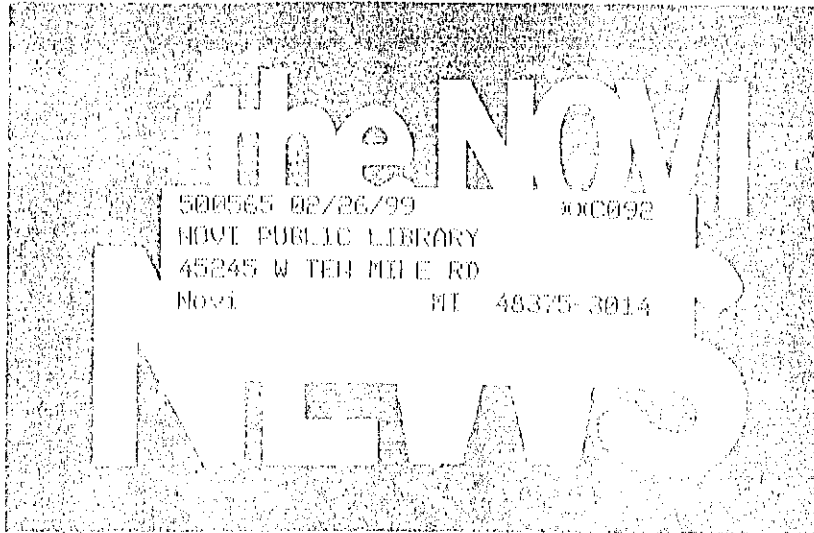
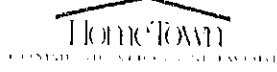


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DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS

Breakfast of champions

Becky Staab honored with DSA for work on playscape

By JAN JEFFRES
 Staff Writer

Just before the Novi Jaycees Distinguished Service Awards ceremony began Saturday morning, Becky Staab was busy collecting the cash for the breakfast, \$15 per person.

Just a short while later, she'd be announced as the winner of this year's Distinguished Service Award. Of course, Staab didn't know that, the Jaycees are typically hush-hush about who the honoree is.

So when she was summoned up to the podium, Staab's initial response was: "I'm absolutely without words, which is very hard for me."

Besides her involvement in the Novi Jaycees, which includes running the Needy Family Christmas program each year, Staab was on the steering committee for the Tim Pope Memorial Playstructure. She's been involved with the Novi High School Senior Class Party and is an original member of the Novi Chorale.

Staab is a teacher and mother of three. Her past activities have included co-chairing a Novi school district committee reviewing the Fuerst Farm site and organizing a Novi Jaycees/Novi Arts Council Thanksgiving Craft Show. She also campaigned to have the state Jaycees add late Novi City Council member Tim Pope's name to their



Continued on 14 Becky Staab, with her family, Betsey, husband Charley, Katey and Charley II at playscape.

More industry would keep city tax down

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
 Staff Writer

Novi needs to make it easier for industrial and high tech companies to locate their businesses within the city limits.

Such was the consensus of more than 50 business and property owners, realtors and civic leaders Saturday morning during the City of Novi's first Economic Summit at the Novi Civic Center.

Spurred by Novi Chamber of Commerce concern that residential growth is outpacing higher tax-paying developments, representatives from the city, chamber, school district and business community came together to talk about making land use in Novi more diverse.

"As a whole we would like to have more industrial," said City Manager Ed Kriewall. "Residential increases costs (of city and school services). We need to balance."

The Chamber's report, Novi at the Crossroads of Development 1998, indicates the city needs to bring in more corporations in order to keep citizen taxes low. That won't be easy if the subdivisions continue to overtake industrial or office growth.

Statistics by city consultant Brandon Rogers show industrial use is growing at only half the rate of residential. Neighboring Wixom, on the other hand, sees industrial growth outpacing their residential, according to the department of public services.

Rogers' report shows 884 acres of land in Novi is zoned industrial, with 612 acres usable after taking out woodlands and wetlands.

Approximately 200 new acres will be readily available for such development along Grand River Avenue once the tax-funded Taft Road extension open up access to the land, according to Kriewall. The road will be complete in Spring 1999.

Several reasons for the slow growth of the industrial sector cited by the group included:

- Novi has enough property zoned for industrial and office use but not enough ready to be built tomorrow. Property is lagging behind with water and sewer access.

- Novi has developers interested in building but the building requirements are too difficult to understand.

- The property is there, but it's in too small of pieces and needs to be assembled for development as an industrial park.

- Developers don't see Novi's roads as able to handle traffic effectively.

That's one problem everyone agreed on.

"We can take everything we talked about and we still don't have roads for a nice building with 500 employees where the employ-

TO BE DONE

• Developer Complaints

The Chamber of Commerce will solicit comments and suggestions from local business owners and area developers about specific problems. The City of Novi Planning Department will gather its most common mistakes. Together the two entities will form a list of specific problems.

• Administrative Power

The Novi City Council will begin an immediate review on administrative policy. The council will look at giving the administration more authority on projects under certain conditions.

• High Tech Development

The Planning Commission will discuss placing the Office Service and Technology zoning near Haggerty Road along M-5. The council will discuss a city-initiated rezoning at minimal cost.

• Roads

The Chamber's Economic Development Committee and Novi's Economic Development Corporation will work with the Oakland County Road Commission to determine the problems in getting Novi's roads in shape.

ees can drive to get there," said Annamaria Kazanis, a member of the EDC.

Greg Capote, economic development coordinator for the city, said other cities are getting the business because they are more appealing. They offer lower fees and shorter processing times, change ordinances to fit developments and hold special meetings to get projects through.

As a result, the group also determined it needed to examine the way competing cities, like Wixom and Farmington Hills, do business.

According to Rogers' Development Activities Summary for 1997, 14 new industrial buildings and eight new office projects were approved. Contrarily, six new subdivisions with 313 lots and three apartment complexes were approved last year.

BeGole captures Novi News award

By JAN JEFFRES
 Staff Writer

Lee BeGole was told he was going to be roasted when he was invited to be the guest of The Novi News at the Novi Jaycees breakfast on Saturday.

Instead, Novi's first police chief won the second Novi News Lifetime Achievement Award.

"I thought it was a surprise and an honor," BeGole said.

BeGole was hired as Director of

Public Service by then Novi Township supervisor Frazer Staman in 1954.

"The guy's damn near a legend," said Phil Jerome, Executive Editor of Hometown Newspapers, which publishes The Novi News.

"Public safety, police and fire. He established all of them."

Staman, 93, his former boss, was last year's award winner and was on hand when BeGole took

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Photos by JOHN HEIDER

Retired police chief Lee BeGole poses in namesake building.

Volunteers honored by Novi Jaycees

By JAN JEFFRES
 Staff Writer

Paul Kemp, a nominee for the Novi Jaycees Distinguished Service Award, summed up a philosophy that seems to be shared among the people who were recognized on Saturday for their devotion to their community.

"My wife said, 'volunteering is the rent we pay for our space on earth,'" he told the crowd at the early morning event at Vir's World

Class Market.

You could call it Novi's annual breakfast of champions.

For the past 26 years, the Novi Jaycees have given their Distinguished Service Award to an outstanding community leader. Through the years, it's grown to be a time where community activists gather to applaud other community activists and those who tend to spend time on the

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Gymnasts win first state title for Novi

By JASON SCHMITT
 Sports Editor

Northville/Novi capped off a perfect season by winning the 1998 state gymnastics title in front of 400 people at Rockford High School last Friday night.

Trailing Portage after two events, the Wildcats used a great beam performance to catapult themselves into first place with their best event yet to come. The team then breezed through the floor exercise to take the title.

Senior Gina Spinazze was asked by coach Laura Moyers to start things off on the beam, a chore she gladly accepted.

"I prefer going first," she said. "When coach asked me and Danean (Pazdan) if we wanted to go first, I told her yeah. I'm better off getting it out of the way." Spinazze got her team off on the

right track, scoring a 9.15 and setting the tone for what would be Northville/Novi's best beam rotation of the season (36.70 points.)

Pazdan followed up with an 8.7 and Kristen Levin (9.0), Missy MacRae (9.3) and Stacey Williamson (9.25) all but assured the Wildcats of the team title.

"I was the last one to go and Laura told me just to go out there and have fun," Williamson said. "I knew we had four good scores already."

Northville/Novi finished with a school-record 146.20 points, well ahead of second-place Portage (143.85).

The team won the championship in just its fourth year of existence.

For more coverage and photos of the state championship, see page 9B in this week's edition.



As her kids look on with smiles and laughter, Northville and Novi High School gymnastics coach Laura Moyers holds aloft the combined team's just-won state title trophy in the Rockford High School gymnasium.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Drunk driver runs cars off road

Novi Police arrested a 32-year-old Novi man for drunk driving March 13 after he allegedly ran a car off the road and into a ditch on Ten Mile Road.

Police News

Police were called to the scene of the accident about 10:30 p.m. and found a Ford Explorer and Ford Taurus in a ditch with damage severe enough neither could be driven home.

VACATION BUMMER
Three gold rings and a bracelet, all worth more than \$2,000, turned up missing from a 78-year-old woman's home March 10.

BEER BUSTERS
A 12-pack of empty beer bottles knocked three mailboxes off their posts on Gateway during the night of March 14. No word as to who might have lobbed them at the postal depositories.

KICKED IN
Someone kicked in the door of a Chase Drive home under construction March 13. Police said the suspect also punched holes in the dry-wall and smashed windows. A neighbor heard a loud crash about 11 a.m. but did not see anyone.

GOT GAME
A 25-year-old Detroit man was arrested for stealing a 833 Sony PlayStation game from Best Buy March 16.

BOB'S BURGLAR
More than \$1000 was stolen from the Bob Evans restaurant on Novi Road March 12.

NIGHTTIME INVASION
Police are investigating a nighttime burglary on LaRoi March 13. According to the report, the homeowner found a sliding door forced open and a fax machine, jewelry box and stereo missing March 12.

UNLOADED
A South Lyon man unloading his van outside the DoubleTree Hotel March 6 had his cell phone and camera stolen about 11 a.m.

Novi Briefs

Auction Action
The Novi Chamber of Commerce presents its sixth annual "Night to Remember" Saturday, March 21, 5 p.m. at the Novi Hilton Hotel.

At the library
Margaret Thele, Advanced Master Gardener, will be at the Novi Public Library on Wednesday, April 1, at 7:30 p.m. to talk about "Design and Color in the Perennial Garden."

His honor
Mayor Dennis Archer will speak at the Novi Chamber of Commerce luncheon on May 19 at the DoubleTree Hotel. Lunch is at 12:15 p.m. and Archer will take the podium at 12:30 p.m.

Road patrol
For use as police patrol cars, Novi will purchase seven new Crown Victorias through the Macomb County Joint Purchasing Program.

TAKEN
The following larcenies from automobiles or damages to cars were reported by police:

• A cell home was taken from a car on English Way sometime between the dates of March 9 and March 16. There was no sign of forced entry.

• Nothing was taken from a blue Ford Contour parked on Montmorency March 14 when someone smashed out its windows.

• Someone smashed out the window of a Ford Expedition parked in the Orchard Hills Office Complex March 12. A cell phone was taken.

• A Ford Mustang was stolen from the Springs Apartments March 12.

• A G8 Pontiac Catalina was stolen from Picnic Court March 11.

• A cell phone was stolen from a car parked on Shadow Pine, March 11.

The Log Book

- Medical, 45182 West Road, 9:24 p.m., Squad 2.
- Medical, 41931 La Roi, 12:04 a.m., Squad 2.
- Medical, 25111 Sheridan, 8:09 a.m., Squad 3.
- Service, 23849 Forest Park, 9:10 a.m., Squad 4.
- Medical, 47276 Somerset Court, 10:14 a.m., Squad 4.
- Medical, 45221 Wiltshire Court, 2:38 p.m., Squad 2.
- Building fire, 25496 Constitution, 3:39 p.m., Engines 1, 3.
- Truck fire, 24800 Novi Road, 5:30 p.m., Engine 1.
- Building fire, 40110 Grand River, 5:32 p.m., Engine 3.
- Injury accident, Ten Mile and Beck Road, 5:39 p.m., Squad 4.
- Service, 25667 Lincoln, 9:08 p.m., Squad 1.
- THURSDAY, MARCH 12
- Medical, 22511 Dartmoor, 8:27 a.m., Squad 3.
- Fire alarm, 43149 Crescent, 12:35 p.m., Engines 1, 2.
- Medical, 27150 Novi Road, 5:14 p.m., Squad 1.
- Medical, 45182 West Road, 12:05 a.m., Squad 2.
- Medical, 24500 Meadowbrook, 4:26 a.m., Squad 1.
- Medical, 45182 West Road, 11:06 a.m., Squad 2.
- Fire alarm, 25875 Novi Road, 11:43 a.m., Engines 1, 3.
- Fire alarm, 43700 Expo Circle Drive, 12:31 p.m., Engines 1, 2.
- Fire alarm, 45182 West Road, 2:04 p.m., Engines 1, 2.
- Medical, 27150 Novi Road, 5:14 p.m., Squad 1.

Judge to hear testimony on fairness of Kathy Herren trial

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL

Judge Brian Mackenzie of 52-1 District Court will allow testimony in an evidentiary hearing to determine whether 32-year-old Kathy Herren of Novi received a fair trial last year.

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Brandon Rogers resigns Novi consultant position

Jan Jeffrey, Staff Writer

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Hearing reset for baby murder case

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL

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School bond issue addresses traffic, parking dilemma

Novi Community Schools will ask voters to approve a \$17.3 million bond issue on March 28 in a special election. The money would be used to build a new elementary school, improve athletic fields and playgrounds and improve parking. This is the fourth in a series of articles to address the issues.

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL Staff Writer

What do you get when you combine a board of education meeting, a nighttime public school basketball game, an evening seminar at the Instructional Technology Center and a parent meeting at Novi Woods?

A traffic and parking nightmare. "If you're trying to park for a school event, it's impossible. You have to get there real early,"

Barbara Waggy, Novi Woods mom and volunteer

Novi Woods mom and volunteer

Lawrence said her elementary school has 54 parking spots, most or all of which are taken up by staff.

"Layer on noon aids and parent volunteers and it's difficult for them to find a parking space many days," she explained.

On days when many parents may come to the school, she encourages them to carpool.

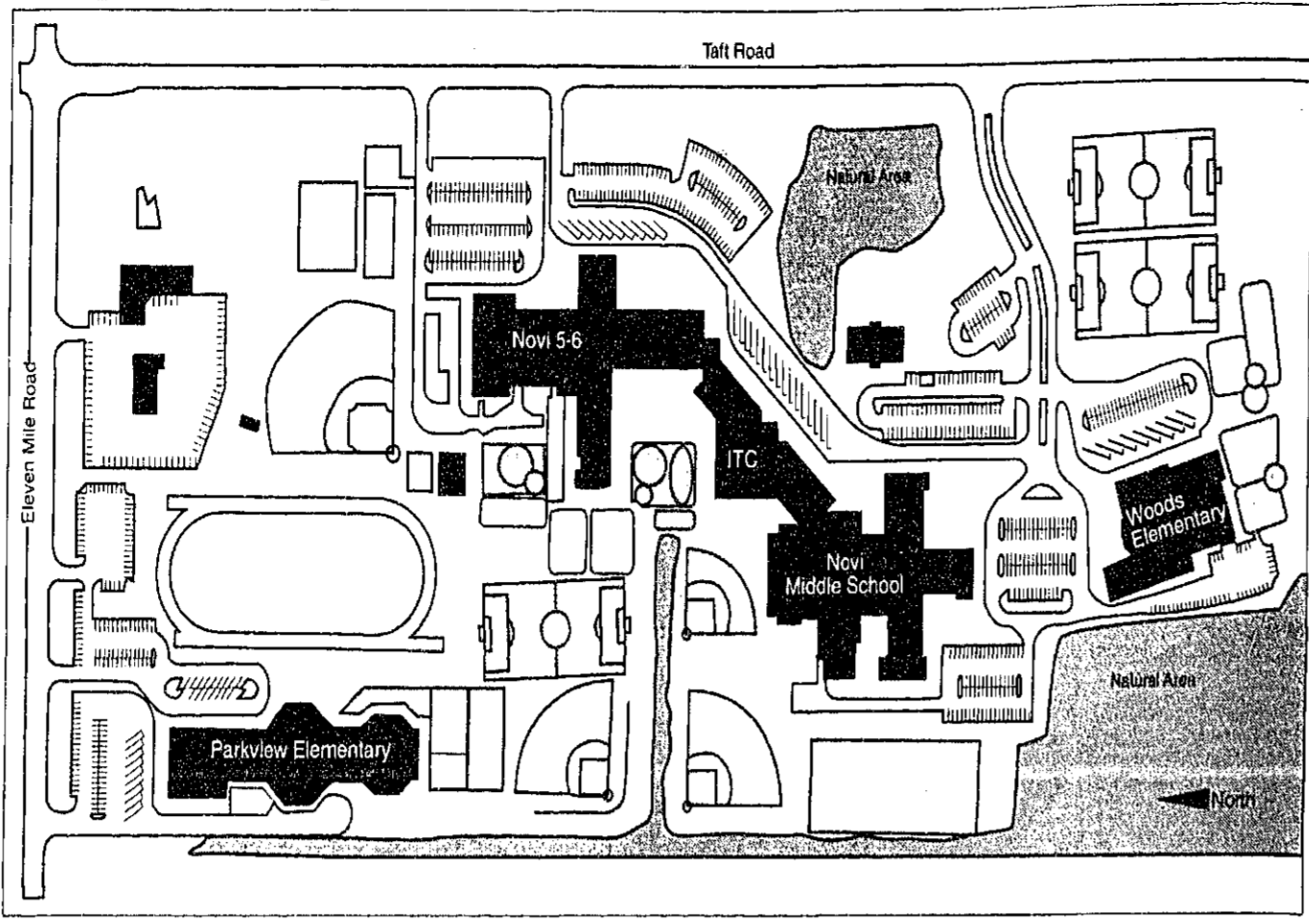
Waggy is one of the volunteers at Novi Woods who struggles to find parking when she helps out, and when she picks up her son three times a week.

"It's terrible, really," she said.

"We really need more parking. Sometimes I come over when the middle school is letting out and people are sitting around (in cars) it's hard to get up the long drive. It's dangerous ... People have nowhere to put their cars."

Novi Woods principal Jackie

Proposed improvements for Novi Community Schools



SOURCE: Novi Community Schools and Farming Home & Associates, Inc.

In reaction to the many concerns like Waggy's, the Novi Community School District hopes to nearly double the amount of parking spaces, redirect traffic flow and separate bus traffic from car traffic with \$1.7 million of a \$17.3 million bond issue on the ballot March 28. The district would make several improvements to the 80-acre school site on Taft Road including:

- Traffic flow
- Lighting
- Pedestrian walkways, including pathways throughout the property.
- Nearly doubling parking by adding 319 spaces.
- Creating better entrances.
- Separate bus drop-offs from parent parking.
- Village Oaks and Orchard Hills clementaries would receive a resur-

faced and re-striped lot with improved site lighting. The bond, if passed, would cost homeowners approximately \$67 a year additional taxes for 20 years. Superintendent Dr. Emmett Lippe said the changes will take care of future parking needs, too, but will definitely provide immediate relief.

"At least in this part of the site if there's anything going on other than just normal school business, like if the school is having a special function, there's always a premium on parking," Lippe said.

"You have to drive around and park quite a ways away."

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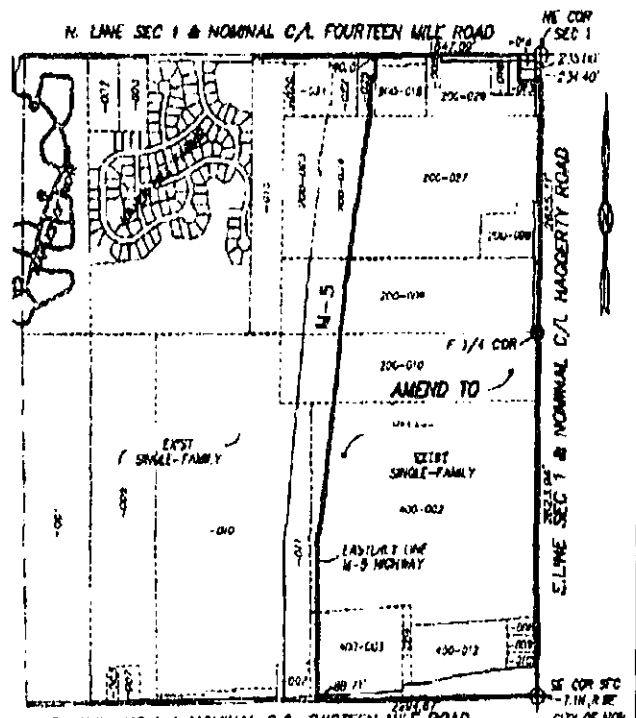
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, April 1, 1998 at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider a Master Plan for Land Use Map Amendment as described below:

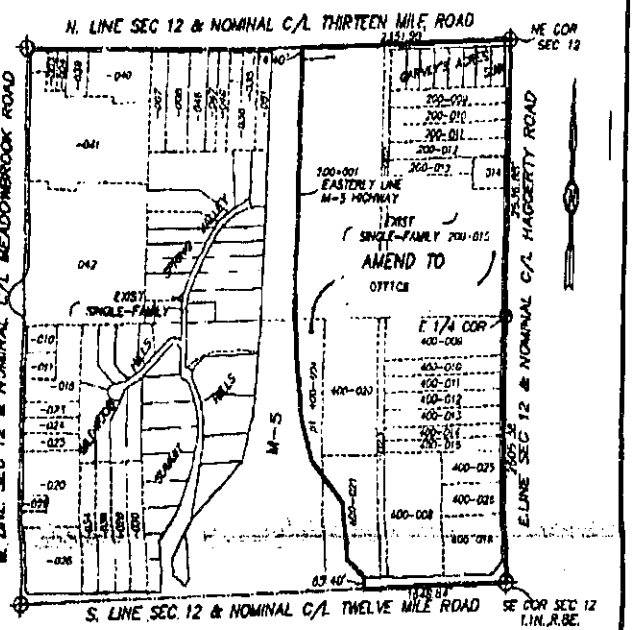


To amend the Master Plan for Land Use for a part of the East 1/2 of Section 1, T1N, R3E, City of Novi, Oakland County, Michigan, being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the SE corner of Section 1; thence S85°30'21"W 2294.67 feet along the South line of Section 1 (nominal centerline of Thirteen Mile Road); thence N04°29'39"W 88.71 feet to the intersection of the Northerly R.O.W. line of Thirteen Mile Road and the Easterly R.O.W. line of M-5 Highway; thence Northerly along the Easterly R.O.W. line of M-5 Highway to its intersection with the Southerly R.O.W. line of Fourteen Mile Road; thence N02°35'30"W 140.00 feet to the North line of Section 1 (nominal centerline of Fourteen Mile Road); thence N87°24'30"E 1647.09 feet along said North line; thence S02°39'00"E 235.00 feet; thence N87°24'30"E 234.40 feet to the East line of Section 1 (nominal centerline of Haggerty Road); thence S02°30'15"E 2865.31 feet along said East line to the East 1/4 corner of Section 1; thence S02°30'14"E 2623.94 feet along the East line of Section 1 (nominal centerline of Haggerty Road) to the point of beginning.

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**MASTER PLAN FOR LAND USE
MAP AMENDMENT
CITY OF NOVI, MICHIGAN**
ADOPTED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION
EDA WEDDINGTON, CHAIRPERSON
STEVE RUMPLE, STAFF PLANNER



To amend the Master Plan for Land Use for a part of the East 1/2 of Section 12, T1N, R3E, City of Novi, Oakland County, Michigan, being more particularly described as follows:

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All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments will be heard at the hearing and any written comments may be sent to the Planning & Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 until 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 11, 1998.

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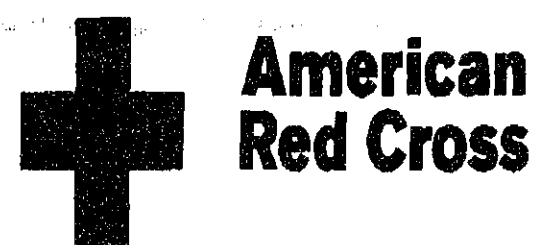
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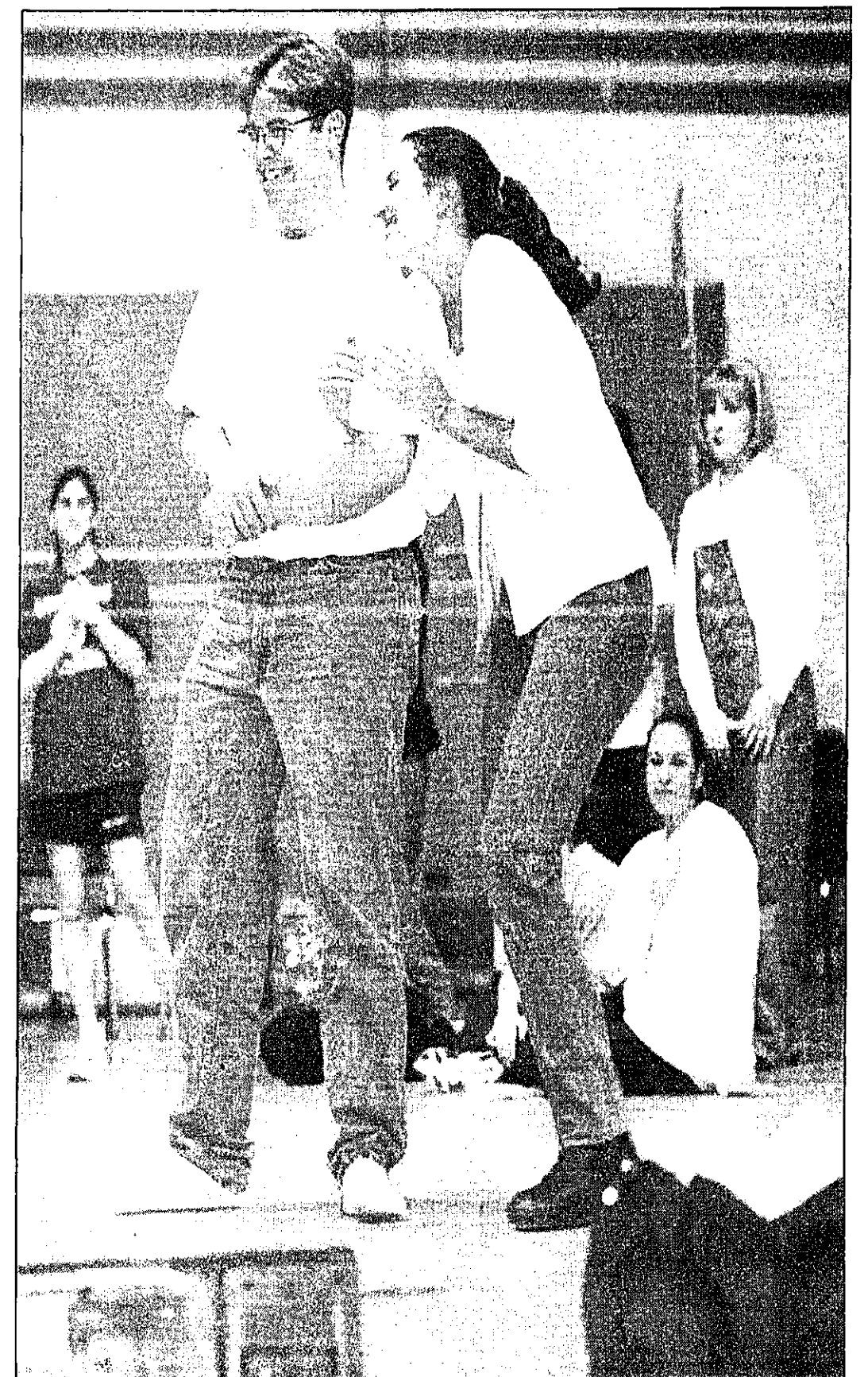
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The "sailors" work on positioning during a dance number.



Jeanne Smith, "Carrie Pipperidge" and Jeremy Rafalko, "Mr. Snow," get cozy during rehearsal.



Cast members of "Carousel" work on a dance number during rehearsal.

Life's a Carousel

Novi High School musical opens next week

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

After nearly 200 hours of rehearsals, students at Novi High School are ready for the opening night of the Spring Musical Production "Carousel," Thursday, March 26.

The 120 students in the production have spent countless hours after school since January singing, dancing and acting to perfect their performances. Students, staff and parent volunteers helped design and pull together sets, costumes and make-up.

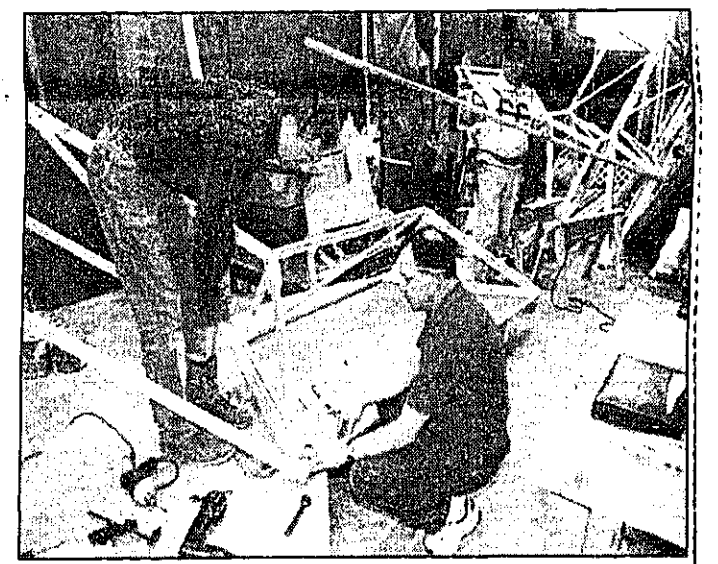
The thespians are excited to present "Rogers and Hammerstein's Carousel" the typical "bad boy meets good girl" story set in a New England fishing town, according to assistant director Bridget Barnes.

Performances are scheduled for March 26, 27 and 28 at 7:30 p.m. in the Forest Auditorium at the high school. Tickets go on sale Feb. 23. For more information call Novi High School at 449-1500.

"Billie" is played by senior Eric Anderson. The love of Billie's life will be played by senior Julia Dolken. Several other lead characters are Carrie, played by senior Jeannie Smith; Mr.

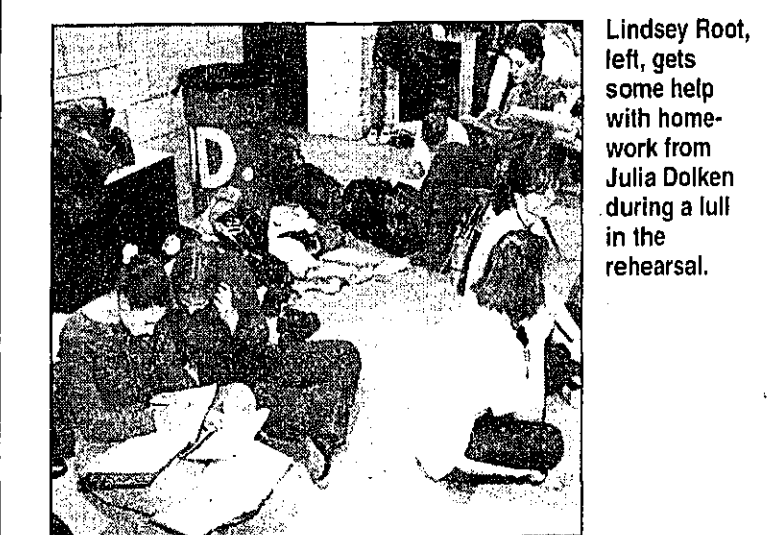
Snow, played by senior Jeremy Rafalko; and Jigger, played by senior Pat Qutisha.

Approximately 120 people will come together for the production, performed under the direction of choir director Paula Joyner Clinard. Clinard is assisted by Band Instructor Scott Boerna, assistant director Bridget Barnes, technical director Audrey Blisko and choreographer Kristin Pate. Sandra Mann will assist in rehearsals and Norm Norgren will be directing the lighting. There are two student directors: Senior Melissa Vatanian and Sophomore Nancy Alexandris.



Above, with a few weeks to go before production, Michael Carter, Denny Dolken and Chuck Bovair, from left, all fathers of Novi High School Theatre students, work on set construction for the school's spring play. At left, Novi High School senior Katie Copp dances in "Carousel" rehearsal with a partner during a Wednesday night go-through.

Director Paula Joyner anxiously watches pre-production rehearsal for the school's spring offering.



Lindsey Root, left, gets some help with homework from Julia Dolken during a lull in the rehearsal.

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Winning gamblers may be forced to payback welfare

By TIM RICHARD
Staff Writer

Win at the casino, lose at welfare. That is the thrust of three state Senate-passed bills aimed at making successful gamblers pay back some of the welfare benefits received in the previous three years.

"If you're asking your fellow taxpayers for assistance, at the very least we ask you not to squander your resources on non-necessities," said Sen. Mike Bouchard, R-Birmingham, during the March 11 debate.

"If you do, you're gambling with their (taxpayers) money, and you

should pay back the debt. You're asked to pay back 50 percent of your winnings."

Democrats, such as the Upper Peninsula's Don Koivisto, objected at the paperwork. "There's no record of reporting losses," he said. "You don't always hit the jackpot."

The bills had overwhelming support from 22 Republicans. Democrats split, with Gary Peters of Bloomfield Township and Alma Smith of Salem joining a group of a half-dozen to oppose the package. Sen. George Z. Hart, D-Deerborn, had an excused absence.

The Bouchard-Koivisto exchange occurred over Senate Bill 947

sponsored by David Jaye, R-Macomb County. It would amend the Social Welfare Act to say that anyone who had received assistance during the previous three years, and who won at casino gambling, would have to repay up to 50 percent of his or her benefits.

The Senate Fiscal Agency found it "uncertain" how many people would be impacted and how much state revenue might be raised.

TIMES MAY BE ROUGH

Peters tangled with Republicans when he sought to amend SB 943, which will require able-bodied persons under age 50 on food stamps

to work or perform community service. He wanted to grant a waiver in areas of 10 percent unemployment — a waiver allowed under federal law.

"Even in very good times, our food banks are providing record amounts of help," said Peters. "When times are rough, things will get worse very rapidly. To vote for this bill is to say, 'Tough luck, you're going to have to go hungry.'"

Sen. Joel Gougeon, R-Bay City, called Peters' amendment "a bunch of malarky. I think it's cruel to keep people on welfare and keep them dependent on handouts."

ONE BILL DEFEATED

Sen. Loren Bennett, R-Canton, saw his casino reporting bill defeated, with 28 in favor, seven against and three not voting. Bennett's SB 948 required a three-fourths affirmative vote (29) because it would amend a vote-approved law (Proposal E of 1996).

Bennett's bill would amend the casino gaming act to require licensees to report gambling winnings to the state. The licensee would have to provide the same information it gives the federal Internal Revenue Service when a person won \$1,200 or more from bingo and slot machines, \$1,500 or more at keno and \$600 or more

from other games.

Senate GOP floor leader Dan DeGroot of Port Huron asked for reconsideration, and the bill was expected to be passed on another day.

CHURCHES TO BID

The Senate passed 34-0 a bill allowing religious organizations to bid for Family Independence Agency contracts to provide services such as mentoring or support services.

The religious organization would not be allowed to discriminate on the basis of religious belief or a client's refusal to attend church.

Hopefuls seek school positions

State conventions are five months away, but candidates are lining up for nominations to statewide education posts. Here is their status:

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

DEMOCRATS — Phil Power, an incumbent, announced he will seek a new eight-year term. Power, 59, of Ann Arbor, is chairman of HomeTown Communications Network Inc., parent company of this newspaper. He was appointed in 1996 to fill a vacancy. Twin priorities: "moving research findings from the lab to the marketplace" and tuition aid.

So far, no one has announced to be his running mate. Two persons are elected for eight-year terms. Incumbent Shirley McFee, R-Battle Creek, is retiring.

REPUBLICANS — State Rep. Jessie Dalman, 64, of Holland announced she will seek a nomination. Former chair of the House Education Committee, she is being term-limited out. Priority: making the university affordable for middle-class families.

David Brandon, 45, CEO of the Livonia-headquartered Valassis Communications and GOP fundraiser, announced his candidacy for U-M regent during legislative budget hearings. Brandon, a Plymouth Township resident, chairs the board of Central Michigan University, an appointive position.

Gov. John Engler has announced Dalman and Brandon will be the nominees, putting former regent Deane Baker, 72, on notice not to try a comeback.

Democrats have a 5-3 majority.

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

DEMOCRATS — No announcements yet.

REPUBLICANS — Incumbent Delores (Dee) Cook, 65, of Greenville, has Engler's backing for a second term. The second incumbent, Jack Shingleton, 75, is retiring.

Engler is backing Dave Porteous, 45, of Reed City. Porteous received an appointment to the MSU board in 1996 but lost his re-election bid in the Democratic sweep.

Democrats have a 5-3 majority.

WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY

DEMOCRATS — No announcements yet.

REPUBLICANS — Incumbent Elizabeth Hardy, 42, of Franklin, is expected to seek a new term. Ditto for incumbent appointee Vernice Davis-Anthony, 53, of Farmington Hills; she's a former Wayne County and state public health director.

Democrats have a 5-3 majority.

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

DEMOCRATS — Barbara Roberts Mason, 57, of Dimondale, hasn't indicated whether she'll seek a third term. She ran unsuccessfully for state representative two years ago. She is an official of the Michigan Education Association.

REPUBLICANS — Gary Wolfram, 47, a Hillsdale College economics professor, is expected to seek a full term. He is an Engler appointee and strong advocate of privatization.

The board is split 4-4 on party lines. On ideological lines, there are five supporters of public schools and three of private and charter schools.

SUPREME COURT

Officially, the seven-member high court is nonpartisan officially. In practice, there are four Democrats and three Republicans.

DEMOCRATS — Justice Patricia Boyle, 60, of Detroit, announced she won't seek a new term. Justice Michael Cavanagh, 57, of East Lansing, is expected to seek a new eight-year term.

She hasn't announced, but look for Court of Appeals Judge Kathleen Jensen, a Macomb County resident in her early 40s, to try again for a Democratic nomination.

REPUBLICANS — For a full term, Court of Appeals Judge Jane Markey, 46, of Grand Rapids, has Engler's blessing. Justice Clifford Taylor, 55, of East Lansing, is expected to run for the last two years of a term to which he was appointed (replacing the retired Dorothy Comstock Riley).

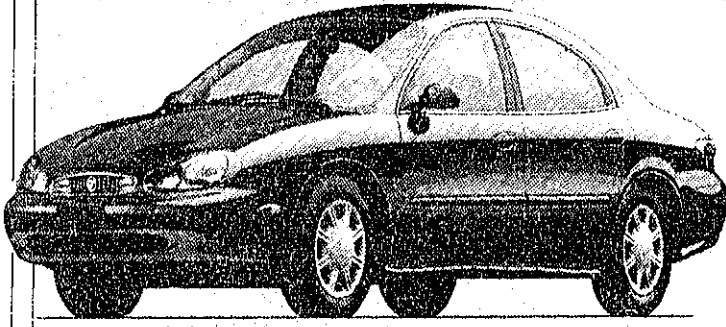
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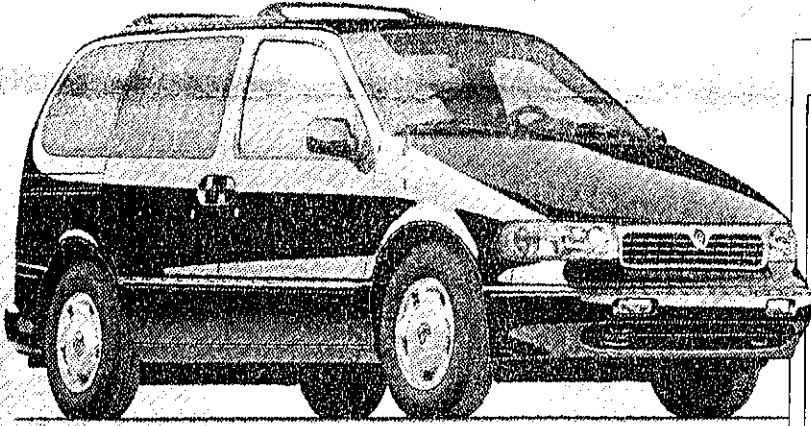
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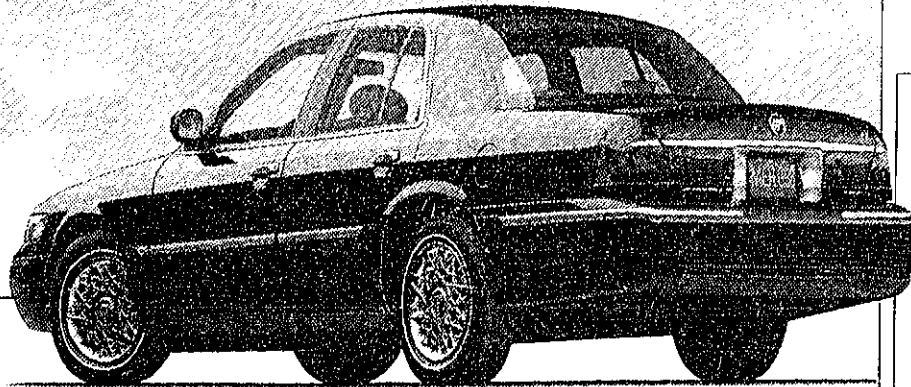
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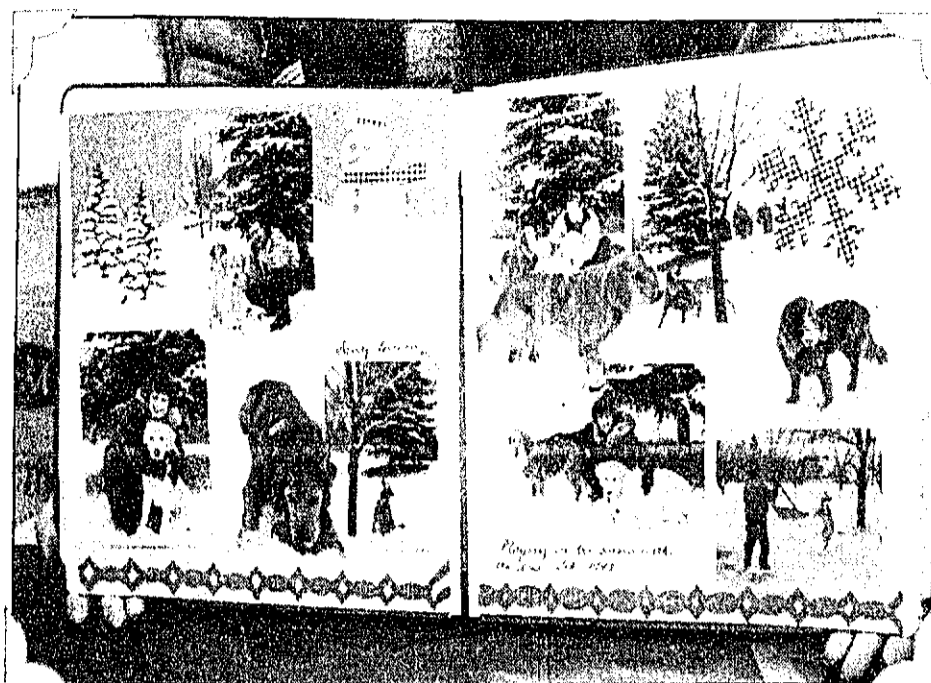
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From shoebox to Showpiece

Creating your own scrapbook is a great way to preserve special memories

Story by Carol Dipple
Photos by John Heider

How many shoe boxes do you have? Now, how many of those boxes have photos, not shoes in them?

Scrapbooking, a craze that has been building over the last decade, has been mushrooming in Northville and Novi.

Caryl Goodman, a nail technician and Novi resident, heard about photo scrapbooking about two and half years ago and couldn't wait to sign up as a consultant with Creative Memories because she loved the concept.

Creative Memories has been around for 10 years and has 33,000 consultants in the U.S., Canada and Mexico. They specialize in home educational classes in scrapbooking.

"I also had 20 years of photos in boxes," she said. "I'm not completely finished yet I'm still working on my current pictures and then I go back and work on my older ones as well."

Goodman has since given up all her other crafts. As a Creative Memories consultant, she educates her students about safe photo-keeping so that pictures will last through generations.

"It is a huge trend," she said. "We are having to educate people about the importance of acid free, lignin free (products)."

A glossary of terms

Lignin - A naturally occurring substance that exists in wood. When wood is broken down into paper, lignin is a residue that, if left in the paper, can cause the paper to break down over time.

Acid-free - A pH of 7.0 or above.

PVC (Polyvinyl Chloride) - A polymer used in some albums that can release gasses causing rapid, severe damage to photographs.

SOURCE: Frances Meyer, Inc.

Ninety percent of households own a camera and 19 billion pictures are taken a year, according to Goodman.

"I've talked to ladies who have never put pictures in albums," Goodman said. "They've had them in shoe boxes for 20 years. So it is a big job for them."

Goodman and Mary Buckhave, who co-owns Stampeddler Plus in Northville with her husband Bob, advise beginners to break the job down into smaller parts. Start by sorting photos into categories such as themes like wedding, prom, graduation, holidays, and birthdays, or by children, chronologically.

Begin tackling the scrapbooking project with the most recently taken photos first. Then work backwards to get caught up.

"People can be very specific or can be general," Buckhave said.

Buckhave became interested in scrapbooking when she wanted to put together a photo album for her son's high school graduation in 1996.

"His baby book was ruined by the wrong scotch tape, and the photos did not look so hot," she said.

She put the new album together and had it available for all the guests at the graduation party to view.

"Family and friends really enjoyed looking at it," she said.

Buckhave began stocking scrapbooking supplies at the Stampeddler about a year ago.

"More and more people came in asking for stickers and supplies," Mary said. "They were buying them by the basketful."

Wondering what they were up to she asked. Then one customer brought in an album for her too look at.

"It was a natural extension of the stamping," Mary said of adding the scrapbooking supplies.

Supplies include templates, stickers, decorative scissors, stamps, die cuts, inks, markers, inks that will not fade, idea books, and trimmers.

Products used in the albums should all be acid free, lignin free, pH balanced, and PVC free.

The worst photo album to have your pictures in is the magnetic style, according to Goodman. It doesn't contain magnets, but its cardboard pages are covered with a sticky adhesive coating covered with a plastic sheet.

"If your pictures are stored in a shoe box they are a whole lot better than stored



Novi resident Caryl Goodman shows some of the unique ways her business teaches others to arrange and store photographs in albums.

in a magnetic album," Goodman said. "The acid in the cardboard and the caustic glue actually migrate and accelerate the deterioration of your photos."

Goodman advises those that have difficulty removing photos from a magnetic album to try running dental floss in between the photo and the cardboard sheet or using a hair dryer.

Scrapbooking combines photos with artwork, even mementos.

You don't have to be creative to come up with ideas for page design. Idea books give suggestions on layout and designs.

Goodman's daughter did a cruise album. After trimming a photo, she cut foot prints from the remaining water scene in the photo which track across the page.

"People become much better photo takers after starting to do scrapbooking like this," Goodman said. "Because they know that a far-off scene with a little bitty silhouette of a person is not meaningful."

Goodman and Stampeddler Plus in Northville offer stampbooking classes. The classes start at about \$10 to \$15 as well as all-day workshops. Depending on the class, students are asked to bring in 8 to 10 photos

with a theme, sometimes an album, and a few supplies. Decorate scissors and rulers, paper punches, and templates are available to use at the class. Other supplies can be purchased.

"Everybody feeds off each other," said Buckhave. "It is good to set aside a good amount of time once you get rolling because you don't want to stop in the middle of everything."

Scrapbooking Web sites

The following sites include information on tips, supplies and more:

Frances Meyer
www2.francesmeyer.com

Photographic Memories
www.netprojections.com

Creative Memories
www.creative-memories.com

Cropping Corners
www.croppingcorners.com

www.jangle.com

www.scrapbooking.com

Creative Memories also has a getaway scrapbooking weekend planned.

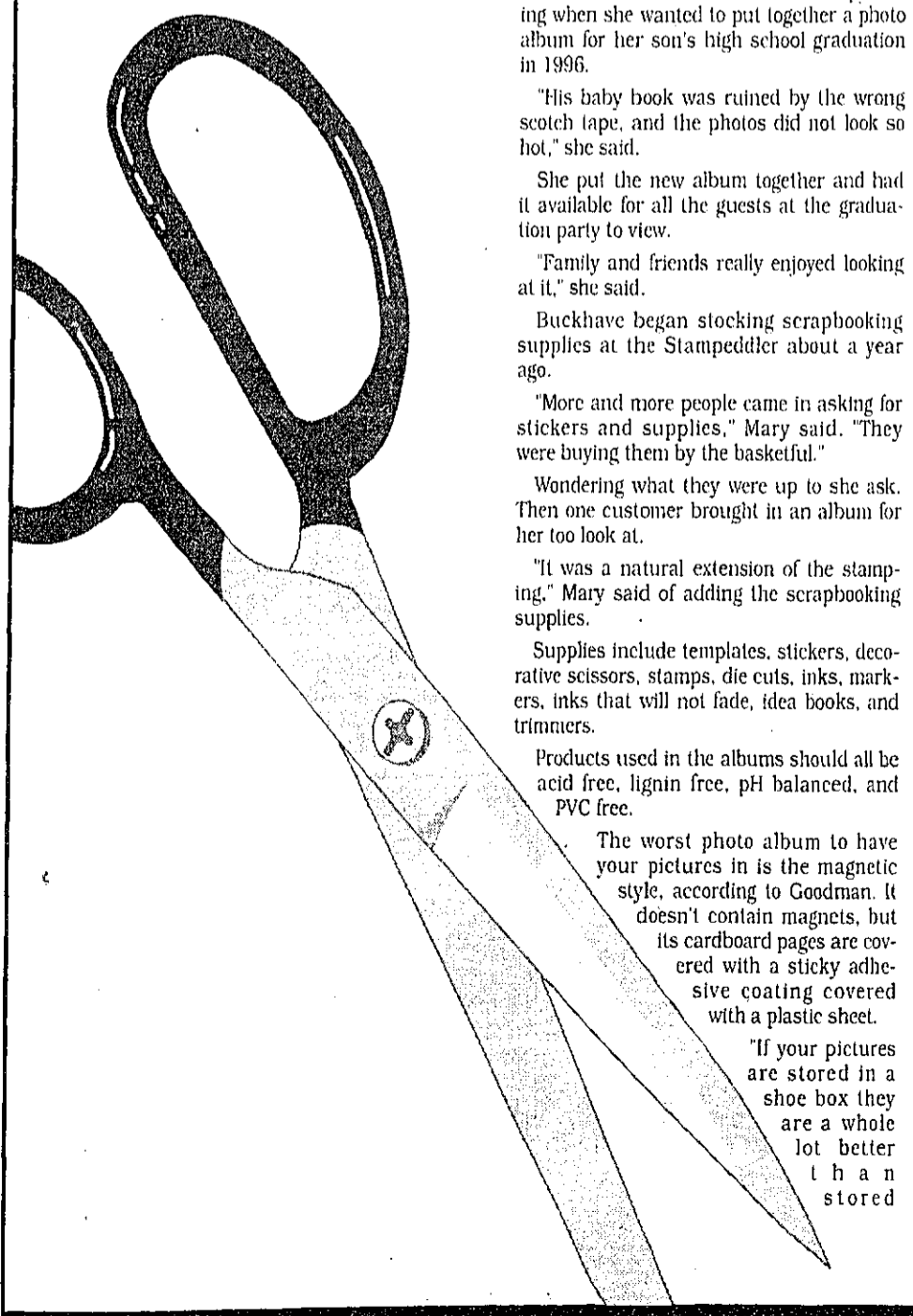
"These are opportunities for you to come and work on your album uninterrupted time no kids, no dogs, no telephones, no husbands," Goodman said. "This is the 90s version of the quilting bee."

Stampeddler will be moving out of its Mary Alexander Court store to its new location at the corner of Main and Dunlap in a month or two where the scrapbooking department

will be expanded.

"It is a craze there is no doubt about it, it is really incredible," said Buckhave.

For more information about classes and workshops, call Goodman at Creative Memories at (248) 380-3296 and Buckhave at Stampeddler Plus at (248) 348-4446.



Engagements



Carissa Foreback/Edward Wickens

Craig and Linda Foreback of South Lyon, formerly of Novi, announce the engagement of their daughter, Carissa Lee, to Edward Thomas Wickens, the son of Jack and Gloria Wickens of South Lyon, former residents of Northville.



Kerli Valente/Aaron Hitchcock

Ron and Beverly Valente and Stephen and Eunice Hitchcock announce the engagement of their children, Kerli Marie Valente and Aaron Matthew Hitchcock, all of Novi.



Jennifer Lundgren/Matthew Butler

Lee and Ted Lundgren of Novi announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Renee, to Matthew James Butler, the son of Jim and Pat Butler of Trenton, Mich.

Girls' science camp registration begins

Fifth grade girls in all Northville and Novi schools are invited to attend the seventh annual science camp on Saturday, May 16, sponsored by the Northville Novi branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW).

News to share?

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MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, 21355 Meadowbrook Road in Novi, continues its "Faith and Reason: Lenten Series."

The Bloodmobile will come to HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH, 39200 West Twelve Mile Road in Farmington Hills, on Friday, March 27, from 2 until 8 p.m.

The Lenten Soup and Supper series continues beginning at 6:30 p.m. Evening worship featuring Holden Evening Prayer begins at 7:30 p.m.

Lenten Worship opportunities at NOVI UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 41671 West Ten Mile Road in Novi, continue with Church Family Night Lenten Series Sunday Soup Suppers at 5:30 p.m.

CHURCH OF HOLY CROSS EPISCOPAL, 46200 West Ten Mile in Novi, continues its Lenten program with "The Last Words of the Resurrected Christ"

Holy Cross and on Sundays, March 22 and 29, at 7 p.m. at St. Anne's, which is located at 430 Nicolet in Walled Lake.

On Sunday, worship and church school are held at 9:30 and 11 a.m. at the NORTHVILLE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 200 East Main Street.

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 is moving to Meadowbrook Elementary School, 29200 Meadowbrook Road in Walled Lake.

Sunday services are now being held at the new location and will remain at 9 and 11 a.m. The six-week series "What's Jesus Got to Do With It" continues through March 29.

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.

All seminars are at 6 p.m., except for March 29 when it will be held at 7:30 p.m. For additional information, call the church at (248) 349-1144.



Hello, Dolly!

Mercy High School will present "Hello, Dolly!" on Friday and Saturday, March 27 and 28, at 8 p.m. and on Sunday, March 29, at 2 p.m. in the school's Rosemary Clooney Auditorium located at Eleven Mile and Middlebelt roads in Farmington Hills.

dancer, 12th grade; Kathleen Lentz, chorus and dancer, 9th grade; and Meghan Lorenzon, chorus, 10th grade. Advance ticket sales run through March 27 for general admission seating.

On Campus

Part-time students at Madonna University who were recognized for their scholastic achievement and named to the Academic Achievement List are the following Novi residents: ANNE M. ALLEN, freshman, psychology; LISA A. BENNETT, sophomore, biology; LORI A. COLANGELO, freshman, computer information systems; KAYE H. CUNNINGHAM, freshman, social work; NICOLE M. GABRIELE, freshman, nursing; JOHN R. GARR, freshman, nursing; CATHERINE HAFANOWICZ, freshman, business administration; RUTH K. HODGES, freshman, marketing; PAULA P. HOLCOMB, freshman, general studies; GWENDOLYN D. ILEY, freshman, nursing; SUSAN R. KENNEDY, post degree, computer information systems; KAREN S. LACK, freshman, nursing; PAMELA J. LAZARUS, post degree, elementary provisional programmer; DENISE M. LOPER, senior, undeclared; ELIZABETH J. MATELA, freshman, nursing; LISA A. MCMULLEN, sophomore, psychology; KARI L. NESBITT, freshman, criminal justice; SUSAN J. PRESLEY, sophomore, undeclared; TANYA L. RABKINA, junior, business administration; ALICE M. SCHAGER, senior, undeclared; JENNIFER L. VIGH,

Recent graduates of Madonna University were Novi residents NICHOLE L. GRADINSKAK, bachelor's degree, criminal justice; SHARON A. KATZ, two certificates of achievement, one in long term care administration, and the other in completion of nursing home administration; and JENNIFER L. LEVAGOOD, bachelor's, sign language studies. MARIE R. PETERS received a master's degree in nursing administration. Novi students earning degrees from Western Michigan University for the fall term '97 were DAVID MICHAEL KERR, bachelor's, computer science; JEANNIE M. LA PORTE, bachelor's in fine arts; MAJD ASSAF NOUAIMA, master's, computer science; and DERRICK SMITH, bachelor's in marketing. DAN DONG-KWAN KIM of Novi recently graduated from Purdue University Graduate School with a master's degree in engineering. STACEY M. PEARL of Novi has been named to the Dean's List at Boston University for the fall semester.

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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.

On Thursday, March 19, Single Place will feature speaker Fran Gunderson who will discuss "Differences in Communicating Language between Men and Women" or an open forum on "Where Did They Get That?" with speaker John Landis.

The cost for each is \$4. Following the presentations, the group will meet at Mulligan's of Northville at 9:30 p.m.

On Friday, the group meets at 5:30 p.m. at Tremor's, 17123 N. Laurel Park in Livonia.

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 Growth Workshop on "Why We Choose the Wrong Person" with speaker Ronald J. Papa, M.A., L.L.P., begins March 26 and continues on April 2 and 16 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

The cost for each is \$24 in advance or \$27 after March 12.

A two-week cooking class with Margaret Fleming will be held on March 22 and 29 at 7 p.m. at the church. The cost is \$30.

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Health Column

A patient's history is very important



Raymond Hobbs

When examining a patient, a physician relies heavily on what the patient says to reach a correct diagnosis. The patient's description of the health problem is known as the patient history and may be the most important information available to the physician. In fact, some people state that 85 percent of the diagnosis rests on the patient's history and the actual examination yields only another 15 percent.

In 1995, with all of our high technology and fancy laboratory tests, it's easy to overlook the significance of the history. But it must be remembered that the patient history determines, to a large part, what tests need to be

ordered. If the information is incomplete or wrong, it will take that much longer to arrive at the correct solution to the problem. Since the history is of such vital importance, I have listed the types of useful information that the patient would be wise to have at hand:

- When explaining a problem to the physician, try to be specific. When was the problem first noticed, how has it changed and what is it doing now? As an example, saying, "I have a lump in my breast that has been there since 1978, and has not changed" will tell the physician much more than a simple, "I have a lump."

- Many diseases can be inherited from our parents. It is always useful to know whether something runs in the family. Heart disease, breast cancer, colon cancer and sickle cell anemia are a few examples where heredity is important.

- As the American public becomes mobile and visits foreign countries, physicians are treating problems that ordinarily are not seen in the United States. For

instance, malaria is seen in Michigan, but would not be thought of unless it was known that the patient had been in Africa or another foreign country. If you develop a problem after visiting another country, let your physician know.

- If you are allergic to the medication, tell your physician. It is also important to describe what happened when you took the drug. For instance, getting sleepy after taking an antihistamine is a side effect and not an allergy. Developing hives after taking an antibiotic would be an allergic reaction.

- List all medications you are taking, including aspirin, Tylenol, birth control pills, laxatives and all over-the-counter medications.

- If you are seeing more than one physician, let your doctor know. Almost all physicians have been at least one patient who was taking two brands of the same drug at the same time because neither physician knew about the other.

- If you have a job that could influence your health, tell your

physician.

- A history of vaccinations is important. If everyone who cut themselves knew when their last tetanus shot was, there would be fewer injections.

- A history of operations and childhood diseases is important. As an example, certain heart valve problems commonly follow rheumatic fever by many years.

- Although embarrassing, sexual problems should be mentioned, frequently, they may be due to another health problem. For instance, impotence may be caused by diabetes.

- Smoking, drinking alcohol and taking drugs, even if no longer being done, is important information for the physician to know. There are many conditions such as lung cancer or cirrhosis of the liver where past behavior is very important.

Dr. Raymond Hobbs is an internal medicine physician at the University of Michigan Livonia Internal Medicine Health Center. For more information, please call (313) 266-9419.

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Stock the shelves with only the essentials



Christyne Lawson

With this year's cold and flu season just about behind us, now might be a good time to clear the clutter in your medicine cabinet. It's amazing how fast a stockpile of medicine can grow, especially over the winter months.

But you can easily and inexpensively be ready for any minor injuries or illnesses by getting rid of expired medicines and stocking the shelves with the essentials that every home needs. All prescription and over-the-counter

medicines, including creams and ointments, that have passed their expiration date or are not in their original containers have probably lost their effectiveness and should be discarded. Also, medications that are not clearly labeled should be thrown away because they could be dangerous if mistaken for something else.

Also, the following items should be included in all household medicine cabinets:

- Band aids, bandages, gauze and tape in various sizes.
- Antibiotic ointment.
- Thermometer.
- Pain and fever medicine like acetaminophen or ibuprofen. Aspirin should not be taken by individuals under 21 due to the risk of Reye's Syndrome.
- Anti-itch lotion for insect bites and rashes.

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- Antihistamine syrup or tablets for minor allergic reactions like sneezing or rash.
- Tweezers for removal of splinters and small ticks.
- Syrup of Ipecac for accidental poisoning. Always consult with your doctor of poison control.
- Telephone numbers taped to the inside door, including ambulance, family doctor, poison control center and pharmacy.

Ask your doctor or pharmacist if you have any questions about these or other medications.

This column was prepared by Christyne Lawson M.D., family practice physician at Providence Hospital in Southfield.

Health Notes

Focus on Living

"Focus on Living," a self-help group for cancer patients and their families, meets the first Wednesday of each month at St. Mary Hospital. Co-sponsored by the American Cancer Society, "Focus on Living" is a self-help group that gives participants an opportunity to discuss their concerns, obtain answers and gain support from others who share the same experiences.

The goal is to improve the quality of cancer patients' lives through this sharing of information and experiences. Registration is not necessary, and there is no charge to attend the meeting.

For more information, call (313) 655-2922 or toll free 1-800-494-1650.

Cancer Education

St. Mary Hospital will offer a free six-week cancer education program, "I Can Cope," from March 17 through April 21. The program meets for two hours one day a week and is designed to help newly diagnosed cancer patients, their families and friends, learn how to take an active role in their treatment and recovery. The program will meet in the auditorium, near the main entrance off Five Mile Road, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Sponsored by the American Cancer Society, "I Can Cope," focuses on a different aspect of cancer treatment each week. Speakers include a social worker, pharmacist, registered dietitian, registered nurse, an oncologist and a radiation oncologist.

Healthy

Weight gain is on the rise with one-third of Americans 20 percent over their ideal weight. If you are over weight and want to lose those extra pounds, a new course offered by St. Mary Hospital can help. "A Holistic Approach to Healthy Living and Weight Control," will be held on Tuesdays, March 17 through May 18, from 7 to 8 p.m. in the St. Mary Hospital Center for Counseling Services. The new program, sponsored by the Behavioral Medicine Department, will be presented by a licensed psychologist on staff at St. Mary Hospital.

This innovative program will focus on changing behavior that causes weight gain. Since about 75 percent of those who achieve weight loss regain the weight in three to five years, the program will also stress how to control weight permanently.

For fee information or to register, call the St. Mary Hospital Center for Counseling Services at (734) 655-2936 or 1-800-494-1654.

Well Child Clinic

Oakland County Health Division's Child

Health Clinics provide free ongoing well care for children from birth to school entry. Families who do not have an HMO or Medicaid may be eligible. Clinics are held at 12 locations throughout Oakland County.

Services include: heights and weights; head to toe physical examination; immunizations; vision, hearing and lab testing; growth and developmental screening; and counseling with referrals to physicians and area resources as needed.

An appointment is required. For more information, call the North Oakland office, Pontiac, (248) 858-1311 or 858-4001; South Oakland, Southfield, (248) 424-7066 or 424-7067; or West Oakland, Walled Lake (248) 926-3300.

Poison Proof

During National Poison Prevention Week, Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital pharmacists will present a program about poison prevention in the home. Learn how to choose plants and products carefully, use and store products safely, and prepare for a poisoning emergency. The program will be held on Thursday, March 19, at 7 p.m. There is no fee for the class.

To register or for information, call 1-888-DMC-2500.

Botsford General Hospital Community

Calendar for March:

March 19
• Why We Eat Too Much. Is it just temptation, or something more? Everyone overeats - yet for some, overeating takes on a more powerful role. Food can become a comfort, a reward, or an escape. Learn why you use food in your life, and how to put eating back under your control. Meets at 7 p.m. Preregistration and a \$5 fee is required. Botsford's Health Development Network. For more information or to register, call (248) 477-6100.

March 23
• Botsford's Laurel Park Walking Club: Free March Blood Pressure Screening. "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.). No charge. Laurel Park is open 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 more information, call (248) 477-6100.

March 26
• Healthy Cooking Demos: "Tofu: Hot, Spicy, Creamy and Sweet and Sour." The wonderful world of ... Tofu? Trust us. This fun, informative session which meets at 7 p.m. will make you a true believer. There is a \$6 fee and pre-registration is required. Botsford's Health

Development Network, Novi. For more information or to register, call (248) 477-6100.

- Breathe Free Stop Smoking. Learn how to successfully quit smoking by joining this group at 7 p.m. There is a \$25 donation and preregistration is required. For more information or to register, call (248) 477-6100.

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.

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