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## Mayor sees bustling year ahead for city

By JAN JEFFRES  
Staff Writer

Here's a few tips for navigating through life in Novi this year, straight from Mayor Kathleen McLallen.

Be patient, there's going to be a lot of road construction coming up.

Be prepared, it's going to get interesting in this town.

Be ready to have fun and share the excitement in 1998.

Tuesday afternoon, McLallen delivered her fifth "State of the City" speech to the Novi Chamber of Commerce. In the years she's been at the helm, McLallen said she's watched the community become "infinitely better."

"There's an excitement, an enthusiasm, all you have to do is talk to anybody on the street," she said.

"The news from the city is good, in fact, it's utterly amazing."

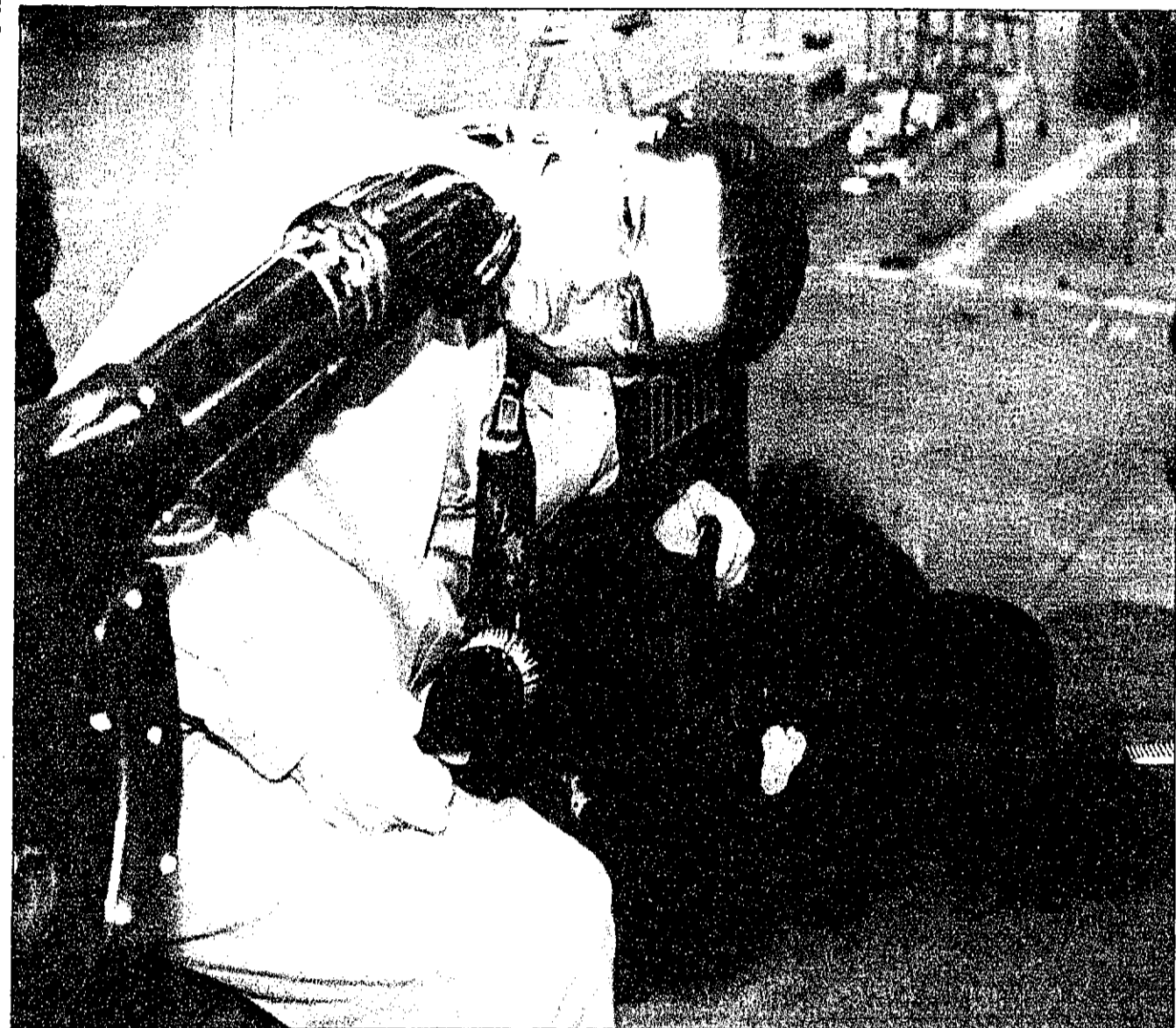
If you thought 1997 was an active development year, watch out. 1998 will beat it, the mayor predicted. With interest rates low, development is expected to continue at a staggering rate.

As the fastest growing city in the state, "it's a significant challenge," she added.

"There's going to be more going on in the community than there has been in a long time. And in this community, that's quite a tough thing to say," McLallen said.

For members of the business community, part of the good news is that the city is holding in March its first Economic Summit Conference. The session will bring together the city's staff, city council.

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Joseph Vergnelli, of Cleveland, OH, checks out the hair-dryer blasting his poodle, Alexandria, who took "Best of Show."

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

## Pedigreed pups

Mutt's a fighting word at Novi Expo dog show

By JAN JEFFRES  
Staff Writer

Friday morning, Hitchhiker was taking a snooze.

The day before, he'd traveled from Burlington, Wisconsin to Novi. Then, earlier on Friday at the Novi Expo Center, he strutted his stuff in front of the judges and took a Third Place yellow ribbon.

So while his companion human, Debbie Hanson, was discussing his future, the 20-month-old North American shepherd - a scaled-down version of the Australian shepherd - was content to get his beauty sleep. And what a future Hanson hopes it will be.

"I guess if I find him a suitable mate, it would be interesting. Having a male and female in the

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Debbie Hanson  
Show dog owner

house at the same time, I'm not sure I'm ready for that," Hanson said. "I'll keep him intact for awhile and see if anybody's interested in having him as a stud."

She has his eyes and hips regularly checked, to see that they're developing appropriately. In the show dog world, a guy's gotta be in perfect shape if he's going to be a father, so bad traits aren't passed on through the breed.

She also takes him out to a friend who owns sheep so he can get a workout.

"I'm kind of afraid of sheep, but he has a great time," Hanson confessed.

Hitchhiker was representing one of some 25 different breeds that turned out for the Federation of Rare Breeds show over the weekend. Also taking over the Expo Center was the American

Kennel Club affiliate, the Livingston Kennel Club.

The rare breeds range from those familiar to most people such as the Parson Jack Russell Terrier and Ral ferrier, to more exotic varieties, including the Tibetan Mastiff and Owczarek Podlanski.

These dogs have the same appeal as the more common breeds - alert eyes, wet noses, wagging tails - but also give their owners a chance to have a dog that's a little different than their neighbor's lovable mutt.

Carolyn Brooke of Morristown, Pennsylvania, was sold right away on the Coton de Teleur, a small breed from Madagascar, when a friend brought a few home from Europe, where they're popu-

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Mayor Kathleen McLallen delivers the "State of the City."

## Chamber questions balance of growth

By JAN JEFFRES  
Staff Writer

Novi's astonishing growth in residential isn't being matched by development in the industrial sector.

That was the conclusion of "Novi At The Crossroads of Development," a report by the Economic Development Committee in 1995.

That's the conclusion of an updated study released this week by the Novi Chamber of Commerce at their Tuesday luncheon.

Why should the average homeowner who lives in Novi care?

Because while only 15 percent of the land in Novi is dedicated to non-residential use, that 15 percent contributes over 42 percent of the city's income from local taxes. Should non-residential growth not keep pace with

the hundreds of new homes sprouting up, the tax burden could shift.

"We feel the implications for Novi's future are serious, with residents paying higher taxes," said Bud Scott, chairman of the committee.

Ideally, the few, i.e., major industrial and commercial development should pay for the many, the 85 percent of Novi now set aside for residential.

But the concern of the committee is that attractive, light industrial development - of the sort that makes few demands on city services such as police, fire and parks and recreation - is leaping over Novi, especially to Wixom.

From 1995 to 1996, Wixom saw a 27 percent increase in industrial growth, while Novi

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## Movie-goer harasses young girls

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL  
Staff Writer

A young girl sits in a dark movie theater, entranced by what's on the screen, when suddenly she notices a strange man sitting next to her. He begins to masturbate, and says suggestive words to her. Too shocked to move or speak, the young girl stays still, waiting for the incident to be over. Silently, he stands up and leaves.

According to Novi Police reports over the past year, it's a scenario that's happened more than once. On at least three different occasions a white male in his mid-30s sat next to an adolescent girl during a movie at the Novi Town Center Cinemas and began to masturbate in his seat. In the most recent incident, on Jan. 10, the man tried to hold a conversation with the girl, speaking in dirty

language.

While police don't want to cause a panic, they do suggest parents be aware when taking youngsters to area movies. And if someone sees this sort of behavior occurring, to leave the theater at once, alert management and call 9-1-1 immediately.

"The best thing to do is get up and walk out. Then notify management. Don't confront the per-

son," said Lt. David Butler.

Certain steps were taken last summer by police to prevent further incidents and catch the suspect, but were unsuccessful. However, police will keep an eye on the situation, Butler said.

Movie theater management said it's taken the necessary precautions for its guests comfort.

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Photo by HAL GOULD

Chuck "Rocky" Rachwitz, general manager Joe Crowell and Steve Allen are ready for diners.

## Dinner is served at Steve & Rocky's

By JAN JEFFRES  
Staff Writer

In just a half-hour Monday, eight drivers stopped their cars at Steve & Rocky's to see if the new Grand River Avenue eatery was open yet.

The would-be lunch crowd was just a few hours early; the grand opening was 4 p.m. that day.

And what a change it is in the building that formerly housed Fuddrucker's. Owners Steve Allen and Charles "Rocky" Rachwitz sunk over \$1 million in the new decor and have prepared a menu that's far from the hamburgers-only fare of the other business.

"I'm very excited. We had 25

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

Thursday, January 22

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

Monday, January 26

**TOPS**  
Take Off Pounds Sensibly for all ages meets at 7 p.m. at the Novi Meadows Clubhouse on Napier Road. For more information, call after 6 p.m. (610) 344-2167.

Tuesday, January 27

**Business Network International**  
The Novi chapter of The Business Network International meets from 7:30-8:30 a.m. at Kerly's Koney Island at Eight Mile and Haggerty roads. For more information, call the BNI regional office at (734) 397-0030.

### ZONTA

The ZONTA Club of Farmington/Novi meets at 6 p.m. at the Embassy Suites Hotel between Seven and Eight Mile Rds., off I-275. ZONTA International is a worldwide classified service organization of executives in business and the professions, working to improve the legal, political, economic and professional status of women. For information and reservations, call (313) 538-8043.

### Civil Air Patrol

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.

### Youth Assistance

Novi Youth Assistance board will meet at 7 p.m. in the Novi Community School Educational Services Building, 25345 Taft Rd.

### F.E.M.A.L.E.

The Novi area chapter of F.E.M.A.L.E. (Formerly Employed Mothers at the Leading Edge) meets at Providence Mission Health Center, 3950 W. Ten Mile Rd., Conference Room A. For more information call Janet at (810)476-5934.

### 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.

### Parkview PTO

The Parkview PTO will meet at 7 p.m. at the school.

Wednesday, January 28

### Lions Club

The Novi Lions Club will meet at Kim's Gardens at 6:30 p.m. for dinner followed by a meeting.

### Seniors business

The Novi Senior Social Club will meet at 1 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center for its regular monthly business meeting.

Thursday, January 29

### Business Network International

The Northville chapter of The Business Network International meets from 7:30-8:30 a.m. at Kerly's Koney Island at Eight Mile and Haggerty roads. For more information, call the BNI regional office at (734) 397-0030.

Monday, February 2

### City Council interviews

The Novi City Council is scheduled to meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center.

### Village Oaks PTO (VOICE)

The Village Oaks PTO will meet 7:30 p.m. in the Village Oaks School Media Center, 23333 Willowbrook Road.

### TOPS

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### Motor City Speak Easy Toastmasters

The Motor City Speak Easy Toastmasters Club meets from 7-9 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 777 W. Eight Mile. For more information call Tom Lahiff at 348-6109 (evenings). Visitors are welcome.

Tuesday, February 3

### Middle School PTO

The Middle School PTO will meet 7:15 p.m. at the school.

### Business Network International

The Novi and Northville chapters of The Business Network International meet from 7:30-8:30 a.m. at Kerly's Koney Island at Eight Mile and Haggerty roads. For more information, call the BNI regional office at (734) 397-0030.

### Seniors meeting

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

### Civil Air Patrol

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### Menopause Support Group

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

### Zoning Board of Appeals

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

### Band rehearsal

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### Amateur Radio Club

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

Wednesday, February 4

### Athletic Boosters

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

# A little help from their friends

## Benefit will raise money for bone marrow transplant

By WENDY PIERRMAN MITZEL  
Staff Writer

Sheryl Carroll gets goosebumps every time she thinks about how much her friends have helped her out in the past weeks.

After a bout with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma six years ago and some time in remission, Sheryl's husband Doug began feeling lumps once again. Except this time, despite intensive chemotherapy, the cancer had spread into his bone marrow.

"It was devastating," she explained. "We thought he was doing well. This was the last thing we thought it was going to do."

A good candidate for bone marrow transplant surgery, Doug's brothers were tested but a match was unsuccessful. That left the family with one option — pay thousands of dollars for a bone marrow search.

Not only does the search cost \$5,000 to begin and at least \$5,000 to finish, Doug will need to spend six months to a year of work recovering. The couple has a 16-year-old daughter Rachel and 12-year-old son Ryan.

**DOUG CARROLL BENEFIT**

The benefit dinner and auction for Doug Carroll and family will be held at Kosch's Tavern and Eatery in the Novi Town Center on Wednesday, Jan. 28 from 7-10 p.m.

The cost is \$25 per person for a prime rib dinner. A silent auction features autographed Barry Sanders, Steve Yzerman, Grant Hill, Joe Dumars and Chris Osgood jerseys as well as many other sports memorabilia and other items.

Joe Falls, columnist for the Detroit News, and the Kosch family will host the event, which will contribute 100 percent of the proceeds to the Carroll family for a bone marrow search. Doug Carroll, a 15-year Novi resident, has been diagnosed with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, a form of cancer.

The restaurant will be open to other customers during the benefit. To make a reservation or donation, please call Doug Kosch or Ed Sapla at (248) 348-8232.

"When we got the letter a week and a half ago that the health insurance would cover the transplant but not the search... We said we don't have that kind of money lying around," explained Sheryl. "We were overwhelmed. Our heads were spinning. We didn't know what we were going to do. That would wipe us out financially."

That's when her friends stepped in. Neighbor Kathy Collings teamed up with Sheryl's boss Doug Kosch to quickly organize a fundraiser and auction for the search. Sheryl is a manager at Kosch's restaurant in the Novi Town Center.

# Chamber hands out annual awards

Last week, the Novi Chamber of Commerce honored members for outstanding contributions to the local community.

Tom Woodruff, manager of Diamond Castle jewelry store on Grand River Avenue, was chosen as Small Businessperson of The Year.

"He's a gem of a guy. You can set your watch by him. His work is as good as gold. He's a diamond in the rough," said Nov. Chamber President Barry Moore, of Mesa International, who was sworn in to the office minutes earlier.

Moore said Woodruff's support of local causes, such as Novi Youth Baseball is more than just window-dressing.

"He was one of the few sponsors I know who would try to make the games to see his kids play," he added.

It was all supposed to be a surprise for Woodruff as part of the Novi Chamber's annual installation dinner on Jan. 16 — but wasn't.

working on the project were Carol Dipple, John Heider, Jan Jeffers, Gary Kober and Wendy Pierrman Mitzel, as well as former sports writer, Scott Daniel.

Novi Beautification Commissioner Ernie Aruffo was selected as the 1998 honorary member of the Novi Chamber of Commerce, based on his years of service to the community. Aruffo, a former planning commissioner, served on the Town Center Steering Committee from 1984 to 1994, helping to plan the Main Street project.

"I think it's been an exciting thing to be a part of this city," Aruffo said.

"I have an idea what it means to be an honorary member, but I think you'll probably let me know," New Novi Chamber of Commerce officers, along with Moore, are chairperson-elect Woodruff, Vice

Chair Blair Bowman, Novi Expo Center, and Treasurer Debbie Orloff Davidson, of Botsford Development Network.

Ten-year chamber members Steve Myers and Izumi Suzuki of Suzuki Myers & Associates and Tim O'Neill of Vincom Human Resources were recognized by the chamber, as were five-year members Barbara Rodda of Welcome to Novi and Bowman.

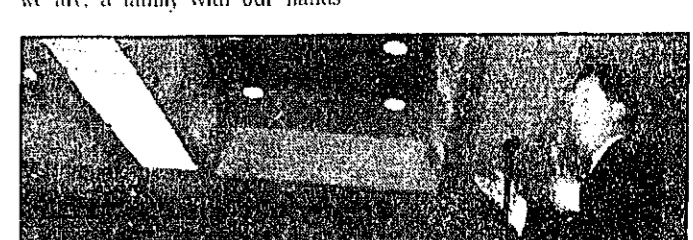
Radio and TV sports broadcaster Mark "Doc" Andrews, who is heard on "The Dick Partan Show," gave a motivational speech to the chamber members at the Embassy Suites hotel event.



Sheryl and Doug Carroll are grateful to friends who organized a benefit to raise money to pay for a bone marrow match. Doug has Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma and needs a transplant.

Collings said she's learned that many people are willing to give of their time and resources. All it takes is someone to ask.

"It's been the most rewarding thing I've ever done, besides give birth to my kids," she said.



Sportscaster Mark "Doc" Andrews gave Chamber members a motivational speech about turning negatives into positives.

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# Near miss nets ticket for OUIL

A 25-year-old Warren man who beat the train on Novi Road, Jan. 16, didn't get past a Novi police officer who spotted him speed through the flashing red lights about 10 p.m.

According to the report, the man's pickup truck missed the oncoming train by about 100 feet. The officer was on the opposite side of the tracks, stopped for the train, when the man flew by. He turned around and pulled him over near Elm Street.

The officer said the man was visibly intoxicated and both passed and failed several sobriety tests. A breath test measuring the legal blood alcohol limit of 0.10 was enough to arrest the man for drunk driving. He was taken to the station, cited and released upon detoxification.

## NUDE DEVELOPMENT

Novi police turned over to Royal Oak police Jan. 14 a series of what could be called perognathid photographs developed by a Nov. film.

The Nov. film develops film for various stores and discovered a set of prints of a woman who appears to be between the ages of 15 and 19. In some she is having dinner in a restaurant, then drinking alcohol, then partially clothed, then nude, then having intercourse with an unknown man. The film called the police when they realized the woman might be underage.

Police said they turned the film

## Police News

over to Royal Oak but it will be returned to the company if it's determined the woman is of age.

## RINGS TAKEN

An East Lake Drive resident found her apartment broken into and four rings, taken from her jewelry box Jan. 11. Police said she left the place locked in the afternoon and returned to find the door pried open.

## SLEEPOVER

An unnamed guest helped himself to a vacant Twelve Oaks Tomahawk Jan. 7. Police said the manager found the residence open and toilet paper strewn about the morning of Jan. 8. Light bulbs were broken and the word "tryp" was burned into the ceiling with some sort of lighter.

## DISORDERLY CUSTOMER

Novi Police arrested a 38-year-old Farmington Hills man after he began yelling at a Land & Taylor clerk and acted a group of five to seven women to yell along with him.

The incident, which occurred Jan. 13 in the afternoon, drew the attention of many customers who directed police toward the chaos

once they arrived. The man told them he didn't like the way he was being treated by the store, but he refused to calm down and stop yelling. The group of women, who were not with him, egged him on. Police arrested him for disorderly conduct.

## CAR DAMAGE

A Westland woman who left her car in the Novi High School parking lot after a Jan. 13 basketball game found it smashed and heavily damaged when police called the next morning.

According to police, she was unable to unlock the car after the game and rode home with a friend. Police found the car windows smashed and the car pushed possibly by another car the next morning. She said she knew of no one who would want to damage her vehicle.

## ALCOHOL KIDNAPPERS

Unknown suspects entered an open garage on Heartwood Jan. 10 and stole 36 cans of Budweiser beer and six bottles of wine from a refrigerator. According to the homeowner, the garage door was not working properly so it was left open.

## BRONCO BUSTIN

A Novi Meadows Mobile Home resident reported his 1993 Ford Bronco stolen during the night of Jan. 14. The white vehicle was parked outside his home. The couple was 70 days behind in car payments but were not told by the bank that it was to be repossessed.

## BUSINESS BREAK-IN

More than \$60,000 in computer equipment was stolen from a Family Independence Agency training center on Karim Drive. Police said it appears someone used a key to access the outside office building then pried open doors to computer labs. Many other valuables and computers were untouched, according to the report.

## TUESDAY NIGHT CAR BREAK-INS

A series of car break-ins were committed during the nights of Jan. 13 and 14, according to police reports. Windows were smashed and radios, cell phones, wallets, purses and other items were taken from the cars. Streets hit in Novi were: Cidermill (3), Edgewood (2), Sunnybrook, Venice (2), Villagewood, Wintergreen and Simons.

Citizens with information about the above incidents are urged to call the Novi Police Department at 348-7100.

## Novi Briefs

### NMU-bound?

Northern Michigan University will hold an open house at the Novi Hilton, 21111 Haggerty Road, on Tuesday, Feb. 3, at 7:30 p.m. It's a chance to ask questions about the university, as well as meet NMU students and staff, without having to leave all the way to the UP. These students will be able to preview the 1998 First Year Experience course offerings and sign up for preferred course registration. If you're planning to attend, call the NMU admissions office at least one day in advance at 1-800-682-9797.

### Can't beat this hand

On Saturday, the Novi Ladies lost their annual Euchre Tournaments at the Novi Civic Center. Registration for the Euchre Tournament is at 6:30 p.m. and the games begin at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$12 at the door. Bring new hats and new or used but clean gloves, scarves and blankets for charity and get an extra five points added to your score. Games will be played as singles, rather than as teams. The first place winner will take home either a cash prize or goods donated for local merchants. Second and third place awards will also be distributed.

Participants are encouraged to bring their old eyeglasses and hearing aids with them, which are refurbished and distributed to needy people worldwide.

The women's club hopes to raise some \$500 to \$1,000 to help organizations serving the blind, including Leader Dogs For The Blind in Rochester and the Michigan Eye Bank.

For information, call 344-1633.

### Trustees honored

Parents, students and community members are invited to attend the Jan. 22 Novi Board of Education meeting to honor the seven men and women who serve as trustees for the school district. During January, School Board Recognition Month, board of education members across the state will be recognized for the time they spend leading the district in public school education.

The seven members from Novi are just a few of the more than 4,200 men and women who devote their time to Michigan School Districts. Novi trustees are Raymond Byers, George Kortlandt, Carol Elving, Ann Newton, John Balagna, Julia Abrams and John Streit. Parent representatives who serve on the Inter-School Parent/Teacher Organization will honor the Novi Board of Education at the 7:30 p.m. meeting at Novi Woods Elementary. For more information, call (248) 449-1200.

## The Log Book

The following is a complete list of the emergency runs of the Novi Fire Department for the week ending Jan. 18. Each incident is listed by type, location, time and one engine and squad number which responded to the call.

### MONDAY, JAN. 12

Medical, 27280 Novi Road, 12:02 p.m., Squad 1.  
Injury accident, Thirteen Mile and Haggerty, 2:32 p.m., Squad 2.  
Investigation, 196 and Novi Road, 3:48 p.m., Engine 1.  
Fuel spill, 43420 Twelve Mile Road, 5:49 p.m., Engine 2.  
Medical, 1503 Otter, 6:52 p.m., Squad 4.

### TUESDAY, JAN. 13

Medical, 25433 E. Fountain Park, 3 a.m., Squad 1.  
Medical, 45182 West Road, 8:33 a.m., Squad 2.  
Investigation, 29634 Steubenville, 8:3 a.m., Squad 3.  
Medical, 24500 Meadowbrook, 10:56 a.m., Squad 1.  
Injury accident, Nine Mile and Haggerty, 3:40 p.m., Squad 3.  
Medical, 41272 Village Lake, 6:58 p.m., Squad 3.

### WEDNESDAY, JAN. 14

Investigation, 20771 Woodland Glen, 6:56 a.m., Engine 3.

Trash fire, 45619 Irvine Drive, 10:22 a.m., Engine 1.  
Medical, 43065 Crescent, 11:26 a.m., Squad 1.  
Medical, 30655 Decker, 1:19 p.m., Squad 2.  
Car fire-medical, M-5 and I-275, 5:25 p.m., Engine 1, Squad 1.  
Medical, 21360 Novi Road, 8:45 p.m., Squad 3.

### THURSDAY, JAN. 15

Investigation, 27550 Novi Road, 7:13 a.m., Engine 1.  
Fire alarm, Providence and Grand River, 9:38 a.m., Engines 1, 4.  
Medical, 45182 West Road, 9:44 a.m., Squad 2.  
Stand by, Department-Public Service, 10:12 a.m., Response 510.  
Medical, 41702 Kenosworth, 10:33 a.m., Squad 2.  
Service, 39512 Ardel, 12:58 p.m., Squad 1.  
Stand by, Department-Public Service, 1:54 p.m., Response 510.  
Fire alarm, 42005 Twelve Mile Road, 2:37 p.m., Engines 1, 2.

### FRIDAY, JAN. 16

Stand by, Department-Public Service, 1:54 p.m., Response 510.  
Medical, 46015 Grand River, 9:07 a.m., Squad 4.  
Medical, Novi Square and Fourteen Mile, 9:53 a.m., Squad 2.

Medical, 26085 Town Center, 8:50 p.m., Squad 1.

### SATURDAY, JAN. 17

Injury accident, I-96 and Rest Area, 1:05 p.m., Squad 1.  
Investigation, 23600 Rockledge, 3:16 p.m., Squad 3.  
Medical, 48114 Rushwood, 3:19 p.m., Squad 1.  
Medical, 48114 Rushwood, 3:27 p.m., Squad 4.  
Injury accident, Novi Road and Twelve Oaks, 5:55 p.m., Squad 1.  
Fuel spill, 43420 Twelve Mile, 6 p.m., Engine 2.  
Medical, 21230 E. Glen Haven, 9:55 p.m., Squad 3.  
Investigation, 44999 Pontiac Trail, 10:47 p.m., Engine 2.

### SUNDAY, JAN. 18

Medical, 22502 Maunson, 4:34 a.m., Squad 3.  
Personal injury accident, I-96 and I-696, 7:05 a.m., Squad 1.  
Personal injury accident, I-96 and Novi Road, 7:25 a.m., Response 507.  
Medical, 23767 Phrusant Run, 9:42 a.m., Squad 3.  
Medical, 22511 Dartmouth, 10:39 a.m., Squad 3.  
Medical, 45220 Timberlake, 2:10 p.m., Squad 2.  
Fire building, 20901 Haggerty, 7:30 p.m., Engines 1, 3.

# Spring home show comes to Expo Center

McCoy Sautra & Steam, Signature Landscape Lighting Inc., Patio Enclosures Inc., Portable Spas Plus, Roses-West Roses Society, Miles Bradley Building & Remodeling, Paynter Floors Inc. and J.E.M. Custom Interiors will be among the 300 exhibitors showcased at the sixth annual Spring Home & Garden Show which opens Jan. 29 and runs through Feb. 1 at the Novi Expo Center.

"Bringing the area's finest together under one roof makes the show a gem for homeowners who want to simplify their lives," said Mark F. Giacobino, president of Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan and chief executive officer of Cambridge Homes in Northville. "And they'll find everything they need under one roof." The non-profit BIA is the sponsor of the event.

Molly Maid will provide information on cleaning services. Zilli Brak Paving Co. Inc. will show brick paving. Fire Insurers will display information on investments and Rainbow Recreation of Michigan will feature children's outdoor play systems and McCoy Sautra & Steam will show saunas and wire racking systems. Signature Landscape Lighting Inc. will display landscape lighting systems. Patio Enclosures Inc. will present enclosures and awnings and Portable Spas Plus will exhibit spas, hot tubs and decks.

In addition, Roses-West Roses Society will provide information on the Rose Society, Miles Bradley Building & Remodeling will feature decks, Paynter Floors will exhibit hardwood floors and J.E.M. Custom Interiors will show custom window treatments and bedding. There will be no vampires at the show thanks to

Tou Reed, "Garlic Girls" who will present "Cooking and better Living with Garlic." Reed, who has appeared on Good Morning America and Crook & Chase, will cook mouth-watering garlic dishes, share humorous anecdotes, tout garlic's latest health benefits and play "bulb ball."

Other highlights include professionally landscaped flowering gardens and WXYT's "Ask the Handyman" Glenn Haeg. "Money Talk" Rick Bloom on Jan. 31 and Feb. 1, and "TC Talk" Mike Wendland on Jan. 31. Additional show features include demonstrations on decorating, home repair and remodeling and a Treasure Chest contest with daily prizes.

Over 300 exhibitors will show their most interesting and up-to-date products and services for kitchens, baths, doors, windows, yard/gardens, remodeling, interior design, home offices, furniture, arts and crafts, decorative accessories, electronics, heating, cooling and appliances. IBA also sponsors the Home Improvement Show at Macomb Community College south campus, Builders Home and Detroit Flower Show at Cobo Conference-Exhibition Center and the Home Improvement Show and Fall Remodeling Show at Novi Expo Center.

Show hours are from 2-10 p.m. Thursday and Friday, 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Saturday, and 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$6 for adults; \$4 for seniors; \$3 for children 6-12 and children under 6 are admitted free. Family tickets for two adults and accompanying children are available at Farmer Jack for \$9. Ample parking is available at Novi Expo Center for a fee. For more information, call (248) 757-4478.

# March date set in Ford Wixom trial

Gerald Atkins, the man accused of a fatal shooting spree at the Ford Wixom Plant in 1996, is set to begin trial on March 30 in Oakland County Circuit Court in front of Judge David Breck.

Atkins, 29 at the time he was arrested, faces 26 charges, including one count of first-degree murder for the murder of plant super-


visor Darrell Izzard of Brighton, 9 counts of assault with intent to murder, 12 felony firearm charges, two counts of felonious assault, one charge of firing a weapon by a convicted felon, and one count of unlawfully driving away a motor vehicle.

He was bound over to Oakland County Circuit Court in Pontiac

Oct. 3 by 52-1 District Court Judge Harold Bulgarelli and remains in the Oakland County Jail. Seventeen witnesses testified during preliminary hearings that Atkins rampaged through the Ford Wixom Assembly plant Nov. 14, 1996 beginning at 11:30 a.m., shooting off several dozen rounds of ammunition.

He says he was attempting to rescue the woman he loved from what he called a prison.

Atkins eluded police from more than four communities until he was captured in a drainage ditch about 4 p.m. Oakland County Prosecutors expect Atkins to use an insanity defense.



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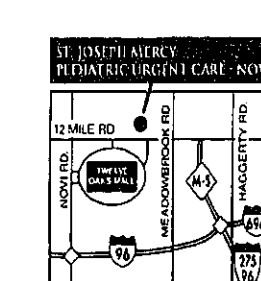
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## Literature series at Royal Oak

Thomas Lynch, National Book Award Finalist for 1997, will kick off the "Writers Live" literature series at the Royal Oak campus of Oakland Community College on Tuesday, Jan. 27.

Described by the New York Times as "a cross between Garrison Keillor and one of the Irish poets," Lynch won national recognition for his collection of essays, *The Undertaking: Life Studies From the Dismal Trade*. Lynch makes his living as a funeral director.

Writers Live will feature published authors reading and discussing their own works of fiction, non-fiction and poetry. The series is sponsored by the campus library and English department. The readings and discussion, followed by an afterglow and book signing, will be held from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the Royal Oak campus Lia Jones-Johnson Theater and lobby.

On March 25, Art Wiggins will present excerpts from his latest book *The Five Biggest Ideas in Science* (1997) which helps the non-scientist understand, evaluate and appreciate the scientific world. Wiggins, a professor of physics at OCC, has received good national reviews on his new book, and it has been recommended for every library by the *Library Journal*.

Charles Baxter, award-winning poet, short-story writer and novelist will read from his work on April 21. A professor of English at the University of Michigan, Dr. Baxter's novel, *Shadow Play* (1993), was praised by *Publishers Weekly* as having "language so carefully honed it sings."

On June 8, the Royal Ridge Readers, a group of Oakland Community College faculty, will read excerpts from award-winning fiction.

The series is free and open to the public. The Royal Oak campus is located on Washington Avenue at the corner of Lincoln in downtown Royal Oak. Ample free parking is available at the campus parking structure and in nearby surface lots.

### History Month

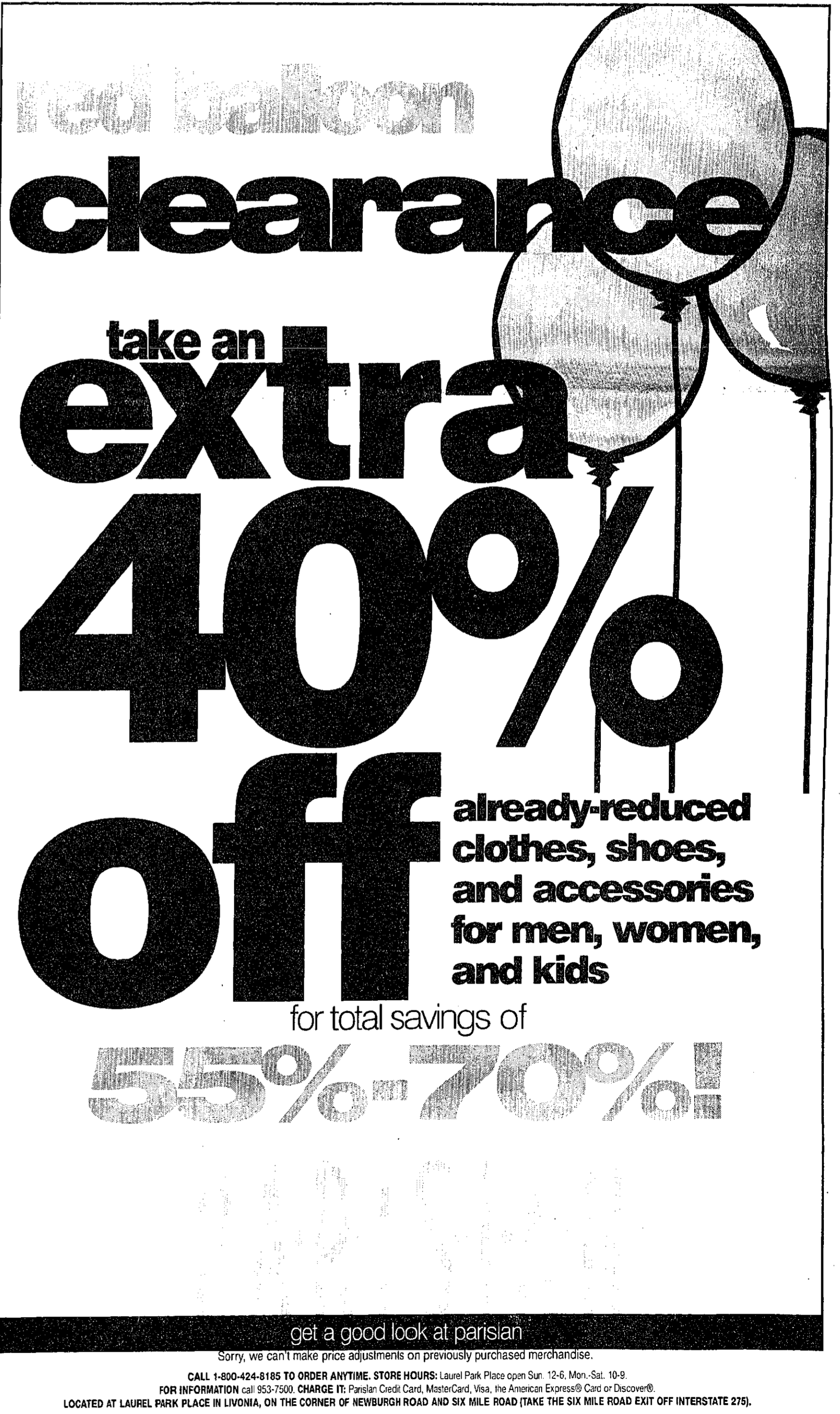
In celebration of African American History Month, the Highland Lakes campus of Oakland Community College will present OCC Professor Dr. Schavi Ali speaking on "Ancient African Contributions to the Modern World." The program will take place on Thursday, Feb. 26, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the campus Student Center Arena. Admission is \$10.

Many of our modern religious, social and educational notions have roots in Kemet, an ancient land in Africa, the "Cradle of Civilization." Topics to be covered include: The Ten Commandments, and the Kemetric Mystery System: the concept that God was female; and other little known aspects of the land of pharaohs and queens. For more information, call (248) 360-3186.

### Crafters wanted

Oakland Community College's Highland Lakes campus invites crafters to participate in the Twigs and Sprigs Country Craft show scheduled for Saturday, March 28, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For further information call coordinator Linda McEvoy-Ball at (248) 887-2474, or Sue Warner at (248) 360-3057.

The Highland Lakes campus is located on Cooley Lake Road in Waterford.



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Cheer competition

The Novi High School Wildcat Varsity Cheer-leading squad goes through its paces Saturday afternoon at the school during a competition against a number of local schools. The competition lasted all day and included freshmen, JV and Varsity teams. The Novi team placed third in the event after first-place Brighton High and second-place Rochester High.



Young movie-goers harassed at theater

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 Brian Callaghan, spokesperson for General Cinema, said employees are aware of the incidents and have a description of the alleged culprit.  
 "We recurrently patrol who notice any behavior or illegal activity that would make them feel uncomfortable to immediately notify management," said Callaghan.  
 "We want to know if there's a problem of any kind so we can confront a patron who might be taking part in any kind of inappropriate behavior."  
 He said it's unfortunate the victims didn't react sooner in the theater and said movie watchers shouldn't be afraid to cause a commotion.  
 "We want everyone who comes to our theaters to have a positive and safe experience," he explained.  
 Callaghan pointed out however, that the occurrences have been rare.  
 "Nearly all the people who come to the movies are terrific; they're out to enjoy a night out with friends," he said.  
 "If there is an occasional bad apple in the movies, we want it taken care of because it's not helping us out any," he said.

**A HISTORY OF INCIDENTS**  
 • **JANUARY 12, 1997** — A Highland woman and her 15-year-old daughter reported that an unknown man had unzipped his pants and fondled himself next to the girl during an afternoon screening of the movie *Evita* at the Novi Town Center Movie.  
 They told management and police the man got up and left when the girl turned to tell her mother of the indecent exposure. The man was described as a white male with short hair and glasses, in his 30s.  
 • **APRIL 19, 1997** — Three 13-year-old Novi girls witnessed a man masturbating at the Novi Town Center General Cinema. Police said one of the girls felt a man's foot touch hers about five minutes before the end of the movie, *Devil's Own*, and looked at the man seated next to her. She and the two friends saw the man reclining in his seat, with his eyes closed, masturbating. They walked until the end of the movie and found one of the girl's parents who were seated elsewhere in the theater. The parents alerted the theater management, which called police.  
 Officers could not locate the man, described as a white male with dark hair in his mid-30s wearing a dark leather coat and khaki pants.  
 • **JANUARY 10, 1998** — A 14-year-old Hartland girl was too shocked to react when a man sitting next to her in the movie theater began to masturbate and ask her sexually explicit questions, police said. According to reports, the girl told police the man next to her in the Novi Town Center movies began to crowd her in her seat and ask dirty questions during a 7 p.m. screening of *Titanic*. When she looked over she saw he was masturbating and had a handful of napkins in his hand. He got up and left about 40 minutes before the end of the movie.

Ice show planned

The fifth annual Walled Lake Ice Festival will be held Saturday, Feb. 7, from 10 a.m. until 10 p.m., and Sunday, Feb. 8, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Ice carving demonstrations will take place at the Walled Lake Community Education Building Courtyard, located at 615 N. Pontiac Trail in downtown Walled Lake. Attendees will have the opportunity to have their names inscribed on "the great ice wall of Walled Lake" for a donation to the Food Bank of Oakland County and the Friends of the Foster Farmhouse.  
 Other events include Bogey's Bar & Grille Polar Ice Outing, Flights Inn's Winter Softball. Indoor fun will be held all weekend at the Community Education Building.

Dental training offered at OCC

**ORAL REPORT**  
 "We do not diagnose. We do not prescribe. We gather information for the dentist," said dental hygiene student Mary Barnes.  
 The mother of four and a para-professional in special education for Rochester public schools, Barnes outlined the dental hygiene curriculum for Oakland Community College (OCC) trustees. The board schedule a report from a student each month.  
 "Classroom work, clinical experience, blended with high technology, form a total oral experience," she quipped.  
 Barnes showed how lab reports, X-rays, visual exams and photographs showed a woman patient had a lump in her jaw, a clicking, and was a carrier of Hepatitis B.  
 Dyes are used to color plaque. With one 11-year-old boy who brushed badly, she said, rather than waging her finger, she gave him photographs of his own stained teeth to remind him to brush properly.  
 Dental hygiene is taught at OCC's Highland Lakes Campus at Union Lake. It's called an extended

program because it requires 73 credit hours rather than 60.  
 Enrollment is limited to 30 by laboratory space. Graduates are accredited by the American Dental Association Commission on Accreditation.  
 Course requirements include dental office procedures, dental anatomy, dental embryology and histology, clinical techniques, radiography, periodontics, public health dentistry, and four courses in clinical dental hygiene.  
**FAREWELL TO 2**  
 Holiday parties will also be farewell parties for two top Oakland Community College administrators.  
 J.P. Adams, director of purchasing, will leave Jan. 23 for expanded responsibilities in the Grand Blanc school district, Chancellor Richard T.  
 Thompson told the board Dec. 15. "He's the finest we've had," said Thompson, whose own tenure at OCC goes back 30 years.  
 Adams joined the college in

Northville kicks off centennial celebration

**UNION COMPLAINT**  
 George Mergner, campus services director at the Orchard Ridge Campus, complained to the board about the slow pace of negotiations with Tenemiers Local 214.  
 "We've had no bargaining sessions since Nov. 3. We have one scheduled for Jan. 8," Mergner said.  
 The Tenemiers represent about 120 administrative and managerial employees, including deans, professionals, enrollment and recruiting personnel.  
 The union won a representation election early in 1996 and still has no contract.  
 "You, the board, meet with your bargaining leaders in closed session. You are also our board of trustees. Why not also meet with us?" Mergner asked.  
 The idea didn't set well with trustees.  
 "I have never seen so many unions with so many problems," said board chair Judith Wiser of West Bloomfield, in her 12th year as a trustee. "I've never had as many union people ask to talk directly to the board."  
 In grand formation, a string of cars paraded down a very cold Six Mile Road Friday, marking the beginning of Northville Township's centennial celebration.  
 A home near the entrance of the township's oldest section, to the Township's centennial celebration.  
 Police cars blocked off Six Mile from Beck to Sheldon Road to allow the 40-plus vehicles to creep behind a horse carriage that pulled honored guests Harriet and Myra Gibson, as well as Pearl and Carl Stephens.  
 The Gibsons were residents of one of the oldest homes on Six Mile. Their house was built in 1832. The Stephens' claim to fame revolved around the family's previous ownership of much of the land which is now being developed in the township.  
 A special ribbon-cutting ceremony with Township supervisor Haron Woodside, Centennial organizer Shari Peters, and Township Foundation members George and Celesta VanHellen reopened the road for the procession, which traveled

School officials wary of HSPT date changes

By WENDY WHITE  
 Staff Writer

Put your pencils down. Northville and Novi High School juniors originally set to take the High School Proficiency Test at the end of January will get a four-month reprieve.  
 For school officials however, the work has just begun as they scramble to reschedule the statewide test.  
 "It's frustrating because philosophically I think the test is a good thing," said Novi High Principal Dr. Jennifer Cheal. "But by the state changing the timing at the last minute, it's frustrating for us."  
 Not only is May a time for prom activities and many school trips, Novi High had already signed students up for the test and scheduled other activities for the rest of the classes.  
 In addition, Cheal said the state is unsure of when exactly the test will be rescheduled that month. "The date is so in flux it's hard for us to plan anything else," she explained.

After a lengthy review process in reaction to complaints about the original test, a number of changes to the test were signed into effect by Gov. John Engler Dec. 29.  
 The changes include administering the test later in the school year, returning scores to students sooner and affixing "practical" endorsements to students' transcripts instead of to their diplomas.  
 The length of the test was also reduced from 11 1/2 to eight hours, although it will continue to measure reading, writing, science, math and social studies skills.

However, Cheal notes the state has given little explanation of what the reduction in testing hours means to the students.  
 The changes are being lauded by Northville School Superintendent Leonard Reznierski, who said even more needs to be done to improve the test and define its purpose.

Reznierski said he would prefer to get the test results back at the end of the school year instead of the end of the summer.  
 "If you don't get the feedback soon enough, it doesn't mean anything. You take a test and you want the results back so the staff, students and parents can work on it," Reznierski said. "Otherwise you're in limbo."  
 But Cheal said the logistics of the test are taking precedence over making it better. "The focus should be in how to make it a reliable tool to show how students achieve," she explained.  
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**NEW RULES FOR NEW TEST**  
 Changes to Michigan's High School Proficiency Test that were signed into law by Gov. John Engler include:  
 • A change in the date the test is administered; from January to May of a student's junior year.  
 • A reduction in the length of the test; from 11 1/2 hours to under eight.  
 • A change in the scoring of the test; in previous years students were ranked "proficient," "novice" or "not yet novice." Now, students will receive numerical scores from 1 to 100. Those scores will be grouped into three new categories: "outstanding," "above average" or "basic competency."  
 • Endorsements will be affixed to the transcripts instead of the diplomas of successful students. The numerical scores will also be included.  
 • Scores will be returned to students by the end of the summer instead of during senior year, in order to ensure prompt and timely feedback.

The High School Proficiency Test began to be administered two years ago and has met with controversy as the kinks have been worked out," Reznierski said. "This is better but we can even do better yet. We should assess what students know before they graduate and then offer them some remedial help in correcting it."

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Tom Johnson, local administrators are frustrated by a lack of information from the state regarding the test.  
 "To organize administering this test takes a considerable amount of time," Johnson said. "There is so much impact on the day-to-day scheduling and calendar for the year."  
 Johnson said although the district knew that changes to the test were being reviewed by state lawmakers, teachers had to continue planning to give the test Jan. 24.  
 Just two weeks before that date the district was informed that the test would have to be rescheduled to the first two weeks of May.  
 The change will cause the HSPT to overlap with the already-scheduled Advanced Placement tests taken by juniors and seniors in May, according to Cheal.  
 For Johnson, it's placing the schools in a rough spot.  
 "It's a little awkward not to have information that is accurate, and information given in a timely manner so

that each high school can plan for the year according to," Johnson said. "Not being able to get that information to students, staff and parents is real disconcerting."

And for parents seeking information on just what the scores will be used for Johnson said that's still unclear.  
 At the extreme, the test could become comparable to New York's Regents Test, which all high school students must pass in order to graduate.  
 Johnson said that's unlikely.  
 "It seems that the government's purpose in these tests, in my opinion, is to effect some sort of report card on each high school in the state," Johnson said. "We always do well, but there's an anxiety that the test generates for districts that aren't as financially well off. I think when you invest money in students the scores of the tests will reflect that."

With students' scores printed on transcripts, the HSPT could eventually be used by universities to evaluate applicants.  
 "It's a relatively new discussion at our level," said John Winter, director of University Admissions at Wayne State University. "It is in a flux state because of the changes that are being made."  
 Winter recently joined admissions officers from public universities across the state to discuss the topic. He said he doesn't think any of these universities have yet created a policy for handling the undergraduates. He said they will continue to meet in order to come up with guidelines within the next few months.  
 "My guess is that it might never have any implications for a high school student as far as admission to a university is concerned," Winter said. "At this point I have no indication that it is to be used as part of the criteria for admission to college. That's true as we speak but it might not be true in the future."

Staff reporter Wendy Petruski Almetz contributed to this report.

Walk for Warmth planned for Feb. 7 at Pontiac Silverdome

The Oakland Livingston Human Service Agency (OLHSA) is currently helping kick-off the event for its eighth annual "Walk for Warmth" on Saturday, Feb. 7, at the Pontiac Silverdome.  
 Registration begins at 9 a.m. with a short breakfast and a kick-off rally hosted by Detroit Lion Luther Elliss. The event steps off at 9:30 a.m. and will be concluded with a light lunch and family entertainment.  
 The walk is a local effort to promote awareness for people who are experiencing heat-related emergencies in Oakland County and raise funds on their behalf. This year's goal is \$55,000.  
 Helping kick-off the event are Thomas Feary, president of St. Joseph Mercy of Oakland, Thomas Knuble of the General Motors Foundation, Robert Davis, president of Medical Center of North Oakland, and community advocate, Tom Anderson.  
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# Peeking at gun records not invasion of privacy

By TIM RICHARD  
Staff Writer

The State Court of Appeals has ordered Michigan State Police to lift the veil of secrecy from pistol records for Detroit resident Fred Mager.

The court ruled at the State Police's claim that opening records under the Freedom of Information Act would be an "unwarranted invasion of personal privacy."

"We conclude that the ownership of a gun does not reveal intimate or embarrassing details of an individual's private life," the panel said in a 3-0 decision Dec. 15.

Defendants State Police and FOIA officer John McCarthy do not point to - and we are unaware of - any customs, mores, or ordinary views of the community that would lead to the conclusion that gun ownership is an intimate or embarrassing detail of an individual's private life."

It concluded: "We reverse the trial court's grant of summary disposition in favor of defendants and remand for the trial court (Judge Circuit Judge Peter Houk) to enter summary disposition in favor of plaintiff (Mager) with respect to the information sought."

It was signed by Judges Michael J. Kelly, Maureen Polke Kelly and Kathleen Janssen.

The state has 21 days to appeal to the Supreme Court. The odds are against the state, however, because: 1) The Court of Appeals opinion was unanimous; 2) the Supreme Court already has ruled on what constitutes an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy; and 3) the high court must grant leave to appeal.

Mager sought a record known as "MSP - Form R-11," Safety Inspection Certificate." It is issued when local police departments perform safety checks of a pistol. A copy is sent to State Police headquarters for a central file.

Prior to Nov. 1, 1995, the forms were kept on index cards. Since then, they have been stored in a computer. Mager insisted it is a simple matter to run a copy of the computer tape.

Mager supports a bill by Rep. Alan Cropsy, R-DeWitt, to eliminate the 83 county gun boards' discretion in issuing permits to carry concealed weapons (CCWs). In police jargon, "I want to see the decision - came in the cases of Bentley vs. Saranac Board of Education and Lansing Area

He said gun owners can take some credit for the 1996 defeats of Reps. Jim Ryan, R-Redford, and Eric Bush, R-Battle Creek - defeats that helped Democrats regain control of the Michigan House.

Also on his had list is Rep. Frank Fitzgerald, R-Grand Ledge, who announced he's seeking the GOP nomination for attorney general.

"I'm not a hunter," Mager said. "I carried a rifle in 1967 in the boondocks (Vietnam). I'm a certified instructor and a political action force."

For eight years Mager has delivered for Delta's Pizza in Detroit, a job that "pays well" but exposes him to some danger. He would one man who tried to rob him. The man was facing a court appearance the following Monday morning on armed robbery charges.

Mager is a member of Brass Boat's Michigan Gun Owners and the Council of Responsible Gun Owners. "I undertook this on my own," he said, without help or approval from the groups.

"The cops' politics involved. That's the main reason (State Police) don't want this out of the bag," he said.

Mager said he already has obtained some of the records by filing FOIA requests with county clerks. "About one-third complied," he said.

Counties were Macomb, Kent and Washtenaw counties.

He said Livingston, Isabella and Midland counties refused.

Wayne and Oakland counties sent him lists of names (11,000 from Oakland alone) but blacked out the addresses, making the records useless for his purpose.

One reason Michigan State Police cited in refusing his FOIA request was that the list would contain three million names. Mager said that in Florida, a larger state, the total list was 259,000 names.

He said he sent the Indiana State Police a check and got the same kind of list promptly in the mail.

Mager started his suit early in 1996. But his case got a major boost last July when the Michigan Supreme Court defined privacy holders of hunting and fishing licenses "does not open the doors of one's home to the public at large."

The Court of Appeals disagreed, noting that case law allows a union to obtain names and addresses of security guards, and a newspaper to obtain "mug" shots of defendants awaiting trial from the Oakland Sheriff's Department.

School Administrators vs. Lansing School District.

In those combined cases, teacher Christine Bradley and the Lansing principals sought to block release to parents of their personnel records, especially disciplinary records. The high court ruled the records were public property and couldn't be exempted from a FOIA request.

Mager's attorney is Daniel G. Bamberg of DeWitt. Fighting the "privacy" argument, Bamberg's brief said the state routinely issues the same kind of information Mager was seeking on hunting licenses, fishing licenses, marriage licenses, divorce records, motor vehicle ownership, driver's licenses, private security guards, civil service supervisory and managerial personnel, registered voters, dog owners, and campaign contributions.

Courts have even held that the city of Pontiac had to reveal the identity of Silverdome stadium box holders, Bamberg noted.

Defending MSP, assistant attorney general Thomas Quasranoff said records of law enforcement personnel's names and addresses are exempt under FOIA, that many police officers obtain CCW permits, but that the records don't aggregate names of police from others.

Quasranoff said uncovering the identities of permit holders would reveal "the places and locations of firearms," firearms owned and possessed by private homeowners, gun collectors, antique gun collectors, private detectives and security guards, jewelry dealers and business persons generally, gun dealer inventories, gun and hunting club members, prosecuting attorneys and law enforcement officers who register their pistols as a safeguard in the event of theft, and others."

Opening the records, he said, would open "a Pandora's box by creating a virtual shopping list for anyone bent on the theft of firearms... and whatever else the criminal mind might evoke."

In contrast, he said, revealing holders of hunting and fishing licenses "does not open the doors of one's home to the public at large."

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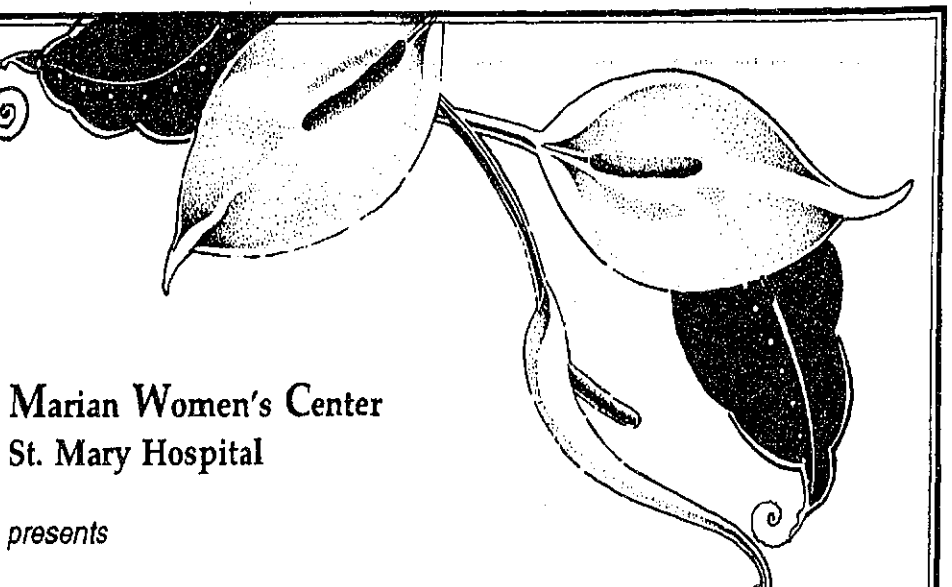
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# For Novi students dropping out is hard to do

## Drop out rates are low for Novi High School

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL  
Staff Writer

Novi Community Schools Dropout Rates as reported by the Michigan Department of Education were down slightly from last year, and ranked among the lowest in the tri-county area.

Dropout rates for Novi Community Schools for the past three years were:

- 1993-94 0.95
- 1994-95 1.71
- 1995-96 1.21

The 1995-96 district retention and drop-out rates were calculated using the fall 1995 enrollments for grades 9, 10, 11 and 12. Students who entered the school during the year who added to the starting figure and students who transferred out of the district during the year were subtracted from the figure.

The 1995-96 adjusted student count was then compared with an actual count one year later in the fall of 1996. The difference between the two counts then became the basis of the retention and dropout rates.

### THE COST OF DROPPING OUT

• 82% of America's prisoners are high school dropouts (The demographics of school reform, 1990).

• Students from low-income families are 2.4 times more likely to drop out of school than are children from middle income families, and 10.5 times more likely than students from high income families (NCES, 1994).

• 40.9% of the 16- to 24-year-olds who dropped out of school reported being retained in grade more than once (NCES, 1994).

• Each year's class of dropouts will cost the country over \$200 billion during their lifetimes in lost earnings and unrealized tax revenue (Cattell, 1985).

Sources: NCES (1994), Dropout rates in the United States: 1993. Washington, DC: National Center for Education Statistics, U.S. Department of Education; The demographics of school reform: A look at the children. (1990). CDP Newsletter, Cattell, J. S. (1985). On the social costs of dropping out of schools. (Report No. 86-SEPT), Stanford, CA: Stanford University, Center for Educational Research.

## Legislators approve bills to guarantee four-day holiday

By Tim Richard  
Staff Writer

Tourism got a couple of slices from the full loaf when the Michigan Legislature acted on bills to push the starting date of school after Labor Day.

On its final day of the fall session: • The Senate barely passed a bill, 20-16, to guarantee a four-day Labor Day weekend. It wouldn't order school districts to push the starting time after Labor Day, but it would plunk an immediate disruption in the schedules of those that do.

• The House defeated, 71-35, a bill to require that public schools don't open their doors until after Labor Day, the first Monday in September.

This legislation is supported by business interests but not by a majority of the constituents' representatives," said Rep. Greg Kaza, R-Rochester Hills, summing up the opposition. "By a 3-1 margin, constituents have urged me to defend local control. Accordingly, I vote 'no' on this bill."

The House bill was sponsored by Rep. Pat Gallagher, D-Drummond.

Administrators pointed out last year the tracking process for the students was somewhat unreliable in the past and could skew results. However, schools are keeping better and more accurate numbers and can document which students simply switched schools instead of dropping out, according to Novi High Principal Dr. Jennifer Cheal.

"Frankly, we're doing a better job of tracking where students go," she said.

According to the Department of Education's December report: • 13 districts had a greater than 15 percent dropout rate for 1995-96. • The statewide dropout rate for 1995-96 is 6.4 percent. • The state's graduation/completion rate for 1995-96 is 77.7 percent.

• The state's retention in class (not promoted) rate for 1995-96 dropped to 3.6 percent. • Statewide, the percentage of dropouts grew from 4.97 percent in 1994-95 to 6.37 percent in 1995-96, while the statewide growth rate dropped to .09 percent and student transfers also dropped to 2.07 percent.

## Special attention keeps kids in class

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL  
Staff Writer

Novi has never had much of a problem with students dropping out of school. But even though the State of Michigan reports Novi's 1995-96 dropout rates at 1.21 percent, Novi High Principal Dr. Jennifer Cheal thinks the school rate is more.

"Until we have 100 percent of students graduating I won't be satisfied," she said. "I believe every student needs a high school education to reach whatever plans they set for themselves."

While the common causes for dropping out, including poverty, pregnancy, falling grades and lack of interest in school, are not running rampant in Novi Community Schools, there are some students who fall into those situations.

"We do have students who lose interest or have attendance problems or outside factors that take priority in their lives," Cheal said. "But I believe our dropout rates are low because we have individualized attention."

"Until the numbers mean we will have more work to do for individual students out there," she added.

BY THE NUMBERS		
How other area schools compared in 1995-96:		
	Graduation Rate	Dropout Rate
Birmingham	93.56	1.71
Bloomfield Hills	99.15	0.21
Brighton	89.73	2.62
Detroit	87.80	2.48
Farmington	89.74	2.74
Livonia	85.33	3.67
Novi	95.14	1.21
South Lyon	94.76	1.38
Southfield	79.83	7.84

(Source: State of Michigan Department of Education.)

The district offers an alternative education program which focuses on the state curriculum but meets in smaller groups at more flexible times of the day and night for students. In addition, Cheal said the high school can work with Walled Lake Schools and the teen mother's program there for students who don't want to stay in the traditional high school atmosphere, although they are welcomed in. Young men who face child care issues can also find a solution, Cheal said.

Last year, Cheal mentioned the new block schedule at the high school could make a positive impact on retaining students as well. This year, although it's difficult to measure, Cheal believes students and teachers are forming connections that mean more individualized attention.

During the weekly seminar period, students meet with their assigned teacher to go over homework, get additional help or complete enrichment projects. Because they are assigned to the same teacher for all four years, the students and teachers really get to know each other. And that makes for a better relationship and chance to spot any problems in the student's education, Cheal explained.

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# Committee evaluates goals, plans for Year 2003

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL  
Staff Writer

Superintendent Emmett Lippe has been asked to appear at the Michigan Association of School Administrators National Conference Jan. 28 to share some of the techniques used by the Novi Community School District to set vision statements and goals.

"I'm honored to share what we've done," said Lippe who will travel to Florida to give his presentation.

Locally, the district is prepared to share the most recent update of the Long Range Plan for the years 1998 to 2003 with the community. Rita Traynor, assistant superintendent for instruction, gave the Novi Board of Education a sneak peek at the eight-point quality plan at the Jan. 8 board meeting.

Nearly 70 people met for a series of meetings throughout October, November and December to review the previous plan and identify new goals. The

group included teachers, administrators and parents. Ten of the group were brand new to the process, Traynor said.

Traynor said it was a good time to review the plan, and noted many of the previous goals had been completed.

"We are undergoing a great many changes in how we want to give instruction," said Traynor. Already the district moved to team teaching and the high school block schedule as proposed by the former long range plan, she explained.

The long range plan brochure will be sent out to the community next week and describes the various goals for the district over the next five years.

By topic, they are: Technology, K-12 Instructional Patterns, Staff Development, Diverse Population, Curriculum Integration, Financial Issues, School/Community Relations and Facilities and Infrastructure.

Traynor explained a few highlights to trustees:

- The district will continue to focus on community relations and with newly hired Debby Bruar and Lisa Burr the district will work to strengthen and expand communication throughout the city and to outside organizations and agencies.
- While Novi schools are not particularly diverse, the district hopes to teach students to appreciate the various cultures which are represented in the student population and outside the community. The long range plan will put the variety to use in the curriculum with various programs and projects. This topic not only includes variety in culture but also in learning and teaching styles, something teachers and students need to recognize and appreciate.
- Technology is evident everywhere in Novi schools, however in order to keep it running smoothly and keep

it current, maintenance will be a big focus of the long range plan.

"We won't be able to be one of the outstanding districts in the country if we don't find a way of maintaining the resources and technology we have," Traynor explained. Setting aside funding for upgrades and maintenance are a must, as is teacher training for optimum use of the computers.

"The committee said a priority for the district, although a \$5.5 million bond proposal was rejected by voters last year. The school board has already discussed putting the issue back on the ballot this spring.

"In no way can we improve a district without improving staff development," Traynor said. So a district plan will address learning and training needs of all staff and create improved capacities of all teachers.

# Gunman robs stores, evades capture

By BRYN MICKLE  
Staff Writer

One man is being sought as the culprit in a series of grocery store robberies in Oakland and Livingston counties.

Police believe the same man who robbed a Brighton Township grocery store at gunpoint last October has been committing the same crime at grocery stores in Farmington, Harland and South Lyon.

The suspect is described as a white male in his mid-20s, about six feet tall, 170-180 pounds with a stocky build. In each robbery, he has worn dark-colored clothing and a dark ski mask.

The string of robberies began around 8:50 p.m. Oct. 27, 1997, when a man with a handgun popped out of a walk-in freezer at

the Gordon Food Service store in Brighton Township and ordered the store's six employees into an office. Armed with a silver revolver, the gunman then ran off with a green bag full of money from the store's safe.

Police believe the suspect followed the Brighton Township robbery with a second hit a few days later when someone robbed the Shawerman's IGA in South Lyon Nov. 5, 1997.

After a two-month layoff, the same gunman is suspected of striking again with a Jan. 4 robbery at the Harland Township Foodtown and a Jan. 5 heist at Mike's Market in Parsippany. In the most recent robbery, police believe the man was responsible for the Jan. 11 hold-up of a Big K Kmart in Farmington.

In each case, the suspect has hidden himself in the store prior to closing time and ordered employees to turn over cash at gunpoint. Investigators said the suspect is police and harassing to his victims and his speech indicates the robber is well-educated.

Police have information on the robbers or a possible suspect should call one of the following police agencies:

- Livingston County Sheriff Department at (517) 546-2440.
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attentive to detail, semi-athletic and likely has some experience in the grocery store business or a related field.

Police add the suspect might, however, attempt to alter his behavioral patterns or decide to flee the area.

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# Local skaters will compete in US event

The Plymouth Skating Club is preparing to host the 1998 United States Figure Skating Association (USFSA) Midwestern Precision Team Sectional Championship at the new Compuware Sports Arena on Feb. 6-8.

This is a qualifying event for every USFSA precision team in the midwestern section. The highest placing teams at the event go directly to the USFSA National Precision Championships held in San Diego, CA in March.

The Midwestern Sectional Championship is the largest, in number of teams, of the three geographical sections in the country. The club expects to have over 145 teams and approximately 3,000 skaters at the competition.

There will be 21 skaters from the Northville/Novi area competing at the event. They are: Danielle Hesik, Christina DeVincent, Nicole Hicks, Megan Hughes, Allie Karasz, Pam Karasz, Nicole LaBelle, Julia Lee, Kelly Modetz, Margaret Modetz, Sandya Nath, Heather Quick, Katie Lynn Repecki, Katie Schuenk, Amy Simkins, Andrea Sulek, Sierra Voelker, Katie Ward, Margaret Wilson and Brittany Zuerlein.

# Public Access

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

MONDAY, JAN. 26

10:00 a.m. — INFO TV-12 News  
10:30 a.m. — The Cutting Room Floor  
11:00 a.m. — Christian Singles Today  
11:30 a.m. — Cosby and Company  
12:00 p.m. — Dr. Success Prison Speaking Tour of America  
12:30 p.m. — (cont.)  
1:00 p.m. — Adventures with Pirate Pete  
1:30 p.m. — Just for the Health of It  
2:00 p.m. — Financial Strategies  
2:30 p.m. — Ask the Pharmacist  
3:00 p.m. — On Target: Concealed Weapons  
3:30 p.m. — (cont.)  
4:00 p.m. — Mr. Blue Fuzzy Show  
4:30 p.m. — Time Warner's Funniest Outtakes  
5:00 p.m. — Who, What, Where, Y  
5:30 p.m. — Lawyers Roundtable  
6:00 p.m. — School of Ministry of Mission  
6:30 p.m. — Bagels and Talk with Tracy  
7:00 p.m. — Critter Connection  
7:30 p.m. — INFO TV-12 News  
8:00 p.m. — Impact Video  
8:30 p.m. — Lost Gold Biography: History of Rock and Roll  
9:00 p.m. — Lansing Connection  
9:30 p.m. — Groove Session

11:00 a.m. — Law Talk: Ashler Tilchin  
11:30 a.m. — (cont.)  
12:30 p.m. — Summit University  
1:00 p.m. — (cont.)  
1:30 p.m. — Drawing Men to Christ  
2:00 p.m. — Lansing Connection  
2:30 p.m. — A Short History of Novi's Farms  
3:00 p.m. — Creature Feature  
3:30 p.m. — (cont.)  
4:00 p.m. — In the Studio with Bry  
4:30 p.m. — The Inauguration Tree: The Giving Tree  
5:00 p.m. — INFO TV-12 News Magazine  
5:30 p.m. — People Who Make Things Happen  
6:00 p.m. — A Cautious Adventure: Relish Grille  
6:30 p.m. — Detroit Skates: Speed  
7:00 p.m. — Fitness Motivators  
7:30 p.m. — Financial Strategies: Earl Washington  
8:00 p.m. — Farmington Hills Hockey: Banant Firehawks versus Flames  
8:30 p.m. — (cont.)  
9:00 p.m. — Let's Talk with Ben Marks  
9:30 p.m. — (cont.)

1:30 p.m. — AMVETS  
2:00 p.m. — Restoration Now  
2:30 p.m. — Christian Singles Today  
3:00 p.m. — Impact Video  
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 Tatiana  
5:30 p.m. — In the Kitchen with Bry  
6:00 p.m. — Battle of the Books  
6:30 p.m. — (cont.)  
7:00 p.m. — Adventures with Pirate Pete  
7:30 p.m. — Cosby and Company  
8:00 p.m. — Novi Street Beat Live  
8:30 p.m. — Who, What, Where, Y  
9:00 p.m. — Window  
Washington: Global Warming  
9:30 p.m. — Rock Soup

4:30 p.m. — (cont.)  
5:00 p.m. — Shaery Zedek Productions  
5:30 p.m. — (cont.)  
6:00 p.m. — Thundering Hope  
6:30 p.m. — (cont.)  
7:00 p.m. — Oakwood Healthcare: Alternative Medicine  
7:30 p.m. — Farmington Hills Police Journal  
8:00 p.m. — People Who Make Things Happen  
8:30 p.m. — Christian Singles Today  
9:00 p.m. — Law Talk: Ashler Tilchin  
9:30 p.m. — (cont.)

FRIDAY, JAN. 30

10:00 a.m. — The Last Mattanza: Part 6  
10:30 a.m. — (cont.)  
11:00 a.m. — To Be Announced  
11:30 a.m. — To Be Announced  
12:00 p.m. — Financial Strategies  
12:30 p.m. — 2:00 p.m. — To Be Announced  
2:30 p.m. — Walled Lake Basketball  
4:00 p.m. — Fitness Motivators  
4:30 p.m. — The Show Me Show with Tatiana  
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# Library friends strive to increase membership

The Friends of the Novi Library are launching a membership drive for 1998. The library has grown at an unprecedented rate, and the Friends are interested in attracting new members.

The Friends have been able to raise funds and donate gifts valued at over \$14,000 during the last five years. These gifts have included furniture, computer equipment and support of the annual summer reading program for children.

Funds have been obtained primarily through the ongoing used book sale, which is housed in one of the meeting rooms of the library. The book sale is accessible during regular library hours.

The Friends have planned two organizational membership drive meetings. The first meeting will be on Wednesday, Jan. 7, at 10 a.m. in the library's local history room. For those unable to attend, a second meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, Jan. 14, 1998, at 7 p.m. in the library meeting room.

If you are unable to attend but still wish to support this group, please fill out the membership form below and return it to Novi Public Library. Or, pick up a membership envelope at the Novi Public Library, Novi Civic Center or Borders Books at Novi Town Center.

For additional information, contact the Novi Public Library at (248) 349-0720.

# Friends of Novi Library membership application form

Friends of the Novi Public Library, 45245 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375  
Membership Application

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Individual Membership — \$5  
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Make checks payable to: Friends of the Novi Public Library. Receipt and membership will be sent to the above address.

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# Capital Capsules

Catching up with the Michigan Legislature:

**LAWS ENACTED**  
Two smoking bills are about to become law. Minors caught smoking in public or on school grounds may see their cases moved more quickly through the courts under a bill sponsored by Sen. Bob Geake, R-Northville. Senate Bills 537-539 give local district courts concurrent jurisdiction with the family division of circuit court in cases involving minors in possession of tobacco.

Gov. John Engler signed a bill authorizing the Department of Treasury to require a state tax stamp on individual packages of cigarettes. Sponsored by Rep. Kirk Proff, D-Typhunt, it's aimed at cutting smuggling into the state, which cost the school aid fund \$25 million in 1997.

State lottery winners can collect large prizes in a lump sum instead of waiting 20 years for

gradual payouts under a bill awaiting the governor's signature. Sen. Bob Geake's Senate Bill 596 will allow winners to assign their annual payments to a third party (such as a bank) after obtaining a judicial order.

**CRIME VICTIMS**  
Crime victims may see restitution faster under a Senate-passed bill sponsored by John Chery, D-Clio. Senate Bill 780 would allow a judge to make a defendant's sentence depend on whether he paid restitution to his victims.

Criminals would be prohibited from suing their victims for personal injuries under a Senate-passed bill sponsored by Geake. Police, prosecutors and "good Samaritans" would be protected under Senate Bill 718, which passed the Senate unanimously. The bill was supported by the National Rifle Association.

The bills go to the House, where they are likely to be assigned to the Judiciary Committee. Refer to bills by their number when writing to

your state representative, State Capitol, Lansing 48909.

**NEW SENATE BILLS**  
• Senate Bill 826 — raises the personal exemption in the income tax to adjust for inflation over the past 30 years. Sponsor Loren Bennett, R-Canton, said it would place the exemption at \$3,700 for the 1998 tax year versus the actual \$2,800. It was assigned to the Senate Finance Committee.

• Senate Bill 838 — shortens the hearing process available to a prisoner before being transferred to another state. The bill says an inmate is not entitled to a hearing prior to relocation at another facility. Sponsor Sen. Loren Bennett, R-Canton, said it will speed up state efforts to ease the prison bed shortage.

The Engler administration estimates it will need 2,500 more prison beds by the end of 1998 and 6,400 by the end of 2001. It was assigned to the Senate Judiciary Committee.

# Community college plans future technology program

By Tim Richard  
Staff Writer

From the ground up.

Or, more precisely, from the student up.

That's how Oakland Community College will put together its learning technology program over the next five years.

"Last time around, we were a budget-driven institution. Now we're a planning institution. We'll start with the student," said OCC Chancellor Richard T. Thompson as the board on Dec. 15 approved, 6-1, a professional services agreement.

"Tonight we're talking about intellectual services," the chancellor said of the \$8.7 million (tops) deal with SCT Software & Resource Management Corp. of Malvern, Pa.

"Over five years, we'll purchase a software system, a hard drive and PCs (personal computers)," Thompson said. He estimated OCC will need to spend \$8 million to \$10 million a year out of its \$120 million budget to keep "technologically afloat."

"That's an industry standard — 5 to 8 percent of budget," he said.

The SCT pact is for advice only — teaching faculty, building plans to revamp the curriculum, setting up a "student technology assistant support program," designing solutions and so on.

A major job for SCT will be to assess the current skill of the college staff and analyze what future skills will be required, according to the contract outline.

Ruth Cross, a counselor who chairs the OCC Academic Senate, said that group endorsed the college's progress so far and is "looking forward" to the new programs.

Thompson said it was better to hire SCT for a five-year consulting job than to add staff who, at the end, "wouldn't fit into the system."

The contract calls for six full-time top SCT people on OCC's five campuses and central office.

"I find this expensive for consulting," said board chair Judith Wiser of West Bloomfield. She calculated fees that amounted to \$100,000 annual salaries for eight months' work.

"I agree with the principle, but I don't like the fees. I couldn't get the information I wanted," she said as she cast the lone dissenting vote.

Attorney Kathryn Ossian, of the college's law firm of Miller Canfield, said the contract was designed to prevent litigation. "I have litigated computer contracts," she said.

Ossian said that if the agreement yields new developments, they will be jointly owned by SCT and OCC, and the college may recoup its development costs.

The contract may be terminated during the first three years, but the college would have to pay the total three-year cost of \$6.7 million. Wiser noted, however, that OCC would have paid the biggest bulk of the cost by that point.

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## Grand River eatery's come a long way from burger joint

**Continued from 1**  
 conversations this morning and there's really no word out yet," Allen said.  
 "I keep thinking that it's Fuddrucker's. I forget that we own it, that's how new it is."  
 Before realizing his dream of owning his own restaurant, Allen was the executive chef at the Golden Mushroom in Southfield, where he worked for 15 years. Rachwitz owns and operates Rocky's of Northville and Rocky's of Brighton.

"Our motto is simple food done well, with quality ingredients and doing nice twists with them," Allen explained.  
 "We want to make it casual fine dining... Food that's going to speak well for ourselves."

"Just out of high school and only 17, Allen originally wandered into the Golden Mushroom because he was looking for any kind of job.  
 "Like most young people, they are not really sure what their future is. They wait until they get out of high school," he said.

"Then, Allen realized he belonged in the kitchen.  
 He ended up as an apprentice to Chef Miles and studied cooking at Schoolcraft College and Oakland Community College. From there, he took a six-month course at Eugene Les Bain in the south of France, under Chef Michel Guerard, the founder of Cuisine Minceur, or light cuisine.

"At one time, he was known as the best chef in the world," Allen said.  
 Rachwitz, who hunts with Chef Miles, let his friend know he was interested in opening another restaurant, if he found the right

partner. At the time, Allen had worked his way up to executive chef at the Golden Mushroom. That's how Steve met Rocky.

"If you don't find the right person, you're in trouble," Rachwitz said.  
 Rachwitz started out in the business washing dishes in a delicatessen "as a kid." From there he moved up to prep cook, then cook, studied at OCC and in 1976 started with the Chuck Mier Corporation at what was then Northville. He worked as the executive chef in 1982. He bought the restaurant and converted it to Rocky's of Northville.

The result of this new partnership, is not, as Rachwitz said, a burger place, although the lunch menu includes a certified black Angus Burger with Roast Beef Cheese for \$6.  
 Lake and ocean fish, roast duck and filet mignon, are featured on the menu.

Rocky's is known for string game. Expect to see that on the menu in Novi, too, but probably not much more than tennis at this time of year.  
 "We definitely will be serving game. Most people like to enjoy game in the fall because it's when the hunting season is. Game doesn't go over too well in July or August," Rachwitz said.

Steve & Rocky's encourages diners to try a little of this and a little of that. If you can't make up your mind which soup to order, for example, you can get a taste of all three, in demitasse cups.  
 A specialty is the tapas bar, a Spanish tradition of serving a variety of tasty little foods for grazing than

launching into a multi-course meal.  
 "We wanted to make little tastes of different food. If you're not hungry enough for a main dinner," Allen explained.  
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### ON THE MENU

Here's a taste of what Steve & Rocky's will be serving for dinner.

**Soups:**  
 Chef Miles' Mushroom Soup, bowl \$3.75.  
 Chicken Gnocchi and Pesco, bowl, \$3.25.

**Salads:**  
 Grilled Shitakes with pancetta (Italian bacon), garlic, balsamic vinegar and greens, \$4.75.  
 Seared Salmon Nicoise, haricots verts, nicolise olives, capers, red onions with an herbed vinaigrette, \$10.50.

**Main Courses:**  
 Atlantic Salmon in a crispy spring roll, Asian style, \$15.50.  
 Lightly Smoked Roast Range Chicken, with homemade noodles with brie, \$13.50.  
 Bouillabaisse with golf shrimp, mussels, clams, sea bass and salmon, \$19.50.  
 Grilled Spice Rubbed Veal Chop in natural juice with wild mushroom, \$23.50.

**Desserts:**  
 Cashew Caramel Tartlette: Caramel filling with Grand Marnier and cashews, Ice cream with spun sugar, \$4.50.  
 Flourless Chocolate Cake: filled with ganache, \$4.75.

## Strip mall proposal raises resident ire

By CHRIS C. DAVIS  
 Staff Writer

A rezoning request that could pave the way for a new strip mall near the southwest corner of Haggerty and Six Mile Roads in Northville Township has apparently raised the ire of residents living near the already congested intersection.

Township planning commission chairperson Dirk Allen said he expects to hear an oral from residents regarding the rezoning at the meeting next Tuesday. The planning commission meets at 7 p.m. in Northville Township chambers.

"I'm sure it'll be an overflow crowd this time," Allen said.  
 The request is being made by Farmington Hills developer Grand Sakwa, the same group that developed Northville Centre and several residential subdivisions in the township.

"They're not new to the area," Allen said. "Grand Sakwa has been here before."  
 The city's newly-released master plan recommends the land in question to be zoned as a mixture between office and residential space. Sakwa is requesting the parcel be rezoned to I-3, which is zoning shorthand for general business.

Large black and white signs announcing the proposed rezoning have been posted in the front yards of residences along the strip mall site.

The Six Mile-Haggerty area has been the site of large amounts of development in the last two years

with the construction of Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church and a new McDonald's restaurant.

Allen said he was keenly aware of the strong feelings held by residents in the rezoning area, but pointed out that each development request, whether popular or disliked, was entitled to a hearing.

"Planning isn't a personal issue," he said. "Developers have the right to ask for a presentation in front of the planning commission, and the planning commission has the obligation to recommend or not recommend their approval. That's the way it works."

"Through the planning commission is purely an advisory board," he said. "Developers have the right to ask for a presentation in front of the planning commission, and the planning commission has the obligation to recommend or not recommend their approval. That's the way it works."

Among those who were less than thrilled about the rezoning request was township resident Christine Bach, who lives in very close proximity to where the strip mall is proposed. A resident since 1989, Bach said traffic at the Six Mile-Haggerty intersection is already treacherous and would be compounded by the opening of Ward Church.

Anything more, she said, would make the drive just plain scary.

"I really feel that adding any more traffic and you're really risking it," she said. "It's not as if Ward will be operating from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., either."

Tuesday afternoon telephone calls to Grand Sakwa were not returned.

## Mayor sees 1998 as next boom year

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the planning commission, the Novi Chamber of Commerce, the Economic Development Corporation and business leaders.

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### LATEST NOVI STATISTICS

- IN 1997, NOVI HAD:**
- 44,812 residents.
  - 31,969 voters.
  - 8.2 percent increase in the assessed value of property.
  - \$1,714,140,229 in assessed value of property.
  - 68 percent increase in value from 1990 to 1997.
  - 387 new homes.
  - 313 new lots.
  - 633 homes resold.
  - 7 city permits issued for demolitions.
  - 1,246 construction permits pulled.
  - 59 total site plans submitted to the city.
  - 18 new retail projects submitted.
  - 8 office plans submitted.
  - 14 industrial plans submitted.
  - 1,350 businesses registered in Novi.
  - 216 full-time city employees.
  - 2,010 tickets issued for violations of city ordinances.
  - 357 complaints registered with the city.

## Council will set goals for new year in two sessions

As they do each year, the Novi City Council will roll up their sleeves and set their priorities for the year ahead.

This year's goal-setting sessions are set for Thursday, Jan. 22, from 6:30-10:30 p.m. and Saturday, Feb. 7, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The two p.m. sessions will be held in the Activities Room at the Novi Civic Center and will not be televised. Council Member Laura Lorenzo held out for having the two sessions on cable TV last week, but was overruled by the council majority.

"You wouldn't want a goal session on TV. It's not a pretty thing," said City Manager Ed Kiewall. "The environment is not right in this room (the council chamber) for setting goals."

Seventy-four percent of the households in Novi have cable TV, Lorenzo said.

"City council meetings are the most-watched of public access programs," she added.

Members of the public are urged to contact council members with their input into the goal-setting process and to also speak out on the topic during audience participation at the Jan. 26 regular city council meeting.

## Chamber warns of imbalance in growth

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saw only an eight percent increase.

"We're coming to the city in a spirit of cooperation and saying, 'look at the trend that's going on here,'" said committee member Jonathan Bratenman.

Novi should seek a diversified tax base, he advised.

From 1992 to 1995, Wixom issued 72 industrial permits, while Novi issued three. On the other hand, Novi issued 29 commercial permits, countered by nine of the same in Wixom.

In 1996 alone, Wixom handed out 24 industrial permits, Novi two.

This is a dramatically low number of industrial permits. We want to attract good business. The chamber is working hard to do that," Bratenman said.

In the wake of the 1995 report, Novi's made progress, Scott said.

Changes implemented included appointing Greg Capote as the city's Economic Development Coordinator; as well as the rewriting of the office-service-technical ordinance and the non-commercial center ordinance.

In addition, Novi saw the revitalization of the city council.

Economic Development Corporation and some user-friendly revisions to the city's site plan manual.

The committee offered these suggestions for consideration for future action at city hall:

- Reassign the light industrial zoning district.
- Identify new, appropriate light industrial zoning districts.
- Continue to emphasize the OST ordinance and seek proper placement of that district.
- Streamline the building process.
- Address traffic issues, including road improvements, on a community-wide basis.
- Further simplify the Novi site plan manual and the entire process.
- Designate a staff member who will assist developers as they go through the building process.
- Conduct a strong marketing effort to change people's perception of the building process in Novi.

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## Name Novi's hockey teams and win Red Wings tickets

Novi Youth Hockey, part of Community Clubs of Novi, is holding a contest to name the teams and design the logo for youth hockey in Novi.

Contest applications and details were sent home with students of the Novi Community School District.

Contest forms are also available at the Novi Parks and Recreation offices. A winner to be selected in early February.

The winning logo and team names will be used by the more than 700 children expected to become involved in Novi Youth Hockey during the first year alone.

Novi teams will practice and play in the new Novi Ice rink scheduled to open this summer.

This state-of-the-art facility has two ice rink surfaces, locker rooms, concession and pro shop facilities.

Novi Youth Hockey will offer hockey to children of all ages and abilities. Travel teams will skate for Novi this spring with the Initiation and House programs starting in the fall.

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# Police conduct sting of Northville area bars

By WENDY WHITE Staff Writer

Despite a professed community-wide "Zero Tolerance" for underage drinking, three out of four Northville bars sold beer to an 18-year-old decoy in a recent police sting.

The Starting Gate Saloon, located at 145 N. Center St., was the only establishment that carded the female decoy and refused the sale. Bartenders at Poble's Tavern, the Wagon Wheel and Eagles Aerie 2504 supplied the police decoy with beer on request, without checking her ID, according to Northville police chief Jim Petres.

"I'm a little surprised that it happened because we've done these operations before," Petres said. The sting was led by officer Richard Rogowski who wore plainclothes the evening of Jan. 14 to observe the events.

Around 9:30 p.m., Rogowski entered Poble's Tavern at 157 E. Main St. and sat at a table where he could observe the bar. When the bartender served the decoy a beer without checking her identification he cited her for selling to a minor.

"There's no doubt in my mind that we were wrong. We're not in the business of selling to minors but we were very uncomfortable with them sending in an 18-year-old that looks about 30," said Mary Poble, who owns the tavern with her husband Richard. "I've got teenagers myself. I'm certainly not encouraging minors to drink."

An hour and a half after leaving Poble's, Rogowski watched from a vehicle as the decoy entered the Eagles Aerie at 113 S. Center St. According to police, the door of the private club is usually locked and members must either use a key or be buzzed in by the bartender.

On this night the door stood open and the decoy was given a police radio and instructed to signal Rogowski if she was served alcohol.

Because it's a private club frequented by members, Smith said he rarely has to card anyone. When the decoy walked in, an intoxicated regular approached her and vouched for her at the bar.

Selling alcohol to a minor carries a misdemeanor charge and is punishable by a fine of up to \$500, up to 90 days in jail or both.

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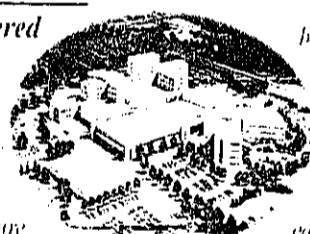
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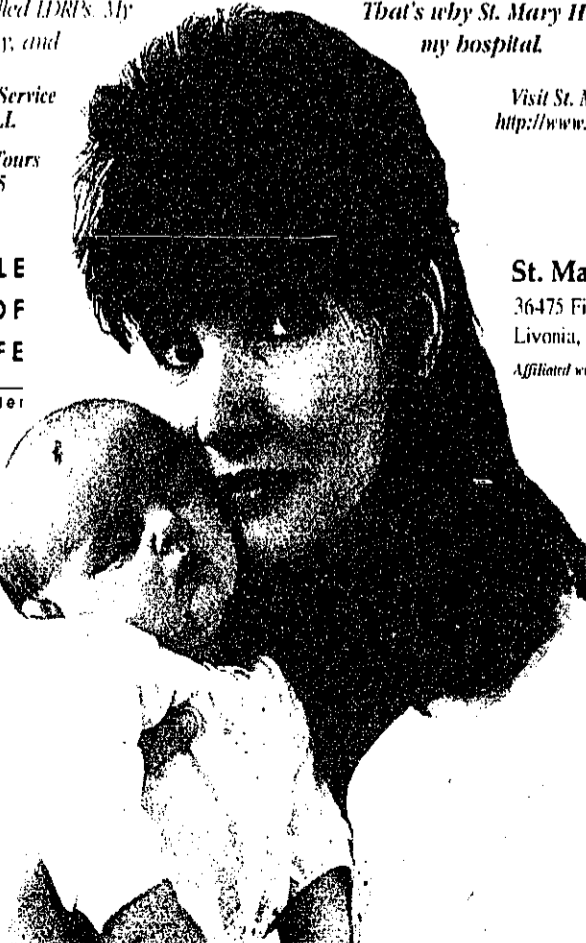
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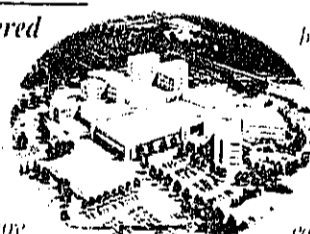
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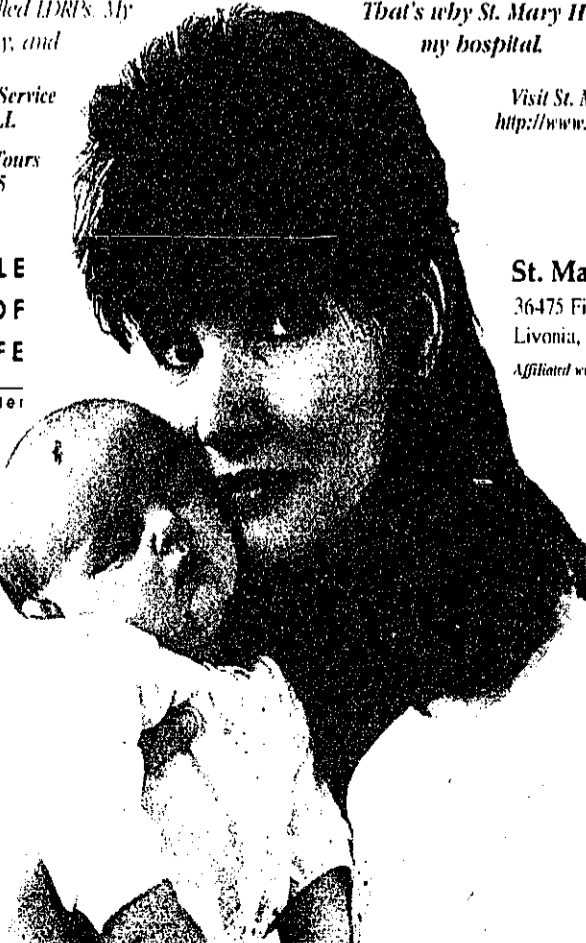
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# Going to the dogs

Canines take over Expo for exotic breed show

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lit on the counter. Cotton is a descriptive name for her adorable Arline, with its white, silky coat.

"Our love just kept growing," said Brooke, who now owns five Cotons de Telear.

Standing amiably on a table next to Brooke's little lot of fluff was another, Precious Munchkin, the only Havana breed bred from Havana, Cuba at this show. Precious Munchkin, owned by Candy Gandy of Lorain, Ohio, bares everybody and assumes they return the compliment. (And they usually do.)

"My dog is terribly happy," Gandy said.

At a larger end of the Rare Breed spectrum are dogs as American as punch: the Louisiana Catahoula Leopard Dog.

Breeder Vicky Loudenlager, who lives in Iowa, was looking for a good — but unique — watch dog.

"We have five to seven prisons within 30 miles of us that's why we wanted security," she explained.

With family in New Orleans, she had a difficult time tracking down a dog, which is a blend of the mastiff brought to the New World when the Spaniards owned Louisiana and a local red wolf, domesticated by a Native American tribe, the Catahoula. She's since sold show dogs to both Lee Ann Sims, also of Iowa and Cassandra Yong of Ypsilanti. Yong said she was originally attracted by the novelty of the breed.

"I like their personality, they're kind of clownish," she said.

Intelligent and individualistic, as well, Sims chuckled.

"I tend to like dogs a little more independent. I get frustrated with them, but I like them," she said.

"They're not as common as labs and Golden Retrievers. I think the less universally known a dog breed is, the breeders tend to be a little more careful with what they produce."

Dogs in the AKC show ranged from those seen in any typical neighborhood, like the dachshund, poodle and Shetland, to some more unusual variations of the canine species.

For sheer majesty and beauty, too, a Borzoi owned by Jon Stecle of Saginaw is an eye-catcher. Lee

stands 32 inches at the shoulder and weighs a trim 105 pounds. Stecle was putting the final touches on Lee's four-hour show prep, which included a wash, a brushing and a whitener to even out the tones of the dog's fur.

"The spritzing is to get the coat to lie down, to get rid of the static. It's so dry in here," he said.

For an event with dogs in every direction, the show was remarkably hair-raising, with several small, very small exceptions — a cluster of Chihuahua owned by Rod Murphy of Detroit. These long-haired pugnacious dogs, once beloved by the Aztecs, were yapping up a storm.

Four cages of them were parked next to a calmer Golden Retriever pup.

"My girl looked at them and she thought that's got to be the best collection of squeaking toys," she wanted to take her pick," said Golden breeder Rhonda Horan of Akron, Ohio.

Chihuahuas are the tiniest dog in the world, said Murphy, whose collection of 20 includes Champion Charming Oh's Cheyenne, the Number Two long-coat Chihuahua in the U.S.

"They're small, but they have the heart of a big dog. They don't know they're small, they think they're ferocious," he explained.

"You look for them to have a lot of spirit, a lot of courage and a lot of attitude."

And a pretty head, he added.

On the opposite end of the spectrum from the Rare Breeds is Horan's Clubhouse-fascinated Golden Retriever, Fern's Courting Disaster with Tainsel. Otherwise known as "Courtney," the 18-month-old pup is the daughter of the number one Golden Retriever stud in the U.S., Ch. Fara's Future Classic.

Showing one of the most popular breeds in America is a bit of a challenge, the breeder said, because there's a lot of competition. Horan is a judge who also writes for the "AKC Gazette" and "Golden Retriever News."

She has her own take on what makes the breed so hugely popular.

"They're just very easy to live with and very trainable, very people-oriented. They're the push button dogs. They do what you want," Horan said.



Above, Warren Brooke of Philadelphia, PA, seems to have his hands full after the first day of the exotic breed dog show at the Novi Expo Center as he walks his five Cotons dogs outside the center. Left, Bernard Griffith of Detroit peruses a newspaper as his miniature Doberman Pinscher "Misty" takes in some of the business at the dog show. At far left, a pure-bred Chow takes a breather during competition. The show attracted breeders, dog lovers and show-ers from all over the United States.

PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER

### EXOTIC DOGS

The Federation of Rare Breeds, based in Linden, MI, was founded in 1996 for the preservation and continuation of what are classified as rare breeds.

Membership runs the gamut of dog-doms, from toys to henners, terriers to working canines. Many reflect the shrinking size of the world, as dogs, often of ancient varieties, find their way to the United States from Asia, South America and Europe.

Included among these are the Argentine Dogo, Fila Brasileiro and Dogue de Bordeaux.

Others are all-American breeds, refined on these shores, among them Toy Fox Terrier, American Eskimo Toy and the American Bulldog.

These breeds are not affiliated from the American Kennel Club, some by choice. Many of the breeds also belong to the United Kennel Club.

The Federation registers both individual dogs and litters, certifies pedigrees and holds shows.

For information about the Federation of Rare Breeds, call 810-735-6506.

Source: The Federation of Rare Breeds.



A show-ring full of pampered and preened Labrador Retrievers and their owners was one of the many things to see during Saturday's dog show at the Novi Expo Center.



A puppy takes a quick nap in a laundry basket Saturday afternoon at the Novi Expo Center.







# Saving Samaritans from lawsuits

By CHRIS C. DAVIS  
Staff Writer

Pop quiz — you see a person lying on the pavement, obviously having some sort of severe medical problem. What do you do?

While the altruistic response would be to assist the victim, the harsh reality is that in the lawsuit-happy 1990s, people might be deterred from providing potential life-saving care out of fear of being sent to court.

It was that very scenario the American Heart Association wanted to address last Friday, particularly in the realm of automatic external defibrillators. They're the machines that send an intense electrical shock to the heart of victims of cardiac arrest in an effort to get the heart beating in a regular rhythm.

Heart Association volunteer Fred Moeller met with Northville Fire Chief Jim Allen, Sen. Bob Geake, R-Northville, and other department

rescue personnel in the hopes of winning state support for a bill which would allow users of AEDs to be free from civil damages from side-effect injuries derived from use of the machine, except in cases of "gross negligence or willful and wanton misconduct."

The so-called "Good Samaritan" law is already in place for those who administer cardiopulmonary resuscitation, but the use of AEDs isn't covered by the law. Cities across the United States, as well as both American and Delta Airlines have expanded their use of AEDs.

The machine is comprised of a phonebook-sized box and a pair of

electrical wires. Only three buttons are on the machine. The AED is powered by a heavy-duty battery. A machine self-check each day verifies that the AED is in proper working order.

According to Moeller, the machine takes away nearly all the thinking needed for application of electrical shock to a person, as both visual and audio instructions are given to the user of the machine.

"For a layman to use, it'll tell you what to do," Moeller said, while a computer voice uttered the words, "Stand clear" and "Shock now."

"As I understand it, you can't

make a mistake," he said.

Similar to defibrillators used by professionals, the AED stores information on the medical condition of the victim.

Geake listened and ask questions of the medical pros and operated both dummy and working models of the AEDs. Geake said he believed the subject "seemed like a good idea for a bill," and said he would take the matter back to Lansing for consideration.

Moeller said AEDs are priced at around \$3,000 per unit, but should be dropping soon as a larger number of manufacturers begin producing them.

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## Legg named pres of MAEB

David A. Legg, faculty advisor for WOVI Radio at Novi High School, has been reelected as president of the Michigan Association of Educational Broadcasters for 1998.

This marks his fourth term as president of the MAEB.

The Michigan Association of Educational Broadcasters is a state-wide group of low-power high school and college stations. It was founded to further the interests of educational broadcasting in Michigan. Members include schools and colleges with actual on-air stations, as well as those with radio or television production facilities only.

## Computer training offered by BetComp

Computer Training Advantage and BetComp Services are offering hands-on computer training within the community. Computer Training Advantage specializes in on-site computer training serving business, government and education. BetComp Services specializes in one on one training at the customer's home or office. Both BetComp Services and Computer Training Advantage place emphasis on learning, understanding, and applying instruction to real world needs. Their first classes will be offered on Jan. 28 in the Peachtree Mall in Novi.

Each participant will use a fast, reliable computer to complete their exercises. Hands-on exercises help participants develop skills in class with the aid of a knowledgeable instructor.

The first classes will be two half day sessions offered on Jan. 28. The morning session will be a basic introduction to Windows 95 followed by an afternoon session introducing word processing using Microsoft Word 97.

For additional information, contact Marge Mogelnicki at Computer Training Advantage (810) 227-7358, or Betty Ashcraft at BetComp Services (734) 416-8433.

## Belt usage down despite PR campaigns

Despite intense national and state efforts to increase safety belt use, Michigan's safety belt use dropped slightly, down to 70.1 percent from 70.8 percent a year ago, according to the Michigan State Police, Office of Highway Safety Planning (OHSP).

The belt use figure comes from a direct observation survey conducted in September by the University of Michigan Transportation Research Institute, which conducts the annual survey.

"Belt use of 70 percent is still good news," said Betty J. Mercer, OHSP division director. "The drop, however, is somewhat surprising given the high level of enforcement and education that has taken place over the past year, and the prominence of the Air Bag Safety Coalition, high-profile crashes involving unbelted celebrities in Michigan and internationally."

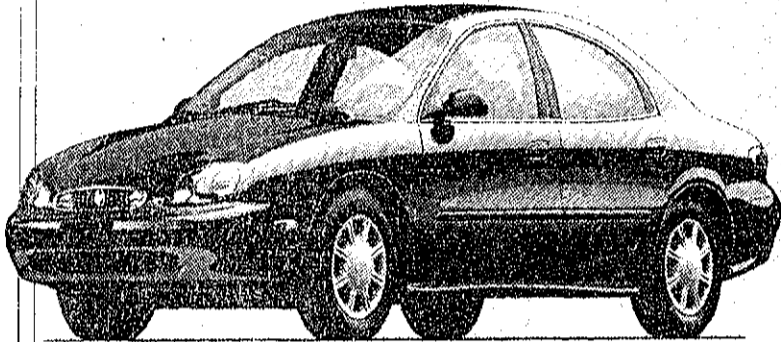
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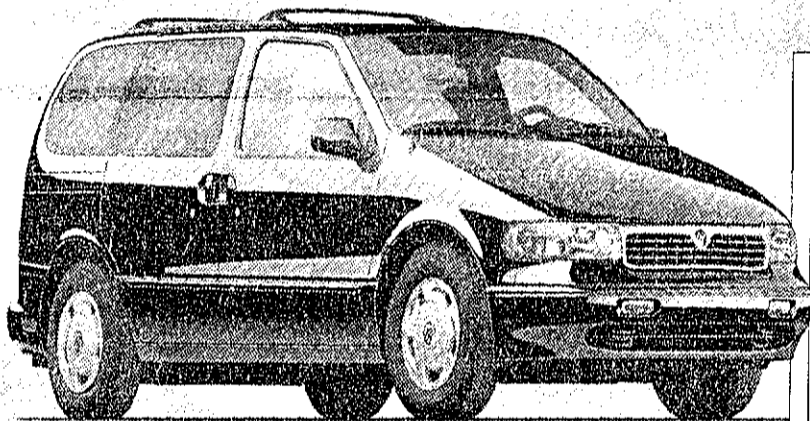
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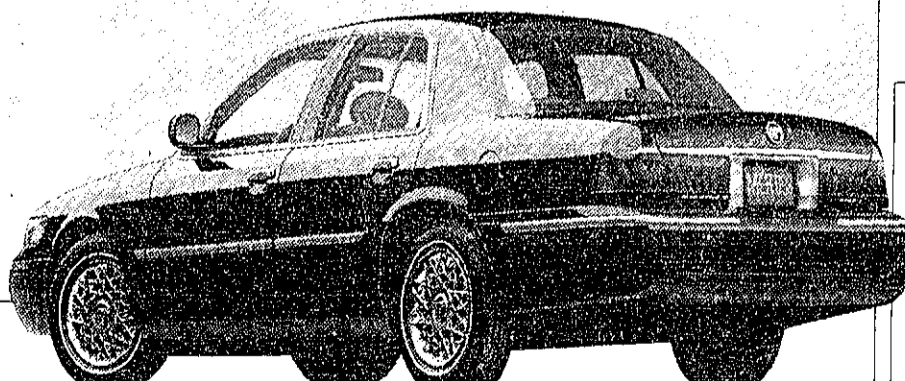
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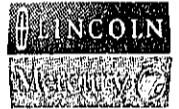
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# Saving Samaritans from lawsuits

By CHRIS C. DAVIS  
Staff Writer

Pop quiz — you see a person lying on the pavement, obviously having some sort of severe medical problem. What do you do?

While the altruistic response would be to assist the victim, the harsh reality is that in the lawsuit-happy 1990s, people might be deterred from providing potential life-saving care out of fear of being sent to court.

It was that very scenario the American Heart Association wanted to address last Friday, particularly in the realm of automatic external defibrillators. They're the machines that send an intense electrical shock to the heart of victims of cardiac arrest in an effort to get the heart beating in a regular rhythm.

Heart Association volunteer Fred Moeller met with Northville Fire Chief Jim Allen, Sen. Bob Geake, R-Northville, and other department

rescue personnel in the hopes of winning state support for a bill which would allow users of AEDs to be free from civil damages from side-effect injuries derived from use of the machine, except in cases of "gross negligence or willful and wanton misconduct."

The so-called "Good Samaritan" law is already in place for those who administer cardiopulmonary resuscitation, but the use of AEDs isn't covered by the law. Cities across the United States, as well as both American and Delta Airlines have expanded their use of AEDs.

The machine is comprised of a phonebook-sized box and a pair of electrical wires. Only three buttons are on the machine. The AED is powered by a heavy-duty battery. A machine self-check each day verifies that the AED is in proper working order.

According to Moeller, the machine takes away nearly all the thinking needed for application of electrical shock to a person, as both visual and audio instructions are given to the user of the machine.

"For a layman to use, it'll tell you what to do," Moeller said, while a computer voice uttered the words, "Stand clear" and "Shock now."

"As I understand it, you can't

make a mistake," he said.

Similar to defibrillators used by professionals, the AED stores information on the medical condition of the victim.

Geake listened and ask questions of the medical pros and operated both dummy and working models of the AEDs. Geake said he believed the subject "seemed like a good idea for a bill," and said he would take the matter back to Lansing for consideration.

Moeller said AEDs are priced at around \$3,000 per unit, but should be dropping soon as a larger number of manufacturers begin producing them.

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## Legg named pres of MAEB

David A. Legg, faculty advisor for WOVI Radio at Novi High School, has been reelected as president of the Michigan Association of Educational Broadcasters for 1998.

This marks his fourth term as president of the MAEB.

The Michigan Association of Educational Broadcasters is a state-wide group of low-power high school and college stations. It was founded to further the interests of educational broadcasting in Michigan. Members include schools and colleges with actual on-air stations, as well as those with radio or television production facilities only.

## Computer training offered by BetComp

Computer Training Advantage and BetComp Services are offering hands-on computer training within the community. Computer Training Advantage specializes in on-site computer training serving business, government and education. BetComp Services specializes in one on one training at the customer's home or office. Both BetComp Services and Computer Training Advantage place emphasis on learning, understanding, and applying instruction to real world needs. Their first classes will be offered on Jan. 28 in the Peachtree Mall in Novi.

Each participant will use a fast, reliable computer to complete their exercises. Hands-on exercises help participants develop skills in class with the aid of a knowledgeable instructor.

The first classes will be two half day sessions offered on Jan. 28. The morning session will be a basic introduction to Windows 95 followed by an afternoon session introducing word processing using Microsoft Word 97.

For additional information, contact Marge Mogelnicki at Computer Training Advantage (810) 227-7358, or Betty Ashcraft at BetComp Services (734) 416-8433.

## Belt usage down despite PR campaigns

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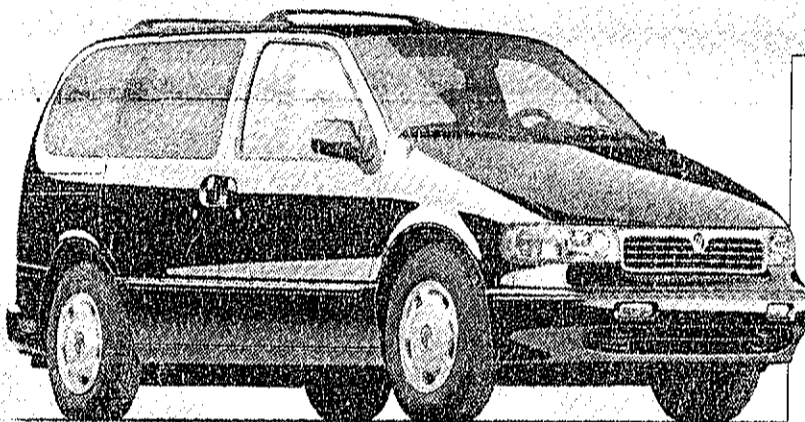
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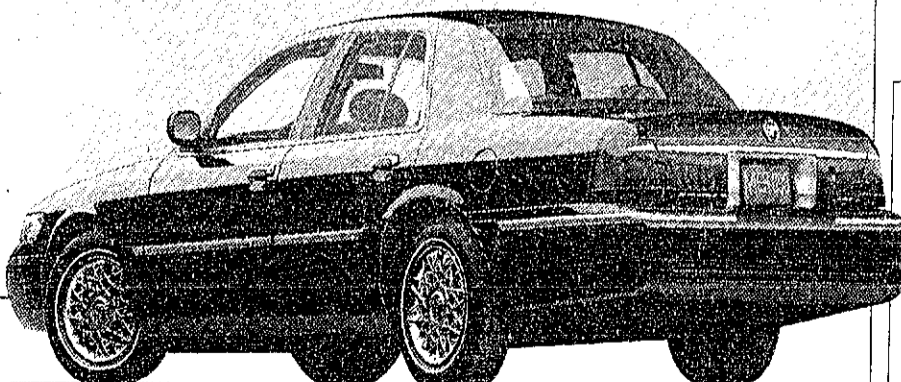
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Many wish the weather would cooperate for a little ice fishing on Walled Lake as it did for Erich Carlson in previous years. Left: Derek Cole flew over a jump at Novi Woods Elementary when he was a fifth grader.

# Hot Spots Cool Fun

There are plenty of local outdoor activities to keep the winter blahs at bay

By CAROL DIPPLE  
Feature Editor

The weather outside may be frightful to a Floridian, but it probably won't stop a snowbird from pursuing winter activities.

Many popular sledding hills may be highly kept secrets but there are a few in Northville and Novi worth mentioning.

In Northville, Amerman Elementary School at 867 N. Center Street and "Beer Hill" located one-half mile from the city on Hines Drive in the Cass Benton area are known hot sledding spots once the snow settles.

Although there are parking restrictions for those who head south on Sheldon to the top of the hill for sledding, there are other areas to park.

Sledding is not allowed in Northville on streets or where no trespassing signs are posted.

In Novi, there are hills at Orchard Hills Elementary School, 41900 Quince Road, and at Novi Woods Elementary School, 25195 Taft Road.

Before packing up the gear to go to any of the following areas, it's always advisable to call ahead for weather conditions.



Snowmobilers, like Kelth Ulker, can't wait for Walled Lake to freeze over.

**Ella Mae Power Park**

Ice skating will be plentiful on the pond at Ella Mae Power Park, located just behind the Novi Civic Center at 45175 West Ten Mile Road. Sledding is also possible

and, as with the open ice skating, it is an "at your own risk" activity because the area is unsupervised. Call the Novi Parks and Recreation hot line at (248) 347-0473 for daily ice conditions.

**Brookfarm Park**

Ice skating is available, weather permitting, at Brookfarm Park, adjacent to Village Oaks Elementary School off Ten Mile Road between Meadowbrook and Hagger-

ty. Skating is an at-your-own-risk activity because the area is unsupervised. Call the Novi Parks and Recreation hot line at (248) 347-0473 for daily ice conditions.

**Ford Field Ice Rink**

A new manufactured liner was purchased by the Northville Action Council to contain water for an ice skating rink at the field in downtown Northville. Skating is at-your-own-risk, weather permitting, although it will be supervised by volunteers during the hours it's open.

Ice conditions will be available by calling the Northville Parks and Recreation recording at (248) 349-0203. There will also be signs indicating whether the rink is open.

**Maybury State Park**

Cross country trails are open from 8 a.m. until dusk seven days a week at Maybury State Park. Rentals are available from the concession stand from noon until 5 p.m. weekdays, and 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. weekends.

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## The 1998 Northville Record/Novi News RESTAURANT POLL

**Eighth Annual**  
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### Restaurant Poll

Which restaurants in the Northville/Novi area are the most popular? Help find out by filling out this ballot.

**The Rules:**

- Only restaurants in Northville and Novi are eligible to be mentioned on your ballot. Each ballot must include your name, address and telephone number. Ballots without this information will not be included in the results.
- Only ballots clipped from the newspaper will be accepted. Photocopied ballots will not be counted. This restriction is designed to help avoid ballot-box stuffing. (HomeTown employees and their families are not eligible for the free dinner.)
- Restaurants found to be distributing ballots will be disqualified. Mail the completed entry form by Jan. 31 to: Northville Record/Novi News Restaurant Poll, 104 W. Main, Northville, MI 48167. If you prefer, restaurant poll entry forms may be dropped off at the newspaper office. When all the ballots are in, we will compile the results and publish them in the Feb. 26 issue of *The Northville Record* and *The Novi News*.

In case you misplace this edition of the newspaper, entry forms will also be published in subsequent issues. One ballot will be selected at random and the winner will receive dinner for two at his or her favorite Northville or Novi restaurant.

**The Categories:**

- Best Overall Restaurant \_\_\_\_\_
- Best Inexpensive Restaurant \_\_\_\_\_
- Best Breakfast Restaurant \_\_\_\_\_
- Best Waitperson \_\_\_\_\_
- Best Chef \_\_\_\_\_
- Best Sandwiches \_\_\_\_\_
- Best Desserts \_\_\_\_\_
- Best Coffee \_\_\_\_\_
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- Best Pizza \_\_\_\_\_
- Best Burgers \_\_\_\_\_
- Best Seafood \_\_\_\_\_

- Best Ethnic Food \_\_\_\_\_
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- Best Steak \_\_\_\_\_
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**PLEASE NOTE:** The following name and address blank must be filled out. Ballots without this information will be discarded.

Your name \_\_\_\_\_  
Street \_\_\_\_\_  
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# Chilly Willy Winter Festival has plenty to offer residents

By JEANNE CLARKE  
Special Writer

Saturday, Jan. 31, is the day for families to enjoy the annual Chilly Willy Winter Festival at the Civic Center. Many programs have been planned by the staff of the Novi Parks and Recreation Department for both the young and old.

Reservations are being taken for the Bridge tournament which will begin at 11 a.m. sharp. A \$2 entry fee per player includes coffee, donuts, materials and awards. Reservations forms are available this week at the Parks and Recreation office. No phone reservations will be accepted. The paid fee ensures you a chair as well as a limit. Al and Helen Weiss are the directors.

There will also be a Euchre tournament at 11 a.m. The tournament format will depend on the number of teams, with rules distributed that morning. Provided will be card decks and prizes.

The Novi Lunches is having a fund-raiser pancake breakfast from 9:30-11 a.m. Concessions will be available during the day, with a Chili Cook-Off scheduled at 11:30 a.m. "Tasting" tickets will be available at 25 cents each - everyone can vote for their favorite.

For the children: "Imagination" stations, i.e., "Claycreation" and "It's Great to Be Me," will start at 10 a.m. Free face painting will

start at 10 a.m., with hayrides at 10:30. Cartoons will be on-going. game room will be open, also ice skating, sledding, and cross-country skiing. A snow sculpting contest for the Family Division or Friends will be held. A master ice sculptor will also be on hand to work on original sculptures.

### SIXTH GATE CLOGGERS

During the holidays, Dorothy Hartshorne was in charge of the project, collecting earned goods for the homeless, and a party hosted by Loretta Ward was called "Clog Around the Christmas Tree" with members of Sixth Gate and Tollgate present.

For their contributions to the club, Lois and Don Hanley received gift certificates, and Verma Davis received a pomssetta at the "Cloggers Christmas Party" held the following week.

Holiday performances included the Chauson Manor in Waterford, where they tried a new dance "The Swing." They performed the following week at Our Lady of Victory Church in Northville with Dorothy Hinkle as DJ. A week later, they performed in their new dancing

## Novi Highlights

The library was a small building on Novi Road near Grand River. The Friends helped with children programs, hosted open houses at the library, etc. Since there are more residents using the library and its services, the group is maintaining and supporting additional projects, which requires additional help from those who are interested. Membership in the Friends is \$5 per individual, \$10 for a family membership, or one can be a contributing member. Envelopes are available at the library.

The annual meeting is scheduled for May, however, meetings can be called for a special purpose. Members assist where needed, perhaps helping with a children's program or sorting books for the Used Book Sale. The sale helps raise money which is used to purchase library items such as computers, large print books, magnifiers, book racks, landscaping, wall hangings, etc.

### FRIENDS OF THE NOVI LIBRARY

Several informational meetings have been held by the Friends to inform residents of their purpose and accomplishments, and to encourage their joining. Many years ago when the population of Novi was about 7,000 and

Officers this year include co-chairpersons, Dorothy Flattery and Ruth Bozian; treasurer, Clair Monk; secretary, Merril Locke; and member-at-large, Barb Willis. For details, call 349-1399 or 349-5476.

### NOVI MINISTERS ASSOCIATION

Holy Family Catholic Church hosts the monthly ministers meeting last week.

Participating in the pulpit exchange on Jan. 18 were Deacon Bill Waldmann of Holy Family Catholic Church who was the guest at Faith Community Presbyterian Church; the Rev. Louise Ott, United Methodist Church, at Spirit of Christ Lutheran Church; the Rev. Thomas Shier of Spirit of Christ Lutheran Church, at Holy Cross Episcopal Church; the Rev. Cy Smith, Faith Community Presbyterian, at Holy Family Catholic Church; and the Rev. Leslie Harding of Holy Cross Episcopal Church, who was the guest at the United Methodist Church.

Area ministers unable to attend the meetings can call the Rev. John Bunde of Holy Family at 349-8847 for information.

Several new additions to the group include the Rev. Louise Ott of United Methodist, who recently replaced the Rev. Charles Jacobs and Dr. Carl Leth of First Church of the Nazarene.

Monthly luncheon meetings are held at area churches followed by a business meeting of discussions involving the Clothes Closet and Food Bank projects. Guest speakers occasionally attend. Recently caterer Claudia Walker spoke about Youth Assistance.

Ongoing projects include the Clothes Closet at Faith Presbyterian, Donations can be dropped off during office hours, Call 349-5666.

The ongoing project at Holy Family Catholic Church is the Clothes Closet. Clean clothing can be dropped off at scheduled times throughout the week. Call the church at 349-8847 for times.

The next meeting will be Feb. 2 at Faith Community Presbyterian Church.

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

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## Singles

**SINGLE PLACE**, an adult ministry for single people at First Presbyterian Church of Northville, meets Thursday evenings in Fellowship Hall at 7:30 p.m.

Every Sunday, the group worships at 11 a.m. in the sanctuary followed by brunch at the Northville Crossing Restaurant, 18900 Northville Road, at 12:30 p.m.

On Sunday evenings, Single Place meets for coffee and cards at 6 p.m. at Tuscan Cafe, 150 N. Center Street in Northville.

On Jan. 22, the Single Place presentations will be "When Relationships are Healthy and When Relationships Can Become Abusive," with speaker Karen Porter of an open forum on "Tax Preparation in 1998" with Dave Johnston at 7:30 p.m.

The cost for Single Place presentations are \$4.

On Fridays, the group meets at 5:30 p.m. at Mulligan's of Northville, 18730 Northville Road in Northville.

A walk in the Park is scheduled every Saturday at 10 a.m. in Heritage Park between Ten and Eleven Mile in Farmington Hills.

A seven-week Divorce Recovery workshop continues through Feb. 19 from 7 until 9 p.m. The cost is \$30.

A Growth Workshop on "Relationship Building" with speaker Dr. J. Harold Eilers began Jan. 15 and continues on Jan. 22 and 29 from 7 until 9 p.m. The cost is \$27.

A four-week Contingency Dinner Class with Karen Missavage continues on Jan. 25, Feb. 1, 8, and 15 from 7 until 9 p.m. The cost is \$25.

A Cross Country Ski Weekend has been planned for Jan. 31 through Feb. 1 at the Holiday Inn in East Livonia. The cost is \$55 for a semi-private room and \$110 for a private room. Ski costs are \$3.50 for the weekend and \$10 per day for ski rental.

For details call (248) 349-0911.

**SINGLE POINT MINISTRIES** of Ward Presbyterian Church, 17000 Farmington Road in Livonia, invites you to join over 450 single adults every Sunday morning at 10:45 a.m. for fellowship and encouragement.

Rev. Paul Coughlin delivers messages to help singles in their life struggles. Coffee, donuts, conversation and Christ are always present.

SIPM has a program and activity for every age group and life situation. Single Parents meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 7 p.m. in the Calvin Room. The group offers support, fun, fellowship, vacations and other activities. Free child care is available.

The Uniquely Single Group for those who have never been married meets the fourth Tuesday, also in the Calvin Room, from 7-9 p.m.

New Start for widows and widowers meets every other Thursday in Room A-15 from 7:30 to 9 p.m.

Upcoming speakers and topics during Talk Talk Talk it Over at 7:30 p.m. in Knox Hall include Linda Lambers Mitchell on "Goal Setting - How Many Resolutions Have We Made and Not Kept but Would Like to Keep?" on Jan. 23.

Indoor volleyball meets Wednesdays at 8:30 p.m. in Knox Hall. A \$1 donation is suggested.

For details about Single Point Ministries call (313) 422-1854.

**FARMINGTON SINGLE PROFESSIONALS** is a non-profit group for singles ages 25-40 who share common interests and want to form new friendships. Membership is not limited to the Farmington area. The group participates in over 350 activities per year.

Every Monday night the group meets at the Maples of Novi on Fourteen Mile for euchre, pinocle and dinner at 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$7 for members and \$8 for non-members. Cash bar and munchies are available.

For details call the FSP hot line at (248) 851-9909 or www.fsp.org

## Pageant is searching for married women

Applications are available for the title of Mrs. Oakland County and Mrs. Wayne County, preliminary title to the Mrs. Michigan International Pageant, which is to be presented at the Smith Theater-Oakland Community College in Farmington Hills on May 3.

The Mrs. Michigan International Pageant strives to recognize today's married woman's role as wife, mother, professional and civic or charitable volunteer, as well as her other accomplishments.

The women chosen as Mrs. Oakland and Wayne counties will receive the official title and sash. The woman selected as Mrs. Michigan International will be awarded an all-expense paid trip to Texas to compete for the title of Mrs. International, numerous prizes and cash. Competitions for the title of Mrs. Michigan International include interview, aerobic, wear and evening gown, there are no talent or swimsuit competitions.

Married women living in Oakland and Wayne counties interested in applying can request more information by contacting Michigan Pageants Inc., 2474 Pontiac Drive, Sylvan Lake, MI 48320 or

calling (248) 682-7616 or faxing (248) 682-7617.

## Patients comfier thanks to donations

By CAROL DIPPLE  
Feature Editor



The donations of Northville residents Anna Mary Postma (left) and Ron and Lois Housman to Arbor Hospice Residence will add warm touches to the 30-room facility in Ann Arbor.

It's the little things that make a house a home. The same is true for a hospice residence.

Ron and Lois Housman and Anna Mary Postma, all from Northville, have added special touches to the new Arbor Hospice Residence in Ann Arbor, which celebrated its grand opening on Jan. 18.

The Housmans' contributions include a Japanese console table and mirror, as well as hand-crafted Getsha dolls. The items were bought on a trip to Kyoto, Japan in 1982.

Housman had joined her husband on a business trip to Japan for Ford Motor Co. when she bought the pieces.

"I traveled across Japan and stopped in places along the way," Housman said.

While Housman was a nurse with Arbor Hospice for about four years, she worked with a team of nurses, Karen Marold, Joan Rucker, and Pam Lenning, who were also from Northville.

The team visited patients in Plymouth, Northville and Novi. After retiring from Arbor Hospice, Housman continued her involvement by volunteering for a couple of years.

"When I was a nurse with Arbor Hospice we did not have the luxury of having our own building, we did home nursing," Housman said. "All our patients were cared for in-home or in very specific nursing homes where beds were set aside for hospice care. That wasn't the best situation. Having your own place is the best way to do hospice care because then you have the true concept of hospice and everything goes along those guidelines."

Residents of Northville since 1972, the Housmans recently moved from a home in Northville Commons, where they lived for 25 years, into a condominium. The move and the opening of the Arbor Hospice Residence made for perfect timing, Housman explained.

The Housmans also donated two mahogany 18th century Queen Anne end tables with matching cocktail table, and a glass and chrome cocktail table with two end tables and stacking tables.

"I couldn't do enough for Arbor Hospice," Housman said. "I gave me tremendous pleasure to be able to help in any way I could."

Anna Mary Postma is donating a room in memory of her husband Norm who died of a rare form of cancer four years ago.

"I feel it is really important to have an in-patient facility for those

Norm was cared for at home by Rucker, a nursing team member with Housman.

"We had the most wonderful nurse," Postma said of Rucker. "She was absolutely marvelous."

When Postma and her four grown children heard about the new facility, they decided to donate the room. Postma will write a short story about her husband of 38 years to hang by the door of the room.

"They were just wonderful in the care of my husband and the care of the family after death," Postma said.

"The family donated the money for the room and picked out its color - blue - which was her husband's favorite color."

"He loved everything nautical," Postma said.

Norm's hobby was painting and the family also plans to donate either a seascope or a lighthouse which will be hung in the room. The furnishings are standard for a hospice care facility but are chosen based on the color and color of the room.

"I feel it is really important to have an in-patient facility for those

who cannot stay at home because it is so much nicer than a hospital," said Postma, a Northville resident of 26 years.

Postma has been a volunteer with Arbor Hospice in the bereavement department for about three years.

Other donations received by Arbor Hospice include quilts, art work, china tea cups and linen napkins.

The new Arbor Hospice Residence will be the country's first hospice training center, where medical staff will come from around the world. The new residence will also serve as the headquarters for the International Hospice Institute and College.

"The idea is to train hospice professionals from around the world," Pamela Reading-Smith, director of community services.

In the near future, nurses from the International College of Nursing in Osaka, Japan, may take part in a formal training program at Arbor Hospice Residence and may feel more at home thanks to donations from the Housmans and Postma.

Arbor Hospice Residence is located on large grounds at 2366

Oak Valley Drive in Ann Arbor off I-94 at exit 175, and has a pond, wooded area and private pathways.

Each of the 30 patient rooms has a bed, television, small dining table and chairs, lounge chair, sofa bed and large private bathroom.

"All are very uniquely designed and decorated," said Reading-Smith. "We really are hoping that family members will spend the night and day."

Family pets are welcome to come and visit. A resident cat and dog will also be added.

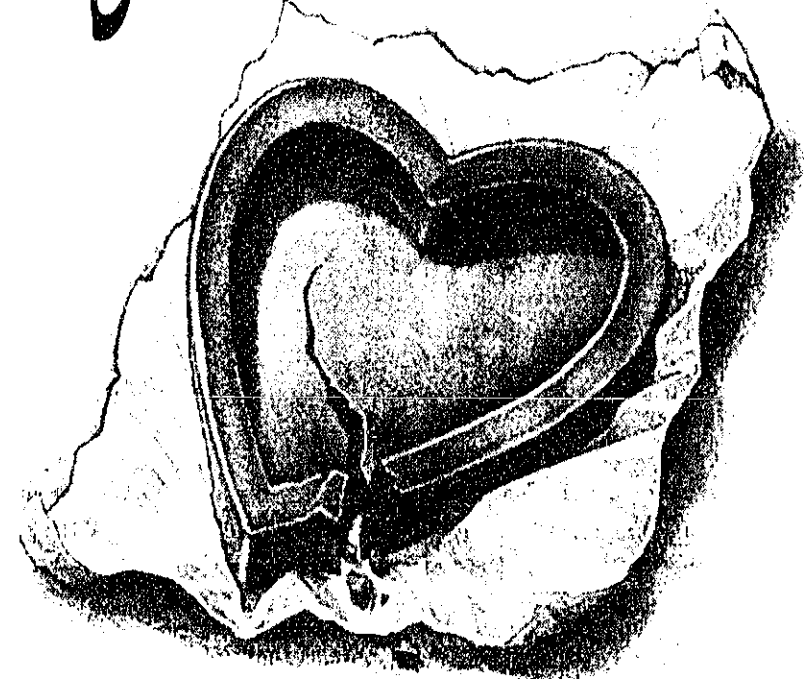
"We are really trying to create the next best thing to being home," Reading-Smith said.

A full-time chef will prepare three, home-cooked meals each day but there is also a small private kitchen in which family members want to cook their own meals and snacks.

"The first patients are expected to move in toward the end of January."

Call (734) 662-5999 for a private tour or ask for Brooke Boggs for information on making a donation to Arbor Hospice Residence.

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## There's plenty to do when it snows

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The cost per person is \$5.25 for the first hour, \$2 for the second hour and \$1 for each additional hour. Skis, poles and boots are included. Maybury also offers group rates on weeknights.

Maybury has 15 kilometers of track set trails ranging from easy to most difficult. The easy trails have gentle slopes while the most difficult trails have high hills and intricate snow trees.

There is an area in the middle of the trail which has been groomed for ski skating.

There are no extra trail fees if you bring your own skis. In the warming shelter there is a fireplace and a concession stand which sells snacks, hot chocolate and other refreshments.

Entrance for cross country skiing is off Eight Mile Road just west of Deek.

If you're planning on renting skis, call the concession stand at 348-1199 to make sure it is open.

By changing a bit slower paced is more to your liking. Maybury has plenty of hiking trails. The entrance for the hiking trails is through either the Eight Mile Road entrance or off Deek Road. Hours for hiking are the same as the park hours, 8 a.m. until dark.

Maybury State Park's mostly wooded acreage does not allow snowboarding.

Winter bird hikes are being offered. Call the park office at (248) 349-8390 for times. The farm is open all year long.

To gain admission into Maybury State Park for any of the activities, you need to purchase either a \$4 one-day or a \$20 yearly Michigan State Park sticker.

For more information, call (248) 349-8390.

### WATERFORD OAKS COUNTY PARK

"The Fridge" a 1,000-foot refrigerated toboggan run, is open through mid-March, conditions permitting. There is a lodge which has a viewing area, fireplace, concessions and restrooms. Toboggans are provided.

Two lighted, natural ice skating rinks are also available, weather permitting, and open to the public free of charge. One rink is for recreation skating, the other is for hockey only. Skaters must provide their own equipment.

Target offers buy-one-get-one coupons called "Treat Seats" on the coupon board. A \$1 off coupon is available in the Oakland County Parks newsletter. A coupon can be downloaded from the park's web page at [www.co.oakland.mi.us](http://www.co.oakland.mi.us) and choosing the county services option.

For more information, call the "Fridge" hot line (248) 975-4440.

### KENSINGTON METRO PARK

Winter sports at Kensington State Park include cross country skiing on groomed trails, sledding, tobogganing, ice fishing and ice skating. No snowboarding is allowed in the park.

The interpretive centers have programs that go year round and both the nature and farm centers are open.

Ski rental is available at Kensington at \$2.50 for boots and \$1.50 for poles. A half day or four hour rental Monday through Friday is \$5 for half a day and on weekends it is \$6.50. If you are planning on renting skis, call first. Kensington does not rent skis unless there is at least six inches of snow on the ground.

Admission to the park requires a permit, which is \$3 on the weekends and \$2 on weekdays. Wednesday is free admission day. Annual permits are \$15, \$8 for seniors citizens.

Skiing is available from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m., seven days a week, weather permitting.

Hiking and biking trails from East Boat Launch to Maple Beach, about a four-mile stretch, is kept clear of snow for walkers.

For weather conditions or more information, call Kensington at 1-800-477-3178.

### LAKESHORE PARK

There are two un-groomed, marked cross country ski trails at the back of Lakeshore Park where there is also an area for parking.

The Intermediate Avalanche Trail, which is marked with blue arrows, is 2.7 miles in length. It goes through open field areas and is 60 percent wooded.

The beginner Sherwood Trail is designated with a green marker and is one mile of open space.

Both trails begin and end in Lakeshore Park but go through North-Novt Park (old Tree Farm). Park hours are 8 a.m. until 6 p.m., seven days a week.

A map is posted at the beginning of the trails and there is also a mailbox with maps you can take with you on the trails.

There is also a sledding hill in the back of the park.

All parking at the south end of Lakeshore Park, 601 South Lake Drive.

### WILCOX LAKE

Located at Wilcox and Hines Drive, ice skating ponds are open

during daylight hours, weather permitting. There is a warming shelter, fire pit and concession.

For more information, call (313) 261-1990.

### SKIING RESORTS

Skiers at Mt. Brighton will find an added ski and snowboard terrain park with a handle tow and snowmaking. Lighting has been improved and shaped skis, snowboard and boot rentals added. Pine Knob near Clarkston added shaped ski rentals. Alpine Valley near Millard added a new three-place chair lift from the main lodge, replacing a two-seat model.

There are 1,000 sets of new rentals at Alpine including shaped skis and snowboards.

Mt. Holly, near Holly, installed the first four place "detachable" chair lift in southern lower Michigan, having a ride time. One trail was lengthened by 300 feet, and snowmaking has been increased about 5 percent.

Alpine Valley, with 25 runs, has 10 chair and 8 tows and Mt. Brighton, with 26 runs, has 7 chairs and 11 tows. Mt. Holly has 18 runs and 7 chairs and 5 tows. Pine Knob Ski Resort has 15 runs and 5 chairs and 4 tows. Alpine Valley has the longest run with

2,000 feet while Mt. Brighton has the shortest with 1,350 feet. All have instructions, rental equipment, snow making, night skiing, ski shop, eating facility, and snowboarding. Mt. Brighton also has tobogganing, Mt. Brighton, Alpine and Pine Knob offer a two for one midweek lift ticket special.

For additional information, call (248) 897-4183 for Alpine Valley, (810) 229-9581 for Mt. Brighton, (248) 634-8260 or 1-800-582-7256 for Mt. Holly and (248) 625-0900 or 1-800-642-7669 for Pine Knob.

For current snow conditions, provided by AAA Michigan, call (800) MI4-SNOW.

## Reunions

**DETROIT COOLEY HIGH SCHOOL:** Class of 1948, 50th reunion, Oct. 9 through 11. Call Doug Smith at (248) 473-4437.

**NORTHVILLE HIGH SCHOOL:** Class of 1993, 5 year reunion, Saturday, June 6, Genet's Home in the Wall in Northville. Call Stacey at (410) 415-4863 or [snidd@pan.com](mailto:snidd@pan.com).

**LIVONIA STEVENSON HIGH SCHOOL:** The Class of 1988 is looking for classmates. Call Debbie at (313) 459-8128 or Cheryl (248) 305-5229 for additional information.

**NORTHVILLE HIGH SCHOOL:** Class of 1978, 20-year reunion, Aug. 1, Holiday Inn in Livonia. For more information, call (248) 348-4282.

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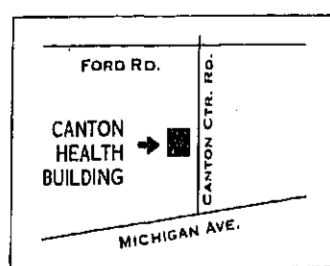
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## Church Notes

**CHURCH OF HOLY CROSS EPISCOPAL:** 46200 West Ten Mile in Novi, hosts the Botsford Pathways to Parenting, New Mothers Club, on the first Wednesday of the month at Holy Cross from 12:30 until 2 p.m. with a variety of guest speakers which offers the opportunity for new mothers to network, share and make new friends.

Guest speakers include nurses, physiatrists, exercise physiologists and dietitians speaking on subjects pertaining to new mothers such as post partum depression, keeping your sense of humor, getting into shape and traveling with a newborn. Light refreshments are served.

On Feb. 4 the topic will be "How to Develop a Financial Plan to Stay at Home with Baby" with Rae Trojanowski.

For details on the parenting group, call Botsford General Hospital at (248) 477-6100.

For more information, call Holy Cross at 349-1175.

**NORTHVILLE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH:** 200 East Main Street. On Sunday, worship and church school are held at 9:30 and 11 a.m. Child care is available at both services.

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

The Singles Place Ministry meets on Thursday at 7:30 p.m. For more information, contact Rev. W. Kent Clise, senior pastor, or Rev. James P. Russell, associate pastor, at (248) 349-0911.

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

The lesson for Jan. 25 the topic will be "Unity in the Community." Church of Today, West, also offers youth education at both services. Opportunities are available for participants, ranging from drama to singles activities.

A course in intracales is taught year-round on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. Other courses include 47, Meditation and Unity Bases.

For more information, call the church at (248) 449-8900, or check out its web site at <http://www.cotw.com>

**SPIRIT OF CHRIST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH:** 40700 West Ten Mile in Novi, announces a new way for families to praise God. Sunday mornings at 9 a.m., "Saints ALIVE!" begins with folks of all ages meeting for songs and a message geared toward children. Small group sharing follows, wrapped up by refreshments and fellowship. Worship services are held Sundays at 10:30 a.m. as well as Saturdays at 5:30 p.m. For more information, call (248) 477-6296.

**WORLDWIDE HARVEST CHURCH** meets for a Sunday worship service at 11 a.m. in the Mackinaw Room of the Comfort Inn, located east on Twelve Mile from the I-696 and Orchard Lake Road exit. For more information, call Pastor Keith J. McAra at (248) 926-8105.

**FAITH COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH:** 4440 West Ten Mile in Novi, has Sunday worship services at 9 and 10:30 a.m. For more information, call (248) 349-5666.

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE:** 777 West Eight Mile in Northville, has worship services on Sundays at 8, 9:15 and 11 a.m. For more information, call (248) 349-1144.

The atmosphere is casual and all are welcome at the spiritual adventure at **NEW SONG COMMUNITY CHURCH**, which meets at Walled Lake Middle School on Pontiac Trail near Beck Road. For more information, call the church office at (248) 926-1512.

**CONGREGATION B'NAI MOSHE:** 6800 Drake Road in West Bloomfield, will present "Hate and Extremism on the Internet" with speaker Don Cohen, director of the Michigan regional office of the Anti-Defamation League on Sunday, Feb. 8, at 10 a.m. in the Social Hall. There is no charge and the presentation is open to the community. For details, call (248) 788-0600.

## Engagements



Kelley Baker/Michael Fawcett

Stacey Zoellner/Craig DeRoche

Robert and Sharon Baker of Northville announce the engagement of their daughter, Kelley Lee, to Michael Don Fawcett, the son of Don and Sandra Fawcett of South Lyon.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Novi High School. She is a 1989 graduate of Ferris State University

and is currently employed at the Detroit Medical Center.

The groom-elect graduated from Churchill High School. In 1992, he graduated from Henry Ford Community College.

Michael is presently employed at Ford Motor Co.

A July wedding is planned.

The parents of Stacey Brooke Zoellner and Craig DeRoche announce their engagement.

The bride-elect, daughter of Tom and Marsha Zoellner of Lake Orion, graduated in 1991 from Lake Orion High School. She is a 1985 graduate of Oakland University and is currently employed as advertising and public relations administrator for Selectcare in Troy.

The groom-elect is the son of Paul and Anne DeRoche of

Brighton. He graduated from Walled Lake Western in 1988, and from Central Michigan University in 1991. He is owner of an insurance agency and is also employed as a regional marketing representative for Safety National Casualty Corp.

Craig now serves as a Novi city councilman. Having been elected in November 1997, he is also an elder in the Millford Presbyterian Church.

A May wedding is planned.

## Cultural exchange program searching for host families

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## News to share?

Have you recently become engaged? Newly betrothed? Or are you proud new parents? Are you celebrating a big anniversary? Send the information and picture if you have one to *The Northville Record/Novi News*, 101 W. Main Street, Northville, MI 48167, or stop by the office and pick up a birth, engagement or wedding announcement form and well see to it that your happy news appears in the paper. There is no charge.

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# Diversions

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THURSDAY  
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## Jazz/blues trio is making the rounds

Kid Brother will be making appearances at several Borders Books and Music stores over the next few months and plans to stop in Novi on Friday, Feb. 27, for a performance from 7 until 9 p.m. The jazz trio will perform cuts from their self-titled, debut CD as well as Latin jazz favorites that are an intricate part of the band's live show.

The performances are free and an excellent opportunity for those of all ages to enjoy jazz in an environment other than the usual setting of a smoky club.

The trio, Ruth Kowalewski on bass, Kerry Lundquist on piano, and Rob Emanuel on drums, incorporate elements from many different genres - from jazz to blues, to Latin, to electric fusion.

After the two-hour set, the members of the group will stick around to sign copies of their CD, which will be available at the store.

Borders Books and Music is located at 43075 Crescent Boulevard in the Novi Town Center.

For more information, call Borders Books and Music in Novi at (248) 347-0780.



Kid Brother will perform at Border's in Novi on Friday, Feb. 27, from 7 until 9 p.m. Submitted photo

## Entertainment listing

Submit items for the entertainment listings to *The Northville Record/Novi News*, 104 W. Main, Northville, MI 48167, or fax to 349-1090.

### ADDITIONS

**PCC:** The Plymouth Community Chorus is holding auditions for its Spring Concert on Jan. 27 at 7 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth, 45000 N. Territorial Road, west of Sheldon. Male voices are especially needed, particularly tenors, but openings for female voices are also available.

Rehearsals for the annual Spring Concert began Jan. 13. Call (313) 435-4080 for appointments or more information.

**VOICES IN TIME:** Based in Northville, there are still openings in this mini-chorus. For more information, call Ed Meade at (248) 449-6540.

**CONCERT BAND:** The Novi Concert Band, directed by Jack Kopnick, invites any adult who plays a band instrument to join the band for the 1998 concert season. Rehearsals take place Tuesdays from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. and there are no auditions.

For additional information, call (248) 932-9244.

**AUTHENTIC BRITISH BRASS BAND:** The Motor City Brass Band is conducting interviews for percussion and BB flat tuba (brass) and euphonium.

Rehearsals are held Mondays from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. with engagements usually twice a month on weekends or in the evening. New members are welcome.

For more information or to schedule an audition, call founder John Aren at (248) 349-0376. The home page is: <http://members.aol.com/mcbband/mcbb.htm>

### SPECIAL EVENTS

**BARNES & NOBLE:** Upcoming events include "Internet-Gateway to the Future" will be the topic of Cassandra Taylor-Sims, an Internet instructor, on Jan. 23, at 7:30 p.m., local author and Northville resident Marian Nelson will read from her book *Priscilla's Patch* at 11 a.m. on Jan. 27 and 7 p.m. on Jan. 28; the Oprah Book Club will discuss *The Meanest Thing to Say*, *The Treasure Hunt* and *The Best Way to Play* by Bill Cosby on Jan. 22 at 10 a.m.; and the Mystery Book Club will discuss *Unbound* by Julie Kaevert at 7:30 p.m. Barnes & Noble is located at Six Mile and Haggerty roads in Northville.

For details, call (248) 348-0696.

**PERFORMER'S SHOWCASE:** The public is invited to attend the Performer's Showcase performances held prior to select Novi City Council meetings in the Novi Civic Center at 7:30 p.m. On occasion, performances may be taped by Time Warner and cablecast to residents.

Musicians, actors, poets, dancers, etc. are invited to submit application forms and audition tapes, if available, to the Novi Arts Council.

For details, contact the arts

council at 347-9400.

### MUSIC

**MR. B'S FARM:** Mr. B's Farm is located at Novi Road north of Ten Mile. For details, call 349-7038.

**OXFORD INN:** The Oxford Inn is located at 43317 Grand River in Novi.

For details, call (248) 305-5656.

**LIBRARY SPORTS PUB AND GRILL:** The Library Sports Pub and Grill is located at 42100 Grand River Avenue in Novi. For details, call 349-9110.

**TUSCAN CAFE:** Tuscan Cafe presents a variety of entertainment acts nightly except Sundays. Weekday performances are from 8:30 to 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday performances are from 9-11 p.m.

Tuscan Cafe is located at 150 Center Street in Northville. For details, call 305-8629.

**BRADY'S FOOD & SPIRITS:** Live entertainment is offered from 7:30 to 11 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, and from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. on Friday and Saturday.

Brady's Food & Spirits is located at 38123 West Ten Mile in the Holiday Inn in Farmington Hills.

For additional information, call (248) 478-7780.

**FRIGATES INN:** Frigates offers live music every Wednesday at 9 p.m. featuring either the 2XL Band or John D. Lamb. The Tim Flaherty Trio with emcee Dan McCall will host an open blues jam every Thursday from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. All musicians are welcome. Dance with The Globe at 9 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays.

Frigates Inn is located at the corner of Fourteen Mile and East Lake Drive in Novi. For details, call (248) 624-9607.

**SPORTS EDITION:** Every weekend, guests can enjoy live entertainment at the Sports Edition Bar, located inside the Novi Hilton Hotel, 21111 Haggerty Road.

The Sports Edition is home to Intrigue and other high-powered hits groups every weekend. A cover charge begins at 8 p.m.

**STARTING GATE:** The Starting Gate Saloon offers live music every Friday and Saturday night from 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.

The Starting Gate is located at 135 N. Center St. in downtown Northville.

**SUNSET GRILL:** Every Tuesday from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. the Sunset Grill hosts an open blues jam. Rock 'n' roll is featured on Saturdays during the summer from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

The Sunset Grill is located at the corner of Thirteen Mile and Novi roads.

For details, call (248) 624-8475.

**TOO CHEZ:** Too Chez, located across from Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi, offers live jazz entertainment from 6 to 10 p.m. Mondays and 7-11 p.m. Fridays.

form intimate jazz from 8 to 11 p.m. on Mondays.

Ron DePalma plays jazz piano from 7-11 p.m. every Tuesday featuring a wide variety of guest performers. Guest singers are welcome.

Strolling musicians David and Francesco entertain diners on the accordion, mandolin and guitar from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. Thursdays. On Friday and Saturday Ron DePalma performs.

For details, call (313) 261-2430.

### ART

**GATE VI GALLERY:** The works of Farmington Hills artist Betty Lane will be on display in the atrium of the Novi Civic Center through Feb. 13.

Month-long exhibits of local artists are held in the atrium of the Novi Civic Center, 45175 West Ten Mile in Novi. Viewing of the exhibit is possible during the hours the Civic Center is open.

Local artists interested in exhibiting at the Civic Center should call 347-0400.

**BOGEY'S BAR & GRILL:** The 2XL Band will be entertaining from 9 p.m. until 2 a.m. on Friday and Saturday, Jan. 23 and 24.

Bogey's is located at 142 East Walled Lake Drive in Walled Lake. (248) 669-1441.

**MARDI GRAS:** Jambalaya and jazz combine for a gala Mardi Gras celebration on Friday, Feb. 20, at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty Road between Six and Seven Mile roads.

Dine on a traditional New Orleans meal beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the Wee Warming and Tom Allen. Beginners are welcome, especially singles. Bring a refreshment and dress in celebration of winter.

Tickets are \$30 per person and may be ordered by calling the Department of Marketing and Development at (734) 462-4417.

**CONTRA DANCE:** A Mid-Winter Ball Contra and Square Dance will be held on Saturday, Jan. 31, at the Masonic Hall on Pennington Street at Union in Plymouth from 8 until 11 p.m. Admission is \$7 and includes live music performed by the Silver Strings Dulcimer Society. Dance figures are taught, demonstrated and prompted by callers Karen Missavage and Tom Allen. Beginners are welcome, especially singles. Bring a refreshment and dress in celebration of winter.

For details, call the hotline at (734) 332-9024 or (734) 993-1336.

**OCC:** Dances for Lovers, a light-hearted look at the fascinating predicaments and enchanting delights of love and romance, will be performed by the Eisenhower Dance Ensemble at the Smith Theatre on Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge Campus, Orchard Lake Road and Twelve Mile Road near I-696, on Friday, Feb. 2, at 8 p.m.

General admission tickets are \$16.

For tickets, call (248) 471-7667.

**VALENTINE DINNER/DANCE:** Schoolcraft College's Valentine's

Day dinner and dance on Saturday, Feb. 14, will include tomato bisque, artichoke hearts and watercress salad, roasted beef tenderloin with Bordelaise sauce, heart shaped potato leek gratin, asparagus and cheese cake with raspberry sauce. The evening's entertainment will be the music of Johnny Trudell. Tickets are \$37.50 per person.

Proceeds benefit the School College Foundation and the Continuing Education Services Physical Education program.

Schoolcraft College is located at 18600 Haggerty Road in Livonia between Six and Seven Mile roads.

For more information, or to order call (313) 462-4417.

**RECITAL:** Madonna University in Livonia will hold a music recital on Sunday, Jan. 25, at 3 p.m. in Kresge Hall. Admission is by donation to the music scholarship fund.

Barbara Wilsie, a mezzo-soprano, will be accompanied by Linette Popoff-Parks, chair and associate professor in the music department at Madonna University, on piano. A program that was recently performed at Carroll College in Helena, Montana, the recital will feature works from Bach to Barber.

Wilsie recently won both the National Opera Association Vocal Competition and the Friedrich Schorr Memorial Performance Prize.

Madonna University is located at I-96 and Levan Road in Livonia.

For more information, call (734) 432-5709.

**TOYS:** The Plymouth Historical Museum has a special exhibit relating to the history of toys and other childhood memories, including antique dolls, teddy bears, pull-along and pull toys, trains and rocking horses.

The museum is located at 155 South Main Street in Plymouth. Hours are Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday from 1-4 p.m. and Sunday from 2-5 p.m.

Admission is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children ages 5 to 17. Children under 5 are admitted free. The family rate is \$5.

For additional information, call (313) 455-8940.

**JAVA AND JAZZ:** Oakland Community College is presenting a four-part jazz series on Fridays at 8 p.m. at the Smith Theatre on the Orchard Ridge Campus, 27055 Orchard Lake Road in Farmington Hills. The series includes the Stan Lands Quintet on Jan. 23 and Johnny Trudell on Feb. 20.

Individual performances are \$12 each.

For more information call (248) 471-7660.

**CLASSICS ON THE LAKE:** St. Mary's College will present its second season of Classics on the Lake at 4 p.m. in the shrine chapel on the college's campus at Orchard Lake and Commerce roads.

Concerts will feature pianist Flavio Varani on Feb. 15, pianist Myrthala Salazar from Mexico on March 15, and flutist Ervin Monroe and Alexander Zornig, along with pianist Dave Wagner on April 5.

Tickets are \$12 and \$20. For details, call (248) 683-1750.

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# Movies

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## Talented rodents steal the show in 'Mouse Hunt'

Upon the death of their father, down-on-their-luck brothers Ernie and Lars Smuntz are surprised to learn that their inheritance is a crumbling, old mansion that both assume is worthless. But they couldn't be more wrong. In fact, the dilapidated homestead is an architectural masterpiece and worth millions.

But just as the hapless Smuntzes are all set to cash in, they discover there's one very small problem keeping them from life on Easy Street — the house is occupied by a tenacious mouse, who has no intention of vacating the premises. Two grown men versus one teeny, weensy mouse. It's not contest...for the mouse.

From ferocious feline to deranged exterminator...the only thing Ernie and Lars might catch in their "better mousetrap" is themselves.

The brothers are about to learn that "Are you a man or a mouse?" is a trick question as they engage in a battle of wits with the wily little rodent that may just bring down the house.

DreamWorks Pictures presents "Mouse Hunt," starring Nathan Lane as Ernie Smuntz and British comic sensation Lee Evans as Lars Smuntz. Also starring are Vicki Lewis, Maury Chaykin, Eric Christmas, Michael Jeter, William

Hickey and Christopher Walken. Screenwriter Adam Rifkin cites a very early influence in his life as the inspiration for his characters and story: the cartoons he had watched as a child.

"Those images have been haunting me throughout my adult life," he laughs. "The mouse in 'Mouse Hunt' possesses the mischievous cunning of Tom & Jerry, the Road Runner and Bugs Bunny, all rolled into one. He's the perfect film hero, because he's able — with a beam the size of a pea — to outsmart two grown men. It's the classic David and Goliath scenario."

The script eventually landed on the desks of producing partners Alan Riche and Tony Ludwig. Riche and Ludwig read it, and they loved it. It was fresh...it was unique.

"It just had so much delightful naivete to it, that I knew right away this could be a really fun film," agrees producer Bruce Cohen, who completes the production triangle.

Rifkin shaped the characters of bumbling brothers Ernie and Lars in the tradition of such classic film comedians as The Three Stooges and Laurel and Hardy. He notes, "They just can't get it together and kill the damn mouse; they become irrational and start tripping themselves up. And with two giants trying to kill a cute, furry thing, you just have to root for the furry thing."

Working with casting director Denise Channin, the filmmakers began to compile their "wish list" of actors.

Topping the list for the role of Ernie was Broadway and film actor Nathan Lane, who had earned acclaim for his hilarious performance in Mike Nichols' "The Birdcage" and a Tony Award for his stage hit "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum."

"Ernie Smuntz is a man with a dream," Lane quips. "He has these delusions of grandeur and then everything comes crashing down on him. But the real hijinks begin when he and his brother inherit this old house from their father."

For the role of Lars Smuntz, Verbitski wanted to cast someone who was the complete opposite of Lane in both looks and mannerisms to really set up the contrast between these two brothers. British comedian Lee Evans, who had received widespread praise for his performance in Peter Chelison's film "Funny Bones," fit the bill.

From the moment he read the script, Evans was captivated. "It was just a visual feast of things happening," he declares, adding of his role, "Lars is a failure, but he's more than capable. They just can't continue with their renovation because of the mouse. They bring in a ferocious cat, they hire a very disturbed exterminator...but nothing seems to work. This little mouse is undermining their entire existence."

Brothers Lars (Lee Evans) and Ernie (Nathan Lane) Smuntz literally trap themselves into a corner when they try to catch a parasitism mouse who has taken up permanent residence in their house.



Written and directed by Quentin Tarantino and based on Elmore Leonard's 1995 bestseller *Rum Punch*, Jackie Brown is at once a comic crime caper and a story of real people who step over the line of legality from time to time. Five charismatic characters are chasing a half million dollars cash, and there's only one question...who's playing who?

Jackie (Pam Grier) supplements her meager income as a stewardess by smuggling cash into the U.S. for gunrunner Ordell Robbie (Samuel L. Jackson) — until the day an ATF agent (Michael Keaton) and an LA cop (Michael Biehn) bust her at the airport.

The cops pressure her to help them bring down Ordell, threatening prison if she refuses.

With a sympathetic bail bondsman (Robert Forster), who understands her restlessness only too well, Jackie arrives at a bold almost foolhardy plan to play off these opposing forces against each other.

Matters are complicated by Ordell's confederates, Louis Gara (Robert De Niro) and Melvin Paltan (Bridget Fonda) who have agendas of their own. By appearing to cooperate with both sides, Jackie attempts to outfox them both and walk away with a half million dollar payday.

"Jackie Brown" is a Miramax Films release of A Band Apart production, directed and written by Quentin Tarantino, based upon the novel "Rum Punch" by Elmore Leonard.

"Jackie Brown," Tarantino's first script adapted from a novel, marks an evolutionary development in Tarantino's thinking about character and conflict.

"Pulp" fans will recognize the writer-director's trademark salty dialogue and his deft handling of a comic narrative, but as Tarantino puts it, "The film is as much about what motivates these characters as about what happens next."

Tarantino relished the challenge of adapting Leonard. "I wanted to keep his dry sense of humor without getting too 'joky.' That's very much the kind of balance I was after," Jackie Brown. The result is a seamless blending of Tarantino's sensibility with Leonard's.

Tarantino made several significant changes in the course of cre-

ating a screenplay out of the book. First, he shifted the locale from Elmore Leonard's home turf to his own, from South Florida to the South Bay region of Los Angeles — El Segundo, Torrance, Hawthorne and the adjacent beach communities.

For him, the change was crucial: a way to retain the story's fine-tuned sense of lived-in reality in its transition from an Elmore Leonard novel to a Quentin Tarantino film.

"I don't know Miami at all," Tarantino explains, "but I know the South Bay like the back of my hand. This was a way for me to make this movie personal to myself and to be confident that I could keep it real."

"In a South Bay context I knew exactly where each of these people would live, how they would dress, what their apartments would look like. Shooting in Miami I would not have come to those things as naturally."

"And that's really important to Elmore Leonard. One of the most important things about his work is that feeling of effortless realism, where events seem to just sort of unfold all by themselves and you're reading along and you say

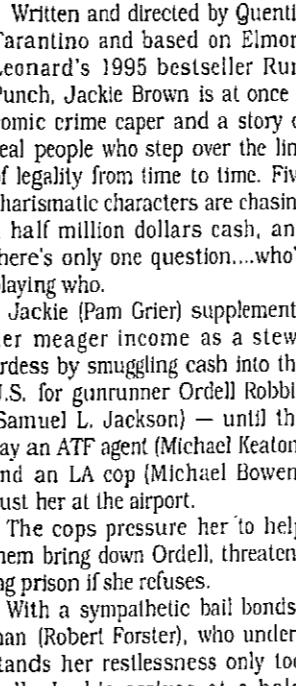


to yourself. "This is exactly the way it would really happen. I wanted my movie to feel that way too, and this is one way I could be really confident of doing that."

Secondly, he decided to cast 70's icon Pam Grier as the protagonist Jackie Brown, a role which in "Rum Punch" was a white woman named Jackie Burke.

Notes producer Bender, "Quentin has been a Pam Grier fan forever...and she was just perfect for the role. She's got some extra no one else could have really brought to it, she embodies the essence of the character. "Jackie's a gorgeous woman in her mid-40s who's had a tough life and has her back up against the wall. She's very vulnerable, and by making her black instead of white puts her that much more into jeopardy."

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Pam Grier makes a vivid comeback in 'Jackie Brown.'

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 DWCF, 36, 5'11", 135lbs, enjoys old movies, outdoors, camping, horseback riding, country music, seeks tall, SWM, 30-40, Ad# 1025.

**INDEPENDENT**  
 Catholic DW man, 38, 5'7", 130lbs, blonde hair, self-employed, likes the outdoors, hobbies: sewing, quilting, fishing, seeks honest, trustworthy SWCM, 38-45, with good morals. Ad# 1010.

**HABITAT 4/20**  
 Never-married, friendly, easygoing SWCF, 25, 5'3", employed, likes the outdoors, concerts, seeking intelligent SWCM, 25-32, for friendship. Ad# 1032.

**NUMEROUS SPECIAL FORMER**  
 SWCF, 60, 5'5", outgoing, enjoys sports, biking, driving, seeks SWM over 55, with similar interests. Ad# 4900.

**APPROPRIATE HONESTY**  
 SWCF, 25, 5'11", outgoing, enjoys movies, concerts, music, dining out, walking, time with friends and more, seeks honest, SWM, 24-30, with similar interests. Ad# 6588.

**TREAT ME RIGHT!**  
 Cuts SWCF, 22, 5'7", blue-eyed blonde, enjoys barbecues, family times, reading, fishing, going out, relaxing, at home, interested in meeting an honest, trustworthy SWCM, 23-32, Ad# 7592.

**I'LL LOVE YOUR HEART**  
 DWCF, 41, 5'5", full-figured, mom, professional, honest, outgoing, enjoys shooting pool, cards, bowling, movies, seeks SWM, 37-50, who is family-oriented. Ad# 1956.

**FRIENDSHIP FIRST**  
 DW man, 28, 5'10", neat hair, great eyes, enjoys being outdoors, sports, animals and much more, seeking honest, outgoing, stable SWCM, 25-40, with similar interests, who likes children, would be interested in friends first relationship. Ad# 5514.

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

**ALL-AMERICAN GIRL**  
 SWCF, 25, 5'7", back hair, blue eyes, out-going, enjoys music, writing, movies, concerts, seeks SWM, 30, to share same interests. Ad# 6644.

**SOLID VALUES**  
 DW man, 33, 5'5", Catholic, participates in youth ministry, professional, serious, marriage minded. Catholic SWM, 30-42, Ad# 3359.

**A FRIEND START**  
 DWCF, 34, 5'5", NS, good sense of humor, outgoing, seeks NS, SWM, 32-40, Ad# 5223.

**BIG BLUE EYES**  
 SWCF, 54, 5'2", 135lbs, outgoing, enjoys being with family, camping, dancing, sports, music, boating, going out, seeks NS, active, SWM, 58-68, Ad# 7111.

**THE SEARCH IS OVER**  
 SWCF, 35, 5'3", outgoing, employed, enjoys nature, dining out, relaxing, quiet times with someone special, seeks SWM, 35-45, who is honest, caring and giving. Ad# 5682.

**SWEET HONESTY**  
 SWCF, 31, 5'4", brown hair, hazel eyes, professional, caring, outgoing, very positive outlook on life, enjoys church, outdoor activities, seeks dependable, considerate, SWM, 30-38, Ad# 5999.

**KNOWS WHAT SHE WANTS**  
 Protestant SWCF, 18, 5'7", good-looking, funny, sensitive, enjoys sports, quiet times at home, good conversation, seeks attractive SWM, 24-25, for mature relationship. Ad# 1279.

**MAKE A WISH FOR ME**  
 SWCF, 30, 5'8", blonde hair, hazel eyes, outgoing, hopeless romantic, seeks friends and family, spending time with friends and family, dining out, seeks honest, attractive, SWM, age unimportant, Ad# 1115.

**ONLY THE BEST FOR YOU**  
 SWCF, 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 man, 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.

**FILLING 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# 6005.

**SWEET HONESTY**  
 SWCF, 31, 5'7", shy, single mom, enjoys outdoors, concerts, hobby, seeks DW man, under 40, to share same interests. Ad# 2394.

**EASY TO TALK TO**  
 Pretty, full-figured DW man, 32, 5'7", 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 man, 40, 5'6", 150lbs, shy, reserved, financially secure, lives in Northville, NS, enjoys sports, soccer, the outdoors, dancing, movies, quiet nights, seeks SWM, 34-47, Ad# 8076.

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

### Sparks Her Mind

SWCF, 37, 5'8", blonde hair, hazel eyes, employed, enjoys sports, car racing, movies, bowling and dancing, seeks single SWM, 38-40, Ad# 6087.

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

**ALL THIS AND MORE!!!**  
 Attractive DW man, 28, 5'5", blonde hair, green eyes, enjoys fishing, bowling, golfing, dogs, dancing, seeks honest, hard-working, handsome SWM, 31-40, who wants to spend time. Ad# 1222.

**JOYS OF LIFE**  
 WWCF, 39, 5'4", outgoing, friendly, likes bowling and horseback riding, liking walks, seeks honest SWM, 35-43, who has a strong belief in God. Ad# 1030.

**AWHIMMIE**  
 DWCF, 58, 5'2", enjoys chess, crafts, cooking, dining out, movies, seeks SWM, 60-75, for companionship. Ad# 1221.

**GIVE ME A CALL**  
 DWCF man, 28, 5'7", employed, lives in Grafton, enjoys camping, bowling, fishing with children, seeks SWM, 25-33, for friendship. Ad# 5910.

**ALWAYS**  
 Full-figured, employed DW man, 36, 5'7", who enjoys camping, planting flowers and reading books, seeking honest, sincere and fun SWCM, 30-45, who likes children and quiet time. Ad# 1234.

**ATTENTION GENTLEMAN...**  
 DWCF man, 48, 5'9", blonde hair, brown eyes, outgoing, enjoys fishing, reading, movies, walking, basketball, seeks humorous, honest DWCM, 45-55, with similar interests. Ad# 1504.

**GOD LEANS MY LIEK**  
 Born-Again DWCF man, 41, 5'4", slender, blonde professional, lives in Brighton, likes going to movies, Bible study, and a little of everything, seeks SWCM, 39-55, with same interests. Ad# 1885.

**COOL VALUES**  
 DWCF, 30, 5'3", lives the outdoors, golf, swimming, fishing, seeks SWM, 30-40, who enjoys movies, dancing, picnicking, jogging, skating, seeks moral, honest SWM, 45-57, Ad# 1273.

**CELEBRATE LIFE**  
 Professional, full-figured DWCF, 52, 5'6", brown hair, enjoys country music, reading, theater, bowling, looking for a SWCM, 50+, with similar interests, for companionship. Ad# 1829.

**BE POSITIVE ABOUT LIFE!**  
 Catholic DW man, 41, 5'3", resides in the Ann Arbor area, desires more children, enjoys an active lifestyle including boating, seeks SWM, 38-45, Ad# 8760.

**INTELLIGENT**  
 Friendly, professional DW man, 33, 5'5", enjoys children, animals, the outdoors, seeking family-oriented, Catholic SWM, 32-40, Ad# 5223.

**THE BRIGHT SIDE**  
 Personable SWCF, 37, 5'7", from South Lyon, enjoys seeking SWM for friendship, possibly more. Ad# 4144.

**ONCE IN A LIFETIME**  
 Professional, fun-loving SWCF, 30, 5'2", NS, humorous, enjoys rollerblading, swimming, water skiing, the outdoors, walks, looking for an active, intelligent, outgoing, childless SWCM, 25-35, Ad# 1515.

**YOU JUST MAY BE THE ONE**  
 Catholic SW man of three, 22, 5'10", outgoing, down-to-earth, lives in Howa, seeks intelligent, married Catholic SWM, 22-35, who loves children. Ad# 2221.

**AVOID READER**  
 Protestant SWCF, 22, 5'5", participates in Bible study, enjoys sports, concerts, movies, collecting unicorns, seeks Protestant SWM, 25-33, with mutual interests. Ad# 1937.

**DINNER AND A MOVIE?**  
 Catholic WWCF, 65, 5'2", from Oakland County, enjoys the theater, dancing, crafts, home life, swimming, seeks SWM, 64-70, for companionship. Ad# 8439.

**HEART OF GOLD**  
 Kind-hearted SWCF, 50, 5'5", from Ann Arbor, enjoys dancing, camping, family and friends, special sports, wants to meet SWCM, 45-52, NS. Ad# 7473.

**FALL IN LOVE**  
 Outgoing, honest SWCF, 38, 5'2", blue-eyed blonde, enjoys soccer, sports activities, seeking SWCF, 35-45, for friendship. Ad# 8710.

**ARE YOU MY TEDDY BEAR?**  
 DWCF, 48, 5'11", full-figured, hardworking, professional, from Plymouth, enjoys fishing, hunting, motorcycle, motorcarts, walks, faithful, loving SWM, under 52, Ad# 1949.

**A LASTING LOVE**  
 Cheerful SWCF, 38, 5'4", full-figured, never married, participates in choir, Bible study, enjoys golf, bowling, walking, Bible reading, animals, seeks warm, caring SWCM, 34-49, Ad# 1359.

**SINCERE HEART**  
 Catholic DWCF, 48, 5'5", honey blonde, green eyes, fun-loving, from Brighton, seeks faithful, SWM, 45-53, who enjoys life with. Ad# 2149.

**LOVES ANIMALS**  
 SWCF, 49, 5'3", blue-eyed blonde, sincere, down-to-earth, intelligent, likes the outdoors, nature, the mountains, beaches, cooking, movies, seeks kind-hearted, honest, handy SWM, 45+, for friendship, possibly more. Ad# 5111.

**LONG-TERM RELATIONSHIP**  
 Outgoing DW man, 32, 4'10", full-figured, NS, employed, interests include country music and hockey, seeks honest, caring SWCM, 30-45, NS. Ad# 9420.

**WAITING TO HEAR FROM YOU?**  
 Protestant DWCF, 53, 5'11", NS, education, warm, fun, witty, enjoys dining out, cooking, dry trips, music, seeks professional SWM, NS, for possible long-term relationship. Ad# 3334.

### LET'S GET AWAY...

DWCF, 45, 5'4", blue-eyed blonde, hobbies include bowling, golf, rollerblading, canyoning, dining out, movies, seeking honest, fun SWCM, 35-40, for long-term relationship. Ad# 3485.

**REAL-NICE PERSON**  
 WWCF, 64, 5'2", pretty, talkative, honest, loyal, sincere, lives in South Lyons, likes drives, walks, TV, movies, dining out, cards, seeks compatible, trusting, humorous SWCM, 62-70, Ad# 4589.

**STILL STAMCHING**  
 DWCF, 42, 5'2", 100lbs, blue-eyed blonde, bubbly, financially stable, has no children at home, great sense of humor, seeks DWCM, 39-44, who is mature, kind, sensitive and honest to have fun with. Ad# 4567.

**KNOW HOW TO SHARE?**  
 Chipper SWCF, 25, 5'11", long black hair, shy, likes movies, dancing, family times, good friends, seeks SWM, 24-28, no kids, preferably never married. Ad# 7557.

**MUTUAL RESPECT**  
 Born-Again SWCF, 45, 5'5", shy and reserved, hard, caring, from Brighton, enjoys camping, fishing, walks, nature, animals, seeks warm, sincere, honest SWCM, Ad# 1951.

**NO HEADGAMES**  
 Easygoing Lutheran SWCF, 52, 5'2", NS, enjoys cooking, collecting comic books, seeks fun-loving, caring, honest SWM, 35-40, for friendship. Ad# 1142.

**LOOKING FOR A PERSON**  
 SWCF, 27, 5'3", blue-eyed blonde, cheerful, professional, lives in Novi, likes sports, crafts, flowers, biking, seeks upbeat, intelligent SWCM, 25-33, with similar interests. Ad# 2570.

**ANY CHEMISTRY?**  
 Catholic SWCF, 36, 5'8", tall, slender, outgoing, enjoys movies, dancing, fitness, elegant evenings, seeks lively SWCM, 30-43, Ad# 2213.

**A BRAND NEW START**  
 Baptist DW man, 34, 5'5", blue-eyed blonde, enjoys movie, going out, being outdoors, seeks nice SWM, to share thoughts and interests with. Ad# 5560.

**LET'S GET TOGETHER**  
 Baptist SWCF, 50, 5'3", brown eyes, warm, caring, cheerful, enjoys traveling, dining, playing, walking, reading, movies, seeks honest, sensitive, educated SWM, with similar interests. Ad# 6283.

**LET'S MEET**  
 Non-denominational DWCF, 26, full-figured, outgoing, enjoys movies, reading, the park, picnics, movies, seeks understanding, affectionate SWM, with a good sense of humor. Ad# 1171.

**QUET AT FIRST**  
 Catholic SWCF, 33, shy, outgoing, enjoys reading, collecting dolls, walking, bike riding, looking for outgoing, humorous, caring, loving SWM, NS, Ad# 2882.

**SPOIL ME!**  
 SWCF, 47, caring, fun-loving, attends Christian activities, enjoys going to the movies, looking for someone who is kind, honest SWM, to spend time together. Ad# 6636.

**HAS COMMON SENSE**  
 Catholic SWCF, 38, humorous, friendly, enjoys playing hockey, hunting, fishing, rollerblading, tennis, seeks attractive, intelligent SWM, 40 and up, for living, romance, travel and more. Ad# 3303.

**TRUE BELIEVER**  
 Catholic DWCF, 49, 5'10", 170lbs, likes reading and writing poetry, enjoys participating in sports and going to church, seeking moralistic SWCF, Ad# 2813.

**HAPPY WITH LIFE!**  
 SWCF, 45, 5'9", medium build, from Brighton area, likes dancing, bowling, dining out, seeking a SWCF, under 55, NS, for possible relationship. Ad# 7126.

**ANYTHING IN COMMON?**  
 Professional, easygoing DWCF, 42, 5'2", 5'10", employed, enjoys sports, playing cards, dining out, seeking SWCF, 42-53, Ad# 8787.

**ALWAYS ON THE GO!!!**  
 Catholic DWCF, 40, 4, 175lbs, brown hair, enjoys rollerblading, rollerblading, fishing, snow skiing and reading, seeks active, spontaneous Catholic SWCF, under 45, Ad# 7126.

**HOPE YOU'LL CALL!**  
 Catholic SWCF, 28, 5'6", South Lyons resident, enjoys romance, camping, fishing, hunting, family, seeks Catholic SWCF, 22-34, Ad# 2869.

**ALL THAT AND MORE**  
 DWCF, 40, 5'11", outgoing, friendly, lives in Highland Township, enjoys boating, water skiing, horseback riding, seeking adventurous SWCF, 28-44, with similar interests. Ad# 7028.

**MORAL & MODIST**  
 DWCF, 49, 5'9", easygoing, honest, lives in South Lyons, likes working out, animals, riding, enjoys dancing, walking, dining out, seeks SWCF, under 52, with similar interests. Ad# 8944.

**HAPPY WITH LIFE!**  
 Catholic DWCF, 52, 5'10", 170lbs, open, honest, enjoys biking, dancing, animals, being outdoors, from Brighton, seeks athletic SWCF, under 45, who is young-at-heart. Ad# 4888.

**FOLLOW YOUR HEART**  
 Never-married, Catholic SWCF, 33, 5'7", enjoys movies, reading, fishing, rollerblading, animal lover, from the Livonia, enjoys movies and sporting events, seeks Catholic SWCF, Ad# 8978.

**CONTACT ME**  
 DWCF, 42, 3'7", laid-back, reserved, secure, employed, lives in Fenton, seeks genuine, employed, stable SWCF, 33-43, Ad# 3702.

**PICK ME!**  
 SWCF, 20, 6'1", enjoys sports, movies, seeking humorous, easygoing, dependable SWCF, for possible relationship. Ad# 7030.

**LET'S TALK OVER COFFEE**  
 SWCF, 42, 5'7", dark hair, likes to read, enjoys movies, camping, hunting, travel, seeks honest, slender SWCF, 19-27, with similar interests. Ad# 7900.

### HERE'S TO NEW BEGINNINGS

Protestant DWCF, 41, 6'2", 235lbs, brown hair, hazel eyes, good-looking, enjoys sports, camping, the outdoors, seeking Protestant SWCF, under 27, who is caring and family-oriented. Ad# 1212.

**ON COMMON GROUND**  
 Catholic DWCF, 42, 6'1", from Brighton, enjoys camping, boating, fishing, dining, enjoys great sense of humor, lives in South Lyons, interests include the outdoors, movies, sports, concerts, seeking physically fit, muscular SWCF, 18-24, Ad# 3718.

**TO THE POINT**  
 Intellectual, nice, caring DWCF, 33, 5'11", from Pontiac, seeking SWCF, 23-36, with same traits, to enjoy life with. Ad# 6329.

**MARRIAGE-ORIENTED**  
 Protestant SWCF, 44, 6', trustworthy, lives in Highland, enjoys fishing, camping, sports, seeking SWCF, 38-46, with the same values. Ad# 8552.

**LEAVE YOUR NUMBER**  
 Easygoing, down-to-earth SWCF, 37, 5'8", enjoys volleyball, biking, music, movies, roller skating, video, seeks open-minded, adventurous, physically fit SWCF, under 52, Ad# 6550.

**PRIORITY AD**  
 Catholic SWCF, 40, 6', fun-loving, friendly, lives in Garden City, enjoys parties, water-skiing, looking for an outgoing Catholic SWCF, 35-41, who has never been married. Ad# 8025.

**A COUNTRY BOY**  
 Protestant DWCF, 46, 5'7", 160lbs, honest, energetic, fun-loving, seeks outgoing, fun-loving and employed, Ad# 5237.

**WISH YOU WERE HERE!**  
 Protestant DWCF, 34, 5'7", red-head, brown hair, green eyes, attractive, employed, seeking loving, compassionate, caring SWCF, 28-37, with similar interests, for friendship. Ad# 5294.

**ALL TOGETHER NOW!**  
 DWCF, 32, 5'8", 140lbs, dark hair, hazel eyes, fun-loving, sincere, respectful, loving, likes fishing, rollerblading, movie, music, seeks SWCF, 28-36, Ad# 3880.

**NEVER MARRIED**  
 Friendly, humorous SWCF, 20, 5'10", 150lbs, outgoing, seeking SWCF, 18-25, for friendship, laughter, possibly more. Ad# 5678.

**ALONE TOO LONG!**  
 Personal SWCF, 40, 5'10", from Highland, enjoys rollerblading, golfing, biking, seeking sincere, fun-loving SWCF, 32-38, Ad# 6633.

**LIFETIME OF SMILES**  
 Active, optimistic DWCF, 51, red-head, brown hair, blue eyes, employed, participates in Bible study, enjoys biking, reading, travel, working out, seeks adventurous, romantic, fun-loving SWCF, Ad# 2020.

**CALL & WE'LL TALK**  
 Protestant DWCF, 63, NS, trustworthy, caring, romantic, employed, enjoys all sports, seeks SWCF, 19-32, who is physically fit. Ad# 2923.

**INCURABLE ROMANTIC**  
 SWCF, 38, 5'10", 170lbs, blue eyes, interested in music, tennis, golf, boating, seeking compassionate, humorous SWCF, 25-40, for loving relationship. Ad# 5921.

**CHARMING**  
 DWCF, 27, 5'5", 200lbs, hobbies are outdoor activities, snowmobiles, movies, shooting pool, horses, sport cars, seeks fun SWCF, 40-42, Ad# 4240.

**GOD MORALS**  
 Outgoing SWCF, 45, 5'10", blue-eyed blonde, from Howell, enjoys simple things in life, music, golf, hockey, motor-cycle riding, seeking sincere, honest SWCF, 42-53, Ad# 1976.

**STRONG FAITH IN GOD**  
 Church-going DWCF, 29, 6', open-minded, good listener, easy to get along with, loves the outdoors, seeks working out, seeks SWCF, 20-35, Ad# 4125.

### THINK ABOUT IT!

Protestant SWCF, 19, 6'1", shy, likes sports, movies, line with his daughter, enjoys sports, camping, the outdoors, seeking Protestant SWCF, under 27, for friendship, possibly more. Ad# 2025.

**ON COMMON GROUND**  
 Catholic DWCF, 42, 6'1", from Brighton, enjoys camping, boating, fishing, dining, enjoys great sense of humor, lives in South Lyons, interests include the outdoors, movies, sports, concerts, seeking physically fit, muscular SWCF, 18-24, Ad# 3718.

**BEST THERE IS**  
 Young-hearted DWCF, 41, 6', 180lbs, red hair, outgoing, friendly, enjoys camping, fishing, dining, enjoys great sense of humor, lives in the beach, seeks SWCF, 19-24, with mutual interests. Ad# 5495.

**MIR, NICE GU!**  
 SWCF, 19, 6'5", red-head, hazel eyes, enjoys dining out, dancing, going to the beach, seeks SWCF, 18-24, with mutual interests. Ad# 5495.

**SEMI-SOBER**  
 Catholic SWCF, 34, 5'10", 180lbs, brown hair, green eyes, employed, enjoys traveling, dining out, movies, music, would like to meet Catholic SWCF, 35-41, who is a marriage minded. Ad# 6763.

**ALONE!**  
 Warm-hearted SWCF, 21, 6'1", 175lbs, never married, likes kids, having fun, seeks SWCF, 35-41, who has never been married. Ad# 1111.

**TRUSTWORTHY**  
 Catholic SWCF, 55, 5'7", blue eyes, romantic, employed, enjoys picnics, sports, history, church choir, poetry, funny activities, seeks Catholic SWCF, under 56, Ad# 9411.

**SOMEONE SPECIAL**  
 Catholic SWCF, 29, 5'8", outgoing, friendly, enjoys movies, reading, fishing, the outdoors, traveling, seeking SWCF, 21-25, to spend time together. Ad# 1151.

**FOR MY HEART**  
 DWCF, 37, 5'10", 185lbs, NS, outgoing, enjoys bike riding, hiking, outdoors, rollerblading, seeks SWCF, 30-38, to share same interests. Ad# 2175.

**APPRECIATE HONESTY**  
 DWCF, 39, 5'11", 170lbs, attractive, romantic, outgoing, seeks honest, honest, sincere SWCF, 20-39, for friendship, laughter, possibly more. Ad# 5678.

**ALONE TOO LONG!**  
 Active, optimistic DWCF, 51, red-head, brown hair, blue eyes, employed, participates in Bible study, enjoys biking, reading, travel, working out, seeks adventurous, romantic, fun-loving SWCF, Ad# 2020.

**CALL & WE'LL TALK**  
 Protestant DWCF, 63, NS, trustworthy, caring, romantic, employed, enjoys all sports, seeks SWCF, 19-32, who is physically fit. Ad# 2923.

**HAPPY AGAIN**  
 Sincere SWCF, 58, enjoys bowling, golf, camping, walking, seeking honest, respectable SWCF, with similar interests. Ad# 7314.

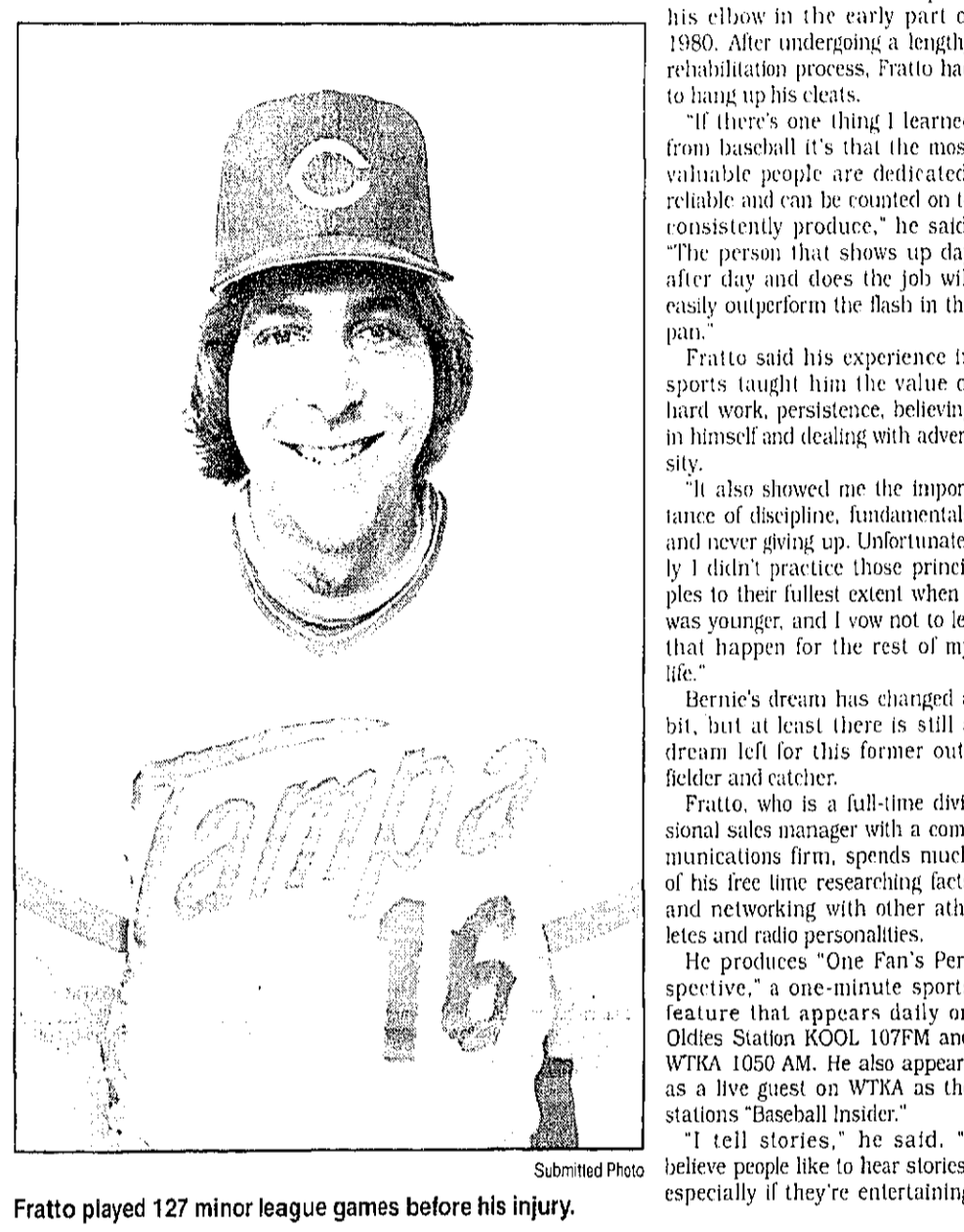
**A GREAT GUY**  
 Catholic SWCF, 47, 5'10", happy, enjoys remodeling, gardening, rollerblading, seeking honest, sincere, fun SWCF, 22-32, Ad# 7100.

**MIND BASTARD!**  
 Baptist SWCF, 38, quiet-natured, enjoys fishing, woodworking, gardening, hunting in life, music, golf, hockey, motor-cycle riding, seeking sincere, honest SWCF, 42-53, Ad# 1976.

**STRONG FAITH IN GOD**  
 Church-going DWCF, 29, 6', open-minded, good listener, easy to get along with, loves the outdoors, seeks working out, seeks SWCF, 20-35, Ad# 4125.

# the NOVI NEWS Sports

## Spoiled dream spawns another



Fratto played 127 minor league games before his injury.

## Novi nipped by Highlanders in fourth quarter

By JASON SCHMITT  
 Sports Editor

Novi never pulled off the upset of its short season, but came away with a close 45-44 loss to Howell in the hard-fought Friday night.

Northville trailed by just one, 30-29, entering the fourth quarter, but couldn't get over the hump. Their team led by more than six points the entire game.

"We controlled the tempo and handled their pressure well," coach Pat Schuller said. "I thought we played a decent game, we just came up short again."

Schuller and his team knew it had to contain the advantage of the situations were given.

Kyle Searley scored 15 points, including 11 in the second half, in the losing cause. Larry Drury added 10 points and eight rebounds. Ben Cunningham and Sean Brislin had eight points each.

"Howell is a tough place to play. They are a good team, but they are very beatable," Schuller said.

Franklin 60, Novi 66

Trailing by just four at the half, Novi was outscored 19-10 in the third quarter in this non-conference loss.

Franklin used a 12-0 run to turn a 23-19 lead into a 42-29 game after three.

**ROCK SOLID:**  
 Salem knocks Novi's chances for a championship away 1/0B

**GIVE ME A 3:**  
 Cheer team takes third at its own invitational 1/1B

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**TUMBLER OVER:**  
 Northville/Novi topples 2nd-ranked Hartland twice. 1/1B

**WEIGHT WATCHERS:**  
 Health club owner suggests training for the health of it 1/2B



Novi resident Bernie Fratto sits in the booth before recording his week's worth of work.

County, CA just 15 minutes away from Disney Land, played professional baseball in the Cincinnati Reds organization. And although he never made it to the Major Leagues, he rode his dream right up to the very end.

His career was cut short when doctors discovered bone chips in his elbow in the early part of 1980. After undergoing a lengthy rehabilitation process, Fratto had to hang up his cleats.

"If there's one thing I learned from baseball it's that the most valuable people are dedicated, reliable and can be counted on to consistently produce," he said. "The person that shows up day after day and does the job will really outperform the flash in the pan."

Fratto said his experience in sports taught him the value of hard work, persistence, believing in himself and dealing with adversity.

It also showed him the importance of discipline, fundamentals and never giving up. Unfortunately, I didn't practice those principles to their fullest extent when I was younger, and I vow not to let that happen for the rest of my life."

Fratto's dream has changed bit, but at least there is still a dream left for this former out-fielder and catcher.

Fratto, who is a full-time division sales manager with a communications firm, spends much of his free time researching facts and networking with other athletes and radio personalities.

He produces "One Fan's Perspective," a one-minute sports feature that appears daily on Oldies Station KGOV, 107.7M and WTKA 1050 AM. He also appears as a live guest on WTKA as the stations' "Baseball Insider."

"I tell stories," he said. "I believe people like to hear stories. Babeus said becoming a syndicated personality is a jolly goal, but not unachievable for Fratto.

"Sometimes people are on the air for several years before they get a break, if they get that break," Paulus said.

Fratto has been married to his wife, Debbie, for 13 years and has two children, Joey, 11, and Jamie, 7.

It has taken him 15 years to find a dream that comes close to matching the one he had in early 1980, and he is refusing to let this one slip.

"In baseball, there's lots of failure and how you communicate with yourself after failure will determine how far you go," he said. "I got pretty darn close to the Major League, and I'll never know if I was good enough because I didn't apply myself fully. I vow never to let that happen again."

In baseball and in life.

## Wildcats finish 2nd at Adams

By JASON SCHMITT  
 Sports Editor

The finals were a different story. Novi jumped out to an early lead before succumbing to the strength of the state's top team.

Ryan Churella beat Adams' Brett McCowan 4-2 to give the Cats an early 3-0 lead.

Dan Jilg pushed the lead to 6-0 with a 7-2 decision over Adam Cross. Cross finished second at the Oakland County Meet and beat Jilg last year 5-4.

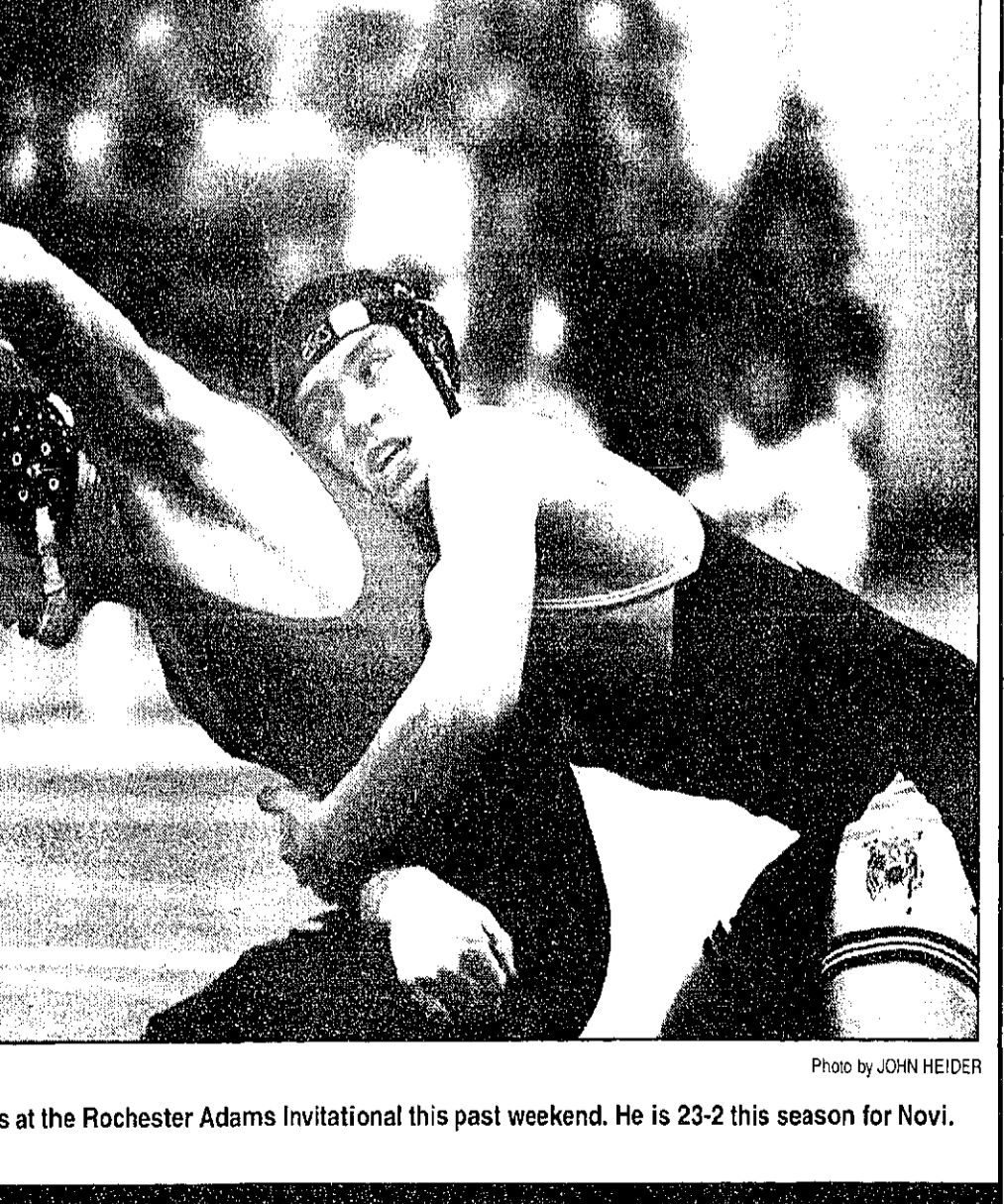
"This was a big win for Danny [Jilg] said. "Last year's loss was one of the worst during the regular season for him. He told me before the match that he really wanted to wrestle this kid."

Nate Mitchell beat Adam Youseff 9-6 at 125 and Mark Churella nipped Matt Fraser 1-0 at 140 to keep the match close.

"They are tough from 125 to 160 pounds. They're very good," the coach said.

John Talbot pinned Herb Mann at 215, but it was too little, too late. Adams voided the heavyweight match to make the final score 48-24.

"It's a good measuring stick for



Dan Jilg won all of his matches at the Rochester Adams Invitational this past weekend. He is 23-2 this season for Novi.

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## Health Column

### Focus on your health, not weight

With the holidays well behind us, many of us are climbing back on the weight scales to "assess the damage."

With average weight gains through the holidays ranging from 7 to 10 pounds, many of us will be establishing our plans of attack. Before you consider this plan you may want to consider factors outside of the traditional weight scale.

First and foremost you may want to get focused on a more healthy you versus a lighter you. The U.S. National Center for Health Statistics surveys show that over 50 percent of adult women in the U.S. report that they are dieting to lose weight. The dieting mania is even more prevalent in teen girls in the with 60 to 75 percent reporting that they are dieting to lose weight.

"Lose weight" is the key goal to examine here. Appearing thin may not necessarily indicate health. More important is a person's body composition, what percentage of our body is fat, water and lean body mass (muscle, bone ligaments and organs). In other words, what makes up a person's weight.

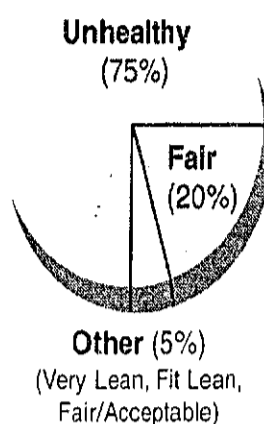
Take our client 28-year-old Dan Hales. Dan, an amateur mountain

bike racer and triathlete, appeared to be in great shape but was shocked to find his body fat percentage in the fair to unhealthy category. And although Dan's weight may have been fine by weight standards alone, his body composition needed some improvements to achieve better health.

Dan has since combined the proper components of fitness to lose over 9 percent body fat while maintaining his lean body mass. Without looking deeper than the weight scale, Dan may never have realized this. Unfortunately, most of our clients as well as the general population start in the unhealthy body fat categories, many times totally unaware.

Many people are beginning to ignore overall body weight and looking to body fat tests for accurate information. You cannot determine body fat by looking in the mirror, there are tests ranging from using a mild electrical charge, to using special callipers to pinch key points on the body to average your overall body fat. Healthy ranges for men are from about 11 to 17 percent, and for women, about 18 to 24 percent. Remember this is key, since the

Condition	Men	Women
Very Lean	<11	<19
Fit/Lean	11-14	19-22
Fair/Acceptable	15-17	23-27
Fair	18-22	28-35
Unhealthy	>22	>35



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The above charts show that most Water Wheel members are in the unhealthy and fair categories.

more muscle you have the more efficiently your body runs and the higher your metabolism, allowing you to more easily lose unwanted body fat. We have had clients drop two dress sizes and not show much decrease at all on the scale. This can occur when the person loses 4 or 5 pounds of fat and

gains 4 or 5 pounds of muscle ... the scale indicates no change while the body has made a dramatic change.

Add this important statistic along with cholesterol and blood pressure to your plan of attack and strive for a more healthier you in '98.

### Social life of adolescent can affect health

As children mature, they become much more interested in, and capable of, assuming responsibility for their own health needs.

They also become keenly aware, inquisitive and concerned about body changes and functions. When children reach this stage, pediatricians prefer to see them alone and will renegotiate the doctor-patient relationship so the adolescent will think of them as their physician.

The psycho-social content of the doctor-patient interview will reflect the developmental issues facing the adolescent. Confidentiality will be stressed at these visits. For some adolescents (as well as adults), the opportunity to organize observations and questions prior to their visit leads to greater efficiency and satisfaction.

During these years, psychological and social independence from the family is increasing, sexual identity is more firmly established, and plans for future education and employment are developing. This independence may be difficult for parents to understand.

Adolescence is divided into three stages - early, middle, and late adolescence. Early adolescence is a period of rapidly changing physical and sexual development and psychological change. This can result in a separation from

authority figures. Middle adolescence is associated with intense psychological and physical involvement with peers. Late adolescence is characterized by emancipation from parents and preparation for career and more intimate relationships.

It is important to recognize that an adolescent's social and/or emotional life can greatly influence his or her physical health. Conversely, adolescents with chronic illnesses may have significant psycho-social concerns. In adolescents with chronic illnesses, for example, a pattern of risk-taking behaviors is frequently observed.

Parents and physicians must respect the adolescent's privacy. It is important, however, to provide opportunities for open discussions about all questions, including sexual attractions and behaviors.

It is also important to be willing to discuss alcohol, tobacco and drugs and personal responsibility. Open communication and role modeling are the keys to successful adolescent relationships with parents. Parents will still have a high need for physician advice and support, and problems should be discussed within limits of confidentiality.

The adolescent may have many concerns about his or her body, and physicians will

begin to instruct them about taking responsibility for their own health. For example, physicians will instruct girls about breast self-examinations.

Safety is another important subject for adolescents, including the use of firearms, power tools and water sports. Driving safety, such as seat belt usage and the ill effects of alcohol and drugs on a driver, should be discussed with the middle adolescent.

Adolescents also have a variety of interests and issue that parents and physicians should be aware of. Sports participation is an important issue with an adolescent and the affects on overall health, muscle strength, and joint flexibility should be discussed. A life-long physical activity program, proper nutrition and weight control should be encouraged. It is also important that an adolescents has proper sleep habits, with an average of eight hours a night.

Crash diets, medications, laxatives, alcohol, nicotine and anabolic steroids are to be discouraged.

Dr. Allan Weiner is a medical doctor at the University of Michigan Middlebelt Pediatrics Center. For more information, please call (248) 477-1122.

### Health Notes

Independent Emergency Physicians Inc. (IEP), a 20-physician emergency medical group, has recently been contracted to staff Providence Hospital and Medical Center's emergency facilities.

The physician group is a newly formed Detroit-based practice solely dedicated to serving Providence facilities in both clinical and administrative capacities. IEP physicians will staff emergency care departments at Providence Medical Center-Providence Park in Novi.

"The continuity of care and dedication to Providence Hospital and Medical Centers provided by Independent Emergency Physicians Inc. will go hand-in-hand with the planned renovations of our emergency department to provide high quality, caring and consolidated emergency services," said Constance Franko, vice president of clinical services at Providence Hospital.

For information about any of Providence Hospital's physicians, please contact physician referral at 1-800-968-5595.

#### Depression

The Manic-Depressive and Depressive Association support group meets 7:30-9 p.m. on the first and third Wednesday of each month at the Mission Health Professional Office Center, 39500 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi. Call Vicki at (248) 960-1288.

#### Referral service

Are you new to the community? Do you need to find a doctor and can't determine the best way to start your search?

The Physician Referral Service of Providence Hospital and Medical Centers is available to assist individuals in finding a physician who can meet the specific needs or criteria of the individual.

The service is free of charge and can be reached by calling 1-800-968-5595.

The staff of Physician Referral Services can help locate physicians by specialty or location, finding an office close to your home or work. They can even match individuals with physicians who participate in particular insurance

plans. Callers can also receive information on support groups, health education classes and lectures.

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

#### Prostate Cancer Meeting

These meetings are held at 6:30 p.m. on the last Thursday of each month at the Brass Pointe Restaurant in Farmington Hills. For information call (248) 424-5543.

#### Immunization Clinic

Providence Medical Center-Farmington Hills is 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. 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. on a walk-in basis. For more information call (248) 865-4000. The last clinic date is Tuesday, Dec. 16.

#### Body Fat Analysis

Have your body fat analysis done by a registered dietitian. Full printed report with recommendations for exercise and diet to promote health. Please Call (248) 424-3903 for appointment and fee. The program will be held at Providence Medical Center-Farmington Hills/NW, Mission Health Medical Center-Livonia, Providence Medical Center-Providence Park in Novi, and Providence Hospital in Southfield.

#### Baby Beepers

Monthly beeper rentals available. Stay in touch with your labor partner. Call (248) 424-3332 for information and fee.

#### Managing Your BP

Free blood pressure checks, open to the public, are being held in the emergency room of Providence Medical Center-Providence Park

in Novi, Monday-Friday, from 9-11 a.m. No appointment necessary.

#### Parish Nurse

The Parish Nurse Ministry strives to build relationships with local congregations. This service is offered to all fathers to meet the holistic health needs of your members. To learn more about the Providence Parish Nurse Ministry, please call (248) 424-2763. @Brief-head:Weight on the Run

Conducted by an exercise physiologist and a nutritionist, this 12-week program starts with a fitness assessment and nutritional consultation, followed by three weekly monitored workouts and weekly nutritional support. Day and evening classes available. A \$300 fee includes enrollment in the class "ABC of Weight Loss." Botsford Center for Health Improvement-TRACC, 39750 Grand River Ave., Novi. For more information and to register, call (248) 473-5600.

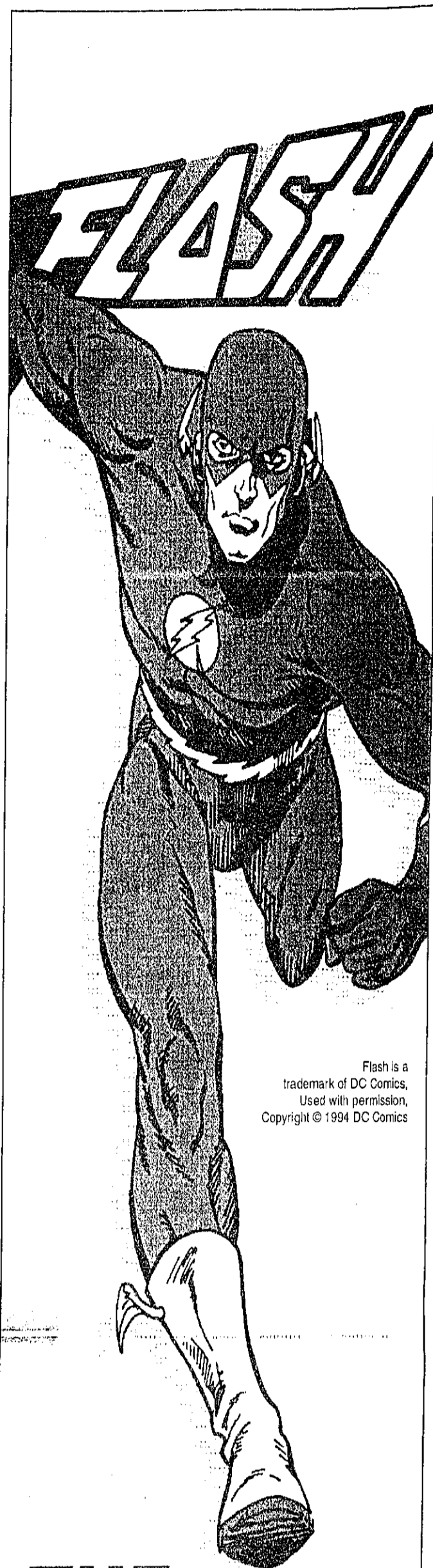
#### Latest news on breast cancer

Botsford physician Robert Boorstein D.O., and Botsford Health Development Network Project Manager Mary Kors R.N., B.S.N., discuss breast cancer and the latest news on treatment options. This monthly forum for women ages 40-60, presents issues and concerns dealing with mid-life changes. Meets from 7-8:30 p.m. Oct. 23. There is no charge. Botsford General Hospital's 3 West Conference Room, on Grand River in Farmington Hills. For more information, call (248) 477-6100.

#### Laurel Park Walking Club

"Walk the mall" for enjoyable, low-impact, climate-controlled exercise - and then have your blood pressure checked (available the fourth Monday of every month, 8-10 a.m.). Free. Laurel Park is opened to walkers 8 a.m.-9 p.m., Monday-Saturday; 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday.

Located on Six Mile Road in Livonia (at the corner of Six Mile and Newburgh roads). For information, call (248) 477-6100.



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