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Citizens list 28 charter violations

By MICHAEL MALOTT
 Staff Writer

Seven residents charged Monday that the Novi City Council may have violated the city charter as many as 28 times over the past year by failing to allow audience participation during special and joint meetings.

Because one of those meetings was scheduled to discuss the filling of the vacant seat left by the resignation of Nancy Cassis, several of the residents called on council to rescind its Dec. 2 appointment of Ed Kramer to the council and schedule a special election.

City attorney Dennis Watson said Tuesday that not allowing audience participation would violate the charter and the Open Meetings Act, but since audience participation was allowed in the Dec. 2 continuation of a special meeting on the council appointment, he said the selection of Kramer was proper and not susceptible to a court challenge.

Mayor Kathleen Melallen said the council will not rescind the appointment because "the council followed the procedures."

"We think that the city is well-served and we'll keep moving forward. There are no grounds to rescind the appointment," she added.

Although he had not yet been asked to render an opinion on the alleged charter violations, Watson said he will advise council to include audience participation on all future agendas.

At the Monday meeting, residents Ruth Hamilton, LaReta Roder, Lynn Kocan, Sara Gray, Glen Bonaventura, Warren Jocz and Chuck Young all addressed council about the issue.

Hamilton noted that section 6.4 of the city charter states: "All regular and special meetings of the Council shall be open to the public and citizens shall have a reasonable opportunity to be heard."

Several pointed out that no audience participation occurred, nor was any solicited, in a joint meeting with the Parks and Recreation Commission in October and in the Nov. 25 special meeting of city council. They added that audience participation was not listed on the agenda for

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Janice Burkhardt works with students (l-r) Akihiro Hoshino, Jonathan Park and Soojung Chung in a reading exercise. Photo by JOHN HEIDER

District wins grant for English program

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
 Staff Writer

The small Japanese boy hands a tiny package wrapped in silver with a ribbon bow to the woman in the Christmas sweater.

"Is this for me?" she asks and he nods his head.

"Thank you. Can I open it with you on Wednesday when we're together?"

He nods his head again and then gets carried away in a crowd of schoolchildren leaving for the bus.

That's proof positive of the difference Janis Burkhardt makes in her students' lives.

Burkhardt is one of many teachers in the Novi school district who with parent volunteers makes the transition to America easier for foreign students.

"The younger the child comes to us, the easier it is to learn the language."

Novi Woods Principal Jackie Lawrence

Out of the 19 students she sees at Novi Woods Elementary, 14 are Japanese, two are Korean and three are Brazilian. She also works with students at Orchard Hills Elementary.

All the students benefit from the district's English as a Second Language program and will continue to grow and learn with help from a grant from the Japanese Business Society of Detroit Foundation.

The grant's \$4,000 is to be split evenly between the four elementary schools to help equate Japanese students and parents with the American culture and language.

The schools will use the money to hold special meetings for Asian parents, purchase software and learning materials for students and train teachers to deal with the culture differences.

"One of the things we're going to purchase are universal bathroom signs," said Novi Woods Principal Jackie Lawrence. "Because our little ones can't read, they sometimes go into the wrong bathroom. This saves them some of the embarrassment."

Approximately 8 percent of the 5,100 students

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Novi News delivery, deadlines rescheduled for the holidays

The Novi News will be delivered late the next two weeks because of the Christmas and New Year holidays.

The News will be delivered on Friday, Dec. 27, and Friday, Jan. 3. The paper is usually delivered on Thursdays.

Copies of The News will be available on news stands late Thursday in both weeks.

For the holiday weeks, deadlines for the submission of news releases and letters to the editors, as well as classified and retail advertisements will be set one business day earlier than normal.

Treasures found in Thornton house

By JAN JEFFRES
 Staff Writer

Bill Garfield's found three Novi diamonds.

One, the circa 1838 Sally Thornton House, he's polishing to perfection.

"I want it living history, not dead history," Garfield said.

"I've invested everything I have and all I could borrow to get it in good shape."

The second jewel, discovered in the home's floorboards, turned out to be glass. But the third's a rare gem - a hidden stash of Thornton letters and diaries dating from 1840 to 1895.

With few surviving early Novi documents, the material provides a fascinating insight on the lives of one pioneer family.

In 1990, the future of the clapboard Sally Thornton House, one of a shrinking inventory of early 1800s Novi places, seemed jeopardized and the residence became a cause celebre.

Garfield, a Livonia resident, stepped in, purchasing the building from owner Irwin Arkin. In 1994, he had the home moved from the Nine Mile/Novi Road area to a two-acre site on Eleven Mile Road, east of Taft Road.

From then on, it was a labor of love - with an eye towards investment.

"I think it looks great. I'm biased about as much as you can be ... I worked to protect its historical authenticity," he said.

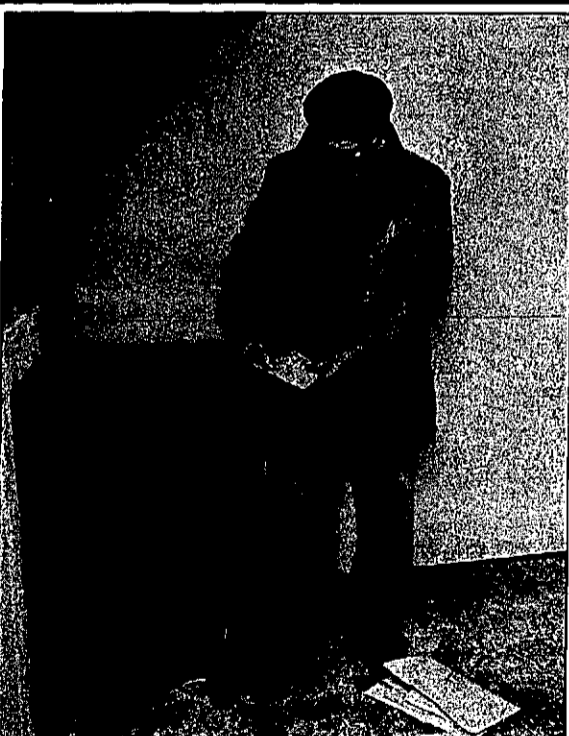
"I'm really stretching myself to make this house go."

Garfield never intended to live in the place himself. He's looking for a buyer who is willing to meet the price tag of \$449,000, probably more money than Sally Thornton ever dreamed of seeing in her life (1779-1850.)

The home is expected to be ready for occupancy in two months.

In the midst of all this reconstruction, a workman found the Thornton papers, stuck behind a small attic door in

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Bill Garfield shows off the second-story small closet door in the Sally Thornton House that yielded the homes' 100-year-old documents. Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Church services set for Christmas

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

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

On Christmas Eve, **ST. JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH**, 46325 Ten Mile Road in Novi, will have a Children's Mass at 4 and a Choir Mass at 6:30 p.m. Masses on Christmas Day will be at 9:30 and 11:30 a.m.

New Year's Eve Mass will be at 5 p.m.

Masses on New Year's Day will be at 10 a.m.

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

NEW LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH, which meets in the former Plymouth Wesleyan Church, 42290 Five Mile Road in Northville Township at the intersection of Bradner and Five Mile, one mile west of Haggerty Road, will have a Christmas Eve Family Candlelight Service with Holy Communion at 7 p.m. and child care is provided. At the 11 p.m. Candlelight Service with Holy Communion with special harp music provided by D. L. Turner.

For more information contact New Life Lutheran Church Pastor Ken Roberts at (313) 459-8181.

CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY, 24505 Meadowbrook Road in Novi, will have Christmas Eve

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Novi post office gets a facelift

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
 Staff Writer

Neither rain nor sleet nor construction can keep the Novi Post Office from getting the mail delivered this holiday season.

Despite major renovations to the entire 6,700-square-foot building, post office workers are getting the job done with a few adjustments, like cordoning off the section currently under construction and reworking some of the processes.

"It's inconveniencing us now but it has nothing to do with servicing the community," said Novi Post Master Jim Asher.

The result will be a 4,000-square-foot lobby filled with self-serve supply stations, vending machines, scales and other post office related supplies that can be purchased at four new counters. Other changes include increasing the number of post office boxes from 760 to 1,035 and extending hours until 10:30 p.m.

The renovations are expected to be completed in April.

"Our store will be one of the biggest in the area," said Asher.

It's simply a matter of growing to serve a growing community.

"This is something they've asked for," said Asher. "You do things the customer demands."

Currently the lobby for the Novi Road building is 300 square feet. The addition of space comes not from adding onto the building but reworking the open space inside.

Nearly two thirds of the building was unused after 65 carrier service and distribution workers and systems moved to another site on Grand River Avenue three years ago.

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Thursday, December 19 & 26 at 3:30 p.m. — Deadline for Shoppers Service Directory, Pinckney, Hartland, Fowlerville Shopping Guides for issues of Monday, December 23 & Monday, December 30 and Wednesday-Thursday, December 25-26 & January 1-2.

Community Calendar

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

- Thursday, December 19**
- Novi schools**
The Novi schools Board of Education will meet in regular session at 6 p.m. in Novi High School.
- Optimist Club**
The Novi Optimist Club meets at 7:30 a.m. in the Novi Civic Center.
- Monday, December 23**
- TOPS**
Take Off Pounds Sensibly for all ages meets at 7 p.m. at the Novi Meadows Clubhouse on Napier Road. For more information, call after 6 p.m. (810) 344-2167.
- Tuesday, December 24**
- Christmas Eve**
City offices, recycling center and public library are closed.
- Wednesday, December 25**
- Christmas Day**
Everything is closed!
- Tuesday, December 31**
- New Year's Eve**
City offices, recycling center and public library are closed. Happy New Year!
- Wednesday, January 1**
- New Year's Day**
City offices, recycling center and public library are closed. Happy New Year!

Monday, January 6

- City Council**
The Novi City Council is scheduled to meet in regular session at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Novi Civic Center.
- Health tests**
Community EMS will sponsor blood pressure testing in the Novi Civic Center from 7:30-9 p.m. in conjunction with the Novi City Council meeting.
- Village Oaks PTO (VOICE)**
The Village Oaks PTO will meet 7:30 p.m. in the Village Oaks School Media Center at 23333 Willowbrook Road.
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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, January 7

- Seniors meeting**
The Novi Center Seniors will hold their general meeting at 11 a.m. in the Community Center of the Novi Civic Center.
- Civil Air Patrol**
The Skigate Composite Squadron, Civil Air Patrol, meets at Novi 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 349-2668.

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 350-1115 for more information.

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

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

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

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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 4-11 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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Providence offers property for zoning trade to council

By JAN JEFFRES

All the cards were on the table Monday night.

If the Novi City Council gives Providence Hospital the intensive business zoning it wants to build a commercial center on Grand River Avenue, Providence will fork over at bargain prices the land needed for the rebuilding of the Beck Road/930 interchange.

"This action will be the single most important step the council can take to make that interchange... for the citizens of the city a reality," said Joseph Galvin, Providence's attorney.

Without the rezoning, Galvin said it was "impossible for Providence to negotiate for the city a better price for the city."

This kind of frank dealing didn't sit well with some council members, who see the site as a gateway to Novi.

"From the council's standpoint, I'm quite surprised to hear that argument, because the council typically doesn't consider property valuation in zoning questions," Council Member Bob Mizeo said.

The issue was tabled until February.

In previous discussions over the rebuilding of the interchange, City Manager Ed Krawall said the possibility arose that Novi would acquire 20-plus acres of Providence land needed for the freeway. This property would then be contributed as the city's matching share of the largely federally-funded project. Both Novi and Providence have been leaders for several years in a regional committee pushing for the new interchange.

"They could develop this tomorrow. There's no way for us to stop

development. Council Member Bob Schmidt questioned what was going on behind the scenes.

"I wonder if that's the next Roger Ate?" Schmidt said.

"It's too intensive use. If it's a buy-off, that's ridiculous."

"We have discussed supermarkets on Grand River," Novi planning consultant Brandon Rogers said.

While the B-3 category would permit fast food restaurants, gas stations, car washes or oil change centers, Michael Cervetack, Providence's vice president of operations, has written the city a letter saying that those kind of uses would not be built.

Galvin urged the council to trust Providence: "It's not a back room deal. There's nothing swamy going on."

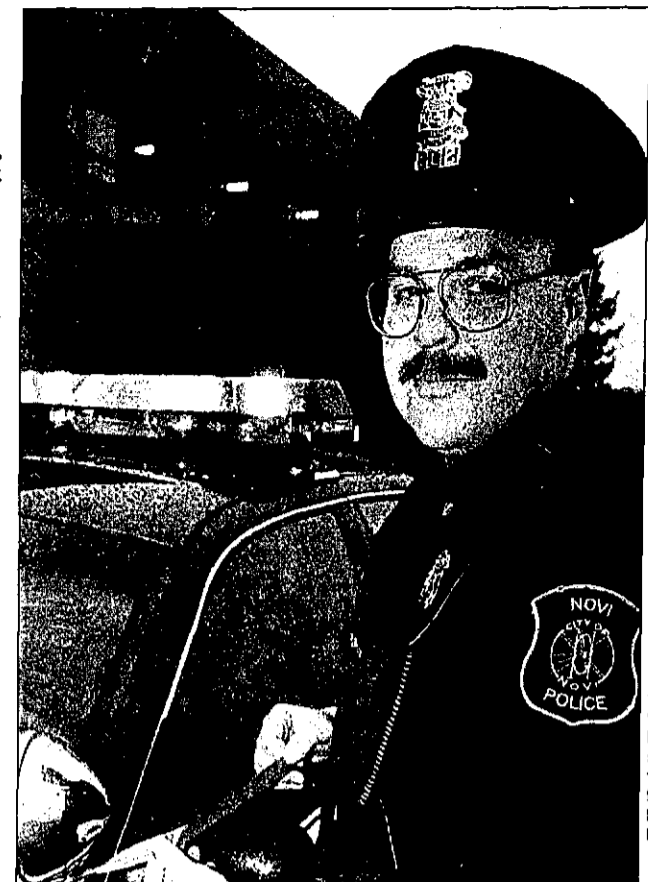
The council suggested Providence and the City look at other possibilities.

"We need to work with you and look at other potential zoning for the property. If we ignore the discussion we're talking about, we may very well cost the city more money. So let's be supposed to discuss land uses," Council Member Ed Kramer said.

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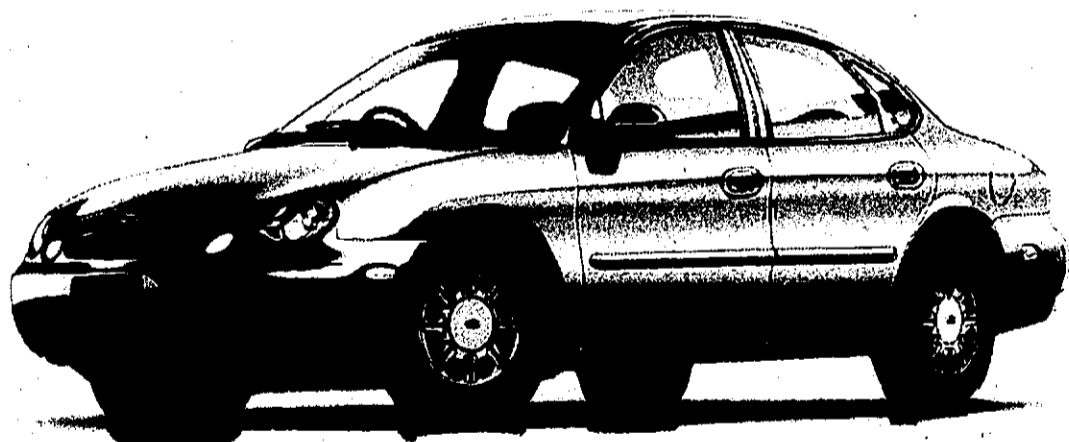
Novi Police Officer Jerrod Hart ties a red ribbon to his cruiser last week to symbolize his efforts in conjunction with Mothers Against Drunk Driving to help educate drivers from taking the wheel over the holiday season. Hart is the Novi Police Department liaison to MADD.

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Man faces charges for stolen gloves

Novi police arrested a 39-year-old Ferris man after he allegedly stole two pairs of gloves from a K mart in West Oaks Nov. 27.

Police said security officers noticed the man pushing a cart with two VCR's toward the front door after they saw him place two pairs of gloves down from the front of his pants, under his coat.

The officers tried to stop the man after he slipped past the registers without paying, but he grabbed one of the men by the neck and took a swing. He got away to a yellow Geo Tracker, which Novi Police nearby spotted on Novi Road heading toward the freeway.

The Novi officer followed the car onto the freeway, watching as the passenger in the car took out two pairs of gloves. The officer stopped the car. Both men denied any wrong doing. The driver was also from Ferndale.

The suspect was taken to Oakland County Jail.

POOH GUEST
A small black and white dog keeps peeping up on a Jamestown resident's porch, police said. The man doesn't know who the dog belongs to and called the department to come get it. Dec. 4, Police notified Animal Control. The dog had no tags.

NO RIDER NEEDED
A young Novi girl was approached by two white men, Dec. 4, as she walked to her Pavilion Court Apartment home from the bus stop.

Police News

STOLEN CARDS

A Sally Beauty Supply employee was surprised to find someone stole her wallet from her purse and went to Twelve Oaks to use her credit cards while she was busy working, Dec. 5.

Police said the woman's mother called her to report Sears had telephoned to report an unauthorized user had tried to use her credit card that afternoon. She went to her purse and found her wallet missing.

She called police and told them two black males had been in the store at about noon and looked suspicious. Sears reported a man had attempted to use the card, but fled when questioned by security.

CONSTRUCTION ROBBER
Unknown suspects stole \$6,000 worth of appliances from a home under construction in Barclay Estates, the night of Dec. 5.

Police said two sinks, a microwave and a dishwasher were taken from the site.

RAP STARS' CAR ENTERED
A member of the rap group, Insane Clown Posse, returned to his car, Dec. 8, to find someone had smashed in the windows to get to his stereo equipment.

CASH GRABBED

A vending machine operator told police someone stole \$600 worth of cash as he was emptying the machines in the Stanley Electronics building, Dec. 9.

According to police, the man said he believes an unidentified black man took the cash from some nearby crates where he worked. Two witnesses saw the man in the area but indicated he does not work there.

It is the second occurrence in a week for the vending machine man, although not in the same building, according to police.

DOG ON THE LOOSE
Novi police picked up a Golden Retriever from the Novi Tree Farm property, Dec. 7, after a Novi Parks and Recreation worker cornered the dog into a shack on the property.

According to the police report, the dog had attacked another dog in the area and was running loose without tags or a license. Police took the dog to the station and called animal control. It had a small wound behind its left ear.

HOLIDAY SHOPPING
A 12-year-old Northville boy was caught shoplifting a three bottles of cologne from Hudson's at Twelve Oaks Mall, Dec. 1. Police said security officers saw the boy con-

ceal one bottle in his clothes and try to leave without paying.

Novi Briefs

Be an angel

The Novi High School Drama Department is looking for a few good angels to help some of the 45 students afford the Michigan Theatrical Conference in Kalamazoo, January 3.

The students were one of four schools invited to perform at the conference. Novi will present their fall play *Hayes*, the story of the invisible six-foot rabbit. But to do that the department will have to transport their set across the state by semi or moving van.

There are also some students who find it difficult to scrape together the \$53 fee for the weekend conference of workshops and presentations. If anyone would like to "be an angel," call Joan Arrick at Novi High School at 449-1500.

Got the smarts
Seven Novi High School students qualified for the second part of the 40th Annual Michigan Mathematics Prize Competition sponsored by the Michigan Section of the Mathematical Association of America.

Robabel Chang, Colleen Doyle, Rich Kowalczyk, Sophie Liao, Jukes Nammi, John Swast and Chris Wagner placed among the top six percent of about 16,000 participants in an exam given at more than 360 schools in Michigan in October.

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IT'S MY MOMS
A 19-year-old Detroit woman was stopped for having tinted windows and a loud muffler on her car, Dec. 15, but police found much more.

According to the report, a search of the car revealed drug baggies, a metal spoon, a knife, razor blades, pills along with more than 20 McDonald's Happy Meal Toys.

Police said she admitted to stealing some of the toys from the McDonald's on Twelve Mile Road, where she works. She told police the drug paraphernalia is her mother's.

Correction

In a photo outline on 9A to the Dec. 12 issue of *The Novi News*, Beth Hogan should have been identified as one of the organizers of Parkview Elementary's Holiday Shop.

Correction
In the Dec. 5 issue of *The Novi News*, the story about Novi school's technology programs should have named teacher Karen Clark, not Kim Clark, as participating in a new Apple Computers software program.

Correction
A story in the Dec. 12 edition of *The Novi News*, headlined "How council voted on appointments," incorrectly stated there were three vacancies on the Zoning Board of Appeals to be filled. There were only two, James Anlosak and Gerald Bauer were selected for those seats.

Police set annual Country Revue

Get out your ten gallon hat and cowboy boots and get ready to have some hootin', hollerin' fun.

The Novi Police Officers Association is gearing up for its annual County Music Revue on Sunday, Jan. 5, at 2 p.m.

Tommy Cash, younger brother of legendary Johnny Cash, will fill Faerst Auditorium with the sounds of Nashville along with Mary Martel and his band Tennessee.

The program is a fundraiser for activities sponsored by the association including the Novi High School scholarship fund, the DARE drug abuse prevention program in the grade schools, youth sports and the Oakland County Child Abuse and Neglect Council. Money will also go for bullet proof vests for new officers.

Tickets are on sale now. A family package is \$50, couples are \$30 and singles are \$20.

In conjunction with the show, the association is publishing a yearbook/program to be distributed at the show and throughout the community.

For more information or show tickets call 347-3430. Officers for the association are: Officer John Nelson, president; Officer Mark Kohls, vice president; Officer Diane MacGregor, treasurer; and Officer Craig Chismar, secretary.

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NOTICE CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY USE PERMIT TUP 96-058

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Jason Construction, is requesting a Temporary Use Permit to allow the placement of a storage/office trailer at the "Main Street" project job site, located on the south side of Grand River Avenue, east of Novi Road from December 27, 1996 through May 1997. 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 p.m. on Thursday, December 26, 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 26, 1996. (12-19-96 NR, NN)

CITY OF NOVI NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, January 8, 1997 at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI, to consider the following:

ORDINANCE NO. 97-18
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 2519, SUBSECTION 7 OF ORDINANCE NO. 84-18, AS AMENDED, THE CITY OF NOVI ZONING ORDINANCE, TO PROMULGATE A REVISED SITE PLAN MANUAL FOR THE CITY OF NOVI TO EXPEDITE SITE PLAN REVIEW AND DEVELOPMENT BY ESTABLISHING SITE PLAN REVIEW PROCEDURES, AND BY PROVIDING DEVELOPER AND PROSPECTIVE DEVELOPERS WITH AN OVERVIEW AND STEP-BY-STEP DESCRIPTION OF THE SITE PLAN REVIEW PROCESS, AS WELL AS ADDITIONAL INFORMATION RELATING TO DEVELOPMENT WITHIN THE CITY OF NOVI.

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 and Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48075 until 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, January 8, 1997.

NOVI PLANNING COMMISSION
KIM THOMAS CAPELO, SECRETARY
TONNI L. BARTHOLOMEW, CITY CLERK

(12-19-96 NR, NN)

CITY OF NOVI CITY COUNCIL SCHEDULE OF REGULAR MEETINGS 1997

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March 3rd and 17th
April 7th, 14th, 21st, 24th, 28th and 29th
May 1st, 5th and 12th
June 2nd, 9th, and 16th
July 7th and 21st
August 11th and 25th
September 8th and 22nd
October 6th and 20th
November 10th, 20th and 24th
December 1st and 15th

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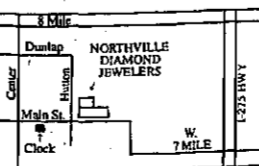
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Mall not attractive, planners say

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

West Oaks Shopping Center isn't the most attractive part of the retail center of the city, according to some Novi Planning Commissioners.

"West Oaks I and II are not an asset to the city as they are now," said Commissioner Pete Hoadley, at a Dec. 4 regular meeting, explaining the shopping center's need for aesthetic improvement.

Commissioner Dr. Art Vreitas said he recalls driving up Novi Road when he moved here looking at Twelve Oaks to the east and then to West Oaks to the west. "It's ugly," he said he thought to himself.

That's why the commission agreed to postpone voting on a plan by Art Van and Scott Sluiter furniture retailers to expand

"Let's be a little bit classier because we're Novi."

All Vreitas
Novi Planning Commissioner

both stores on a ten acre parcel within the center of Novi Road. According to the commission, the expansions are too large and encompassing for the island area it sits in, surrounded by a sea of parking.

Scott Sluiter would reconfigure the store, creating a more appealing entrance and connecting to the existing Fretter building it owns. Scott Sluiter would reconfigure double its size and expand onto most of the adjacent open field to the north.

But that's unacceptable to some commissioners.

"... What the applicant is doing is maxing out the site creating a zoning hardship, expecting the ZIA to approve it," said Commissioner Michelle Bononi, who suggested the buildings be scaled back slightly to make room for the parking.

Should the building be sold in the future, the parking needs may be increased from that of the furniture retailer and could be a sticking point for a sale, leaving the building vacant.

"I don't think you or the City of Novi want to shoot themselves in the foot being left with potentially two white elephants down the road," she explained.

Obituaries

HAZEL RUTH BOISSELLE

Hazel Ruth Boisselle, age 82, of Orlando, Fla., formerly of Novi and Detroit, died Dec. 8, 1996, at her residence in Florida. She was born Jan. 17, 1914, in Commerce.

Before retiring, Mrs. Boisselle was employed as a salesperson in the ladies sportswear section at J.L. Hudson's-Northland. She was in sales for 11 years.

She was also a senior greeter at her husband, James J. Boisselle's funeral home in Detroit. She was an avid craft designer.

She is survived by daughters, Barbara (Richard) Russell of West Bloomfield, Mary Jane (Donald) Ciente of Canton, Gloria (Wend) Ruth and Nancy (Skip) Stein, both of Florida; 12 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren.

Mrs. Boisselle was preceded in death by her husband, James. Services were held on Thursday, Dec. 12, at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home in Farmington with Fr. Leonard Partensky officiating. Interment was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Livonia.

Memorials to the HCF Foundation formerly the Hospice of Central Florida, 126A South Park Ave., Winter Park, FL 32789.

GRETA MOLLOY
Greta Molloy, age 80, of West-

land died Dec. 13, 1996, in Boston Hospital in Farmington. She was born Feb. 15, 1915, in Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Molloy was a homemaker. She is survived by sons, Daniel P., James T. (Patricia), Robert M. (Jennifer), Brian J. (Margaret), Terence D. and Douglas F.; daughter, Maureen A. (James) Scamlo; 14 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James J. Services were conducted on Tuesday, Dec. 18, at Holy Family Church in Novi. Interment was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

LUIGI CELINI
Luigi Celini, age 71, died Dec. 15 at his residence in Milford. He was born May 28, 1925, in Italy. Mr. Celini was a construction worker.

Surviving Mr. Celini are sons, Michael (Sharon) and Dean (Carol); daughter, Patricia (Tony) D'Agostino; brothers, Oreste and Lineo; grandchildren, Nicole, Anthony, Giovanni, Katherine and Alessandra. He was preceded in death by his wife, Elizabeth.

Services were held on Wednesday, Dec. 18, at Our Lady of Sorrows Church of Farmington. Interment was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

Citizens list 28 possible violations

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The Dec. 2 continuation of that meeting. None was solicited by council, audience participation was allowed after Bonaventura interrupted the proceedings, asking to address to the council. Resident input was then permitted.

Hamilton produced agendas for Dec 28 special and joint sessions of council since the start of 1996 that do not list audience participation as an agenda item.

Kocan said Tuesday that she is not sure that audience participation didn't occur in those meetings. Only a review of minutes and tapes could verify whether audience participation existed, she said, but in general she said resident input is not taken during special meetings.

"In my experience, if it is not on the agenda it doesn't happen," she said.

She said she has attended several meetings, including council meetings and subcommittee meetings at which citizens input has not been allowed.

Watson said the key question is not whether audience participation appears on the agenda, but whether it actually occurs in the meeting. He said he didn't want to generalize about whether citizens are usually allowed to speak in special council meetings. He did say he had been informed that in one case, the joint meeting with the parks commission, that audience participation had not occurred.

Watson explained that there's no charter provision for invalidation of decisions based on a violation of the charter. But there is in the Open Meetings Act.

The Open Meetings Act requires that the public be allowed to address a public body. Section 5 states: "A person shall be permitted to address a meeting of a public body under the rules established and recorded by the public body."

Watson said that wouldn't affect the Kramer appointment because there had been a chance for input at the Dec. 2 meeting.

As to whether other decisions made in other special meetings might be impacted by the lack of audience participation, Watson said the act requires challenges to be filed within 60 days. Meetings dating back to January 1996 would not be susceptible to a challenge.

If challenged and invalidated, the Open Meetings Act allows the council to "renew" the decision-making process to correct the error, Watson explained.

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Openness Watch

FOI REQUEST REJECTED

A Freedom of Information Act request filed by Novi resident Ruth Hamilton for a copy of a legal opinion issued by the Novi City Attorney in September regarding liability issues involving bike paths along East Lake and South Lake Drive was denied on the grounds the document is subject to attorney-client privilege. However, the U.S. Supreme Court has ruled attorney-client privilege applies only to "communications," not to the "facts" contained in them. The state FOI act requires separation of exempt from non-exempt materials. The request will be resubmitted.

FILES RELEASED

Novi police this week released another 34 case files of the nearly 100 files found locked away in a file cabinet in October. To date, the department has released 111 cases since The Novi News submitted a Freedom of Information Act request Nov. 12 for all the cases. Chief Doug Shaefer has indicated the files will be released as reviews of the cases are completed.

CLOSED MEETING

On December 16, the Novi City Council unanimously approved a motion to hold a closed executive session that evening after its regular session. The topics to be discussed were property acquisition, union negotiations and pending litigation.

City council fills in names on unsigned ballots

Names were filled in last week on the ballots for a series of council appointments, left blank on Dec. 2 by three Novi City Council members.

Voting but not signing the ballots were Mayor Kathleen McLallen and Council Members Kathy Mutch and Richard Clark.

At the advice of Assistant City Attorney Dennis Watson, the clerk's office asked that the ballots be identified by the three officials. By signing the papers, their actions can be tracked in the meeting's minutes, as required by the Open Meetings Act.

The law does not specifically ban unsigned ballots but does require that the public can follow a public body's decisions, Watson said last week.

New Council Member Ed Kramer did not vote for the appointments

because he had not yet taken the oath of office. Council Members Rob Mitzel, Robert Schmid and Hugh Crawford signed their ballots during the meeting.

The following listing explains how council members voted.

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Two vacancies, but the tie was broken by appointing three trustees, as permitted in the regulations governing the board.

Gary Cleprian (Clark) Douglas Harrington Roger Jaursi (Mitzel, Schmid) Donna Riehl David Ruyle Timothy Steuter (Mutch, Crawford)

Joseph Thimm L. Graham Ward, incumbent (McLallen, Mutch, Clark, Mitzel,

Crawford, Schmid) Michael Watza (McLallen)

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Dan Davis, incumbent (McLallen, Mutch, Clark, Mitzel, Crawford, Schmid)

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVE TO COMMUNITY CLUBS BOARD
Robert Shaw (McLallen, Mutch, Clark, Mitzel, Crawford, Schmid)

NOVI CITY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE TO COMMUNITY CLUBS BOARD
Hugh Crawford (McLallen, Mutch, Clark, Mitzel, Crawford, Schmid)

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

CORPORATION
One vacancy.
Adamanta Kazaris Craig DeRoche (McLallen, Mutch, Clark, Mitzel, Crawford, Schmid)

HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
One vacancy.
Kim Capello, incumbent (McLallen, Mutch, Clark, Mitzel, Crawford, Schmid)

HAZARDOUS CHEMICALS COMMITTEES
Two vacancies.
Donald Miner, incumbent (McLallen, Mutch, Clark, Mitzel, Crawford, Schmid)

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
Two vacancies.
Philip Koneda, incumbent (McLallen, Mutch, Clark, Crawford, Schmid)

John Redner Nicholas Cosentino (Crawford, David Ruyle (Schmid) Melissa Pettijohn (McLallen, Mutch, Clark, Mitzel, Crawford) Louis Cordas (Mitzel)

HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Two vacancies.
Daniel O'Connell, incumbent (Clark, Schmid) Alan Kohring (McLallen, Mutch, Clark, Mitzel, Crawford, Schmid) David Lusker (Mutch, McLallen, Mitzel, Crawford)

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
Two vacancies.
Philip Koneda, incumbent (McLallen, Mutch, Clark, Crawford, Schmid)

David Ruyle (Schmid) Harold Wingfield (McLallen, Mutch, Clark, Mitzel, Crawford) Louis Cordas (Mitzel)

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
Two vacancies.
James Antosiak, incumbent (McLallen, Mutch, Clark, Mitzel, Crawford, Schmid) Gerald Bauer, incumbent (Clark, McLallen, Mutch, Crawford, Schmid) Gregory Lee Berry Ernest Aruffo (Mutch) Michael Wata Cosette Mallett LaVerne Reinke Richard Zyczynski

Hagopian wants to carpet Novi

By JAN JEFFRES
and WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writers

Isafans and Kermans and Balutis and all kinds of good types are moving to Novi.

Hagopian World of Rugs plans to build a 27,000 square-foot store at Twelve Oaks Mall, carrying those knotted floor coverings with exotic Middle Eastern names. Faster than a flying carpet, the firm's site plan signed by the Novi City Council on Monday night.

Westside shoppers hooked on Oriental rugs will no longer have to make the trek to Oak Park Council Member Kathy Mutch wondered if the local store would offer cleaning as well, because she's got this vintage rug...

"I can't believe I'm allowed to do a little selling here," owner Edmond Hagopian said.

While people can drop off their rugs in Novi for cleaning in Novi, the work will be done in Oak Park, he explained.

Hagopian plans to sell both rugs and furniture at the showroom, designed by architect Jen Sarkan-

stan. Planned to look a 1920s-era industrial loft-type building, Hagopian's will be planted between Gorman's and Cellular One, fronting Twelve Mile.

The store building will be unique, in part because of the steep topography of the land.

According to a spokesman for the Taubman Company, which

owns Twelve Oaks Mall and the pointer property, many proposals have been submitted for the site but none met the quality and usage of the mall like Hagopian.

The site plan was recommended for approval by the Novi Planning Commission on Dec. 4.

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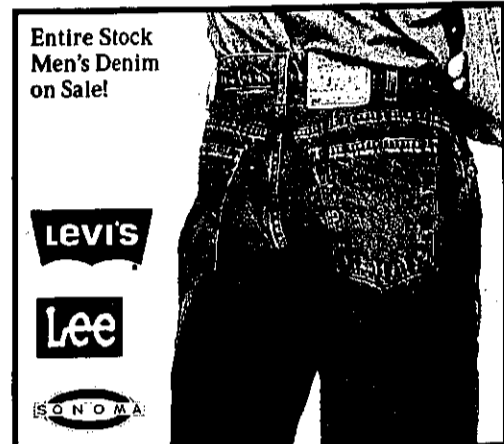
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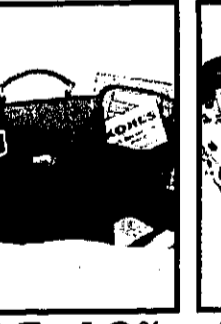
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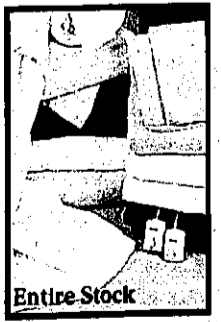
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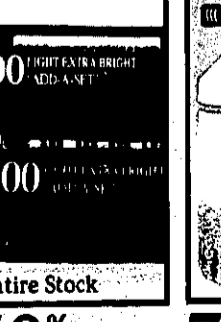
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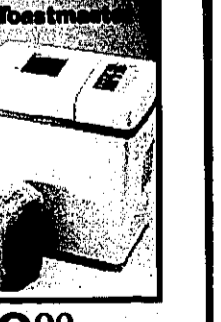
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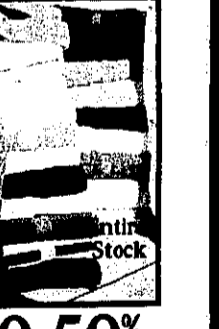
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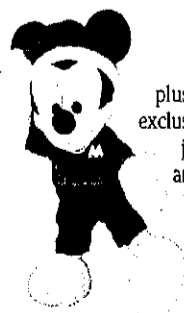
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Holiday Light Decorating contest results unveiled

Some holiday traditions we can do without — like plum pudding, stale fruitcake and last-minute shopping.

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Monday, the winners of this year's Holiday Light Decorating Award Winners were officially released by the city.

Names in the envelope are:

Yorkshire Subdivision
Winners
Kautra family
Drake family
Garback family
Wilson family
York family
Hatcher family
Bray family
Grand Prize Winner — Michael Yaylalan

Deerbrook Homeowners Association
Winners
Dave and Diane Adams
Mark and Eleanor Euarlan
John and Bonnie Hyde
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Rick and Sue Graham
Ben and Becky Beeler
Greg Dale and Ann Kowalczyk
Dexter and Judy West
Gene and Debbie Szalkowski
Monica and James Lewis
Virginia and Gary Vartanlon

Dan and Barb Wilson
Rick and Ann Marie Frey
Grand Prize Winner — David and Chrys Kohl

Simmons Orchard Homeowners Association
Winners
James and Sue Ellen Barton
David and Karen Taylor
Grand Prize Winner — Mark and Kathy Pehrson

Echo Valley Subdivision
Winners
John and Diane Tymensky
Mike and Pat Warner
Will and Gail Bowling
Les and Brenda Fisher
Grand Prize Winner — Harry and Rosalie Todd

Turtle Creek Homeowners Association
Winners
Walid and Ikemel Leon
David and Holly Rzepka
Grand Prize Winner — Jim Rzepka

Meadowbrook Glens Subdivision
Winners
Mickey and Cara McKinney
Robert and Susan Kadaj
Grand Prize Winner — Michael and Janet Natzel

Maples of Novi Subdivision
Winners
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Ted Gabriel

Dick and Sue Weinert
Grand Prize Winner — Robert and Marie Samuel

Royal Crown Estates Homeowners Association
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Robert and Janis Gaydos
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Grand Prize Winner — Brian and Deborah Wines

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Mike and Joanne O'Bryan

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Bob and Mary Parkins
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Grand Prize Winner — Jean and Byron Lang

Willowbrook Subdivision
Winners
Makowski family
Bethel family
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Luca family
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David and Cynthia Dornbach

Carriage Hills Subdivision
Winners
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Postmaster Jim Ascher looks over the architectural drawings.

Post office reworked to handle growth

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The cost for the expansion is nearly \$420,000, according to Ascher.

"The size of the community has grown up so much its a direction the post office is taking in the retail environment. It's time for change," he said.

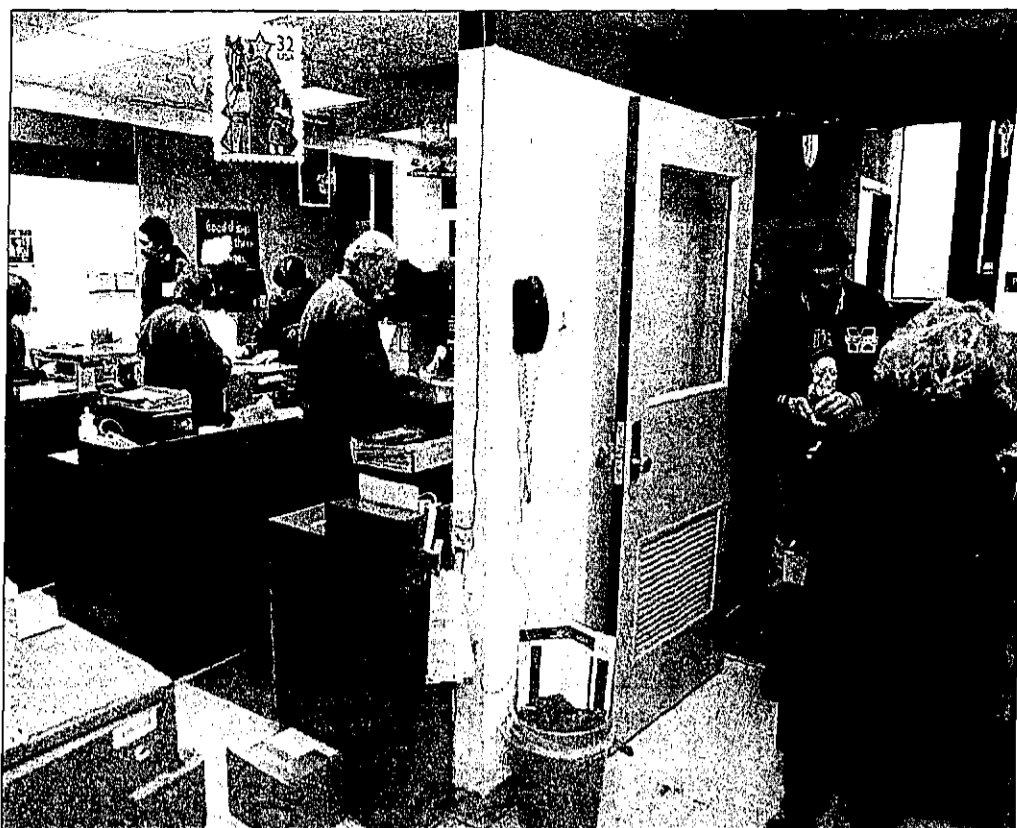
The white brick building was built in 1981 to service the community and employed 17 people. Staff currently comes to a total of 82 for both Novi locations.

Ascher said plans are in the works to deal with traffic and parking problems associated with the post office. Although there is actually plenty of parking around the side of the building, Ascher said plans to make the lot easier to use are at the architect's office. Plans for deceleration and acceleration lanes on Novi Road, to make exiting and entering the facility easier, are on the drawing boards as well. Those changes should be made in 1997, he said.

It's a big Christmas present for the community and the post office itself.

"Most everybody is looking forward to it," said Ascher.

"When it's finished it will really help out because there will be more open space for the customers," said Carole Singer, a Novi resident and six-year post office worker. "... We can do displays. Everything will fit together and look nicer, and we'll be proud of it."



Overcrowding at the Novi post office should be a thing of the past. Here, holiday package and letter senders are directed to a side door and temporary service window to speed things up. The new post office will allow many postal customers to make many of their purchases and transactions with cash operated machinery.

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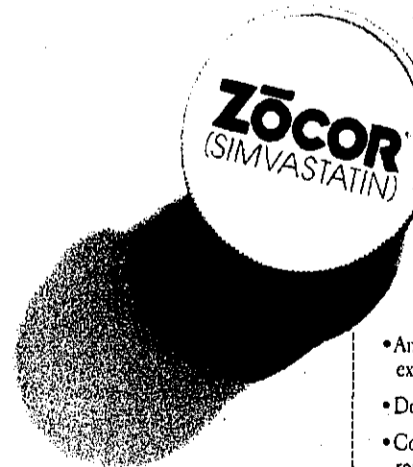
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Documents found in Thornton House

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The upper bedroom. Among them are two little handmade and unsigned diaries, from 1840 and 1843, that Garfield believes might have been written by Sally.

"I was outside and the carpenter came running up and said they dropped out right from here. There are a lot of fascinating personal insights as well as historical," he said.

"These may be the oldest existing documents of anything in this area."

Six years ago, when the future of the old house seemed slinky, Kathy Mutch, president of the Historical Society, formed a group to save the structure. That was before Garfield stepped in.

The cache of papers is a real local history coup, said Mutch, who's had a chance to thumb through them.

Previously, it appeared that the earliest Novi records are one or two tax bills from the 1850s. The rest of the material owned by the Novi Library or Historical Society is mainly from the 1860s or later.

"There might be some things that are privately held. I don't know of any, offhand. This is a very exciting find," Mutch said.

Garfield and Mutch are working together to find a way to keep the documents in Novi.

According to *Northville: The First Hundred Years*, by Jack Hoffman, former editor of *The Northville Record*, Sally Thornton was a

widow in 1827 when she left her home in Colebrook, New York and trekked with her three boys and two girls to the Michigan frontier. The family settled on 400 acres near Nine Mile and Novi roads.

The Thornton papers include many letters to Bertrill A. Toby, who married Sally's grandson Charles Monroe Thornton, Jr. on May 16, 1855.

Other finds include Victorian-era Republican and Prohibition Party candidate flyers and Charles Thornton's income tax receipt. Not only was there a United States Internal Revenue in September 1896, but citizens were taxed on both income and ownership of billiard tables, carriages, gold plate, silver plate, pianofortes, yachts and gold watches.

Thornton paid the government that year \$12.85. Of that, an \$8.15 tax was slapped on his income, in the \$600-to-\$8,000 per year bracket and another \$4 for his pianoforte, valued between \$200 and \$400. (Try hiding a piano from an IRS auditor.)

When it comes to the history of the Thornton house, Garfield's own place goes as far back almost 50 years. In 1948, he was dating Mary Rogers, a descendant of Sally Thornton and was asked to paint both the Thornton home and the neighboring Rogers residence. The families had intermarried. In a later incarnation, the Rogers place



Bill Garfield stands outside the almost-remodeled and finished Sally Thornton House.

was the restaurant Home Sweet Home.

Garfield said he hasn't spared trouble and expense to keep the historic Greek Revival character of the Sally Thornton House. The paint is white with a dash of amber, creating a warm glow. The crown molding on the new addition matches the original. The original three and half bathrooms, city water and gas heating.

"She had a well and an out-house," he said.

Garfield went further ahead than Novi to find historic detailing for the house. He's installing an authentic 1840s-era armoire as closet space.

What was Sally's front room is designated as a dining room in the makeover, with elegant Greek Revival windows. The kitchen features the original, 150-year-old plank flooring.

"That wood is so hard we bent 16-penny nails on it," Garfield said.

If you think the Thornton House is the best holiday present you can give yourself, give Garfield a call at (313) 261-9764.

HEALTH NOTE

by Dennis E. Engerer, P.T.

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City to sell station land at a profit

By JIAN JEFFRIES
Staff Writer
When it comes to the ownership of Novi land, buy early and hold on.
At least that's the experience of the City of Novi. In 1980, 0.58 acres at the corner of Nine Mile and Beck roads were purchased for \$25,000, as place for a proposed 5th fire station. Today, City Assessor D. Glenn Lemmon estimates the land is worth \$63,300, a 150 percent increase in value.
Monday, the Novi City Council agreed to sell the half-acre and shoot the money back towards paying off the new fire bond issue. The city sells the bonds and then pays back the principal with interest.
"I believe the money should go back to the fire column rather than the general fund," said Mayor Kathleen McLellan.
With the success of the fire bond in November, the concept of a 5th fire station has been dropped and the city wants to sell the property for a minimum bid of \$60,000. It was originally purchased as part of an earlier fire bond proposal.
This could lead to a tiny decrease in the millage rate for the latest \$2.25 million fire bond tax. The tax, an estimated \$5.50 per year for the owner of a \$100,000 home, will be used to build a new Station Four and a training center for the fire department.
City officials plan to notify all local real estate agents, as well as adjacent property owners, of the proposed sale.

Public Access

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MONDAY, DEC. 23
10:00 a.m. — INFO TV-12 News Magazine
10:30 a.m. — The Cutting Room Floor
11:00 a.m. — The Light to the Nations: Outside the City
11:30 a.m. — Cash Talks
12:00 p.m. — Coffee and Conversation
12:30 p.m. — (con't)

1:00 p.m. — Adventures with Private Pete
1:30 p.m. — My Russian Friend
2:00 p.m. — The Bow Lady
2:30 p.m. — U.S. Extreme Snowboarding
3:00 p.m. — Let's Talk with Ben Marks
3:30 p.m. — (con't)
4:00 p.m. — Rising Tide
4:30 p.m. — (con't)
5:00 p.m. — Who, What, Where, Y
5:30 p.m. — Just a Bite: Michigan Wine Tour
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: Sam Sacks — D.I.A.
9:00 p.m. — Lansing Connection
9:30 p.m. — Grove Session

TUESDAY, DEC. 24
10:00 a.m. — No Programming

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 25
10:00 a.m. — No Programming

THURSDAY, DEC. 26
10:00 a.m. — No Programming

FRIDAY, DEC. 27
10:00 a.m. — Law Talk
11:00 a.m. — Lansing Connection
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Local churches planning special services for holidays

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 Christmas Day Masses will be at 8:45 and 10:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.
 Masses will be at 5 p.m. on New Year's Eve and at 8:45 and 10:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. on New Year's Day.
 For more information, call the church at 349-8847.

LUTHERAN CHURCH, 201 Elm Street in Northville, will have evening worship services at 6 and 8 p.m. with a 10 p.m. Candlelight Service on Christmas Eve.
 The Christmas Day service will be at 10 a.m.
 On New Year's Eve worship service will be at 6 p.m.
 For more information, call the church at 349-3140.

On Christmas Eve, the **FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE**, 200 E. Main in Northville, will have 5 p.m. Children's Pageant, a 7 p.m. Candlelight Worship Service with youth participation, a 9 p.m. Candlelight Worship Service with Te Deum Handbell Choir, and an 11 p.m. Candlelight Worship Service with Chancel Choir.
 For more information, call First Presbyterian Church at 349-0911.

CHURCH OF HOLY CROSS EPISCOPAL, 4200 West Ten Mile Road in Novi, will have a 6 p.m. Children's Christmas Eucharist Service and a 9 p.m. Holy Eucharist Service on Christmas Eve at Holy Cross and an 11 p.m. Holy Eucharist Service at 10 a.m. on Christmas Day, located at 430 Nicolet in Walled Lake.
 On Christmas Day, there will be an 8 a.m. Holy Eucharist Service at Holy Cross and a 9 a.m. Holy Eucharist Service at St. Anne's.
 On New Year's Day, Holy Cross will have an 8 a.m. Holy Eucharist Service and St. Anne's will have a Holy Eucharist Service will be at 9 a.m.
 For more information, call Holy Cross at 349-1175.

OUR LADY OF VICTORY CHURCH, 770 Thayer Boulevard in Northville, will have Christmas Eve Masses at 4:30 and 7 p.m. and at midnight. Christmas Day Masses will be at 9 and 11 a.m. and at 12:30 p.m.
 New Year's Eve Masses will be at 4:30 and 6 p.m. New Year's Day services will be at 9 and 11 a.m.
 For more information, call the church at 349-2621.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE, 777 Thayer Boulevard in Northville, will have Christmas Eve Masses at 4:30 and 7 p.m. and at midnight. Christmas Day Masses will be at 9 and 11 a.m. and at 12:30 p.m.
 New Year's Eve Masses will be at 4:30 and 6 p.m. New Year's Day services will be at 9 and 11 a.m.
 For more information, call the church at 349-2621.

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH, Nine Mile and Meadowbrook, in Novi, will have a Christmas Eve Children's Service at 7 p.m. and an 11 p.m. Candlelight Service on Christmas Eve.
 On Christmas Day there will be a Family Service at 10 a.m. with the Joy Singers and Youth Handbells and an 8:30 p.m. Traditional Festive Service with Sanctuary Choir, Brass Choir, Adult Handbells and Woodwind Ensemble. The 11 p.m. Communion Service will have special music by Kirsten VanRiper and Mike Quartet. There will be candle lighting at all four services.
 Child care for infants and toddlers will be available at the 4, 6 and 8:30 p.m. Services.
 For more information, call the church at 349-1144.

NORTHVILLE CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY, 41355 Six Mile Road in Novi, will have Carols and Candles at 6 p.m. on Christmas Eve. There will be a New Year's Eve Communion Service at 6 p.m.
 For more information, call the church at 349-2652.

Faith Community Presbyterian Church, 4440 West Ten Mile Road in Novi, will have Carols and Candles at 6 p.m. on Christmas Eve.
 On Christmas Day there will be a Family Service at 10 a.m. with the Joy Singers and Youth Handbells and an 8:30 p.m. Traditional Festive Service with Sanctuary Choir, Brass Choir, Adult Handbells and Woodwind Ensemble. The 11 p.m. Communion Service will have special music by Kirsten VanRiper and Mike Quartet. There will be candle lighting at all four services.
 Child care for infants and toddlers will be available at the 4, 6 and 8:30 p.m. Services.
 For more information, call the church at 349-1144.

ORCHARD HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH, 23455 Novi Road in Novi, will have regular Sunday services at 11 a.m. on Sunday, Dec. 22 and a Christmas Candlelight Service at 6 p.m. On Dec. 31, there will be a church New Year's Party from 9 until midnight.
 For more information, call the church at 349-5665.

ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL CHURCH, 21355 Meadowbrook Road in Novi, will have two services of worship. The young people of the church participate in the 6 p.m. worship service and Nativity Pageant. The 9 p.m. worship service is one of lessons, carols and candles, and the Chancel Choir will sing the anthems accompanied by instruments.
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Stress-free shopping with kids

The holiday season can be stressful enough without the added hassle of shopping. Hours and hours at the mall or grocery store can drive even an adult crazy. And unfortunately, for both parents and children babysitters are not always easy to find. Frequently during the holiday season children are dragged through toy stores and malls to buy for siblings, cousins and other friends and family.

"Keep in mind, holiday shopping is very tiring for kids — and adults," says Dr. Shauna Tindall, pediatric psychologist at Children's Hospital of Michigan. "Kids have a short attention span and get tired faster than adults."

"Toy stores can be the ultimate temptation for kids," says Tindall.

"Parents need to set limits and stick to them — especially around the holidays." Amid the gifts and greetings, shopping safety is an issue sometimes forgotten by parents. "Parents must always be aware of where their child is at all times," says Tindall. "Kids are quick and like to play hide-and-seek. Explain to your children that the store is not a playground and they must obey the rules."

There is no such thing as too much praise for good behavior. "Be specific in your praise. 'I like it when you say please and thank you.'"

Preventing misbehavior. Before you leave, explain to your children exactly the type of behavior you expect. Tell your children the consequences that will occur if they misbehave.

Follow through immediately. Using time out is a good discipline tactic. Remember, one minute of time-out for each year of age is the guideline, five minutes is the maximum.

If your child throws a tantrum in the store, Tindall suggests taking the child away from the immediate environment, to the back of the store, the car, a rest room. "Deal with the behavior and move on." Sometimes however, getting away is difficult. "When that happens you can delay a time out, but parents must remember to follow through on the discipline. As soon as you get home, your child goes to time out."

Plan several short trips rather than one long expedition. To avoid boredom, let your child bring along a favorite book or toy for entertainment.

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Taking the disaster out of holidays

For most of us the holidays are about food, fun and family. But for some, the series of celebrations in next month spell disaster.

"Anyone who has had food poisoning knows what a disaster the holidays can be," says Dr. Suzanne White, medical director of the Children's Hospital Poison Control Center. In addition, Dr. White cautions parents and grandparents to

keep a close eye on their little ones. Be sure to wash the entire bird and the body cavity, remove the entrails (heart, gizzard, etc.), wrap loosely and refrigerate no more than two days before cooking. If possible, make the dressing just before cooking. All leftovers should be refrigerated as soon as they are removed from the table.

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District wins grant for English program

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The district population is Asian, according to Superintendent Emilee Lippe. Most of the students are from Japanese families working for a period of time in the United States.

The extra help from the schools helps both the American school children and the children from the other cultures.

"The children get along beautifully," said Lawrence. "Our kids absolutely love having the children in the classrooms from other countries and we take advantage of that."

Lawrence said the foreign children teach the other students about their language, such as coming in Japanese, and about their culture.

"I shouldn't be a one-way street," she said.

The foreign children work with teachers like Burkhardt and parents volunteers during the week, learning from flash cards, computer programs, workbooks and other materials.

"It's remarkable, incredible how quickly the children acclimate and assimilate to our language," said Burkhardt. "Their work is really

playing so the more opportunity they have to interact with other children the more they learn the language."

"The younger the child comes to us, the easier it is to learn the language," said Lawrence.

Lawrence said Japanese families come to America to work usually three to five years. She finds the father in the family usually speaks English but the rest of the family doesn't.

Many of the Japanese families continue to speak their native tongue at home and attend Japanese Saturday school to keep it fresh in their mind for when they return to the country.

Myoko Fujita volunteers each week to work with the children. She moved to Novi a year ago but lived in England for three years prior. Her two boys have adjusted well.

She said it's fun to work with the kids but it's difficult to get them to speak English for more than thirty minutes. She provides a level of comfort for them so they can communicate without any barriers, explained Burkhardt.

"When I explain in Japanese just a little bit it helps them a lot," said Fujita.



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As We See It Not one more dime on golf course proposal

A proposal to build a golf course on the North Novi Park is one hot potato city officials should drop, now. Otherwise, it looks like they may burn their fingers on this one. If the results of a recent *Novi News* survey are significant, the idea is far from wildly popular with the folks who pay the city taxes. While only 266 people bothered to fill out the survey, an amazing 89 percent of them didn't want the city to play through with the course. And on Monday night, north end resident Chuck Tindall, who started a petition drive opposed to the golf course and in favor of keeping the site as a nature park, turned in his last batch of signatures to the council. His tally so far is 726 Novi residents saying no to a golf course on the 500-acre Twelve Mile Road land. When the city promoted the park bond millage in 1993 - and this was the third time an attempt was made to get voters to okay the proposal - no mention was made of a golf course. Many people now opposed to the concept say they never would have imposed a tax on themselves for the purchase of city park land. If the greens had been included in the scheme. While you can understand the Novi Parks and Recreation Commission and the council searching for ways to earn extra money for the city, what seemed



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to be shoved aside this summer were the opinions of residents opposed to the course. Somewhat less than 20 spoke out at two public hearings then and city officials implied that was too small of a turnout to be taken too seriously. They, guess what? They're serious. Novi residents do care about nature. The Novi City Council is elected to represent the voters, not sit in ivory towers contemplating municipal policy, spouting the planning jargon of the day and second guessing what the residents of the future may want. It's time to pull in the reins on the Parks and Recreation Commission on this one. Let the golf course idea go the way of the Grand Plan and the Natural Resources Design Plan for citywide nature trails, onto the scrap heap of local history. And do it now, without spending thousands of dollars on feasibility studies the taxpayers simply don't want to fund.

School board, too, should give more notification

The Novi Board of Education is taking some good steps toward improving many of its processes. One of those steps is forming a Communications Committee to discuss how to improve communication with the community. Members of the committee include board members but also have members of the public as well. Meetings are open to the public for the next several months. We'd suggest the committee look on one particular communication issue: how it alerts and informs the public of its special meetings. Regular meetings are set on a regular schedule at the beginning of the year and published in many school related informational publications. According to Board President Raymond Byers, special meetings can be called by the board president by way of past practice. The Open Meetings Act stipulates public notice posted 18 hours before the meeting. Both are considered open meetings under the law and any member of the public may attend. The board calls special meetings and Saturday workshops every now and then, posting the one required notice on the Educational Services Building door. While the board and administration consider these meetings to be "informal discussions" and "workshops," they are indeed meetings of a quorum discussing public policy. Just because they are not intent on rendering a decision doesn't mean they are any less formal. Thus, treatment of notifying the public should be just as formal as it is for

Remedial openness class needed



Michael Malott

Residents came out at Monday night's City Council meeting to protest what they see as 28 violations of the city charter. They must have had a pretty good point too because the city's attorney agrees with them. The city charter requires council to allow audience participation in all of its meetings. You'd think council would be concerned about that. But members sat there at the front of the room in stony silence during audience participation when residents explained their concerns. They said nothing in response at the time. They said nothing about the issue later. They did not ask their attorney to render an opinion. They did not even indicate that they will attempt to address the problem or avoid repeating it in the future. Nothing. What the heck is that? Well... for one thing, its council policy. Council almost never responds to audience comments during their meetings. For another, it's awfully damn rude. Anyone who has taken "Interpersonal Communications 101" in college, or speech in high school, knows that such acknowledgement by the listener that he or she has heard what the speaker has said is a fundamental communications skill. It lets the speaker know that what has been transmitted has been received and understood. Saying nothing, however, leaves the speaker with the distinct impression that he or she is being ignored. And that's infuriating for most people. Regardless, this council has a serious problem. It doesn't act like it cares much to hear from the public it purports to represent. It is operating as a closed government. It seems to resist any input or accountability. Clearly a remedial openness class is in order, probably best conducted by the city attorney with heavy emphasis on what the city charter and state law actually require in terms of openness. Then an introductory course on interpersonal communications skills would be most useful. Council should know enough about subject area to at least look and act like they are listening. Michael Malott is the Managing Editor of *The Novi News*.

In Focus

By John Heider



The Novi Junior Varsity volleyball squad gives new lives to its Northville opponents after a match Monday evening at Novi High School.

Gimme five

Oakland's link to Mayflower



Barbara Louie

"The Courtship of Miles Standish," an epic poem by Longfellow, tells the story of an old soldier who gives up his love of a maiden so she could marry a more appropriate young scholar. Loosely based on fact, the poem immortalized three of America's pioneers. The title character would eventually become the ancestor of one of the original settlers of Walled Lake and Novi. Captain of the Mayflower Co. of Pilgrims who landed at Plymouth, Mass., in 1620, Miles Standish was destined to lead a long line of adventurous and courageous descendants. Over 100 years after Capt. Standish bravely joined those voyagers from across the sea, his great grandson of the same name would become a hero in the fight for American independence. Corp. Miles Standish was a well regarded member of the Minute-men and Militia of the American Revolution. Nearly a century after the corporal's heroics, his great grandnephew, Amanda Basset, married a man named Freeborn Henry Banks of New York. Together, they moved to the western wilds of Michigan, when Oakland County was described as a wilderness and Pontiac was still a trading post for Indians. They settled in Walled Lake in 1835, on a farm along the Pontiac Trail. The Banks family are said what was later called a beautiful and profitable modern farm, where they raised six children. One of their children, Sarah Gertrude, would follow in her ancestors' footsteps by also making history. In 1871, she was accepted into the first class at the University of Michigan Medical School to admit

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Can depend on board to make news



Phil Power

It's the season for giving and receiving. And, as someone who depends on the passage of events to fuel this periodic column, I would not want this holiday season to pass without expressing my thanks to the State Board of Education and its ideological majority. Scholm does a slow news week without a gift of a note-brought forth by the State Board. As evidence, I offer last week's discussion - at a cost to the public of \$150,000 - by the board to "develop a market-based model on schooling for the State of Michigan." I recall that during campaigning for election, Mayor Kathleen McAllen advocated to me just such an approach. She told me then that while it is important for council to control audience participation and not let that portion of the agenda dominate the meetings, each citizen coming before council deserved some kind of response, if not immediately then as soon as city administrators could dig up the answer. It is sad to see that philosophy has fallen by the wayside. Regardless, this council has a serious problem. It doesn't act like it cares much to hear from the public it purports to represent. It is operating as a closed government. It seems to resist any input or accountability. Clearly a remedial openness class is in order, probably best conducted by the city attorney with heavy emphasis on what the city charter and state law actually require in terms of openness. Then an introductory course on interpersonal communications skills would be most useful. Council should know enough about subject area to at least look and act like they are listening. Michael Malott is the Managing Editor of *The Novi News*.

Council violated own city charter

To the editor: As suggested by the editorial in the Dec. 5 issue of *The Novi News*, the mayor and some council members have gone overboard. Whether or not Mr. Kramer is a "good choice" for the vacant council seat is irrelevant. At this point, the council should immediately rescind their latest appointment of a new council member based on its violation of the City Charter and the Open Meetings Act.

Section 6.4. of the Charter (Meetings to be Public) states, "All regular and special meetings of the council shall be open to the public, and citizens shall have a reasonable opportunity to be heard." At the Nov. 23 special council meeting to discuss candidates for the vacant council seat, there was no audience participation. Again, at the Dec. 2 special meeting of the council held for the same purpose, there was no audience participation. What a travesty that a member of the public, found it necessary to interrupt the council's discussion and ask to be heard. Only at the suggestion of our City Attorney Dennis Watson, was the floor opened for public comments and at that point those in attendance were so outraged by the "procedure," they didn't have time to comment on a possible replacement for the open council seat. While researching our Charter, I realized that many of our city's "Public Meetings" are held with no audience participation. In fact, the joint meeting of the council and Parks and Recreation on Oct. 7, had no audience participation on the agenda. It seems to me that the City of Novi has been in violation of our City Charter for some time. Am I to believe that our mayor, elected to represent the people, has never read the Charter? I hold Mayor McAllen responsible because she runs the meetings. During the Dec. 2 meeting (6 p.m.) no action (vote) was taken by council. My feeling is that that meeting, was that this issue would be discussed in council chambers, in front of the public, at the regular 7:30 p.m. council meeting. For an appointment to be contacted and sitting in the audience at the 7:30 council meeting awaiting his

Be consistent in words and action

To the editor: "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed it is the only thing that ever has." - Margaret Mead. This quote adorns the Sept. 21, communication from the Novi 20/20 Committee, a committee endorsed, funded, and partially staffed by the City of Novi administration. The goal of this committee is to "bring a diverse group of Novi residents, business owners, and community leaders together in the hope of realizing a positive direction that will take us into the year 2020. Nov 20/20 is your personal invitation to participate and contribute to your community." As I studied these words, it appeared that the City of Novi leaders intended on actively soliciting resident input on important city issues. What an exciting and noble concept, giving greater control to the residents. But, unfortunately, these glorious and encouraging words lose their luster when compared to recent city council actions - specifically, the appointment to Nancy Cassis' vacated city council position. All we know that actions speak louder than words. Therefore, it would seem only logical that if you are endorsing the principle of community involvement, that you would promote citizen input on the selection of a replacement for a vacated city council position. Would a governing body who "sponsors" community involvement intentionally exclude residents from participating in the selection process? No. Unfortunately, that is exactly who has taken place. A collective decision was made to exclude Novi residents. Closed meetings without audience participation, secret ballots, and an undisclosed "list of candidates" are conscientious actions taken to remove the citizen's voice. Is the city now advocating "selective hearing"? Granted, the Nov Charter does allow for the city council to appoint an individual to fill a vacated seat. However, this same charter also provides the option for residents to elect a candidate, an alternative which supports the "community involvement philosophy" endorsed and promoted by the city. Why this changing of the guard? What is equally disturbing is the apparent lack of preparedness in waiting through the city charter as to the appointment process. On the eve of appointing the new council member, Dec. 2, there were several numerous fundamental questions as to how the process was to work and what options were avail-

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Seven-year-old Novi resident Rachel Kennedy (left) included a Tickle Me Elmo doll among the things she wants for Christmas when she and her sister, Taylor, 3, wrote letters to Santa at Twelve Oaks Mall.

Dear Santa . . .

The red velvet bag Santa Claus will swing over his shoulder and carry down the chimneys of the homes of good little boys and girls will have to be a very big bag indeed. Along with the cars, trucks, dolls, and stuffed animals children ask Santa for every year, there are now laptop computers, televisions and a video camera. A few children asked for world peace, while others had needs closer to home and hearth. More children asked Santa about his health last year, nobody asked about Mrs. Claus this year. Jolly old St. Nick won't have to worry about putting on too many extra calories this year, not too many children are setting out a plate of cookies and a glass of milk. Santa shared his letters with the *Northville Record* and *Novi News* after he had a chance to read them, so take a peek at what may be inside his bag this year.

Dear Santa:
I want a song bird barbie. I want a snow globe.
Kelsey

Dear Santa:
This is what I want
1. a real dog
2. clothes. Gap.
3. snacktime.
4. Bennie babys.
Megan

Dear Santa:
I wish for a space book, a basketball, and a space jam set up.
Jonathan

Dear Santa:
I've been good.
Please bring me a hoppy ball and a baby crib.
Love,
Meggle

Dear Santa:
I would like lots of money and a boyfriend. And one for my friend Mandy but mine gets to be cuter and stuff. He needs an Australian accent and lots of planes and islands and mansions and credit cards. CASH CASH CASH.
Thank you,
Jenna

Dear Santa:
Please may I have a Game Boy a computer and a Sledge.
Isabelle

Dear Santa:
[These are the words I know] I want for Christmas: Donkey Kong, Buzz Light Year, Woody Lejos.
Gregory

Dear Santa:
I would like Ballerina Barbie and Dizzy Dryer.
Merry Christmas,
Ailson

Dear Santa:
First, I would like my mothers test results for Leukemia and heart disease to come back okay (negative). Then if thats not entuf I would like clothes, portable CD player, and my momny and Dave to get married!
Melissa

Dear Santa:
I have almost everything I could want, a loving family, good friends, and a great boyfriend. There is only one thing I need, a way to pay for college. That is all that I want for Christmas.
Love,
Megan

Dear Santa:
Baby So Real, Pet of Barbie, Night Light like Ryan's (brother).
Kelsi

Dear Santa:
I would like a Barbie M. telephone Barbie. I would also like a Jeep! Please bring me a ball like my brothers. I love you.
Megan

Dear Santa:
I have been good. I would like a train and a basketball. I am two years old.
Love,
Tyler

Dear Santa:
Hi - love you.
Derek

Dear Santa:
I would like a race car for Christmas. I've been good.
Merry Christmas.
Austin

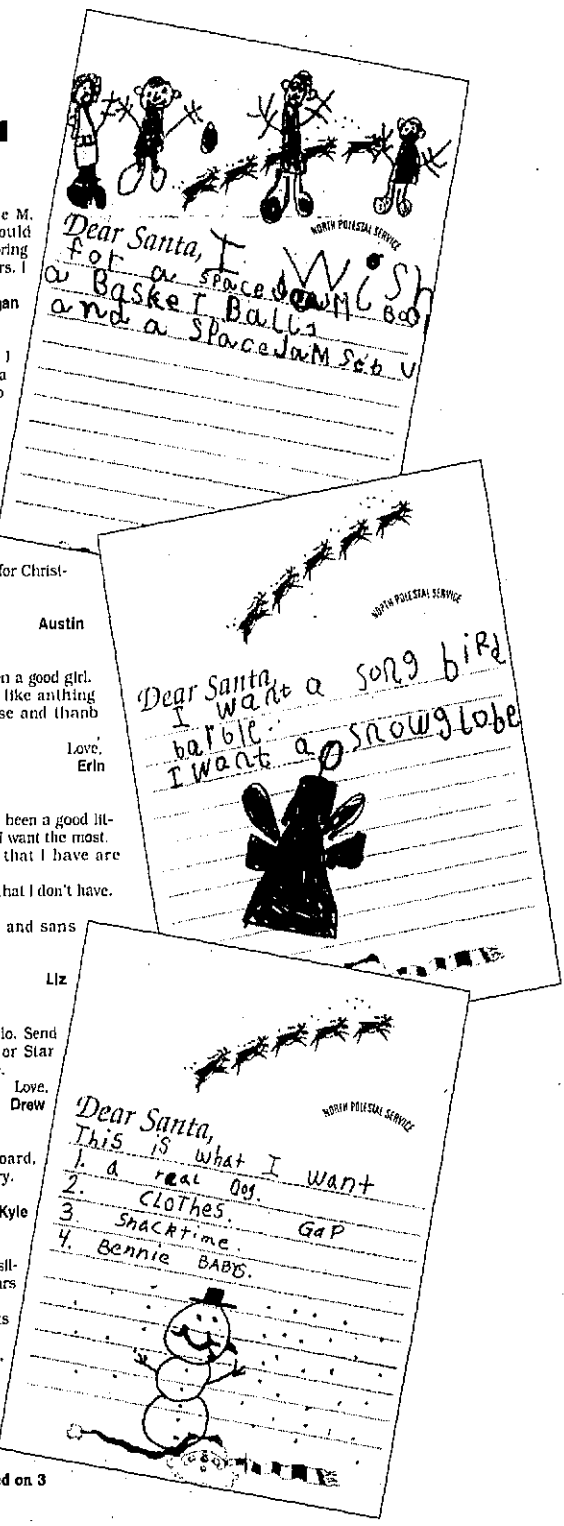
Dear Santa:
Hello Santa. I have been a good girl. For Christmas I would like anything with Sailor Moon. please and thank you.
Love,
Erin

Dear Santa:
How are you doing! I've been a good little girl. The 3 things that I want the most.
1. The beanie babies that I have are flippin hors lizzie.
2. all the beante babies that I don't have.
3. a secret coder.
4. a dire that taeksa and sans secret masy's.
thank you.
Liz

Dear Santa:
Just wanted to say hello. Send me anything Star Trek or Star Wars for Christmas please.
Love,
Drew

Dear Santa:
I would like a skateboard, moedri kanmat 3, Toy Story.
Merry Christmas.
Kyle

Dear Santa:
for Christmas I want a silver bell from the rain dears harness. And the rest of the gifts can be sapris.
Love,
Kristin



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Holiday activities abound at Charter House

By JEANNE CLARKE Staff Writer

Holiday activities for the residents of Novi Charter House included a fashion show of styles worn by staff, families and residents. Among those "modeling" were Esther Panish, Jesse Markowitz, and Florence Bowers. Staff members demonstrated everything from nightwear to office and evening wear. Later in the week, residents addressed over 100 holiday cards that were mailed to relatives and friends.

The monthly birthday party was early in the month for all the December birthdays. Decorations included balloons, and corsages were furnished by the Community Council. Cecelia Lee provided the entertainment. She sang and performed on the flute and mandolin. The Garden Club, led by Rose Tague, started out this month's craft projects with miniature decorated trees.

Every Friday, Kiddush is observed with all new residents at Charter House. This month Hanukkah was celebrated with several programs.

Holy Family Catholic Church traditionally visits on the first Saturday of the season. They brought gifts, fruit, personal visits, and caroling through the halls which was enjoyed by all residents. The Center Stage dance program came in the afternoon to entertain: Scout Pack No. 721 from Northville came on Sunday with a Christmas Musical and a sing-along. During one afternoon, several residents got together and reminisced over Mollie Cider and Tea.

Just recently, the annual all-family and resident holiday celebration was presented by the facility, and those who wished could have family portraits. Volunteer Paul Kemp came twice to help the residents make soup. One afternoon they made potato soup made from a 100-year-old recipe.

Other groups visiting included the Restoration of Christian Fellowship Church, The Walled Lake Eagles, Orchard Hills Elementary School, Ward Presbyterian Church, Northville High School group, and many more.

The month of December will close with a New Years Eve celebration with all new residents, Jack Dalton.

AMERICAN LEGION POST NO. 19 November is always a memorable month for the Legion with special observations and many memories. This year, they were very enthused about the passing of

Novi Highlights

Proposal C, the Veterans Trust Fund proposal. Later, the post will be working on the Flag Protection Amendment.

During this month the post, along with the AMVETS and Veterans Alliance members, were involved in a flag raising ceremony at the Novi Middle School. Students were encouraged to ask questions of the veterans. Presently, the post has 74 members and new memberships are encouraged.

Active members are always welcome to help carry out the projects planned for the year ahead. Social times include a once-a-month potluck dinner at the end of the month. Perhaps this would be a good time to become acquainted with officers and talk with Bob Sale, service officer about membership qualifications. Audrey Blackburn, who works with the Girl Scouts, plans a coming together meeting/party for the young ladies who attended this year as well as those who attended Boys State. Among the girls attending was Heather Courtland, sponsored by Novi Youth Assistance, who reported on her activities. It is time for sponsors to sign

picked apples. Later they went to Plymouth where they received instruction on apple tree growth. Upon returning to school that day, they used the apples in making several recipes.

Later, they went to Commence to visit the "Pumpkin and Ponies" center. Sue McVain, activities director, Senior Citizens Center, extended an invitation to attend the center's first birthday party for teddy bears. This also involved a special cake, balloons, etc. They will continue with a "Grandparent" program in the spring, a tea party for children along with their parents.

At Thanksgiving time, Growing Place made costumes of pilgrims and Indians and prepared a feast which included roast turkey, pumpkin bars, cranberry jelly with mandarin oranges.

This week they will be having special Christmas programs on Dec. 17 and 19 to include parents, grandparents, siblings and special friends.

The Chancel Choir recently presented a Christmas Cantata at the 9 and 10:30 a.m. services with the children's evening program entitled, "We Wish You Jesus." The Dec. 29 service will commemorate the Christmas art display of Ed King, service to be led by Cy Smith. Recently held activities include the Leading Ladies Christmas Luncheon which was held at Roseford and Rev. and Mrs. Henderson hosting their annual Christmas

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Treasure becomes lost, but never forgotten

By CAROL WORKENS Staff Writer

Lost and gone forever is the conclusion that George and Caroline Wilson were just about to reach until they met Clare Wilson.

The Novi residents were put in touch with each other after Jan McAlpine, director of the Novi Senior Center organized an exhibit of treasures people had found using metal detectors. She invited Wilson to participate in the exhibit.

When the Gesses saw the exhibit they wondered if Wilson might be able to help them find their lost treasure — a ring Caroline had made for George.

The Gesses made a quick phone call to Wilson and they set up a date for a hunt.

For three met in the Gesses's backyard and within an hour, the metal detector began beeping.

Caroline made the ring using gems from service pins George had received through the years as an

employee of Hudsons, and a diamond from his father's ring. It had slipped off George's finger while he was gardening.

"It's usually very good at taking his ring off," Caroline said.

Over the next couple of years, the ring got buried deeper and deeper in the ground.

"I had given up," George said. "It is more sentimental to me."

Wilson had taken up metal detecting in 1982 after he saw a book about treasure hunting.

Wilson joined the Michigan Treasure Hunters, a group of about 200 families. Its members range in age from 12 to 75. Meetings are open to the public and visitors are always welcome.

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other was a college ring from Cleveland. Because both rings had the name of the school and the year, and had been engraved with the owner's initials, Wilson was able to track down both owners.

One owner lived in Georgia while the other lived in Highland.

The college rings had been lost 10 to 12 years ago and one fellow had just been talking to his wife about having another one made," Wilson said.

Wilson said one of the most interesting things he's had the opportunity to do is hunt on the Antietam Battle Field in Maryland, where in 1862 one of the bloodiest battles of the Civil War occurred.

In that fight, there were 22,000 casualties in 24 hours.

Wilson read up on the subject before going and found a lot of bullets located on a private farm at the center of the battle area.

"I stood there in awe of what went on 130 years ago," he said. "It's kind of an odd feeling."

When Wilson is packing for vacation, you can be sure he'll make room for the metal detector. Here in the States, metal detectors are prevalent, but in foreign countries, Wilson has become accustomed to the questions and double takes he receives. Some foreigners have asked him if the metal detector takes pictures.

"A couple in Switzerland asked if I was looking for oil," Wilson said. "People are continuing to lose things in the water," Wilson said. "It is like harvesting a crop. It continues to replenish."

"It is an extremely interesting hobby," Wilson said. "It is surprising what you can do with one (metal detector) that is not expensive."

Detectors range in price from \$170 to \$900.

All they want for Christmas is not their two front teeth

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Dear Santa:

My name is Patrick and this is what I want for Christmas. Roller skates, basket ball, toys to learn, more legos, Space Jam Basket Ball, Star Trek figures. I hope I've been good enough this year for all these toys.

Your friend, Patrick

Dear Santa:

Can I have these things? A Barbie car, a dalmation ring and a dalmation necktie.

Thank you, Kayleigh

Dear Santa:

I want hockey stuff. I am a good boy.

Max

Dear Santa:

I would like to have a very safe vacation and a wonderful time with my family! If you could do this for me I would really appreciate it!!! I would also like maybe a book or magazine and some makeup! Doesn't this sound crazy? All of my friends think that I'm nuts because I still believe in Santa! But I know your there!! Write back soon!

Megan

Dear Santa:

I want a bell bottoms, a top, jewelry, nail polish, maycup, jinn, ginn!

Ashley

Dear Santa:

I want a Barbie puppy, and cat.

Love Chantel

Dear Santa:

I want a toy gun and I want a wrist watch and I want a Power-ranger toy. Please be nice to Mrs. Fischer. Please be nice to Grandma.

Mark

Dear Santa:

On my Christmas list there is a lot. Here is some of it, first let Patrick have a good Christmas and of all I want you to have one and now for the list, Benie babies, on the list, a few Sega games, a few computer games. The rest is on the real list. P.S. Can you please be my pen pal?

Love, Kristen

Dear Santa:

I want a Barbie, puppy, and cat.

Love, Kristen

Dear Santa:

I want a Barbie, puppy, and cat.

Love, Kristen

Dear Santa:

I am a good boy and I want stuff.

Andy

Dear Santa:

I want Nintendo 64, Nintendo 64 controllers, Super MARIO, 64, Tower Crane, Sonic Ear, Jet Turbo rebound 4 x 4, shark's crystal cave, Virtual Reality, Evaders, Roll and explore, wave Race 64 and Hot wheels garage.

Mark

Dear Santa:

I would like pyramids, Kirby super star and tetris attack for SNES, Game Genie for SNES, big ball factory, (K)med baseball bat, ID4 (the movie), robe, and slippers for Christmas. I've been sort-of good this year.

Brett

Dear Santa:

I want a bell bottoms, a top, jewelry, nail polish, maycup, jinn, ginn!

Ashley

Dear Santa:

I want a Barbie, puppy, and cat.

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Tankers compete at EMU Relays

By SCOTT DANIEL
Sports Editor

As far as first swim meets go, Novi High had itself a pretty good one Saturday.

The Wildcats competed in the Eastern Michigan University Relays and placed seventh out of 15 schools. But several swimmers set personal records and looked sharp, according to coach Bill McCord.

"On the bright side," he added, "we had three county qualifiers."

The meet was a chance for the swimmers to literally get their feet wet, said McCord.

"We didn't get there intending to win," he commented. "We wanted to see where we are and give the kids a chance to get in the water."

The coach came away impressed.

"I think we're in a little better shape than I thought," McCord said. "We're in better shape than last year."

Milan won Saturday's meet with 140 points. West Bloomfield was second and Canton third. Novi scored 69 points for seventh.

The meet consisted of 10 events with the top six teams scoring points. Novi placed in most events.



Continued on 9 Jeff Fannon scored five points in less than a minute to force overtime against Hartland.

Wildcats edge Hartland in OT; fall to Western

By SCOTT DANIEL
Sports Editor

If there is a golden rule in basketball it has to be: make your free throws.

Novi High followed that axiom Friday night long enough to secure a 54-48 overtime victory against Hartland at home.

The Wildcats sank nine of 10 from the charity strip in the extra period.

"We only made 16 out of 26 in the game," said coach Pat Schluter said. "We didn't play well, but the good thing is, we won."

It was a strange, strange ball game.

Novi trailed through out the first half, but then rallied to take a 28-20 lead midway through the third quarter. But the Eagles charged back and tied it up at 30 by the end of the period.

The visitors then went on take command for much of the fourth. Trailing by five with about a minute to go, Jeff Fannon rallied Novi.

The senior point guard made a steal and score to cut the lead to 30 points. With less than 30 seconds left, Fannon swished a three-pointer from the top of the key to tie the contest at 43.

It stayed that way through the end of regulation time. The Wildcats wasted little time taking charge in overtime, however.

Pat Lyskawa scored off an inbound play to put Novi on top.

HO HO HOOPS

Novi High will host the annual Christmas basketball tournament starting Saturday. Here's who's playing:

SATURDAY
6 p.m. -- Northville vs. Dearborn Divine Child
7:30 p.m. -- Novi vs. North Farmington

MONDAY
8 p.m. -- Saturday's losing teams
7:30 p.m. -- Saturday winners

The Wildcats never trailed again. "We got the two-point lead and started stalling," Schluter said. "They had to foul us and we made our free throws."

Brian Abbott, Mike Barilow and Lyskawa combined to go nine for 10 at the line in OT.

Barilow and Lyskawa scored 13 for Novi while Fannon added 10 and Elliott Edmunds eight. Ian Begin had 11 for Hartland.

Howell, Milford teams to beat in KVC basketball race

Christmas is a wonderful time of year. Families get together to exchange gifts and spend time together, old friends visit from out of town and for a few weeks at least, the world is a little better place to live.

It's also a great time of the year for basketball. If you haven't noticed, boys' hoops is in full swing and the fun won't stop until a state champion is crowned next March.

Our own Novi Wildcats are off to a 1-1 start having lost to Walled Lake Western Dec. 10 and then pulling out an overtime victory against Hartland Friday.

The Wildcats are on the road tomorrow at Kensington Valley Conference rival Milford before returning in their annual Christmas tournament Saturday and Monday at home.

The league race then heats up after the new year on Jan. 14 when Novi hosts Howell. Just where will the Wildcats wind up in the KVC this season?

That's a hard question to answer.

Unlike past years, no clear-cut favorite exists. Howell and Brighton shared the title last winter, but both had significant graduation losses.

Milford always seems to be in the mix, but also has some question marks. With that in mind, I'm going to stick my neck out here and tell you what's what in KVC basketball.

When all is said and done, Howell will repeat as league champion. The Highlanders lost Jason Ollhoff, Nate Blakesie and Joe Portera off last year's squad.

But three starters return to form a solid nucleus. The Highlanders' top player should be 6-foot-5 three-year starter George King. He averaged 12.5 points and 6.5 rebounds a year ago.

Andrew Burke (6-4) gives Howell more size while Mike Soehl and Scott Boss give the champs versatility at forward and guard.

Look for Milford to take second place. An excellent backcourt of Justin Williams and Nick

Demester lend the way. The Redskins will be small, which could drop them in the standings if the backcourt doesn't produce.

Novi is in the same boat with Milford in terms of size. Outside of Elliott Edmunds (6-4) and Tony Detoro (6-7), the Wildcats don't have much size.

Perhaps more than any other team in the conference, though, Novi has the potential to become a solid team. Point guard Jeff Fannon has the makings of an excellent leader while Edmunds could be a force down low.

If the Wildcats can get consistent scoring for Kyle Kearney and forward Ivan Sader when he becomes eligible, watch out. Novi takes third.

If Novi or Milford falters, South Lyon might sneak right by. The Lions, which won just six games last winter, have a host of good returning players with Kris LaMontagne and Chad Richardson.

South Lyon also has excellent size in the post with Mike Arden (6-7) and Steve White (6-5). The Lions improve to 5-0 and finish fourth.

If you're looking for a one-man gang, check out Brighton's Drew Henson. An all-state football and baseball player, he's just about as good in basket-

Grapplers destroy Pioneer, Canton

By SCOTT DANIEL
Sports Editor

The Wildcat wrestling team ran its record to 7-1 on Dec. 11 with a pair of home victories.

Novi crushed Ann Arbor Pioneer and Plymouth Canton by more than 50 point each. Neither match proved to be a test, but coach Brad Huss was happy just to get his team on the mats.

"We needed to get our kids matches," he said. "That's the bottom line."

Novi beat Ann Arbor Pioneer 64-12 in the opener. The Pioneers are usually tougher.

But Huss said the Ann Arbor squad had lost a lot of wrestlers off last year's squad and are rebuilding.

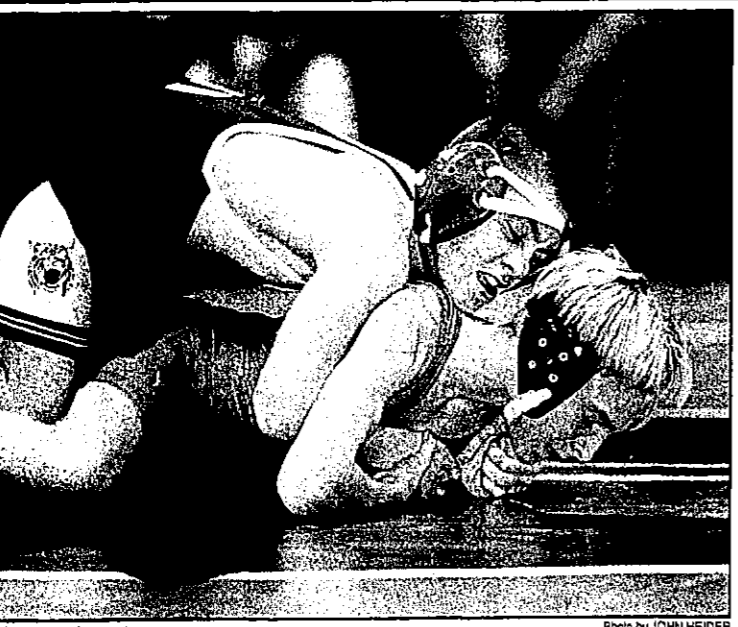
"They're down this year," he added. "They couldn't fill a full lineup card."

The Wildcats won all but three matches.

Collecting pins for Novi were Dan Jlig (103), Mark Churella (155), Lenny Christoff (140), Nick Simon (145), Taka Watanabe (152), Skip Becker (160), Jeff O'Sullivan (171), Nate Plecha (189) and John Talbot (215).

The Wildcats collected a forfeit victory at 119 pounds and J.J. Balagna won a 10-5 decision at 125 pounds.

For Watanabe, it was his first



Novi's J.J. Balagna earned a decision-victory against Ann Arbor Pioneer last week.

action of the season. He returned to the lineup from an arm injury Huss said the former state champ wasn't at 100 percent.

"The elbow was still sore," he said. "Taka said he didn't have a lot of strength in the arm."

Novi faced Canton in the nightcap and whipped the Chiefs 70-9.

Huss said he wasn't sure what to expect from the visitors, which had been rated highly in the Western Lakes conference. He was a little embarrassed by the lopsided score.

Spikers look good at SL tournament

By SCOTT DANIEL
Sports Editor

You have to walk before you can run.

In Saturday's South Lyon Invitational, the Wildcat volleyball team took its first steps together. A virtually brand new Novi squad finished seventh out of 14 schools.

"It was a promising start," coach Julie Fisetie said. "The girls looked good out of the chute."

The Wildcats won the tournament a year ago. But with many new faces in the lineup, Novi was simply looking for a good showing.

Mission accomplished.

Novi survived pool play to take on Westland John Glenn in the opening round of tournament play. The Rockets ousted Novi from the tournament in two games, 15-6, 15-6.

"I just didn't play well," said Fisetie.

John Glenn, which plays in the Western Lakes conference, played a different style than her team is used to seeing. The Rockets didn't power the ball over the net, but placed its shots softly.

Lindsay Drury had eight kills in the two games and Katie Copp added nine kills. Sarah McGilnen had 12 blocks.

"My whole team did very well in the tournament," said Fisetie.

"They were not tall, but very scrappy," Fisetie said. "They dug everything."

Novi helped Westland in both games by making mistakes.

"I have complete confidence we can play a typical season game (without being exhausted). If we had played them first, I think we would've beat them."

JULIE FISETIE
Novi High volleyball coach

WILDCATS OF THE WEEK

JEFF FANNON - Basketball
The senior point guard played a key role in Friday's overtime win against Hartland. With Novi trailing by five, Fannon made a steal and then scored a layup to cut the lead to three. He then tied the game with a three-pointer to force OT. He finished with 10 points in the game.

NATE PLECHA - Wrestling
A junior 189-pound wrestler, Plecha has been stud for the Wildcats thus far this season. He earned a pin in his lone match last week against Ann Arbor Pioneer. Plecha is 8-0 for the season.

Sports Shorts

College Note
Freshman guard Kelly Kearney helped Kalamazoo College win the 1996 Tipoff Tournament recently. Kearney, a 1996 Novi High graduate, scored 12 points while adding six assists and five steals in a first-round victory over Elmhurst (Ill.) College. Kalamazoo then defeated St. Mary College in the championship game as Kearney scored 19 points.

Christmas Tree Sale
The Novi/Northville Colts youth football program began its annual Christmas tree sale on Nov. 29.

This year's sale will be in downtown Northville at the Cardenview store located at Main and Wing streets. Sale hours will be from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. weekdays and from 6 to 9 p.m. weekends.

Novi takes seventh at volleyball tourney

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"We had great communication and teamwork," Fisetie said. "Everyone played together."

Jessie Roemer led the attack with four kills and three serving aces.

"She was sensational," said Fisetie.

McGilnen and Copp stepped up in game two with excellent defense. Both had several blocks.

"We were passing very well," Fisetie added.

Novi swept Berkeley as well. 15-7, 15-6. The coach said she was able to get everyone in the match.

"I don't like girls sitting on the bench all day," Fisetie said.

Grapplers destroy Canton, Pioneer

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Clarkston, Walled Lake Central, Hand Park, Royal Oak and South Lyon are other top contenders for the county title.

In order to compete with those schools, Novi will have to score points in every weight class, said Huss.

"Our seniors are going to have to step forward," he added. "I'll be five," said Huss.

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The win evened Novi's record at 1-1. Schluter said it was a struggle.

"We got good shots," he said, "but we just weren't clicking. Our defense kept us in the game."

It was a big victory, nonetheless.

"I think the win will help our confidence a lot," said Schluter.

Novi plays at Kensington Valley Conference rival Milford tomorrow night at 7:30 p.m.

The Wildcats will then host the annual Christmas tournament starting Saturday Novi play North Farmington at 7:30 p.m., while Northville and Dearborn Divine Child square off at 6 p.m.

"We only made 16 out of 26 in the game. We didn't play well, but the good thing is, we won."

PAT SCHLUTER
Novi High basketball coach

managed just three points in the second quarter. As a result, Western took a 27-16 lead into halftime.

The Wildcats cut the lead to eight by the end of the third quarter, but couldn't come any closer to Walled Lake. The Warriors made seven of eight free throws in the final quarter to keep a comfortable lead.

Schluter said his offense isn't where it should be yet.

"We're not executing well," he added. "We're not shooting the ball well right now."

Mike Massey led the winners with 15 points while Mark Mitchell added 14 and Mike Myers 12. Edmunds had a strong game for Novi with 15 points and 14 rebounds.

Tankers compete at Eastern Michigan

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Andy Kelly, Dan Lynch, Ken Myers and Jason LeRoy combined to take fifth in the 200-yard medley relay in 1:52.76.

In the 800 freestyle relay, John Burkhardt, Phil Suchyta, Matt Pearl and Dan Christopherson failed to place (9:05). Mike Kurtil, Lynch, Kelly and Mike DiClaudio were fourth in the 400-yard IM (4:15.5).

"It was our best showing of the day," said McCord.

The team of Myers, Kurtil, DiClaudio and Leroy were sixth in the 200-yard freestyle relay (1:36.7). Novi swam a 18:58 for sixth in the 1,500-yard freestyle with Burkhardt, Kelly and Lynch.

In the 200-yard freestyle relay, Bill Benton, Suchyta, Jack Fischer and Matt Lafferty failed to place (2:02.8).

Andrew Bolin, Ryan Duffy, Adam Bayer and Max Miris swam a 2:22.5 in the 200-yard backstroke relay but didn't place. Lafferty, Suchyta, Pearl and Eric Kramer swam a 2:21.30 in the 200-yard breaststroke and didn't place.

Novi closed the meet by finishing fourth in the 400-yard freestyle relay. The team of DiClaudio, Myers, Burkhardt and LeRoy swam a 3:40.5.

The 400, along with two more relays, are the only events that are swam in a regular dual meet. Despite that fact, McCord said the EMU is useful.

"We got a lot of splits," he said. "That gave us a lot of useful information."

Novi swims on the road at South Lyon tonight starting at 7 p.m.

Northville hoop team defeats Dearborn

By SCOTT DANIEL
Sports Editor

It's not often a team commits more than 30 turnovers and wins.

But Northville High did just that Friday night by beating Dearborn Edsel Ford, 80-71, in its home opener.

Down by two going into the second quarter, the Mustangs outscored Dearborn by 11 and never trailed again.

"I was really pleased with the victory," coach Tim Turner said, "except for the turnovers."

"All of our players worked extremely hard. We were out-manned and out-sized, but we got the victory."

Free throws were key. Northville made 34 of 52 for the game, including 23 of 31 in the fourth quarter.

"It was a real crazy game," said Turner.

Edsel Ford's style made it that way. The Thunderbirds continuously pressed and trapped full court.

It made for an extremely up-tempo game, which is usually to Turner's liking. But this was a bit much even for him.

"They forced us to play fast," he said. "Faster than what we wanted."

It resulted in lots of turnovers for the Mustangs. Fortunately, Edsel Ford wasn't able to capitalize on many of their steals.

Edsel Ford presented problems on offense as well. According to Turner, Dearborn's Ghassan Taha "can light it up" with his shooting ability.

It forced Northville into a "diamond and one" defense, which is man-to-man on one player (Taha) and zone for the other four. Turner said it was a mistake on his part.

"The other guys scored too easily," he said.

Northville held Taha in check, but Edsel Ford was able to take a 21-19 lead after one quarter anyway.

Turner changed the defense to a straight zone in the second quarter.

That seemed to confuse them," he said.

Northville took a 34-25 lead into halftime. Jeff Arenz led the second quarter charge with five points while Kelly Bingley added four.

"The Mustangs increased their lead by six in the third quarter.

Trailing 53-38, Dearborn rallied in the fourth. Led by Taha's 11 points in the period, the Thunderbirds cut the lead down to one with about three minutes to go.

But Northville held tough and made enough free throws to win comfortably.

"I thought it showed a lot of character on our part," Turner said.

Arenz led Northville with 21 points while

Dave Terakletis added 16 and Bingley 13.

"Bingley was outstanding," said Turner. "He made a lot of things happen."

Taha had 18 for Dearborn.

Northville improved to 2-0 with the win. The Mustangs host South Lyon tomorrow at 7 p.m.

The annual Christmas tournament, which will be hosted by Novi this year, begins Saturday with Northville playing Dearborn Divine Child at 6 p.m.

MUSTANGS 65, STEVENSON 63

Northville opened the season Dec. 10 at Livonia Stevenson. The Mustangs trailed by five after the first quarter then dominated the rest of the way.

"We didn't come out strong," Turner said. "It was a tough first quarter."

The much taller Spartans were able to execute their offense in the first quarter. But Northville became more effective defensively by fronting the big men and forcing Livonia to shoot from the outside.

Stevenson shot eight of 31 from behind the three-point line.

"It was good for us that they shot that many three-pointers," Turner said.

Terakletis scored 14 to lead Northville. Arenz had 12. Phil Keedron 11 and Jon Woodsum eight.

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Season is right for ear infections

Sleepless nights and the sad sounds of a child sobbing bring home the realization that winter and early spring, the prime seasons for ear and tonsil infections, are upon us.

Children at the ages of 1 to 5 are especially at risk for ear infections which are the most common childhood illness other than the common cold. Nearly one child in seven has multiple ear infections by age 5.

At any one time, 17 percent of youngsters may have fluid in their middle ears which may predispose them to ear infections. This fluid may also cause hearing loss and result in speech delay, diminished attention span, poor school performance and difficulties with friends or family.

Ear infections are frequently associated with the common cold. They are caused by bacteria and poor functioning of the eustachian tube which allows air to pass from the back of the nose to the ear. Adults frequently use the eustachian tube to equalize ear pressure when riding in an elevator or an airplane. In children, when a nasal infection causes irritation of the eustachian tube, the tube swells shut, trapping fluid and bacteria in the middle ear. Within a matter of hours, the hearing loss, pain or fever begins.

For a fortunate few children, there may be no symptoms at all, but the fact of an infection that is located amid the bones and nerves of the middle ear can still be a problem.

The primary treatment for ear infections is a prescription for antibiotics sometimes in conjunction with a decongestant to dry up nasal secretions. In some situations, when antibiotics do clear the infection, the physician may prescribe a daily dose of antibiotics to prevent further infections.

On occasion, the bacteria causing the infection may be resistant to some of the prescribed antibiotics. If antibiotics fail to control



Insertion of ventilatory tubes into the eardrums can help clear ear infections. File photo

the ear infections or if a child has three ear infections in six months or four infections in a year, the physician may recommend the insertion of ventilatory tubes into the eardrums.

Another case where tubes might improve the ears is when the fluid from the infections persists for more than 10-12 weeks - long after the infections have been eradicated. In these situations a very brief surgical procedure, the insertion of tubes, will almost always solve the problem.

Placing these "ear tubes" requires a brief anesthesia and is painless. Using a microscope and special micro-instruments, the physician makes a tiny incision in the eardrum and inserts a small plastic tube which is no bigger than a pen tip.

Early parental detection of ear infections, along with appropriate medication, can prevent the pain, fever, and hearing loss frequently associated with this common childhood illness.

Tonsillitis is another common childhood illness. It is an infection of the lymph nodes or glands located in the back of the throat. The adenoid is a (third tonsil) located behind the nose and is usually infected along with the tonsil. The main treatment for tonsillitis is antibiotics.

Tonsillitis is normally accompanied by fever, discomfort, swollen glands, and lost school days. Children with more than five episodes of tonsillitis in a year, four episodes two years in a row, or three episodes annually for several years should have their tonsils and

adenoids removed. Abscesses and chronic sore throats that persist for months are also indicators that tonsil and adenoid surgery may be necessary.

Tonsils and adenoids that are so large can cause nighttime snoring (very loud), gasping, and struggling for air. This can potentially be a dangerous situation.

As good parents we should all protect our children from these common childhood problems. Your physician looks forward to discussing these matters with you.

Written by Jeffrey Weingarten, M.D., an otolaryngologist at Providence Medical Center, Providence Park in Novi.

Depression is common in holiday season

At this time of year, while many people say they thoroughly enjoy the "holiday season," others say they get "the blues," (or they get "blue," a sad or wistful feeling).

And, even though for most this is not a serious problem, for some it can be. It can be depression.

What is depression? It is not just this wistful feeling. It is a real illness, a real disease. And it doesn't come just around the holidays, although for some, depression is a recurring difficulty that is more severe in the winter months when the days are short and the sky is rarely blue.

How do you know if you have real depression and not simply the holiday blues?

Holiday blues usually are both mild and temporary, and can be helped by seeking social support or by making time for the things one enjoys. If your problem lasts more than two weeks or is severe enough to disturb your ability to work or enjoy yourself, it would be wise to seek out a professional evaluation.

People who are depressed are often sad, but the sadness is intense. You cry all the time, or wish you could cry - but can't. And you often have lost your ability to enjoy things, any things, sometimes even if you're not aware of being sad. This is called anhedonia, (from the same root word as hedonism, but with an opposite meaning).

Along with a persistent sad or anhedonic feeling, the depressed person usually has associat-

ed symptoms, including loss of appetite or weight loss not due to dieting, inability to sleep well or sleeping too much, intense restlessness or fatigue, decreased ability to think or make decisions, and feelings of worthlessness or a wish to be dead.

Depression can be very painful, so painful in fact that people attempt to take their own lives. Most people who attempt suicide are depressed.

Depression can be so severe that the depressed person can't function effectively at work, at home or with friends. Depression is a major public health concern, in part because it is so common.

Twenty percent of women and 10 percent of men will have a major depressive episode some time during their lives. This episode will last weeks, months or even years if it is not treated. And for many it will recur. Having one episode puts you at increased risk for another, and the more you have, the more likely you are to have another if you are not treated.

There are other risk factors as well. If you abuse drugs or alcohol, you are more likely to become depressed. If depression runs in your family you are more likely to have this illness. If you have had a recent major change or "stress" in your life, your chances also go up.

In the past, having depression or any mental illness was thought not as a health concern but as a weakness that should be hidden or denied. That has changed somewhat, but not completely. More than half of all depressed people still

do not receive treatment, even though very effective treatments exist.

Medications and psychotherapy (counseling) can provide significant improvement for 75 percent or more of individuals suffering from depression - but only if the person seeks help. Psychiatrists, psychologists, social workers, psychiatrically trained nurses, and appropriately trained clergy and general medical doctors can provide evaluation and effective treatment.

Everyone wants to enjoy this time of year (and the rest of the year too, of course), but some don't and others can't. Scrooge seemed to take great pleasure in wishing Christmas a "bah, humbug." But anyone can see that Scrooge was probably depressed - just notice the look on his face. Dickens applied some strong medicine to Mr. Scrooge - frightening spirits and Marley's ghost.

Whether you celebrate Christmas or not, if you are depressed, seek treatment. It is available, it is effective and it is not unpleasant like it was for Mr. Scrooge. Whatever holiday you celebrate, give yourself a gift. Get your depression treated. Change those "holiday blues" to blue skies - even in Michigan in the winter.

To make an appointment with one of the physicians at the University of Michigan Medical Center, call the U-M Adult Psychiatry Services at (313) 764-9190.

Health Notes

Smoke-Free Living

If you feel like a quitter, St. Mary Hospital has the class for you. The two-week, four-session smoke-free living class will be offered from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Mondays and Thursdays, Jan. 6, 9, 13 and 16 in the lower level Conference Room E.

The smoke-free living class is a two-week program to help individuals quit smoking. Instructors cover the effects of smoking, benefits of quitting, what to expect when you quit, coping techniques and strategies on staying smoke-free. The program is designed to give you the tools, confidence and support you need to eliminate your smoking habit. The \$25 fee includes all materials.

To register, call (313) 655-2922 or toll free at 1-800-494-1650.

A Healthy Baby

The Marian Women's Center at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia will offer a free lecture, "Having a Healthy Baby: Chance or Choice?" on Tuesday, Jan. 14, from 7 to 9 p.m. in the St. Mary Hospital auditorium. James Brown III M.D., obstetrician/gynecologist, will present the lecture.

In this presentation, Dr. Brown will review ways that parents-to-be can prepare themselves to have a healthy baby before they try to

achieve pregnancy.

Dr. Brown is a staff physician at St. Mary Hospital and is part of a group practice, Westside Obstetrics and Gynecology, with offices in Canton and Novi.

For more information or to register for this lecture, call the Marian Women's Center at (313) 655-3314 or 1-800-494-1650.

Weight Management

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

Taught by registered dietitian Linda DeVore, R.D., day and evening classes are available. The day class begins at 11 a.m. on Jan. 28. A complimentary orientation for the LifeSteps class will be held at 11 a.m. on Jan. 21. The evening class begins at 7 p.m. on Jan. 29. The orientation for the evening class begins at 7 p.m. on Jan. 22. The class will meet in the lower level Conference Room E.

Come and find out about the program before you commit yourself to a weight loss plan. At the free orientation, the instructor explains the course in detail, expectations, cost and what

participants need to consider. No registration is required for the orientation. For more information, call St. Mary Hospital Food and Nutrition Services at (313) 655-2498.

Eating Healthy

Eating healthy can be easy and tasty. St. Mary Hospital in Livonia will present a two-part course, "Eater's Choices," on Monday, Jan. 20 and 27, from 7 to 9 p.m. in the first floor conference room near the Five Mile entrance.

Learn to plan meals, read food labels, and find the fat budget for your caloric needs. The result is lower blood cholesterol levels and a healthy heart. Taught by a registered nurse, the course includes food samples and recipe book.

Cost of the course is \$25 per person. To register, call St. Mary Hospital Community Outreach Department at (313) 655-2922 or toll free at 1-800-494-1650.

Life Support

St. Mary will offer a four-hour basic life support adult heartsaver course from 7 to 10 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 7, in the Marian Pavilion Conference Room B near the south entrance.

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