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## City seeks bids again for park land golf study

By JAN JEFFRES  
Staff Writer

The city's attempt to find a consulting firm to determine the feasibility of a golf course at the Novi Free Farm apparently wasn't a hole in one.

With a lone proposal in after an initial search for a consultant, the Novi City Council decided to canvass for further bids for the golf course research, hoping to gain a basis for comparison.

But two new council members were not willing to play through on this project. Council Member Laura Lorenzo suggested that even the request for proposals be placed before the voters in November.

"My take on the issue is this land was purchased

through the democratic process and putting the issue on the ballot," Lorenzo said.

If voters approve a study and the results indicate the market is there, the next step would be another ballot question asking residents if they want the 18-hole course, she added.

Council members backing the decision pointed out that residents opposed to the recent aquatic facility proposal took the city to task for not commissioning a professional study prior to the November election.

"As recently as a month ago, we had input from citizens who were berating us for not providing the same information on the aquatic center," Council Member Kathy Mutch said.

"We can't make good decisions without having good information. We can't make decisions based on how many people show up or how many letters they write to the local paper."

Parks and Recreation Director Dan Davis noted that the first time the city issued a call for consultants, following a January city council decision, two replied. But one firm indicated that rather than the feasibility study job, they would prefer to offer professional golf course design and consulting services.

Offering to take on the task was McKay Golf and Country Club of Lansing.

"Such a study will provide a critical mass of fact," Council Member Ed Kramer said.

"It could be a study that would in fact conclude that we don't need it, but I don't know that. There's been a lot of opinions expressed, but not facts," Kramer added.

Davis said construction of a golf course on the Twelve Mile area park was not "a long-term conclusion."

"There's a lot of personal observations on whether the city needs one, what we're trying to ascertain is the factual information," he explained.

He recommended the council reject the bid because there were no others to contrast with it. He's also come up with the names of other potential bid-

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## Novi Meadows kids take over buildings

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL  
Staff Writer

An increasing population in the fifth and sixth grades in Novi schools have literally pushed plans for an elementary school in the Novi Meadows building out the door. The decision leaves the district with the possibility of building another elementary school.

The Novi Board of Education voted unanimously at its Dec. 4 meeting to use both the current upper elementary building, Novi Meadows, and the soon to be vacant Novi Middle School building as a home for the estimated 1,000 students in the fifth and sixth grades.

The plan also calls for some use of the classrooms in the Instructional Technology Center which connects the two buildings on Taft Road.

"This is the logical way to progress," said Trustee George

**The Novi Board of Education will talk tonight about perhaps building a new elementary school. The story appears on page 8A.**

Kortlandt.

According to Trustee John Streit, it would be "ludicrous" to adhere to former plans to renovate and place a small elementary school in part of the Meadows building only to have the Meadows student population grow and push it out, then requiring more money for renovations and displacing students.

Carol Elfring agreed. "It makes sense to have enough room for the students in the future," the

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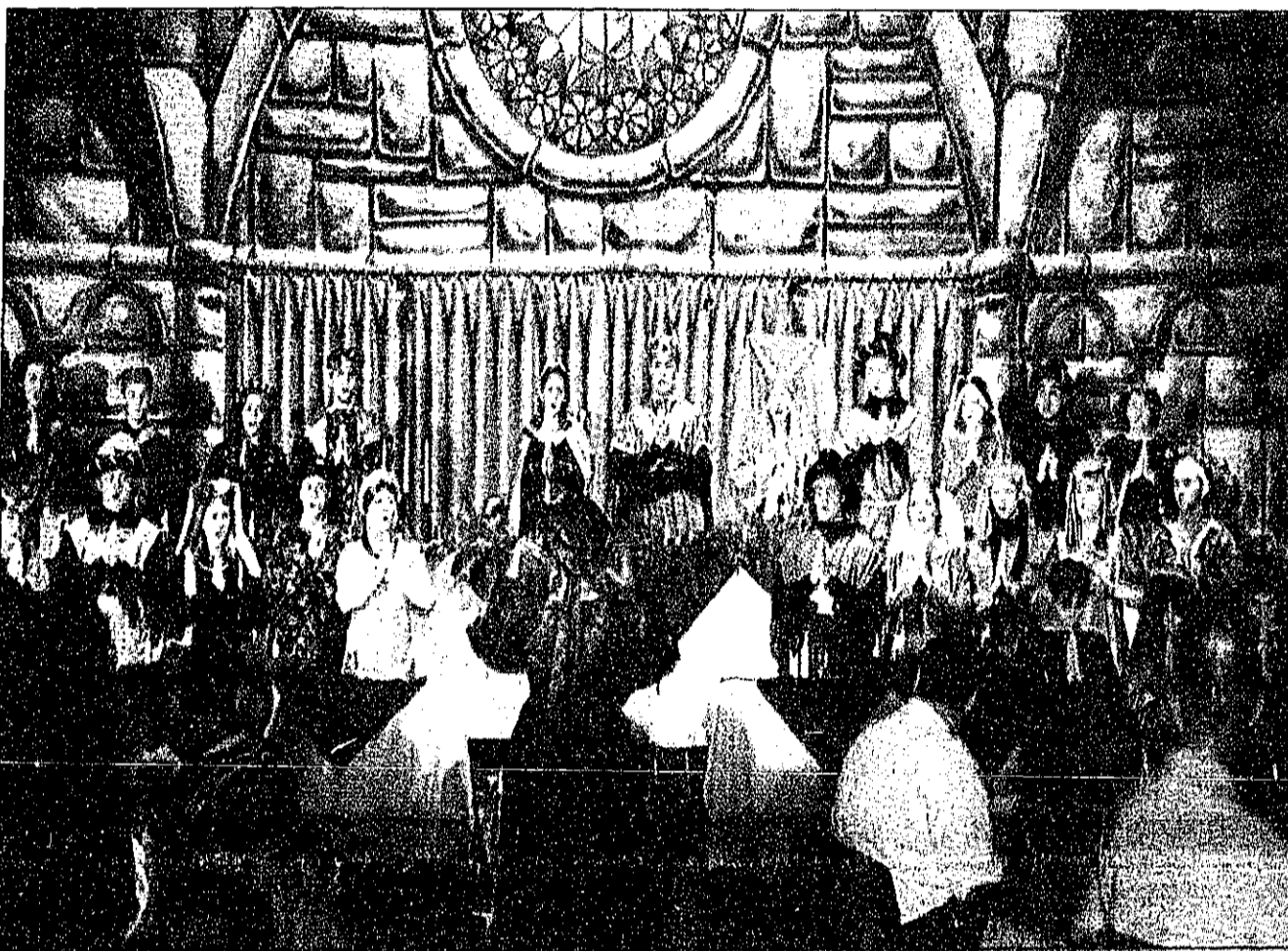


Photo by JOHN HEIDER

### Madrigal affair

The Saturday evening performance of the Novi High School Madrigal Dinner gets under way. The high school choir performed many songs of Olde England, and a feast fit for kings

and queens was served in the school's castle — which is normally its cafeteria. The dinner serves as a fundraiser for the choirs. More photos on page 17A.

### Holiday changes Novi News deadlines

The publication schedule of The Novi News will be changed over the next two weeks because of the Christmas and New Year holidays. The papers will be delivered on Fridays instead of Thursdays. The issue dated Thursday, Dec. 25, will be delivered Friday, Dec. 26, and the issue dated Thursday, Jan. 1, will be delivered Friday, Jan. 2. For more information about circulation, please call (248) 349-3627.

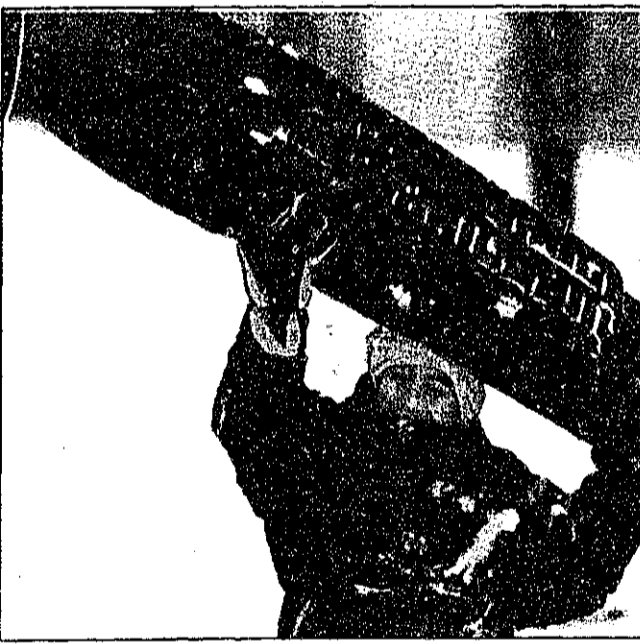


Photo by JOHN HEIDER

### Snow joy

Using his sled as a giant scoop, Novi resident Craig Avantini, 7, finds a new way

to douse himself in snow during last Wednesday's snowstorm.

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### CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S EARLY DEADLINES

Pinckney, Hartland, Fowlerville shopping guides for issue of Dec. 24-25 is Thursday, Dec. 18th at 3:30 pm

GSE & GSW, Country & Creative Living, all service directory ads, Sun & Mon. Greensheet for issues of Dec. 21-22 & 24-25 is Friday, Dec. 19th at 3:30 pm

THERE WILL BE NO SUNDAY LCP OR BRIGHTON ARGUS ONSUNDAY, DECEMBER 28.

More Deadlines inside the Greensheet.



## Retail reigns

### City Council entertains rezoning for 'Centertainment' mall

By JAN JEFFRES  
Staff Writer

West Oaks Galleria, Novi's first "centerentertainment" mall, got the rezoning needed by Ramco-Gershenson to go ahead with the project, after the developers reassured the city that proposed road treatments will leave traffic in the area as it is today - or possibly better.

Ramco plans to build 676,885-square-foot of shops, a multiplex movie theater and restaurants on land west of its existing West Oaks II. The rezoning takes 32 of the 70-acre project site from the residential-agricultural and conference categories to regional center district.

Over the past three years, the developers ditched other concepts for the site, including a Target Store and Office Max before arriving at this plan. Chief Operating Officer Michael Ward told the council.

"We have some very, very exciting users who are anxious to be part of the community that we have been working with for a long time now," Ward said.

"Somerset has put Troy on the map. We think we can, too, with this project in Novi."

Ramco-Gershenson proposes a series of road improvements, to be paid for by both the private and public sectors. The development is expected to add 2,390 additional

vehicles to the Novi/Twelve Mile road area during the p.m. peak hour and 2,610 additional vehicles on mid-day Saturdays.

"The aim is to maintain at least the same level of service at these intersections that exists today or better," said Rolf Kihlan, of the Metro Transportation Group, Ramco's traffic consultants.

"It is our intention to have the improvements in place before the opening of the center. We haven't addressed who will pay what."

A conceptual road improvement plan is expected to be thrashed out between the state, the developer and the city by January or February. That convinced the council majority.

"I don't think they're going to jeopardize a mega-million dollar project and not get people in and out. They are not going to jeopardize their other projects, West Oaks I and II," Mayor Pro Tem Hugh Crawford said.

However, representatives of The Taubman Company, owners of Twelve Oaks Mall, expressed doubts that will happen in time to get the traffic under control. They met with Ramco-Gershenson officials last week.

"There are a lot of issues that have to be resolved. The access to our mall is very paramount. We don't want something to happen like it did in 1989 when our

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## Marcus serves 1,500 of his finest

By JAN JEFFRES  
Staff Writer

A hard fall of snow didn't keep hardy appetites away from Hamburger Day in Novi last week.

Since the early 1970s, each holiday season, Tom Marcus, his wife Thelma, their kids and friends have dished up what's properly known as the Marcus All Steak at Harmon Glass, formerly Marcus Glass, on Novi Road. This is their own unique gift to the community, a labor of love and ground round.

"My dad started it. Customers would come in and say I smell something cooking. They would talk all the time about how when they were kids they were taken to Marcus's," Tom Marcus said.

In the old days, baseball greats playing Detroit, like Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig used to send their batboys out to pick up Marcus burgers.

In Novi, what started as Customer Appreciation grew to include city and school officials, police officers, employees from Providence Park and local service clubs.

"Anybody who's anybody in Novi," said Marcus's daughter, Mary Marcus Pennebaker.

"People love them all over. You mention them to anyone over 40 and they all remember them."

This year, bad weather and all, Tom Marcus said a team of up to eight cooks served over 1,500 burgers, cooking them in a tent pitched in the snow behind the glass store. Burgers, fixings, munchies and pop, nobody's collecting money.

"That's what he lives for, feeding people and making a party of it," Thelma Marcus said.

Among those chowing down on Dec. 10 was Novi High School track coach Robert Smith, who coached Marcus's son in the 1980s.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Jerry Coonce dishes out Marcus burgers to hungry guests.

"They became a team trademark and it really boosted our running potential when the kids found out Marcus burgers were part of the

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# Community Calendar

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

## Thursday, December 18

**Novi schools**  
The Novi schools Board of Education will meet in regular session at 7:30 p.m. in the Educational Services Building.

**Ordinance Review**  
The Novi City Ordinance Review Committee meets at 4:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center.

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

## Monday, December 22

**TOPS**  
Take Off Pounds Sensibly for all ages meets at 7 p.m. at the Kent Meadows Clubhouse on Napier Blvd. For more information, call after 6

# Churches announce holiday service schedule

Churches in the area have planned special services and events to celebrate the holidays. Following is a list of the days and times of their services:

**CHURCH OF TODAY WEST**, 24505 Meadowbrook Road will have Christmas Eve Masses at 4 p.m. with the Junior Choirists; at 6 p.m., geared toward children; and at midnight with music and choir. Christmas Day Masses will be at 8:45 and 10:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Masses will be at 5 p.m. on New Year's Eve and at 8:45 and 10:30 a.m. on New Year's Day. Call the church at 349-8847.

**CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY**, 24505 Meadowbrook Road will have Christmas Eve Masses at 4 p.m. with the Junior Choirists; at 6 p.m., geared toward children; and at midnight with music and choir. Christmas Day Masses will be at 8:45 and 10:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Masses will be at 5 p.m. on New Year's Eve and at 8:45 and 10:30 a.m. on New Year's Day. Call the church at 349-8847.

On Christmas Eve, the **FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE**, 200 E. Main in Northville, will have a 5 p.m. Family Worship Service; and 7, 9 p.m. and 11 p.m. Candlelight Carol Services. Call the church at 349-0911.

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE**, 777 West Eight Mile, will have Christmas Eve Worship Services: A Children's Pageant at 4 p.m. with God's Kids; a Family Service at 6 p.m. with the Joy Singers and Youth Handbells; a Traditional Festive Service at 8:30 p.m. with

the Sanctuary Choir, Brass Choir, Adult Handbells and Woodwind Ensemble; and a Communion Service at 11 p.m. Candle lighting will be at all four services. Child care will be available at the 4, 6 and 8:30 p.m. services. Call the church at 349-1144.

**OUR LADY OF VICTORY CHURCH**, 770 Thayer Boulevard in Northville, will have Christmas Eve Masses at 4:30 and 7 p.m. and at midnight. Christmas Day Masses will be at 9 and 11 a.m. New Year's Eve Mass will be at 5 p.m. New Year's Day services will be at 9 and 11 a.m. Call the church at 349-9621.

On Christmas Eve, **MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**, 21355 Meadowbrook Road in Novi, will have a Children's Pageant and Candle Lighting Service at 6 p.m. and a Service of Lessons, Carols and Candles at 8 p.m. Call the church at 348-7757.

**ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**, 201 Elm Street in Northville, will have Candlelight Worship Services at 6 and 8 p.m. The Christmas Day Service will be at 10 a.m. A New Year's Eve Worship Service will be at 6 p.m. Call the church at 349-3140.

**ST. JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH**, 46325 Ten Mile, will have Christmas Eve Masses at 4 p.m. for children and 6:30 p.m. with choir. Christmas Day Masses will be at 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. New Year's Eve Mass will be at 5 p.m. Mass on New Year's Day will

p.m. (810) 344-2167. The Sixgate Composite Squadron, Civil Air Patrol, meets at Novi Middle School, 25299 Taft Rd., from 7-9:30 p.m. Adults and youths who have finished the sixth grade are welcome. For additional information call 349-2669.

## Tuesday, December 23

**Band rehearsal**  
The Novi Concert Band rehearses at 7:30 p.m. in the band room at Novi High School.

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

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

## Wednesday, December 24

**Christmas Eve**  
Novi city offices, the Recycling Center and the Novi Public Library will all be closed for the holiday. Merry Christmas.

## Thursday, December 25

**Christmas**  
Novi city offices, the Recycling Center and the Novi Public Library will all be closed for the holiday. Merry Christmas.

## Wednesday, December 31

**New Years Eve**  
Novi city offices, the Recycling Center and the Novi Public Library will all be closed for the holiday. Happy New Year.

## Thursday, January 1

**New Years**  
Novi city offices, the Recycling Center and the Novi Public Library will all be closed for the holiday. Happy New Year.

# Christmas Eve Service Schedule

**CHURCH OF HOLY CROSS EPISCOPAL**, 46200 West Ten Mile Road will have a 6 p.m. Children's Christmas Eve Service where the children participate in the service and an 11 p.m. Christmas Eve Service. On Christmas Day, there will be an 8 a.m. service. At St. Anne's, located at 430 Nicolet in Walked Lake, there will be a 9 p.m. Christmas Eve Service and a 9 a.m. Christmas Day Service. Call Holy Cross at 349-1175.

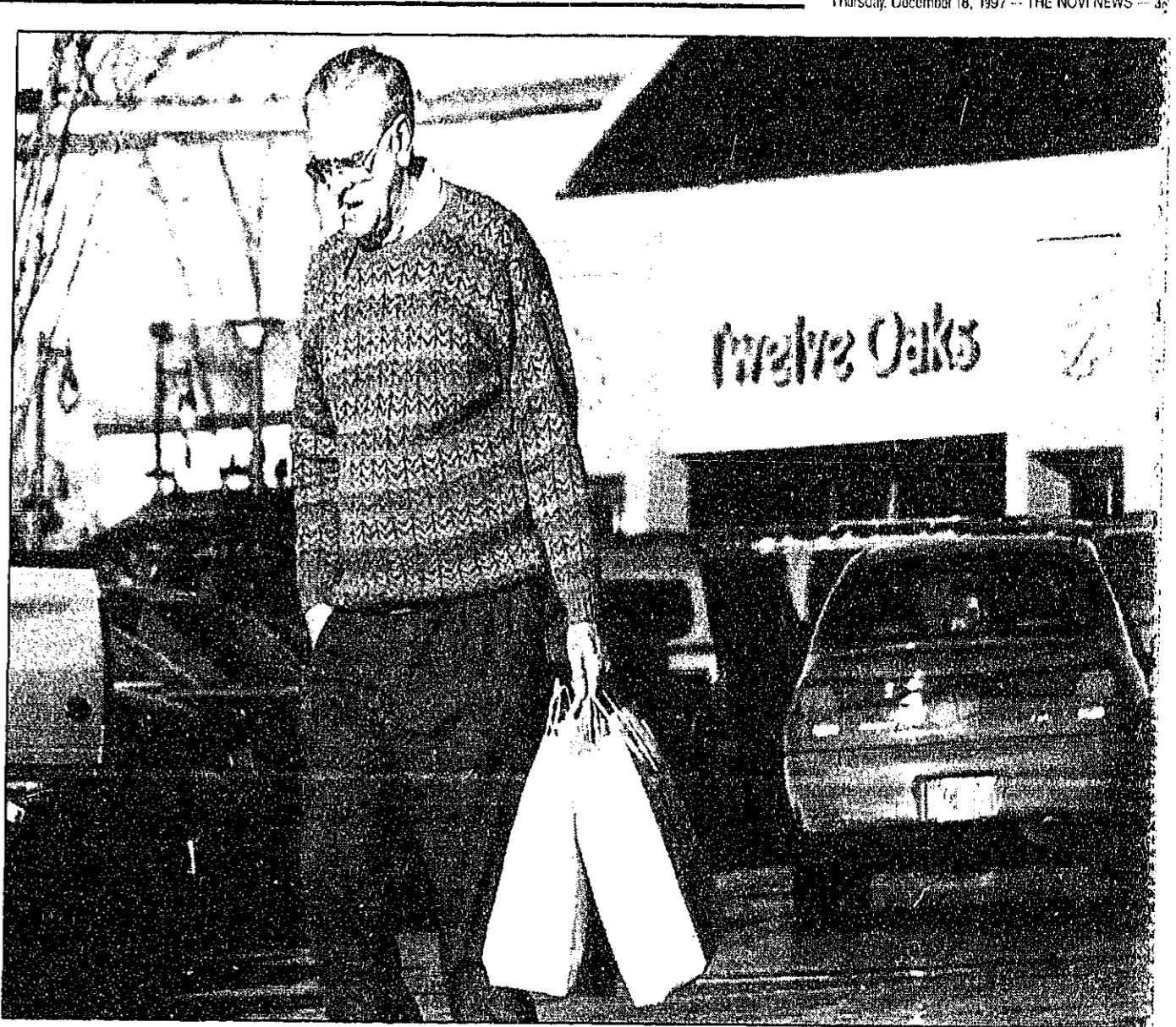
On Christmas Eve, **NOVI UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**, 41671 West Ten Mile Road will have a Candlelight Worship at 7 p.m. with Family Service of Lessons and Carols and an 11 p.m. Candlelight and Communion Service based on Luke Chapter 1, Verses 25 through 35 entitled "Let It Be." Call the church at 348-2652.

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# Tis the season to go shopping Residents finish gift buying early

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL Staff Writer  
Twas the week before Christmas and all through the town, every creature was stirring, hitting every mall around.  
"If you're still struggling to finish checking off the Christmas wish list, you're in the minority in this story."  
"With the exception of a couple teens, I'm through," said Deputy Novi Police Chief Al Rasmussen earlier this week. "I wait about two weeks before Christmas and try to get it done in a matter of a couple of days."  
He estimates his tally at 30 gifts. "I feel pretty good about it too. It's not even Christmas Eve yet," he said.

Cheryl McNamara, who works for the City of Novi finance department, said it took her 20 minutes just to find a parking space at Twelve Oaks Mall last week.  
"However, she took much of the stress out of shopping this year by simply picking up the phone. Now much of her work is done."  
"I did most of my Christmas shopping by catalog this year," she explained. "It worked out better as a working parent. It was wonderful finding the package on the doorstep."  
Other Novi residents just start



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## Deer hunters stopped in Novi woods

Three men from Redford, Westland and Dearborn were cited for hunting without a permit Dec. 13 after police heard rifle blasts coming from a wooded area near Grand River Avenue and Three Mile Road.

Police said the officers pulled over to investigate a car on the side of the road when the gunshots sounded. After walking into the woods, he spotted one of the men with a muzzle loader. Two other men with shotguns then appeared, none of them wearing orange for safety.

The men said they didn't know they couldn't hunt in Novi without a permit and surrendered their weapons. Police said they were cited for the hunting violation and for possession of dangerous weapons and were released at the scene.

**MAN AND MACHINE**  
An 18-year-old man was cited and released after police stopped him for speeding on public roadways, Dec. 6.

Police said the residents of Meadowbrook Glen called about a snowblower driving through the sub. When officers arrived they spotted tracks down the streets and across lawns. Police followed the tracks to where the man was still riding the machine and confiscated the Kawasaki.

**NOT INDEPENDENCE DAY**  
Police found nearly 600 various fireworks, 10 marijuana pipes and

## Police Briefs

A set of brass knuckles in a Springs Apartment Dec. 13.

According to police, officers responded to the complex about midnight on a loud music complaint. Officers followed the sound of the heavy metal music to the man's apartment and knocked on the door. The music stopped and the lights in the apartment went off, police said, but no one responded to the officer's knocks even after several minutes passed.

A maintenance worker opened the door for officers who found the 21-year-old male resident asleep on the floor. Police said he agreed to let them search the apartment where they found the fireworks, the drug paraphernalia, four marijuana cigarettes and a 5.5 gram bag of marijuana.

The lone man was cited and released.

**RECKLESS DRIVER**  
A 19-year-old man was arrested for reckless driving and on an outstanding warrant for fleeing and eluding police, Dec. 9.

An officer near the Portsmouth Apartments spotted the man's Monte Carlo speed out of the parking lot in a reckless manner and pulled him over. He said he had just been on the phone fighting with his "old man" and was on his way to his house to finish the car

conversation. He apologized for speeding but was arrested and taken to the police station on the outstanding warrant from Rochester. After \$500 bond was posted, he was released.

**GOOD DEED**  
A 22-year-old Novi woman turned in to management \$160 she found lying on the floor of the Novi Town Center Cinemas at about midnight, Dec. 5.

**STORE BREAK-IN**  
A fired employee is suspected of breaking into a training business in Novi the night of Dec. 13.

Police said someone broke into Absolute Tan in the Blue Ridge Center taking a television, VCR and \$100 in cash. Police said someone threw a brick through the window in the door. The alarm did not sound until the next morning when a nearby business owner discovered the damage to the store.

**HOME BREAK-IN**  
Police are looking for the culprit of a middle-of-the-day home break-in Nov. 21.

The window of a South Lake Drive home was smashed and a VCR, compact discs, a video game, gun shoes and \$10 in cash were stolen.

**MICHIGAN FAN**  
A 50-year-old Grosse Pointe resident reported someone broke into his home Dec. 8 taking several University of Michigan sweatshirts, a UM toy truck, four candles, a VCR, gold earrings and a leather briefcase during the night.

Police said the basement and kitchen windows were smashed and the door wall was pried open. Neighbors saw little except for a small grey car parked in front of the home during the night.

**SNOWBLOWER STEALER**  
A Sunnybrook resident who left his garage unlocked for a painting crew Dec. 8 discovered his snow thrower missing that night.

**LARCENIES**  
The following thefts from cars occurred this month according to Novi Police:

• On Dec. 6, a cell phone was taken from an unlocked Mercury Sable parked on Scarlet Court.

• On Dec. 9, a briefcase, planner, checkbook and some cash was taken from a Ford F-250 parked on Long Point Way. The door lock was punched.

• On Dec. 9, someone punched the lock of a Dodge pickup on Springlake in order to take a rifle, air bag, cell phone and rifle scope.

• On Dec. 10, a CD player and 40 CDs were taken from a Ford Escort parked near Sears. The window of the car was broken in order to access the vehicle, police said.

## Briefs

### Ten Mile Road saga

A traffic engineering expert has offered to do a study to review and offer his input on several Ten Mile Road projects, including an environmental assessment prepared by city engineers JCK & Associates, that firm's response to residents' concerns and reports prepared by the Ten Mile Road Task Force.

Dr. Tappan Dana, a professor at Wayne State University's Civil and Environmental Engineering Department, has been working as part of the university's team hired by the city to get Novi's Geographical Information System up and running.

Jolly is a graduate of the University of Detroit Law School and a former assistant U.S. attorney. He was a candidate for judge at the court in 1988 and lost out to Brian MacKenzie.

**Job hunting**  
Local lawyer Jerry Jolly has asked the City of Novi to back him in his quest to be appointed as a judge at the 52-1 District Court, Novi. Judge Harold Bulgarelli is retiring, as of May 31 and his term is unexpired.

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**Awarding experience**  
Gov. John Engler, State Rep. Nancy Cassis, R-Nowi and State Sen. Bill Bullard, R-Milford had a holiday gift for Blair Bowman, president of the Novi Expo Center.

Monday, Cassis and Bullard presented him with a plaque from the state honoring the Expo Center's five years.

Cassis pointed out that the idea of using the abandoned Mohawk factory for a convention center originated with Novi City Manager Ed Kriewall. Bowman picked up the ball and ran with it. Last year, 1.4 million attended shows at the Expo Center.

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## The Log Book

The following is a complete list of the emergency runs of the Novi Fire Department for the week ending Dec. 14. Each incident is listed by type, location, time and the engine and squad number which responded to the call.

**MONDAY, DEC. 8**  
Investigation, 42177 Roseomon, 10:36 a.m., Squad 3.  
Investigation, 21776 Meridian, 2:03 p.m., Squad 3.  
Investigation, 44999 Pontiac Trail, 8:35 p.m., Engine 2.  
Fuel spill, 27500 Novi Road, 10:01 p.m., Engine 1.

**TUESDAY, DEC. 9**  
Medical, 40612 Village Oaks, 10:21 a.m., Squad 3.  
Fire alarm, 24300 Karen, 10:35 a.m., Engines 1, 3.  
Medical, 23638 N. Borkledge, 11:09 a.m., Squad 3.  
Medical, 43444 West Oaks, 12:31 p.m., Squad 1.  
Fuel spill, Novi and Nine Mile Road, 12:50 p.m., Engine 3.  
Medical, 22502 Mansion, 9:37 p.m., Squad 3.  
Medical, 41613 Blair, 10:16 p.m., Squad 2.

**WEDNESDAY, DEC. 10**  
Investigation, 41910 Lanier, 12:53 a.m., Engine 2.

**THURSDAY, DEC. 11**  
Medical, 22502 Mansion, 3:41 a.m., Squad 3.  
Investigation, 41768 Chesterfield Court, 9:09 a.m., Squad 3.  
Investigation, 41917 Canterbury, 10:18 a.m., Engine 2.

**FRIDAY, DEC. 12**  
Medical, 22966 Springwell, 2:23 a.m., Squad 3.  
Investigation, 23634 Stonehenge, 7:25 a.m., Squad 3.  
Medical, Grand River and Novi Road, 11:17 a.m., Squad 1.  
Propane leak, Novi Square, 2:37 p.m., Engine 2.  
Medical, 22462 Norfolk, 5:57 p.m., Squad 3.  
Medical, 45125 Ten Mile Road, 8:56 p.m., Squad 3.  
Injury accident, Novi and Old Novi, 9:46 p.m., Squad 2.  
Medical, 31056 Beachwalk, 10:17 p.m., Squad 2.

**SATURDAY, DEC. 13**  
Fire alarm, 22475 Plaisance, 3:49 a.m., Engine 3.  
Injury accident, Eight Mile and Haggerty, 11:59 a.m., Squad 3.  
Medical, 21051 Haggerty, 3:01 p.m., Squad 3.  
Medical, 22502 Mansion, 7:36 p.m., Squad 3.  
Medical, 27600 Novi Road, 7:38 p.m., Squad 1.  
Fire on railroad crossing, West Road and CSX, 8:51 P.M., Engine 2.

**SUNDAY, DEC. 14**  
Investigation, 44615 North Hills, 1:14 a.m., Squad 3.  
Investigation, 42080 Cherry Hill, 1:26 a.m., Squad 1.  
Medical, 22430 Mill Road, 2:21 a.m., Squad 3.  
Medical, 45125 Ten Mile, 3:13 a.m., Squad 3.  
Medical, 27069 Brantton, 5:51 a.m., Squad 1.  
Medical, 20800 Woodland Glen, 8 a.m., Squad 3.  
Car fire, I-96 and I-275, 11:09 a.m., Tanker 507.  
Fire alarm, 46000 Ten Mile, 2:52 p.m., Engines 1, 4.  
Medical, 24500 Meadowbrook, 9:45 p.m., Squad 1.

## DMC Rehab Center prepares for January Grand Opening date

Convenient, comprehensive, rehabilitation care for patients of all ages will be available under one roof as The Detroit Medical Center completes construction of a new facility in Novi that will open Jan. 6, 1998.

DMC Rehab Center-Nowi will provide a broad spectrum of care for both pediatric and adult patients in need of medical and rehabilitation services.

"Whether a patient is two years old or 72 years old, no matter if it is a child needing specialized therapy for a brain injury or cerebral palsy, or an adult needing short-term physical therapy to recover from a sports injury, we can care for them all at DMC Rehab Center-Nowi," said David Campbell, president and chief executive officer for the DMC.

Nationally recognized experts from The Detroit Medical Center's Children's Hospital of Michigan (CHM) and Rehabilitation Institute of Michigan will partner with The Detroit Institute for Children (DIC) to combine comprehensive physical and rehabilitation programs and services in the new state-of-the-art facility located by Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi.

The new 25,000 square-foot outpatient facility will serve orthopedic and neurologic patients in a large central gym with fitness equipment, a therapeutic pool and multiple treatment areas.

DMC Rehab Center-Nowi will provide greater accessibility to these services for residents in the northern and western suburbs, reducing travel time and visits to several facilities to receive multiple services.

RM's Haggerty Center for Neuro-rehabilitation and physical therapy at HCC-Nowi will relocate its programs to Rehab Center-Nowi. CHM's stepping stone program for children with brain injuries and DIC are expanding services by adding additional sites of care at the new facility.

There will be an open house for the public at DMC Rehab Center-Nowi on Saturday, Feb. 28, 1998, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Visitors will also be able to tour the HCC-Nowi facility, which is located next door to the new building.

## Holiday hours set for Novi blood donors

Donate blood this holiday season during expanded hours at the American Red Cross.

The Novi donor center, located at 41160 Ten Mile, east of Meadowbrook Road, will be open during the following holiday hours: Friday, Dec. 26, from 1-7 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 27, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Monday, Dec. 29, from 1-7 p.m.; Friday, Jan. 2, 1-7 p.m.; and Saturday, Jan. 3, from 1-7 p.m. The center will be closed Dec. 24, 25, 28, 30 and 31 and Jan. 1 and 4. Call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE.

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## Police urge residents to have safe holiday

Program reminds Novi not to drink and drive

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL Staff Writer

A 160-pound person, drinking two alcoholic drinks in an hour will have a blood alcohol content of about .04, or a little less than half the legal limit for driving.

The body eliminates alcohol at the rate of approximately one drink per hour.

"These are statistics all merry makers during the holiday season should note. The Novi Police Department hopes to keep these reminders fresh in the coming weeks with the Red Ribbon Campaign, red ribbons tied to car antennae.

"People are aware more and more," said Sergeant Terry Whitefield. "Drivers hear about it at the workplace, and kids at school make red ribbons to hand out. It's getting robotic."

The department wants drivers to "be one one" in a sober fashion this Christmas.

"The real message is not to drink and drive," said Whitefield. "And to arrive home safely. It'll make for a

better New Year."

Alcohol and driving can be a deadly combination, he explained. Death from a car crash is six times more likely when one of the drivers has been drinking. And, he added, it is estimated this year that one in five motorists will have been drinking before driving this holiday season.

"People are getting the message. I believe it has made an impact," Whitefield said. "We just have to keep putting it out there to let more people know."

Drivers can pick up red ribbons at the Novi Police Department on Ten Mile, west of Novi Road.

Along with sober driving, the Novi Police are asking all drivers and passengers to buckle up. Whitefield spent last weekend at the Novi Expo Center Christmas Show promoting the cause.

Currently the usage rate for safety belt users in Michigan is 70 percent, but the United States Department of Transportation plans a large-scale "Buckle Up" campaign to spike those numbers.

### OUIL IN NOVI

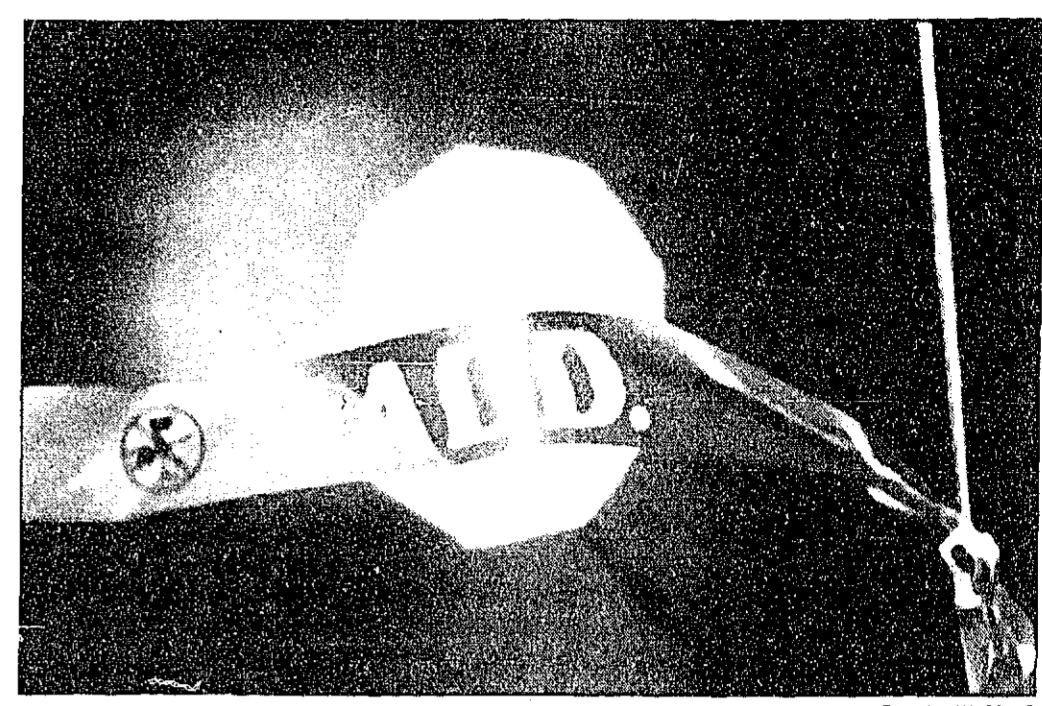
Novi Police records show officers arrested 11 people for drunk driving between the dates of Dec. 9 and Dec. 14.

• Nine of the drivers were men. Two were women.

• The drivers came from many different cities, including Walled Lake, Redford, Milford, Brighton, Huntington Woods, Birmingham and Livonia.

Two were from Novi. Two lived in Farmington Hills.

• Ages of the drivers ranged from 18 to 54 with blood alcohol contents (BAC) above the legal limit or high enough to be considered impaired. BACs ranged from .08 percent to .17 percent.



The Red Ribbon Campaign by local police encourages drivers to tie a red ribbon to their automobile antennae as a reminder not to drink and drive this holiday season.

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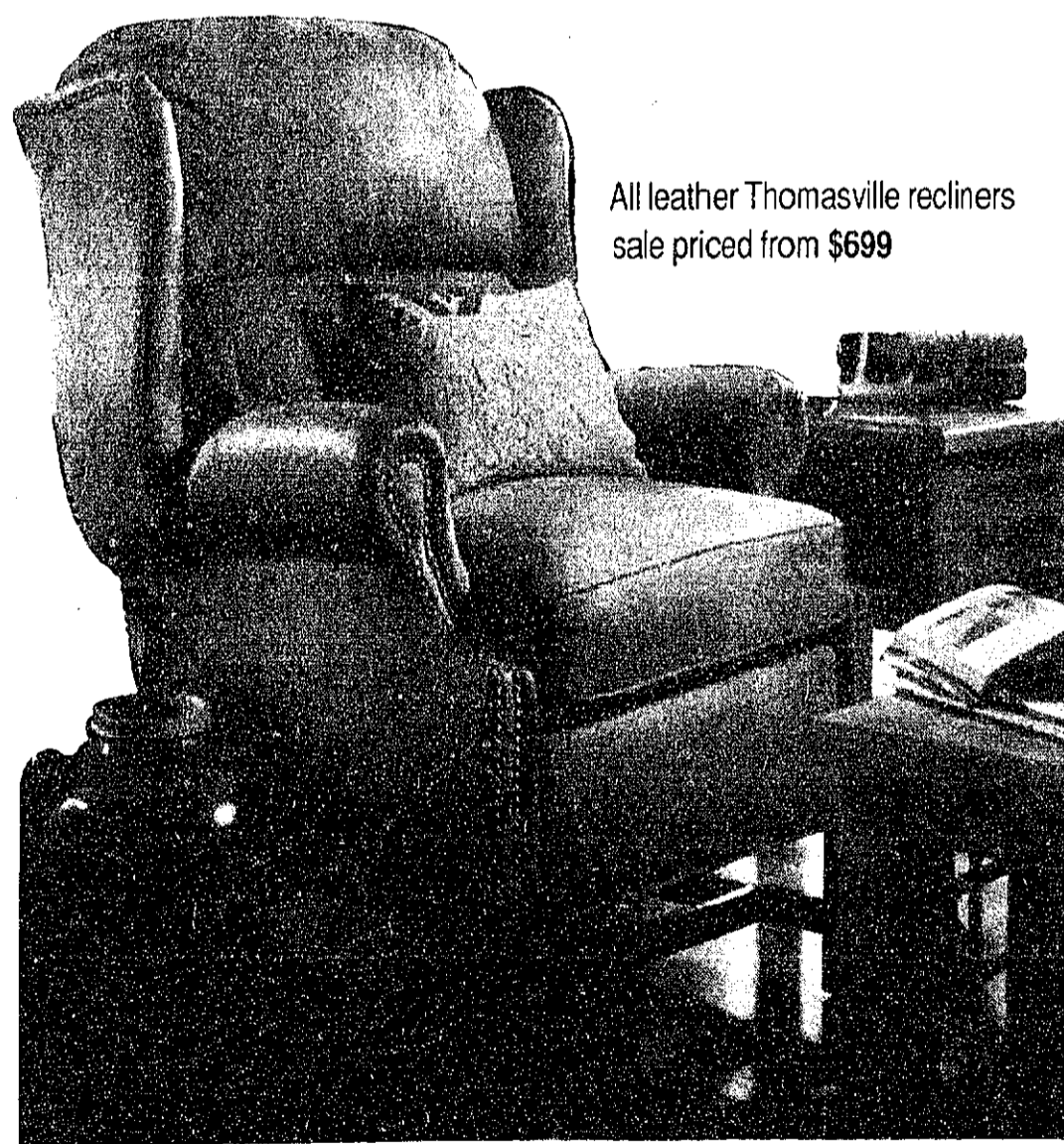


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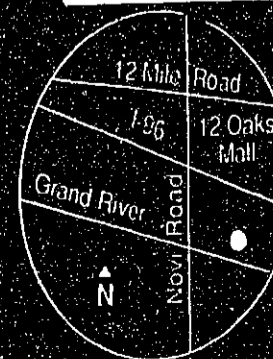
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## School board will look at new elementary school

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL  
Staff Writer

Now that the Novi Board of Education has agreed to move the proposed K-3 elementary building out of the Novi Meadows building, they have to find a place to put it.

Trustees and administrators will discuss the consequences of the decision at the School Board meeting tonight at 7:30 p.m. at the Educational Services Building.

"We felt we had to have a discussion about it while it's fresh on our minds," said Superintendent Emmet Lippe. "The administration feels we ought to take a look at what to do."

Lippe said the board will have to

talk about building a new elementary school, when to do so and how to do so. Trustees will also have to explore any other options or suggestions.

But what is for sure is that something will have to be done with the ever-increasing student population.

"We know right now as a practical matter every classroom we have has students in it," said Lippe.

Building onto the four existing elementary schools just won't work, Lippe explained, because they've already built additions and even those don't hold the students.

According to Jim Koster, assistant superintendent of business,

the number of new residents with very young children is much higher than anticipated in the past.

"I believe we're going to have to have a new elementary school in excess of 300 (students)," said Koster.

Lippe said the district already has land available to construct an elementary school on the 50-acre new middle school site on Wixom Road.

"When we bought it we wanted to make sure we worked around the wetlands and wanted to leave adequate space to build an elementary school if we needed to," Lippe said.

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## Man burned in electrical fire

By JAN JEFFRES  
Staff Writer

A Berkeley man remains in serious condition after a non-fatal electrical fire on Dec. 10 left him burnt over 40 percent of his upper body.

Wayne Shields, an electrician with a contracting firm doing work at Schmalbach-Lubecca, a bottling plant at 43700 Gen-Mar Drive, was working on a transformer high above the factory floor when the fire broke out.

"A transformer exploded, at least as far as we can tell," Novi Fire Chief Art Levanjian said. "We're not really sure what happened. He was about 18 feet above the floor, in an electrical area. A small fire occurred in the switching equipment."

Shields was involved with the installation of a bottling machine, the chief added.

Shields, who was born in 1960, was taken to

Providence Park and then to the University of Michigan Trauma Burn Center.

A family member said he had third degree burns on his arms and chest and second degree burns to his face and head.

Although not as grave as critical condition, serious condition means the patient has a questionable prognosis and vital signs that are not normal or are unstable.

"There is a chance for an improving prognosis," said Rebecca Kerwin, a spokesperson for the Trauma Burn Center.

The Novi Fire Department got the call at 12:27 p.m. While the accident was severe, the fire itself was not significant, Levanjian said. He estimated the property damage at about \$2,000.

"It was still smoking a bit and herring around the equipment when we arrived," he added.

## Obituaries

DALPHINE F. LOVE

Dolphine F. Love died Dec. 9 at her residence in Livonia. She was 91. Mrs. Love was born Dec. 11, 1905.

She is survived by daughters, Dolphine (Blair) Foy and Mary (Dick) Kalkatis; 14 grandchildren, 27 great grandchildren, and five great great grandchildren.

Services were held on Saturday, Dec. 13, at St. Colette Church in Livonia. Interment was in Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Detroit.

Arrangements were made by O'Brien/Ted C. Sullivan Funeral Home of Novi.

JEANNINE C. GREGORY

Jeannine C. Gregory, 22, of Walled Lake died Dec. 9 as a result of an auto accident in Malibu,

Calif. She was born Oct. 10, 1975.

Ms. Gregory graduated this year from Wayne State University with a degree in public relations. She was attending Pepperdine University Law School where she was president of the Public Relations Student Society.

She is survived by her parents, Ken and Dorothy Gregory; sister, Jacqueline; brother, Timothy; nephew, Shawn Michael; grandmother, Cecilia; and boyfriend, Jeff Hodak.

Services were held on Monday, Dec. 15, at St. Williams Church in Walled Lake. Interment was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

Arrangements were made by O'Brien Chapel/Ted C. Sullivan Funeral Home of Novi.

Memorials to the National Kidney Foundation or Diabetes Association would be appreciated.

Waterford, MI or to the charity of your choice would be appreciated.

LAURENCE J. NIENDORF  
Laurence John Niendorf, 54, died Dec. 12 at Providence Hospital in Southfield. He was born April 6, 1943. Mr. Niendorf was a computer engineer.

He is survived by: wife, Sally (Shear); daughters, Hanna and Emma; mother, Donna Niendorf; brother, Dana; and sister, Patricia Tiplon.

Services were held on Saturday, Dec. 13, at O'Brien Chapel/Ted C. Sullivan Funeral Home in Novi.

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THE RESULTS ARE IN

Among the 149 names for which write-in ballots were cast for the position of mayor in the November Novici general election, the top vote-getters were:

Table listing candidates and their vote counts for the Mayor position.

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Write-in voters pick Clark for mayor

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Clark was the highest vote-getter, with 62, among the 149 names offered by voters on the write-in portion of the ballot.

Several places went to a blank since 40 voters made their mark on the write-in area of the ballot, but failed to put in a name.

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Pat Holt, treasurer for the Committee Opposed to the Nov Aquatic Facility, said she was a little surprised the vote for Clark wasn't a bit larger.

The committee had considered approaching Clark to ask him if he would run for mayor on a write-in basis with the committee's sup-

port, but she said the committee eventually discounted the idea because the work involved in both campaigns, supporting Clark and opposing the pool, would have been too much.

"Overall, what this means is that there are a lot of people who are very unhappy with the current mayor there," Holt said. "Her comment about the pool was that it wasn't sold right. She just doesn't get it."

All told, some 402 write-in ballots were cast, although that number differs from the official count of 385. The difference is likely the result of voters filling in names, but not marking the write-in slot, according to City Clerk Tommi Bartholomew.

Bartholomew said she was not surprised at the wide variety of names offered, 149, or the types of names written in. Along with serious candidates, made-up names, names of fictional characters and names of deceased persons appeared on the ballot.

Mallen, who was on the ballot as the only mayor candidate, got three write-in votes herself. That left her tied with Mickey Mouse, 3, and John Doe, 3. Bugs Bunny was close behind with 2 votes. But Boto the Clown actually got the better of the mayor on this portion of the ballot with 4 votes.

N.E. 'Buddy' Else got one vote. Non-persons such as "no confidence," "open government" and "truth" received one vote each.

Among the real people who got a smattering of votes were Hugh Crawford, 6; Nancy Cassis, 2; Tom Marcus, 6; Paul Sabol, 5; Roh Mitzel, 2; Denise Jenkins, 5; Lee BeGale, 6; Elaine Gasaway, 2; Nicole Pargoff, 5; and Carol Jean Crawford, 4.

For the 2-year seat on city council, for which newcomer Craig DeRoche was running unopposed, 107 ballots were cast offering 65 names. Again, that is a discrepancy from the official 109. The difference, Bartholomew said, is likely the result of voters marking the write-in slot, but not filling in a name.

The biggest vote-getter here was a blank, 15, Sarah Gray and Laura Lorenzo tied for second with seven votes each. Michael Meyer and Lynn Kocan tied for fourth with three votes each.

As with the mayor's race, real people got votes - Rob Mitzel, Wendy Rosinski, Richard Clark, Denise Jenkins, Ed Kramer - but then so did Donald Duck, Mickey Mouse and Minnie Mouse.

The race for three seats on city council for a 4-year term, which had seven filed candidates on the ballot, still drew 51 write-in votes offering 41 names.

The top vote-getters here were Craig DeRoche, 3, and Bob Schmidt, 3. Other names which appeared were Richard Stojanski, Matt Quinn and Kathy Mutch.

New law frees clerks from counting write-ins

By MICHAEL MALOTT
Managing Editor
Rep. Nancy Cassis, R-Now, wants write-in votes counted.

The local lawmaker said she will lend her support to a bill, introduced this year by Rep. Deborah Cherry, D-Burton, to repeal Public Act 461 of 1996.

That law, passed quietly last year by the state legislature, ended the practice of counting write-in ballots during an election unless a person files a "declaration of intent" to run as a write-in candidate on the Friday before the balloting.

The new law was first effective for the school elections in June, but also eliminated the counting of write-in ballots for the city general election in November.

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Bartholomew explained that four election workers are required to count write-in ballots, one to read the ballots, one to write down the results, and two to observe.

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## Council aims to soothe mobile home residents

By JAN JEFFRES Staff Writer

The thought of moving her residence from Country Cousins Mobile Home Village on Grand River Avenue had Karen Burnett stressed out.

All I thought about was moving the mirrors in the dining room," she said.

Over the weekend, reports that the city planned to rezone the 300-unit mobile home community to the office-service-technology category had residents worried - and organizing.

Monday, the Novi City Council II voted unanimously to keep Country Cousins out of any upcoming GST zoning and master plan studies, which are expected to occur in January.

But Mayor Kathleen McAllen called it all the result of an enormous misunderstanding.

"Please be assured there was never any intention that this city was going to sell you down the river. We know very little about mobile home zoning or how far we can go or cannot go," she said.

McAllen said she requested the areas to be looked at for a city study session Saturday. The council also toured light industrial parks in Farmington Hills.

"I will take responsibility for that. The city is under tremendous development pressure. Whether we like it or not, your neighborhood is in the middle of a lot of pressure," she said.

The city has no control over the zoning of a mobile home community, the mayor added, because that is in the state's jurisdiction. But the area has been master planned for office since 1990.

One long-term planning goal has been to have clean

light industry to town to beef up the tax base so home owners won't bear the financial brunt.

There are no firm assurances as to the future of the community, because that's in the owners' hands, council members said. However, Mayor Pro Tem Hugh Crawford pledged that this council, which will see a changed membership in two years' time, will not take any action on the issue.

"We cannot guarantee everything, but this is absolutely our intent," Crawford said.

Rose Button, a member of the family that owns the community, said she's not aware of any attempt on the owners' part to seek a rezoning.

"The only thing around 38 years since the park was started... We are going to stay," she added.

Button said news of a possible rezoning cost the business several home sales.

One resident broke down and cried while talking to the council, another taped the meeting with a video camera.

Over the past few days, retired interior decorator and furniture store owner Robin Ray said she was in the process of retaining a lawyer. Like other Country Cousins residents, she said she didn't find the council meeting totally comforting.

"We're all worried about losing our homes. All of us here have invested a lot of money, not just in our homes but in our landscaping and sun rooms, things that just can't be moved," she said.

"It's a been very upsetting time... It's a questionable future. Most of us have put all our savings into our homes."

Button said after the session that she felt better about the matter "to some degree."

"I believe for the next two years nobody will touch it with a 10-foot pole," she added.

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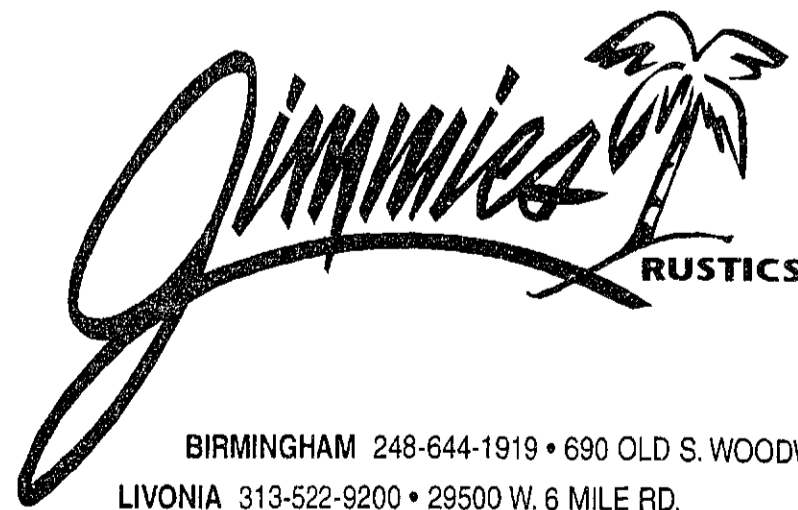
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The exhibits boast computers and other hi-tech equipment that can introduce shoppers to the latest technology packages into Twelve Oaks Crystal Forest.

Instructors from TechnoMasters, a Birmingham-based technology organization, double as station masters providing guidance and assistance to shoppers of all ages.

Offering tips on the newest technology to holiday shoppers free of charge was part of mall management's desire to offer something extra to its patrons, said TechnoMasters Vice President Tom Cleavinger.

"We have a contract with the malls to give shoppers some real computer experience using just 15 or 20 minutes of their time," Cleavinger said. "And we don't sell anything, we just help with the educational experience."

The exhibits are open to the public on weekends during regular mall hours. During the week the station is available to school groups, from preschool through eighth grade, for a nominal charge per child.

A recent Sunday afternoon found a steady flow of interested shoppers dropping in to the Twelve Oaks exhibit. Assistants from TechnoMasters greet visitors at the door offering a mini-tour or welcoming families to browse on their own. A brief explanation of each station and simple instructions for

operating the computer are available at every terminal.

One of the most popular areas among the youngsters set is the Robotics Zone. That's where simple clicks of the keyboard give the users information so that they can dictate the moves of Lego blocks placed in the center of the station table.

"The kids really like getting that information off the screen and then being able to control something outside the computer with it," said Cleavinger.

The Internet Zone is a station that allows visitors to journey around the world to learn all about holidays in different countries. The user can select the country and the holiday such as Christmas, Hanukkah and Kwanzaa.

The Gadget Zone gives the latest look at video and digital camera technology. Visitors can stand at opposite ends of the room and conduct a video conference while typing messages to one another.

"The fun part of this is that all of the stations are at a pretty basic level but it's still the coolest technology using the newest equipment," Cleavinger said.

Laughter and giggles were most prominent at the "Googing" station whose software set up allowed visitors to select a picture of someone and then manipulate their faces to hilarious poses with a simple click of the mouse. Users could also take their own picture and have it appear for redesign on the terminal.

"The face morphing is the same technology utilized in movies like

Roger Rabbit and Mask," said Cleavinger.

A pair of teen shoppers from Farmington Hills were enjoying a nice break from the mall crowds inside the station. Elizabeth Jackson, 13, and Jessica Levers, 13, really enjoyed the "Googing" station.

"Is this the coolest or what?" Jackson asked Levers as she twisted the face of the Mona Lisa into a rubberized mess. Other faces on hand to remodel included that of President Bill Clinton. Sen. Ted Kennedy and England's Prince Charles.

Seeing visitors enjoying the station and not shying away from utilizing the computers pleased Cleavinger and his instructors. Shawn Maxwell of Farmington Hills has worked for TechnoMasters for

several years and enjoys the chance to bring the computer technology closer to the community via mall settings and school programs.

"This has really been a good experience and the kids have a great time," said Maxwell. "I'd say the Googing and Lego stations are most popular."

"Hands on displays are a big plus because you can walk in and quickly see the programs and grab some information," added Cleavinger.

The Holiday Exploration Station and the Peanuts and Popcorn Interactive Kids Zone will be at the mall through Dec. 28.

## Make friends with police horses

There will be plenty of horsing around at Twelve Oaks Mall over the holidays.

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"Our deputies just love it," said Oakland County undersheriff Hank Buffa. "They're really looking forward to it."

## Student found with mushrooms

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL Staff Writer

A 16-year-old Novi High School student was caught with two bags of "magic mushrooms" last week in school.

They were Christmas presents for friends, he said. Magic mushrooms are grown in the southwest deserts and eastern, according to Dr. Victor Luria. Considered hallucinogens they are not necessarily new to Novi Luria said, "but this is the first incident where an individual at the high school has been caught with them."

According to police, the teen bought them from a 16-year-old Northville friend with whom he went out to

lunch, to a friend's house and then to the bank before going back to school Dec. 12.

Assistant Principal Tom Evans stopped the teen in the hallway when he returned from his mid-day jaunt. He appeared lethargic, Evans told police, so he called the teen to his office and searched him after talking to him.

He found a bag of the mushrooms in his pants and the teen handed him another bag.

The boy's mother was called, as were the police. Officers said the boy was cooperative and was not arrested. He said he did not take any of them himself, and only bought them to hand out to friends for Christmas.

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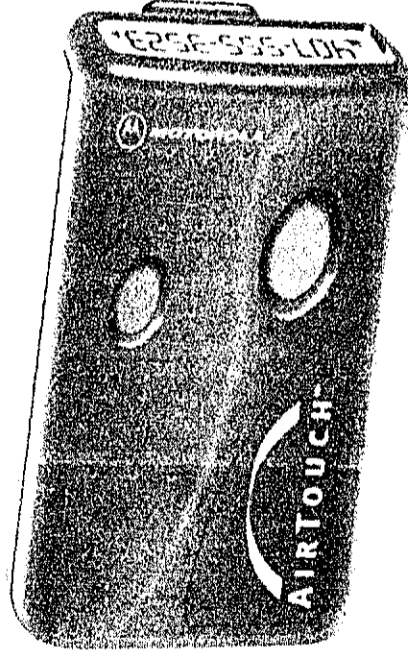
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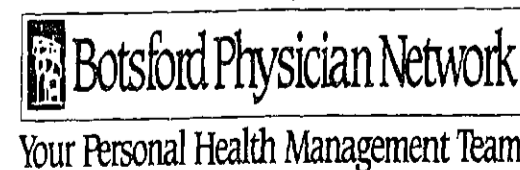
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## Students to divide into two schools

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Under a 1995 voter approved \$63.4 million bond issue, \$23 million was to be used to build the new Middle School at Wagon and Eleven Mile roads and the rest was to be used to partially renovate the current middle school and Novi Meadows for elementary school purposes. While the district must use the money for which it was intended, administrators say because it is considered an upper elementary, there is no legal problem with using the money.

"This way if the enrollment continues to grow there is a place to grow into without remodeling and moving the K-4 building out," Novi Meadows Principal Tim Falls said.

He explained that whereas the design committee three years ago thought 34 classrooms would be enough for an estimated 926 students in grades five and six, it now appears the district would need about 38 classrooms for a newly estimated 1,026 kids around the year 2000.

The renovation of the building would divide the students into two wings or "houses" of both fifth and sixth grade students who would each have a gymnasium, art and music rooms and a cafeteria. Some classrooms would be vacant at first, leaving the room necessary to grow in the ensuing years.

The smaller "houses" allow for more personalization, alleviate crowding in the cafeterias and hallways, allow additional space for

teacher preparation and project planning, according to Falls. The rooms would be designed with removable walls for the new two-teacher teams and a small project room to be shared by both. Teachers would also have room there to plan lessons.

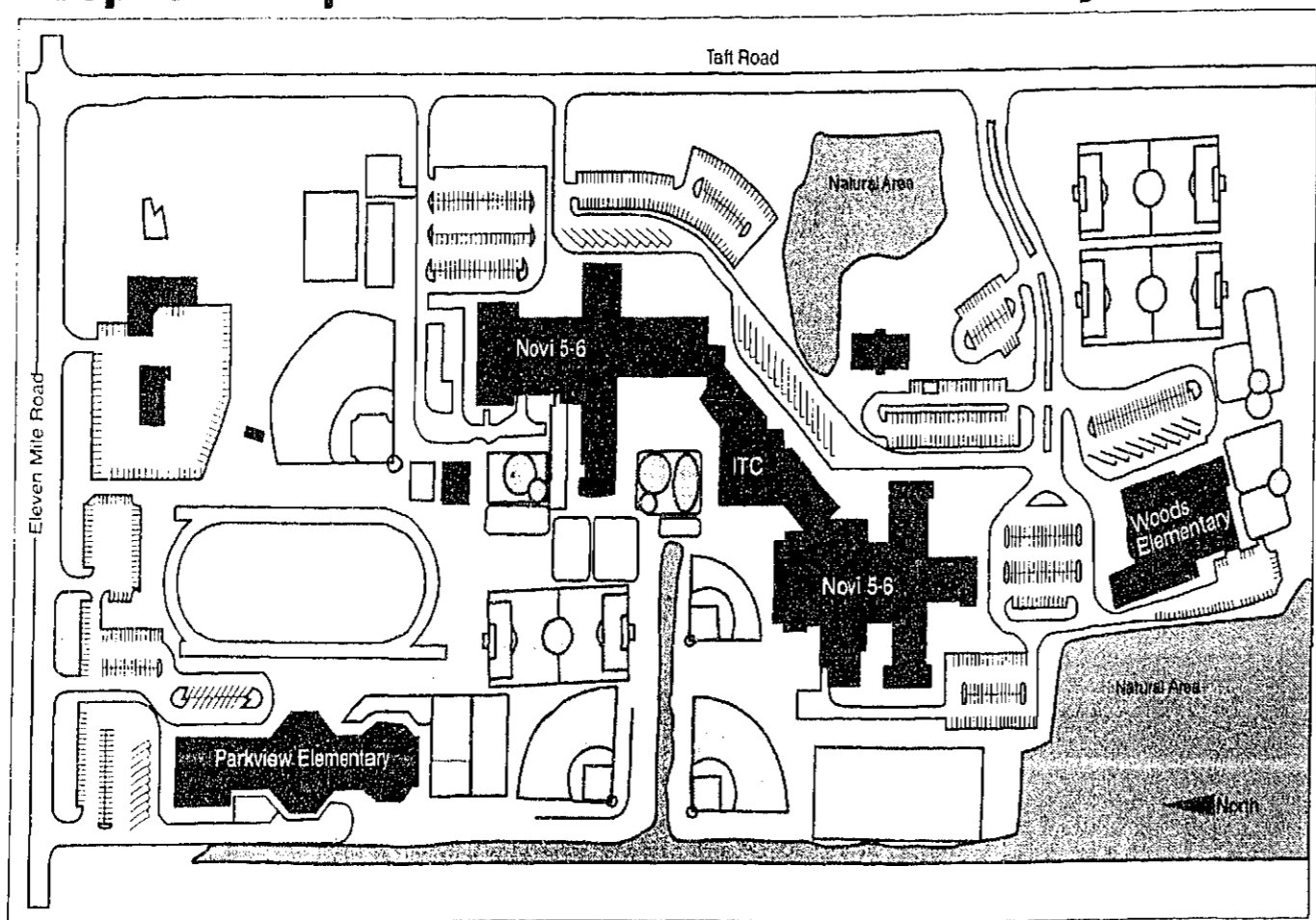
Teachers cannot teach and be successful unless they have time and places for planning," Falls explained.

Michael Hall, of Farnitra/Hovey and Associates architectural firm, said the change saves about \$60,000 of the \$10 million allotted for the renovations because there is no need to scale rooms down for kindergarten.

At the meeting, Hall showed how the Meadows renovation pay for improvements to some several hundreds of thousands of parking and traffic problems, adding some parking and redirecting bus traffic flow. The rest of the parking changes shown on the plan would need to be paid for by a bond issue or other monies. Those changes include adding 319 parking spaces to the existing 407 as well as traffic flow changes.

The buildings will undergo few changes to the outside architecture, however, according to Hall. Although Trustee John Balagna questioned if the three buildings could be made more uniform, Hall said they are just too different to try to change, except for maybe adding a new sloped roof line.

## Proposed improvements for Novi Community Schools



SOURCE: Novi Community Schools and Farnitra/Hovey & Associates, Inc. Map By SCOTT PIPER

The approved plan will use both Novi Meadows and Novi Middle School for the fifth and sixth grade students once the new middle school is built. The design also includes changes

to parking and traffic patterns to be paid for with some leftover bond money. But other monies will have to be found for the majority of changes.

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## Marcus serves famous burgers to the masses



Tom Marcus chats with burger chef Jim Kosler and assistant superintendent for business and director of personnel Robert Schram during the Wednesday afternoon affair at the Harmon Glass Company on Novi Road. The

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track party," Smith said. "Everybody feels with the Marcuses, they're so good. It just shows what kind of people Tom and Thelma are, giving people."

Marcus has long been known as the volunteer who fills the stomachs of Novi at events such as the Ice Cream Social during the Michigan 50th Festival, the Memorial Day Parade and the building of the Tom Pope Memorial Physictheatre.

"It's getting them together. It's not so much feeding them as keeping the community together. This is a big small town. People don't realize how friendly the businesses are in town," he said.

This may be the last year the event is held at Harmon Glass, as the growth of Main Street makes the area congested.

At one time, you could have the burgers in a hot dog bun at one of 14 family-owned restaurants in the Detroit area.

Marcus All Steaks may be one of the few things cheaper now than in the 1920s. Back then, they were 15 cents apiece, two for two bits. Today, they're free, if you're lucky enough to wander in on the right day.

In 1927, Marcus's great-uncle Charlie Marcus opened the first restaurant in a street car in Detroit. In the early 1930s, the restaurant came up with an innovative idea called "Cook To Car," the forerunner of today's drive-through windows. The business thrived through World War II, when labor shortages and uncertain food supplies took a toll. Family members drifted off to other occupations.

"The reason I chose glass is, it doesn't spoil. Restaurant work is hard work," he explained. "What he didn't want to do for pay, he now does for fun, with the help of volunteers and family members."

This year, only three generations of Marcuses were serving their specialty at Hamburger Day. Usually a regular, Marcus's mother Mary, 84, was recovering from a recent fall and stayed home. She began working at one of the Detroit diners in 1931 and two years later married the boss's nephew, Donald Marcus.

"Those were hard times. It was in the middle of the depression. I was making more money than I would have working at some of the big offices," she said. "At that time, we used ground sirloin. We didn't put

"At Christmastime you are thinking about the ones that are gone, so it cheers people up, thinking about the good old days."

Tom Marcus, burger chef

anything in it, just salt and pepper. They weren't fried, cooked in their own juices."

Working part time, she took home \$15 a week and a rare toy. After they married, Mary and Donald Marcus ran one of the Detroit restaurants.

"Nobody but nobody is getting the formula for the Marcus All Steaks," Tom Marcus said, although people have offered to buy it.

"We don't tell anyone the recipe. There's a few people out there who try to copy them, they don't have good luck," he said.

"It's a good food. Some of these people eat four or five. It's a firm hamburger."

It's one that keeps Novi City Manager Ed Kriewall coming back for more, sated with mustard and onions.

"They are a delicacy. I eat at least two, but I'd eat more if everybody wouldn't be looking at me," Kriewall said.

"I really didn't know he was giving them away until five or six years ago. I've been going ever since then."

One of the rules-well kept secrets of Hamburger Day is that Marcus does to carry-outs for those who can't make the five-hour tough time. Providence Park alone got 150 burgers delivered to staff.

"We try not to say we do carry-out. We want people to be together," Marcus said.

The thought of burgers typically conjures images of summers. But Marcus prefers a holiday Hamburger Day for a special reason. Sometimes, nostalgia can be a little sad. His cure is a present for the palate.

"At Christmas time, you are thinking about the ones that are gone, so it cheers people up, thinking about the good old days," he explained.

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**MONDAY, OCT. 13**  
 10:00 a.m. - INFO TV-12 News Magazine  
 10:30 a.m. - The Cutting Room Floor  
 11:00 a.m. - Christian Singles Today  
 11:30 a.m. - Just for the Health of It: Lower Back Pain  
 12:00 p.m. - The Last Mattanza  
 12:30 p.m. - (cont'd)  
 1:00 p.m. - Adventures with Pirate Pete  
 1:30 p.m. - Meet the City of Farmington Council Candidates  
 2:00 p.m. - Financial Strategies  
 2:30 p.m. - Window to Washington  
 3:00 p.m. - Out in the Open II: Men in Roles  
 3:30 p.m. - (cont'd)  
 4:00 p.m. - Cosby and Company: Linda Taylor  
 4:30 p.m. - Welcome to the New Millennium

5:00 p.m. - Win, What, Where, Y  
 5:30 p.m. - Lawyers Roundtable  
 6:00 p.m. - School of Ministry and Mission  
 6:30 p.m. - Bagels and Talk with Tracy  
 7:00 p.m. - Critter Connection Magazine  
 7:30 p.m. - INFO TV-12 News Magazine  
 8:00 p.m. - Fall Harvest  
 8:30 p.m. - Scary Tales From Nov  
 9:00 p.m. - Lansing Connection  
 9:30 p.m. - Groove Session

**TUESDAY, OCT. 14**  
 10:00 a.m. - Legislative Forum  
 10:30 a.m. - Spies Profile  
 11:00 a.m. - Law Talk: Neal Shine  
 11:30 a.m. - (cont'd)  
 12:00 p.m. - Summit University  
 12:30 p.m. - (cont'd)  
 1:00 p.m. - Drawing Men to Christ  
 2:00 p.m. - (cont'd)  
 2:30 p.m. - Home for Life: Stairs and Escalators  
 3:00 p.m. - Creature Feature: Science Alive  
 3:30 p.m. - (cont'd)

**WEDNESDAY, OCT. 15**  
 10:00 a.m. - Life Matters  
 10:30 a.m. - Excellence in Route  
 11:00 a.m. - Patterson and Company  
 11:30 a.m. - The Capital Report  
 12:00 p.m. - School of Ministry and Mission  
 12:30 p.m. - The Way, The Truth, and the Life  
 1:00 p.m. - Study in Scripture  
 1:30 p.m. - AMVETS  
 2:00 p.m. - Restoration Now  
 2:30 p.m. - Christian Singles Today  
 3:00 p.m. - Women on the Move: HMO Neglect  
 3:30 p.m. - Groove Session  
 4:00 p.m. - Critter Connection  
 4:30 p.m. - INFO TV-12 News Magazine  
 5:00 p.m. - The Show Me Show with Tattiana: Officer Randy Mince/Colonel  
 5:30 p.m. - Mr. Blue Fuzzy Shaw  
 6:00 p.m. - Candidates Forum: 1997 Farmington Hills  
 6:30 p.m. - (cont'd)  
 7:00 p.m. - Adventures with Pirate Pete  
 7:30 p.m. - Meet the City of Farmington Council Candidates  
 8:00 p.m. - Nov Street Beat Live  
 8:30 p.m. - Who, What, Where, Y  
 9:00 p.m. - A Culinary Adventure: Gnosipolis  
 9:30 p.m. - Rock Soap

**THURSDAY, OCT. 16**  
 10:00 a.m. - Fitness Motivators  
 10:30 a.m. - The Happiest People Alive  
 11:00 a.m. - Abundant Life: Arabic Ministries  
 11:30 a.m. - People Who Make Things Happen  
 12:00 p.m. - Madonna Magazine  
 12:30 p.m. - Praise, Praise, Praise  
 1:00 p.m. - That's Italian  
 1:30 p.m. - Rock Soap  
 2:00 p.m. - Who, What, Where, Y  
 2:30 p.m. - The Secret Place  
 3:00 p.m. - Adventures with Pirate Pete  
 3:30 p.m. - Law Talk: Neal Shine  
 4:00 p.m. - (cont'd)  
 4:30 p.m. - (cont'd)  
 5:00 p.m. - Shaarey Zedek Productions  
 5:30 p.m. - (cont'd)  
 6:00 p.m. - Candidates Forum  
 6:30 p.m. - (cont'd)  
 7:00 p.m. - (cont'd)  
 7:30 p.m. - Farmington Hills Pulse Journal

8:00 p.m. - People Who Make Things Happen  
 8:30 p.m. - Christian Singles Today  
 9:00 p.m. - Law Talk: Neal Shine  
 9:30 p.m. - (cont'd)

**FRIDAY, OCT. 17**  
 10:00 a.m. - Law Talk  
 10:30 a.m. - (cont'd)  
 11:00 a.m. - The Show Me Show with Tattiana  
 11:30 a.m. - Who, What, Where, Y  
 12:00 p.m. - People Who Make Things Happen  
 1:00 p.m. - Critter Connection  
 1:30 p.m. - Groove Session  
 2:00 p.m. - To Be Announced  
 2:30 p.m. - Bagels and Talk with Tracy  
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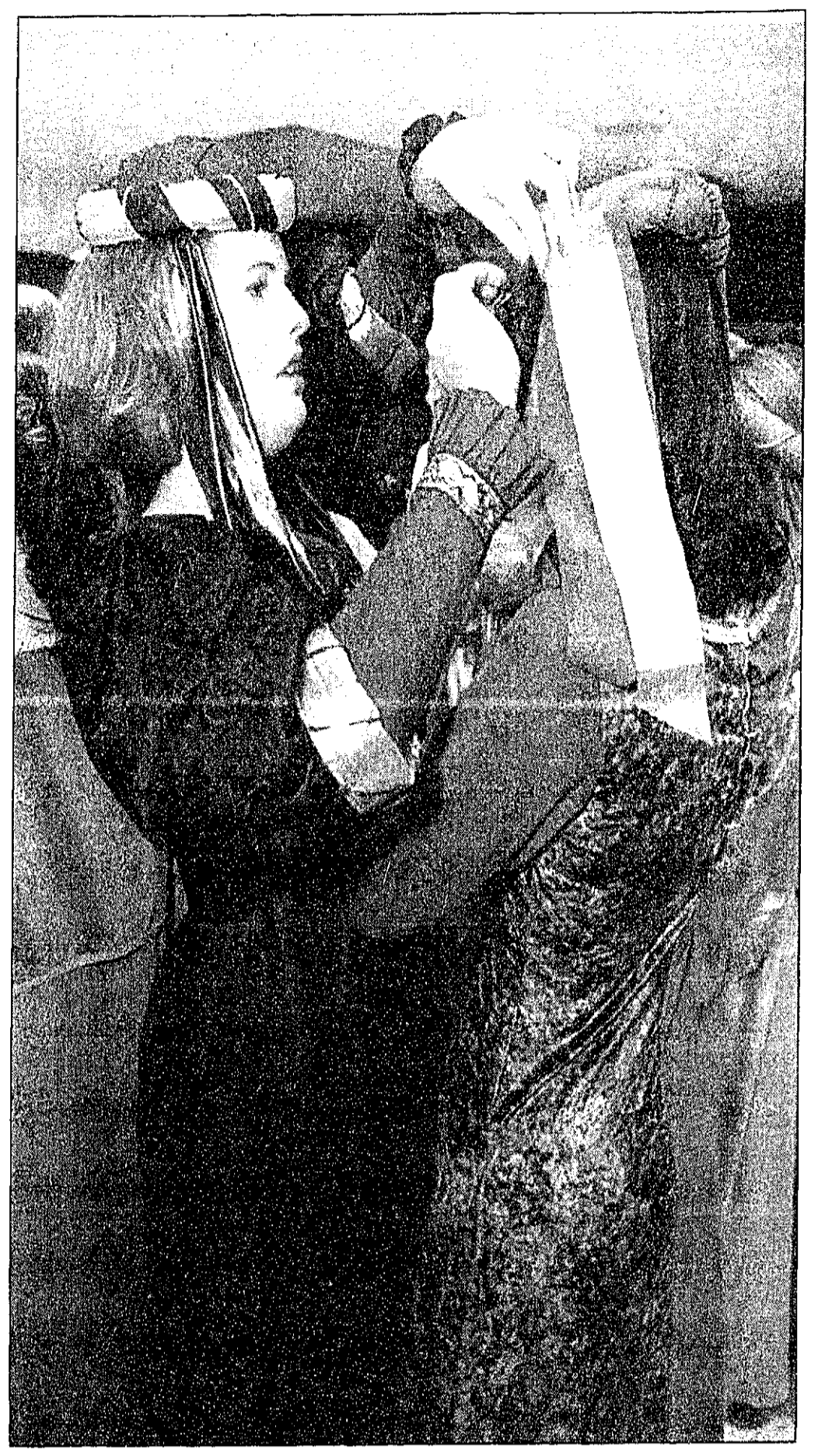
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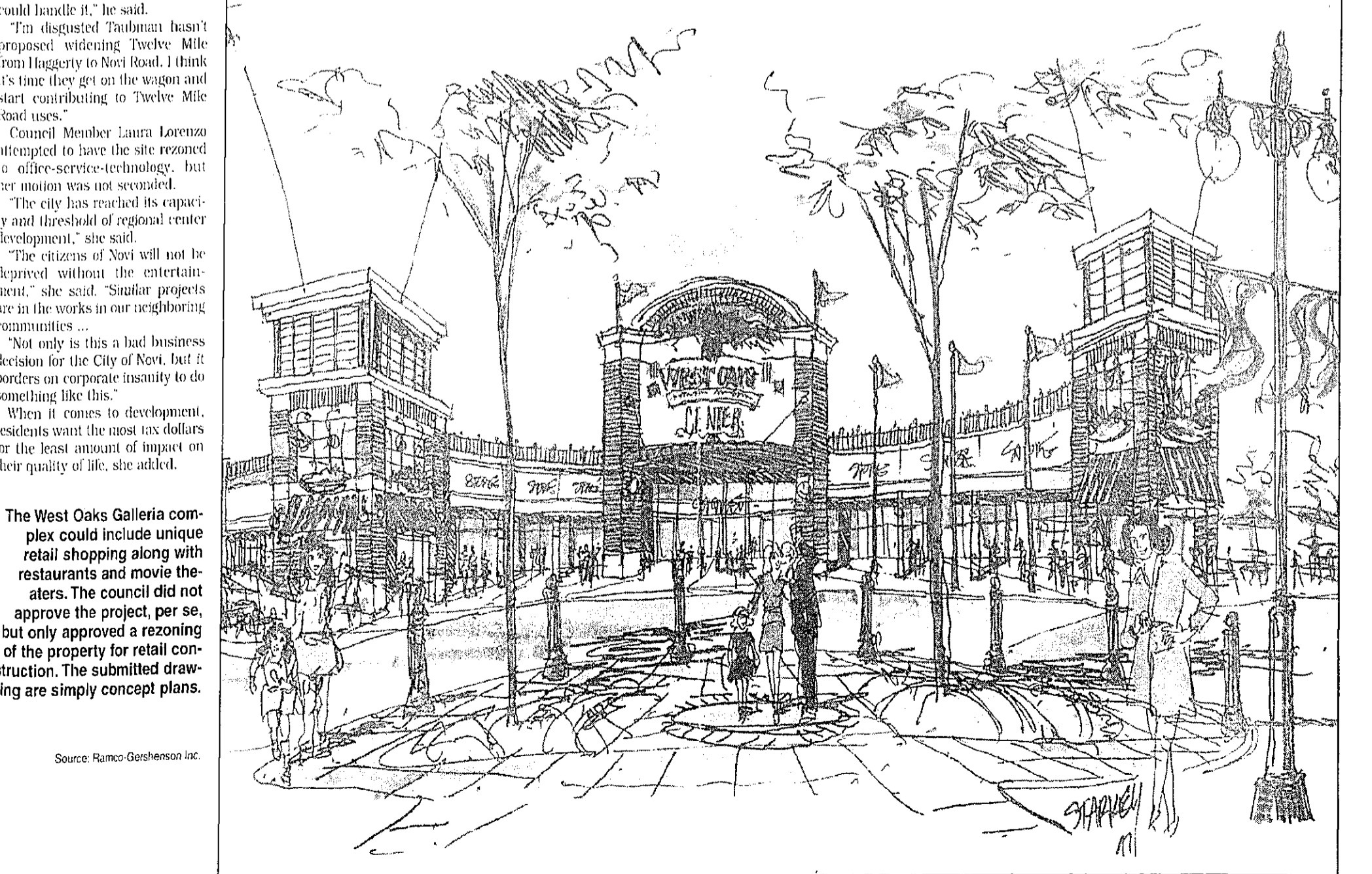


**Renaissance refined**  
 The Novi High School Choirs held a Madrigal Dinner Saturday night at the high school. The students entertained guests with song and Old English wit. Top left: Placed in the stockade for an unknown offense, Novi High School Madrigal Dinner performer Andrew Jewell faces the sword of executioner Jason Deeb during Saturday evening's dinner and performance at the school. At right: Senior Katie Olde English wit. Top left: Placed in the stockade for an unknown offense, Novi High School Madrigal Dinner performer Andrew Jewell



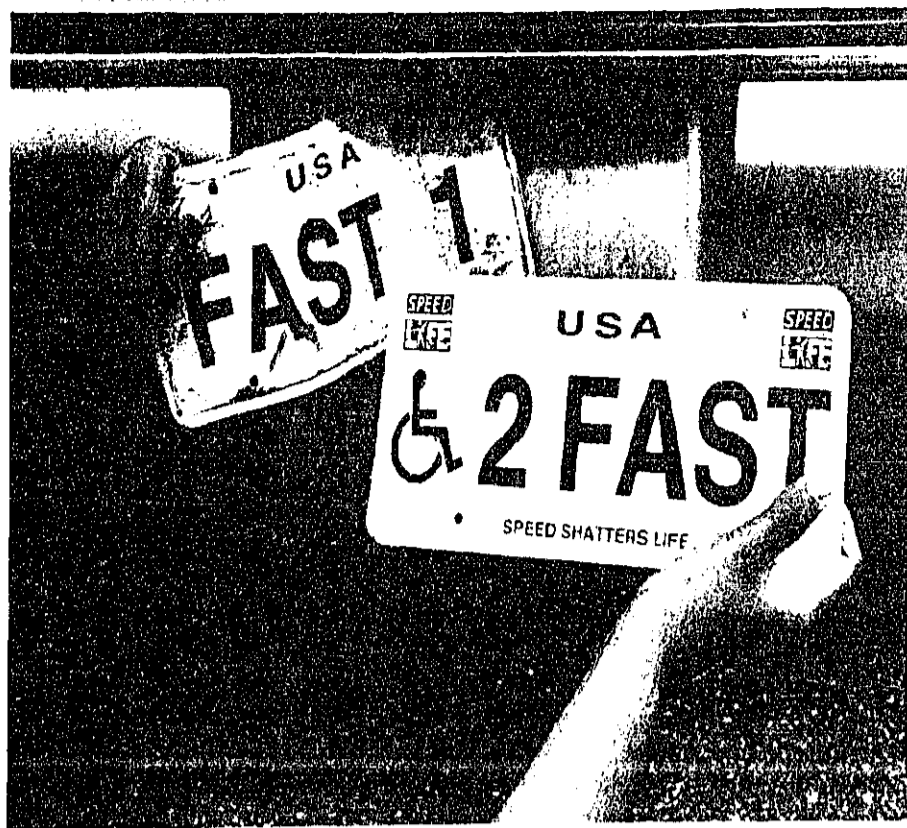
## Council allows more retail near West Oaks

**ROAD WORK PROPOSED FOR MALL EXPANSION**  
 Progress was totally closed down due to congestion," said Taubman spokesman Jay Rick.  
 Rensco has been working closely with the Michigan Department of Transportation and the Oakland County Road Commission. Ward told the council.  
 "We have \$50 million in assets sitting on the west side of Novi Road, we have no intention of jeopardizing those with the proposed development..." Ward said.  
 "The funding and scheduling will be in accordance with the project. We'll maintain the level of service we have today."  
 Council Member Bob Schmidt described it as a gamble, but was willing to go ahead and grant the rezoning - with some trepidation.  
 "I just don't see Novi Road handling the additional traffic. And Twelve Mile Road, even if it's widened to 18 lanes, I don't think it could handle it," he said.  
 "I'm disgusted Taubman hasn't proposed widening Twelve Mile from Haggerty to Novi Road. I think it's time they get on the wagon and start contributing to Twelve Mile Road uses."  
 Council Member Laura Lorenz attempted to have the site rezoned to office-service-technology, but her motion was not seconded.  
 "The city has reached its capacity and threshold of regional center development," she said.  
 "The citizens of Novi will not be deprived without the entertainment," she said. "Similar projects are in the works in our neighboring communities."  
 "Not only is this a bad business decision for the City of Novi, but it borders on corporate insanity to do something like this."  
 When it comes to development, residents want the most tax dollars for the least amount of impact on their quality of life, she added.  
 The West Oaks Galleria complex could include unique retail shopping along with restaurants and movie theaters. The council did not approve the project, per se, but only approved a rezoning of the property for retail construction. The submitted drawing is simply concept plans.



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## Life in the fast lane.

Each month, nearly 3,500 people are critically injured in speed-related crashes.

Speed-related crashes cost society an estimated \$877 per second.



## Two Main Street workers fall 30 feet to ground

Two construction workers working on the Main Street Court building were injured last week when the scaffolding they were working on gave way and they plunged 30 feet to the ground.

The Novi Fire Department was called to the scene at 11:17 a.m. on Dec. 10 and two provided emergency medical assistance prior to the arrival of two ambulances.

Both men sustained back injuries and one had facial injuries, Fire Chief Art Lenaghan said. Firefighters rode in the ambulance to Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills with the construction workers.

They were working at the building that fronts on Novi Road, where the new Red, Hot & Blues eatery will be located.

"It was a mobile platform that moves up and down and it tipped. It has four wheels," the fire chief explained.

"How it happened, I don't know. When we got there it was on its side and they were dumped off."

Lenaghan said the Novi Fire Department did not get the names of the two individuals. The ambulance company, Community Emergency Medical Service would not release the names.

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**HIGHLIGHT:**  
Area Girl Scouts begin annual cookie sale-2B

**SINGLES:**  
Activities planned for the holidays-3B

**CHURCHES:**  
Holy Cross hosts parenting group-3B

**DIVERSIONS:**  
Three collector shows coming to Expo Center-4B

Dear Santa, I love you soooooo

Letters from children who live around the corner, as well as those for children with addresses as far away as Hawaii, have been dropped into Santa's mail box at Twelve Oaks Mall. Santa's helpers will collect up to 10,000 letters from this mail box alone. After Santa had a chance to read the letters, his helpers gave a handful to the Northville Record and Novi News to share with readers.

**Dear Santa,**  
I have been a very good girl this year. Could you please bring me the following gifts:  
1. Barbie car  
2. Barbie and Ginger  
3. Trampoline  
4. Pound puppy  
5. Blizzard Beanie

Thanks A lot,  
**Maria**  
Merry Christmas!

**Dear Santa,**  
I have been a good girl. Can I please have a American girl doll?

Love,  
**Stephanie**

**Dear Santa,**  
All I want for Christmas is the America girl binder! That would make me happy! P.S. I want Samantha.  
P.S.S. I've been a good little girl!  
P.S.S.S. Have a very merry X-mas

From,  
**Liz**

**Dear Santa,**  
TV  
dog  
gigapet  
lego  
I like maggy want to be

**Jazzmin**

**Dear Santa,**  
I hope I have been good this year. I hope I get molly.

Love  
**Claire**

**Dear Santa,**  
I want Batman keychain, blocks, giga pet bug, Michigan jersie, dog

**Tyler**

**Dear Santa,**  
Please bring me the American Girl Molly doll and the school set and the Oopsey Daisy.  
Thanks Santa!

Love,  
**Laura**

**Dear Santa,**  
For Christmas I want Nintendo 64 with the game Mario Kart 64.  
Thanks Santa

Love,  
**Alex**

**Dear Santa,**  
Merry Christmas!  
I've been pretty good this year and I want a dress from the Limited (the black one), a new bike (purple), cat. I want bath stuff from the Limited.

Thank you,  
Love  
**Megan**

**Dear Santa,**  
I would like Hansiner c.d., spice girls c.d., Men in black c.d., any 3 capter books.

Love,  
**Angela**

**Dear Santa,**  
Sony kinx games, stuffed Santa, fake Christmas tree, stickers, web blaster, 3 ornaments, my own picture frame, books, candy canes, magnet, shaker

Thanks  
**Michael**

**Dear Santa,**  
I would like Starwars trilogy set, Microemmsbens, Hreicas the moy, a skateboard, Starwars toys.

Love  
**Nicholas**

P.S. Trbowranger c.d.

**Dear Santa,**  
I am five years old and a student of kindergarten. I like dancing, singing a song, I'd like a Barbie's house if it's possible.

**Yumi**

**Dear Santa,**  
I would like Snowed In the Hanson CD, some beanie babies, and American Girl stuff.  
Milk 3 cookies

**Kaitlyn**

**Dear Santa,**  
Bunk bed, tea party dress, walk pound puppy, beanie babies, milk amd cookie

**Michelle**

**Dear Santa,**  
I have been a big help to my family this year. I want Ziggy the beanie baby, and a bity baby the caucasian one. I've been a good girl.

Sincerely,  
**Kara**

**Dear Santa,**  
I want a metal molder and legos and a model car red corvette, tomagotfeh, purple prowler, beanie baby's, clock works knight bug, Sonic R

**Vince**

**Dear Santa,**  
Hi! How you are?

I would like the following for Christmas  
1. Dalmation CD  
Rom  
2. Dominoes  
3. Winnie th Pooh CD Rom  
4. Dinosaur Platt Pitt  
5. Books  
Gameboy for TV

**Dear Santa,**  
For everyone to be happy, not hungry, to have enough clothes and a nice warm house to live in.  
Winnie Pooh CD Rom  
You Santa have a nice Christmas games and anything else you think I would like

Love  
**Henry**

**Dear Santa,**  
Please bring me a Lost world toy, a Nintendo 64, and surprise me with the rest. I promise to be a good boy.

**Sean**

**Dear Santa,**  
How are you today?  
I have been really good all year and I hope you know that. Please bring me a Barbie car and a paint set this year.  
Hope to see you soon.

Love,  
**Nichole**

**Dear Santa,**  
I want: a tricycle and legos!

**Sourik**

**Dear Santa,**  
I like to get a little mermaid figure playset and sleeping beauty music box

Love  
**Roxane**

**Dear Santa,**  
All I want for Christmas is fun, love and family togetherness.  
I love Christmas

**Eddie**

**Jennifer**

**Dear Santa,**  
I love you Santa and Mrs. Claus. Please bring me a kitty clock, a kitty lamp and a kitty poster. I also like kitty toy. I will leave you milk and cookies and will watch you on T.V. Please drive safe, and bring me a santa poster.

Love  
**Katie**

**Dear Santa,**  
I have been extra good this year. All I want is for things to work out with my parents. I want them to stop fighting so I can actually say that I love them. Thats all I want for Christmas. If you could grant me this wish it would be the best thing in the world.

**Dear Santa,**  
I want a Nintendo 64 and Super Mario Cart. The 3-D Jigsaw Puzzle of the World or the Empire State building, 007 Goldeneye  
Thank you.

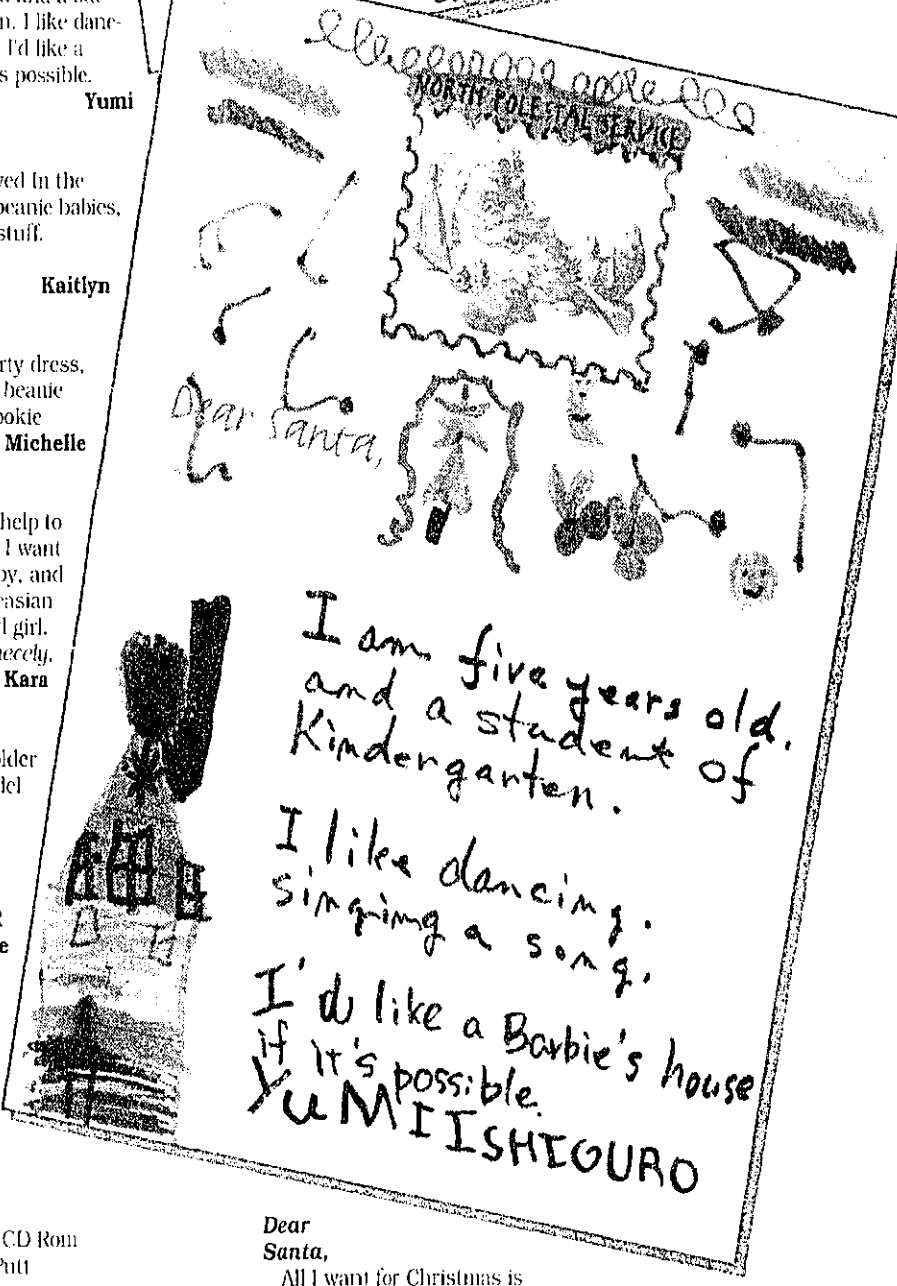
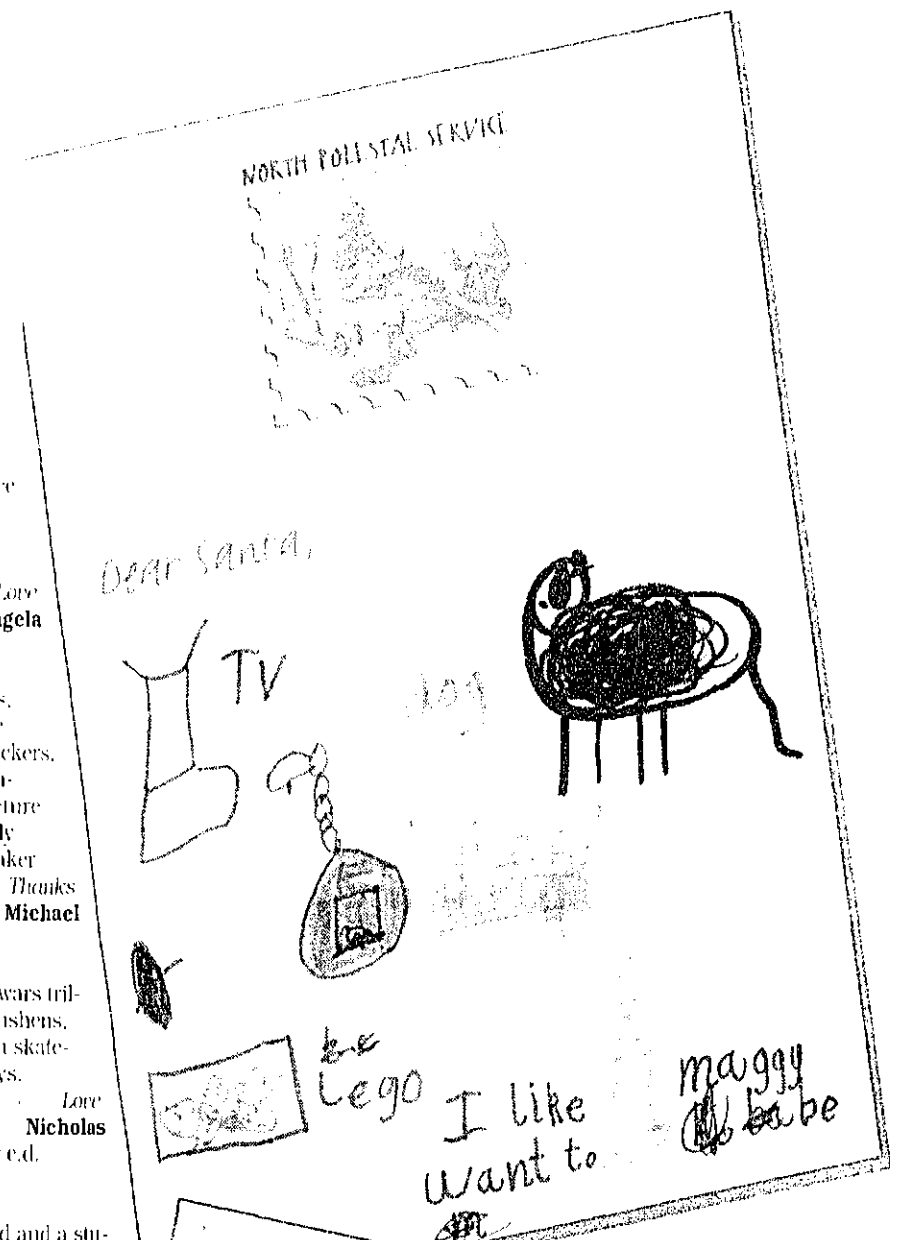
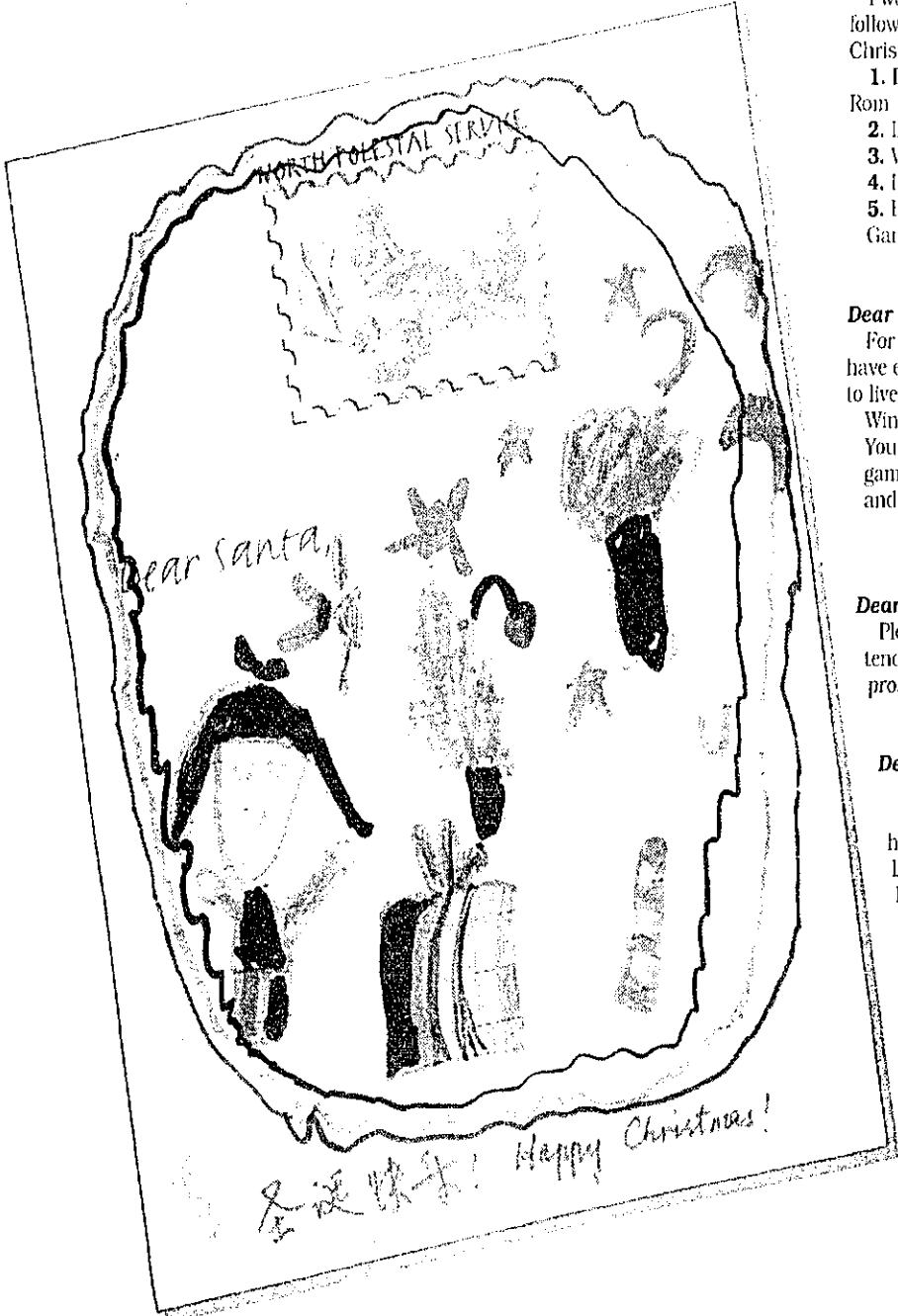
**Zubin**

**Dear Santa,**  
I have been a really good girl this year. here is my Christmas list tomigochi, black, white, orange winter Arthur, Bedtime Arthur, Taz Sweatshirt, Looney tunes sweatshirt, Mary Kate and Ashley books and Boxcar. Lego set, Hydro strike and casey cartwheel!

**Alyssa**

**Dear Santa,**  
I've already written to you so Hi.

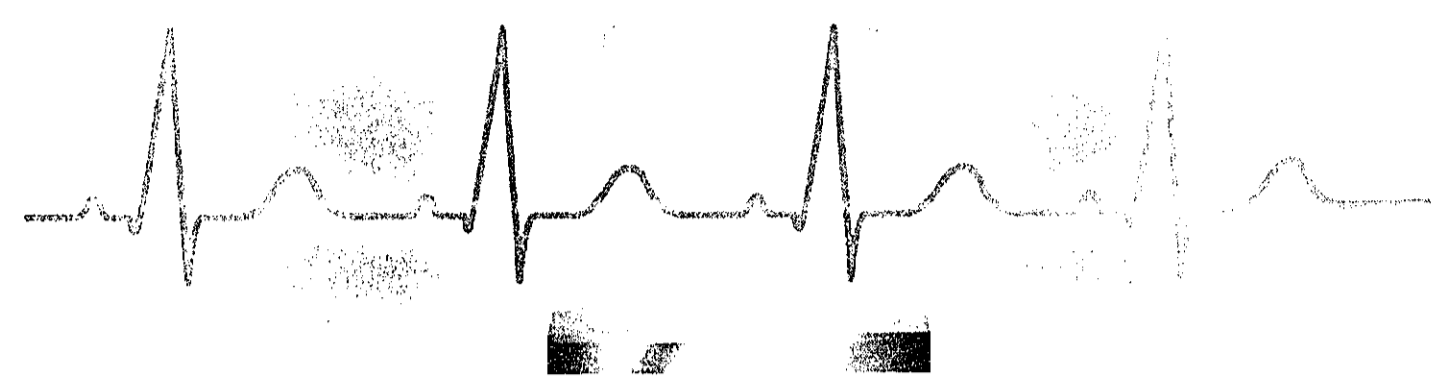
**JD**







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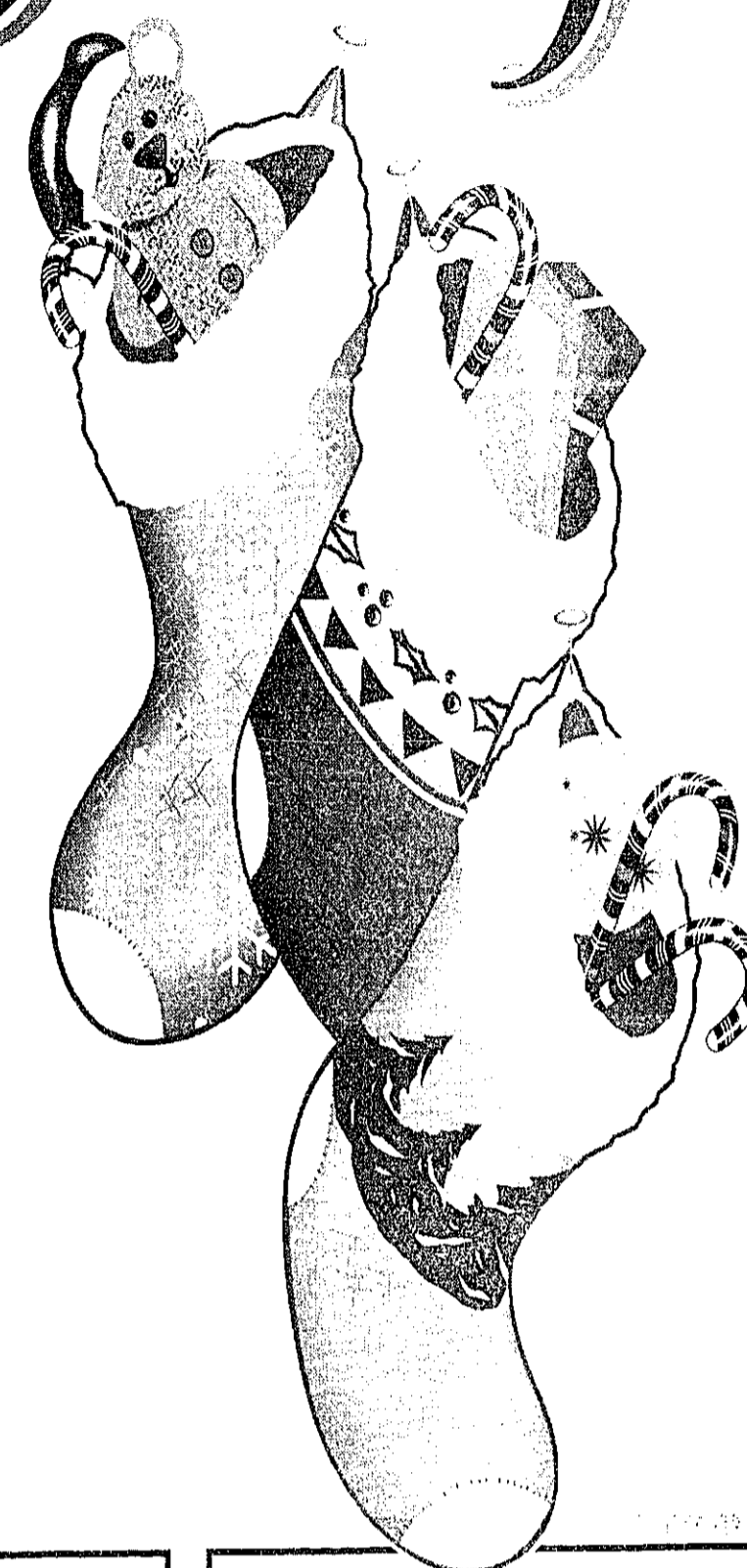


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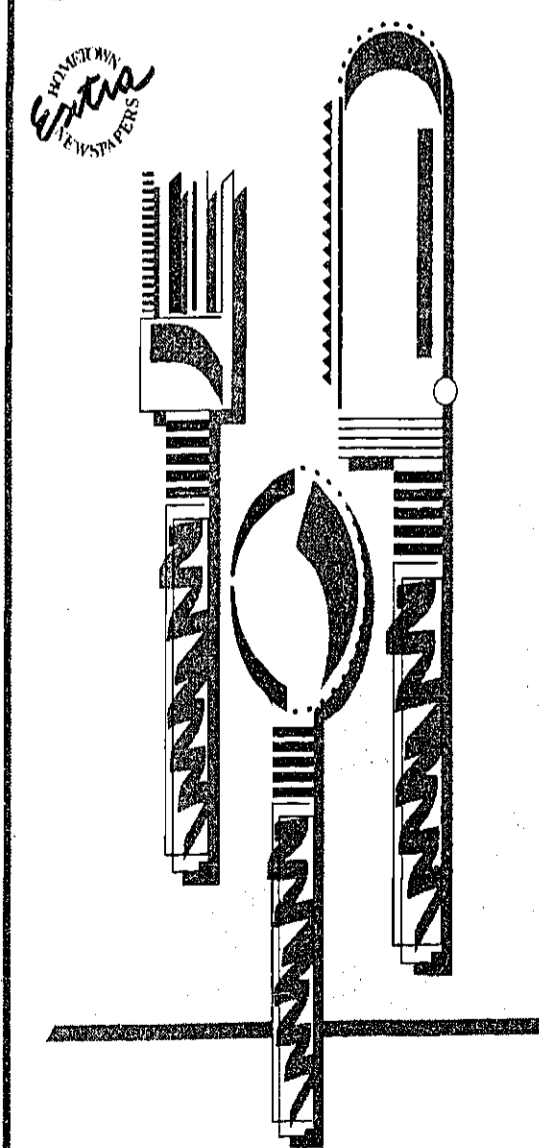
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**FRIENDSHIP FIRST**

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**ONLY THE BEST FOR ME!**

**SWCF** 43, 5'2", baptist, professional, college educated, outgoing, seeks SWM, 38-48, Ad# 5555.

**REACH FOR THE STARS**

**SWCF** 31, 5'6", hardworking, mom, outgoing, enjoys fishing, camping, horseback riding, seeks honest, trustworthy SM, 30-45, with similar interests, Ad# 2395.

**ALL-AMERICAN GIRL**

**SWF** 25, 5'2", black hair, blue eyes, outgoing, enjoys music, writing, movies, concerts, seeks honest, trustworthy SWM, 30-45, to share same interests, Ad# 6644.

**SOLID VALUES**

**DW** 30, 33, 5'5", Catholic, participates in youth ministry, professional, seeks marriage minded Catholic, SWM, 30-42, Ad# 3399.

**A FRESH START**

**DWCF** 34, 5'5", NS, good sense of humor, outgoing, seeks NS, SWM, under 38, for long term relationship, Ad# 3471.

**BIG BLUE EYES**

**SWF** 54, 5'2", 135lbs., outgoing, enjoys being with family, camping, dancing, sports, music, boating, driving out, seeks NS, active, SWM, 58-58, Ad# 7411.

**SWEET HONESTY**

**SWCF** 31, 5'4", brown hair, hazel eyes, professional, caring, outgoing, very positive outlook on life, interests are church, outdoor activities, seeks dependable, considerate, SWM, 30-38, Ad# 9599.

**THE SEARCH IS OVER**

**SWF** 35, 5'3", outgoing, employed, enjoys nature, dining out, dancing, quiet times with someone special, seeks SWM, 35-45, who is honest, caring and giving, Ad# 5683.

**KNOWS WHAT SHE WANTS**

**Protestant SWF** 18, 5'10", good-looking, funny, sensitive, enjoys sports, quiet times at home, good conversation, seeking attractive SWM, 24-35, for mature relationship, Ad# 1279.

**MAKE A WISH FOR ME!**

**SWF** 30, 5'8", blonde hair, hazel eyes, outgoing, hopeless romantic, enjoys quiet nights at home, spending time with friends and family, dining out, seeks honest, employed, SWM, age unimportant, Ad# 1119.

**ONLY THE BEST FOR YOU!**

**SWF** 19, 5'7", shy, enjoys spending time with children, sports, hunting, long walks, movies, seeks SWM, under 27, for friendship, Ad# 3651.

**FRIENDS FIRST**

**Catholic SW** 30, 5'1", blue-eyed blonde, humorous, energetic, enjoys bowling, softball, family time, spending time with friends, quiet times at home, seeks down-to-earth, physically fit Catholic SWM, 30-38, Ad# 1123.

**FULLILLING DREAMS**

**Catholic DWCF** 40, 5'5", blonde hair, hazel eyes, NS, loves the outdoors, weekend getaways, log cabins and animals, seeking spontaneous, independent SWM, to share life, Ad# 6006.

**SWEET HONESTY**

**SWF** 31, 5'1", shy, single mom, enjoys outdoors, concerts, hockey, seeks DWM, under 40, to share same interests, Ad# 2394.

**EASY TO TALK TO**

**Pretty, full-figured DW** 32, 5'9", blonde hair, blue eyes, one child, home owner, seeking SWM, 25-40, who has a good sense of humor and appreciates country living, Ad# 8154.

**A LOT TO OFFER**

**Professional DW** 30, 40, 5'6", 190lbs., shy, reserved, financially secure, lives in Nashville, NS, enjoys sports, soccer, the outdoors, dancing, movies, quiet nights, seeks SCM, 34-47, Ad# 8876.

**ANYTHING IN COMMON?**

**Catholic SWF** 26, 5'7", NS, from Brighton, enjoys movies, hockey, reading, long walks, quiet times, seeks honest, caring, humorous SWM, 25-35, Ad# 5769.

**HAS EVERYTHING HIT YOU?**

**Pette, educated SWF** 39, 5'1", NS, blonde hair, blue eyes, enjoys parties, travel, golf, rollerblading, Royal Oak area, seeking a college-educated, professional SWM 35+, NS, Ad# 7270.

**SPEAKS HER MIND**

**SWF** 37, 5'6", blonde hair, hazel eyes, employed, enjoys sports, car racing, movies, traveling, dancing, seeks sincere SWM, 35-40, Ad# 8057.

**ACTIVE LIFESTYLE**

**Self-employed DWCF** 60, 5'2", from Brighton, enjoys traveling, animals, sports, being outdoors, seeks friendly SWM, 55-65, for friends-first relationship, Ad# 1924.

**ALL THIS AND MORE!**

**Attractive DW** 29, 5'5", blonde hair, green eyes, enjoys fishing, bowling, golf, sports, dancing, seeks honest, hardworking, handsome SWM, 31-40, who wants to settle down, Ad# 1222.

**WHEELS OF THE WIND**

**Self-employed DWCF** 40, 5'10", 39, 5'6", blonde hair, green eyes, NS, light drinker, interests include walking, bike riding and good conversation, seeks compatible SWM, under 55, Ad# 1122.

**JOYS OF LIFE**

**BWCF** 33, 5'4", outgoing, friendly, likes walking and horseback riding, taking walks, seeks humorous SWM, 30-40, who has a strong belief in God, Ad# 1033.

**SIXTEENH**

**DWCF** 58, 5'3", enjoys choir, crafts, cooking, dining out, movies, seeks SWM, 60-75, for companionship, Ad# 1221.

**GIVE ME A CALL**

**DW** 28, 5'5", employed, lives in Grattan, enjoys camping, bowling, fishing with children, seeks SWM, 25-33, for friendship list, possibly more, Ad# 5910.

**ADORABLE**

**Full-figured, employed DW** 36, 5'2", brown hair, hazel eyes, outgoing, friendly, outgoing, enjoys reading, books, seeking honest, sincere and non-judgmental SWM, 30-45, who likes children and quiet time, Ad# 1234.

**ATTENTION GENETES...**

**DWCF** 48, 5'2", blonde hair, brown eyes, outgoing, friendly, enjoys reading, movies, walking, basketball, seeks humorous, honest DWCM, 45-55, with similar interests, SWM, Ad# 1094.

**GOD LEADS MY LIFE**

**Born-Again DW** 41, 5'4", slender, blonde, professional, lives in Brighton, loves youth ministry, Bible study, art and a little of everything, seeks SWM, 35-55, with same interests, Ad# 1895.

**GOOD VALUES**

**DWCF** 50, 5'3", loves the outdoors, golf, swimming, fishing, biking, walking, movies, playing cards, table tennis, skiing, seeks moral, honest SWM, 45-57, Ad# 1727.

**CELEBRATE LIFE!**

**Professional, full-figured DWCF** 52, 5'6", brown hair, hazel eyes, outgoing, likes dancing, theater, bowling, traveling, seeks SWM, 50+, with similar interests, for companionship, Ad# 1859.

**A POSITIVE ATTITUDE**

**Catholic DW** 41, 5'10", NS, resides in the Ann Arbor area, desires more children, enjoys an active lifestyle including bowling, seeks SWM, 38-45, Ad# 8780.

**INTELLIGENT**

**Friendly, professional DW** 33, 5'9", enjoys children, animals, the outdoors, seeks family-oriented, Catholic SWM, 32-40, Ad# 2226.

**THE BRIGHT SIDE**

**Personable SWF** 37, 5'7", from South Lyon, employed, seeks SWM, for friendship, possibly more, Ad# 4144.

**SPECIAL LOVE TO GIVE**

**Are you a cutiepie dad going out of your mind? This cutiepie is 45, long legs, blonde hair, children looking for a 5' man late 30s to 40s, with character, integrity and humor, serious inquiries only, Ad# 3665.**

**ONCE IN A LIFETIME**

**Professional, fun-loving SWCF** 30, 5'2", NS, humorous, enjoys rollerblading, swimming, water skiing, the outdoors, walks, hiking, likes to read, dancing, outgoing, children SWCM, 25-35, Ad# 1515.

**YOU JUST MAY BE THE ONE**

**Catholic SW** 30, 5'2", outgoing, down-to-earth, lives in family, 22-35, who loves children, Ad# 2221.

**AVOID READER**

**Protestant SWF** 22, 5'5", participates in Bible study, enjoys walks, concerts, movies, collecting unicorns, seeks Protestant SWM, 25-33, with mutual interests, Ad# 1997.

**DINNER AND A MOVIE?**

**Catholic WWF** 45, 5'2", from Oakland County, enjoys the theater, crafts, home life, swimming, seeks SWM, 64-70, for companionship, Ad# 8439.

**FRIENDS FIRST**

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## Wrestlers 2nd at Berkley Invite

By JASON SCHMITT  
Sports Editor

If Novi's strategy is to continually improve throughout the season, you'd think the end of the season is next week.

Novi nearly topped a field of 21 teams at the Berkley Invitational, finishing second to Westland, Ohio. Novi's 214 points placed them second to Westland's 260 and ahead of Hazel Park (150), Anchor Bay (141) and Lake Orion (121).

This just a week after winning the Novi Round Robin tournament, has put the Wildcats on target to repeat last year's regional champion efforts.

"We know we want to peak later

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Senior Dan Lynch hopes to return to the state finals for another chance in the 500 freestyle and 200 free relay.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

## Success building in the pool

By JASON SCHMITT  
Sports Editor

Stability is starting to find its way back to the Novi boy's swim team, and success is not far behind.

Bill McCord is beginning his fourth year as the coach of the team, and he believes this year's team has the potential to be his best team yet.

"We've got a lot of kids back, and the program is a little bit more stable than when I got here," he said.

Last year the team sent a relay team and an individual to the state meet, and three of the four participating individuals are back and ready to make a return appearance.

Dan Lynch competed in the 500 freestyle event in Ann Arbor and was one-quarter of the 200 freestyle relay team that finished 20th in the preliminary heats. Seniors Andrew Kelly and Jason LeFroy also return from that relay.

Lynch and LeFroy, along with diver Mike Alberty will captain the 1997-98 squad. Their leadership will be needed if the team hopes to return to the state meet.

"No question they've shown great leadership so far," McCord said. "I've really been impressed with the way they've shown their leadership. They came into the season in great shape and have really looked good in the pool."

Lynch will again compete in the distance freestyle events and LeFroy in the sprint freestyle events.

Alberty, who just missed qualifying for the state meet last year, will be joined by Jason Zorca to form a potent 1-2 diving punch. Kelly is a sprint freestyler who will be counted on by his coach to lead the team with his strength.

Mike Kurti and Bill Benton are both versatile and can compete in several events. John Jones will see action in the freestyle sprints and Jack Fischer in the butterfly.

Sophomores Dave Tardella and Phil Suchyta are both versatile, but Tardella will concentrate on the breaststroke.

Junior Matt Peart has improved tremendously, committing himself to swimming year round and will help the team. Senior Matt Lafferty is a breaststroker who can also swim the individual medley.

"We've got a lot of new kids this year and they have shown a lot of enthusiasm in practice," McCord said.

The team had an early chance to see where it stands at the Classic in Ypsilanti last weekend.

The team placed fourth out of 12 teams and earned eight medals in 10 different events.

The 800 freestyle relay team of Kelly, Jones, Benton and Lynch grabbed the only first-place finish of the day. The team swam an impressive 7:58.10 to win.

The 1,500 free relay team of Benton, Suchyta and Lynch finished third in 15:14.27.

Kurti, Tardella, Fischer and Kelly were fourth in the 200 medley relay in 1:47.96.

Novi has turned things around since a 40-22 opening loss.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

## Only 1998 state title will suffice gymnasts

By JASON SCHMITT  
Sports Editor

Northville and are expected to step it up this year.

Northville's strongest event is the balance beam, while Ghedde and Bollif are strong all-around, according to their coach. Rochiff missed last year with a knee injury.

Jenny is a very strong individual who is good all around. "We hope she'll be a big contributor this year," Moyers said.

From Novi, seniors Stacey Williamson, Kristin Levin and Stephanie Manza will join juniors Nicole Pelletier and Liesl Zwitzer as strong forces on the team.

Moyers said she really expects a lot out of Williamson and Levin. Williamson competed in post-november and Winn in all-around from the team last year. She finished sixth in the beam competition. Levin was 10th in the beam and just missed the top 10 in the vault. Pelletier was eighth on the floor and fifth in the floor exercise in Division II.

"There are so many strong seniors on this team and it's hard to say who's going to do what this year," the coach said. "As a team we will be especially strong in the floor and bars. These girls are really good girls and very self motivated."

Others who will be looked at for contributions are juniors Julie Glock and Jenny Seared, sophomores Tina Wild and freshman Lindsay Dehne from Northville. From Novi, freshmen Monica Finka and Heather Kotlyar are new to the team.

"I think that if we can stay injury free, we can be successful," Moyers said. "We also need to bump our skill level up this year."

Novi's Nicole Pelletier.

We have a lot of talent on this team and I'm trying to get them up to that level."

The team will get its first taste of competition against the best, in an interquad meet today at Northville High School. The team will not compete again until it faces Brighton Jan. 8, 1998.



Stacey Williamson is one of several key members back to make a run at the state title.

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Senior guard Dan Colligan looks to dump the ball inside during Novi's 48-39 win Friday.

## Cagers split first two games with Western and South Lyon

By JASON SCHMITT  
Sports Editor

You win some, you lose some. That's what Novi coach Pat Schluter found out last week in a pair of cage contests against Walled Lake Western and South Lyon.

The Wildcats topped South Lyon Friday night 48-39 in a defensive struggle which saw Novi limit the Lions to just five points in the fourth quarter.

"We didn't do a good enough job defensively in the first half," Schluter said. "We came out and did a nice job in the second."

The coach said his team's goal is to keep opponents under 45 points per game.

"We need to keep the score down," he said. "If we get into an up and down game, we don't have a prayer."

Novi led after each quarter and outscored South Lyon 12-5 in the fourth, despite hitting just 6 of 14 free throws.

"It came down to making our free throws, and we should have won by more," Schluter said.

Seniors Ben Cunningham and Kyle Searley led the way with 15 points apiece. Searley also pulled down 12 rebounds. Junior Larry Drury has six points and six assists.

"The key for us is we really played unselfish and as a team," the coach added.

**WESTERN 56, NOVI 44**

The score was not indicative of how close this game really was. Novi and Western were tied with 12 seconds to play in regulation, but the Wildcats missed their last shot and the game went into overtime.

The Warriors took over from there, outscoring the home team 15-1 in the extra session.

"We controlled the tempo of the game and really frustrated them," Schluter said. "But we ran out of gas at the end."

"It was positive even though we lost. We stuck to our game plan and it worked. But down the stretch they hit some big shots."

Novi lacked Western's experience and quickness, according to the coach.

Cunningham scored a team-high 15 points, and Searley and Drury had 12 and 10 points respectively. Searley also pulled down 11 rebounds.

Novi is at Hartland tomorrow and will compete in Northville's annual winter tournament Monday and Tuesday.

Novi will play against Lutteran East, Detroit City High School and Northville. All teams will play both six assists.

## Grapplers tune up for Oakland

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well right now, and as a captain we need these big things from him."

Dan Jilg finished runner up at 121 after losing to Notre Dame's Tim VanDeusen 4-1 in the finals. Jilg improved his season record to 9-1.

Andy Kalik had three pins en route to a second-place finish at 171. The senior co-captain fell to Walled Lake Western's Dan Thompson in the finals and finished 3-1 on the day.

John Talbot did the same at 215, falling to Westland's David Hudson 7-3 in the championship match.

Facing third for the 'Cats were Nate Plecha at 189 and Ryan Churella at 103. Plecha lost to Chris Bétridge of Lake Orion in the semifinals 6-2.

Jeff O'Sullivan did not place at 160, but went 3-2 despite a shoulder injury. Chris Christoff also hurt his shoulder and finished 1-1 on the day.

Adam Borashko (145), Steve Swast (125) and Aaron Platt (130) also went 3-2 and gained valuable points for their team.

"It was good competition for us," Huss said. "It's nice to compete in a big tournament like this so the kids can get warmed up for the Oakland County meet this week."

"We are still a little sloppy, but it's early in the season and we'll get better."

The Oakland County Meet will be held at South Lyon tomorrow and Saturday. Forty-four schools will be vying for the title, and Huss said his team's goal will be to finish in the top three. Rochester Adams is the pre-tournament favorite.

## Sports shorts

**KENNY EARNS ALL-METRO HONOR**

Senior guard Jessica Kenny was recently named to the Detroit Free Press' all-metro honorable mention team last week. Kenny has earned first team all-Metro Valley Conference honors as well as Home town's first team this year.

**MICHIGAN WOLVES WIN NATIONAL TOURNEY**

The U-12 Michigan Wolves recently took first place at the SuperClubs of North America National Tournament in Altamonte Springs, Fla. The Wolves, coached by Novi soccer coach Corey Arrington and goalkeeper Scott Schwarzkow, allowed only one goal in each of the first three games and shutouts in the semifinals and finals.

**UPPER DECK CHRISTMAS CAMP**

The Upper Deck in downtown Northville is offering a Christmas Camp from Friday, Dec. 26 to Tuesday, Dec. 30. The camp will include basketball instruction by professional coaches, scouts and players. Individual, group and team lessons are available. There will be two groups, 10 to 14 year olds and 15 to 18 year olds. For more information please contact general manager Pete Berran at (248) 334-0068.

**NOVEMBER BOWLS INCENTIVES TO YOUTHS**

Promoters of the Ford Motor City Bowl have offered the Michigan High School Athletic Association financial incentives for help in the distribution of tickets.

The game will be played at the Pontiac Silverdome Friday, December 26, 1997 starting at 8 p.m. The game will feature the Mid-American Conference Champion and a top-20 ranked Division I team.

**WOLVES TO HOLD TRYOUTS**

The Wasco Wolves, a 10 and under travel baseball team playing out of the Little Caesars Baseball League, will be holding tryouts for the team.

The Wolves will play 45-55 games with five to six tournaments including two out of state. For tryout information, contact Bill Harlan at (313) 562-4667.

# Health

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## Health Column

### Exercise helps cut down on sick days

Recent studies show that employees who regularly participate in workplace exercise programs experience significantly fewer sick days.

Other studies show that workplace exercise programs reduce health care costs and employee turnover. Exercise programs are just one element that addresses employee health and wellness, which is a significant part of occupational medicine.

Occupational medicine is a collective specialty from several clinical disciplines along with the components of safety, industrial hygiene, epidemiology and toxicology to promote a safe working environment and to preserve the health of workers.

"It is a branch of medicine that deals with the prevention and treatment of disease and injuries occurring at work or in specific occupations."

It also deals with the degree to which an employee is able to function at an optimum level of well-being at work as reflected by production, work as reflected by productivity, work tolerance, disability compensation claims, and employment longevity.

Work is an essential human activity. Most adults spend nearly 25 percent of their time on the job and companies are becoming increasingly concerned about the health of their workforce, which has an impact on its ability to compete in today's ever-changing business industry.

An estimated 20 million work-related injuries and nearly 400,000 new work-related illnesses occur each year in the United States. These injuries and illnesses are costly, from both a human and financial perspective.

Both employees and employers can contribute to developing and maintaining a healthy environment, both in the work place and through lifestyle changes.

The American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine has outlined a check list of health and safety strategies that are affected by one's employer, environment, and lifestyle. The checklist identifies 17 risk factors for employers and employees: inactivity, sleep, diet, drug, recreation, repetitive motion, posture, vibration, lifting, hand exertion, humidity, temperature, lighting, space, ventilation and noise.

For example, to avoid problems relating to hand exertion in the work place, employers should provide ergonomically correct tools to keep wrists in a neutral/straight position; minimize vibration, pinch grip, torque and forearm hand exertion.

Likewise, employees should use tools with handles and grips designed to distribute force over large areas. To maintain a healthy working environment, employers should provide adequate overhead lighting. Employees should ensure that lighting causes no glare and there is no excessive shadowing.

To encourage healthy eating habits, employers should promote wellness/prevention programs. Employees should eat a well-balanced diet and maintain a desirable weight.

As the issue of containing health care costs becomes more significant, especially in the workplace, the role of the occupational health clinic expands.

Many health care organizations are responding to these needs, both for its own employees and for the community.

The Occupational Health Network includes several occupational health care clinics providing acute injury treatment, follow-up and rehabilitation, pre-placement examinations, and health promotion and maintenance. It is a joint effort between the Botsford Health Care Center and the Oakwood Health Care System.

## Become informed about menopause

By MARGO SCHNEIDMAN  
Special Writer

Women often know they are approaching menopause when they start experiencing a variety of symptoms, the most dramatic of which can include hot flashes, irregular bleeding and difficulty sleeping.

While such signs usually occur between the ages of 48 and 51, the physical and emotional changes that set the stage for menopause start well before the last menstrual period - perhaps as much as a decade before, according to University of Michigan Medical Center researchers. By age 40, they say, the initial stages of menopause or perimenopause are well under way.

By 40 we could discern changes in bone density. By 44 there were variations in menstrual cycle timing, Sowers says.

Being informed about perimenopausal changes is important for women, she feels, because the more information they have, the more choices they may have in terms of preventive care.

For example, one of the most obvious signs of perimenopause, variations in menstrual cycles and heavy bleeding, also is a major cause of hysterectomy, Randolph believes that as patients become aware that heavy bleeding is both normal and finite, "that may be all they need to be comfortable with the process."

"It may be frustrating and frightening at times, but it's a normal part of what's going on. If women can ride that out and we can find ways to make heavy bleeding tolerable, we could avoid major interventions like surgery," he says.

Osteoporosis is another consequence of menopause that may have its roots in perimenopause.

"Osteoporosis begins earlier than the last period. It's not just a state of being for elderly ladies in nursing homes," Sowers says. "It's observable much earlier and may be preventable."

Sowers says she dreams of a day when routine screening for osteoporosis, using a non-invasive technique called bone densitometry, is available in every ob-gyn and family physician's office.

According to Sowers and Randolph, one possible strategy for controlling perimenopausal bleeding - and preventing osteoporosis -

and heart disease in those at risk - may be starting hormone replacement therapy early, in a woman's late 30s or early 40s.

They believe that perimenopause is brought on by changes in ovarian function, which causes dips and swings in estrogen levels. By starting hormone therapy early, women may be able to shore up their estrogen production before irreversible damage is done.

To further study this phase of a woman's life in the hopes of coming up with some simple diagnostic signs for perimenopause, Sowers is leading a four-year National Institutes of Health-funded study called Swan (Study of Women's Health Across the Nation). The study, which began this fall, is recruiting 3,500 women across the nation from four ethnic groups.

Margo Schneidman works for the University of Michigan Medical Center, Public Relations Department.

## Health Notes

### 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?

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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 lectures.

For referral services, call 1-800-968-5595.

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### Nutrition for Two

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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 (5 1/2 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 information, call Botsford's Health Development Network at (248) 477-6100.

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### Diabetes-Cize

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### Diabetes and You

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Tri-County Orthopedic Group, P.C. is pleased to announce the addition of Germaine R. Fritz, D.O. Dr. Fritz completed her internship and orthopedic residency at Botsford General Hospital and has recently completed an accredited spine surgery fellowship at Riverside Methodist/Ohio State University Hospital. Dr. Fritz's subspecialty is the treatment of acute and chronic conditions of the upper extremity including microvascular surgery.

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