Writer

Harold Price, a resident of Northville Township for 33 years, definitely knows his way around a store and where to shop the sales.

Price has been working with Northville's Civic Concern for about four or five years.

Civic Concern provides assistance for Novi and Northville needy families with food, rent, utilities and medical needs.

For the last two years, Price has been the food coordinator and is responsible for menus which list what foods are available.

Price and about four volunteers, and sometimes two to four high school students, will go to the old welding area at Northville High School where the food is stored, to pack the items into bags.

"The high school has been very cooperative," Price said. "They provide the room and provide us with the student help during the

school year."

In the bags are vegetables, fruit, ravioli, cereal, pasta, spaghetti sauce, peanut butter, jelly, soup and crackers, among other items.

"This is not the only support but it does provide quite a bit of food for them," Price said.

More unusual donated items, such as sardines, salmon, cream of broccoli or mushroom soup, and single items of a variety of foods, are not put in the bags but are set on the "goodie table" from which shoppers can choose.

"People should check their dates before they donate," Price said. Volunteers have to throw out any items which have expired dates.

After all the bags are packed, they are taken out to the volunteers' cars and hauled to the Northville Senior Center. Food is

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### It's A Fact

#### WET BEHIND THE EARS

The Northville High School Mustangs swim team will



swim a total of 5,000 yards during a typical practice session.

# Church is gearing up for holiday season

By JEANNE CLARKE  
Special Writer

Saturday, Dec. 7, is the date of the annual "Treats and Treasures" sale at the Meadowbrook Congregational Church from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. The church is located on Meadowbrook Road between Eight and Nine Mile roads. There will be holiday cookies and other baked goods, Christmas decorations, jewelry, gift treasures, cutlery and much more for your Christmas shopping. There will be no admission fee.

A Tree of Warmth will be in the Fellowship Hall. Gifts of hats, scarves, socks, and mittens or gloves in all sizes would be appreciated and will be distributed to those in need.

## THE GRAND COURT

The residents of Grand Court will conduct their annual bazaar on Saturday, Dec. 7 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Grand Court is located at 45182 West Road near Pentacore Trail. There will be many crafters there. Call Kelly Slump, Activities Director, at 609-5350 for more information or if you wish to reserve a craft table. There are a few remaining.

The Grand Court was formerly known as the American House and more recently, as Novi Village by the Lake. Residents have their own apartments with special arrangements made for meals, cleaning and laundry. Parking spaces are available for those who have their own cars. However, van service is offered for grocery shopping every Tuesday morning, and drop-offs in the afternoon. Shopping for Christmas will be offered on Thursdays at 1:30 p.m. at Target, Meijers, or K mart except on holidays when adjustments will be made.

## Novi Highlights

The van is also used for errands every Thursday and doctor visits on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Van service is also provided when lunching at the Novi Senior Center or participating in other activities at the center.

In addition, the van is used to go to the Redford Theater for old movies, transport the ladies when they go to lunch at a local restaurant, and the occasional men's breakfast held at Big Daisies.

Those providing entertainment at the residence include: Francis Weskel plays the electric guitar; Ron Walker, a one-man band; Clyde deBouring from Jamaica on the keyboard and piano; Charlie Gehring who plays piano for sing-alongs; Randy and Marly, a Christian singing couple; Pam Ellison for sing-alongs, and ending the month will be Joe Sharpy and his band. Another popular program is Karaoke with Star and Gene.

## NOV LIBRARY

Interesting displays in the showcase will show throughout November. Poetry and Originals by Patricia Lloyd appears in the front

International organizations is open to anyone in the area interested in a self-help organization offering friendship and understanding to bereaved parents and siblings. Chapter facilitators are Wayne and Pam Loder, former Novi residents who started this chapter over four years ago when their two children were killed in a car accident. They can be reached at 363-0622 with meetings being held the third Tuesday of each month from 7-9 p.m. at the Richardson Center, 1485 Oakley Park Road in Commerce.

Members will have a warm welcome to all newcomers, due to sorrowful circumstances that have created their eligibility. There are also local chapters in Ann Arbor, Brighton-Howell, and Livonia.

The group is supporting the work of the national office by making available holiday greeting cards. These are appropriate for sending to non-relatives and friends over the difficult holiday season. The cost is \$8 for 20 cards with the sentiment, "During this holiday season, just close your eyes and make a wish for... warm memories of yesterday... peaceful thoughts today... new hope for tomorrow."

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

# Area students are learning all about 'a penny saved is a penny earned'

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and posters and flyers which remind students about banking day.

There is a potential of 300 depositors in the third, fourth and fifth grades at American and so far about 50 percent have either opened accounts or expressed an interest, according to Layton, which is up from the previous year's 25 to 40 percent.

The student bank is open twice a month. Each of the two shifts has four tellers, a computer operator and a branch manager.

Student tellers take the receipt for the deposit or withdrawal to the computer operator on-site who uses a software program to bill by modem directly into the credit union's main frame in Plymouth.

At the end of the shift, the student tellers add up all the cash and deposit it into the credit union. The computer operator provides them with a balance sheet of the transactions which should equal the amount in the drawer.

Students can open accounts either at the credit union or at the school branch, with parental permission. There is a \$10 limit on each credit deposit and withdrawal, again with parental approval.

"Students could see about \$130 to \$140 in their accounts if they saved \$10 every week. Money is earned through the end of the school year, according to Layton.

"What amazed me is that the kids were inquiring about savings banks, mutual funds and fees on accounts," Haggerty said.

"Coming from third, fourth and fifth grades, the parents are doing a good job of educating their children and this is a more real world kids are using to learn."

It was suggested that the children set a savings goal and that allowances - doing jobs around the house or neighborhood or delivering their local newspaper - were ways to earn money to deposit.

"If we get them set on goals hopefully they will need to borrow money in the future. Money is taken back to the bank to be deposited in the students' accounts at the bank. There is no limit on deposits made at the school. Withdrawals are handled at the bank.

Now in its third year, the school's bank coordinators, second grade teacher Betsy Biedler and fourth grade teacher Clare Ray, feel that things are better than ever.

Until this year, positions on the bank staff were filled by students who successfully completed the interview process. This year, bank positions will be filled by doing a "round robin." Each Wednesday either four third graders or four fourth graders will serve as tellers.

"That way every single student can participate," said Ray. "It is on-site training this year versus training by Michigan National Bank."

Parent volunteers come in at 8 a.m. on banking day to be trained by Michigan National Bank's representative and they assist the student tellers.

"Students take the money, record it, do everything a banker would do but are supervised by parent volunteers," Ray said. "Close to 300 students of the 500 plus students are participating this year."

"One thing that is really nice that the teachers do is they have a red, white and blue account that they can make monetary donation deposits into," Ray said. "That money, along with the proceeds from a second grade book sale, are donated to the Ronald McDonald House. Last year's donation was \$400."

"We're going to do it again this year," Ray said. "With the little changes we have made this year it seems like we are off to a really good start," Ray said. "Michigan National has been wonderful."



Hickory Woods Elementary first grader Ian Fox, right, and another student, get help with their deposits into the school bank, from tellers Steven Havenstein and Dayna Murphy.

## In Service

Navy Seaman Recruit BRENT G. BIOTTI recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill. During the eight-week program, Biotti completed a variety of training which included classroom study, practical hands-on instruction, and physical fitness. Biotti is a 1995 graduate of Walleye Lake Central High School.

Air Force Airman 1st Class MEKINA T. GARDNER has arrived for duty at Yokota Air Base, Tokyo, Japan. Gardner is the daughter of Annette Crump of Mount Clemens and Robert L. Hawkins of Novi. She is a 1994 graduate of Mount Clemens High School. Her husband, James, is the son of Gloria Gardner of Chicago.

## Photographer to speak at Woman's Club meeting

Featured at the Dec. 6 meeting of the Northville Women's Club will be photographer Kathleen Thompson.

Thompson began taking photographs at about age 15 recruiting her younger sisters as her first models.

Her black and white, hand-colored photographs have received numerous awards including one bestowed by The Detroit Institute of Arts for "Almost Spring" and another photo, "Dancers," was chosen from over 5,000 entries received in the 10th Annual Statewide Photo Competition for a Detroit News magazine cover.

Thompson works full-time as a photographer/writer/producer for Madonna Television, writes scripts for the television talk show Madonna King and has authored a children's book, "Sometimes I am a Kite."

The meeting will take place at 1:30 p.m. in Ball Fellowship Hall at First Presbyterian Church, 200 East Main Street in downtown Northville.

The chairperson of the day is Betty Griffin.



Kathleen Thompson

## Singles

SINGLE PLACE, an adult ministry for single people, meets at First Presbyterian Church of Northville Sunday at 9:15 a.m. for a Sunday morning gathering, followed by a worship service at 11 a.m. and brunch on Northville Crossing at 12:30 p.m. The topic is "Prayer."

On Wednesday, Dec. 4, the group will meet at Sundowner for dinner at 7 p.m. A "Make It, Bake It, Sew It, Grow It Auction" follows. Fellow Single Place friends are encouraged to bring gifts and homemade treasures to the church at 7 p.m. Admission is free. Proceeds go towards future programs, scholarships, postage etc.

Also on Dec. 4 the bridge class with Art Greenlee meets at 7:30 p.m. Sports activities coming up include indoor volleyball on Fridays, Dec. 6, 20 and 27 from 9 until 10:30 p.m. at the Northville Recreation Center, 303 W. Main Street. The cost is \$4.

Bowling will be on Fridays, Dec. 6 and 20, at 8:30 p.m. at Novi Bowl, 21700 Novi Road. The cost is \$8 plus shoes.

For more information about any of the Single Place programs or to register, call 349-0911.

ANCHOR BAY FELLOWSHIP'S Evangelistic/Single Mission function begins on Friday, Nov. 29, at 7 p.m. and will run weekly through January at the Polo Club club house, 399352 Polo Club Drive in Farmington Hills.

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## Church Notes

**CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS**, an Episcopal church in Novi, along with St. Anne's Episcopal Church in Walled Lake, will combine their talents to celebrate the beginning of the Advent season on Sunday, Dec. 1, at 4 p.m. at Holy Cross.

The program will feature their combined voices in an Advent lesson and carol service. Everyone is invited to join them in the celebration at Church of the Holy Cross. Children as always will be welcome. Holy Cross is located at 46200 Ten Mile Road in Novi. For more information, call the church at 349-1175.

**ST. JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH**, 46325 Ten Mile Road in Novi, will have its second annual Advent by Candlelight service on Sunday, Dec. 1, from 7 until 9:30 p.m. Spectacular presentation of Advent traditions will be included in the evening of song, prayer and fellowship. For more information, call the church at 347-7778.

Sign language interpreter Mary Snowden will be at **FAITH COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**, 4440 West Ten Mile Road in Novi, on Sunday, Dec. 1, to sign both the 9 and 10:30 a.m. services. All hearing impaired persons are welcome. For more information, call the church at 349-5666.

**HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH**, 39200 West Twelve Mile Road in Farmington Hills, is offering T.G.I. Wednesdays throughout the school year. Hope has coordinated a one-hour adult Bible study with junior high Catechism and children's choir at 6:30 p.m., followed by an evening worship service from 7:30 until 8 p.m. The program is open to the community. For more information, call (810) 553-7170.

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

## Reunions

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**NOVI HIGH SCHOOL**: Class of 1986, 10 year reunion, Nov. 30 at the Holiday Inn in Farmington Hills. Call (810) 360-7004.

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| <p><b>ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA</b><br/>23225 Gill Road<br/>Farmington Hills, Michigan<br/>SUNDAY WORSHIP: 8:30 &amp; 11:00 A.M.<br/>SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:40 A.M.<br/>Pastors: Daniel Cova &amp; Mary Cova<br/>Telephone: (810) 474-0664</p>   | <p><b>FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE</b><br/>200 E. Main St., Northville 349-0911<br/>Worship &amp; Church School 9:30 &amp; 11:00 am<br/>Chicago Avenue at 9:30 &amp; 11:00 am<br/>Rev. W. Kent Cline, Senior Pastor<br/>Rev. James Russell, Minister of Evangelism &amp; Service</p>  |
| <p><b>GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH</b><br/>9 Mile &amp; Meadowbrook<br/>Windsor Park Lutheran Synod<br/>Sunday Worship 8 am &amp; 10:30 am<br/>Thomas E. Schroeder, Pastor - 349-0565<br/>9:15 am Sunday School &amp; Bible Class</p>  | <p><b>OUR LADY OF VICTORY CATHOLIC CHURCH</b><br/>270 Thayer, Northville<br/>WEEKEND LITURGIES<br/>Saturday 5:00 p.m.<br/>Sunday 7:30, 9:11, 11 a.m. &amp; 12:30 p.m.<br/>Church 349-2921, School 349-3010<br/>Religious Education 349-2559</p>  |
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| <p><b>NORTHVILLE CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY</b><br/>41355 Six Mile Road<br/>Northville 348-9030<br/>Sunday School 9:45 &amp; 10:45 am<br/>Sunday Worship 9 am, 10:45 am &amp; 6 pm<br/>Pastor: Orla I. Buchan, Sr. Pastor<br/>Northville Christian School<br/>Preschool &amp; K-5<br/>348-9031</p>      | <p><b>FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE</b><br/>349-1144 8 Mile &amp; Tall Roads<br/>Worship Services &amp; Sunday School 9:00 &amp; 11:00<br/>Nursery both services (year round)<br/>Summer Worship 8:30 &amp; 10:00 (July thru Labor Day)<br/>Summer Sunday School 10:00 (July thru 3rd grade)<br/>Dr. Douglas W. Vernon, "Ray" Thomas M. Baagon<br/>Rev. Arthur L. Spauld</p> |
| <p><b>NOVI UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b><br/>41671 W. Ten Mile, Meadowbrook<br/>349-2652 (24 hrs.)<br/>Sunday Worship at 10:30 a.m.<br/>Nursery Care Available<br/>Charles B. Jacobs, Pastor<br/>Church School 9:15 am</p>  | <p><b>ORCHARD HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH, SBC</b><br/>23425 Novi Rd. (between 910 Mio)<br/>Lutheran Pastor<br/>Bible Study Sun. 9:45 a.m.<br/>Worship Services: 11 a.m. &amp; 6 p.m.<br/>Youth Meetings: Wed 7 p.m.<br/>Pastor: Lee Vanderberg - 349-5655<br/>We Will Love You With The Love Of The Lord</p>   |
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| <p><b>CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS EPISCOPAL</b><br/>10 Mile between Tall &amp; Boyd, Novi<br/>Phone: 349-1175<br/>Sunday 7:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist<br/>Sunday 11 a.m. Holy Eucharist<br/>11 a.m. Sunday School &amp; Nursery</p>  | <p><b>NEW HORIZON COMMUNITY CHURCH</b><br/>Meets at Novi Civic Center<br/>(on 10 Mile, between Novi &amp; Tall Rd.)<br/>Sunday Service: 10:15 A.M.<br/>&amp; Children's Activities<br/>Mike House, Pastor<br/>Kurt Scheinmuller, Music Director<br/>A Contemporary &amp; Relevant Church</p>   |
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| <p><b>ST. JAMES ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH NOVI</b><br/>45325 10 Mile Rd.<br/>Novi, MI 48374<br/>Saturday 5:00 p.m.<br/>Sunday 8:30 &amp; 11:30 a.m.<br/>Reverend James E. Cronk, Pastor<br/>Parish Office: 347-7778</p>   | <p><b>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE</b><br/>217 N. Wynn 348-1020<br/>Rev. Stephen Sparks, Pastor<br/>Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m. &amp; 6:30 p.m.<br/>Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.<br/>Boys Brigade 7 p.m., Pioneer Girls 7 p.m.<br/>Sunday School 9:30 a.m.</p>   |
| <p><b>CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY</b><br/>24555 Meadowbrook Rd., Novi, MI 48375<br/>Masses: Sat. 5 pm, Sun. 7:30 am,<br/>8:45 am, 10:30 am, 12:15 pm<br/>Holy Days 9 am, 5:30 pm, 7:30 pm<br/>Father John Budzio, Pastor<br/>Father Andrew Tomasko, Assoc. Pastor<br/>Parish Office: 349-8867</p> | <p><b>FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE</b><br/>21262 Haggerty, Northville 348-7600<br/>(between 8 &amp; 9 Mile Rds. near Novi Hall)<br/>Sunday School 9:30 am<br/>Morning Worship 10:00 am<br/>Evening Celebration 6:00 pm<br/>(nursery provided)<br/>Dr. Carl M. Lath, Pastor</p>   |
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# Pair retires to Novi

By CAROL WORKENS  
Staff Writer

After decades of hard work in the fields, Tim and Tom were brought to Novi a couple of weeks ago to retire.

Novi's newest residents will enjoy 10 acres of green pastures at Michigan State University's Tollgate Education Center located on Meadowbrook Road at Twelve Mile Road.

Tom, who is 22 and Tim, 21, are Percheron draft horses who were retired from life at Greenfield Village's Firestone Farm.

"I think they have a sense of being somewhere else," said Roy Prentice who has been Tollgate's farm manager for three years.

The pair of Percheron draft horses were doing a full day's work before being sent out to pasture.

"They were getting concerned at the farm that they would not be able to continue doing a full day's work," said Prentice.

Tim and Tom did typical farm work of the late 1800s at Firestone Farm such as preparing the fields in the spring for planting and tilling to keep the weeds down in the fields.

"They were the farm animals," Prentice said. "They really didn't do the driving around of the carriages and that kind of thing."

Although Tim and Tom are a

typical size Percherons for the late 1800s and early 1900s, they are considered small compared to today's draft horses.

"The Percheron breed has been getting larger and larger," Prentice said. "They have been bred to be larger and larger."

"These guys are going to get it easy because they will be out in the pasture almost all the time. We'll just use them for hayrides and will try to work them once or twice a week," Prentice said of the pair who may live to be 30 years old. "They will not be working five and six hours a day like they were at the farm."

Percherons, which are usually black or grey/white, were the premier draft horse breed until the 1930s when Belgians became more popular not only because Percherons eat more than the Belgians but also because the horseless tractors came along.

"Draft horses in general are much calmer than most pleasure horses," said Prentice. "They have a different disposition because they have been raised to pull a wagon."

"Draft horses are becoming more popular, more for fun and pleasure," he said.

The Americana Foundation, who are responsible for giving Tollgate its first set of draft horses, are very

interested in preserving antique furniture and other aspects of Americana. Tollgate itself was donated to MSU by the Americana Foundation to preserve it as an open space.

"The philosophy of the founder is that whether it is an antique or a piece of farm property, if people don't see it any more they don't know what it is," Prentice said. "You don't get enough by looking at a book."

The Americana Foundation purchased the new team for Greenfield Village under the condition that the old team come to Tollgate.

"We haven't had a lot of experience working with them (draft horses), we are just learning as we go," Prentice said. "Fortunately they know what to do. They are going to teach us."

Usually walking in pairs, they respond to voice commands such as back, right, left, stand, whoa, step up (more forward a little bit), gee (right), haw (left), and speed commands such as walk on, trot, canter.

"We do very little with the reins," Prentice said.

"The new horses at Firestone Farm, although much younger, are not able to pull as much as these guys, because they haven't really trained to pull farm machines all day," Prentice said. "It's kind of

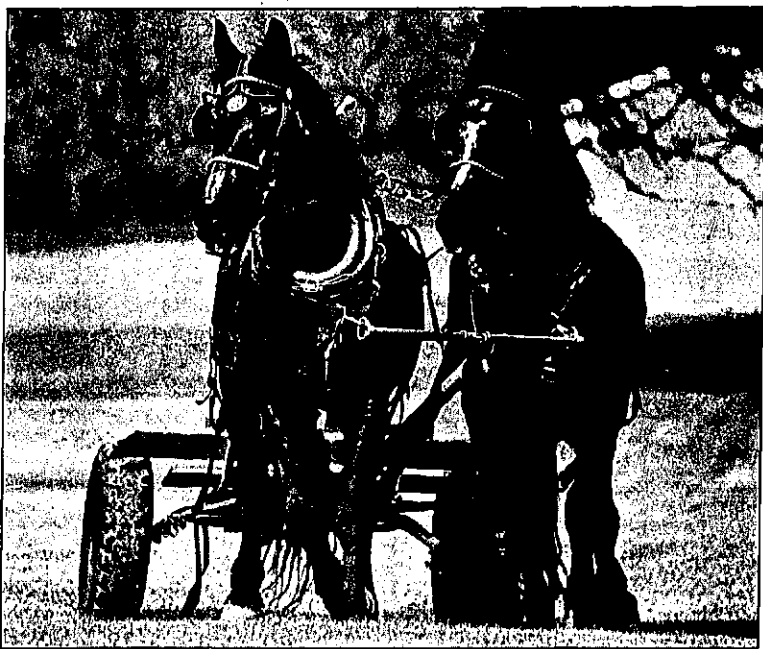


Photo by HAL GOULD

Greenfield Village's Tim and Tom have retired to MSU's Tollgate Education Center in Novi.

like an athlete, when you train to do something really strong even as you get older your muscles are still working to run you around the

track, you're used to the activity and know how to pace yourself. The other horses will get it." The pair of Percherons were so

popular and well known at Firestone Farm, that Greenfield Village has Tim and Tom draft horse dolls available in their gift shop.

# Civic Concern provides food, assistance for the needy

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distributed twice a month, on the second and fourth Fridays, year round. A single person receives one bag of food, while a family of two or more receives two bags.

On a recent Friday, the volunteers gave out 75 bags of food and packed another 25 that went to Focus HOPE.

Old Village School has two boys who volunteer to help carry bags on distribution days.

"We have quite a unique operation," Price said.

Price recently went to pick up 35 heads of lettuce and 35 pounds of apples which a frequent contributor to Civic Concern had recently bought.

Price buys food at very responsible prices at the Oakland County Food Bank through government and Skillman Foundation grants.

With the help of a truck and a driver who volunteers four times a year, Price can pick up 4,000 to 5,000 pounds of food at a time.

## Birth

Tony and Amy Fuoco of Chandler, Ariz., formerly of Westland, Canton and Novi, announce the birth of **Madelaine Renee**, Oct. 19, 1996, at Desert Samaritan Hospital, Mesa, Ariz.

Awaiting her at home was 2-year-old sister, Samantha Palge.

Grandparents are Peter and Judy Fuoco of Novi, and Jerome and Diane Farr of Nashville, Tenn. Great grandparents are Albert and Anne Tomasik of Chandler, Ariz.

## On Campus

**ADAM R. HAGFORS**, a freshman at Washington and Lee University, was selected to be a member of the Freshman Leadership Council at Washington and Lee.

The council meets with administrative advisors to discuss both campus and community current issues.

Hagfors is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hagfors of Novi.

Entering the Carl and Winifred Lec Honors College at Western Michigan University this fall are Novi residents: **BRANDY A. EPHRAIM**, university curriculum; **DEBORAH SUZANNE FRANZ**, general business; **MICHELLE PANTALEO**, pre-psychology; and **AMY E. SAARI**, elementary group minors.

These students have excelled academically in high school. In addition to their commitment to school, they are involved in their local community through co-curricular activities and volunteer services.

Among those graduating in the spring from the University of Illinois at Urban-Champaign is **ROBERT TOUSSAINT TOWNSEND** of Novi, who will receive his doctorate degree in philosophy.

During Kalamazoo College's recent Honors Convocation **MATTHEW LUND**, a sophomore, received the Margaret Upton prize which is provided by the Women's Council of the college. Each year the award is given to a student designated by the music department faculty as having made significant achievement in music.

Lund is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Bruce S. Lund of Novi.

Last year, Civic Concern collected 9,000 pounds of food. Price also takes advantage of sales at area stores.

Food donations come from area churches such as Our Lady of Victory Church, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, First United Methodist Church in Northville and the First Presbyterian Church in Northville.

All the area churches help with monetary contributions when needed.

So far this year Cooke Middle School has held a paper drive and collected Kleenex, toilet paper and paper towels, while Meads Mill Middle School held a food drive. Ninety rolls of toilet paper were given out on Friday.

Besides food donations, Civic Concern is also in need of monetary donations, which are tax deductible.

Northville's Kiwanis and Moose lodges are among the many monetary contributors.

"We get it from all over the community," said Price.

Many area businesses adopt a

family for Christmas. Civic Concern receives the proceeds from the Goodfellows paper drive, and from the Common Folk dinner which was held at Genitt's Hole-in-the-Wall restaurant.

Civic Concern has also been the beneficiary of the food collection of both the Northville and Novi post offices for the last few years. Resi-

dents put food out in their mail boxes which the mail carrier collects.

"In addition to food we help people with rent and utility payments and medical needs," Price said.

The headquarters for Civic Concern is at Cooke Middle School, 21200 Taft Road. For more information, call 344-1033.



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## Church plans Nativity program

If you haven't dropped into church lately, you might want to consider doing just that on Dec. 6 or 7.

The Senior High Youth Group at St. Paul's Lutheran Church is organizing its second annual Live Nativity to be held on Friday, Dec. 6, and Saturday, Dec. 7. The doors will be open from 6:30 until 8 p.m. each evening for the community to enjoy this free "drop-in" indoor event.

"The youth hope to provide an event which will give people in the community an opportunity to take a break from the hectic pace which seems to overtake us this time of year and instead present us with

an opportunity to reflect on the greatest gift given to humanity — Jesus Christ," said Mark Faerber, director of Outreach and Discipleship at St. Paul's.

"What a great way to enter the Christmas season — focusing on the very reason for the celebration."

The Live Nativity has been planned at the school's gymnasium so that guests can enjoy the entire atmosphere of the event, live background music and luminary lighting provide a reflective atmosphere while soaking in the sights, sounds and even scents of the main focal point — the rough-sawn lumber manger scene.

In addition to the Live Nativity, there will be a "census" a reading from the Christmas story from the Book of Luke, and refreshments. Art work from several local schools, as well as some personal nativity scenes from the homes of St. Paul's members, will be on display for the first time this year.

Last year one of the common comments from the gymnasium was how much they appreciated the entire atmosphere of the event, and how blessed they were by it," Faerber said. "We would like for you to come this year, bring your family and friends and see if God will use this event to touch you and your family in a special way."

**LIVE NATIVITY**  
6:30 - 8 P.M.

Friday, Dec. 6 and Saturday, Dec. 7

Free and open to the public  
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St. Paul's is located on the corner of High and Elm streets in Northville, one block west of Shopping Center Market.  
For details, call (810) 349-3140.

## Entertainment listing

Submit items for the entertainment listings to The Northville Record/Novi News, 104 W. Main, Northville, MI 48161; or fax to 349-1050.

### AUDITIONS

**NOVI THEATRE:** Auditions for the little people players performance of *The Emperor's New Clothes* will be held on Dec. 2 and 4 at 3:45 p.m. Performance dates will be March 14, 15 and 16, 1997. Auditions for *A One-Act Festival*, which will be presented by Performance Plus, will be held on Dec. 3 and 5 at 7:30 p.m. Performance dates are April 18, 19 and 20, 1997.

**RUMORS:** Auditions for Plymouth Theatre Guild's performance of Neil Simon's *Rumors* will be held on Dec. 2 and 3 at 7:30 p.m. at the Water Tower Theatre on the campus of the Northville Regional Hospital, 41001 West Seven Mile Road in Northville. Acts of all characters range from mid-20s and up. Performance dates will be Feb. 14, 15, 21, 22, 23 and 28 and March 1, 1997. For more information, call Karen at (810) 349-7974.

**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 will be invited to perform as a soloist with the PSO.

**MARGUIS THEATRE:** Performances of the classic *Snow 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. The Marguis Theatre is located at 135 E. Main Street in Northville. For more information, call 349-8110.

will be performed at 45175 West Ten Mile Road in Novi. For more information, call 347-0400.

**NEW ORCHESTRA:** The Novi Arts Council is exploring the possibility of forming a community orchestra. Interested people should call Melissa O'Neil at (510) 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 cabaret 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. For more information and reservations, call Northville Carriage Co. at 380-3961.

### THEATER

**TIMBERS SEAFOOD GRILLE:** Classic Productions presents a variety of entertainment at Timbers Seafood Grille, 40380 Grand River west of Haggerty Road in Novi, on Friday and Saturday.

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

Upcoming performances include Lou Rye on Nov. 28; Terri Gonda on Dec. 5; Chuck Mitchell on Dec. 6; and Caitlin (Cathy) Donahue, Neil Woodward and Wanda Degen on Dec. 7. The Raven is located at 145 N. Center Street in downtown Northville. For ticket information or reservations, call 349-9420.

**GENITTI'S ROLE-IN-THE-WALL:** Performances of "Holidays-R-U" will take place on Nov. 30, and Dec. 7, 8, 14, 15, 21 and 22. Genitti's is located at 108 E. Main Street in Northville. For more information or to make a reservation, call (810) 349-0522.

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

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**THE HUTCRACKER:** The Children's Annex of Novi Theatres presents *The Nutcracker* on Dec. 13 at 7:30 p.m., Dec. 14 at 2 p.m. and Dec. 15 at 3 p.m. The two-act play (not the ballet)

### MUSEUMS

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

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### NEARBY

**WINTER CONCERTS:** Free holiday concerts are scheduled for Dec. 6 and 11 at Schoolcraft College's Radich Center, 1753 Radich in Garden City, just south of Farm Road between Wayne and Merriman roads.

On Friday, Dec. 6, the Schoolcraft College Wind Ensemble and the Motor City Brass Band will appear together in "A Winter Concert" at 7:30 p.m.

On Wednesday, Dec. 11, the Schoolcraft Jazz vocal jazz ensemble, Methodist Church of Livonia and the Chamber Singers will offer an evening of madrigals, jazz and seasonal songs. Free refreshments will be served and donations will be accepted at the door for both performances.

For details, call (313) 462-4770.

**SCHOOLCRAFT CHOIR:** The traditional holiday program, "A Winter Tapestry," will be performed on Dec. 8 and Dec. 14.

The Dec. 8 performance will be at 4 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, 791 E. Church Street, at the corner of Church and Main. The Chorale choir group from Church Hill High School in Livonia will also perform sections. Tickets will be available at the door for \$4.

The Dec. 14 performance will be at 8 p.m. in St. Matthew's United Methodist Church of Livonia, 30900 Six Mile Road between Merriman and Middlebelt roads. Choral ensembles from Plymouth Canton and Plymouth Salem High Schools will perform. Donations will be accepted during intermission.

For details, call (810) 349-8175.

**CHRISTMAS CONCERT:** Performances of the 23rd annual Plymouth Community Chorus's Christmas concert, "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, west of Sheldon Road in Plymouth Township.

Michael Gross 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 \$6. 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 11 until 4 p.m. and Sunday from 2 until 5 p.m. Admission is \$2 for adults and 50 cents for students (5-17). There is a family rate of \$5.

The Plymouth Historical Museum is located at 155 S. Main Street in Plymouth. For more information, call (313) 455-8940.

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## 'Looking For Richard' translates Shakespeare's gripping drama

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Pacino takes the cameras on a free-spirited comic romp through the streets of New York to the birthplace of Shakespeare, and finally, to an emotionally-charged production of "Richard III."

The opportunity to present Shakespeare in an unconventional format and make it as accessible as possible for a modern audience earned a dedicated and benevolent "cast" including Estelle Parsons as Queen Margot, Alec Baldwin as Clarence, Kevin Spacey as Buckingham, Winona Ryder as Lady Anne and Alan Rickman as Richmond.

With contagious enthusiasm and the assistance of such respected actors as Sir John Gielgud, Sir Derek Jacobi, Kenneth Branagh, Vanessa Redgrave, James Earl Jones and Kevin Kline, Pacino seeks to prove that everyone can enjoy Shakespeare, and that his tales are timeless in their exploration of human nature.

While throwing themselves into their characters, Pacino and his actors had to break down centuries of barriers surrounding one of Shakespeare's most complicated and intimidating works. "You don't need to understand every single word that's said, as long as you get the gist of what's going on, just trust it and you'll get it," says Pacino.

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| NAME               | POSITION | YEAR | SCHOOL     |  |
| DODG MINKE         | QB       | SR   | NOVI       |  |
| MIKE AKPAN         | RB       | SR   | NOVI       |  |
| BRIAN BOYER        | RB       | SR   | SOUTH LYON |  |
| DAVE BISHOP        | RB       | SR   | SOUTH LYON |  |
| JEFF MOBLEY        | OL       | SR   | SOUTH LYON |  |
| BILL BON           | OL       | SR   | SOUTH LYON |  |
| JUSTIN CORMIER     | OL       | SR   | SOUTH LYON |  |
| JIM MOLNAR         | OL       | JR   | MILFORD    |  |
| RYAN HOWE          | OL       | SR   | NORTHVILLE |  |
| PETER BYRON        | OL       | SR   | NOVI       |  |
| GREG HOFFMAN       | TE       | JR   | LAKELAND   |  |
| JASON WITHERSPOON  | K        | SR   | NOVI       |  |

| DEFENSE         |          |      |            |  |
|-----------------|----------|------|------------|--|
| NAME            | POSITION | YEAR | SCHOOL     |  |
| JASON THOMAS    | DL       | SR   | SOUTH LYON |  |
| RYAN MCCULLEN   | DL       | SR   | LAKELAND   |  |
| SKIP BECKER     | DL       | SR   | NOVI       |  |
| LANCE SIEGWALD  | LB       | SR   | SOUTH LYON |  |
| CHRIS MAZARIS   | LB       | SR   | MILFORD    |  |
| MIKE JONES      | LB       | SR   | MILFORD    |  |
| PAUL COLLINS    | DB       | SR   | LAKELAND   |  |
| GINO PETERS     | DB       | JR   | NORTHVILLE |  |
| BRENT TABOR     | DB       | SR   | MILFORD    |  |
| PAUL SZAFARCZYK | DB       | SR   | SOUTH LYON |  |
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| SECOND TEAM OFFENSE |          |      |            |  |
|---------------------|----------|------|------------|--|
| NAME                | POSITION | YEAR | SCHOOL     |  |
| JEFF HUSAK          | QB       | JR   | NORTHVILLE |  |
| CHRIS WHITTINGTON   | RB       | SR   | NORTHVILLE |  |
| BRIAN KALIS         | RB       | SR   | SOUTH LYON |  |
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| RYAN MCILANEN       | TE       | SR   | SOUTH LYON |  |
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| DEFENSE          |          |      |            |  |
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| NAME             | POSITION | YEAR | SCHOOL     |  |
| GINO D'AGOSTINO  | DL       | SO   | SOUTH LYON |  |
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 South Lyon - Joe Yurkunas  
 Milford - Jason Longhurst  
 Novi - Tony Maciocci, Mike Stehr-Nielsen, Connor Krause  
 Northville - Ross Baker, Rob Roei, Derek Eckerly

## Novi places four on offense

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 runs that wound up in scores simply because he refused to go down. He wound up second in the area in rushing with 912 yards on the year. Bishop also scored 11 times for the Lions.

**MIKE AKPAN**  
 Novi, sr. running back  
 Akpan may have been the KVC's most explosive all-around offensive force. Every time he touched the ball, something good seemed to happen.



Quarterback Doug Minke found success both passing and running this fall. File photo by BRYAN MITCHELL.

Osborne said Akpan has great physical tools. The 6-foot and 190-pounder has both strength and speed. "He has very good feet," the coach commented. "Quick feet."

Akpan often used those quick feet to make a move on the defender. If he got a step on his man, it was lights out. "He seems to be able to crack the seam and then outrun you," Osborne added.

The all-KVC pick rushed for 846 yards on just 100 carries and scored seven touchdowns. He was also Novi's leading receiver with five catches for 184 yards and one more score.

**JUSTIN CORMIER**  
 Novi, sr. lineman  
 Cormier was another strong all-league lineman who led South Lyon top and sweep plays. He was more than just another body in the Lions' stable, however. Few players play on both sides of the ball for the deep SL team but Cormier did it and did it well for the Lions in '96.

After switching from fullback to the offensive line last fall, Cormier returned as a starter this year and made his presence known along-side Mobley and Bon. He also started at linebacker on defense for the KVC champs.

**PETER BYRON**  
 Novi, sr. lineman  
 At left tackle, Byron was one big reason for Akpan's and Witherspoon's success this season.

The all-KVC pick isn't huge at 6-foot-1 and 170 pounds. But there probably wasn't a quicker offensive lineman in the area.

"He's so fast off the ball," said Osborne. "we'd get illegal practice-draw calls even when he was on the field."

Novi usually attacked teams from Byron's side. Osborne said the senior had a fine career. "He was consistent through out his career," he said. "Consistently good."

**RYAN HOWE**  
 Northville, sr. lineman  
 In a down year for the Mustangs, Howe was one of the few bright spots.

He played strong side guard for Northville, which meant he moved to either the left or right side of the ball depending on how coach David Schumacher wanted to attack.

"When we wanted to run," Schumacher said, "we ran over his side."

An all-Western Division pick in the W-LA, Howe used his smarts to beat people. Schumacher said the senior was adept at getting the right angle and leverage for a block. Howe could also lead-block.

"He was good at pulling," the coach said.

**JIM MOLNAR**  
 Milford, Jr. lineman  
 Molnar has been an iron horse on the front line for the Redskins during his two varsity seasons.

After starting every game last year, Molnar came back to lead the team's line play this fall starting every contest once again.

Molnar was an all-KVC player who not only solidified the offensive unit, he also logged a lot of time as a defensive end for Milford.

"He was our most consistent offensive lineman," MHS coach Mike Shearer said. "He's a highly intelligent kid who's a real hard worker."

**GREG HOFFMAN**  
 Lakeland, Jr. tight end  
 Hoffman displayed all the qualities look for in a tight end this season.

He was a tough offensive blocker who wasn't afraid to mix it up and when he was called upon to make a big reception he was usually up to the task. Hoffman wound up second on the team in receptions.

Halfway through the season the junior also began to take on a big leadership role. Because several players left the LIS team, Hoffman became one of the team captains and he filled the role well for a young player.

Oh, yeah, he ran the football, too. Witherspoon rushed for more than 800 yards and averaged better than six per carry. He finished as Novi's all-time leader with 3,128 yards.

"As an all-around player," Osborne said, "he's one of the best we've ever had."

**CHRIS MAZARIS**  
 Milford, sr. linebacker  
 When Mazaris was at the top of his game so were the Redskins this season.

The fiery senior was a key defender for Milford but he also made some noise on offense. In the Redskins' three wins this fall, Mazaris played a major role rushing for over 100 yards in each game.

He finished as the team's second-leading rusher compiling 577 yards on the ground. He led MHS in touchdowns with seven on the year.

Mazaris also averaged better than 20 yards on kick returns and he was a playmaker as an outside linebacker as well.

"He had run and pass responsibilities," Shearer said, "and he just had a way of getting it done."

Mazaris was named to the all-KVC team this year.

**MIKE JONES**  
 Milford, sr. linebacker  
 Jones had a knack of coming through in the clutch for the Redskins this year.

"He was kind of like the big play guy for us," Shearer said.

No matter where Jones was on the field, he seemed to make the plays. Throughout the course of the season the senior team captain played inside linebacker on defense and tight end and fullback on offense.

In one game against Lapeer East, Jones was forced into a major offensive role because of

## Becker, Hadley earn spots on first All-Area defense

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 where the play is going," he said. Becker played havoc with offensive schemes.

If you didn't doubt team him," Osborne said, "he was in the play." Becker finished the season with 81 first hits and 37 assists. He was a two-year starter for the Wildcats.

**RYAN MCCULLEN**  
 Lakeland, sr. lineman  
 Whether it was offense or defense, McCullen was The Man on the line for the Eagles.

As an offensive blocker we usually ran to his side," Lakeland coach Bill Mohr said, "and on defense he was probably our strongest lineman."

McCullen had good size standing at six-foot-two and 195 pounds and he was good at containing the run inside on defense while also putting solid pressure on the quarterback in passing situations.

"The thing you have to talk about with (McCullen) is consistency. Mohr added. McCullen made the all-KVC team this fall.

**LANCE SIEGWALD**  
 South Lyon, sr. linebacker  
 On a team that went undefeated in the regular season, Siegwald was Mr. Everything.

He started the Lions' first five games at quarterback after an apparent injury to normal starter Dan Novak was discovered prior to the team's first game of the season. For those five contests, Siegwald excelled the team's offense.

Siegwald served as kicker and punter and was the top tackler on defense from his middle linebacker position.

He had the athletic ability to play multiple positions and play them well," Scheloske said.

After Novak was given a clean bill of health, Siegwald, who scored seven touchdowns this season, went back to his other jobs and he continued to dominate on defense.

"He's a player who's truly dedicated to the idea of a team," Scheloske said. "He has a great nose for the football, he was able to make changes on defense on the fly. He knew what to do."

He was the Redskins' quarterback last season and he played a limited defensive role. But he opened this season as a backup

injuries to other players. He only stepped forward and rushed for 148 yards before getting injured himself.

Late in the season, Jones also made a big 35-yard catch to set up a score in the Redskins' upset win over Dearborn Edsel Ford.

The all-KVC selection also contributed to the Milford team with his intelligence on and off the field.

**JOSH HADLEY**  
 Novi, sr. defensive back  
 An All-KVC selection, Hadley was one of the league's best cornerbacks.

He was able to cover taller receivers like "glue," according to Osborne.

"He did an excellent job on coverage," the coach added.

Hadley was also able to support the run. He made 37 first hits and added 10 assists.

"He's a good hard-nosed tackler," Osborne said. "He could stop the run as well as the pass."

**GINO PETERS**  
 Northville, Jr. defensive back  
 At strong safety for the Mustangs, Peters was a solid force.

Peters was inexperienced at the start of the season but quickly adapted.

"I kept learning," he added. "I think he was our most consistent defender this season. I felt he had an excellent year."

Peters had 27 solo tackles, 14 assists and one tackle for loss. The all-WLAA honorable mention selection intercepted two passes and returned one for a touchdown.

**BRENT TABOR**  
 Milford, sr. defensive back  
 After playing a dual role in '95, Tabor began this season just concentrating on his defense.

QB and he quickly shined as the team's full-time safety.

"He really solidified our defensive secondary this year," Shearer said. Tabor, a solid hitter, led MHS with three interceptions.

In the Redskins' biggest game of the year against rival Lakeland, Tabor returned as starting quarterback leading the squad to victory. After a solid performance in that contest Tabor, an all-KVC selection, remained at the helm of the team for the rest of the season.

**PAUL COLLINS**  
 Lakeland, sr. defensive back  
 Though he wasn't the biggest player on the field at 150 pounds, Collins was the Eagle that often showed the biggest heart this year.

He took over as starting quarterback midway through the season and he led the squad with 400 yards rushing, Collins, an all-KVC choice, also scored five out of the team's six touchdowns this fall.

As a defensive back Collins emerged as the leader in the secondary making coverage assignment decisions while frequently coming up to help in run coverage as well. Collins also returned kicks for the Eagles.

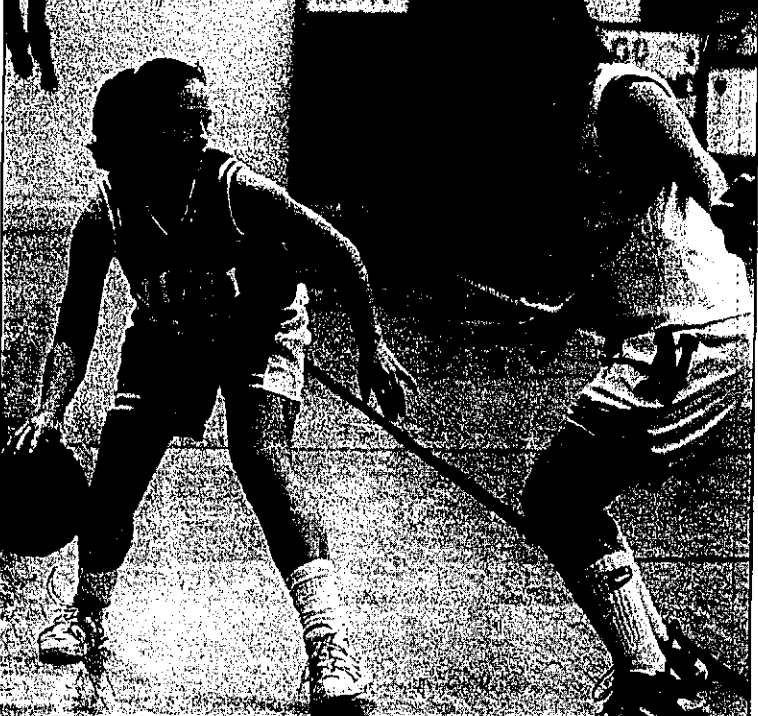
"He was the best football player we had pound-for-pound," Mohr said, "and we asked a lot out of him."

**PAUL SZAFARCZYK**  
 South Lyon, sr. defensive back  
 In his second year playing for South Lyon, Szafarczyk emerged as a leader on the defensive unit.

He saw time at both a safety and a linebacker this fall and his knowledge of the game really shined on the field.

"He's a very intelligent player," Scheloske said. "He has a great nose for the football, he was able to make changes on defense on the fly. He knew what to do."

Szafarczyk was named to the all-KVC team in this, his first season as a starter for the Lions.



Kristin Kearney figures to be a key part of Novi's future next season. Photo by SUE SPILLANE

## Cagers' fall in district contest

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 kept that one-point advantage through the end of the quarter.

With the Wildcats in a zone defense, Northville was able to rotate the ball quickly and find the open player in the second quarter.

Files scored six points in the final minutes of the period to push Northville's lead to 17-15 at half-time.

"She had a nice game," Wright said.

The two schools continued to claw for every basket in the third quarter.

This scored on a fast break and Metzi nailed a three-pointer with under two minutes to go to put Northville up 29-23 by the end of the period.

The Mustangs kept a comfortable margin much of the fourth quarter. Lindsey Hoot scored off a scramble for the ball near Novi's basket to put her team ahead 36-27.

Novi refused to quit, though, and Kristin Sullivan swished a three-pointer to make it 36-30 with 43 seconds left. Moments later, the Wildcats were called for

the critical lane violation. Cichonski was pleased with his team's effort in the game, especially on defense.

"I felt if we could keep them down in the low to mid 30s we could beat them," he added.

But the offense simply wasn't there.

Novi winds up the year at 14-7 overall and 7-5 in the Kenington Valley Conference.

"I was very pleased with everything we accomplished this year," said Cichonski.

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## Tankers shine at final

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 As part of the 200 freestyle relay team, she led off and swam a 24.77 for her 50 yards - breaking her own mark. As a team, Smith, Hartland, Mutch and Vandermass qualified for Saturday by swimming a school record 1:40.96.

The Wildcats finished 10th in the event Saturday with a time of 1:41.02.

Hartland garnered yet another school record in the 100 butterfly. She finished 18th overall in

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## New center makes rehab a snap

Weekend warriors in Novi can now rehab like the pros with the opening of the Center for Athletic Medicine which recently opened at the Henry Ford Medical Center-  
Novi, 40000 W. Eight Mile Road near Haggerty.

The Center provides the team physicians to the Detroit Red Wings, Lions and Tigers as well as many local colleges and high

schools. The center staff provides the evaluation, diagnosis and treatment of athletic injuries. Their goal is to return athletes to the highest level of performance possible, improve the performance of "well" athletes and provide off-season, sport-specific conditioning programs.

In addition to traditional athletic

injuries, the staff at the Novi center specializes in treating back injuries. The center offers the Aerobics Back School program, a comprehensive physical therapy treatment plan emphasizing prevention of back injuries through education and exercise.

Center for Athletic Medicine hours at the Novi Medical Center are 7 a.m.-7 p.m., Monday through

Thursday, and 7 a.m.-1 p.m. Fri-

days. For more information or to make an appointment, call (810) 380-6222.

Other athletic medicine clinics are located at Henry Ford Hospital as well as medical centers in West Bloomfield, Grosse Pointe, Sterling Heights and Dearborn.

## Cancer of the head and neck preventable

Nearly 50,000 Americans will develop cancer of the head and neck this year and 15,000 of them will die. Most of this is preventable.

As many as 90 percent of cancers from the mouth, throat and voice box arise after prolonged exposure to tobacco (cigarettes, cigars, chewing tobacco or snuff) and/or alcoholic beverages.

Cancer of the head and neck is curable if caught early. Fortunately, most head and neck cancers produce early symptoms. Recognition of the possible warning signs can lead to early detection.

Symptoms of head and neck cancer include a lump in the neck, a change in the voice, a growth in the mouth, bringing up blood, difficulty swallowing, and a persistent earache.

Cancers that begin in the head or neck usually spread to lymph nodes in the neck before spreading elsewhere. A lump in the neck that lasts for more than two weeks should be evaluated by a physician.

Of course, not all lumps are cancer. But a lump (or lumps) in the neck can be the first sign of cancer of the mouth, throat, voice box (larynx), thyroid gland, or of certain lymphomas or blood cancers.

Most cancers that arise in the voice box cause some change in the voice. Any hoarseness or other voice change lasting more than two weeks should alert you to see your physician. An otolaryngologist (ear, nose and throat doctor) is a head and neck specialist who can examine your vocal cords easily and painlessly.

Most cancers of the mouth or tongue cause a sore or swelling that doesn't go away. In addition, a change in the fit of dentures can be an early sign of cancer. A dentist or doctor can determine if a biopsy (tissue sample test) is needed and can refer you to a head and neck surgeon to perform this procedure.

Bringing up blood is often caused by something other than cancer.

However, head and neck tumors can cause bleeding. If blood appears in your saliva or phlegm for more than a few days, you should see your physician.

Difficulty swallowing can be a sign of cancer of the throat or esophagus (swallowing tube). The evaluation of this problem would include a barium swallow X-ray or an esophagoscopy (direct examination of the swallowing tube with a telescope).

A persistent earache could be due to an infection or tumor growth in the throat. The nerves that provide feeling to the throat also provide feeling to the ear. Thus a pain in the throat may result in ear pain. Ear pain is most worrisome if it occurs in association with other symptoms.

Early head and neck cancer is usually treated with a single method, either surgery or radiation treatment. Significant inroads have been made in the treatment options available for more advanced head and neck cancers. These options include treatments with chemotherapy plus radiation that allow preservation of the larynx and other important structures, as well as improved reconstructive techniques using free

flaps. Free flaps involve the transplantation of one part of the body to another to reconstruct defects resulting from surgical removal of cancers of the head and neck.

Techniques are available to reconstruct the tongue, jaw bone, and throat. In addition, advances have been made in rehabilitation of the speaking voice in patients who must have their larynx removed for cancer.

Any of the symptoms and signs described here can occur with no cancer present, but all warrant a complete head and neck examination, including visualization of the voice box. An otolaryngologist is a specialist trained in the medical and surgical management of disorders of the ears, nose and throat and related structures of the head and neck.

As smoking and chewing tobacco are the principal risk factors identified for development of cancers of the head and neck, never starting to smoke or breaking an existing habit is the best first step you can take toward prevention.

For more information, call the University of Michigan Department of Otolaryngology at (313) 936-8027.

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## Health Notes

### Look as young as you feel

On Dec. 3, board-certified dermatologist Michael Dorman, M.D., provides skin care tips for looking younger from 7-8 p.m., and board-certified plastic and reconstructive surgeon Marshall Shapiro, D.O., provides an overview of cosmetic surgery from 8-9 p.m. at Botsford Hospital. There is a \$5 fee and preregistration is required. For more information and to register, call (810) 477-6100.

### Perimenopause Years Part II

Sandra Plumer, MSW, ACSW, director of Botsford's Geropsychiatric Unit, provides an overview of the emotional changes women can expect during the years preceding menopause. The session begins at 7 p.m. There is a \$5 fee and preregistration is required. For information and to register, call (810) 477-6100.

### Cancer wellness group

Led by an experienced psychologist, the Cancer Wellness Group meets every Tuesday from 7-8:30 p.m. in Botsford's 3 West Conference Room, 28050 Grand River Ave. in Farmington Hills. For more information, call (810) 477-6100.

### Prostate cancer support group

Offering knowledgeable speakers each month, the prostate cancer support group provides both encouragement and education about prostate cancer, its treatments and the physical and emotional issues associated with it. It meets the third Monday of each month at 7 p.m. in Botsford's 2 East A Conference Room, on Grand River in Farmington Hills. Call (810) 477-6100 for additional information.

### 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, MSW, CSW, 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

### 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/11/A/Nanchang, and B/Harbin. The pneumococcal vaccine provides protection for 23 types of pneumonia. The flu vaccine costs \$3 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.

### 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.

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