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Survey could set tone for development

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL

The Novi Plantting Commission could hire a private research larm. to help design and construct a resident survey about the finure of land use in Novi.

The planning department and consultants Brandon Rogers and Rod Arrovo are working with Yee/Minard & Associates Inc. of Southfield to develop a work planthat would target 2,000 to 3,000 randomly chosen residents with mailed 20 question survey. The sample would be taken from a list. of 18,000 registered voters in the approximately 40,000 population

The project could cost between \$3,300 and \$4,000 and would be taken out of this year's planning commission budget.

Yee/Minard would test the sur vey's questions for reliability. input the returned data and analyze it for the city. The city would be responsible for the initial question list and scailing out the sur

The planning department hopes: to begin moving on the project within the next few weeks.

However, planning commission ers at the Dec. 3 meeting, were not at all ready, saying they had asked for communication alternatives, tochiding a survey, and competitive bids.

"We wanted to find out from all — is to coordinate the two maps. residents what they see Novi's future to be," said commission—cent return rate on the mailings, Chair Eda Weddington, "What faetors we should focus on for the

"We wanted to find out... what they see Novi's future to be."

> Eda Weddington planning commissioner

Master Plan.

"I thought we were getting competitive bids," said Pete Boadley, "I assume it we follow good business. practices it means we at least get other bids on this."

Rogers said both he and Rod Arroyo have created surveys before and will work with the firm. so a competitive bid was not nec-

Planning Director Jim Wahl said the request was made long ago for this project, the department developed it and now it has to be done within this fiscal year, or before the middle of next year.

First designed in the late 1960s and revamped in the late 1970s. 1980, 1988 and 1993, the Master Plan is the planning commission's responsibility. It shows how the commission wants to develop the city. However, often times it conflicts with the Zoning Ordinance Map which tells landowners what they can put on the property.

Part of looking at the plan again Yee/Minard estimates a 20 per-

possibly higher if a letter from

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Beck House

The Nobe Group's rendition of the proposed Beck House, a senior citizen congregate care center to be built near Providence.

Senior living Growth means choice for elderly

By JAN JEFFRES

For years, people who worked with aging residents in Novi lamented the lack of senior housing here.

"We have nothing. You look at every community around us, everybody has senior housing but us, and more than two or three." Special Recreation Coordinator Kathy Crawford, who

runs the Novi Senior Center. "There's never a day that goes by that we don't have mountes about where we have senior hous-

Today, both private and public sectors are quickly stepping up to the challenge.

Not only is the city planning a 200-unit senior apartment complex on Meadowbrook Road, but at least six other projects are in various stages of planning. Developers are following the

growing segment of the population. In 2020 is when all the baby boomers like me get to move into these places," said Bill Mayer, owner of the Nobe Group.

· The Nobe Group recently won a rezoning for 43 acres across Beck Road from Providence Park. Plans call for The Beck House. 140 congregate care units for seniors, as well as Timber Meadows, a 320-apartment complex open to renters of all ages.

· Sherwood Place, on the west side of Novi Road between Nine Mile and Ten Mile, will feature four assisted living buildings. each with 20 beds.

 Walton Wood of Novi, formerly Crescent Oaks Continuum Care, a 100-bed home for the frail elderly and 120 assisted living apartments near Twelve Oaks Mall, is a Singh Development Company project. Final site plan approval was granted in June.

George Giese is one of many active seniors in the city. Here he plays piano with the Novi Senior Songsters.

Police continue death investigation

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL

Novi police seized a car in connection with the murder last week of 30-year-old Tamara Janelle Pittao. The car belongs to Pittao's husband and is a lease vehicle from his employer, Johnson Controls, investigators said. Police would not comment on what may have been in the ear.

No charges have been filed. although police confirm Daniel Pittao, 38, is a suspect because of his relationship with his wife.

However, Pittao refused a request by Novi police for a second interview, Investigators said they spoke with him only briefly the day her body was found.

Tamara Pittao was found dead in her Pavilion Court Apartment by police on Nov. 27. According to police, she suffered neck and head irauma and died sometime that

"Based upon our investigation, we believe Ms. Pittao knew her attacker and was familiar with that person," said Sergeant David Molloy last week at a press conference. "There was no sign of forced entry at the victim's apartment." The cosmetic salesperson has

lived in the apartment since July with her 2-year-old daughter, however, the girl was not in the home at the time of her mother's death, police said.

Temporary guardianship of the girl was given to the woman's parents from Illinois after a custody hearing last week in Circuit Court. The issue will be revisited again in January.

The Pittaos were in the process of a divorce, police said. A personal protection order was on file at

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Whitehall Health Center is demographics. "Age 85 and up is the fastest Continued on 15 Crawford had the most cash

By JAN JEFFRES Staff Writer

Novi may be an upscale kind of city, but getting your point across in local politics isn't necessarily a matter of big bucks

Still, Hugh Crawford, the top vote-getter in the Novi City Council race, wasn't exactly sprinkling pocket change around town. With a war chest of \$17,731, including a \$716 loan forgiven by Mayor Rathleen McLallen's campaign committee, he was the major money-man. And after he used \$13.271 of that, he was the big spender, as well,

candy to fresh quail eggs.

of the stock is Korean.

Ninety-nine percent of the mar-

ket's stock is Japanese food, either

from Japan directly or produce or

fish harvested in the U.S., but

selected and prepared to appeal to

an Asian clientele. The remainder

"Most of our customers are

families. They buy a lot of frozen foods and

snacks, because they have small children,

Japanese. They are very young

Mitchell Research of East Lansing for their over-the- telephone cam-

paign work. It's all there in his post-general. campaign statement, filed by the Dec. 4 deadline at the Oakland County Clerk's Election Division office. All but one of the candidates in the recent election, as well as the two ballot question committees, filed by the deadline. Council candidate Joe Toth did not file reports this year.

But not every one dipped into double-digit dollar reserves to win.

A top expenditure for the mayor - Ed Kramer managed to get elected pro tem was \$4,235 paid to on \$6,421 and ended the campaign \$270 in the black.

> Even lower-budget was new council member Laura Lorenzo. who got herself in office on \$3,530. Her total fund was \$4,030.

Other candidates were also moderate spenders. Michael Meyer collected \$4,860 (\$1,000 of it from the Democratic Party) and used \$4,345. Gwen Markhain accumulated \$3,949 and ended with a zero balance. With the smallest budget. Eric Krieger had \$2,314, but went into the red by

spending \$2,525.

Toth is spending a lot on local politics, but apparently much of it is paid to the Oakland County Treasurer's office. Toth did not file a preelection campaign finance report in October, nor did he file

one on Dec. 4. From October, 1997, he has an outstanding fine of \$500 and for each day from Dec. 4, \$25 per day in fines accrues. The maximum

per report is \$500. Toth served on the Novi City Council from 1985 to 1995. He lost a reelection bid in 1995.

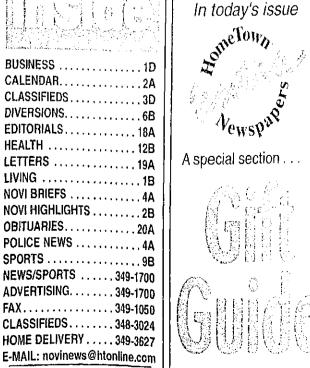
Bloomfield and Farmington Hills. Most of them are here to work tem-

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By JAN JEFFRES Staff Writer If you're Japanese or an American of Japanese descent, you may already be familiar with One World Market on Main Street If you're not Japanese, the small grocery store offers the chance to explore a foreign culture through its cuisine, because from the land of the rising sun to a rising new downtown comes a variety of edibles, from Men's Pocky-brand

Many products are available at One World grocery store

said manager Shizenori Ito, who arrived here

from northern Japan about four months ago.

Customers typically live in Novi, West

Taste of Japan comes to Main Street

including these Japanese sweets called "Men's Pocky".

porarily at Japanese firms like Mazda and Nissan. "Some stay five to six years, others ten years." Ito said. Ito, like many of the store's 12 employees, lives in an apartment in Main Street Village and walks to his job. Like anyone else, overseas Japanese get homesick and culture-shocked and want comfort cooking, the food they grew up with. Since August, they've been able to find it at One World Market, which

offers fresh vegetables and fruits, either directly from Asia or raised on the West Coast with Asian taste in mind. While most Americans are familiar with Japanese Shiitake mushrooms, for example,

the varieties offered at One World go way beyond this. Not just bean sprouts are

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WILY COYOTES

· Coyotes resemble a half

a reddish brown color and

whitish throat and belly.

grown German shepherd with

They're timid creatures that

don't pose a threat to humans

. They seem to adapt well to

living in and around people.

The animals are typically ion-

ers and rarely move in packs.

They feed on rodents and

rabbits primarily but can get

into pig pens or sheep pens.

Coyotes are most common

in the Upper Peninsula but

throughout the state due to a

hunting and trapping Interest,

and the adaptability of the

species to a wide range of

Source: The Department of

Natural Resources Wildlife

environments.

Division.

depressed fur market, reduced

numbers are increasing

Extra protection should be

added for farm animals.

Community Calendar

To have now organization's activities, regular meetings or special events. TOPS listed in the Community Calendar, send information to Community Calendar, The Novi News, 104 W. Main Street, Northwille, MI 48467.

Thursday, December 11

Parks meeting The Novi Parks and Recreation Commission will meet at 7:30 p.m. m

the Novi Civic Center

Chamber Open House

The Novi Chamber hosts a Holiday Open House at the River Oaks Apartment complex on Novi Road from 5 S p.m.

The Novi Optimist Club meets at 7:30 a.m. at the Big Boy Restaurant at 26401 Novi Road, across from the Town Center.

Monday, December 15

Cholesterol Screening

Total cholesterol screening by fingerstick method, will be offered 1-4. p.m., at the Botslord Center for Health Improvement Health Development Network, 39750 Grand River Ave. Cost is \$5 fee. For more information call.

Arts Council

The Novi Arts Council Executive Board will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the

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 Cwie Center.

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

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 Forn Lahiff at 348-6019 (evenings). Visitors are welcome.

The Novi Oaks Charter Chapter of the American Business Women's Association meets at the Wyndham Garden Hotel, at 42100 Cresent Blyd. Social hour is set at 6 p.m. and dunier is served at 7 p.m. Meetings are open to all working women. For reservations, call Carol Eursley at [313]. 462-0588. For membership information, call Bettie Johnson at (248) 960-

Tuesday, December 16

Chamber luncheon

The Novi Chamber of Commerce hosts its monthly function meeting at the Double Free Hotel at 1-96 and Novi Road from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Business Network International

The Novi chapter of the Business Network International meets at 7 a.m. at Kerby's Koney Island at Eight Mile and Haggery roads. For information, call the BNI regional office at (313) 814-3432.

Garden Club

The Novi Garden Club will meet at 1 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center.

Civil Air Patrol

What Child is This?

Oak Pointe Church

presents a

Special Christmas Celebration

The Sixgate Composite Squadron, Cwil Air Patrol, meets at Novi Middle

ished the sixth grade are welcome. For additional miormation call 349

School, 25299 Tali Rd., from 7 9.30 p.m. Adults and youths who have fin-

The Novi Chess Club will elect 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, 344-1269 evenings after 6 p.m.

The Novi Concert Banal relieurses at 7:30 pain, in the band room at Nov

Bereavement Support Group

A bereavement support group meets at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W Ten Mile Rd., from 7.50/9 p in. The meeting will be lacilitated by Dr. M. Meyer. The topic is "Taking Guet One Step at a Time". There will be a brief prayerful reflection during the meeting by a clergy from the area.

Wednesday, December 17

Planning Commission

The Novi Planning Commission will meet in regular session in the Conneil Chambers of the Novi Civic Center.

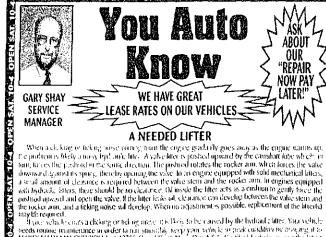
Thursday, December 18

The Novi schools Board of Education will meet in regular session a: 7:30 p.m. in the Educatoral Services Building-T

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Accident proves critters live here

News as proof positive that coyotes do live

Residents in the Beck/Eight Mile roads

summer, livestock such as baby pigs and

deer have been killed either by covotes or

mals are not a danger to humans, experts

"I took it to the DNR. They said they did-

lustead, the folks at the Michigan

to keep the kill, if they had a hunter's

Don't worry if you were one of the people

Following a family recipe that originated

1920s, he was serving some 300 to 400

pounds of beef, purchased at Jack's Meat

Folks have been harassing Marcus about

"That's all I need, road kills - that'll do me

Wendy Pierman Mitzel contributed to this

stopping to collect the covole - and its pos-

Market in Novi

in for good," Marcus said.

ti't want it, they said they knew there were

covotes in the county," Marcus said.

Coyote killed by car

Tom Marcus is the guy who feeds Novi. Marcus, winner of the the Novi Jaycees 1997 Distinguished Service Award, is the area have complained that this fall and organizer of the annual Michigan 50s

Festival Ice Cream Social. Wednesday, Marcus was scheduled to packs of wild dogs. A DNR official confirmed serve his famous and free Marcusburgers to - that the covote population has increased in some 2,000 people for Customer this area over the last 20 years, but the Appreciation Day at Harmon Glass, a 25-cteatures are far from wily. The timid anizear Novi tradition.

So what's Tom Marcus doing scooping up road kill on Monday? A coyote carcass, to be-

The irony was not lost on Marcus. "Don't put that in there. They'll think they're getting coyote-burgers." Marcus Department of Natural Resources told them

"You're eating beef at the Customer license for fur-bearing animals. As it hap-Appreciation Day at Harmon Glass. That's - pened, Macomber does, so the coyote is now real Marcus all-steak. If you've never had at a taxidermist. one, you don't know what you've missed." The animal was hit on Meadowbrook cating the ever-popular Marcusburgers yesbetween Nine and Ten Mile roads, near—terday. He wasn't scraping that stuff off LeBost, Witnesses Marcus and Harmon local streets. Glass salesman Carl Macomber saw it happen when they were on their way to pick up — at Marcus Hamburger restaurants in the tables for the company's Customer

Appreciation Day. Marcus guessed the covote must have come out of the woods and into the road. The car in front of him collided with the covole and sped away. He recognized instantly sible impact on his reputation as a chef. the defunct, canine type animal was not somebody's pet.

"I'm an old coyote hunter, I shot them out west ... It's a beautiful animal, the coyote. They're not a mean animal," he explained.

Tom Marcus found a coyote on the side of Meadowbrook Road, He said he saw it was hit by a car on Monday afternoon.

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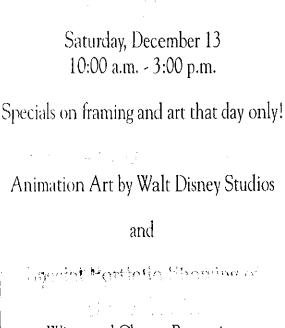
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Armed woman robs local bank

Investigations has taken a Monday itternoon bank robbery off the hands of local police.

According to Detective Paul Stubgross, an unidentified woman got away with an undisclosed amount of money from the NBD Bank on Eight Mile Road west of Haggerty after showing a teller the butt end of a hand gun and

demanding cash. The incident, which happened at about 1 p.m., was caught on urvellience cameras, Stultgross

The suspect is a black female in her 30s, standing about five foot ave inches tall and weighing 140 to 150 pounds. She wore a blue knft ap and left in an unidentified car.

SANTA SNEAKED

Sometime during the night an unknown suspect sneaked Santa from the front lawn of a Highmeadow home Dec. 8. The plastic, lighted Christmas decorayou is worth about \$30, is red and white and carries a sack of toys and is 8-years-old. He was last seen Friday night before being anplugged and taken away.

JESUS SNATCHED

A Nativity scene on the lawn of a famara home is missing a baby Jesus after someone took the plastic Infant from its manger the night of Dec. 6. There was no evidence left behind beside the empty

Shooter committed by police

Novi Police placed a 50-year-old Novi man under psychlatric evaluation at Botsford Hospital early Saturday morning, after he told them he shot off several rounds of ammunition in the Twelve Oaks Mall parking lot.

The man first alerted an employ ce of the Jonathan B Pub of bis actions about midnight and then left the premises without paying for a \$26 tab. He left behind his coat. which had ammunition in the pocket as well as a Fairlane Motel

The restaurant alerted the police who discovered the man was recently arrested for drunk driving and was out on bond for shooting at South Lyon police. According to the report, he had a history of bar-

More than half a dozen officers arrived at the motel to investigate Several firearms were seen inside the man's van and two pupples were in the cluttered hotel room. Motel guests were escorted from their rooms to a safer location while police attempted to enter the room where the man lay, apparent ly passed out.

When police went in, the man told them he had fired a weapon at the mall. A Vietnam combat veteran, he said he has flashbacks.

According to the report, police confiscated for safekeeping a eache of weapons, including a Samural sword, a Chinese assault rifle, a semi-automatic assault rifle, a Navy knife and a musket, as well as many rounds of ammuni tion. Because police had no evidence of any crime, the man was released at the scene.

A short time later, police were back at the motel after the man called 9-1-1 and threatened to kill himself. They then took him to Botsford for evaluation.

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Police News

Mile reported to the employees a Police are looking for an obscene black male pushed her in the parkcaller who places daily telephone ing lot and took her purse, Nov. 28. calls to the Lover's Lane store on According to the report, she said he Novi Road, police said. Employees got in a car with another black said the Caller ID number is male and left the area. She told the blocked from the calls and can't women she would not speak to identify the naughty caller. police about the incident.

ESCAPEE CAUGHT

Fantastic Sam's hair salon on Ten caught in the swampy area behind

Citizens with information about An older female customer of the A 34-year-old Wixom man was

26 after he escaped from the holding cell where he awaited a preliminary hearing on four felony charges, according to police

PORTA POTTY'S TRANSPORTED Two Porta-Johns worth \$1,000 were taken from a construction site on Grand River Avenue during the to 9:30 at the Educational Services Building on Taft Road. The board night of Nov. 28, police said.

Last week, the Novi City Council awarded a contract to Thalner the above incidents are urged to call Electronics for \$19,900 to upgrade the city council chamber's audio systhe Novi Police Department at 348- tem. Among the pluses of upgrading is that home viewers checking in on government meetings will be able to better hear what is going on.

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The Novi Board of Education will hold a special meeting Dec. 12 and

13 to complete a workshop on theories of school reform. The guest

speaker Dr. George Thompson with Center for Leadership in School

forward thinking of education reform, citing students as customers,

teachers as leaders and administrators as chief executive officers.

meets again on Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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were seen taking a pair of shoes. Novi Road where it erashed into a from the Famous Footwear store in ditch near Fonda. Both men ran the West Oaks Shopping Center at from the 1989 Chrysler and a 23-

unidentified vehicle, which Officer—and arrested.

Novi Police Officer Jerod Hart Hart attempted to stop for a speed. The driver of the car however. The ride netted nothing, except hopped in a Channel 2 television ing violation on Twelve Mile Road, managed to flee and, despite track-coverage on the 10 O'Clock News. helicopter Monday night, hoping to the was initially unaware the pair ing by police dogs, remained at "I think it's phenomenal," said Novi Detective Victor Lauria, "It Police said the car failed to stop That's when a television heli-helps us catch bad guys and they According to police, two men for the officer and fled south on copter landed and offered to take get a great scoop."



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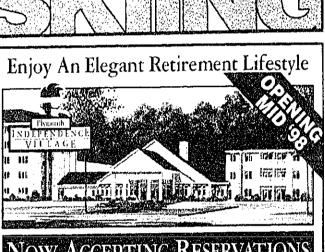
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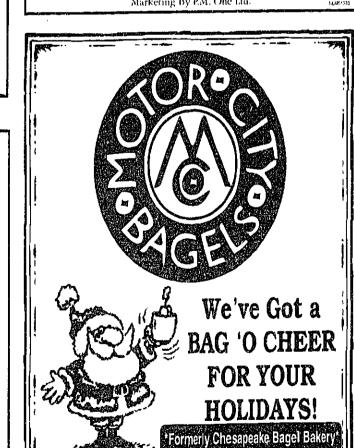


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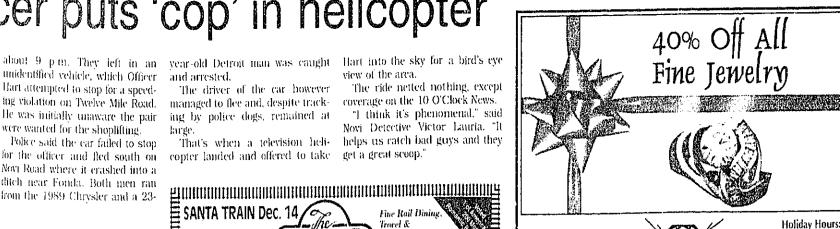
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The following is a complete list of TUESDAY, DEC. 2 the emergency runs of the Novi Fire Medical, 23995 Novi Road, 11:31 Department for the week ending a.m., Squad 3. Dec. 7. Each incident is listed by Medical, 43300 Crescent, 2:31 a.m., Squad 1. type, location, time and the engine - p.m., Squad L. and squad number which respond - Medical, 29916 Bolleau, 9:02

MONDAY, DEC. 1

Medical, 45182 West Road, 1:09 — Medical, 45182 West Road, 8:49 a.m., Squad 2. Fire alarm, 45182 West Road, 9:04 a.m., Engines 1, 2. Fire alarm, 21363 Chase Drive, Fire alarm, 43135 Crescent, 5:17

10:56 a.m., Engine 3. p.m., Engines 1, 2. Medical, L&T Twelve Oaks, 11:11 a in., Squad 1. Road, 6:32 p.m., Squad 1. Injury accident, 21707 Chase Medical, 43175 Crescent, 7:58 8:39 a.m., Engines 1, 2, Drive, 6:54 p.m., Squad 3 Injury accident, Haggerty and

Ten Mile, 6:58 p.m., Squad 1, THURSDAY, DEC. 4 Medical, 22238 Solomon, 9:26 a.m., Squad 4.

Planning survey would extend to random Novi residents

Mayor Kathleen McLallen was "When they are getting a letter-

from the mayor they are more likely to respond," said Bruce Giffins. But Commissioners Art Vrettas fied with 20 percent.

"I don't see 25 percent as reliable and I have a lot of questions yet about the questions themselves,"

"This is not the only way it can be done," Bononi said. "There's more than one way to collect infor-

p.m., Squad 2.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 3

-5:16 p.m., Squad 4.

Bononi she's done questionand Michelle Bononi weren't satis-naires herself and received 65 per-

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Injury accident, Novi Road and I- SATURDAY, DEC. 6 96, 12:21 p.m., Squad 1. Medical, 40080 Eight Mile Road, 12:26 p.m., Squad 3. Medical, 24500 Meadowbrook, 12:58 p.m., Squad 1.

Investigation, 10350 Grand 5:11 p.m., Engines 1, 2. River, 3:51 p.m., Squad 1. Investigation, 48950 Nine Mile. FRIDAY, DEC. 5 Medical, 45182 West Road, 8:21 p.m., Squad 1.

Injury accident, 27754 Novi a.m., Squad 2. Fire alarm, 42450 Twelve Mile, Investigation, 41910 Lamier, 10:19 p.m., Engines 1, 3, 11:06 a.m., Squad 2. Medical, 25775 Groveland, 6:19

Gas line break, 1301 East Lake. SUNDAY, DEC. 7 4:04 p.m., Engine 2. Injury accident, Novi Road and 6:24 p.m., Squad 3. Medical, 45125 Ten Mile Road. Grand River, 5:01 p.m., Squad 1. Investigation, 40373 Guilford Injury accident, Novi Road and 10:03 p.m., Squad 3.

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> Fire alarm, 43350 Crescent, 2:32 p.m., Engines 1, 2. Medical, 24062 Taft Road, 3:25

p.m., Squad 3. Fire alarm, 43550 West Oaks, Wire down, Railroad and W Road, 7:05 p.m., Engine 2. Medical, 27500 Novi Road, 8:00

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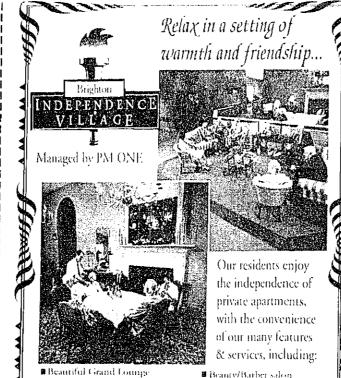
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Animal frenzy

Novi Woods Elementary School student Porscha Woolford holds a white tree frog in her Science Foundation. The foundation brings animals of many shapes and sizes and from many regions of the earth to classrooms, :ast

week the chosen topic was animals of the Australian outback. At right, Novi Woods teachhand last Wednesday courtesy of Novi's Living er Karen Clarke gets up close and personal with an Australian Python . Bob Smolinski of the foundation keeps a close eye on the situa-



Police investigate

Oakland County Circuit Court, ordering Daniel Pittao to stay away from Tamara. The PPO and divorce papers were filed after the couple

separated this summer. Also over the summer, Pittao was charged with one count of domestic violence after he allegedly assaulted Tamara in Davisburg on July 4. Oakland County prosecutors said they will continue to pursue the case even though the victim, his

wife, is now dead. "We will still proceed," explained 52-2 District Court prosecutor Clara McCarthy last week. "There are several ways to prove a case ... Just because she is dead doesn't mean the case dies with her." Jury trial is scheduled for sometime this spring.Pittao also faces a Jan. 27 trial by jury in Clarkston on charges of assaulting in May his teenage son by his first marriage.

OCC looks to holidays

Community Chorus of Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge campus will present a holiday concert on Wednesday, Dec. 17, at 8 p.m. in the Smith Theater. Tickets are \$5 for adults, \$3 for college students and those 18 years of age and under (with valid I.D.) and may be purchased at the

The program includes Antonio Vivaldi's Gloria for chorus and orchestra, conducted by Thomas Sheets of the University Musical Society Chorale. Traditional holiday favorites and a sing-a-long will be conducted by OCC's new Community Chorus Director Valerie Yova. For more information, call the

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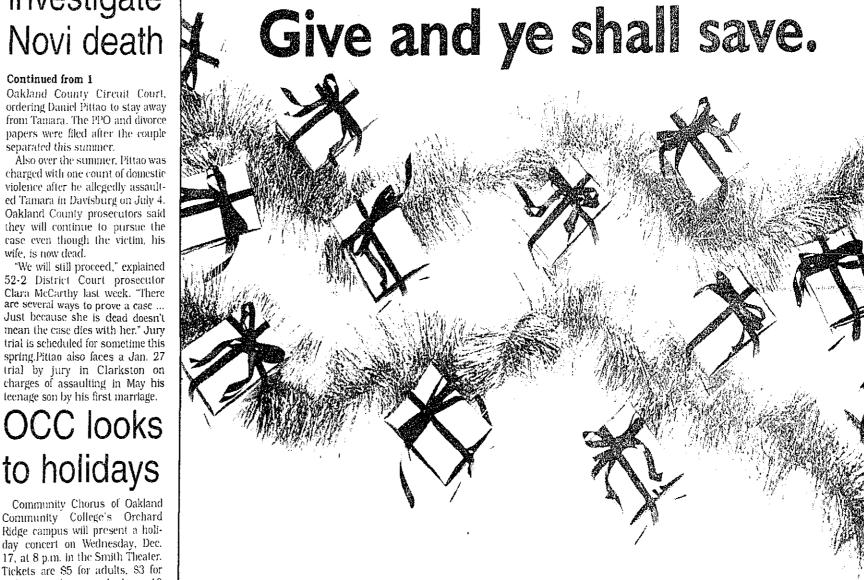
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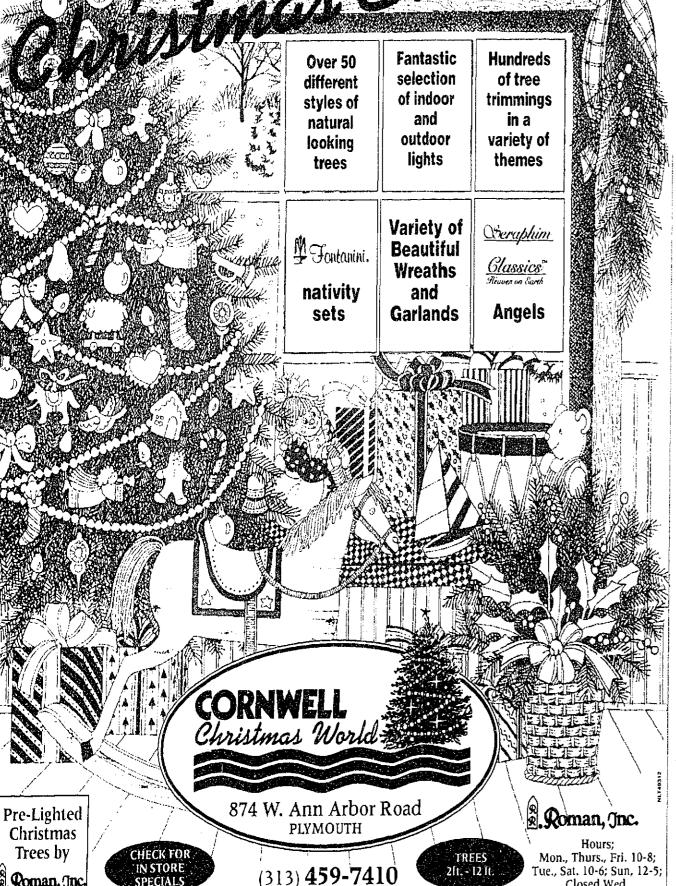
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to be here." Stilec said.

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well, recently accompanying the church youth group

Active. That's how Charlie Stilec will be remem-

Northville's 1997 Citizen of the Year was endlessly—a friend. active in community charity organizations. He was youth, inspiring everyone around him with constant dentify "at-risk" students and then involve parents certified by the state of Michigan.

It was there, while he warmed up before weight that Stilec suffered a massive heart attack at the age - me when they need to." Stilec said.

Wheel Health Club employee joined a club member in — to kids who others had given up on. trying to revive Stillee with CPR. Police and fire emer- "I grew up in church, and in a very loving house-Just two months ago, Stilee had received the presti- use drugs" tireless devotion to community service.

After he won the award he called me every week to 400 students this year. "I Just saw him and his wife Friday night, shopping without him."

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cere enthusiasm, many Northville residents call Stilee — go now. He was the mentor of the whole school."

and teachers in helping them to avoid addictions or out almost every day at the local gym he belonged to a recent interview with the Northville Record, was work with students. making the students feel they were special.

"My job is to get kids through high school. I know all training on a stationary blke Sunday morning Dec. 7.—the kids know who I am and they know where to find Stilec worked to get students involved in after-

a few minutes of cardiovascular exercise. A Water—would build their self-esteem, paying special attention—

gency personnel soon arrived and took over, but hold I'm just grateful to give back," Stilee said, "You've despite their efforts Stilee was pronounced dead on gotta believe kids can make it if you just get them in arrival at St. Mary's Hospital in Livonia at 9:13 a.m. the right situations. They have to have a reason not to

glous Citizen of the Year award from the Northville One of the groups Siller encouraged kids to get Chamber of Commerce for his dedication to keeping involved in was Students Against Drunk Driving. Northville youth clean and sober, as well as for his Under his sponsorship, the Northville High SADD chapter reached it's maximum membership of over

tell me how meaningful it was to him. I feel like God — "it's because of our sponsor. He is our backbone. He meant for Charlle to get the award this year so he inspires us to take it one step further," said SADD could enjoy it in the short time he had left," said - president Suzanne George. "He was so much to so Chamber director and long-time friend Laurie Marrs. many people. I don't know how our school would be

and Joking around. He was the picture of health. They "Charlie was my guardian angel," said senior Sacha

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were holding hands, they have a wonderful relation- Baker, "If kids felt themselves slipping, they could go to the Appalachian mountains ship," Marrs said. "I feel like I've lost a great friend." to Charlie instead of alcohol or drugs. I'm really wor-Habitat for Humanity projects. Because he greeted everyone he met with such sinried about those people because they have nowhere to
He was also an active member in the Northville Early

Bird Kiwanis Club and at the time of his death was Stilec earned his Master's degree in guidance and leading a project to develop this year's alcohol-free As the Northville Student Assistance Coordinator at counseling from Eastern Michigan University. He was community New Year's Eve party. active in his church and in the lives of Northville. Northville High School since 1989, Stilec's job was to a licensed professional counselor and a social worker. Still, for all his activities, Stilec remained a family

Stilec worked as a probation officer prior to being Debbie McDonald, the fellow Kiwanian who nomi-He was also physically active, finding time to work other dangerous choices. The key to that, Stilec said in hired at the school, but said he enjoyed the hands-on nated him for Citizen of the Year, described Stilec as a "devoted and loving father and husband, always making sure his family life is a priority." "I can see students all day long here. I'm so grateful

He is survived by his wife Cayte, daughter Maggie, 13, and son Mac, 8. The family has requested that A long-time Northville resident. Stilee was a member instead of flowers contributions be made to the Charlie He was also a member of the Northville Action Stillee Fund for "at-need" students, to the First United Stilec collapsed onto the floor of the gym after only school and community activities which he believed Council which sponsored Red Ribbon Week, a community-wide event to increase awareness of the dan- and Mae Stilec trust fund through NBD Bank, which will provide for his children.

Two funeral services were held for Stilee on Wednesday Dec. 10, one at the First United Methodist A devout member of the Northville First United Church on Eight Mile and a later service for students Methodist Church, he was involved with kids there as in the Northville High School gym.



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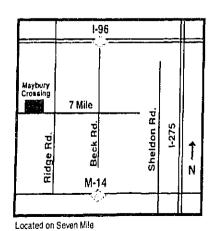
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for sale, but radish sprouts, as well

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magazines and books in Japanese. Japanese people enjoy Japanese TV programs, they want to know said. what's happening in Japan," Ito-

Americans will stop in and check out the stock. One World is owned precooked frozen Japanese cuiby Noble Fish Company of sine. Clawson, which caters to a clien- Non-Asian consumers are also

our store ... I don't know how green tea may prevent cancer. American people feel about a Japanese grocery store. I want to neighbors on Main Street East

While labels are mostly in Market will attract people who Japanese, many are also in might not typically shop t English. Ito said the staff will also - Japanese grocery. in selecting purchases. He likes to midst of a downtown that steer customers towards wholesome food, with no MSG. "I think Japanese food is really

sprouting around him. "I think the City of Novi is a very

and it's low-calorie. It's very good,

are lightly salted and available in "I want to encourage them to buy our fresh fish, like sashshimi," Ito "We have complete ingredients for making sushi, so they can make He also suggests trying some snapping up the different varieties of green tea, thanks to recent health reports that indicate that Ito predicted that when his open- Las Vegas Golf and Local Color micro-brewery - One World

Shizenori Ito, manager for Novi's new Japanese food grocery store and sushi bar called One World, stocks a refrigerated section.

Planned community moves on

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL

The Vista's of Novi, a neotraditional community in northern Novi. is moving onto Phase 4 with a 56-

unit condominium plan. With an 8-1 vote, the Novi Planning Commission granted preliminary site plan approval Dec. 3. Vista Meadows sits on 15 acres along Thirteen Mile Road and is part of a Planned Unit Development that includes approximately 2,000 residential units, as well as a commercial downtown, several civic buildings and parks.

Although the required color rendering was not presented, copies of the facade plans for the condos appeared to feature gabled roofs. he garages are to be placed behind the condos with a back alley leading to them. A small, narrow park also runs near the

The commission also granted woodlands permit, allowing developer Hughlan Corporation to clear trees, after some 250 trees were already cut down without it in

"We as owners took the position we had a right to farm our land," Hughlan partner Ron Hughes told commissioners who questioned whether the cutting was a the vio-Developers often farm property

in order the clear the land. Hughes left the cut trees on the property as directed by City Forester Chris Pargoff. After taking the issue to court, the city agreed to require new additional trees to be planted on the site or money deposited into the city's tree fund. "What have you farmed since then," Commissioner Robert Churella asked. "Corn? Oats?" "We haven't farmed anything. We

Hughes responded. Families recall departed kids

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will farm on another phase,"

Over 150 parents and siblings of deceased children will meet in a special candlelight ceremony on Dec. 14 in Commerce Township. This special worldwide children's memorial day is sponsored by the Lakes Area Chapter of the Compassionate Friends and will be held in conjunction with chapters of the same organization in 24 countries ranging from Australia to

Locally, the hour-long ceremony will be held at 7 p.m. at Walled Lake Central High School in Commerce Township. Members of the lakes area chapter come from Novi, Wixom, West

Bloomfield and even Clarkston and

The event originated last year in Diana Cunningham, executive director of The Compassionate Friends explained it is a way to remember kids who are no longer around to hug and kiss and enjoy. "Especially at this time of the

acknowledge and memorialize our children," she explained. "Many families don't know ouite how to do that. We felt this would be a significant but simple way of honoring our children and brothers

year, which is very difficult for

bereaved families, we need a way to

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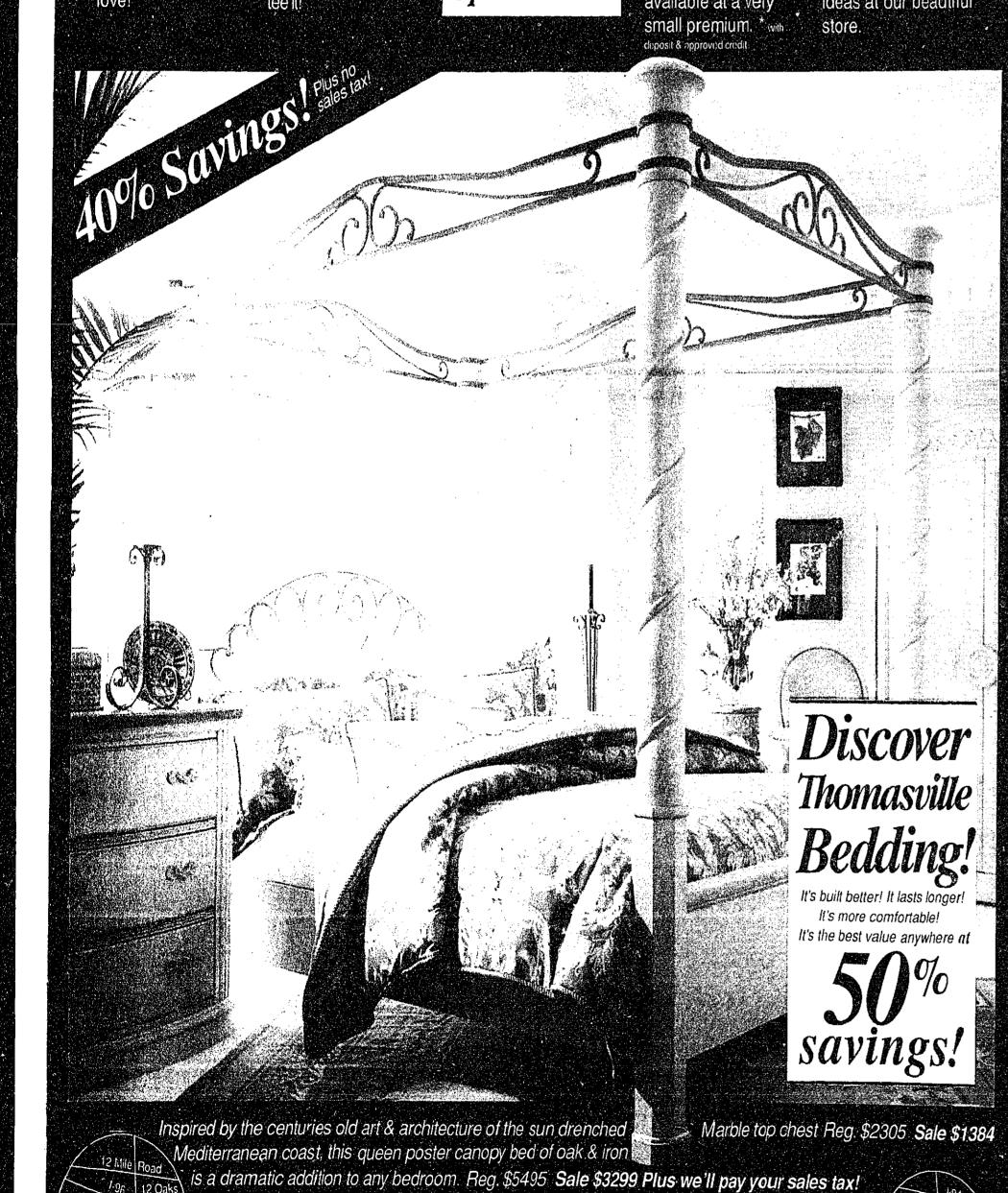
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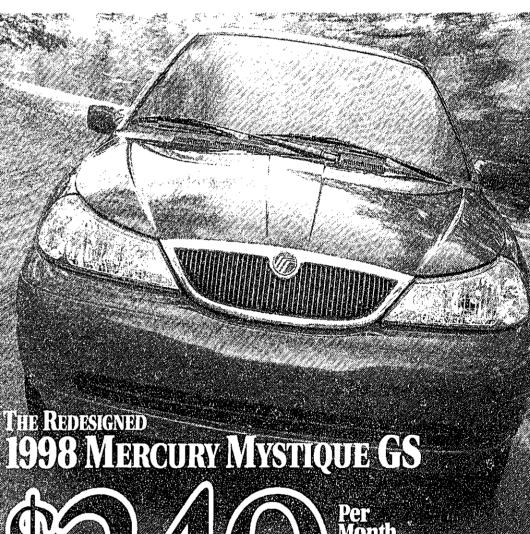
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scale apartment community called Society Hill last year, the Novi Planning Commission was asked to evaluate a rezoning for a second apartment complex just next door.

Instead, the commission passed a negative reconmendation on to the Novi City Council who will have

property should be changed to an office zoning. request would allow for an estimated 191 unit condo-Mile Road just west of Novi Road.

After struggling to accept the density of the large. "I am philosophically opposed to adding any more high density at this time.

The long, narrow property is zoned for large lot. "I am philosophically opposed to adding any merc

multiple," Said East Lake Drive resident Mark Adams, "I guess 191 unites doesn't seem low density to me." Debbie Bundoff has properly adjacent to the parcel and said she would be squeezed in between the two

dense developments. "What's strange is maybe the city created this little

Although not an actual site plan, the proposed Carlton Forest would have three story townhomes that would be sold instead of rented.

Under the large-lot zoning, the company could build 15 one acre homes on the parcel. The rest of the propdential homes and is master planned to have office

Sub finally gets it right

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL

"I think you've finally done it right," said Novi Planning Commissioner Pete Hoadley to the developers of a small subdivision off Clark Street near Eleven Mile

After failed attempts to gain approval for an 18 unit, single famfly subdivision on a cul-de-sac, Settler's Creek finally got the goahead from the commission Dec. 3. In a 6-3 vote, the development received tentative preliminary platapproval and will have to go on to Novi City Council for at least one requirement waiver.

Cliff Sieber, representing Peach Tree Development Corp., said one lot and a wetland mitigation area around to accommodate commissioners' wishes the area be left as undisturbed as possible.

A small creek as well as heavy woodlands and wetlands support a variety of wildlife in the area, something long time neighbors wanted to preserve when the issue was first brought forward in November

Commissioner Michelle Bononi suggested the developer understand changing the topography of the land and adding drainage for the homes could destroy the trees residents might pay premiums for, as has been the case in some other new developments in Novi.

you have a wet woodland." explained Woodlands Consultant Linda Lemke, "You can put too much water in or take too much water out. It's a delicate balance." Many of the homes will back up directly to the wetlands and woodlands, requiring buyers to sign documentation they will not intrude into designated buffers.

Duracell scholarships available

For the first time, the Duracell/NSTA Scholarship Competition is open to seventh and eighth grade students and to twoperson teams.

In the 16th annual competition now underway, students in seventh through 12th grade are encouraged to participate individually or in pairs for over \$100,000 in

U.S. savings bonds. The Duracell rewards the creativity of students who invent battery-powered devices.

Recognized as the nation's leading invention contest, 100 great Ideas will be winners in the 1998 competition, and every student who enters will receive a prize. Entries from grades seven to nine and from grades 10 to 12 will be Judged separately.

In both categories there will be a first-place winner of a \$20,000 bond and two second-place winners of \$10,000 bonds. In both categories there will be five third-place awards of \$1,000 bonds, 12 fourthplace awards of \$500 bonds, and 30 fifth-place awards of \$200

Students on winning teams will divide prize money equally. Sponsoring teachers of the top three winners in each category will receive \$2,000 gift certificates for computer equipment. Teachers sponsoring all 100 winners receive

Entries are judged on creativity. practicality, and energy efficiency of the battery-powered device, and on clarity of the essay. Winners are selected in a two step process by judges who are distinguished scientists and science educators selected by the NSTA.

Sponsored by Duracell North Atlantic Group and administered by the National Science Teachers Association, since 1983, the Scholarship has awarded Competition \$700,000 in scholarships, bond and cash to over 750 students nationwide and stimulated the creativity of some 7,000 young inven-

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said Ruth Ann Jirasck, president of The deadline for submitting take home prizes, like City of Novi nominations is Dec. 19. Many Novi families go all out for "It's going to be a real festive this annual competition, from evening," Jirasek added. stringing a gazillion lights across

This year, each homeowners association will choose the winners

ative work or eye catching things,"

subdivisions," Jirasek said.

"We did have 20 to 30 homes last reporting who has done some cre- year nominated that were not in Winners will gather at the Novi Civic Center on Dec. 22 and will

If you're not a member of a neighborhood association but would like to nominate a Novi home or business for the Christmas Light Judging Contest, fill out the below form and mail it or drop it off by Dec. 19. There is no limit to the number of nominations that will be

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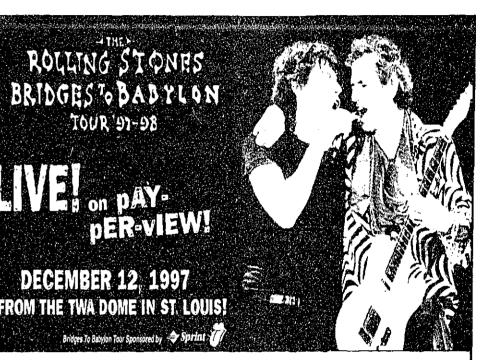
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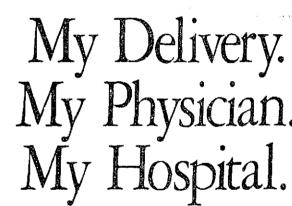
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Durant money expected to districts on April 15

School districts that won a court decision in the socalled Durant case will receive their \$211 million total - Middleton-said. "Unisisted that the public have a in checks from state Treasurer Doug Roberts around

the money Lansing owes them for shorting them on voted yes. special education and other mandated services over 17 years. The bills await Gov. John Engler's signature. stabilization fund. known as the "rainy day fund," to special ed and other categoricals. make the payments. Engler and Schale Republicans

approval of an amendment requiring that school tricts about 43 percent of the \$492 million they were money to capital improvements and not salaries. boards convene a public meeting within 90 days after seeking.

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strong voice when important choices are made." The House on Nov. 13 gave final approval to a con-\$3.6 million. The Michigan Legislature recently put the finishing ference committee report on a vote of 99-7. Reps. touches on bills to pay 84 mostly suburban districts. Nancy Cassis, R-Novi, and Gerald Law, R-Plymouth ages, awarding \$210 million of the \$192 million

violated the 1978 Headler amendment to the Michigan - finance issues. The deal: Republicans' plan to pay off the winners over three. Constitution by failing to pay them for such stateyears. The state will use about one-sixth of the budget mandated services as special ed, transportation for but could have filed claims, will get a total of \$768 mil-

. Novi is to get \$1.7 million.

· South Lyon is scheduled for \$1.7 million. • Walled Lake is to get a bit more than \$5 million.

The Supreme Court ruled 4-3 on the money damsought by 84 school districts. Last week's bills also dealt with related school. Flint lawmakers, in particular, had pushed hard for The 84 plaintiffs filed suit in 1980 charging the state

 School districts which weren't plaintiffs in the suit. lion - about \$350 million from state-issued bonds, the - years. Estimated savings: \$246.6 million in fiscal 1998 The suit, named for Donald Durant of Warren rest in equal installment over 10 years from the rainy and \$952.7 million less in fiscal 1999. Fitzgerald School District, was decided in spring by day fund. Engler and Senate Republicans had wanted Rep. Tom Middleton. R-Ortonville, won unanimous—the state Supreme Court. The court awarded local dis—to pay them off in one lump sum, restricting use of the—Engler administration efforts to shift much of those

 Special education this year will get \$66.7 million more and next year another \$48.2 million. This avoids Oakland Intermediate School District is slated for - violating the court dreision in future fiscal years -· The per pupil minimum school aid grant will (is) \$16 to \$5.170 for the lowest funded districts. · A handful of districts with large numbers of all risks students will get \$20 million to reduce class sizes,

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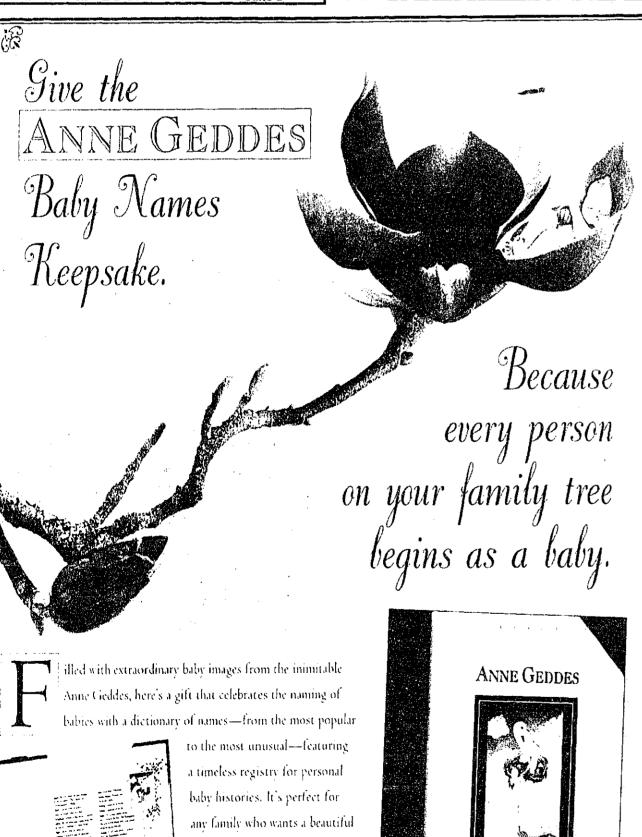
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Planning Consultant Brandon Rogers said. A 100-plus unit, three-story congregate care build ing is part of The Maples of Novi planned unit development, although no site plan has been submitted to

"There has been some talk about it. I think it's a serious deal. It's just a matter of time," Rogers said. He added that the senior housing may not be built until the shopping center component of the PUD is completed.

 Providence Park may include senior housing on the hospital's Grand River Avenue campus. Spokesperson Amy Middleton said Providence has engaged an outside consulting firm to assist in designing a long-term development plan.

Currently, Novi offers three living options eatering to the senior set, including two mursing homes, Charterhouse on Novi Road and Whitehall Health Center on Ten Mile Road. Grand Court on West Road features independent senior apartments, with food services available. The flurry of new building is inspired not by a high-

volume of older residents in town, but because the city is filling up with busy mid-life people who are on their way to becoming the generation in-between, responsible for both their children and their aging parents. "Novi is an established area and lots of younger peo-

ple are moving in. They do have parents who are getting older," said developer Amarjit Chawney of The Chawney Group, which will construct Sherwood Place. Mayer agrees.

"It gets to be a role reversal as the parents age, the ing The Beckhouse. parents don't want it and the children don't want it. but they're making the decisions," Mayer said. "A lot of people come back from Florida when they

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EX-PARTE ORDER UNDER MCR 2.105(I) PERMITTING SERVICE OF

PROCESS BY PUBLICATION UNDER MCR 2,106

At a session of said Court, Ireld in the Courthouse, Oakland County, Michigan, on: November

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that Delendants Estate of Herminio Rodriguez, Jr., Estate of

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Marie L. Rodriguez, all unknown, unascertained, undetermined, unborn heirs, dovisees, legalees and assigns of Herminio Rodriguez. Jr. and Estate of Mario L. Rodriguez, including those who are legally incompetent to act on their own behalf shall answer or take such other action as may be per-

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Dept. 404, Pontiac, Michigan 48341-0404 on or before twenty-eight (28) days after the last date o

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CITY OF NOVI

NOTICE OF ADOPTION

ZONING MAP AMENDMENT NO. 571

of Novi, is hereby amended by the amending of the Zoning Map as indicated on

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PART II: CONFLICTING PROVISIONS REPEALED. Any Ordinances or parts

PART III; WHEN EFFECTIVE. The provisions of this Ordinance are hereby

declared to be necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety and is hereby ordered to take effect fifteen (15) days after final enactment. It shall be published within fifteen (15) days of adoption. The effective date of this Ordinance is MADE AND PASSED by the City Council of the City of Novi, Michigan, this 1st

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land County, Michigan being parcel 22-16-300-004, more particularly described as

Beginning at a point on the West Line of Section 16 (nominal C/L of Beck Road), said point being due North 1353.81 feet from the SW corner of Section 16; thence N89°05'00"E 260.00 feet; thence due South 115.00 feet; thence

389°05'00"W 260.00 feet to the West Line of Section 16 (nominal C/L of Beck

Road); thence due North 115.00 feet along said West Line to the point of beginning

FROM: R-A RESIDENTIAL ACREAGE
TO: RM-1 HIGH-DENSITY MULTIPLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT

12-11-97 NR/NN 811503)

To rezone a part of the SW 1/4 of Section 16, T.1N., R.8E., City of Novi, Oak-

a.m. and 5:00 p.m. local time.

PART I: That Ordinance No. 97-18, known as the Zoning Ordinance of the City

HON. VISITING CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that service of process of this Order and Summons and Com

PRESENT: HON: Robert L. Templin, Visiting Circuit Court Judge

Page 27 of Plats, Oakland County Records, Tax Roll Number: 25-14-327-018.

eceipt requested, before the date of the last publication.

AND ORDERING DEFENDANTS TO ANSWER

Typically, he added, the eldest daughter is charged with the care of the senior parents.

Housing for the elderly comes in several categories. their own peer group.

independently and are fine. What they're looking for is something with special omenities that are designed for their own needs. It's nice if people are living together that have special concerns and needs." Crawford said. That's the market the city's housing is targeting.

with architectural firms competing for the job.

ing room and recreational areas. "It will be very residential in character. Each build-

ing will be totally independent of the other. It looks like

He's aiming for an age 75 and up market of "people

Sherwood Place, nurses will help dispense medicines

Back in the 1960s, Mayer's family owned the former Novi Convalescent Center, located at a site later occupied by the Hardee's restaurant. The Mayers currentown four senior complexes, including Halstead assisted living rooms, which will cost anywhere from tional environment."

Senior apartments cater to independent adults who still want to run their own households, including cook their own food. They may enjoy living surrounded by "The vast majority of people over age 50 can live

Next week, members of the Senior Citizen Housing Implementation Committee have scheduled interviews

Congregate care offers more services for seniors, who are typically in their 80s when they move in. Groundbreaking, is set for spring 1998 for Chawney's Sherwood Place. For somewhere in the range of \$1,800 to \$3,000 per month, residents will occupy their own room and bathroom and share with their neighbors a dining room with food service, a liv-

a big house." Chawney explained.

who are just old, but nothing is wrong, they can't drive or they don't want to drive anymore." While medical care won't be available on site a

These days, the more intense assisted living developments are sheltering people who in the past were sent to nursing homes, explained Mayer, who is build

Directed by Gerry Stipp, the Novi Senior Songsters prepare some holiday tunes for their annual Christmas luncheon on Dec. 16. The group was practicing at the Novi Civic Center, where much of the growing population goes to socialize.

Place Apartments in Farmington Hills. Like Walton Wood, The Beckhouse will include two

stages of housing. The congregate care will offer 100 senior apartments in the \$2,000 a month range with to not disrupt their whole life. It really disrupts an 85meals, maids, transportation and a small Providence year-old or 90-year-old to move away from their Hospital clinic. Doctors will visit on a bi-weekly basis. As residents age, some may opt for one of the 20 "It's also better for them if they're in a less institu-

another \$5 per day to \$1,000 more a month, depending on the level of medical care required. "We do want them to age in place. That allows them

friends." Mayer sald.

CITY OF NOVI

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Woodlands Review Board, of the City of Novi, will hold a meeting on Monday, December 15, 1997 at 6:00 p.m. at the City of Novi, Community Development Conference Room, Novi, Michigan to review the Woodlands Review Board Permit Application for, Susan and Joe Harten, 23677

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS are invited to attend. Any written comments may be sent to the Department of Public Works, Karen Amolsch, 45175 West Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48375, until 3:00 p.m., Monday, December 15, 1997. KAREN AMOLSCH (12-11-97 NR/NN 811729) W & S CUSTOMER SERVICE

CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF ADOPTION **ORDINANCE NO. 97-124.10**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Novi City Council has adopted Ordinance 0. 97-124.10 - AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL ORDINANCE NO. 97-124.09 IN ITS ENTIRETY, TO REVISE THE STANDARDS FOR BICYCLE PATHS AND

The provisions of the ordinance shall become effective lifteen (15) days after its adoption. The Ordinance was adopted by the City Council on Monday, December 1, 1997. A complete copy of the Ordinance is available for public use and inspection at the office of the City Clerk during the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. prevailing

TONNI L. BARTHOLOMEW, CITY CLERK (12-11-97 NR/NN 811499)





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NOVI PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

The Novi Parks and Recreation Commission meeting for Thursday, December has been moved to Thursday, December 18 and will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the

CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF ADOPTION **ZONING MAP AMENDMENT NO. 568**

CITY OF NOVI ORDAINS:

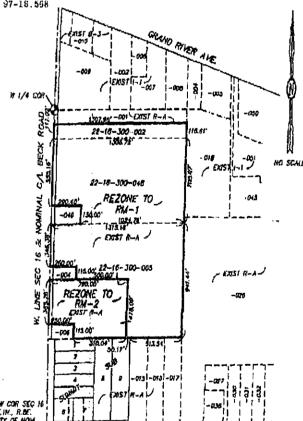
PART I: That Ordinance No. 97-18, known as the Zoning Ordinance of the City I Novi, is hereby amended by the amending of the Zoning Map as indicated on PART II: CONFLICTING PROVISIONS REPEALED. Any Ordinances or parts

PART III: WHEN EFFECTIVE. The provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety and is hereby ordered to take effect fifteen (15) days after final enaciment. It shall be published within lifteen (15) days of adoption. The effective date of this Ordinance is

of any Ordinance in conflict with any of the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby

MADE AND PASSED by the City Council of the City of Novi, Michigan, this 1s day of December, 1997. Copies of the Ordinance Amendment may be purchased or inspected at the office of the City Clerk, Novi, Michigan, weekdays between 8:00

a.m. and 5:00 p.m. local time.



To rezone a part of the SW 1/4 of Section 16, T.1N., R.8E., City of Novi, Oal land County, Michigan being parcels 22-16-300-002, -048 and -005 more particularly Part of Parcel 22-16-300-005

Beginning at a point on the west line of Section 16 (nominal C/L of Beck Road). said point being Due North 873.55 feet from the SW corner of Section 16; thence continuing along said west line Due North 365.26 feet; thence N89°05'00'E 760.00 feet; thence Due SOuth 478.09 feet; thence S88°55'10"W 510.04 feet; thence Due North 115.00 feet; thence S88°55'10"W 250.00 feet to the point of beginning. Con

taining 7.70 acres.
FROM: R-A RESIDENTIAL ACREAGE TO: RM-2 HIGH-DENSITY MULTIPLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT

Beginning at a point on the west line of Section 16 (nominal C/L of Beck Road said point being Due North 1353.81 feet from the SW corner of Section 16; thence continuing along said west line Due North 346.38 feet; thence N88°56'01"E 1315.16 feet; thence \$00°31'22"E 941.44 feet; thence \$88°56'48"W 513.54 feet to the NW corner of "Summit Subdivision" as recorded in Liber 67. Page 3 of Plats, Oakland County Records; thence S88°55'10"W 50.17 along the north line of said "Summit Subdivision"; thence Due North 478.09 leet; thence S89°05'00"W 500.00"; thence Due North 115.00 feet; thence S89°05'00'W 260.00 feet to the point of beginning

Beginning at a point on the west line of Section 16 (nominal C/L of Beck Road) said point being Due South 116.62 feet from the W 1/4 of said Section 16; thence N88°56'01"E 1307.65 feet; thence S00°31'22"E 116.61 feet; thence S88°56'01"W 1308.72 feet to the west line of Section 16 (nominal C/L of Beck Road); thence Dur North 117.02 leet along said west line to the point of beginning. Containing 3.51

Beginning at a point on the west line of Section 16 (nominal C/L of Beck Road). said point being Due South 233,64 feet from the W 1/4 corner of said section 16 hence N88°56'01"E 1308.72 feet; thence S00°31'22"E 705.07 feet; thence 588*56'01"W 1024.76 feet; thence Due North 150.00 feet; thence S88°56'01"W 290.40 feet to the west line of Section 16 (nominal C/L Beck Road); thence Dua

North 555.16 feet along said west line to the point of beginning. Containing 20.24 FROM: R-A RESIDENTIAL ACREAGE TO: RM-1 LOW-DENSITY MULTIPLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT



Candidates worked hard for their money

Antosiak.

\$3,530.

paign: \$4,030.

Erle Krieger

paign: \$2,314.

Latest donations; none.

Edward Kramer

Incumbent, elected

these Novi ballot committees and Suzanne Esser, \$25; Debra plies, \$1,433. Plus, a \$716 loan to candidates. Donations reflect Knurek, \$50; Sara Clark, \$50; and the Committee to Reelect Hugh money coming in following the Oct. J.R. Atiyeh, \$25. statements.

Unless otherwise stated, all \$485; and political signs, \$504. donors are from Novi. If donors have made several contributions, that is summed up in the total after-

BALLOT COMMITTEES Committee Opposed to the Novi Aquatic Facility Filed by treasurer Patricia Holt.

Latest donations: Michael Kham The committee was dissolved on Total amount collected in cam-Total amount spent in campaign:

\$3,855. Latest denation: Coleman, \$50. \$1,599 for newspaper advertising.

Citizens for Novi Community

Sheeran, The committee will be William Downs, \$100; C. Cook, pages \$4.860. dissolved on Dec. 15. Prior to the \$50; Brian Fannon, \$100; Michael election, the ballot committee filed Gabriel, \$100; Richard Gershenson \$4,345. a waiver because plans were to of Bloomfield Hills, \$100; John spend less than \$1,000. Total amount collected in cam-

paign: \$1,397.

Latest donations: Kim Wilde, Kohut, \$100; Walter Murzin of Kathy Lombardi and Ray Martin, \$25; South Hill Construction Garden City, \$100; Peter Paisley of \$100; Bonnie and David Stewart of Company of Wixom, \$200; Julia Ann Arbor, \$100; Tony Scappaticci. Orchard Lake, \$100; Dr. and Mrs. Dumm, \$50; Tri-Mount Homes, \$100; Todd Smith of Howell, \$100; Emmett Lippe of Brighton, \$50; \$100; JCK & Associates of Novi Matt Quinn, \$50; Vic Ventimiglia of Trene and Dick Faulkner, \$50; (city consulting engineers), \$100; Birmingham, \$50; Steven Weiner of Terry Jolly, \$50; and Matthew Gwen Markham, \$25; Dave West Bloomfield, \$100; Graham Quinn, \$100. Sheeran, \$50; Kathleen Maximfuk, Ward, \$100; Robert Harris, \$100; Latest major expenditures; news-\$25; Anne Kelly, \$25; Denise James Chen of Farmington Hills. Buckley, \$25; Charles Nakovek, \$100; Ally Faiz of Dearborn, \$25; \$25; Diane Ragsdale, \$25; Barbara—and Robert Moser, \$100. Ray, \$25; Ruth Cornish, \$25; Latest major expenditures; news-paign, \$900.

palgn statements flled by Dec. 4 by Potocsky, S25; Gary Shrader, S25; supplies, S813; fundraiser sup-

24 pre-general election campaign Latest major expenditures; news- McLallen held a Nov. 1 joint paper advertising, \$408; flyers, fundraiser with council candidate

Kathleen McLallen Incumbent, unopposed, elect-

Filed by treasurer Robert Moser. Total amount collected in campaign: \$3,825. Total amount spent in campaign:

FOR MAYOR

of Singh Development of West Bloomfield, \$200; Gary Grawal, president of Singh Development of West Bloomfield, \$200; Robert evele. Churella, president of F.D.I. Insurance, \$100 (\$300); Dan for advertising. Welss, managing partner of Novi Latest major expenditure: Ten Associates of Detroit; \$500; NBD Good Citizenship Committee SEATS

of Detroit, \$100; Builders For A Better Government of Farmington, \$100; J.R. Atiyeh, \$50; Lou Schultz. Csordas, \$50; Nick Cosentino, \$50;

Goodman, \$100. Total amount spent in campaign: Jonna of Bloomfield Hills, \$50: Hills, \$200; Daniel Weiss of Novi

Crawford was forgiven.

Hugh Crawford and raised \$4,450 and spent, \$1,333. The costs and

FOR COUNCIL, TWO-YEAR SEAT

Craig DeRoche Unopposed, elected Filed by treasurer Kirk DeRoche. Total amount collected in cam-- paign: \$1,175.

Total amount spent in campaign: \$909.63. Latest donations: none in this Latest major expenditure; \$409

FOR COUNCIL, 3 FOUR-YEAR Michael Mever

Total amount collected in cam-

\$100: Jason Cesarz of Warren. \$100: Tim Graves of Howell, \$100: and James Chen of Farmington donations: 11th Hills, \$100. Latest Congressional District Democratic Latest major expenditures: news Also, Edward Johna of Party, \$1,000; Neil Sosin of paper advertising, \$731; and victo-paign: \$17,731. Bloomfield Hills, \$50; Juliette Northern Equities of Farmington ry party food, \$346.

Timothy Karaiz, \$100; James Ten Associates of Detroit, \$100;

night food, \$120 and reimbursing loan made by candidate to cam-

Gwen Markham Filed by treasurer Anne Kelly. Total amount collected in campaign: \$6,421. paign: \$3,949.

Total amount spent in campaign: \$6,151. Steven Weiner, \$100; and State Development, \$200; Kerry Marront, William Downs, \$100.

Rep. Willis Bullard, R-Milford, \$50. \$40: David Miller, \$50: Steven Not to mention. Cheric Cook, Latest major expenditure: \$714 Weiner of Franklin, Harvest Land \$50; Robert Churella, insurance Laura Lorenzo Elected Filed by treasurer James Edward Leininger, \$50; Mary Jane Michael Gabriel, \$100.

Total amount collected in cam-Total amount spent in campaign: Latest donations: Janice literature, mailings, advertise-Lavigne, \$75; William Bowman of ments and invitations. \$100; Dennis Griffin of Detroit, campaign

Total amount collected in cam-

Hugh Crawford Incumbent, elected Filed by treasurer John Galido. Total amount collected in cam-

Latest donations: Julie Levy of Ally Faiz of Dearborn, \$25; and Bloomfield Hills, \$100; Edward C. Robert Moser, \$100. Filed by treasurer Linda Krieger. Total amount collected in eam- Levy of Bloomfield Hills, \$100; S. Gwen Weiner of Franklin, \$100; vice, \$4,235; newspaper advertise-Total amount spent in campaign: Progressive Tool of Southfield, \$871.

Latest major expenditure: candidate repaid \$2.181 of a loan and Hills, president of Ramco Campaign Committee was in debt paper advertising. \$401; election—outstanding sum of \$318 forgiven. Gershenson; Roger Jaussi, \$100; \$716 to me Committee to Reelect (\$100); Judith Darling, \$50; Nick forgiven. Madias of Farmington Hills, \$50;

Also, Donald Young, \$25; Claude Earl, \$25; William Schlie, \$25; Total amount spent in campaign: Joseph Dunnabeck, \$25: Ruth Waldenmeyer, \$25; Harold

Latest donations: J.R. Atiyeh, Wingfield, \$25; Daniel Weiss, Latest donations: Janice and \$15; Raymond Coustneau, \$50; owner of Welss Pollution Control of Rodger LaVigne, \$75; William Mark Guidobono, \$50; Elizabeth Detroit, \$200; Carolyn Pohlman, Bowman of Farmington Hills, \$25; Guidoborio. \$50; Christopher \$25; Builders For A Better Rick and Diane Ragsdale, \$25; Jim Janik, \$20; John Kurtti, \$40; Government of Farmington, \$100; Korte, \$25; Daniel Weiss of Weiss Edward Levy of Bloomfield Hills, J.R. Atiyeh, \$50 (\$175); Lou Construction of Detroit, \$200; Harrest Land Company Csordas, \$50; Nick Cosentino, \$50;

Company Development, \$200 agent with Financial Design Inc., (\$300); David Weiss of West \$100 (\$200); Brian Fannon, presi-Bloomfield, self-employed develop- dent of Sun Communities of er. \$200; Linda Detorre, \$30; Farmington Hills, \$100 (\$200); and

In addition, Richard Gershenson Leininger, \$50, Krista Cousineau, Latest contributions of goods Goodman, \$100; Edward Jonna of and services: Diana Canup of Bloomfield Hills, \$50; Juliette Midwest Power Systems, \$2,423 for Jonna of Bloomfield Hills, \$50; Timothy Karatz \$100: James Kohuf, \$100: Walter Murzin of Farmington Hills, \$25; James Lalest major expenditures: Garden City, \$100; Peter Paisley of Filed by treasurer Colleen Korte, \$25; Nancy Janik, \$30; repayment to Diana Canup of Ann Arbor, \$100; Tony Scappaticei, Christopher Miller of Northville. \$4,434 for various goods used in \$100; Todd Smith of Howell, manager of the Novi Expo Center, \$100 (\$475); Matt Quinn, \$50 (\$225); Vic. Ventimiglia, \$50; Steven Weiner of West Bloomfield, \$100; Graham

Ward, \$100. Also, Robert Harris, contractor of South Hill Construction Company Total amount spent in campaign: of Wixom, \$100 (\$400); James Chen of Farmington Hills, \$100;

Latest major expenditures: Evan Weiner of Franklin, \$100; Mitchell Research for phone ser-Lawrence Wisne, president of ments, \$611; and bulk mailing.

\$150; Michael Ward of Bloomfield In addition, the Crawford John O'Shea of Birmingham, \$50 McLallen Mayor, but that debt was

Candidate reports are in the bag

Continued from 1

Election Division records show he hasn't filed a campaign statement with the Oakland County Clerk since 1993 and has a \$500

outstanding fine from 1996.

From 1991 on, Toth paid \$2,250 in fees for reports filed late or not at all to the Oakland County Treasurer's Office. Not including late fees for the Dec. 4 report, Toth has racked up \$3,250 worth of

A clerk at the election division office said he is not eligible for a waiver from submitting reports, based on outstanding debts his campaign committee had in 1993. The debts are owed to Toth himself. Controversy billowing around the Novi Aquatic Facility bond proposal led to the formation of two ballot committees. Those against the pool plan, the Committee Opposed To The Novi Aquatic Facility, far outspent those who backed the idea. The Committee Opposed collected \$3.855 and

used every cent. Citizens for Novi Community Pool before the election filed a waiver indicating that they planned to spend less than \$1,000 on their campaign. But they obviously thought better of that, gathering donations of \$1,397 and using it

Two candidates who ran unopposed also managed to rack up bills on the race. Craig DeRoche, who won a two-year term on the Novi City Council, said all along that he planned to do some campaigning to get the public acquainted with him. He raised \$1,175 and spent \$909.

Mayor McLallen added \$3,825 to her campaign chest and used \$2,215 of that. Among other things, the money went to a fullcolor "thank you" ad to Novi residents in the local newspaper, as well as her fundraising and victory

Council heads to Philadelphia

Mayor Kathleen McLallen, and Council Members Hugh Crawford, Craig DeRoche, Ed Kramer, Kathy Mutch and Bob Schmid represented Novi at the 1997 National League of Cities Conference. This year, the December conference was held in the City of Brotherly Love and soft pretzels, Philadelphia. "The NLC conferences give us the

opportunity to meet our peers. problem-solve, discuss issues and reinforce our skills," McLallen said. For the second year in a row, she served on the league's Human Development Committee, which

develops policy on issues such as

employment, health and education and social services. Politicos attending the conference signed up for full- and halfday conferences looking at the role local governments play in translating the needs and resources of their communities into achievable action plans.

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Overcrowding at Thornton Creek addressed

The boundaries around year.

increase of 11 students at Moraine.

projections show that enrollment analyzed the problem and deterwill decline by 21 students next mined that downsizing is a top pri-

may soon be redefined in order to Thornton Creek. Assistant teachers and administrators, wrote said. relocate some students at the over — Superintendent David Bolitho said — a letter to the board expressing its ecrowded school to Moraine the boundaries will be redrawn to concerns that if the projections are betterment of all the students that years so far. siplion up to 50 students from low even more students could be we change the boundaries.

He said he will enlist the help of ____ "Our smallest class is our fifth __ will last at least five years, it can be __ tary_school_level_next_year. The __cial_cducation_classrooms in the If that estimate is accurate, the PTA at both buildings to set up grade which will be moving on to hard to project that far into the other four elementary schools in classrooms at the school already - criteria to move the boundaries - middle school," the team stated in - future.

bursting at the seams will have to and to minimize the impact of a letter to the school board. make room for even more children. shifting students to a new school. "We realize that some of our par- uation, have the kids stay in the However, a decrease in enroll-Moraine Elementary, on the The Thornton Creek School ents will be upset about this, but school for their entire experience so ment won't mean more available other hand, has room to space and Improvement Team has already urge you to make the change for they're not moved twice in their ele-

Bolitho agreed.

Thornton Creek Elementary School To remedy the situation at The team, made up of parents, sensitive issue with parents," he goals."

Enrollment projections show an Thornton Creek and enroll them in crowded into the elassrooms next. Although Bolitho said the district tries to develop boundaries that expected increase at the elemen-

"We would like to, in an ideal sit- ing enrollment.

"This is always a very, very, very - uation but we definitely have those - planned technology bond improve-

Thornton Creck's current bound-"But it seems prudent for the aries have been in effect for four According to projections, Thornton Creek shows the only

"That wasn't possible in this sit- a computer lab under the district's

"Silver Springs will also be close to capacity when the computer lab is installed. They'll only have room

for 11 kids "Bolitho said. Thornton Creek.

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 Sale 24.99-Long-sleeve silk sweaters from August Silk in misses' and petite sizes. Reg. 49.00. In Parisian Woman sizes, req. 59.00, sale 34.99, D78.95.96 Sale 49,99 Famous-maker chenille sweaters in misses' and petite sizes. Reg. 79.00-89.00.

Parisian Woman sizes, reg. 89.00-114.00, sale 59.99, p7895 • Sale 69.99 Parisian Signature cashmere blazers in assorted colors in misses, petile and Parisian Woman sizes. Orig. 138.00. sale 99.99,

now 69.99. 07896 384 Sale 29.99—By Design chemille sweaters. Reg. 40.00, Date • Save 50% off our original prices on selected

wool and leather coats and jackets for misses, petites and juniors. Orig. 110.00-650.00, sale 55.00-325.00. 071 7374 Save 50% on selected active outerwear.

Reg. 140.00-350.00, sale 70.00-175.00. D7: 23.74 Save 40% on a great selection of special occasion dresses in misses', petite and Parisian Woman sizes. Reg. 49.99-180.00, sale 29.99-108.00. 084 88

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 Save 25% on all our women's Jockey and **Wonderbra,** Reg. 6,00-27.00**, sale 4,50-20,25**, D21.22 In Intimate Apparel. Selection varies by store.

Juniors:

· Save 40% on selected junior collections from Ecru, Byer, My Michelle and others. Reg. 14.00-68.00, sale 8.40-40.80, D349 • 19.99-24.99-Junior sweaters from Coach & Camel, Creative Cotton, Jamie Scott, Mv Junior and Currants, Reg. 24,00-46.00,

Accessories & Hosiery:

sale 19.99-24.99. pgs

· Save 40% on cold weather accessories: hats, gloves and mufflers from Fownes, Grandoe, Ben Berger, V. Fraas and our own Parisian label. Reg. 8.00-75.00, sale 4.80-45.00. D37 Excludes Isotoner Classics and Dearloam

• Save an extra 40% on already reduced handbags and small leather goods from Nine West, Objectives, Esprit and other famous makers. Orig. 40.00-160.00, sale 30.00-120.00, now 18.00-72.00. 03132173

• Save 50% on all our sterling silver jewelry. Reg. 20.00-120.00, sale 10.00-60.00. D176 • Sale 24.99-Cubic zirconia tennis bracelets set in 18K gold over sterling silver, Reg. 60.00. D176 • Save 40% on our entire stock of Dearfoam slippers. Reg. 15.00-25.00, sale 900-15.00. D38

Fine Jewerw: · Save an extra 10% on diamonds,

gemstones, slides and gold, already reduced by 50% in Fine Jewelry (excluding watches and clearance items.) Orig. 80.00-5,000.00, sale 40.00-2,500.00, now 36.00-2,250.00. D146 and the extension of the property of the prope The control of the co

"Le Sophistiqué" is just 18.50 with any Lancôme purchase. Choose from three sels. each with a mini evening bag, a matching mirrored lipstick case that doubles as a purse, a Lip Brio, and coordinating nail color, 013

Giffs: • Save 40% on a large selection of trim-a-home and decorative accessories. Reg. 4.00-

270.00, sale 2.40-162.00. D41 Selection varies by store Excludes Calvin Krein Home and Christopher Badko

Kids: · Save 40% on selected outerwear for infants, toddlers boys and girls. Reg. 36.00-120.00, sale 21.60-72.00.

D16.18 62 63 67.69.218 · Save 40% on a large selection of holiday playwear for infants, toddlers and girls. Reg. 16.00-36.00 each, sale 9.60-21.60 each. D16,18.62,63,64.218

 Save 40% on kids' play clothes from Buster Brown and HealthTex, Reg. 15.00-33.00, sale 9.00-19.80. D18.6263.67.218 Save 40% on holiday dresswear for

infants, toddlers and girls. Reg. 30.00-70.00. sale 18.00-42.00. D16,18.62,63.218 Save 50% on all our boys' fleece from Architect, Russell, and Starter. Sizes 4-20.

Reg. 14.00-29.00, sale 7.00-14.50. 067.68

 Save 50% on boys' corduroy pants from On The Brink. Sizes 8-20. Reg. 14.00-29.00. sale 7.00-14.50. DGB Save an **extra 25%**

on all alreadyreduced men's better sportswear collections.

Reg. 25.00-250.00, sale 18.75-187.50. now 14.06-140.60. 02.520.540.542.547.548.519.552.

· Save 40% on our entire stock of men's leather coats and jacks from Reed. Adler, and Kenneth Cole. Reg. 250.00-440.00, sale 150.00-264.00. Selection varies by store

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As We See It

It's up to consumers to protest rising cable rates

impact at the state level when they tion coming to town. However, because wrote Lansing officials about the need of the expense of the cable infrastructo improve the Beck Road/Wixom Road - ture, the business is functioning as a I-96 interchanges.

While most of us are not in the habit—of-way for its cable. of writing letters, now is the time to get - SWOCC will likely again protest this out that pen and paper, if you're not year's \$2.60 per month increase. thrilled with the escalating cost of cable. Viewers, who don't like to tune into

TV rates go up an amazing 62 percent - the commission when it deals with the since 1990. In real numbers, that's FCC. Send your input to SWOCC's \$17.90 per month for the expanded Executive Director Caren Collins.

more ads on pay TV.

Sometimes, residents direct their recent increases. Hills, but federal law unfortunately tors about the big cable TV picture. does not give the commission the power to regulate rates. What SWOCC can, use: and has an excellent track record of doing, is file protests over rate hikes to the Federal Communications Commission

Commission. In 1994, the commission's action led to Time Warner Hills, MI 48335 refunding \$100,000 in overcharges. This past May, the FCC agreed with

SWOCC's protest of last year's cable TV rate like slapped on by Time Warner. Building The FCC ordered that Time Warner pay each reustomer a 65 continue month Fax (202) 226-2356 refund, not much money for the individual but better than nothing. The outcome is pending, because Time Warner

s appealing this. It's true that what Time Warner bills local customers has been shown to be lower than many other area cable companies. And the company has added 17

Of course, a business can pretty much charge what it likes for its ser-

Not so long ago, Novi people had an vice, And SWOCC is open to competi monopoly, one that uses public rights-

higher prices should encourage them to Novi consumers have seen their cable - do so. Their support provides ammo to

basic service most people take jumping — But Collins has suggested that local to \$29.02 per month. Remember that subscribers also back up action recentthe inflation rate has been low and rel- - ly taken by the Consumer Federation of atively stable during that time period. America and the Consumer Union, Also recall that when we hooked into which have filed an anti-cable rate peticable in the 1980s, the idea was we'd tion with the FCC. Moreover, a bill has see relatively advertising-free TV. Now,—been introduced into the U.S. House of we're paying more money to watch. Representatives that would require the FCC to freeze rates and investigate

frustrations on this issue at the Now is the time for another letter-Southwest Oakland Cable Commission, writing campaign from Novi. Write to the local group that represents viewers Collins about the local increase for in Novi, Farmington and Farmington 1998 and your congressman and sena-Here are some addresses to clip and

> Caren Collins, Executive Director Oakland Cable Southwest

> 24021 Research Drive, Farmington

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Durant dollars should be spent on school district improvements

What do you do with \$1.7 million dol- Or, what's to say improvements to the

That's what the Novi Board of for \$2.5 million. Education will decide when it discusses how to spend the money from the most likely need another elementary Durant case settlement.

won the court decision will receive their ing? \$211 million total in checks from the — Our reasoning is simple. state around April 15.

The Michigan Legislature agreed to paying additional taxes each year. pay 84 mostly suburban districts the whether they be city or school taxes. money Lansing owes them for shorting The \$5.5 million school bond was them on special education and other rejected in May, as was the recent mandated services over 17 years.

in 90 days of getting the check to gain sidewalks. public input on how to spend the Secondly, the administration and money. We have a few ideas of our own. parents have already said they will How about using that money for come back to the voters with a similar improving parking and infrastructure proposal. at the elementary and middle schools? Of course, the district could opt to

the lots are still need fixing. Then again, \$1.7 million was the the part of the district to use the money exact cost necessary for playground to offset future tax requests. safety and equipment improvements. It would be better served to use the for most of Novi schools. That, too, was money for what the administration and in the \$5.5 million bond request turned many parents and students say are down by voters.

athletic fields aren't just as important

Let us not forget that the district will school in the near future. Could that School districts, including Novi, that money be dedicated toward that build-

Number one, residents are tired of

request by the City of Novi for millions The board must hold a public hearing of dollars for a community pool and city

A year ago, the district proposed bet- hold onto the money in a fund balance ter lighting and additional parking as type situation for any crises that could part of a \$5.5 million bond issue. occur. But the district has a good sum Voters rejected paying more taxes and of money set aside for that.

We think it would show good faith on

immediate necessities.

<u>letters to the editor</u>

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Keys misfiling was convenient



larly cop shows, tend to por- And so it should be.

with sources are friendly. We When reporter Chris Davis pulled Keys' report this

part they understand it. So it always makes me won- will stamp the report (so that the candidate gets der why some sources respond with hostility to relatively simply, straight forward questions from office. reporters. Too much television?

mer editor Lee Snider went looking for his. Nothing County unnsual about that. And when they found that his — He filed a waiver, saying he did not expect to collect copy to our offices. Again, standard operating proce—up with almost 20 times as much.

We've always thought that that was a fair way to lie? Perhaps it was the donation from the race track, they are just running a little late and are willing to—to line up earlier in the campaign. go that extra mile to carry the information rather — In any case, there is a morale to this story. And

The point of those campaign statements is to inform the public about the candidates their supcan take those campaign contributions and expendi- novinews@htonline.com.

ing perspective on the typical — But few voters have the time to head off to the journalist-source relation- county clerk's office to read the statements. Instead, ship. Serial dramas, particustiley rely on newspapers to carry the information,

tray hostile reporters asking — But when we asked Keys for his statement, we got insensitive, mane or leading a scathing letter from his campaign manager and questions to which the appro--- angry phone calls from the candidate himself. Keys priate response is even more—insisted he had filed the report to the state elections hostility on the part of the division and even had a receipt faxed to us to support the claim. But while he faxed the receipt, he did-In truth, most of our relations in't fax the statement itself.

might not exactly be buddies—week, we found that indeed Keys' staff had filed the with sources, paling around - report to the state on time. In fact, it bore a stamp with them and socializing on off hours, but most from the state elections division for the day of the reporters and sources treat each other at least with - deadline. It also carried a stamp from county clerk's office six days later after it had been rerouted to the If most sources aren't always comfortable with the - correct office. That's not unusual, the state tells us. tough questioning reporters give them, for the most - If it receives a statement sent to the wrong office, it

It's also a slick way for candidate to get credit for Take Chuck Keys for instance. Keys ran for mayor — filing, technically, while still keeping that statement in Northville this past November, so when the dead—unavailable to the public for as much as a week. And line for filing of pre-election campaign finance state. Keys knew where he was supposed to file. He's run ments came around, reporter Wensdy White and for- for office before and filed his reports in Wayne

statement was not in his file in the Wayne County—or spend \$1,000, earlier in the campaign. That in an Clerk's office, they called Keys to ask him to bring a - of itself is interesting, considering he actually ended So what was it Keys wanted to keep from the pub-

treat candidates. We understand that compiling which might not sit well with some Northville voters. those reports can be a huge job for candidates. If Perhaps it was a lack of supporters he had expected share those reports with the public, we're willing to — Take a look at Davis' story and decide for yourself.

than just putting them down as having missed the that is, if you are running for office, just answer the Michael Malott is the Managing Editor of The

porters. State law requires the filing of those state- Northville Record and The Novi News. He can be ments just before the election precisely so that voters - reached by phone at (248) 349-1700 or by e-mail at

In Focus

By John Heider



Stars are born

Thornton Creek Elementary students perform a dress rehearsal of "An Evening with the Stars."

Room with too many views



Dipple

teen, maybe you have one or The dresser drawers were next. As I dove into one drawall the posters on the walls. (was) her pajama drawer. have forgotten what color the

Lused to pick up the bedrooms - were on a roll.

they received allowances. It wasn't enough, I removed the pittance I paid them and told them when they kept their rooms tidy on a daily basis the greenbacks would return. Still no progress. I told myself if I hung in there they would house and a little light would go on in their heads. In my months," I replied.

Finally, I gave them several weeks notice that I would be the vacuum bag was positive. She even made her bed. venturing into their rooms and whatever I found not in its She's very proud of her "new" room as she calls it and rightful place would be thrown out or given to charity. It keeps pinching herself every time she walks by it to see if made my middle child, the collector, quake while the old- she's dreaming. est was indifferent. One by one I tackled the rooms, the last this weekend, with its resident, my 11-year-old fully mastered the art of keeping his or her bedroom tidy

I had her make up labels for the stacking system we learn the secret. Call me at 349-1700. designed for the closet to set up a dressing area. Pitching Carol Dipple is a staff writer for The Novi News and clothes to go to charities over one shoulder into a bag and Northville Record.

Regardless of where you live, if — tossing dirty clothing into the laundry basket, I began to you're a parent of a preteen or - see the carpet for the first time in months.

more of these at your house. er there seemed no rhyme or reason to its contents. I It's approximately 10 feet x 12 found several small stuffed animals, a Super Woman cup. feet. You probably haven't seen a wash cloth, a bikini top, a puppet and a hat. I had to ask the floor for a while and with what was supposed to be in this drawer. She said it is

About half way through the morning, I found a small paint is. I have three such bag of Whoppers from Halloween on her desk which we shared for snack. No time to stop for lunch now that we until 1 went back to work. 1 — I can't blame her for not wanting to tackle the job. if had

tried several tactics to switch gotten too huge. For weeks, I got the willies every time I the responsibility from me to walked by. But enough was enough. I once looked in her room and couldn't find her, even though she was lying on I stepped out of the picture a year ago and gave them full her bed. We gathered up the courage, armed with large responsibility for keeping their rooms tidy. As incentive, trash bags, a laundry basket, the vacuum and a sense of humor which we developed half way through the job. As I nicked up an empty Slim Jim beef jerky container

off the floor she let out "Mom, you let the spider out!" "Honey, the can was on its side, whatever was in there see the difference between their rooms and the rest of the escaped and has been walking around your room for Day one after the the last particle of dust had settled in

> I never want to do this again. If your child has successand organized I applaud them and you and would love to

Young meant more than media hoopla Frankly, I was From his refusal to endure segregation. Real causes, on the other hand, have to



PHIL POWER

breaking members of the Detroit media community

Grace Temple, where then funeral service tion was held! Breaking news when it happens! Detroit's current mayor, Dennis Archer, These factors drove the dynamics of Film at 11!

Upon reflection, though, there was more suggesting that Mayor Young's "most an increasingly black city. And it was only content to the mayor's passing than eleval important legacy was not the bricks and a matter of time until a special kind of ed media blood pressure.

Coleman Young was a remarkable man Detroit that he embodied." who lived a remarkable life. His career will So was Coleman Young himself the cause certainly become an important part of of all the changes that we associate with to be Coleman Young. And the future of our Michigan's history, rising far beyond the his career? domain of current events.

historian, argued that "The history of the Peloponnesian War" the distinction Communications Network, Inc., the compaworld is but the biography of great men." between what might be called the proxi- ny that owns this newspaper. He welcomes And certainly the great man theory of hismate cause and the real cause. Proximate your comments, either by voice mail at (313) tory seems at first glance to have found causes include things like the outcome of 953-2047, ext. 1880, or by e-mail at ppourpersuasive evidence in Coleman Young's battles, the death of kings, the winning of er@oeonline.com

astonished at the and mistreatment in the Air Force to his do with underlying factors over the decades enormous amount leadership in the Michigan Senate and, such as the stately swing of demography of attention the finally, to his unprecedented five terms as over the decades, the spread of technology, news media paid to mayor of the largest city in the state, the relationship between geometrically Detroit Coleman Young seems as though destined increasing population and linearly increas-Mayor Coleman Λ. specifically to play a path-breaking role. ing food supply. Look at in this context, what we see at

He was smart, cunning, rough, willing to Part of it, of course, play the race card when necessary but work are underlying trends - causes, if you was nothing more realistic enough to realize that separatism will - at work throughout this century that than media hype. cannot work in 20th Century America.

finally expressed themselves in Coleman with an honest-to- was to raise the hopes and shape the ambibig, tions of the black majority in the city of nied the rise of the automobile manufac-Remember, you didn't hear much about largest mass migration - from the rural

nearly foamed at the mouth in anxiety to black folks and their contributions when Al South to the urban North - in American Cobo was mayor, or even Jerry Cavanagh. history. Later, after World War II, the auto-Live reports from the line at the Museum Coleman Young personified the established mobile made possible the growth of the of African-American History, where Young's demographic fact that black Americans suburbs and the means by which families body lay in state! Helicopters over Greater represented a majority of Detroit's popula- originally white, but later of all races -

morlar of Detroit, but the spirit and soul of black politician turned up that the black

Thucydides, the ancient Greek historian Thomas Carlyle, the great 19th century introduced in his "History of the

The good jobs at good pay that accompa-

turing plants around Detroit provoked the

majority would express itself in an election.

That special kind of politician turned out

moved out of the center city.

state never will be the same.

caught this point perfectly in his eulogy, demography and, gradually, made Detroit

No holiday sales at tree farm a loss

It has come to my attention that

the North Novi Park (former tree farm) will not be open to sell farm) will not be open to sell Christmas trees this year.

Last year, I had the opportunity to spend some time in the tree farm during the tree sale to collect signatures for a petition. I talked to quite a few people there and I'm sure they will be disappointed to hear there will be no Christmas tree sale this year.

Now I suppose I could start a petition and get maybe 1,000 signatures to try to reverse this decision and I could go to Park and Recreation and the city clerk's office and get the numbers on previous sales and argue the profitability. But the effect of this is doubtful. Instead, I would like to suggest what the people of Novi might think about this decision. ble crossed, that they voted to raise

at tree farm without their input. Some might think that even though no official decision has been made for use of this North Novi property, that in truth a decision has been made and every little decision brings us closer to it. Some people might think that

Novi is not giving equal considera-

tion to all possible uses for this

property and letting a unique

their taxes to buy a tree farm and

opportunity slip through our fin-Some might think this is progress and you can't stop it. Yet others might say that we bought this property to save it from development. And some might think that in the not too distant future. we will be able to get together at the holiday season for an old fash-

ioned golf cart ride through what once was a tree farm. What do I think? I think that when the decision was made to end Christmas tree sales in the tree farm, quality of life in Novi dropped

When I expressed these thoughts to city council, the mayor's response was that the park is still open for hiking and biking. Apparently she didn't get it, that the people of Novi lost something.

Golf again an issue for Novi

To the Editor: Re: Dec. 4 Golf Course Editorial Remember what I wrote back on

First, in the early morning hours of one fine spring day, two or more city employees descend upon the southeast corner of the city parkland. Then, with their taxpayerspaid-for chainsaws, they quickly whack down a few trees, wild flowers and bushes.

Next, a taxpayers-paid-for city truck backs into the new clearing and the city employees quickly unload and install a large, \$15,000 behavior towards all Novi taxpay- agreed to the \$41,779 negotiated to \$25,000, non-conforming sign ers, but unacceptable and disgust- settlement between JCK and Tri-This sign will say something like "Future Site of the Bobby Schmid and Danny Davis Memorial Golf Course and the Kathryn and Kathryn Banquet and Fine Dining

A few years ago, Novi taxpayers Oscar and Olive Ourmoney, Bob and Betty Backpockets, et al., voted for a bond issue to purchase property for parks and recreation (notice: no golf courses) so residents could have more soccer fields, baseball fields, picnic areas, and also to preserve some of the natural beauty of rural Novi. Now

Facilities. Your tax dollars at work.

the sensible Novi voters and tax- the developer to the city. For this to payers knew that these park lands occur, the Novi City Council must

Cousineau

the manager's reports at the end of

Construction are proposing.

ly urge the City of Novi to accept

spalling and cracking of concrete in

that Tri-Mount make the necessary

involved including Walden Woods I

Note that Ray Cousineau of Tri-

Mount Construction once worked

It would be erroneous to believe

Walden Woods I does not currently

have a homeowner's association to

I have experienced poor drainage

(ponding) and spalled concrete in

front of my driveway personally for

nuisance. In winter, it becomes a able

discuss such matters.

Instead of addressing and solv- repairs next spring before "dedica-

would have to have restroom facili- approve the infrastructure and ties, parking areas, utilities and assume responsibility for ongoing some type of road system. Well, the land was purchased. Under normal circumstances, the

 Instead of building a road into tion prior to being turned over. these park lands, the city officials At the Novi City Council meeting skimmed out over \$1 million (from on Nov. 24, the issue of "dedicaother accounts) to build "Pork tion" of Walden Woods I streets, Barrel Avenue No. 6" on privately- utilities and woodlands surfaced in

• Instead of building the Novi Ice the night. Upon obtaining minutes Arena on city-owned land, the city of the meeting, I would like to officials went out and bought addi- express my views on the discussion tional acreage (without voter that took place between Tony approval) deep within privately- Nowicki (Novi DPW), Joseph owned property to construct the Kapelczak (JCK Associates), Ray building, parking lots, etc.

 Instead of bringing utilities Construction) and the council. into the city-owned and bond-pur- I am in favor of having the city chased parkland, the city officials accept the roads in Walden Woods. used taxpayers' money to con- However, I am not in favor of the struct and bring utilities across a unorthodox process of "dedication" privately-owned developer's section that JCK Associates and Tri-Mount • Instead of putting the \$1 mil- It is admitted by JCK Associates

lion plus road, utilities, parking that there is significant spalling lots, ice arena, community pool and cracking of concrete of roads building, etc., as part of a recre- within the subdivision. Some of the ational center/complex on voter- spalling and cracks they classify as purchased park land, the city offi-structural and some as cosmetic. cials are handling this land like it UCK Associates has calculated that is some type of private sanctuary. 210 lineal feet of defective roadway For what? For some type of taxpay- or \$29,110 be placed by Tri-Mount er-financed and taxpayer-support- into a road fund for the next 20 ed political playground (MGGC - year life cycle of street repairs. Municipal Government Goof-off Based on those figures, both Tri-Center) for city officials and their Mount and JCK Associates strong-

When is the humble Novi taxpayer going to wake up to the fact that Upon reviewing the amount of these appointed, elected, and hired city officials are not working in the the subdivision. I believe that the best interest of the Novi taxpayers? replacement costs will far exceed Instead of looking for ways to the total \$41,779 now and in years reduce the tax burden, they are to come. Regardless, I would like to looking for ways to spend more see rather than a proposed buyout

ing the Gypsy Moth infestation tion" of streets takes place. This is problem, they are more worried the normal procedure, where areas about their golf scores and their would be marked and all parties political golfing buddies. Instead of properly addressing residents would be involved in the the construction of a sound year- process. around community pool facility, they come up with a Walt Disney/Cedar Point amusement for JCK Associates in a fairly high park type of solution and then play capacity. I think that it would

with it like a political football. behoove council to seek a second • Instead of focusing their atten- opinion through another civil engitions on fair and reasonable ser- neering firm other than JCK vices for our residents, they are Associates to assess the extent of arm-in-arm with the developers concrete repairs required in and focused on developing - come Walden Woods I, Performance and hell or high water - a Municipal maintenance bonds of a significant Goof-Off Country Club/Politicians' value should placed on Tri-Mount's Watering Hole/Banquet Facility at ability to perform the necessary work. Why should 67 homeowners

The city administration's outra- who have invested well over geous scramble to get into the \$18,000,000 value into the sub-Municipal Goof-Off Golf and City of Novi be subjected with Watering sub-standard streets? Course/Politicians' Clubhouse/Banquet Business is the idea that the majority of not only diabolical bureaucratic Walden Woods I homeowners have

ing government intervention into Mount. In a recent survey conducted by a homeowner's advisory Joseph G. Toth board within the sub, no mention was made of such a proposal.

need attention

When a new subdivision is completed, there is a "dedication" pro- liability problem. As far as Tricess whereby streets, utilities and Mount is concerned, the issue was common areas are transferred from noted in my checklist of things

Nowicki, and passed on to Tri-Mount with no response coming from Tri-Mount, I think that it is about time that Tri-Mount Construction starts assuming responsibility in becoming more accountable to the homeowners of maintenance of subdivision roads. Walden Woods I and the City of and look at what has happened—subdivision roads are repaired by the developer and in good condi-

Unfair ticket for

I am a World War II Pacific Navy veteran. I am partly retired - "partly" because it is hard to pay bills on a fixed income. I didn't care to pay \$80 for a needless ticket in Novi. I haven't had an accident or ticket in

dirt road sign

in Wixom, After golf, I drove around the lake to shop in Novi stores. I did drive through a stop sign or the lakefront drive (just north of Fourteen Milel. I should not have received a ticket because the sign

The stop sign is located at a side road, a dirt lane. In all the years that everyone drives slowly, realizing that children dart across the signs at a dirt lane which is not as dangerous as any paved neighborhood side street without a stop sign at a main road. The sign was not there for most of those 24 years. The police car was parked

unseen on the dirt road looking for violators of the sign at this "dangerous" dirt-lane intersection. It is expensive for Novi voters to pay for each police car with two officers. They might better spend their costly time waiting visibly somewhere near the center of Novi where driving through a stop sign or light could cause serious accidents. There is no real danger at this dirt lane - no more than if the sign were not there. Many people would believe this is a police trap.

Lake residents may want the sign for minor reasons, like reducing traffic and/or noise. This is all "pennywise-pound-foolish" if their police and court people chase away non-residents from shopping in Novi stores. Since receiving the needless ticket. I have not driven around the lake to shop in Novi stores and don't intend to again. I tried to fight the ticket, writing

lieu of a court hearing, but my letter was sent to the wrong magistrate and my fine was increased for non-appearance. When I called to correct the problem, the clerk was most uncooperative. Finally, the magistrate in a court hearing had a closed mind. My experience dealing with Novi people was indeed frustrating. Their police hide on a dirt lane and with the help of magistrates, get money out of people like

But then they might have to deal with consequences. Non-residents should avoid Novi stores in droves and spend their money elsewhere. All this is hardly a sign of good government. Novi voters might consider making some changes in future elections and vote for new officials, magistrates, and judges over two years. In summer, it is a who are more realistic and reason-

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Obituaries

JAMES A. OWENS

James A. Owens, 85, of Novi died Nov. 22 in Providence Hospital of key to the city of Detroit from for- Memorials to Catholic Central Novi. He was born April 19, 1912. mer Mayor Jerry Cavanaugh for High School, 14200 Breakfast wife. Virginia; sons, James Jr. was a long-time member and board. The Capuchin Monastery, 1740. (Mary) and Peter (Diane); brother, member of The Scrab Club, Detroit Mt. Elliot, Detroit, MI 48207 Ted; sister, Mildred Menge; grand-

Tuesday, Nov. 25, at O'Brien of Bloomfield Hills, Marie E. (Betty) Chapel/Ted C. Sullivan Funeral Blackett of Novi, and Margaret V. Home in Novl. Interment was in (Peggy) Foerstner of North White Chapel Cemetery, Troy. Michigan Heart Association would Wilson of Miami, Fla.; 21 grand-

be appreciated. MARGARET K. WILSON Margaret K. (Woodcroft) Wilson,

Ontarlo, Canada.

Mrs. Wilson was active in the League of Catholic Women, The Monday, Dec. 8, at O'Brien

Mother's Club. She received the Mr. Owens is survived by his her various volunteer work. She Drive, Redford, MI 48239 and/or Society of Women Painters and would be appreciated by the famichildren: Kelly, James III, Peter Jr. Sculptors, and the Palette and Iv. and Terry, and one great grand- Brush Club.

Services were conducted on daughters, Dorothy A. MacDonald Ridgeville, Ohio; sons, Gordon R. of Memorial contributions to the Salt Lake City, Utah, and Paul P. children, 45 great grandchildren, and two great great grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by

90, died Thursday, Dec. 4. She was husband, Gordon A., former owner 1984; and 18 sisters and brothers. Services were conducted on Detroit. Legion of Mary, Catholic Central Chapel/Sullivan Funeral Home in

Mrs. Wilson is survived by GLADYS E. KUKLA Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. She was born July 17, 1914.

Mother's Club, and Assumption Sepulchre Cemetery.

She is survived by daughter, Darlene (Jack) Rooney; son, Stanley (Linda); sisters, Bernice Schultz and Delores Vrsek; and four grandchildren and three great Services were held on Saturday, Dec. 6, at O'Brien/Sullivan born Sept. 19, 1907, in Hamilton, of Trumbull Chevrolet, who died in Funeral Home in Novi. Interment

was in Grand Lawn Cemetery, Memorials to the American Heart Association would be appreciated. Novi. Interment was in Holy

Fires sparked in stoves fueled by wood increase

Although fires resulting from ing during recent years," Lori osote. Each year before a wood wood heating are less frequent. White, communications director of stove is put into use, the chimney these days, they still represent a the Michigan Association of flue should be thoroughly cleaned. serious threat to life and property. Insurance Companies, said. Also, Six guidelines for wood burning

fighters were injured due to these ment installation and operation, by a recognized testing laboratory. blazes, according to a spokesper- according to White. son for the insurance industry. Total costs associated with these has changed drastically. In the late standards.

steadily from the late 1970s to gy source, improper system instal-1983, when the Michigan State lation was a leading cause of these and stovepipes for deficiencies and Police Fire Marshal Division report- fires. Currently, inadequate main- creosote buildup. ed 2,708 wood stove and fireplace tenance leads to most wood heatincidents and over 3,400 fires origing accidents. inating in chimneys. Since that Creosote buildup is responsible significantly. In 1996, there were color and with an unpleasant odor, coal blazes. 361 fires resulting from wood stove—creosote is a by-product of wood

blazes is due in part to decreased burst into flames. Use of unseagrams. reliance upon wood for home heat- soned wood produces more cre-

consumers have become more safety are recommended: In 1996, 11 civilians and 12 fire- knowledgeable about proper equip-

fires exceeded \$5 million last year. 1970s, when homeowners were • Learn and follow general rules Wood heating fires increased just rediscovering wood as an ener- for operation/maintenance.

"The lower incidence of these deposits become very hot, they

 Buy only equipment approved · Make certain the system is The nature of wood heating fires installed according to authorized

Regularly inspect the chimney

 Check stoves for cracks or Keep a fire extinguisher availtime, these fires have decreased for many chimney fires. Dark in able that is suitable for wood or MAIC is a non-profit, public

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starts were down 7.6 percent from falling to a 24-year low of 4.7 per-1996 year-to-date totals through cent in October; and bond yields, minus 1.2 percent, from 483 in the month of October as compared which ultimately affect mortgage. September to 477 in October. For to 8.6 through the month of rates, continue their downward. September, the dollar value was

Gladys Emily Kukla, 83, of president of the Michigan compared to \$398 in September million while '97 equaled \$764.7 Wixom died Dec. 3 at William Association of Home Builders, "The and \$417 in August. economy has remained strong this

October housing project starts Fixed-rate mortgages continued went down to \$71.3 million, a were up 3.1 percent over to luch down at 7.34 percent in minus 5.3 percent change. For "Through the month of October, in September, down from the 7.88 6,557 units in 1996 compared to 1997 has been stronger than any percent rate of a year ago. Lumber 5050 in 1997, a minus 23.0 perother year in the '90s other than prices for 1,000 board feet of fram-cent change for '97. As for the dol-1996," commented Michael Tobin, ing dropped in October to \$372 lar value, 1996 equaled \$857.1

October units were down a

\$75.3 million; in October, the value October compared to 7.53 percent year-to-date analysis, there were million, once again, a minus 10.8 percent change.

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Liablity suits could seek punitive damages

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who has a lot of money," said Rep.

out doing people any good."

A key Republican crossover gave tiatives; the other is restoring state \$25,000 to \$40,000 a year. non-economic (pain and suffering) Democrats' package. HB 4048 ishable under the law for compa-House Democrats a bare-bones vic- unemployment benefits to 1995. Here the wrongdoer would pay the and exemplary damages. Adding would cover pharmaceuticals; HB nies to sell products they know "A political outcome took prece- "Thirty-five other state have said, would make Michigan "one of ucts; and a third bill is still in com- Baird, D-Okemos. dence over a policy outcome," said punitive damages. You hear of the few states with all four types of mittee.

Rep. Frank Fitzgerald, R-Grand large awards of \$270 million. Those damages." Ledge, summing up the case for the awards are usually reversed by the Rep. Andrew Richner, R-Grosse House press room with news repeal or roll back products liabili-Alan Cropsey, R-DeWitt, who gave GOP. "This will have a chilling appellate courts," said Wallace, Pointe, got hoots from the releases. Democrats the 56th vote they effect on the business climate with- adding that only 5 percent of plain- Democratic side when he said. • "Threatens to wreck Michigan's approved last session (controlled tiffs ever win any damages at all. House Bill 5373 is probably dead The sponsor, Rep. Ted Wallace, But Wallace said a punitive go only to our friends (consumers) an anti-business agenda" - Small Chamber will fight to retain the on arrival in the Republican-con- D-Detroit, likened punitive dam- award against a corporation, even but to the trial lawyers," The Business Association of Michigan, current law" - Michigan Chamber trolled Schate, which has made a lages against corporations to a if reversed on appeal would result Michigan Trial Lawyers • "Whether it's hiding research of Commerce. 13-year effort to reduce the costs of prison term for violent felons. "If in greater safety for consumers. Association, the plaintiffs' bar, is a about defects, cutting corners on

"These punitive damages will not positive small business climate. . .

Product liability is one of the you injure someone, you go to Rep. Mike Nye, R-Litchfield, said major contributor to Democrats. the assembly line, or lying about Democrats' key 1997 legislative ini- prison," he said, "and it costs the consumers can sue for economic. Three more bills are in the product safety, it should be punpunitive damages to the list, he 5371 would cover defective prod-could injure or kills" - Rep. Laura

. "Most of these bills are an obvi-Interest groups flooded the ous effort by plaintiff's attorneys to ty reform legislation that was Republicansl, The Michigan



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The students at Parkview first grade theme was "Breakfast with their "Keep Warm" theme. All Elementary School took time to Time." The second graders were classes were encouraged to donate remember the needy this month by asked, "What's for Dinner?" This gently used children's winter coats. donating items to the Clothes class gave canned soup, spaghetli, The community service project Closel in Novi. Each grade level spaghetti sauce and macaroni and was organized by the Parkview had a theme and students were cheese. The third grade class Parent Teacher Organization, All asked to bring items relating to theme was "Let's Clean Up." donated items were taken to the Students brought soap, shampoo, Clothes Closet located inside Holy The kindergarten theme was "It's laundry items and approximately Family Church. The clothes Closet Time for Bed." Donations included 68 rolls of toilet paper. The fourth helps needy families in Novi and

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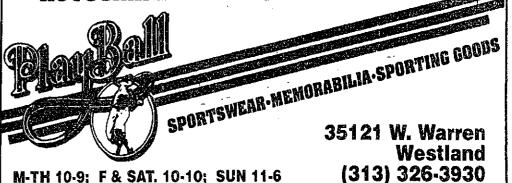
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OCC students say si, oui and ja to languages

'is one of the fastest growing and Orchard Ridge Campus.

German is taught straight, but Canadian customers.

College professors Dr. Gary have to do is translate a manual versity. sum up the trends in foreign lan-said.

Spanish is "skyrocketing." Arabic - who teaches that language on the - language.

"French, across the country, is down, but not here," said Stewart, requires some knowledge of the "Many often take it here to fulfill ed."

sentative to deal with French-Portuguese, Swedish, Norwegian, here but much cheaper."

Scavnicky and Kathryn Stewart and write their own ticket." Stewart George Cartsonis, college infor- employers said they needed people mation officer, reported about 90 who knew foreign customs and least one semester of a foreign lan- They learn grammar as they go guage instruction as the county. But Stewart notes France has percent of students working for the how to deal with foreigners. looms larger in America's portion of lost its position as a major power. associate in arts degree will take at "A Michigan high school student" Conventional wisdom is that the On the other hand, one in four least one semester of a foreign lan- can graduate without taking a for- younger you start learning a lan-

Gaelic and Italian. Foreign lan- Others take foreign languages students. there is also a course in "German" "If a student has a background" guages are studied mostly by the because of a spouse, a desire to "Engineers and people in busi- language skills.

business roundtable, many Scavnicky.

a requirement at the university." Stewart suggested a foreign lan- 30. They say it would have been so In fall OCC offered six foreign said Stewart. "For example, U-M guage requirement should be profit much easier if they had taken one "I have a contact looking for a languages for credit and six others has a four-semester requirement. ciency based. The OCC instructors in high school," said Scavnicky. are active plans to introduce full-time customer service repressing continuing education, including. You can get the same level program say a need to know a foreign lans. But Stewart said that shouldn't guage isn't limited to transferring stop the older student from trying.

in computer science and can speak 37 percent of OCC students who visit the country or for business. ness do not have to take one iota of "Now you learn to think in the That is how Oakland Community French, that's opening up. All they plan to transfer to a four-year uni- Cartsonis noted that at an OCC a foreign language," said target language," said Stewart.

"We're hoping OCC will require at videos. I use music, rock lyries. guage for graduation," he added. along."

"Many of my students are over

New techniques ease acquiring

old language

For centuries, Latin was the International language, particularly in Europe, and was touted here for its value in teaching American students the rules of grammar and

tatin isn't taught at OCC and many other colleges any more. Henry Philip Tappan, president of the University of Michigan in the 1840s and '50s, de-emphasized Latin and Greek and introduced modern languages.

"Its demise is due to a society interested in speaking a living language," sald OCC's Dr. Gary Scavnicky, "Due to the advent of the airplane, travel to a foreign country makes a living language a

Added Kathryn Stewart: "There's a late 20th Century tendency to no longer value knowledge for knowledge's sake but to value practical

knowledge." At least one Michigan politician disagrees. Harry Veryser, leader of the religious right forces at Republican state conventions and former chair of the 10th Congressional District, publicly advocates rote learning and Latin. Altogether 1,085 Oakland Community College students enrolled in a for-credit foreign language class this fall semester. About 50 sections are taught. Most

196. French 137. German

Japanesc Italian was also offered to a small enrollment. Arabic - reintroduced last year but not offered in fall. For course information, contact of the five OCC campuses.

School elections may shift to fall

By TIM RICHARD Staff Writer

School elections would be held in November instead of June under a package of bills awaiting state Senate action.

"It will dramatically increase voter participation," predicted Sen. Loren Bennett, R-Canton.

"Elections should be limited to a few days each year," said Sen. Glenn Stell, R-Grand Rapids, lead sponsor of the package. "Voter turnout needs to be increased, and we must ensure that voters are fully aware of the issues before

Currently, June voter turnouts are as little as 3 percent and, unless there's a major controversy, rarely more than 15 or 20 percent. They also seek to reduce the numher of special elections on money

School districts are expected to resist the call for November elections, particularly in even-numbered years when partisan issues and constitutional amendments crowd the ballot. The bills would:

• Require that school elections be held in November beginning in 2002. At least one school board member would have to be elected

in every November election. · Place conduct of school elections in the hands of cities and townships. In some areas, voters would go to their city or township precincts for all elections, not a separate school precinct.

To municipal clerks' worries that their election burden would be increased, Bennett said, "As a former township clerk, I don't see it as a problem - just a matter of print-

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ing additional ballots. Limit school elections to three dates each year: one in April, one in August and the November gener-

· Require the school district seeking approval of a bond issue to include on a ballot proposal the estimated annual tax cost.

· Require the ballot language to include the per-pupil and perclassroom costs for the facilities for which the bonds are issued.

· Hike the cost of special elections by requiring the school district to pay the city and/or township 105 percent of the actual cost of conducting a special election.

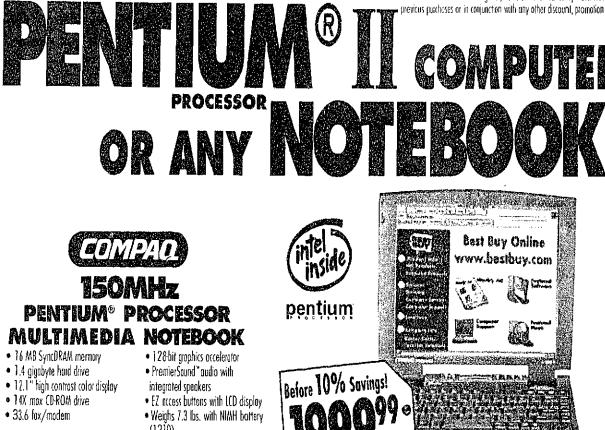


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11:00 a.m. - Christian Singles Today

11:30 a.m. - Cosby and Company 12:00 p.m. - Movie Lovers Holiday Guide with Aaron and Maggie 12:30 p.m. - (con't)

1:00 p.m. - Adventures with Pirate

Pete 1:30 p.m. - Special Blend:

Christmas Music 2:00 p.m. - Financial Strategies

2:30 p.m. - The Light to the Nations: I Can't Do It 3:00 p.m. - Ask the Pharmacist

3:30 p.m. - A Little Christmas Magic

4:00 p.m. - Mountain Ski Series: Ski TV Youth Movement

4:30 p.m. - Imagination Tree 5:00 p.m. - Who, What, Where, Y 5:30 p.m. – Lawyers Roundtable 6:00 p.m. - School of Ministry of

Mission 6:30 p.m. - Bagels and Talk with

Tracy 7:00 p.m. - Critter Connection 7:30 p.m. - INFO TV-12 News

8:00 p.m. - A Culmary Adventure: 2:30 p.m. - Christian Singles Mexican Gardens II 8:30 p.m. - Home for Life: Status 3:00 p.m. - Travelin On: Florida

and Finishes 9:00 p.m. - Lansing Connection 9:30 p.m. - Groove Session: Jams 2-Man Band

TUESDAY, DEC. 16

10:00 a.m. - Legislative Forum 10:30 a.m. - Specs Profile

11:00 a.m. - Law Talk: John Balarado 11:30 a.m. - (con't)

12:00 p.m. - Summit University

12:30 p.m. - (con't)

1:00 p.m. - Drawing Men to Christ 1:30 p.m. - (con't)

2:00 p.m. - Lansing Connection 2:30 p.m. - Paintings and Pipe Fittings

3:00 p.m. - (con't)

The following is the Time Warner 3:30 p.m. - Special Blend: THURSDAY, DEC. 18

Magazine

Things Happen

6:30 p.m. - Welcome to the New

7:00 p.m. - Fitness Motivators

7:30 p.m. - Financial Strategies

8:00 p.m. - A Little Christmas

8:30 p.m. - Mountain Ski Series:

Ski TV Why You Should Ski

10:30 a.m. - Excellence ert Route

11:30 a.m. - The Capitol Report

1:00 p.m. - Study in Scripture

2:00 p.m. - Restoration Now

4:00 p.m. - Critter Connection

with Tatiana: Det. Fox

Mexican Gardens II

6:00 p.m. - Iditarod

6:30 p.m. ~ (con't)

12:00 p.m. - School of Ministry and

12:30 p.m. - The Way, The Truth,

3:30 p.m. - Groove Session: Jams

4:30 p.m. - INFO TV-12 News

5:00 p.m. - The Show Me Show

5:30 p.m. - A Culinary Adventure:

7:00 p.m. - Adventures with Pirate

7:30 p.m. - Cosby and Company

8:00 p.m. - Novi Street Beat Live

8:30 p.m. - Who, What, Where, Y

9:00 p.m. - Comical Mystery Tour

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9:30 p.m. - (con't)

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and The Life

2-Man Band

Magazine

1:30 p.m. - AMVETS

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 17

10:00 a.m. - Life Matters

Magic

Christmas Music 10:00 a.m. - Fitness Motivators 10:30 a.m. - The Happiest People 4:00 p.m. - In the Studio with Bry: Erin Herald Alive

4:30 p.m. - Lost Gold Biography 11:00 a.m. - Abundant Life Arabie 5:00 p.m. - INFO TV-12 News Ministries

11:30 a.m. - People Who Make 5:30 p.m. - People Who Make Things Happen

12:00 p.m. - Bagels and Talk with 6:00 p.m. - Women on the Move: Tracy

12:30 p.m. - Madonna Magazine 1:00 p.m. - Praise, Praise, Praise 1:30 p.m. - That's Italian

2:00 p.m. - Rock Soup 2:30 p.m. - Who, What, Where, Y

3:00 p.m. - The Secret Place 3:30 p.m. - Adventures with Pirate

4:00 p.m. - Law Talk: John 9:00 p.m. - Let's Talk with Ben Balarado

4:30 p.m. - (con't)

5:00 p.m. - Shaarey Zedek

Productions

5:30 p.m. - (con't) 6:00 p.m. - Movie Lovers Holiday

Guide with Aaron and Maggie

6:30 p.m. - (con't) 11:00 a.m. - Patterson and 7:00 p.m. - In the Studio with Bry:

Erin Herald 7:30 p.m. - Farmington Hills Police

Journal 8:00 p.m. - People Who Make Things Happen

8:30 p.m. - Christian Singles

Today 9:00 p.m. - Law Talk: John Balarado 9:30 p.m. - (con't)

FRIDAY, DEC. 19

10:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. - To Be Announced

4:00 p.m. - Fitness Motivators 4:30 p.m. - The Show Me Show

with Tatiana 5:00 p.m. - Adventures with Pirate Pete

5:30 p.m. - Cosby and Company

6:00 p.m. - Critter Connection 6:30 p.m. - Groove Session

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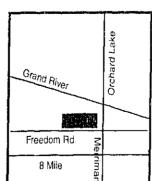
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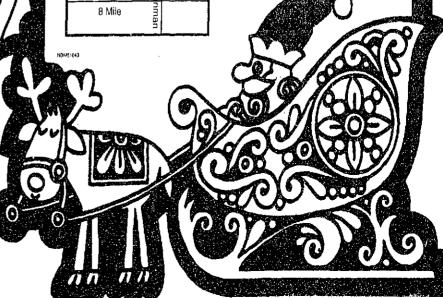








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The Cat Record Book has pages for a pet owner to jot down everything from date of birth to vaccinations.

Gifts Galore

What's hot this year in gift ideas? According to local stores, items which storekeepers hope will go out the door at a fairly good clip include pet pampering products, kitchen gizmos, and writing instruments.

Kitchen gadgets - There's always something cooking in the kitchen at some fromes. And to make things more exciting are new gadgets.

"Christmas spreaders fly out (the door) every year," said Ronnie Cambra of the Kitchen Witch in Northville.

Cambra has been getting a lot of requests for a stainless steel olive oil pump sprayer, which is scheduled to be delivered to the store in mid-December

"It is a great concept," said Cambra of the sprayer.

The oil sprayer allows the cook to mist a pan or salad to get just a coating of olive oil.

"It saves a lot of waste," said Cambra. "It is a way to flavor vegetables too.'

Garlie peelers in colors and hand-made bottle stoppers also add a little zip to the kitchen.

The Spit 'n Whittle bottle stoppers, which can be use for any kind of bottle but mostly for wine, spirits, or oils, are hand carved funny characters carved to depict a variety of professions including a schoolteacher, nurse, and fireman as well as a golfer and a hunter. Each stopper comes with a description.

Both the oil sprayer and the stoppers are \$21 each and are available at the Kitchen Witch, 134 E. Main Street in Northville.

Pets - If you missed the opportunity to fill in a baby book, now you can have a second chance, this time for your dog or cat. The dog or cat record book, part of the Animal Antics series. has space to jot down the lineage of your pet, the Christmas gifts it has received over the years. vacations it has gone on, vaccinations, even a page for you to add photographs. (\$19.95) Available at The Wooden Bird at Twelve Oaks Mall.

Along the lines of a better mouse trap is a better cat litter box, one that is self-cleaning. Ten minutes after kitty has left the box an electric mechanism scoops and diseards the clumps. A tion. beeping alarm keeps kitty away while the "flushing process is in progress. (\$179) Available at Sharper Image at Twelve Oaks Mall.

Pens - There are pens for just about everyone on your Christmas list from those with special needs to those who like to write in the dark. The Ergonomic Pen is a roller ball pen from Tombow



If you know a person who seems to get the best ideas after his head hits the pillow, the Lightwriter pen might just be the best gift he will receive this year. It has a tiny light that lets the writer see what he is jotting down in the dark without turning on the light and disturbing the person next to bim.

The Sensa Pen has a silicone gel midsection which conforms to the user's hand.

"People are really attracted to this one," said Daryl Mize, assistant manager at Colorado Pen Company at Twelve Oaks Mall. They are available in several different styles and range in price from \$50 to \$125.

The Namikie Vanishing Point Pen is a fountain pen that clicks in and out like a ballpoint pen.

Not the kind of pens you lend to just anyone. some earry helty price tags such as the limited edition pen by Waterman at \$2,500. Colorado Pen Company carries hundreds of different types of pens, some as low as \$2.

Mize said sales so far this holiday season are "wonderful, going extremely well."

Robot - To bring you your very own pen, or a newspaper, is Emiglio the Robot from Sharper Image. The two-foot-tall robot speaks in three voices and stands ready to serve. (\$149.95)

Special needs - For those that need assistance when walking, a graphite cane with a built in shock absorber is available for \$84 from The Walking Company at Twelve Oaks Mall.

Closed-captioned televisions for the hearing impaired range in price from a couple hundred dollars to thousands.

For people with limited vision, look for products which have large number or letters such as digital clocks and crossword puzzles. To make reading regular size print easier, consider a magnifying glass.

Can't crain another tie, sweater or pair of slippers into your closet? When friends and family ask for gift ideas consider an electronic organizer, which come in a variety of price ranges; a (rayeling humidor if you're a cigar smoker; raspberry aroma toiletries, candles and fragrances: ink should the airplane cabin in which you are or collectible Christmas ornaments.

Plan before you shop

Most people spend hours planning their gift lists but torget to set aside a few extra minutes to plan their shopping in a way that saves them time

"Smart holiday shopping is all in the planning," says Karen MacDonald, communications manager for Taubman Centers Inc., which owns 23 shopping centers, including Fairlane Town Center, Lakeside, Twelve Oaks Mall and Briarwood.

"Taking just a few moments to plot one's course can save untold hours and stress during the holiday season." MacDonald suggests the following

10 easy strategies to simplify your holiday shopping: Schedule shopping trips during off-hours. Traffic at most shopping centers is heaviest during the week-

ends and after dinner on weekdays. The most efficient times to shop are before 11:30 a.m. and between 3 and 7 p.m. on weekdays.

Take advantage of shopping centers that open early during the holiday season to get a head start on the day and on your gift list.

· Shop early in the season. You'll find the best selections, the smallest crowds and the best sales early in the season. You'll also save money because you'll have more time to comparison shop.

· Organize. Don't go shopping without a gift list that includes names, sizes and two or three suggestions for each person. But be flexible enough to take advantage of unexpected sales or novel gift ideas if you find them.

Newspapers and advertising supplements make good sources for gift ideas - whether or not you shop at those particular stores - so keep a shopping. list and pen beside you as you read

 Keep a running list. Throughout the year, whenever you see a gift you think someone on your list would like, buy it. If someone on your list mentions something he or she wants, write it down. By the time the holidays roll around, you'll be surprised how fast your list shapes up and how few gifts you have left to buy.

Caution: Be sure that when you do buy a gift ahead of time, you've marked the name off your list and recorded where you stashed the gift. That way, you'll avoid shopping for something you've already bought.

· Choose a single shopping location. Save time and energy by picking a shopping venue, such as a large shopping center, that offers a variety of gift options for everyone on your

. Dress comfortably. On shopping day, make sure you wear comfortable shoes and non-binding, layered, apparel. That makes it easy to add or remove a layer of clothing for maximum comfort as you shop. Instead of a cumbersome purse, stash cash and credit cards in a belted fanny pack.

· Leave the kids at home. You'll accomplish far more and be on far better terms with your child at day's end. Hire a sitter or swap kids with another parent, and set aside another time to help your children shop for gifts from their own holiday lists.

When you are ready for the kids, you might add some fun by taking them to a shopping center that has a children's area.

· Stop for frequent breaks. Food stops not only make pleasant intervals, they alleviate the fatigue, headaches and irritation that accompany empty stomachs.

Not hungry? Try a cappuccino pickme-up or a healthy juice drink. Some major shopping centers encourage breaks with holiday "relaxation stations," complete with everything from cushioned chairs to complimentary

 Take advantage of any services shopping centers and specially shops offer. These may include special tables of gift suggestions, prewrapped gifts, shipping and gift wrapping at a central mall location, coat and package checking, easy-to-carry shopping bags, free stroller rentals and valet

 Make shopping an adventure. Check center directories for new stores, and check out holiday additions, such as novelty carts and kiosks. You'll have more fun, and so will everyone on your list.

Make it yourself and your family this a safe

season

holiday is to shop safely.

or wallet in your car. sums of money tip off would-be pickpockets by patting their back pockets frequently.

· Chserve your surround- carry large sums of money. Men

The best gift you can give ings. When you park remember should keep their wallets in an the parking lot sign or jot it down if you tend to be forgetful. • Stash valuables out of Look for well-lit areas with lots sight. Lock packages in the of foot traffic. If possible patrontrunk of your ear, out of tempta- ize shopping centers that assign tion's sight. Never leave a purse trained, uniformed professionals to all parking lots. If you discov-· Heed your body lan- er you've locked yourself out of guage. Men who carry large your car, have a dead battery, or a flat tire, contact the shopping center's security office.

The Fisher space pen called the Milleni-

er at Colorado Pen Company, is guaran-

teed never to run out of ink, at least not

for 100 years. It is also pressurized and

can write at any angle or weather condi-

designed from three angled pieces that allow for

better gripping. Although shorter than most

The antigravity Space Pen not only lets you

write under water, upside down and at other

angles, you need not worry about it exploding

pens, it is a full one-inch in diameter.

um, held by Daryl Mize, assistant manag-

• Protect your money. Never

inside jacket pocket instead of in hip pockets, which are vulnerable to pickpockets. For every time you enter or leave a women, zippered waist fanny packs provide more security than open shoulder bags. Wearing the pack under a loose sweater, shirt or jacket makes it even safer. When resting or dining, keep your purse on your lap, not on the floor or the back of a chair.

· Store packages in shop-

ping center lockers or use package- and coat-checking services.

Count your packages

store, restroom or restaurant. Educate your children. Tell them of the importance of staying close to you at all times. If you do get separated, tell them to stay inside the shopping center and look for a uniformed security officer. For older children, arrange a place to meet inside the shopping center. Take

children to family restrooms when available.

· Lock your car. Never leave vour car unlocked.

 Trust your instincts. Ask for an escort if you feel the least bit uncomfortable about walking to your car alone. Escorting shoppers to their cars is one of the responsibilities of the trained, uniformed professionals hired by the shopping centers.

Compiled by Taubman Cen-

ters, Inc.

Parks and Rec plans special holiday activities

p.m. at the Novi Clvic Center. The - be served at intermission. volunteers directed by Jo-Schirtzinger of Leisure Unlimited. NOVI SENIOR CENTER Call 347-0400 for further informa-

Singles

Fellowship Hall at 7:30 p.m.

Every Sunday, the group wor-

topic of Harold Ellens at 7:30 p.m.

or an open forum will be offered on

er Relationship" with speaker Tony

On Dec. 18, "Using Humor to

Get Through the Holidays" will be

the topic of Carol Green at 7:30

5:30 p.m. at Bennigan's, 40441 E.

A Walk in the Park is scheduled

Eleven Mile roads in Farmington

of the Single Place programs or to

U.S. SINGLETONS, a singles

with a social hour at 2 p.m. fol-

U.S. Singletons, P.O. Box 2175,

Fort Dearborn Station, Dearborn,

HOLY FAMILY SINGLES, is a

group for separated, divorced, wid-

owed or never-been-married per-

For more information, call

Church of the Holy Family at (248)

SINGLE PARENT GROUP,

17000 Farmington Road in Livo-

nia, meets the first and third Tuesdays of the month in the Calvin

Room at Ward Presbyterian

Church from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Free

child care is available. There are

activities for children and parents

The Uniquely Single Group for

those who have never been mar-

ried meets the fourth Tuesday,

also in the Calvin Room, from 7 to

New Start for widows and wid-

owers meets every other Thursday

For more information call the

SINGLE POINT MINISTRIES of

Ward Presbyterian Church, 17000

Farmington Road in Livonia,

invites you to join over 450 single adults every Sunday morning at

10:45 a.m. for fellowship and

Rev. Paul Clough delivers mes-

sages to help singles in their life

struggles. Coffee, donuts, conver-

sation and Christ are always pre-

SPM has a program and activity

Single Parents meets the first

and third Tuesdays of each month

at 7 p.m. in the Calvin Room. The

group offers support, fun, fellow-

for every age group and life situa-

encouragement

Single Point office at (313) 422-

in room A-15 from 7:30 to 9 p.m.

to enjoy every month.

register, call (248) 349-0911.

Valenti at 7:50 p.m.

Wooly Bullys at 9:30 p.m.

Ann Arbor Road in Flymouth.

include a Jamily activity, "A Christmas Carol" which will be present-The staff of Novi Parks and mas Carol" which will be presented by the Novi Theaters on Dec. Recreation is busy making holiday 12, 13, at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, plans and winter vacation plans. Dec. 14, at 3 p.m. There will be a for kids in the Novi area. A very - \$1 discount for tickets purchased - menus printed on the backs of the Saturday, Dec. 13, from 11 a.m.-4 12 and under, Refreshments will ing 347-0414.

day will include games, crafts, kids. Auditions for several plays are to include: barbecue chicken, pork p.m. at the United Methodist gram and are in need of baking their own treats, and a as follows: Tuesday, Dec. 16 or steak, yeal bird with onion gravy, Church of Novi on Ten Mile. The unwrapped gifts or donations. 3.5 years; 6.8 years; and 9 and ages 11 and up for the play "Olly-includes salad, dessert and milk. older, with appropriate activities er" which will be performed in Interest groups include; cards, coffee, tea or milk. The charge is geared for each age group. A March; for ages 7-11, Monday, Pinochle, line dancing, crafts with \$6 for adults and \$3 for children NOVI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE charge of \$15 will include snack. Dec. 15 or Wednesday, Dec. 17 at - Loretta Shelton, oil painting, - ten and under. beverage, and all materials, how 4 p.m. for "The Velveteen Rabbit," Bridge, and other activities ever, space is limited. Staff will to be shown in April. Contact the throughout the month. One of include Novi High School student—parks office for more information.

Special holiday activities also meals are offered each day with ing programs and events.

SINGLE PLACE, an adult min-ship, vacations and other activi-

byterlan Church of Northville, Single Point also offers other Botsford Inn.

followed by brunch at the Martin Downs on Dec. 12 who will www.fsp.org

and Jack Schmitt on Dec. 26 who

On Thursday, Dec. 11, "Getting ehildren 14 and under. A variety of Friday of the month at 8 p.m.

For details, call (313) 422-1854.

FARMINGTON SINGLE PRO-

FESSIONALS is a non-profit group

for singles ages 25.40 who share

tations, the group will meet at form new friendships. Membership OF DETROIT is for single

every Saturday at 10 a.m. in Her- Fourteen Mile Road for euchre, including cultural, social, reli-

itage Park between Ten Mile and pinochle and dinner at 6:30 p.m. gious, athletic and intellectual

The cost is \$7 for members and \$8

for non-members. Cash bar and

Upcoming activities include

wallyball at 6:40 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays at Racquetball

Farmington on Nine Mile west of

over 350 activities per year.

donation is suggested.

istry for single people at First Pres-ties. Free child care is available.

meets on Thursday evenings in groups which are open to all sin-

Northville Crossing Restaurant, discuss the colors of personality;

18900 Northville Road, at 12:30 and Sandy Hoffman, Vickt Vensel

meets for coffee and eards at 6 BYOS will meet on Dec. 13 at

p.m. at Tuscan Cafe, 150 N. Cen- the Livonia YMCA at 8 p.m. The

'Rules of How To Conduct a Prop- 31) at 8:30 p.m. in Knox Hall. A \$1

Following the evening's presen- common interests and want to

On Fridays, the group meets at area. The group participates in

For more information about any munchies are available.

group of adults ages 45 and up, Farmington Road; billiards on Dec.

will meet on Sunday, beginning 26; and laser tag on Dec. 13.

Ernesto's, 41661 Plymouth Road Marriott Hotel in Livonia.

For more information, write to leagues is now starting.

Sunday evenings, Single Place—will speak about verbal abuse.

through the Holidays" will be the sports is available.

special day "Christmas shopping" on Dec. 12 by 5 p.m. Tickets are calendar of events. Reservations without children' is planned for \$8 for adults and \$7 for children must be made in advanced by call-

party and dance is scheduled for

For details on upcoming activi-

ties and information about Farm-

PARENTS WITHOUT PART-

NERS INC., an international, non-

profit, non-sectarian, educational

organization devoted to the welfare

and interest of single parents and

(7:30 p.m. for orientation for new

Orientation for prospective

members takes place at 8:30 p.m.

The cost is \$4 for members and \$5

For details, call (313) 383-2473.

marry in the Catholic Church

For details call (248) 683-1998

CHRISTIAN SINGLES TODAY,

an outreach ministry of Anchor

Bay Fellowship at 35526 Grand

River, Suite 344 in Farmington

tion is suggested.

Lake Road in Waterford.

for non-members.

cost is \$3 for adults and \$1 for their children, meets every second

"Indoor volleyball meets on members), in the small banquet

Wednesdays (except Dec. 24 and room at 300 Bowl, 100 South Cass

is not limited to the Farmington Catholics 21 and older who have

Every Monday night the group CACD offers a large number and

meets at the Maples of Novi on variety of activities each month,

and there will be a \$3 donation. Some of the services provided available at \$100 each and can be A warm welcome to all seniors in - Included will be Cornish hen, rice - include staff to help veterans and - purchased at 43700 Expo Center Another program, "Kids Vacation the area, especially to those who Pilaf, salad, vegetable and peach their families receive benefits from Drive, Suite 100, or call 349-3743. Club," is being planned for ages 7 live alone, to come and enjoy the pie. The Novi Senior Center Cho-federal, state and local govern- The drawing will be held on Tuesyears and up for Monday and many holiday activities. The staff rus will provide the entertainment ment; the Alliance also helps in fil-day, Dec. 16, at the Doubletree Tuesday, Dec. 22-23, from 9:30 has many programs available for in addition to holiday prizes given ing for benefits regarding medical. Holel on Sheraton Drive. Networka.m. 4:30 p.m. at the Civic Center. you no matter what the weather. If away to advance tickets only. The treatment at VA Medical Centers: Ing will start at 11:30 a.m., lunch The charge for half-days (9:30 you would like to invite a neighbor center also provides a "homebound emergency financial relief; burial at noon, and the program at 12:30 the evening will be Mark "Doc" a.m.-12:30 p.m. or 1-4:30 p.m., and join us for lunch but are in service," when the staff calls the benefits; and death pension. These p.m. Reservations are required so Andrews of WOMC. will be \$15; full days are \$25. The need of a ride, call 347-0414 to homebound at scheduled times to are some of the services the please call 349-3743. Members are cost will include materials, arrange transportation on the check on their welfare. If hot meals. Alliance wants to offer when they also encouraged to bring a nonsupplies, Instruction, beverage mini-bus to the senior center. Cab are necessary, they will put that relocate to the Novi area. Special chamber member friend. The and snacks. Children should bring Cards, which are used for cab person in touch with the 'Meals on events, such as the spagnetti din-names of members will be entered a sack lunch. Call 347-0400 for rides and subsidized by the city. Wheels" program Call 347-0414 ner, are offered in hopes of raising. In the monthly drawing of door. Jeanne Clarke. Should you wish to are available at the center. Hot for additional information regard- ample money to locate a perma-prizes.

Veteran's Alliance, of which the veterans at the Ann Arbor Veter-Legion is a member, is offering to ans Hospital. cook dinner for you and your fami- A reminder: the post is partici- ner. A variety of meals are scheduled - ly on Friday, Dec. 12, from 5:30-8 - pating in the "Toys for Tots" proyou can eat), salad, garlie bread, Officer Pohlman.

completed their project of supply-

While the Alliance is presenting Only a few days remain to purusing the facilities at the Veterans chase tickets for the chamber's and breakfast which is the Holiday Happening Services Division, 1010 E. West annual holiday raffle which will luncheon on Tuesday, Dec. 16, at Maple, Walled Lake, they continue include a \$5,000 shopping spree noon. Reservations must be made to search for their own building, as first prize. Only 100 tickets are

be held on Saturday, Dec. 13, at the \$5,000 shopping spree raffle. the VFW Post. The Auxiliary has Not only will the winner will be escorted by J.R. Limousine Sering gifts, wrapping, and sending vice, but he/she will receive a AMERICAN LEGION POST NO. 19 gifts to the families of and to the lunch, compliments of Too Chez restaurant, at whatever weekday in January as chosen by the win-

Evening at the Hotel Baronette," a one-night stay in the presidential mystery guest. Groups will include Thursday. Dec. 18 at 7:30 p.m. for etc., at a donation of \$2. This also dinner will include spaghetti (all Checks may be sent to Finance suite, attendance at the manager's reception, and a breakfast, "Sweet Dreams" will be offered at the Doubletree with a one-night stay in a deluxe suite, champagne, chocolate covered strawberries.

> this evening, Dec. 11, at River Oaks Apartments from 5-9. Those attending are asked to bring a new unwrapped gift for "Toys for Tots." The annual installation dinner Jan. 16, at the Embassy Suites

Additional December activities

include the Holiday Open House

Novi Highlights is written by contact her with information for

Symphony looking for soloists

The Plymouth Symphony Society Orchestra Association. Entry Plymouth will give up to \$600 in awards to forms must be signed by the "This is a wonderful opportunity young instrumental soloists and instrumental music director of the for area young people," chairper-Wednesday, Dec. 31 at 8 p.m. a finite one outstanding solvist to student's school. Solo pianists are son Peggy Price Heiney said.

not eligible. Talk It Over presentations durington Single Professionals call the Solo and Ensemble Festival of the are available at the Plymouth Sym- are invited to apply. ships at 11 a.m. in the Sanctuary ling the month include Jacque FSP hot line at [248] 851-9909 or Michigan School Band and phony Office, 819 Penniman in

Talented vouths in the Ply-Applicants must meet the entry The competition is set for Mon-mouth, Canton, Belleville, requirements for the District 12 day evening, Dec. 15. Applications Northville and Novi communities

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Author ponders book for years before going to press

of Nelson and her 11-year-old Hot off the press and just in time daughter, Laura, who posed for for Christmas gift giving is a very special book written by first-time but the same facial features as her author and Northville resident.

Nelson began writing Priscilla's Patch, one of lour story ideas, on the back of a bank statement enve-

A year ago on her birthday Plymouth resident and artist Jennifer Riopelle stopped into the former publish this," Nelson said. Bookstall on Main in Northville, one thing led to another.

to bring the book to fruition. "You have to work with it."

Riopelle, Laura, who has long hair mother, is a sixth grade student at Meads Mill Middle School in Northville. Self-published through Proctor

Publications in Ann Arbor, Nelson chose hardcover because it is more durable than softcover.

"It has been a dream of mine to Priscilla's Patch is available for where Nelson was working. The \$14.95 at the following Northville two struck up a conversation and stores: Friends, 123 E. Main; Ultimate Toys and Gifts, 107 N. Cen-Nelson and Riopelle worked ter; and Barnes and Noble, 17111 closely over the next several month Haggerty Road at the corner of Six Mile and Haggerty roads. Little "It just takes time," Nelson said. Professor on Main Street in Ply-

Revisions were necessary to This weekend, Dec. 12 through

Cloggers to perform for group

The Sixth Gate Cloggers will entertain at the ment. The 50 or so members practice twice a week Woman's Club Meeting on Friday, Dec. 19, at 1:30 and regularly perform for schools, civic organizations

Church of Northville, 200 East Main Street in Chairperson of the day is Lois Winters. This is a

the Christmas Tea.

Great gift ideas from Ameritech!

p.m. in Boll Fellowship Hall at the First Presbyterian and private clubs throughout the year.

The senior citizen dance group, founded in 1988, is

sponsored by the Novi Parks and Recreation Depart-

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available for \$14.95 at the fol-

Friends, 123 E. Main ■ Ultimate Toys and Gifts, 107

mouth also carries the book. assure that the text and the art 14, Riopelle will have autographed who is also an artist, will be at the flowed from page to page leading copies of the book on hand at her booth from 2 to 10 p.m. on Friday; the reader through the story of 7- booth in the Santa's Workshop and from 10 a.m. until 10 p.m. on Satgarden and turns what could have day Craft Fair at the Novi Expo p.m. on Sunday.

 Center ■ Barnes and Noble, 17111

For details, call Marian Nelson

PRISCILLA'S PATCH

Riouelle, who is daughter o Northville resident Jim Riopelle

guest day and new members will be recognized during

Haggerty Road

at (248) 347-2271.

been a disastrous decision into a Center, located just north of 1-96 Marian and her husband Jim

Marian Nelson's first book is lowing Northville stores:

along with daughter Laura have lived in Northville for nine years.

Time for a change? Change the batteries in your smoke detector at least once a year.



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Roy Rogers 309 Market St. 624 2483 st of America Bank off Pontigo Tra IRa)

23225 Gill Road

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nmer Worship 8:30 & 10:00 (July thru Labor Da Dr Douglas W. Vernon Rev. Thomas M. Beagan Rev. Arthur L. Spafford CHURCH, SBC

349-2652 (24 hrs.) Sunday Worship at 10:30 a.m. Louise R. Off. Postor Church School 9 am

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH NOVI

Minister of Music, Ray Fergusor

NEW HORIZON COMMUNITY CHURCH Meets at Novi Civic Center (an 10 mile: between Novi & Taff Rds) Sunday Seeker Service - 10 for 11 A.M. & Childrens Activities ke Heusel, Pastor 305-8700

WARD EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Paster Dr. James N. McGuire 1/2 mile west of Novi Rd. hard J. Henderson, Pasto Noiship & Church School 9 & 10:39 A.M. Sundo

NOVI 46325 10 Mile Rd Novi, Mi 48374 Sulturday 5 00 p.m Sunday 8, 9,30 % 11:30 a m

rerend James F. Crank, Pasto Parish Office: 347-7778 FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE 21260 Haggerty, Northville 348,7600 (between 8 & 9 Mile Rds near Novi Hilton)

Sunday School 9.45 am Morring Worship 8.30 & 11:00 am Discipleship Service 6:00 pm

(nuisery provided)
Dr. Carl M. Leth. Postor

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CHURCH Pastor Keith J McAra Sunday Worship Service, 11:00 AN

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year-old Priscilla as she tends her Craft section at the Santa's Holi- urday; and from 10 a.m. until 6 Marian Nelson's first book, "Prisicila's Patch," is finally a finished product.

CHURCH DIRECTORY For Information regarding rates for church listings call



Wed 1010 a.m. Women's Bible Study Sundby School 945 a.m. 1100 a.m. Morning Worship Nursery Available, AT Walcome ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA

200 E. Main St. at Hulton (248) 349-0911 Warship & Chuich School - 9:30 & 11,00am Childcare Available at All Services

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HURCH OF TODAY. West (Unity

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Minister Barbara Clevenger

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OUR LADY OF VICTORY CATHOLIC CHURCH 770 Thayer, Northy lie WEEKEND LITURGIES Salurday, 5:00 p.m., Sunday, 7:30, 9, 11 a m. & 12:30 p.m. Church 349-2621, School 349-3610 Sunday Worship 8 am & 10:30 am nomas E Schroeder, Pastor - 349-056 Religious Education 349-2559

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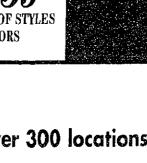
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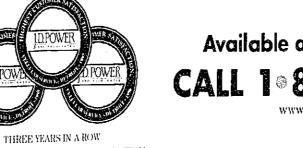
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Church Notes

CHURCH OF HOLY CROSS church at (248) 449-8900, or EPISCOPAL, 46200 West Ten Mile check out its web site at: Road in Novi, will have a Chil- http://www.cotw.com dren's Christmas Pageant at 5 p.m. this Sunday, About 35 children will present a 30-minute pro- CHURCH, 26805 Farmington

the partsh hall. The Sunday School children support group on Tuesdays at 7 have also made a Nativity scene p.m. Three, 13-week sessions are for the outside of the church. Services for Advent on Dec. 14 care will be provided through fifth

and 21 will be at 7:45 and 11 a.m. grade. Nicolet in Walled LAke, will have a 476-0080. service at 9 a.m. on both days.

The congregation adopted four families from Holy Family Parish. Parenting, New Mothers Club, to praise God. Sunday mornings at meets at Holy Cross from 12:30 9 a.m., "Saints ALIVE!" begins until 2 p.m. with a variety guest—with folks of all ages meeting for speakers which offers the opportu- songs and a message geared nity for new mothers to network, toward children. Small group share and make new friends. sharing follows, wrapped up by Guest speakers include nurses, refreshments and fellowship. physicians, exercise physiologists Worship services are held Sunand dieticians speaking on sub- days at 10:30 a.m. as well as Sat-Jects pertaining to new mothers—urdays at 5:30 p.m. such as post partum depression, keeping your sense of humor, get- 477-6296. ting into shape, and traveling with

"How to Develop a Financial Plan Lake Road exit. to Stay at Home with Baby" with For more Information, call Pas-

a newborn. Light refreshments are

Kae Trojanowski. For details on the parenting 8105. group, call Botsford General Hospital at (248) 477-6100. For more information, call Holy all are welcome at the spiritual

Cross at 349-1175. planned at the DETROIT FIRST trace Trail near Beck Road. 21260 Haggerty Road north of church office at (248) 926-1512.

Eight Mile in Northville. The Detroit First Church Sanctuary Choir will present "O Come Let Us Adore Him" at both the 8:30 and 11 a.m. services on Sun-

day, Dec. 14. On Sunday, Dec. 21, at both 8:30 and 11 a.m. there will be "A

Family Christmas Service." The Christmas Evening Candlelight Service will begin at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 24.

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, 201 Elm Streel in Northville, will present the third "Live Nativity" on Friday and Saturday, Dec. 12 and 13, from 6:30

The performance will be held in the gym and refreshments will follow in the parish hall. The first 200 children will receive a free gift. Admission is free.

For more information, call the church at (248) 349-3140.

PLYMOUTH BAPTIST CHURCH, 42021 Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth, will present the fullystaged production of the Christmas concert entitled "Everlasting Light," on Dec. 12, 13, and 14 at 7 p.ni. There is no admission charge, but a Salvation Army kettle will be available for donations following the concert. Children under 5 will not be admitted to the auditorium. Full nursery and preschool care will be provided.

For more information, call (313)

NORTHVILLE FIRST PRESBY-TERIAN CHURCH, 200 East Main Street on Sunday, worship and church school is held at 9:30 and 11 a.m. Childcare is available at both services.

The Youth Logos Program meets on Wednesday at 4:15 p.m. for children in grades 1-5 and at 5 p.m. for middle school and senior righ school students.

The Singles Place Ministry meets on Thursday at 7:30 p.m. For more information, contact Rev. W. Kent Clise, senior pastor, or Rev. James P. Russell, associate

pastor, at [248] 349-0911.

All Come To Share (ACTS) at NOVI UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 41671 West Ten Mile. meets on Wednesdays, beginning with dinner at 5:30 p.m. and followed by classes. Bible study and movement, and by chancel, cherub

and bell choirs for all ages. The Advent and Christmas Celebratton Schedule continues with a children's program, "Emmanuel -God With Us," on Dec. 14; and "Divine Contact" on Dec. 21. For more information, call (248)

CHURCH OF TODAY, WEST, which meets at Village Oaks Elementary School, 23333 Willowbrook in Novi, has services at 9 and 11 a.m. on Sunday.

On Dec. 14 the lesson will be "Love in Action." Church of Today, West also

offers youth education at both of its services. Opportunities are available for participants, ranging from drama

o singles activities. A course in miracles is taught year-round on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. Other courses include 4T, Meditation and Unity Basics.

For more information, call the

FOREST PARK BAPTIST gram followed by refreshments in Road in Farmington, is presenting a DivorceCare divorce recovery offered throughout the year. Child-

for Holy Eucharist, St. Anne's, 430 For more information, call (248)

SPIRIT OF CHRIST EVANGELI-CAL LUTHERAN CHURCH, 40700 The first Wednesday of the West Ten Mile Road in Novi, month the Botsford Pathways to announces a new way for familles

For more information, call (248)

WORLDWIDE HARVEST CHURCH meets for a Sunday wor-January 7 the topic will be ship service at 11 a.m. in the "Breastfeeding Beyond the First Mackinaw Room of the Comfort Six Weeks" with Elaine Webber. Inn, located east on Twelve Mile RN. On Feb. 4 the topic will be Road from the I-696 and Orchard

tor Keith J. McAra at (248) 926-

The atmosphere is casual and adventure at NEW SONG COMMU-Several holiday events are Walled Lake Middle School on Pon-

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE, For more information, call the

college age, will present "A Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens on Friday and Saturday, Dec. 12 and 13, at 7:30 p.m. NITY CHURCH, which meets at and on Sunday, Dec. 14, at 3 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center (248) 347-0400.

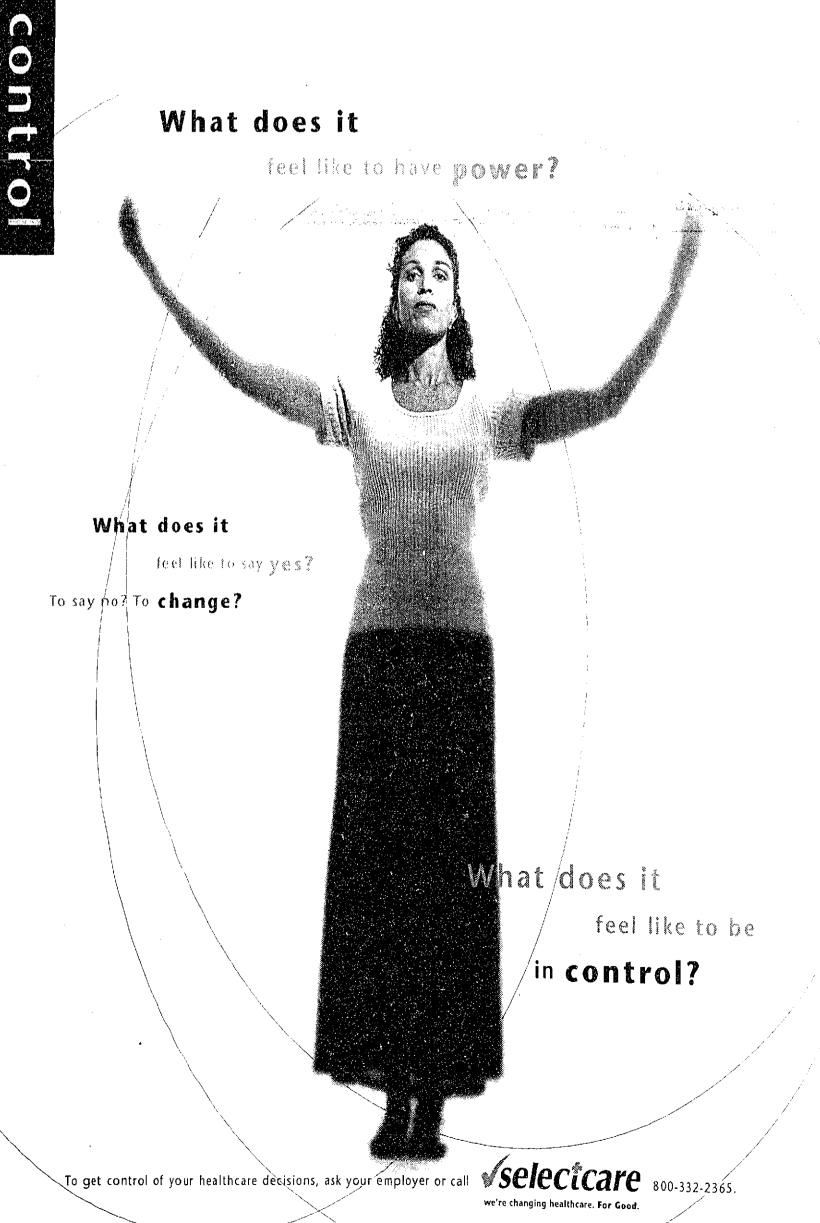
Looking for bargains? Be sure to check out the finds in the classifieds section of the Green Sheet.



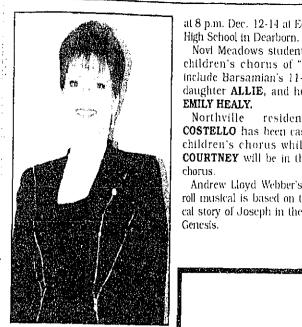
A Christmas Carol

The Performance Plus and Children's Annex actors of the Novi Theatre, about 60 in all ranging in age from 8 through

Stage, 45175 West Ten Mile Road in Novi. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$7 for seniors and children under 12 years of age and are available at the Novi Parks and Recreation office. For additional information, call Novi Parks and Recreation at



Kudos



Novi resident LINDA BARSAMI-AN will be one of two narrators in the Dearborn Youth Theatre's fullcast production of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat scheduled for three performances

Mentors needed for youth program

Would you like to be a positive adult role model for a child age 5 to 16 who is in need of a one-toone mentor. The Oakland County Youth Assistance Program needs volunteers to help youngsters in the community.

To learn how to become a menfor, join the youth assistance program for a training session which will be held on Saturday, Dec. 13, from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the Oakland County Courthouse at 1200 North Telegraph Road in Pontiac. Enter through the north For more information, call (248)

On Campus

858-0041.

Novi residents JANE DEAN and MARIE PETERS, graduate students at Madonna University, have been listed in the Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges. Nominations are based on scholastic and community achievement.

Dean is pursuing a master's degree in adult health and Peters is pursuing a master's in nursing administration.

Reunions

LIVONIA STEVENSON HIGH SCHOOL: The Class of 1988 is looking for classmates. Call Debbie at (313) 459-8428 or Cheryl (248) 305-5229.

WESTERN HIGH SCHOOL: The Class of 1949 is planning a 50vear reunion. Call George Donoian at (313) 274-3214.

NORTHVILLE HIGH SCHOOL: Class of 1978, 20-year reunion, Aug. 1, 1998, Holiday Inn in Livo-For more information, call (248)

348-4282.

WAYNE MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL. WAYNE: Class of 1983, 15 year reunion, Sept. 28, 1998, at Roma Banquet Center in Garden City. Call (248) 360-7004.

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HIGH SCHOOL: Class of 1987, 10

year reunion. March 21, 1998. DoubleTree Guest Suites in Southfield. Call (248) 360-7004. BLOOMFIELD HILLS LAHSER HIGH SCHOOL: Class of 1978, 20

year reunion, Aug. 1, 1998, Som-

erset Inn in Troy. Call (248) 366-STERLING HEIGHTS HIGH SCHOOL: Class of 1978, 20 year reunion, July 25, 1998, Gino's

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ship, Call (248) 360-7004.

YPSILANTI HIGH SCHOOL: Class of 1988, 10 year reunion, Aug. 8, 1998, DoubleTree Guest Suites in Southfield, Call (248) 366-9492.

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Mailing gifts requires some thought

at 8 p.m. Dec. 12-14 at Edsel Ford Novi Meadows students in the Mabel's award-winning roses, condition to withstand a second sides. children's chorus of "Joseph" Finally, you spot it in a boutique trip. Also, the box should be big ... Place cushtoning material - side of packages. include Barsamian's 11-year-old and rush to purchase the last one enough to allow plenty of cushion around, over and between items. daughter ALLIE, and her friend in stock. Congratulations on your ing material to be packed on all ... • Include a card with both the ... we anticipate shipping thousands

shopping coup. Northville resident IAN Now, however, you have to get Beare, owner of the Novi location. **COSTELLO** has been east in the this example of fine crystal to your. Other tips include: children's chorus while sister Aunt Mabel's in Topeka. Fortu- • Gift wrap items before placing detached or illegible. **COURTNEY** will be in the dance nately, Mail Boxes Etc., the pack- in main shipping box.

Andrew Lloyd Webber's rock 'n' step-by-step advice for making wrapping each item separately in ing, or labels from falling off the and every item we handle, because roll musical is based on the Bibli-sure items reach their destination protective shipping material. cal story of Joseph in the Book of in tip-top condition.

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sides of the item," advised Les recipient's and sender's address of packages over the next few inside the box. This is important weeks," Beare said. "Every holiday in case the mailing label becomes season, MBE meets unique and

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THURSDAY December 11.

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dren's Annex actors of the Novi gan, Lindsay Janitens, Katie John-Theatre, about 60 in all ranging in son, Kirk Jones, Lauren Kaya, Ali age from 8 through college age, will Kazakos, Elena Larson, Betsy present A Christmas Carol by Lewis, Erin Mazurie, Caitlin Charles Dickens on Friday and McCormick, Courtney McKenna, Saturday, Dec. 12 and 13, at 7:30 Katic McLallen, Andrea Morabito, p.m. and on Sunday, Dec. 14, at 3 Elizabeth Morgan, Kerry Morrison, p.m. at the Novi Civic Center Lauren Oates, Brian Renner, Anna Stage, 45175 West Ten Mile Road Rickard, Nolan Santos, Rene

Novi Theatres presentation of this - Alyssa and Sarah Tomasik, Jenna classic tale includes Bart Williams - Utter, Gina Vermiglio, Alyssa Wagin the role of Bob Cratchit, Kirk ner, Kelly Ward, Anna Watkins, Jones, a veteran of the Novi The- Rachael and Rebecca Whikehart. atre stage since its first production. Alleigh Wickert, Bart Williams. in 1992, will play the role Scrooge. Dawn Wilfong, and Rebecca

Novi and Northville actors mak- Wysocki. ing up the rest of the east include Erika and Molly Alpert, Meredith Anan, Amy Auletto, Lindsay Barand Lauren Brennan, Amy Burger, by Tim Amrhein. Lighting is Amy Burkhardt, Jessica Chudy, Neha Dandawate, Alison Davies, Grace and Sara Dzwonkowski. Josh Glomb, Julie Goldsmith. Rachel Good, Rebecca Goodearl, Megan and Sara Goodman, Kim- for sentors and children under 12 berely Grabow, Rebeeca Greeh,

Schmitt, Megan Sheeran, Christina Directed by Linda Wickert, the Shooltz, Kyle Shull, Amy Stanis,

Carol has been adapted by Brian Way, Julie Gahman has prepared ringer, Lindsay Blaszczak, Cortney - the Carolers. The sets are designed designed by Spencer Lyons and costumes are designed by Shelley Dzwonkowski and Carolyn

Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$7



Bart Williams (from left) has been cast as Bob Cratchit while Lauren Kava and Kirk Jones will play the roles of Tiny Tim and Scrooge in A Christmas Carol this weekend.

For additional information, call Novi Parks and Recreation at (248) 347-0400.

Entertainment listing

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

AUDITIONS

SWEET CHARITY: The Plymouth Theatre Guild is holding auditions on Dec. 16 beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Water Tower Theatre on the campus of the bers.aol.com/mcbband/mcbb.htm Northville Psychiatric Hospital, 41001 West Seven Mile Road in Northville for women and men ages

Performances of Sweet Charity will be staged Feb. 13 through 28. cert Band's Holiday Concert and day and Thursday, and from 9. Stromberg, who is in his seventh bars of an up-tempo song (not at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Cen-urday. from the show), and wear some- ter on Ten Mile Road just east of thing that is comfortable and shows your body type for dancing. For details, call (810) 766-0891.

Wednesday from 4 until 6 p.m. Novi. with performances scheduled for For details, call (248) 477-6620. April 24, 25 and 26. For details, (248) 347-0400.

7:30 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center performances may be taped by Hotel, 21111 Haggerty Road.

There are speaking roles and soloist and chorus parts for adults dancers, etc., are invited to submit charge begins at 8 p.m. and children. Those interested in application forms and audition auditioning should call for details tapes, if available, to the Novi Arts on attire and preparing a song for Council. the audition.

Rehearsals for adults will take council at 347-0400. place on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 8:30 until 10 p.m. and on Saturdays. Children will Carriage Co. offers carriage rides Northville. rehearse on Tuesdays and Thurs- throughout the year and packages days from 7 until 8:30 p.m. and on Saturdays from 10 a.m. until ! For more information or reserva- from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. the Sunset Fees are \$30 for adults and at 380-3961.

\$125 for children. Fees cover the cost of music, scripts and costumes (rented or built) as well as theater, dance and choral instruction for the children. For details, call (248) 347-0400.

VOICES IN TIME: Based in through Dec. 31. Northville, the mini-chorus has The comedy depicts the mad and Cocktails, 31735 Plymouth begun rehearsing for its Christmas rush for holiday shopping along Road in Livonia, offers live enter- 471-7660. season. Limited openings are still with everything else that could go tainment

Meade at (248) 449-6540.

CONCERT BAND: The Novi Con- built around his mall and someone cert Band, directed by Jack Kop- from his staff is spying for the featuring a wide variety of guest. Pipers Holiday Concert at 4 p.m. in nick, invites any adult who plays a competition. band instrument to join the band for the 1997-98 concert season. mini lunch show with Santa will be Strolling musicians David and Commerce roads. Tickets are \$12 Rehearsals take place on Tuesdays held on Saturday and Sunday Francesco entertain diners on the and \$20.

are no auditions. For details, call (248) 932-9244. Main Street in Northville.

BAND: The Motor City Brass Band is conducting interviews for per-

evening. New members are wel- 29, 30, 31, and Jan. 2. For more information or to

John Aren at (248) 349-0376. The home page is: http://mem-

SPECIAL EVENTS

Taft Road. The concert is free. For details, call (248) 932-9244.

OPEN HOUSE: Meadowbrook VELVETEEN RABBIT: Auditions Art Center will host a Holiday for "little people players" produc- Open House on Saturday, Dec. 13, tion of Velveteen Rabbit will be on from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Follow- live music every Wednesday at 9 lege's Waterman Center, 18600 Monday and Wednesday, Dec. 15 ing the open house will be a spe- p.m. featuring either the 2XL Band - Haggerty Road in Livonia. and 17, from 4 until 5 p.m. at the cial portfolio showing of works by or John D Lamb. The Tim Flaharty Members of the culinary arts Novi Civic Center Stage, 45175 - the artist Edna Hibel to include a - Trio with emece Dan McNall will - department will prepare the was-West Ten Mile Road in Novi for wine and cheese reception from 2 host an open blues jam every sail feast, while the Madrigal

ed by Mary Kay Davis will begin located at 41200 Ten Mile Road with The Globe at 9 p.m. Fridays bors All and members of the music Jan. 19 every Monday and just east of Meadowbrook Road in and Saturdays.

PERFORMER'S SHOWCASE: The public is invited to attend the **OLIVER:** Auditions for Novi The-Performer's Showcase perfor-

Stage, 45175 West Ten Mile Road Time Warner and cablecast to resi-

CARRIAGE RIDES: Northville 135 N. Center St. in downtown Children under 5 are admitted for holidays and special occasions.

WALL: An interactive comedy, Novi roads. "Cash, Check or Charge?," Is on stage at Genitti's Little Theater

wrong for the holidays. Join Gerry For more information, call Ed the general manager as he struggles to keep his mall, EastWestland p.m. on Mondays. in business. Other malls are being

A holiday interactive children's come from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. and there afternoons throughout December.

Genitti's is located at 108 E. For reservations, call (248) 349-AUTHENTIC BRITISH BRASS 0522. Reservations are required.

MARQUIS THEATRE: The clas- NEARBY

cussion and BB flat tuba (treble - sic tale of Aladdin will come to life -

The Marquis Theatre is located intermission. schedule an audition, call founder at 135 E. Main Street in downtown

NOVI CONCERT BAND: Jack Live entertainment is offered from The 50-voice ensemble is direct-Kopnick will direct the Novi Con- 7:30 to 11 p.m. Tuesday, Wednessed by Livonia native Donald Sing-A-Long on Thursday, Dec. 11, p.m. to 1 a.m. on Friday and Sat-year as conductor.

Brady's Food & Spirits is located - choir president Shari Clason at at 38123 West Ten Mile Road in (248) 349-8175. the Holiday Inn in Farmington

For details, call (248) 478-7780.

FRIGATES INN: Frigates offers 12 and 13 at 7:30 p.m. in the Col-Thursday from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. All Singers under the direction of ing 6th graders. Rehearsals direct- Meadowbrook Art Center is musicians are welcome. Dance Steve SeGraves, the Good Neigh-

Frigates lim is located at the cor- ment. ner of Fourteen Mile and East Lake

Drive in Novi. For details, call (248) 624-9607 atre's full-Broadway production of mances held prior to select city end guests can enjoy live enter-

Musicians, actors, poets, hits groups every weekend. A cover and rocking horses.

STARTING GATE: The Starting Hours are Wednesday, Thursday For details, contact the arts Friday and Saturday night from 9 Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m.

free. The family rate is \$5. SUNSET GRILL: Every Tuesday tions, call Northville Carriage Co. Grill hosts an open blues jam. munity College is presenting a Rock 'n' roll is featured on Satur- four-part jazz series on Fridays at

p.m. to I a.m.

For details, call (248) 624-8475. JAZZ NIGHT: DePalma's Dining each.

Larry Nozero and Friends perform intimate jazz from 8 to 11 Mary's College will presents its

Ron DePalma plays jazz piano Lake on Sunday, Dec. 14, with the from 7 to 11 p.m. every Tuesday Alexander Zonjic and Friends performers. Guest singers are wel- the shrine chapel on the college's

accordion, mandolin and guitar The performance will feature from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. Thurs- Zonjic, a classical and jazz flutist, days. On Friday and Saturday Ron Barbara Ogar's Student Flute DePalma performs. For details, call (313) 261-2430.

at the Marquis Theatre at 2:30 Schooleraft College Community Rehearsals are held on Mondays - p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays, - Choir will present a second perforfrom 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. with Dec. 13, 14, 20, 21, 27, 28, Jan. 3, mance of Alleluia, Rejoice! on Satengagements usually twice a 4, 10, 11, 17, 18, 24, and 25; and urday, Dec. 13, at St. Matthew's month on weekends or in the Monday through Friday, Dec. 26. United Methodist Church, 30900 Six Mile Road in Livonia at 8 p.m.

> The program will feature "Christ-Northville. mas Cantata" by Daniel Pinkham For details, call (248) 349-8110. and a variety of seasonal compositions by Brahms, Rutter and Britten. There will be a Christmas carol sing-along intermission with BRADY'S FOOD & SPIRITS: audience participation encouraged.

> > For more information, call the

Donations will be accepted during

MADRIGAL DINNERS: Schoolcraft College's 21st Annual Madrigal Dinner will be held on Dec. 11.

department will provide entertain-

Tickets are \$35 and proceeds benefit student scholarship funds, For details or to make a reservation, call (313) 462-4417.

TOYS: The Plymouth Historical Oliver will be held on Tuesday, council meetings in the Novi Civic tainment at the Sports Edition Bar, Museum is opening a special Dec. 16, and Thursday, Dec. 18, at Center at 7:30 p.m. On occasion. located inside the Novi Hilton exhibit relating to the history of toys and other childhood memo-The Sports Edition is home to ries, including antique dolls, teddy Intrigue and other high-powered bears, push and pull toys, trains

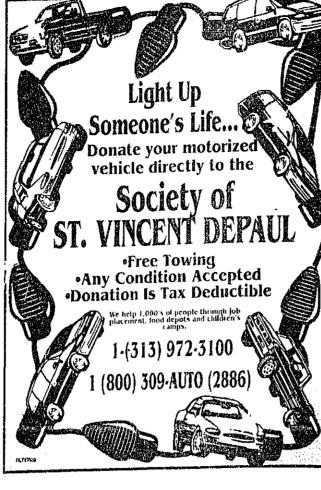
The museum is located at 155 South Main Street in Plymouth Gate Saloon offers live music every and Saturday from 1 to 4 p.m. and Admission is \$2 for adults and The Starting Gate is located at \$.50 for students ages 5 to 17.

For details, call (313) 455-8940. JAVA AND JAZZ: Oakland Comdays during the summer from 9 8 p.m. at the Smith Theatre on the Orehard Ridge Campus, 27055 The Sunset Grill is located on Orchard Lake Road in Farmington GENITTI'S HOLE-IN-THE- the corner of Thirteen Mile and Hills. The series includes the Sheila Landis Quintet on Jan. 23 and Johnny Trudell on Feb. 20.

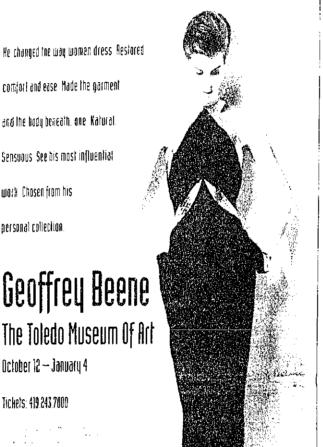
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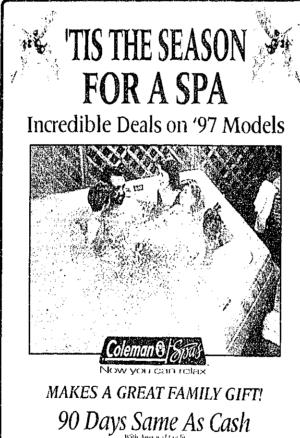
CLASSICS ON THE LAKE: St. second season of Classics on the campus at Orchard Lake and

Choir and the Detroit gospel choir Whitfield Company. Pianist Margaret Kapasi and classical guitarist



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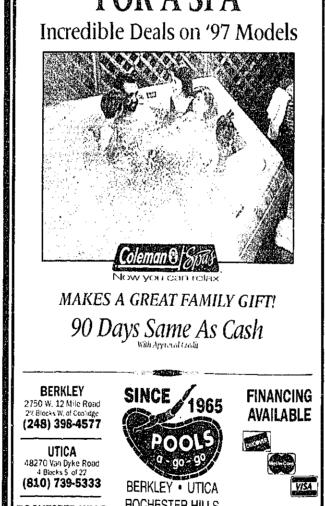


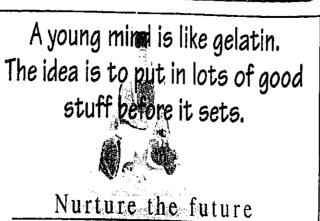




(248) 852-8900

Terry Harold will also be on the





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Movies

NEWS

December 11,

'Little Mermaid' captivates audiences a second time

THE LITTLE MERMAID NORTHVILLE

My favorite Disney movie. The Little Mermaid," is back where it belongs - on the big screen for a special 17-day engagement And though its rerelease is meant for kids to enjoy it the way teens and adults got to years ago, after seeing it again I realized that more teens and adults are rushing out to see it to remember how good Disney films used to be before it lost its magic.

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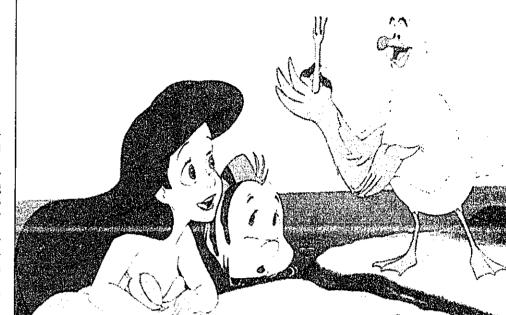
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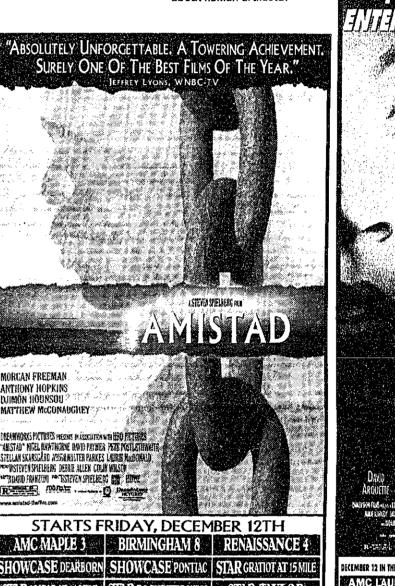
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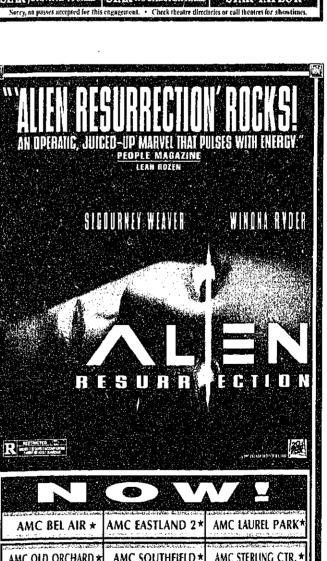
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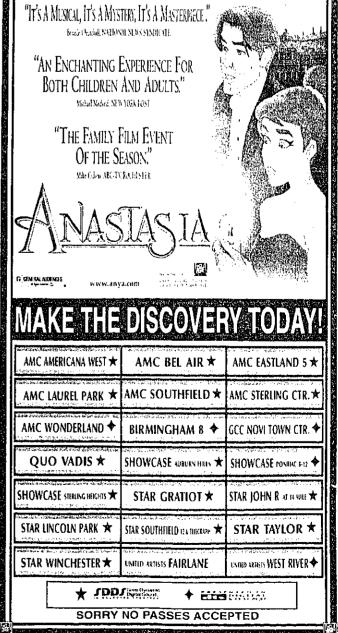


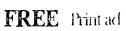
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Positions, what positions? A year ago, Novi was coming off - sity for three years now and is a one of its best seasons in school strong front-row player. Fisette history but lacking returning—said she hopes to play Copp in

ferent this year. The Wildeat volleyball team is coming off a mediocre .500 sea- the team, but she is also very son with a lot of experience back. capable of playing in the back But there is still one small prob-row," Fisette said. lem. Coach Julie Fisette must — Heusel, also a third-year out-

Well-rounded

bounce back

"This might be the first year we don't have a defensive specialist," son. Fisette said. "I think it puts a lot "She's consistent all-around," more emphasis on people to play said the coach. "She's everything capable of playing there."

find someone to fill in the back

Fisette said her team, which rounded as ever, and that every—is the Wildcat's number one setter girl will get a chance to see time—and until junior Andrea Dumm in the back row. "We were pretty young last year. majority of the playing time in

but we had a lot of talent. This year we are very well rounded and all the girls can play every position," the coach said.

mixture from her team and will be looking for strong senior leadership. That senior leadership

Copp has seen time on the varexperience. The story is a bit dif-the middle and on the right side

"Katie's one of the taller girls on

side hitter, played in almost all of Novi's games last year and will be counted on heavily again this sea-

back row, it's not a glorious posi- you want in an athlete." Heusel tion, but all of the girls are very will see a lot of time at outside Senior Erin Spindler will probafeatures five seniors, five juniors bly set all the way around this and a sophomore, is as well vear, according to her coach. She

> Emily Waller and Jessica Ruemer are also returning seniors. Both are outside hitters and will

Fisette is looking for a good play vital roles in the team's suc-



CAGERS HAVE Q'S:

WAY BACK:

With only two players return-

ing, Novi has some big gaps

Northville batting cage facility

lets players feel at home /10B

BIG GUT, NO GLORY:

long winter /12B

NEVER ENOUGH:

Writer tests body, will to start the

Resistence training helps compli-

ment everyday exercises. /12B

Continued on 11 Jessica Roemer (center) and the rest of the Wildcats hope to restore Novi volleyball to where it was a few years ago.

Four cagers earn all-league honors

Piepho and Carrie Musko, Mil- hit 24 three pointers. ford's Christie Schumacher, Lake-Brighton's Libby Voshell.

Copp led the team with 10-6 points per game and 6.7

perimeter threat all season long. were Howell's Jessica King, Sara averaged 8.4 points a game and

district semifinals.

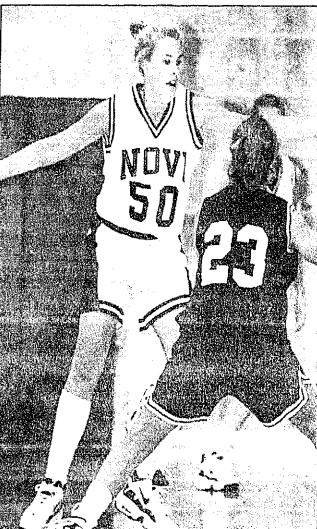


Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Aaron Platt takes early control of his 130-pound match with Northville's Reggie Torrence. Novi fell to Northville 40-22.

Wrestlers bounce back to top field

By JASON SCHMITT Sports Editor

Huss and his Novi wrestling team was all undefeated at 5-0. Nate Plecha (189) was Northville jumped out to a commanding 24smoothly paved over at the Novi Round Robin also perfect at 4-0. tournament Saturday.

Novi bounced back from a disappointing Ryan Churella at 103, sophomore Nate first six weight classes. The sophomore took loss to Northville last Thursday to dominate Mitchell at 125, Chris Christoff at 152 and an early 4-1 lead and held on for a 5-1 decithe six-team field which it hosted. Novi Jeff O'Sullivan at 171. Adam Borashko was 3- sion over Northville's Kevin Arbuckle at 112. teams, winning each in decisive style. Novi crushed a depleted Pontlac Central

(57-19) to improve its dual meet record to 5-1. there." "We wrestled well, but we were still sloppy In certain spots," Huss said. "The kids really rebounded. We gave them a good tongue lashing Thursday."

What began as a rough start for coach Brad bot (215) and Brett Faulkner (Hwt.), who were Wildcats at Novi High School last Thursday.

squared off against each of the other five 1 at 145, John Servi was also 3-1 at 160 and The win field the score 3-3, but that's as close Yusuf Quamruzzaman went 3-2 at 135. "As you can see, we have to score at the end team 69-0 before moving on to Lake Orion. to do well," Huss commented about Novi's 7-2 decision at 140 to bring his team to within There the Wildcats beat the Dragons 44-23. success at the upper-weight classes. "The 18 at 24-6. Borashko followed up with an

NORTHVILLE 40, NOVI 22 Northville's strength at the bottom was com-Great individual efforts were turned in by plemented by a nice job by their big guys and

But that wasn't the case against Northville.

Mark Churella (140), Dan Jilg (112), John Tal- it proved key in the Mustangs win over the 3 lead before the Wildcats knew what hit Also wrestling well with 4-1 records were them. Jilg was the lone Novi winner in the

as Novi would come. Mark Churella started a Wildcat rally with a Novi also picked up wins over Pinckney (60- strength of our lineup is in our last eight impressive pin with 1:07 left in the second | Lyskawa was named to the region and all-area honors this

major decision win as did Servi at 160, 11-3. "Boy, he's looked really good so far," Huss |

Senior forward Katie Copp earned second-team honors. Lyskawa honored

state team last week.

17). Oxford [48-24] and Walled Lake Central weight classes. We have to score a lot of points period of his match. Christoff had an 18-4 | coaches association Division I all-year. He earned all-state honors last vear as well. The Junior midfielder joined 16 Lyskawa joined Brighton's Rob said of Borashko, just a sophomore. You others on the first team, which Krass and Andy Whitmyer as the included just three underclass- Kensington Valley Conference's

men. Lyskawa had 10 goals and only selections. Krass and Whit-**Continued on 10** | 18 assists on his way to earning myer were on the second team.

THURSDAY December 11,

1997

Four Wildeats were recently The seniors helped lead Novi to honored by the Kensington Valley—an impressive 18-5 record and a Conference coaches for their district championship game achievements on the court this appearance.

eague first-team honors after rebounds. An inside and outside averaging 10.2 points per game—force, Copp also led the team in and 6.1 rebounds. The senior was steals and assists. the only repeat member of the Sullivan posed a serious Joining her on the first team and had a drive to go with it. She

Junior Kristen Kearney made land's Dawn Houck and the honorable mention squad after averaging 4.2 points per Katie Copp and Kristen Sulli- game including a 17-point perforvan were named to the second mance against Northville in the

Novi soccer standout Alan all-conference, all-district, all-



Upper Deck general manager Pete Berrios shows Jacob Dumbleton the proper technique.

Upper Deck is for all

the long trip over twice a week.

It's one thing to take something. Scaman has also began fall and and know that there's people here, guards Ben Cunningham and average and make it great. But it's winter leagues, which pit actual that care about them." another thing to take something pitchers and hitters from different. For the Dumbleton family from already at the pinnacle and push teams against each other.

Put One in the Upper Deck, an school baseball or softball teams. Dick brings his son Jacob, 11, "And Dan is a hard-nosed, blue people, indoor batting cage facility in compete in the leagues, but teams claughter Jenna, 7, and even his collar worker who does all the litdowntown Northville owned by from as far away as Saline, Ann wife to the cages two or three tle things." Bob Scaman, is trying to do just - Arbor and Bloomfield Hills make - times a week.

cages, which by the way are some- we've got to play the whole year." This," Dumbleton said. "Here my their shot. what scarce, the Upper Deck is the said Bloomfield Hills' senior Rob wife can come here and bring a sports nostalgiac can handle.

the old Ford building behind the O'Lynnger's said competing of become a part of the family." Water Wheel, features a mural of against live pitching is important if "During the season Northville" athlete. Tiger Stadium which allows hitters his team hopes to win a third kids and teams come in here, but to relive Kirk Gibson's homers in straight conference championship. If we want Northville to be compet-With bleacher seats and we're going first class, hopefully get them in here year round," McNish's Sporting Goods & Tro-everyone will come here and enjoy - Dumbleton said. phies in the upstairs portion of the building, one would think Seaman has a unique establishment. But

he hasn't stopped there. Seaman went out and hired Pete Berrios, a former minor-league manager and professional hitting instructor, as his general manager Having been around pro-baseball players for several years and being able to play a little ball himself Berrios has a dream of someday coaching in the Major League.

instill in each ball player that walks through the door. "What I'm here is to teach the know-hows and the techniques of

baseball. I'm here to give the correct instruction," Berrios said, "We have no gimmicks here. There's no great-tasting Gatorade that's going to make you better. We try to Instill the proper instruction and make it as fun as possible for the One-on-one pitching and hitting

instruction from Berrios as well as video-camera analysis are two sure-fire ways to correct ones' techniques, Berrios said the Upper Deck hopes to promote a strength and conditioning program in the near future. "We're hoping to take advantage

of some of the equipment next door at the Water Wheel," Seaman said, "Our training guys will work with the players on strength and conditioning exercises important for baseball players." So often batting-cage facilities

offer hitters the chance to hit

Novi learns lesson early on

would expect your juniors and seniors to get pins, but he stepped it up in this match."

But Northville got unexpected back to back pins at 171 and 189 to seal the deal and avenge last year's 39-30 loss to the Wildcats. Talbot and Faulkner did salvage what was left of the match with decisions at 215 and heavyweight.

"The bottom line was we had one pin and they had five," Huss said. Northville is a much improved team and are pretty good right now. Right now we're a pretty good team too, but we have to start pinning people and stay off our

Novi hosted a tri-meet with Ann Arbor Ploneer and Plymouth Canton last night (after The Novi News' deadline) and will compete at the Berkley Invitational Satur-

Talent or no talent; Novi has the athletes to prove the critics wrong

coach Pat Schluter could be in senior, blew out his knee last for a long, rebuilding season. But on paper the Detroit Red- one who knows the game and will wings weren't supposed to wing get some of the bulk of playing the Stanley Cup last year either.

Novi graduated its top seven - rotation looking for extensive players from a 7-14 team a year - playing time.

kids this year." Schluter said. round out the 12-man team. "We're going to be really small, but really scrappy."

rely on a perimeter game, with Schluter said. some penetration from its quick Schluter, who is in his fifth pitching machines, but the Upper - baseball," Berrios said, "I want - Only two players return with

"He (Cunningham) is one of the at least on paper, look good." Northville, the Upper Deck is an kids who has improved a lot over Schluter said. "But I also think Neither Northville or Novi's high integral part of their everyday life. the summer," the coach said. Hartland could surprise some

"If this wasn't here, my wife and have a shot at playing time, and are in rebuilding stages. Unlike traditional indoor batting To stick with the competition, claughter would not be a part of Schluter said everyone will get Novi has finished no worse

Paul Tyll, a 5-foot-11 senior ley Conference in Schluter's four closest thing to Tiger Stadium a O'Lynnger. Two never heard of book or magazine and relax. My may start at either the shooting years as coach. anything like this before. This is daughter feels very comfortable guard or the small forward slot. The facility, which is located in the nicest facility ive been to yet." here with Mr. Scaman. She's kind Schluter said Tyll is a good play is going to have more than defensive player and a very good

game five of the 1984 World Series. "Once the word gets out that litive with other teams, we have to who can take the ball inside and get to the foul line. Larry Drury and Sean Drislin,

a pair of juniors are vying for playing time at the point and for-On paper, Novi boys' basketball ward slots. Adam Putvin, a year and did not play. He's some-

Comparing the two teams Chris Mapvey, a 6-foot-2 would be unfair to both, but junior, has a chance to see good Schluter hopes his team can playing time and could possibly mature quickly and salvage as start as the season progresses. nuch as possible from a season Brent Dickin, a 5-foot-11 junior many think may become long. guard rounds out a nine-man

Doug Gibson, a junior transfer "We don't have a lot of skill or to Novl, junior Jonathan Townssize, but I've got some really good ley and juntor Rob Stricklus

"It's going to be tough. We're With no projected starters over on offense, play good defense and 6-foot-1, the Wildcats will have to control the tempo of the game.

year as Novl coach, said what

Deck has gone one step further. these young people to come here any real playing experience, difficult is that other teams do return a lot of ialent. "Brighton, Howell and Milford,

The coach thinks Lakeland will

be right behind those four A handful of other players will—schools and Novi and South Lyon than third in the Kensington Val-

> "As far as talent, every team we us. We just have to play harder than them. We're playing real deadline in the season opener

Tuesday (after the Novi News' at Hartland.

EASKET SALE SCHEDULE

Novi High opens its basketball season Tuesday at home against Walled Lake Western.

Date	Opponent	HIA
12/9	WL Western	Н
12/12	South Lyon	Н
12/19	Hartland	Α
12/22	N'ville Tourney	Α
12/23	N'Ville Tourney	A
1/6	WL Central	A*
1/9	Milford	Ή
1/13	Franklin	Η.
1/16	Howell	A
1/20	Northville	Ή
1/23	Lakeland	Н
1/24	AA Huron	H*
1/27	Brighton	Α
1/30	South Lyon	Α :
2/6	Hartland	Н
2/10	Milford	A
2/17	Avondale	H
2/20	Howell	Н
2/24	Lakeland	Α

All games start at 7:30 p.m. unless noted by asterisk.

* Game starts at 7 p.m.

Kyle Snearly, a 6-foot for- hard and scrappy right now, so and open the KVC season at ward/center, is a strong player who knows what will happen," he home against South Lyon tomor-

The Wildcats hosted Western Next Friday the team will play



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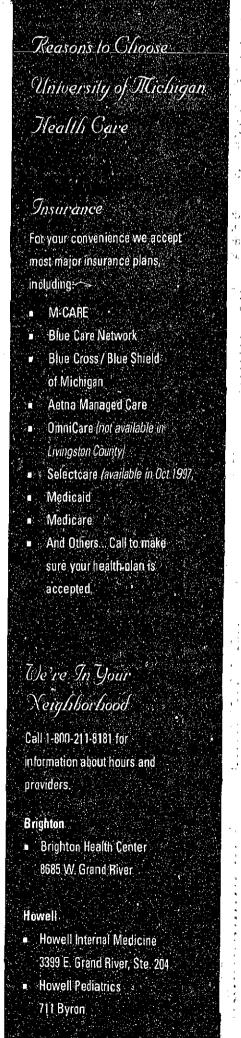
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The U-13 Novi Jaguars team finished as co-champions in the Western Suburban league.

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MICHIGAN MOTION TRYOUTS

Michigan Motion Girls Basketball team tryouts will be held tomorrow and Sunday at Schoolcraft College

6:30 p.m. Those for ages 14-15 will be from 6:30 to 8 Roads. p.m. and from 8 to 9:30 p.m. for ages 16-17. All players are welcome, and for more information HOLIDAY SOCCER TOURNEY please call Mike Tuck at (248) 486-1515 between 8

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SoccerZone is currently taking registrations for its Holiday Blast soccer tournament to be held December 28 & 29. Age groups include U-10 through U-19 Boys

The fee is \$200 per team. Registration deadline is December 15. Each team receives a minimum of three games which are 45 minutes in length, For

The Waco Wolves, a 10 and under travel baseball For each ticket the association sells, the football team playing out of the Little Caesars Baseball program will be reimbursed \$5. In addition, for each League, will be holding tryouts for the team. ticket the MHSFCA membership sells the association The Wolves will play 45-55 games with five to six will receive \$5 designated for the Hall of Fame build-tournaments including two out of state. They will also participate in the Field of Dreams tournament in are suggesting, as a goal, each MHSFCA member sell For tryout information, contact Bill Hardin at (313

BERNIE FRATTO'S SHOW HEARD DAILY

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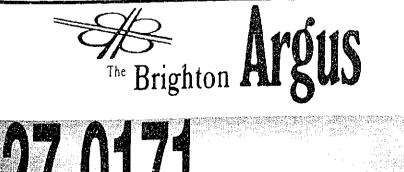
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Volleyball squad looks to improve on .500 record

Waller will be counted on for her eadership on the court and off. "She's an outstanding leader," Fiscite said. "She's the first one in said she is looking for great things." he gym and the last to leave every — out of her sophomore this year. day. We really need her all around skills this year."

Roemer's defensive skills will come in real handy this season. "She's got a real knack for where the ball will be," her coach pointed out. Roemer also led the team in aces last year. Leading a strong corps of juniors

he skills. Fisette said she improved dramatically over the "She has a very good chance of

hitter, but she will also see time on they great athletes, but they are the backside," she said. The junior hits the ball really well—some girls who will play consis- 2/9 and will see time at outside hitter. tently good all the time." Her coach said she will spend a good amount of time in the middle - Fisette will get her first chance and weakside.

will join Dumm as the other urday. The team plays at juniors expected to perform. Ernst Northville Monday and at Farmis a middle hitter and Fallone is an —ington Hills Harrison Wednesday.

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The lone suphomore on the team, Kristen McGlinnen, will play

no small role on the team. Fisette "She can really but the ball

down because of her height, Fisette said. McGlinnen stands 6foot-1. She will see time in the middle and in the front row.

Several of the girls played AAU olleyball over the summer, and s Kristen Kearney, who saw time Michigan University team camp. the team attended the Central on the varsity last year. Possessing Both helped develop the younger players and added to the expecta-

"This team has a lot going for upping her playing time at outside—them," Fisette said, "Not only are smart. Right now I'm looking for Jenny Corless was another the girls to emerge and stand out. ophomore moved up last year. I need to find some leaders and

to see how her team has improved Emily Ernst and Diana Fallone - at the South Lyon Invitational SatVOLEYBALI SCHEDULE

Novi High opens its volleyball season Saturday at the South

Lyon Invitational. Date Opponent H/A 12/13 South Lyon Inv. A 12/15 Northville 12/17 Harrison South Lyon Hartland 1/12 Milford

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you on your current fitness com- not have to come from lifting barmitment. What you are currently bells and dumbbells alone, there doing is fantastic and places you are many options to resistance far ahead of most. More than 60 - training. The bottom line is for

fact, only about 15 percent engage big muscles as some of the bodytion: I regularly (three times per week for at least 20 minutes) in vigorous physical activity, 25 percent are not active at all.

The landmark Surgeon Generconsisal's report on physical activity and health released July 1996, compared lack of physical activity with smoking a pack of eigarettes a day. In this lengthy report, the overall recommendation was a dance as minimum of 30 minutes of physiwell as cal activity of moderate intensity on most if not all days of the week. Experts agree that cardiorespiratory endurance activity [walking, jogging, tennis, etc.], should be supplemented with strength developing exercises at really need weight training at least twice per week for adults. Notice the phrase "strength developing exercise." This is some form First off, let me congratulate—of a resistance exercise, this does

builders do), humans need resistance training. There are too many reasons to list here. Some of the key ones, excluding appearance, include:

· Somewhere in our early 20s. we lose approximately one-half pound of muscle every year from lack of use. This can affect our quality of life and our Metabolic rate - which can affect our weight. • Reduce the risk of injury.

• Has been shown to raise hdl levels (the "good" cholesterol).

• Can improve bone density (helping avoid osteoporosis in later years) as well as your balance and coordination.

The options are many to add this valuable resistance exercise and it does not take much time. Research participants have routinely increased their muscle performance by 45 to 65 percent after only two months of basic strength training.

Resistance exercise can include percent of American adults are overall health and quality of life utilizing tubing (or stretch bands) not regularly physically active. In (not just appearance, like having at home, machines supplying

resistance from weights, cables to polymer rods, using one's own bodyweight or obviously utilizing traditional weights.

The right form for you depends on your current fitness level, your lifestyle, your individual body structure, and your financial budget. Whichever fits your lifestyle be sure you attain medical clearance and professional program

A certified professional can help you sort through what is best for you as well as all the "wonder gadgets" on the latest infomercial.

In summary, find out what is best for you and add resistance training at least two days a week to optimize your quality of life and overall health.

This column was written by Chris Klebba, owner and operator of the Water Wheel Health Club in Northville and a certified personal fitness instructor. Send your health and fitness related questions to Health Column, 118 MainCentre. Suite 210, Northville, MI 48167.

Battle of the bulge can be difficult



Jason Schmitt

I'm a journalit's not so much the fact that I want to two years, but I want to be able to King, etc.) log to my phone and not have to

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world. I

breath before answering. I want to be able to jog to an interview which I'm five minutes late for and not have to sit outside the door and breath, in and

out, before entering. And I want to be able wrestle

with my nieces and nephews and can stay away from fatty foods is ing the be able to keep up with the 10bulge year old monsters.

But that won't happen until I say enough is enough. tough,

Two years ago I lost 22 pounds in by exercising a couple of times a week, usually rollerblading or riding my bike. I didn't balance my paced diet like I should have, but I kept my fat intake under 20 grams a know, day.

This probably wasn't the best way to lose the weight, someone who weighs 190 pounds shouldn't limit fat intake quite that low. But the important part was that ! lose the 10 pounds that found its stayed away from the fast food way onto my waste over the past traps. (i.e. McDonalds, Burger

That's not to say each of th wait a few seconds to catch my establishments do not have a who it was, but I think its name driving down fast food avenue, my menu that is suitable for the dicter. But just how easy is it to order a garden salad at McDonalds when you have a Quarter Pounder with Cheese or a Big Mac staring you in the face.

Let's face it. The only way you

to finally say to yourself, "I'm stronger than my stomach."

It's not easy, but it's what your going to have to do to beat the

Another way, and maybe even more difficult, is to get out and start exercising. Physical activities used to be fun a few years ago, but since then they have become few and far between.

Well I said "enough is enough," and made my first of what I hope will be many visits to the local health club.

Just before I left my desk to leave for the Water Wheel, I again found something inside telling me to sit back down in that chair started with a 'g' and ended in

Now, heading into my first physical workout in at least three months, I didn't know if I could last 20 minutes, 30 minutes or maybe even an hour. So I took it

somewhat slow, not overexerting myself, but putting forth enough effort to keep my heart beating.

I ended up working out for 44 minutes on either the bike or the treadmill. Needless to say I was whooped. But I tell you what, I knew that it did me good.

At least I know that by feeling tired and sore the next day, something must have worked. And that's good.

For once in my life I'm actually happy to be sore. Now whether or not I ever care to have that feeling again is a different story.

Commitment.

If I can just keep this word pasted on my computer screen, my television and most imporwhere you belong. I don't know tautly my steering wheel as I'm goals can be reached.

And not even my gut can stop

Jason Schmitt is the sports editor of the Northville Record and

Health Notes

Blood Donors Wanted

Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, in conjunction with the American Red Cross of Oakland County, is recruiting donors for its holiday blood drive on Friday, Dec. 12, from 6:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the hospital's Conference Center.

Some areas of the country use more blood than they collect and Southeastern Michigan is one of those areas.

Hospitals of Southeastern Michigan provide some of the most advanced medical procedures in the country. As a result, blood and blood product needs of patients in Southeastern Michigan is greater than our inventory. Therefore, our blood supply must be supplemented by other Red Cross regions.

During the next several weeks special circumstances will interrupt our blood supplies from other regions. We need blood donors to overcome this deficit.

Blood donors must be at least 17 years of age, weigh more than 110 pounds and be in good general health. The donation process takes a little more than an hour.

Community members can pledge a blood donation by calling the office of Community Health at (248) 360-3314. Walk-ins are welcome, but appointments are encouraged to prevent lengthy waits.

Marty Agents, Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital blood bank group leader, urges area residents to become donors. "The importance of donating blood during this critical time cannot be stressed enough. We need your blood donation to overcome a blood shortage. Collections from O donors must increase to meet our needs," he said.

Referral service

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

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

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

The staff of Physician Referral Services can help locate physicians by specialty or location, finding an office close to your home or work. They can even match individuals with physicians who participate in particular

insurance plans. Callers can also receive information on support groups, health education classes and lec-

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

Low Impact Aerobics

Improve your overall fitness level through a 55-minute workout utilizing lower-impact aerobic movements. Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5-5:55 p.m. \$50 fee and preregistration required. Botsford Center for Health Improvement-trace, 39750 Grand River Ave., Novi. For information and to register, call (248) 473-

Nutrition for Two

Get your baby off to a healthy start. Register early in pregnancy. Classes offered monthly. \$10 fee and registration required. Botsford's Health Development Network, 39750 Grand River Ave., Novi.

For more information and to register, call (248) 477-6100.

Powerstop

Want to stop smoking once and for all? Tried other programs and still can't quit? Here's the program for you. And you're in control - you set the "quit date" and we'll provide you with the support you need to overcome the physical, psychological and emotional withdrawal issues. Learn about stress management and how to successfully start a healthier, smoke-free life. This individual counseling program features a one-hour private consultation with a smoking cessation counselor, workbook cassette tapes and five follow-up phone calls. There is a \$75 fee and registration is required. For more information and to register, call Botsford Hospital at (248) 477-6100.

Walking Clubs

Botsford General Hospital sponsors two free walking clubs. Laurel Park Mall (Six Mile and Newburgh roads) beginning at 8 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Saturday, and 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday. Free blood pressure provided by Botsford for walkers on the fourth Monday of every month, 8-10 a.m. Livonia Mall (Seven Mile and Middlebelt roads) beginning 7:30 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Saturday, and 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday. Free blood pressure checks provided by Botsford for walkers on the third Wednesday of every month from 8-10 a.m. For more 473-1320, weekdays 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

information, call Botsford's Health Development Network at (248) 477-6100.

Caregivers Program

"Caring for Dementia Patients," a free program for individuals caring for adults with Alzheimer's disease or closed-head injuries, co-sponsored by Botsford's Geropsychiatric Services and the Detroit Area Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association. Topics covered include overview of dementia, managing difficult behaviors and coping skills for caregivers.

Held on Monday evenings, 6-7:30 p.m. Free. Botsford General Hospital's Conference Room 2-East B, 28050 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills. For information and registration, call (248) 471-8723.

Diabetes-Cize

A 10-week comprehensive exercise program co-sponsored by Health Development Network and Botsford Cardiovascular Health Center. This program will help people with diabetes better control blood sugar levels and improve cardiovascular fitness. For information, call (248) 477-6100.

Diabetes and You

This six-week class explores all areas of diabetes self-car. Preregistration and fee required; some insurances cover class fee. Classes are held at Botsford General Hospital, Farmington Hills, and the Botsford Center for Health Improvement, Novi. For more information and to register, call (248) 477-6100.

E-Z Yoga

This six-week class enhances flexibility, strengthens muscles, improves breathing and promotes relaxation. Day and evening classes available, \$35-45 fee. Botsford Center for Health Improvement-TRACC, 39750 Grand River Ave., Novi.

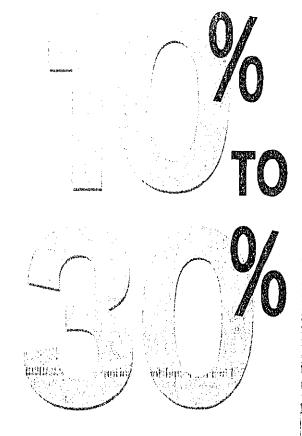
For more information and to register, call (248) 473-5600.

Free Foot Screenings

Every Tuesday and Friday from 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Botsford General Hospital, Suite 200, South Professional Building, 28080 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills. For more information or to make an appointment, call (248)

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