

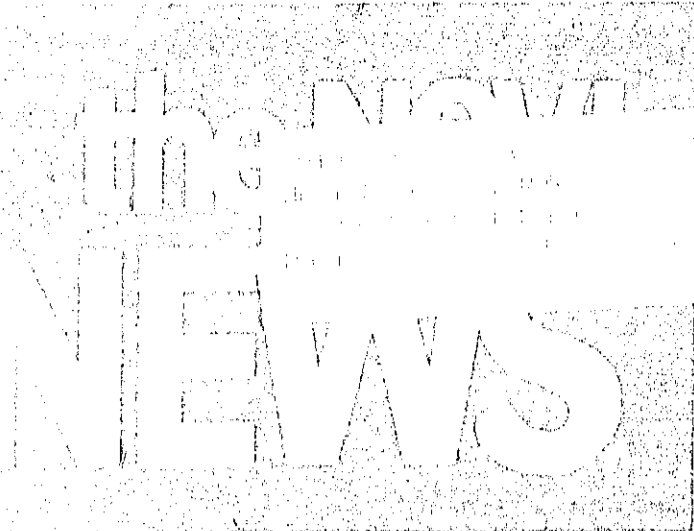


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Ordinance will flush out porta-johns

By JAN JEFFRES
 Staff Writer

Some Novi homeowners station gazebos, swing sets or gardens near their lot lines.

Others park porta-potties. That's why an ordinance to regulate the use of portable outhouses, except at construction sites, is now first in line at city hall.

The proposed regulation arose out of a citizen's complaint to the building department. Assistant City Attorney Dennis Watson explained.

Last summer, one west side homeowner was inconvenienced when their pool-owning next-door neighbor planted such a facility on their lot line for the entire summer, in close proximity to the first party's patio.

The idea was that swimmers would not have to splash indoors to reach a bathroom. When the unhappy neighbor asked to have the toilet relocated, the pool-owner refused.

"The city has no ordinance in place that would give the neighbor relief from the situation," the city's background material on the proposed ordinance notes.

"It was just unfortunate that there wasn't anything that more clearly addressed it. It was the kind of thing which you don't anticipate," Watson said.

The new regulation passed a first city council inspection in December and is headed for a second review this month, after city attorneys tinker with the language.

Health and safety concerns

were considered in coming up with the local statute, said Novi City Council Member Kathy Mutch, who is also on the Ordinance Review Committee.

"This clearly was a health issue because it was right at the lot line and the resident who brought the issue to us had it facing them when they sat on their patio," Mutch said.

Although the citizen who filed the complaint prefers not to discuss the issue, north end homeowner Jim Korte said he's raised the issue when the city was conducting its Walled Lake Sector Study several years ago.

Korte said he's seen portable toilets stationed at several sites along Walled Lake, in one case because the individuals owned the lake access but not any home nearby.

"Who wants a porta-potty out there all year? It's wrong," Korte said.

"Years ago, we didn't get anywhere and now somebody at the other end of the city is complaining and we have an ordinance."

While Korte backs the city taking action, he noted that other area residents have rented the facilities just for parties and "no one cared."

But the city doesn't aim to be a party pooper.

Under the proposed regulations, portable toilet permits would be granted for special events such as family gatherings and parties, with the requirement that the toilet or toilets would be set back 10

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Photo by WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL

Dr. Joe Osbourne of Breckenridge Veterinary Clinic shows how to check pets for signs of wintertime woes. Trinket, who belongs to the vet's groomer, was a willing patient.

Holiday hazards hit pets

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
 Staff Writer

Cold weather and holiday decorations can be dangerous to many furry family members, local veterinarians say.

But a few precautions can keep Fido or Kitty healthy for the wintertime.

"The big thing during the holidays is with the ornaments and the Christmas trees," said Dr. Joe Osbourne of Breckenridge Veterinary Clinic. "Cats and young dogs look at that tree, see those ornaments and think they are big toys."

Even after Christmas Day has passed, some people still keep trees into the New Year. And in taking down the spruces, some ornaments can be left behind or under couches or tables.

Cats often eat tinsel or ribbons, causing digestive problems and getting the items stuck in their intestines, Osbourne said. Dogs who get a hold of glass ornaments can cut their mouths on sharp edges.

The holidays can also put the pounds on animals, with relatives and friends feeding pets table scraps or hors d'oeuvres. But what's good (or bad) for humans may not be appropriate for little Muffin. High fat foods can cause health problems for dogs and cats.

Some guests just can't be stopped from slipping a little something under the table, so Dr. Ron Studer of Briarpointe Veterinary Clinic suggests pet owners keep fresh carrots, potatoes or even a tiny bowl of dog food handy for guests who want to give treats.

"At the risk of sounding overly cynical many times we think food is love," said Studer. "But that really isn't helpful."

Chocolate candy or cookies can also cause problems for pets, especially dogs, Studer said. If eaten in large quantities chocolate can be fatal.

Most often it will cause a simple stomach ache, but excessive diarrhea, vomiting or lethargy could

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'Grinch' trashes family's vacation

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
 Staff Writer

Unknown "elves" broke into a Scarlet Court home the night of Dec. 22, drinking the homeowner's liquor and ransacking the rooms before leaving an apology letter from "Santa" and taking off. The homeowners were on vacation.

According to Novi Police, employees from the company hired to care for the couple's three cats found the house a mess when they arrived for a morning visit. The back French doors had been forced open, breaking the door frame.

Although the cats were unharmed, the entire house was in disarray, police said.

Cigarettes, beer and pop cans were left throughout the home.

The liquor cabinet was opened and used as well as the refrigerator. Presents under the tree were unwrapped, and clothes and other items from closets and dressers were thrown about.

The beds were slept in while someone watched television.

The unknown suspects used shaving gel found in the bathroom to write sometimes sexually explicit messages on walls and mirrors. And a note was left signed by Santa, apologizing for the intrusion.

Credit cards, jewelry and other items were taken from the home. And police officers found beer cans and cigarettes in the sport utility vehicle in the garage. Police detectives investigated the scene and gathered evidence but have no suspects.

Apple barn wins design award

Historic building renewed

By JAN JEFFRES
 Staff Writer

Only one building in Novi has ever captured a coveted design award from the Detroit Chapter of the American Institute of Architects.

The 1997 prize-winner is far from a big, glitzy, eye-grabber. Set quietly back from Nine Mile Road, it's a 1930s-era apple barn polished to perfection by Novi architect Lee Mamola.

He won the AIA award in the Low Budget/Small Project category for seeing the potential in the 1,300 square foot structure once used to store fruit and a past owner's RV and realizing it as a lofted studio office with elegant Greek Revival design details repeating those of his nearby 163-year-old home. Beginning in 1992, Mamola invested \$75,000 and countless hours of his own sweat equity into the meticulous conversion.

"We totally gutted the place...I wore my knees out on the wood floor," he said.

"More than half the work was my own. It was time to see if I could read my own drawings."

He stripped the interior to expose the original 1930s trusses, now painted white and framing ceiling fans. Oak and red ceramic tile floors replaced the original concrete. Pulling the old cedar shingles off the roof helped date

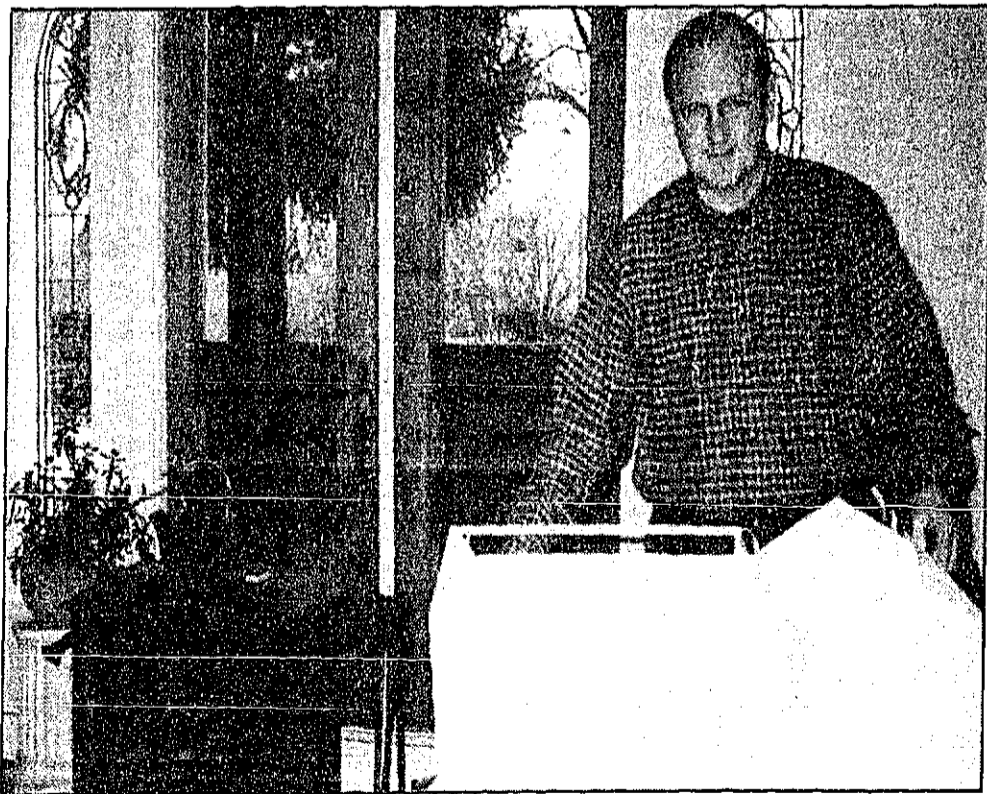


Photo by Jan Jeffres

Architect Lee Mamola, in his studio, shows further design plans for the Nine Mile site.

the structure. They still retained the 1930s manufacturer's stickers.

A garage door gave way to decorative beveled glass windows and 1915-era wooden doors inset with leaded glass. In the entrance way, a porcelain kitchen table from the previous owner's estate holds architectural magazines. A wood-burning pot-bellied stove in the studio is topped with an antique iron tea kettle, serving as a humidifier.

Mamola did about half the work himself, contracting out for plumbing, electrical work and major carpentry. Outside, the

restored building is painted white, matching the stately Greek Revival home built by Novi pioneer Samuel Hungerford in 1834. The barn is built of concrete block, a material that has inspired controversy in Novi.

"You have an architect who years ago helped with the (Novi) facade ordinance, which as created doesn't allow painted block buildings," said Mamola, who served on the Novi Planning Commission from 1985-87.

"This town is very concerned about design and about buildings and what that means... It's not necessarily the materials that are

critical but how the materials are used. Had this little structure been anywhere near the Town Center area, arms would have had to have been twisted to save it."

"To construct the home office on the two acres, he had to get a variance from the city."

"I've gotten well over 100 variances for clients over the years, so it's about time I got one myself," Mamola said.

For all the work, he said it was a surprise to win the city's first

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Copper disappears from arena

Nearly \$10,000 in copper plumbing materials was stolen from the site of the Novi Ice Arena the weekend of Dec. 19. Police said a construction storage trailer's lock was cut off and a recent shipment of materials taken.

Police News

In addition, the winches of same machinery were broken out. Oakland Plumbing Co. estimates it would have taken someone three hours to unload all the materials. Police contacted local scrap yards to inquire about anyone trying to sell large amounts of copper but found no additional information.

SCROOGED

Police said a dozen sidewalk stones and a holiday flag were stolen from an Erin Court home on Dec. 23.

TIRES TAKEN

The wheels and tires of a 1998 Ford Expedition were taken from the vehicle parked on Dabney, Dec. 22. Police said someone took the tires overnight and propped the vehicle up on sidewalk bricks.

SCHOOL'S OUT

Police suspect a wrist rocket or sling used her card.

SCHOOL-HOUSE ROCK

Unknown persons broke several windows on the south and west sides of Orchard Hills Elementary School the weekend of Dec. 6. Police said two fist-sized rocks were found inside one of the classrooms. The alarm was not activated.

CAR DAMAGE

A construction vehicle may have raised damage to a 1996 Mercury Mystique parked on Chase Drive, Dec. 24. Police said the front windshield was broken and smeared with mud.

Novi Briefs

KNIFE DRAIN
Novi Police are investigating a teenager's complaint a sexual teen pulled out a knife and threatened to kill him.

According to the report, the teen and some friends were taking a ride through a Novi subdivision Dec. 25, when they came across someone they knew from school out on his front lawn. The 17-year-old victim said the other teen began to unroll him, a common occurrence, so he gave him "the finger." That's when the teen on the lawn hopped in a car with a friend and followed the pick-up truck. As he pulled alongside, the boy allegedly slowed the group a hunting knife and said "if you do that again I'll kill you."

Appointed

Ruby Smith-Roy, the City of Novi's controller, has been named treasurer of the Michigan Municipal Finance Officers Association's Board of Directors.

On ice

Progress is being made on the Novi Ice Arena. So far, over half the roof panels have been installed, the masonry wall construction is under way and it's anticipated that the building should be entirely enclosed by month's end.

Holiday spirit

When winners of the City of Novi and Novi Homeowners Association Holiday Decorating Contest were announced, not on the list were Jim and JoAnn Eagan, who live at 25751 Sullivan Lane in Cedar Springs 3 and 1. This concerned their neighbors, who didn't want to see good work go unnoticed.

Appointed

It was an oversight, said City of Novi Homeowners Association President Ruth Ann Jrasek.

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CREDIT CARD FRAUD

A Novi mall salon employee is suspected of taking a customer's credit card for a joy ride, earlier this month.

According to Novi Police, a 23-year-old Novi woman reported someone used her credit card for nearly \$300 in purchases from Novi stores. By calling around to various retailers she found on her Der. 15 credit card bill, she discovered a videotape of the person who had used her card.

Pets require extra care during winter

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le a sign your animal has eaten too much of the sweet stuff.

In fact, those symptoms or just a loss of appetite or change in behavior will indicate if a pet is under the weather.

"A lot of symptoms aren't real specific, they just tell you something's wrong," said Studer.

That's why it's better safe than sorry to call a vet to at least discuss any problems. Studer said sometimes a problem can be solved over the phone by talking it out, other times he or she will request the

owner to come in.

Owners also need to be aware of cold temperatures outside, for both indoor and outdoor dogs, both vets said. Unless it's below zero degrees most outside dogs will adjust to the temperature provided they are given a stable doghouse out of the wind with plenty of fresh straw.

Outside dogs also need additional food to keep their metabolism high and above all they need fresh water. Often times owners don't realize a dog's water has frozen.

However they also agreed all

dogs should be brought indoors if possible. Both cats and dogs can contract frostbite and respiratory infections, with symptoms of runny eyes, noses and even sneezing.

Dr. Osbourne pointed out owners should check their dog's paws for rock salt, snow or ice that may have been embedded in paw pads during a walk or time outside. Ice can be sharp and the salt can be irritating.

Studer said people often times blame the kennel and think the dog is sick, but that's not the case. Instead, he suggests owners hold off on dinner for a couple hours and then feed the pet small amounts at a time.

Dr. Osbourne said owners should be aware of changes in a

time to make sure everything is on target.

Owners taking a dog or cat on a plane trip should also call the airlines to make sure all requirements will be met when takeoff day comes, he said.

Dr. Ron Studer at Briarpointe Veterinary Clinic said owners should also be on the lookout for when the pet returns home. A common mistake people make, he said, is letting animals eat too soon after arriving home.

Because animals can be stressed and not eat well while at a kennel or on a trip, they will be extra excited upon returning to their own home. That excitement can lead them to eat too fast, and then vomit the food soon thereafter.

Studer said people often times blame the kennel and think the dog is sick, but that's not the case. Instead, he suggests owners hold off on dinner for a couple hours and then feed the pet small amounts at a time.

Dr. Osbourne said owners should be aware of changes in a

dog's behavior or eating patterns for more than a day. Sometimes a cat or dog hasn't built up immunities to fight off infections and can pick up an illness at the kennel. A common occurrence is the highly contagious kennel cough, an infection treated by antibiotics and cough medication.

It's not the boarder's fault, Osbourne said. "It does happen. It's like the analogy of kids going away to kindergarten for the first time and catching a lot of colds."

For people who have the ease of leaving a cat alone by itself for a couple days.

Studer reminds owners to leave enough food and water for the time period. And plenty of cat litter. Otherwise, cats can be a snap, which is why so many people are getting them, he said.

Besides, cats would much rather be left to themselves than boarded, he added.

"They don't like change," Studer explained. "They like to be in control."



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Classic crusade

Susan Sherwood of Sherwood Picture Framing was so sorry to see Detroit radio station WQRS switching from Classical to Rock music that she's running a petition drive to urge the station owners to change their minds. Above, listeners sign up at her store at 107 Main Street in downtown Northville. A spokesperson for WQRS, however, said the voice of the public is unlikely to alter their direction.

Obituaries

VIVIAN G. SMITH

Vivian G. Smith of Novi died December 18 in Livonia.

The 86-year-old woman was a homemaker and also worked at Hudson's in Eastland after moving to the community in 1982 from Jackson, Missouri. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Northville as well as a member of the Baptist Church Seniors.

SOPHIE CRAGEL

Sophie Cragel of Novi died Sunday, Dec. 14, at Charter House of a cerebral infarction. She was 85.

Mrs. Cragel was born in Detroit Oct. 15, 1912. She was a homemaker and lived in Walled Lake for 35 years. She has lived in Novi at Charter House for the past three years. She was a member of the St. Michael Russian Orthodox Church in Redford.

Mrs. Cragel is survived by her husband of 69 years, Michael; sons Michael of Livonia and Harry of Ashland, Ohio; daughter Peggy Dausand of West Bloomfield; sister Elizabeth Butkowsky; seven grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Services were held at the St. Michael Russian Orthodox Church, with the Rev. Michael Barina officiating, on Thursday, Dec. 18.

Memorials may be addressed to the St. Michael Russian Orthodox Church, 26355 W. Chicago, Redford, MI, 48239.

Police arrest four for OUIL

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL

Novi Police arrested a reported four drunk drivers the weekend of Dec. 26. The following is from police reports.

• On Dec. 27, police arrested a 66-year-old Novi man after his Pontiac 6000 was seen swerving across the road about 11 p.m. Police said the man told them he had 5 or 6 beers and registered a .17 percent blood alcohol level, almost twice the legal limit.

"I'm in big trouble now," he told police. "I'll probably go to jail."

• On Dec. 27, a 69-year-old Novi man was arrested after his Buick LeSabre was stopped for driving 45

mph in a 30 mph zone. He was given a breathalyzer test which registered 0.10 or the legal limit. He was released to his wife and cited for the offense.

• On Dec. 28, a 22-year-old Plymouth man was stopped after he almost struck an officer's car with his Pontiac Grand Am leaving a local bar about 10 p.m. The officer questioned the man who had a blood alcohol content of 0.17, over the legal limit of 0.10 percent.

Upset about being arrested the man told police, "I wish you had arrested someone who was really drunk and hurting people."

• On Dec. 28, a 26-year-old Novi man was arrested after police spotted his pick-up truck driving

strangely down the road about 4:30 a.m. When an officer pulled up to the stopped truck along Ten Mile Road, she found the driver asleep on the seat.

Repeated attempts to wake the man with yelling, pounding and the light of a flashlight did not work. After she opened the door and pulled him upright, he did respond.

The man told the officer he had a lot to drink and failed several sobriety tests.

Police obtained a warrant to draw the man's blood after he refused a breath test. "What have I got to lose?" he said.

Northville has new police chief

After a five month search, the city of Northville has a new police chief.

Captain Jim Petres will be promoted to replace veteran chief Rod Carrigan, who spent almost two decades on the force. Petres will take the oath of office Jan. 19.

A member of the Northville Police

Department for 26 years, Petres was chosen from a field of 33 candidates.

He has been an executive officer in the department since 1980 and has managed much of the day-to-day operations of the department including patrols and investigations.

"Great care was given to find the best possible person to fill such an important position," said City Manager Gary Word. "I am pleased that Jim did so well in the process. He was competitive at each step, and I know he will do a great job for the city."

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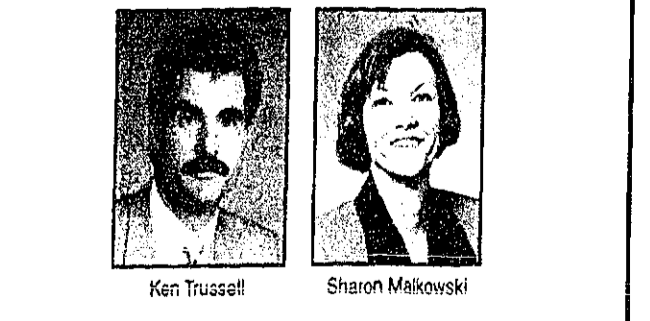
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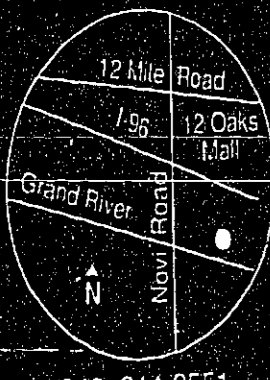
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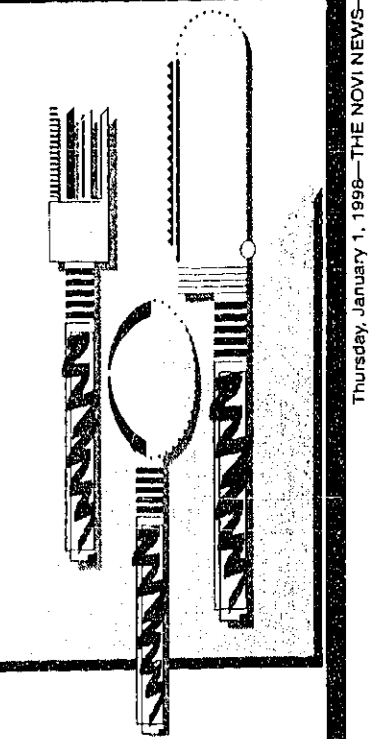


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Visually impaired students are serviced locally

By **TIM RICHARD**
Staff Writer

Michigan's efforts to aid the blind — also known as "visually impaired," or VI to educators — are shifting from a residential school in Lansing to local school services.

"The home school district is best. We give aid on curriculum, orientation, the math code and short-term placement," said Kathy Brown, principal of the 18-pupil Michigan School for the Blind (MSB).

Brown reported on the MSB program Dec. 15 to the State Board of Education meeting in Lansing.

Board vice president Dorothy Beardmore, R-Rochester Hills, said she has had calls from parents who have a child for whom visual impairment or blindness is the only impairment. "Otherwise, they may be gifted. On campus, we have the multiply-impaired," she said.

"It's not the old residential school," said Arthur Ellis, state superintendent of public instruction.

"Kathy has expanded the outreach and indirect services," said Mike Williamson, deputy superintendent.

Because programs are so varied, Brown was unable to give numbers of children served. "We need to see the numbers indirectly served," said board member Barbara Roberts Mason, D-Lansing, "so people can see the impact."

At the local level, Brown said, VI aid may involve lengthening the school day or the time one needs to go to school.

For every student, the program involves observation in the home or community, a functional vision evaluation, psychological evaluation, and short-term instruction.

Outreach services include:
• "Space Camp" in Huntsville, Ala., designed for VI

children.

• Sport camp — elementary students are on campus for four days for a variety of athletic events; in collaboration with Western Michigan University.

• Insite basic training — for professional staff in home intervention for families of infants and toddlers who are multi-handicapped.

• Braille strategies workshop — for professionals teaching Braille to multiply-impaired students.

• Camp challenge — two days of activities to develop teamwork and trust.

• Middle school weekend and high school weekend — a weekend on campus with peers from each group.

• Technology workshop — a day in January and April where distributors demonstrate on campus their new equipment and software.

For parents and the public, MSB offers a lending library, Internet website, and VI awareness programs

for third grade pupils.

MSB is one of two such schools operated by the state. The other is Michigan School for the Deaf (MSD) in Flint.

The schools have their champions, mainly parents. For the past two years, parents have trooped regularly into State Board of Education meetings pleading for continuation of the schools.

Last meeting, for example, Amy Van Dahlen, a Kalamazoo mother of a 10-year-old boy, pleaded with the board to keep MSD open. "It used to be what we thought was the right thing," she said, presenting a petition from parents arguing that "children should not be shipped off."

The State Board of Education will meet at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 7, on the fourth floor of the Hannah Building, on Allegan Street, two blocks west of the Capitol. Public comment is 1 p.m.

Schools get lawsuit rewards

Four-fifths of all Michigan school districts will share in a \$1.3 million settlement in a bus sale lawsuit, attorney general Frank Kelley said.

Novi will receive \$3,701, while the Northville schools will find its coffers enriched to the tune of \$4,615. Biggest winner was the Livonia schools which can expect a check in the amount of \$22,599.

Kelley filed a civil claim under the antitrust law in U.S. District Court for Western Michigan against six bus distributors. Three pleaded guilty and three "no contest" (the equivalent of guilty) in a price-rigging scheme. He said they conspired to violate antitrust laws by allocating themselves specific school districts.

Among the defendants were Wolverine Transportation, Inc., and its owner Donald Piemann of Bloomfield Hills. Other defendants were: Hoekstra Truck Equipment Sales of Grand Rapids, Great Lakes Coach Sales Inc. of Portage, McFadden Corp. (now known as Squires School & Commercial Equipment Sales) of Lansing, C.R. Equipment Sales of Lansing, and Ricle Equipment Inc. of Holland.

Among the 442 school districts that will share in the award are:

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Avondale \$3,959; Birmingham \$13,993; Bloomfield Hills \$9,040; Brandon, \$3,594; Clarenceville \$1,973; Clarkston \$5,065; Farmington \$15,860; Holly \$8,245; Huron Valley (Milford) \$12,910; Lake Orion \$13,190; Novi \$3,701; Oakland (Intermediate) Schools \$14,617; Oxford \$5,372; Rochester \$13,126; South Lyon \$7,166; Southfield \$5,828; Troy \$11,234; Walled Lake \$15,318; West Bloomfield \$7,303.

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Clarenceville \$1973; Garden City \$1,805; Livonia \$22,599; Northville \$4,615; Plymouth-Canton \$12,731; Redford Union \$6,102; South Redford \$3,356; Wayne-Westland \$8,876.

Novi eyes porta-johns

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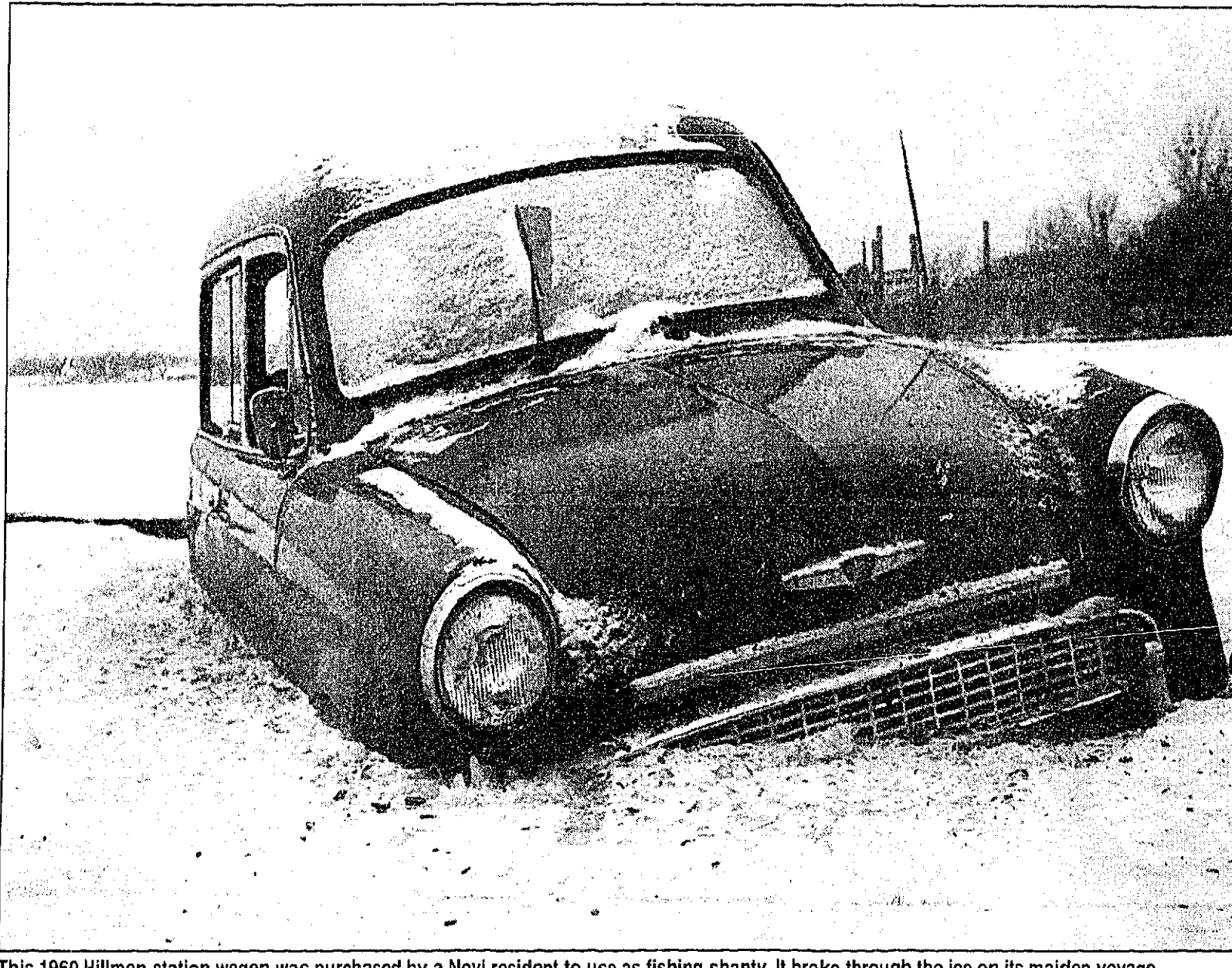
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A Blast from the Past

Front page news isn't always about meetings, politics, and taxes. Believe it or not, the following stories made it to the front page of *The Novi News* and *Northville Record* the first week in January.



This 1960 Hillman station wagon was purchased by a Novi resident to use as fishing shanty. It broke through the ice on its maiden voyage.

1956 Baby's arrival turned into a pajama party for those called to assist in the birth. A very excited, pajama-clad, Novi father-to-be raced to the home of a nearby physician when his wife, similarly attired, went into premature labor at 5 a.m. The doctor threw on a coat over his pajamas, pulled on a pair of boots and ran to assist. Baby arrived shortly after and the umbilical cord was tied with a shoe lace. An ambulance driver had been summoned and when he arrived to take mother and daughter to the hospital, he too was wearing pajamas.

1958 A 19-year-old Northville youth cut down a Colorado blue spruce in front of a resi-

dent's home on Novi Road because his girl friend wanted a Christmas tree and he was short on cash. He was put on probation and had to repay his father the \$40 fine.

1959 For the first time in Novi's history, someone is on duty at answering and relaying radio messages throughout the day and night. Previously the police department was open from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. weekdays, and from 9 a.m. until noon on Saturday. It was closed on Sundays. Police working night shifts had no radio contact with headquarters. Five volunteers and two part-time employees share the round-the-clock duty.

1960 "He'll have to eat his dinner standing up at a mantle for a few days," is how Police Chief Lee BeGole summed up a Novi shooting accident when a resident suffered a minor shotgun wound while standing in his yard a week earlier. A couple of 16-year old hunters fired at a red squirrel and when waiting for the thump as the squirrel fell to the ground, heard a man scream. The boys' shotguns were taken away and they were reprimanded.

1968 A Novi resident decided to build a better fishing shanty when he bought a 1960 Hillman station wagon and cut out the floor board to provide for fishing outlets. On the maiden trip across

Walled Lake, his idea collapsed when the ice gave way and the mobile fish shanty took a nose dive into the lake. The man did not have his car identified as a fishing shanty all four sides per regulations and faced prosecution under littering laws if it was not removed within seven days.

1981 A car in Novi followed its driver into a convenience store, literally. The 1974 Ford Thunderbird with three young passengers somehow popped into forward drive, ran a curb and crashed into the store front, after its driver had parked it in the lot and entered the store herself. The driver took the runaway car home. There were no injuries.

Compiled by CAROL DIPPLE

Volunteer



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Maureen Osborne volunteers with the Festival of Trees.

Osborne beginning to think Christmas

By CAROL DIPPLE
 Feature Editor

Maureen Osborne keeps Christmas in the back of her mind all year long.

Since 1986 Osborne, who lives in Northville, has been volunteering at the Children's Hospital of Michigan annual fund raiser Festival of Trees. She was the chairperson of the event in 1994.

Now she is one of about 140 people who serve on various committees and has been elected to the to the Festival of Trees Board for the past four years.

"Because I've done all the bigger jobs I can pick and choose what I want to do now," she said.

Osborne chose to stay with the stocking display, a new category she started last year.

"Other festivals around the United States had done it," she said. "It was a great success last year so we brought it back again this year."

Osborne talked with needlework shop owners personally to solicit entries for the display. There were 15 handcrafted entries from across the metro Detroit area in the stocking display.

One Grosse Pointe shop owner who made a stocking for this year's Festival of Trees had a stocking displayed in the White House last year.

"That is the quality of stockings we have," she said. "Some people work on the stockings nine to 12 months."

Many are willing to enter a stocking after Osborne explains the purpose of the Festival of Trees fund raiser and notes that their handiwork will be seen by 35,000 to 40,000 visitors during the week-long event.

"The needle working is unbe-

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FALSE ALARMS



False alarm fees assessed by the City of Novi Fire Department through October 1997 totaled \$74,990.

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Unexpected reunion brings champs together

By JASON SCHMITT Sports Editor
It's long been known that tradition and honor are two words common to the University of Michigan, both past and present.

out to Pasadena to root on their alma mater. Well, actually things kind of just fell into place.
To be honest, the trip had been made five years ago, in an attempt to reunite the team for its 50th reunion.



Wistert's championship ring



Al and his brothers Francis and Albert were all-Americans.



Photo by JASON SCHMITT

Al Wistert made the trip out to Pasadena with 35 other members of Michigan's 1948 team.

we were sitting there during the Penn State game pulling like hell for them to go undefeated so that they'll go to the Rose Bowl, and by golly they did it," Wistert said.
"I was just thinking just take it one game at a time, don't look at the Rose Bowl."
Wistert was in Columbus, OH, for the Ohio State game, and said his heart was where all other Michigan fans were, in his throat.
"I almost died. Because it looked like we might blow that game in the fourth quarter. But the defense came to the rescue again," he said.

Novi holds off late Lutheran East rally

By JASON SCHMITT Sports Editor
Sean Drislis hit several key free throws down the stretch and Larry Drury hit 7 of 9 shots from the floor to lead the Novi Wildcats eaglers to a 48-43 win over Lutheran East in the consolation game of the Northville holiday tournament Dec. 23.

Novi finally put an end to the streak and took control of the game when Drury rebounded an Eagle miss and was fouled with 47 seconds left. He missed the front end of the one-and-one, but Drislis was there for the rebound and was fouled. A Lutheran East player possessed the ball and received a technical foul. Drislis hit three of four free throws to put Novi up 46-43 with 13.1 seconds remaining.

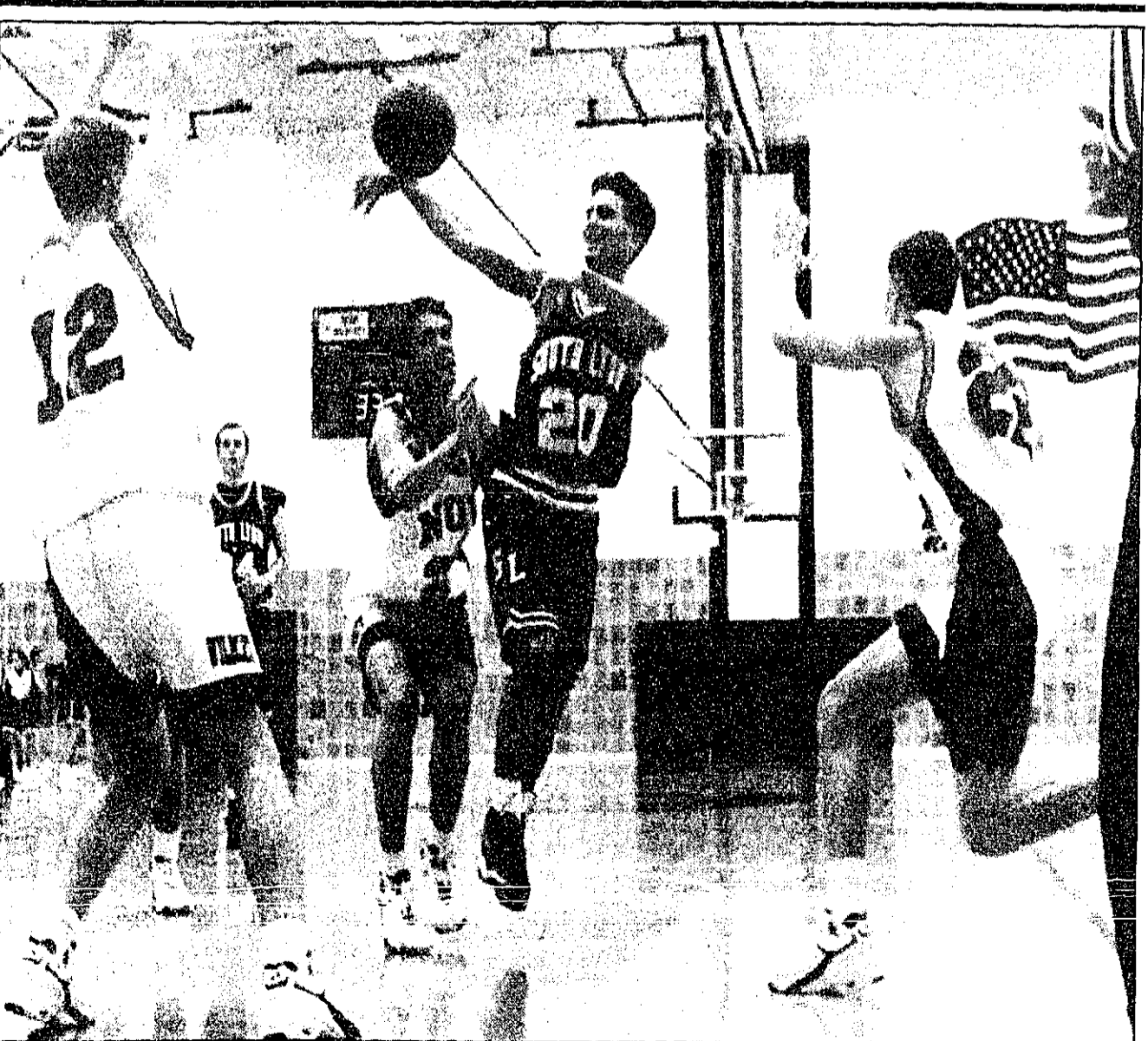


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Netters make it through pool play at South Lyon

By JASON SCHMITT Sports Editor

The Novi girls' volleyball team has gotten off to a shaky start. Nothing a little stability won't cure though.
The Wildcats are 2-4, but each Julie Fisette is confident the team will turn it around in the upcoming weeks.

In advancing to the quarters, the Wildcats had to get past Milan, Saginaw Heritage and Berkley. Novi topped Milan first, 15-6, 15-2 behind five aces by Spindler. Copp had three kills and Ernst had three solo blocks.

down and lost momentum. Everything started going downhill from there," Fisette said.
Novi's next action will come Monday against South Lyon at home. Next Thursday the Wildcats travel to Hartland to face the Eagles.

Sports shorts

SOCCERZONE HAS JOB OPENINGS

SoccerZone, located in Novi, is in need of two part-time office managers to work from 5-10 p.m. Monday through Friday.

WOLVES TO HOLD TRYOUTS

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

tournaments including two out of state. They will also participate in the Field of Dreams tournament in Cooperstown, N.Y. June 20-28.

BERNIE FRATTO'S SHOW HEARD DAILY

Novi resident Bernie Fratto has his own sports feature, "One Fan's Perspective," which is broadcasted everyday at 4:15 p.m. on FM Oldies Station 107.1 and later in the evenings on WTKA 1050 during the Sportsheat Show between 6 and 7:30 p.m. The show features some unique views from the world of sport you may find entertaining and informative.

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Drury hits for 20 in win

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9:30 of the game.
The key was we controlled the tempo of the game early," Schluter said. "But the last three minutes they played it their way. If the game would have been played up tempo early we'd have been in trouble."

Drury came up big early, scoring 10 of his teams' first 12 points in a 12-3 Novi run to begin the game.

"He's probably my best passer with great skills," Schluter said of Drury. "With our style of play, he's got to step it up and play well. He's taking the initiative and wants to shoot the ball."

The Wildcats played a zone defense the entire game, and worked the clock to keep the ball away from the bigger Eagles.

"We want to handle the ball more and control the game," Schluter said. "We have to do that."

Drislis finished with 11 points, including seven from the line, and Searley added 10.

Eric Smith led Lutheran East with 13 points and Phil Condon had 11.

Novi upped its record to 2-3 with the win.

DETROIT CITY 58, NOVI 47
Novi played three solid quarters of basketball against a quicker, bigger Detroit City High School team, but were overwhelmed in the third quarter.

The Bears outscored the 'Cats 19-8 in the third and held on for the win. Novi trailed by just one, 24-23, at the half.

"We kept them under control in the first half," Schluter said. "But I wished we would have pulled them out of their zone in the second half. We were handling them in their man-to-man defense."

Drury led the 'Cats with 15 points, and Drislis and Brent Dicken added nine and eight points respectively.
The Wildcats will face Walled Lake Central Tuesday on the road before hosting Milford Jan. 9.

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Leftover turkey shouldn't be wasted

Now that the holidays are a pleasant memory, what do you do with all the leftover turkey?

When you have exhausted the sandwich possibilities, how about Vegetable Turkey Stir Fry? Cooked turkey adds great flavor to vegetable stir-fry. Instead of adding the turkey at the beginning of the recipe (because it is already cooked), add it towards the end.

Use this M-Fit recipe taken from the High-Fit - Low Fat cookbooks and you have healthy alternatives to the usual post-holiday fare:

INGREDIENTS:

2 cups Jasmine rice (or other white or brown rice of your choice)
1 lb. cooked leftover turkey, defatted and diced
1/2 teaspoon sesame oil, dark roasted
2 tablespoons low-sodium soy sauce
1 tablespoon hoisin sauce
1/4 cup dry sherry
2 tablespoons rice wine vinegar
1/2 cup low-sodium vegetable broth
1 1/2 teaspoon olive oil
1 clove garlic, peeled and left whole
1 small piece fresh ginger about the size of a walnut, peeled
1 bunch scallions, white part (tops) finely chopped, green part (bottoms) shredded
2 cups broccoli flowerettes
2 cups pea pods
1 medium sweet red or yellow pepper, cut julienne
2 cups fresh mushrooms, wiped clean and sliced,
1-2 tablespoons cornstarch dissolved in 2 tablespoons water
1/4-1/2 cup fresh cilantro, coarsely chopped

METHOD:

1. Cook the rice in lightly salted

water until tender, keep warm until ready to serve.

2. Combine the sesame oil, soy sauce, hoisin, sherry, vinegar and vegetable broth. Add the diced turkey and allow it to marinate while you continue with the recipe.

3. Arrange the prepared vegetables on a large platter in the order they are written.

4. Warm the wok and drizzle the olive oil around the top edge. Add the garlic and ginger and stir fry for about one minute, pressing them against the sides of the wok to flavor the oil. Remove and set aside for later use.

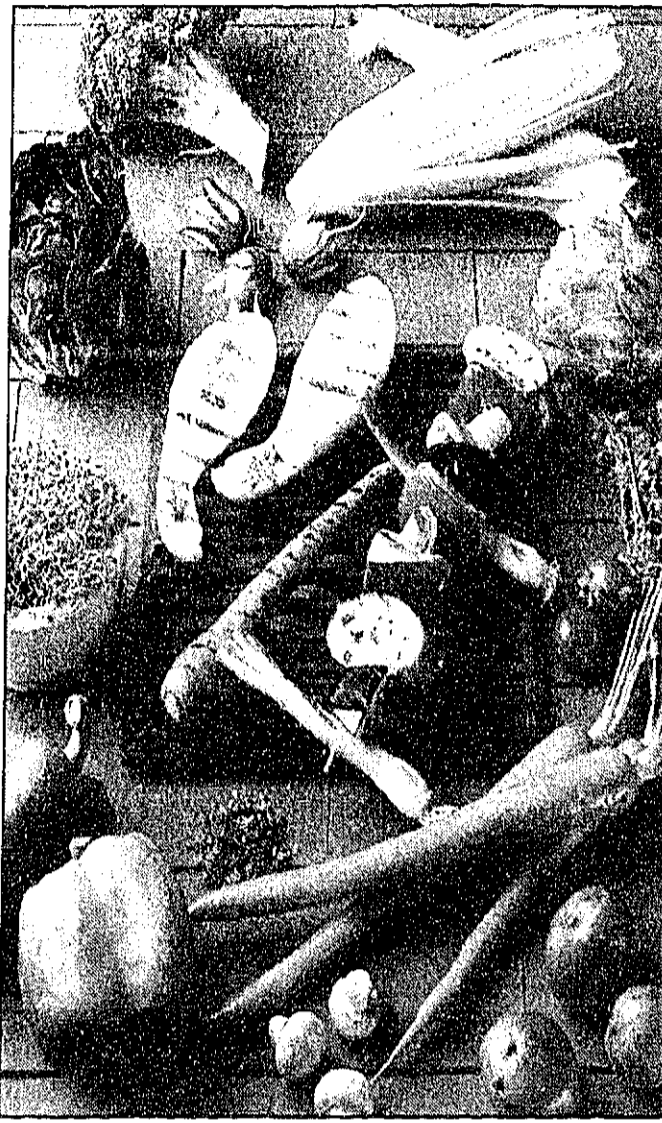
5. Sauté the scallion bottoms over medium-hot heat until they begin to wilt.

6. Add broccoli, after approximately five minutes add the pea pods, once they are heated through add the red peppers, then the mushrooms. Continue to stir fry until all of the vegetables are heated through and their colors have intensified.

7. Finely chop the reserved garlic and ginger and return them to the pan. Toss well.

8. Make a well in the center of the wok, by pushing the vegetables up the sides of the wok, and add the combined liquid ingredients and marinating turkey. When the liquid comes to a full boil, turn down the heat and stir in most of the dissolved cornstarch. Turn up the heat and bring to a boil. The sauce should thicken and become glossy. If too thin add more of the reserved green onion tops and fresh cilantro. Toss well and serve at once over jasmine rice (available in the oriental section of well-stocked supermarkets), or rice of your choice.

NOTE: This recipe was originally written for tofu. We have substituted turkey for this publication.



Submitted Photo

Get out the leftover turkey, add a few vegetables and voila.

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Health Column

Think about your New Year's resolutions



Chris Klebba

With the New Year here, the New Year resolutions are sure to follow. This year you may want to consider including

basic resolutions aimed at combating America's number one killer. A killer that claims a life every 34 seconds. A killer that does not discriminate between age or gender. A killer that claims about 250,000 deaths before the individual reaches the hospital.

That killer — heart and blood vessel disease.

For the average person over 40 years of age, by resolving not to do anything different than you are currently doing is in a sense a New Year Resolution, a resolution to place yourself at a higher risk.

We can't ignore this killer. The

following is a simple guideline to assist you with your resolutions. It has been compiled with the assistance of Dr. Sanjeev Vaishampayan, a cardiologist with the Michigan Heart and Vascular Institute.

I HEREBY RESOLVE TO...

- Gain an awareness of my health risks and any health problems. Dr. Vaishampayan recommends the over-40 individual to at least get their blood pressure, cholesterol and, for the male, depending on their backgrounds, prostate checked. For the female, add a mammogram and pap smear.

- Depending on the findings of step one, resolve to do something about it. For example, begin with the list if applicable.

- **Quit smoking:** Dr. Vaishampayan comments "the highest success rate I have seen is with people who have quit 'cold turkey.'" Not everyone can quit this way. For those that can not, there are the patches, gum, classes and hypnosis.

Dr. Vaishampayan is very optimistic about a new treatment that targets the addiction center of the brain. This is by prescription only. Check with your doctor.

Engage in regular physical activity: With today's lifestyles and technology, we simply do not move enough. Find something to get you moving and, depending on your background, something that gives you some form of resistance exercise at least three times a week for 30-60 minutes.

Modify your diet: Limit fast foods. Limit eggs and fried foods. Even little adjustments (i.e. Eggs limited to three or under per week) can make a big difference.

Keep your stress to a minimum: The negative effects to your reactions to stress can play a major role in the overall health of your heart. Take things easier in 1998.

Learn the signals of a heart attack or angina: There are many community classes or maybe even a CPR certification class that can give you the awareness you need to identify a problem. Remember about half of heart attack victims die before they reach a hospital.

Dr. Vaishampayan states while certainly not all chest pains mean a problem, when in doubt, do not delay in getting assistance.

A final two resolutions to consider, submitted by Dr. Vaishampayan...

- Please give blood. There is a major shortage, particularly in the winter months. Check with your community or local Red Cross.

- Finally, include a friend or relative along with you in setting some positive resolutions. Sometimes a gentle push will help that higher risk individual.

Good luck with 1998 and remember by not taking action on some of the items listed above, you have in a sense set a New Year's resolution — to place yourself at a higher risk.

This column was written by Chris Klebba, owner and operator of the Water Wheel Health Club in Northville and a certified personal fitness instructor.

Send your health and fitness related questions to Health Column, 118 Main Centre, Suite 210, Northville, MI 48167.

Health Notes

In an effort to encourage and support community wellness, Providence Hospital and Medical Centers is offering a series of community health programs and support groups in your area. To register for classes call 1-800-968-5595 unless otherwise specified

Immunization Clinic

Providence Medical Center-Farmington Hills and Mission Health Medical Center, Livonia are sponsoring a series of community immunization clinics.

The clinics will offer DPT, DT, HIB, Hepatitis B (for those 19 years and under), and MMR vaccinations. Sorry, the varicella vaccine will not be available at these clinics.

There will be a \$5 facility fee charged per child, but all immunizations will be free of charge. All clinics will run from 4 to 8 p.m. in a walk-in basis.

For more information call (248) 865-4000.

Clinic dates are as follows: Farmington Hills from 4-8 p.m. on Tuesdays, Jan. 20, Feb. 17, March 17, April 21, and May 19. Livonia from 9 a.m.-noon on Saturday, Jan. 10; and from 4-8 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 10.

Basic Life Support - Instructor

Participants will be trained under AHA guidelines to teach BLS Heart-saver, Infant/Child and Healthcare Provider courses to the community and healthcare providers. A current BLS for Health Care Provider Card is required. All materials will be provided to the participant prior to the class.

There is a fee of \$140. Providence Medical Center-Providence Park, Novi: Feb. 17 and 24, from 9 a.m.-noon.

Basic Life Support - Instructor Renewal

This course provides updated information and teaching techniques for holders of a current BLS Instructor Card. Must have taught two BLS courses over the past two years. Fee: \$40. Novi Park: March 13, from 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

First Aid

Learn how to avoid, prepare and cope with emergencies at home or on the job. Instruction prepares you to care for injuries, sudden illness and more. American Safety and Health Institute Adult First Aid certification given upon completion of course objectives. Meets MIOSHA requirements for training. Must have current CPR training. Book and bandage kit included. Fee: \$25. Livonia: March 18, from 6-9 p.m.

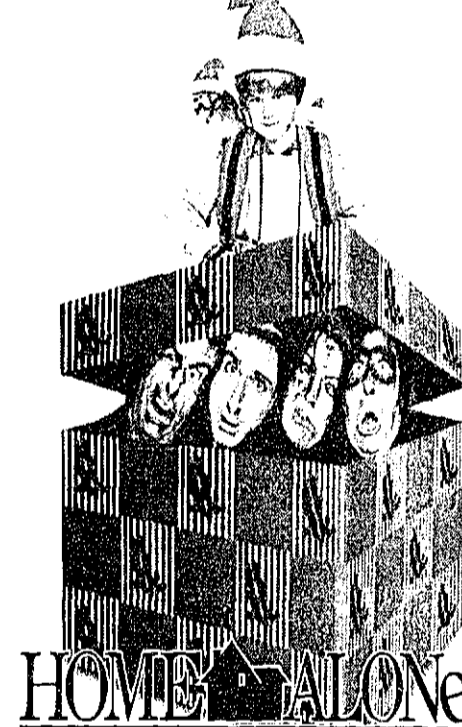
Health Professional CPR - Initial Certification

This is an American Heart Association certification course for healthcare professionals or those seeking in-depth knowledge of basic life support rescue skills. Adult, child and infant CPR and choking rescue techniques are covered. Fee: \$40. Southfield: Feb. 10, April 21, and May 19, from 8:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

Health Professional CPR - Recertification

This course is designed for healthcare professionals who hold a current Healthcare Provider Card issued by the American Heart Association or Red Cross. Adult, child and infant CPR and choking rescue techniques are covered. Fee: \$25. Southfield: Jan. 20, Feb. 3, March 3, April 7 and May 5, from 8:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

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