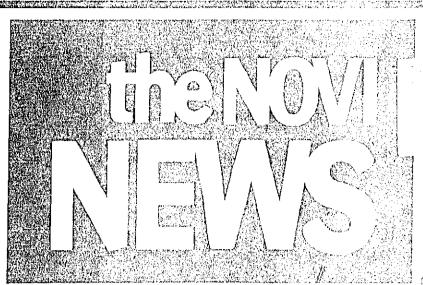
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City gives go ahead to revised plans

By JAN JEFFRES

While a county chemi court in a \$80 million lawsuit brought by the Sandstone Associates against the City of Novi, two new players have entered the case.

Monday night, the Novi City Council approved a consent agree. ment enabling Singh Development Company and the Fram Building Group to buy over half of the 297. acre property and construct 421. homes at the Vistas, which was into neotraditional planning.

"We're in a very bad situation in a very bad lawsuit against the city," Council Member Craig DeRoche said,

"This is at least 100 times bet ter. It's less density. It's wellplanned. It's with a firm that at least can do what they say.

Assistant City Attorney Dennis Watson said the city's okay of the agreement will have a "tangential judge has yet to reader a decision - effect" on the lawsuit. Hughlan contends the city hindered their efforts to realize the Vistas concept at the property bounded by Tivelye Mile and Thirteen Mile and Novi and Meadowbrook roads.

> "Among the things they (Sandstonet are claiming is a complete loss of the property. In effect, they claim they can't improve it at all," Watson said.

"It this goes through, it's obvionce celebrated as Novi's venture - ons the property is being developed and as the sale goes through, they receive the revenues ... They are appearently attempting

to liquidate the property and self-Sandstone Associates, affiliated

with the Hughes Properties and developers Ron Hughes and David Continued on 26

Vandals target holiday decorations

Many Novi residents with their found a scrooge attacked their Christmas spirit by destroying their decorations.

There have been a number of destructive activities involving Christmas decorations throughout the city this mouth. The Novi-Police said part of the reason may be because people are decorating their homes more this year.

Lt. The McNamara; of the Novi Police Department, said the destruction - which generally homes decorated for the holidays. includes cutting strings of lights, -destroying bulbs, knocking over decorations or stealing decorations --- has not happened a lot in The past

But, this year their is an extremely large amount of Christmas decoration around the city. McNamara said. This is perhaps the reason for an increase in the

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Yikes!

Novi Woods Elementary School student Lauren Buckley got a surprise when Peter Hoke wrapped an Australian Carpet Python around her shoulders Friday afternoon during a visit to her classroom by the Science Alive!



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Welcome Santa

Not only was Santa given a key to the city in the Light Up the Holidays ceremony Monday evening in the Novi Civic Center, kids got a chance to give him their wish list and even meet a few of his reindeer.

Photos by TOM HIBBELN

County signs on to Beck project

The Oakland County Road Commission has

o do the companion road improvements to

joined the team. With the state firming up its commitment to ebuilding the Beck Road and Wixom Road I-96 interchanges in four years, Novi officials

But Monday, officials from the road commission came on line during a meeting of the Beck Road Task Force held in Novi, City Manager Ed

Kriewall said. In January or early February, a public hearing on the environmental impact statement for were concerned that the county wasn't ready the freeway projects is expected to be sched-

"If there's a finding of no significant impact, they can go on to the final design," Kriewall

"They're committed to building the project in

A 2001 or 2002 construction date is antici-

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City gives approval to store expansions

uled by the Michigan Department of Trans-

By JAN JEFFRES

Shoppers who enjoy Kohl's and Jo-Ann Fabics will soon have double the pleasure. Both West Oaks II businesses won approval

Monday for major expansion plans which will convert the one-story stores to two levels. Martha Stewart wanna-bes who mourned when Michael's moved out of Novi Town Cen-

ter will be delighted to learn that Jo-Ann Fabries will disappear altogether, to be replaced by the chain's new superstore concept, Jo-Ann etc (everything that's creative.)

A bigger Kohl's, comparable to the new one in Northville Township, was a plus for Council Member Kathy Mutch, who noted that the store "will actually have aisles to walk through."

"We're trying to bring the 1989 decor into 1998," explained Tom Peterson, construction project manager for Kohl's.

Keith Blum, architect for the mall's developers, Ramco Gershenson, said one year ago Kohl's told its landlords it wanted to expand. The firm approached Jo-Ann's and asked them if they'd be interested in moving and instead

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Somebody's watchin' you

Looking for shoplifters, security keeps tabs on customers

According to the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office, Twelve Oaks department store Lord and Taylor is in the gray area of a privacy law.

Three police reports indicate observations were made in dressing rooms but there are no signs warning customers that they may be watched. According to Oakland County Chief Deputy Prosecutor

■ Some shoppers say they wouldn't do business with a store that watched customers in dressing rooms. The story appears on page 24A.

John O'Brien, that may make the practice illegal. But O'Brien said the dressing

room stall door design may put that the shopper was attempting Lord and Taylor's observation tac-

tics in the clear.

While Lord and Taylor does not have an observation room or camera to watch dressing rooms, the most probable way for security personnel to see in is through the doors, according to Novi Police

Officer Vere Wirwille. Wirwille said such an observation technique would be used only if the store already had an idea

to steal merchandise.

Each door in the dressing room stalls have wooden slats - like fixed Venetian blinds - for a front. Because of the door's design, Wirwille said someone standing outside can see in, just enough to track basic movements, while the person inside cannot see

Wirwille said, it is not a privacy

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Community Calendar

To have your organization's activities, regular meetings or special events—the high school. Tickets are \$25. Call 449-1525 for information. listed in the Community Calendar, send information to Community Calendar, The Novi News, 104 W. Main Street, Northville, MI 48167.

Thursday, December 10

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. (248) 344-2167.

Parks meeting

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

Youth baseball

Novi Youth Baseball meets at 7:00 p.m. In the Novi Civic Center. The Candle Light Prayer meeting is open to the public.

Novi Rotary

Friday, December 11

at 380-6500. A senior luncheon will be the feature of the meeting.

Novi Concert Band concert

The Novi Concert Band performs at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center For information, call (248) 932-9244.

Saturday, December 12

Madrigal Dinner

The Novi High School Choirs will host their annual Madrigal Dinner a

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Sunday, December 13

Madrigal Dinner

The Novi High School Choirs will host their annual Madrigal Dinner at the high school. Tickets are \$25. Call 449-1525 for information.

Monday, December 14

Library Board

The Novi Library Board will meet at 7:30 p.m. In the Novi library build-

Tuesday, December 15

The O'Brien Chapel of the Ted Sullivan Funeral Home will host a monthly bereavement support meeting at the Novi Civic Center from 7:30 to 9 p.m. There is no fee for attendance. During the meeting, facilitated The Novi Rotary Club meets at moon at the Novi United Methodist by Dr. Michael Meyer, a Candle Light Prayer will be held at 8 p.m. to com-Church at 41671 Ten Mile Road. For information, contact Bob Limbright memorate those who have died, it is most appropriate to remember our loved one during the holiday season, especially since this time of year is often so very challenging for those who have experienced loss during the past year. A clergyman from this area will lead the prayer. Following the remembrance, there will be an opportunity to reflect on various practical ways to cope with the "great expectations" that surface with the holidays. Everyone is welcome.

Business Network International

The Novi chapter of The Business Network International, meets from 7-8:30 a.m. at Kerby's Koney Island at Eight Mile and Haggerly roads. For information, call the BNI regional office at (734) 397-9939.

Garden Club

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

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-

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.

Bereavement Support Group

A bereavement support group meets at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Rd., from 7:30-9 p.m. The meeting will be facilitated by Dr. M. Meyer. There will be a brief prayerful reflection during the meeting by a member of the clergy from the area.

Optimist Club

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

Wednesday, December 16

Business Network International

The Greater Novi Chapter of The Business Network International, meets from 7-8:30 a.m. at at the Novi Hilton, 21111 Haggerty Rd. For informa-, tion, call the BNI regional office at (734) 397-9939.

Planning Commission

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

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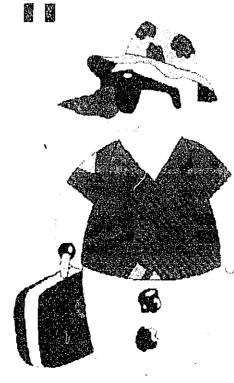
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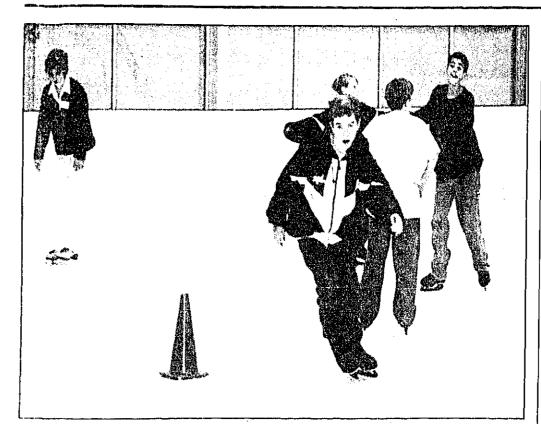
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Kids take part in open skating last Friday at the Novi Ice Arena in an after school program activity put on by Citizens that Care.

After school recreation program off to a smooth start

By JEREMY McBAIN

While still in its infancy, the Novi can join in on activities. Afterschool Recreation program is Dilg said from 2:30 p.m. to 6 ty sites.

Novi Middle School students.

from the Middle School. She said she does not really numbers in the program are weak, program, Dilg said. but she is meeting with the Middle School principal and some stu-good job and we are helping out a Parks and Recreation.

dents to discuss the matter. As for the rest of the students, fun taking part in the program.

On many days, children have a The program has nine staff memchoice of two locations where they bers in addition to Dilg that help

running smoothly, despite a few p.m. Monday through Friday, stu- To further help out working famdents can take part in activities at lilies while school is out during the Lisa Dilg, Afterschool Recreation either the Novi Township Hall or holidays, Dilg said she is talking to program director, said she has the Novi lee Arena. In addition to parents to determine if their is about 333 kids taking part in the these, on Tuesday, Wednesday and enough support to have the proprogram. The only problem is she Thursday they can take part in gram from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. during has not had a lot of interest from activities at the Soccer Zone on school vacation days. Grand River.

Of those 333 participants, Dilg All of the participants arrive to 29 and 30. by their parents.

lot of working parents," Dilg said.

"For a while I was getting three of these schools. about the staff."

out at the different program activi-

These days would be Dec. 23, 28.

said only around 80 are coming the sites by bus and are picked up To take part in the Holiday Afterschool Recreation days and the Many parents have also made program in general, parents must know why Middle School student positive comments to her about the pick up an information packet at Novi Meadows, Novi Middle School, "They said the staff is doing a Northville's Cooke Middle School or

The program is free to students Dilg said they seem to be having calls a day, just saying nice things. For more information contact Lisa Dilg at (248) 347-0400.

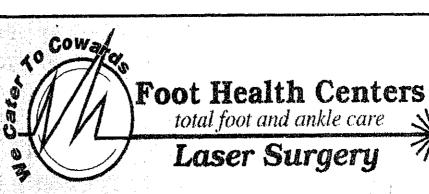
Library Briefs

The Internet: Tools & Tips

online experiences for your family. The class meets munity members are welcome to attend. Saturday, Dec. 12, at 10:30 a.m.

Library Board meeting

Just for parents, this overview of the Internet The Novi Library Board of Directors meets Monday, includes suggestions for promoting safe, rewarding Dec. 14, at 7 p.m. in the library meeting room. Com-



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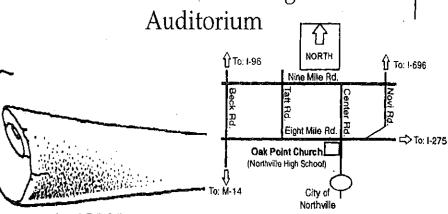
Sunday December 13,1998 Two services 9:30 & 11:00

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Please note change in service times is for this week only. Oak Pointe Church meets in the Northville High School



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Take a havride to find your tree

Choosing an authentic Christmas tree can be a real adventure if you bundle up the family and head to Maybury State Park Dec. 12 and 13 from 1 to 3 p.m.. The park, located at Eight Mile and Beck roads, is offer-

ing horse drawn hayrides to a farm field full of precut which recently moved to 145 N. Cen-After selecting the perfect tree, you'll be ferried back to the - ize store-bought Christmas cards or

parking lot, where the fress will be delivered right to your car. start from scratch. The \$30 cost includes the ride, the tree and a one-day

Christmas Carol in Novi

Part of the Christmas tradition, according to many Norman Rockwellesque views, includes traveling Christmas carolers in holiday celebrations.

But, in today's modern society filled with ordinances and laws, travelling Christinas carolers should take heed of Novi's noise ordinances.

Dennis Watson, assistant Novi city attorney, said he could not imagine anyone trying to prosecute someone for Christmas caroling but the city's noise ordinance prohibits disorderly conduct and public disturbance. He said Christmas carolers could be fined for an ordinance violation if they sang or act in a disturbing fashion.

According to Lt. Dave Butler, of the Novi Police, this would mean if the carolers are "a bunch of drunken people. out singing jingle bells with a megaphone and a band."

Pay Santa a visit

Take the kids to meet the man in red at Twelve Oaks Mall every day until Dec. 24, Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Aside from hour long breaks at noon and 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and at 2 p.m. on Sundays, Santa will listen to wish lists and sit for photos, which range from \$8.99 o \$24.99.

A master of being in more than one place at a time, Santa will also take visitors in Northville, at his house in front of the bandshell. Every weekend until Christmas, Santa will be available Fridays

until 8 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m.

Build a snowman

While it may seem like it is never going to get cold enough for making a snowman, the National Weather Service feels the warm weather will not last.

Darin Figurskey, meteorologist for the National Weather Service, said while temperatures have been unseasonable warm lately, he does expect December's temperatures will lower and precipitation will meet the season expectations. He said the average snowfall for the metro-Detroit area in December is 10 inches, with an average temperature being 29 degrees Fahrenheit.

"Hopefully, for those of you who do want to build a snowman, it will get cold by middle to the end of December," Figurskey said.

Watch an ice skating show

The Novi Ice Arena is having a Christmas ice show from 12 to 2 p.m. Dcc. 19 on the red rink.

The show will feature solo, duet and group figure skating to Christmas music. Anyone can participate in the show for a \$5 registration

The show is open to the general public, with free admission. After the show the public can join the participants and Santa Claus as the rink opens for public skating.

Paint handmade Christmas gifts

Ornaments, serving dishes, picture frames and more become blank canvases at The Bee's Knees, a studio and gallery at 141 E. Main St

Even the seemingly uncreative will be inspired by owner Linda Langston and albums full of decorating ideas. Items painted before Saturday, Dec. 12 are guaranteed to be glazed and fired in time for the holidays. A studio fee of \$8 per hour covers paints, supplies and firing, which is done by Bee's

Knees staff. Get a group together and the studio rate drops to \$4

an hour, by appointment information.

and get together with loved ones, we've got a few ideas Call 347-6718 for more that may make the holiday season a little more festive.

Ride in a horse drawn carriage Hear the sleigh bells ring as you tour downtown Northville

in a festive coach pulled by draft horses. Free rides, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, will be available from 630 to 1030 p.m. during Northville's Candlelight Walk and Midnight Madness, set for Dec. 11 this year. Or, reserve a private ride on Christmas Eve complete with

hot chocolate, Christmas candy and caroling. To reserve a six

passenger carriage for about a half hour costs \$85, while the lifteen passenger carriage runs \$150. For more information or to make a reservation, call the

Northville Carriage Company (248) 486-8866.

Spend an evening at the theater Two downtown venues will offer live plays through the holi-

Take a friend or an entire party to Genitti's Little Theater. 108 E. Main St., and attempt to solve a holiday-inspired whodunit. "Clueless at Christmas" is a musical mystery set at a ski resort. The dinner theater is \$39.95 per person and includes a 7-

course Italian dinner, the show, lax and gratuity. For reservations, call the Genitti family at 349-4641. Also showing in Northville is the children's musical "Cinderella" at the Marquis Theatre, 135 E. Main St.

The festive adaptation of the classic tale will be showing a the Victorian theater at 230 p.m. through Christmas. For dates, or to order tickets at \$6.50 each, call owner Inge

Send the kids to a Novi Parks and Recreation activity day, while you get some shopping out of the way

It always seems that it is hard enough to get anything done in today's busy times, much less Christmas shop and keep

the presents from the kids. Novi Parks and Recreation feels your pain and is offering a holiday activity day for kids from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 12 at the Novi Civic Center, giving parents five hours of uninterrupted time for shopping

The event is open to children ages 3 and up with activities designed around the various age groups. The cost is \$20 and includes all the activity materials, a

beverage and a snack. Parents are encouraged to give their children a sack lunch for the day. Call (248) 347-0400 for more information.

Christmas Cards Get creative with the wide variety of paper, rubber stamps and accents at Stampeddler Plus, The shop.

ter St., offers great ways to personal-Also available is poly-shrink paper reminiscent of shrinky-dinks,

For reservations or more information, call the park, 349-8390. That can be decorated and baked into minature ornaments or holiday

> For more information, call owner Margene Buckhave at 348-4446.

Share your holiday spirit with those less fortunate by

getting involved with Northville Civic Concern. The local organization provides a variety of services for the needy right here in Northville.

Consider donating lap blankets, totes or other items to local senior eitizens, or consider getting a group together to shop for an entire family. Director Marlene Kunz said to adopt a family, the

gift certificates anytime. Food and item distributions will be held at 215 W. Cady St. on Dec. 18 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

For more information, to volunteer or donate items call Civic Concern at 344-1033.



The main center court of Novi's Twelve Oaks Mall sports a huge Christmas Tree and other holiday decorations as the shopping season gets underway.

Plant evergreen

trees to replace the ones cut down With the much-loved Christmas tradition of lacing a dead fir tree is your home, forests may be seeing a decrease in the oxygen producing

But, some people are trying to end this problem by using Christmas trees they can replant. Sharon Silverberg. operations manager for Brickscape Gardens at 21141 Brickscape Drive in Novi, said," We get a lot of people that like to

(replant their Christmas Silverberg said Brickscape offers its customers a choice of a Norway spruce or a Black Spruce for replanting,

The cost per tree is

Each tree comes with its roots wrapped in a burlap bag or potted in a decomposable pot and stands about 3 feet tall. The trees can grow up to 30 feet tall and live for 30 plus years.

Above: Youngsters share their wish lists with Santa at Twelve Oaks Mall. Left: Plenty of supplies for homemade cards are availbale at Northville's Stamppeddler Plus.

Take in a Christmas Concert

By Jeremy McBain & Wensdy White

Although it may seem more commercialized every year,

the holiday season isn't all about material gifts. Some of the

best moments of the holidays do not come from presents but from

experiences that create lasting memories. These memories are

especially sweet when they include family and friends.

If you'd like to take a break from shopping

The Novi Concert Band will be having its Christmas Concert at 7: 30 p.m. Friday in the Novi Civic Center. The concert is free and refreshments

The band has a membership of 52 amateur and professional musicians drawn from throughout Oakland County and adjoining communities. The group has entertained audiences by performing the very best in literature for concert bands, not only in the Novi area, but in many of the surrounding communities.

For more information about the band and the upcoming concert, call (248) 347-0400.

Stay at a bed and breakfast

Relax Victorian style at The Atchison House, Northville's own Bed & Breakfast Inn, located at 501 W. Dunlap St.

Proprietors Dave and Shari Farhat will ensure that every occasion is extra special as they treat guests to old-fashioned hospitality Guests may choose to recline in the library, mix and mingle in the parlor or retreat to cozy bedrooms with varied antique decor. Some rooms offer fireplaces or private baths, and all guests are treat-

ed to a gourmet, home-cooked breakfast tailored to their tastes. For guests in the master suite, breakfast and steaming coffee or tea is Prices range from \$80-\$125 a night. Parties and business meetings

Spice up your holidays with items from Lover's Lane and Victoria's Secret

With it being the gift giving season and a time of love, what better to celebrate with a romantic evening alone with your To help spice up the romance of this time of year, Victoria's

Secret in the Twelve Oaks Mall and Lovers Lane at 26111 Novi Road are ready to offer some helpful suggestions. Diana Hill, keyholder of Lover's Lane, said her store offers couples all sorts of items to help heat up the holidays. They have everything from massage lotton to an intimate Santa

Claus outfit for her. Monicka Mitro, spokesperson for Victoria's Secret, suggested instead of buying just one intimate gift for Christmas, couples give small gifts to each other in the nights leading up

This could be something different each day such as perfume or stockings. Mitro also suggested, for a Christmas gift, couples buy

something they can wear for New Years Eve. Start planning for New Year's Eve

Ring in the new year with the whole family at the second annual "Northville Nite" celebration. After a pizza dinner (sans alcohol) the party will continue with a master magician, clowns, carnival games, live music, slot cars and miniature golf. The new family tradillon is set for Thursday, Dec. 31 from 5

to 9 p.m. at Northville High School. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for children if purchased before Dec. 23, and \$5 more after that.

Call 349-0203 for more information. Adults may also opt to make reservations for a champagne dinner on New Year's Eve.

Upscale restaurants often plan special menus for Dec. 31. In Northville, try Emily's, 505 Center St., 349-5923, or MacKinnon's, 126 E. Main, 348-1991 for reservations well in advance.

Keeping an eye on the customers Novi Briefs

was arrested around 5 p.m. Dec. 4 for shoplifting at Lord and Taylor in the Twelve Oaks Mall. Police News

A employee said he observed the woman enter the woman's sports select two pairs of jeans and one

The woman then entered the fitting room. Another employee watched her through the door of the fitting room stall as she concealed items in a Sear's bag she had with her.

Enjoy all the Christmas decorations lighting up

the Novi city skyline Each year, Novi residents battle each other over lights.

Local Color Brewery

with some close friends.

ment of micro-brews.

available by next week.

organization will accept donated toys, clothes, food or said he is now offering a wine selection to

The holidays are a time of celebration,

holidays, to some, is the taste of fine wine

relaxation and an enjoyment of life.

Part of the enjoyment of life and the

Meeting this need is the Local Color

Peter Paisley, owner of the brewery.

his customers along with a wide assort-

Local Color is brewing its own spiced

Along with there own brews, Local Color is

importing wine juice from Leelanau Cellars

Wine. The juice is fermented and bottled at

wine, red table wine and will have a port

Brewery in the Novi Town Center.

Jeffrey Bodell, treasurer and interim president of the City of Novi Homeowners Association, said each year residents compete against others in their subdivisions for the honor of having the best Christmas

Winners in each of the subdivisions are awarded a prize by the Novi mayor at a special city council meeting. But, regardless of who wins and who loses, the contest lights up subdivisions around the city with holiday happiness.

Join the guys or dolls for group shopping

Two new shopping events in downtown Northville will offer special help to those who may be least equipped to holiday shop. "Men's Afternoon Out" on Dec. 19 and 'Kid's Day to Shop" on Dec. 20 will have merchants especially attentive to those special populations. Men will get advice on choosing gifts and may later opt to relax with a cigar and cognae at MacKinnon's. Children will find "pocketbook attractive" items prominently displayed and merchants will keep their gift choices secret. Gift wrapping is included.

Ease those holiday tensions with a massage

While the holiday season brings a lot of iov, it also brings a lot of stress. To meet the complication of holiday and everyday stress on senior citizens in the community, the Novi Parks and Recreation Department offers massage therapy by a professional therapist from 9 a.m. to noon Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Novi Senior Center.

The cost is \$8 per 25 minute session. Call (248) 347-0414 for an appointment. Brian Fannon's 50th birthday was December Two, He left town, We didn't know what to do!!

Howdy Doody turned fifty and we wanted to have some fun, so now that you all know, our job is done!



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Correction:



Novi Town Center Redemption Sites For "Save The Children" Jumbo Mug

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- Cup O' Joe Café
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wear department of the store and p.m. at Hudson's in the Twelve feces.

The woman then exited the store without making an attempt to purchase the items when she was stopped by security and arrested.

SHOPLIFTER NABBED A 18-year-old Howell man was

arrested Dec. 2 around 4 p.m. at Lord and Taylor in the Twelve Oaks

An employee observed the man enter the department store, select two shirts and enter the store's fitting room. While in the fitting room an

employee observed him in a stall concealing one of the shirts under the shirt he was already wearing. The man left the fitting room leaving a shirt behind, and attempted to exit the store without paying for the shirt he had on under his own.

HUDSON'S WATCHING TOO A 25-year-old Highland woman

He was stopped and arrested.

The man said he heard some An employee observed the thing loud on his front door and woman enter the department store when he went to investigate he dis-

and proceed to the rear of the covered it covered with the The man said he did not see any sweaters and went into the fitting one running away. He thinks it

may have been done by some While she was in the fitting young adults in the area. room, an employee watched as the He said he has never had any female took a sweater off a hanger conflicts with any of his neighbors and hold it up to her body. and has no idea why anyone would The woman then tore the price do this to him and his wife.

a small Hudson's bag she had with A 36-year-old Novi man was arrested around 2 a.m. Dec. 4 near She then placed that bag into a large Victoria Secret's bag and exit- the intersection of Little Falls

Boulevard and Novi Road. An officer on patrol driving north Employees continued to watch the woman as she shopped in the on Novi Road noticed the man's

vehicle had apparently missed a store for another 45 minutes and turn at the River Oaks complex paid for a few items she had in her near the intersection of the two However, at no time did the roads. woman pay for the sweater she had

concealed in the Victoria Secret's As the woman attempted to leave the store, she was stopped by several employees and later arrested.

tags off the sweater and placed it in

DOG ATTACK

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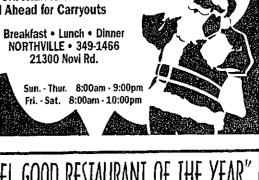
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had been driving south on Novi

Road and failed to turn properly

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The officer then watched the

The officer followed the vehicle

and initiated a traffic ston. The

man's car came to a stop about 20

yards after the officer turned on his

vehicle's overhead lights. As it

stopped the man's vehicle bounced

On contact with the man, the

officer noticed an immediate smell

of intoxicants and noted the driver

was very lethargic and moving

When asked how much he had to

drink, the driver said he had "a few

A sobriety test was given and the

Citizens with information about

its tires off the curb.

vehicle back up off the curb and

begin to enter the complex.

entering the River Oaks Complex.

Facts about the holiday season were delivered recently by the Novi Post

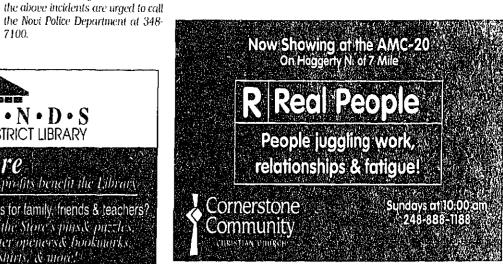
• Americans will mail more than 4.5 billion stamped cards, letters and packages between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day. That's a one percent • At this time, the total mail volume is anticipated to reach 16.7 billion

• To get the mail through, the U.S. Postal Service will add 40,000 temorary holiday employees, more than 50 additional contract airplanes, thousands of extra truck connections, dozens of additional trains and 22 million mail sacks and travs.

Of course, kids love to pen their wish list to Santa. But did you know that Santa also loves to write back? If you send that letter to the following address Jolly old St. Nicholas will reply. You can reach him at:

Santa Claus 1 Candy Cane Lane

North Pole, MI 48068-1234 However, it gets very busy at the North Pole the week before Christmas. Make sure you send your letter no later than December 15! After that, Mr. Claus has gift-wrapping and reindeer grooming to occupy his time.



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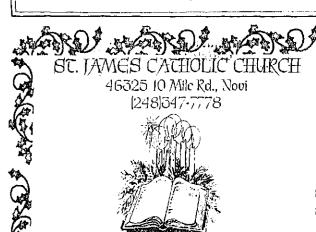
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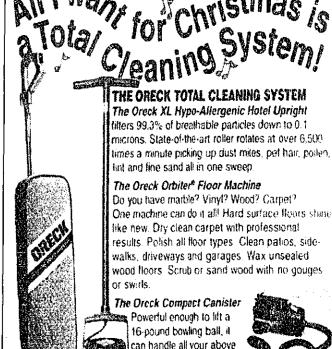
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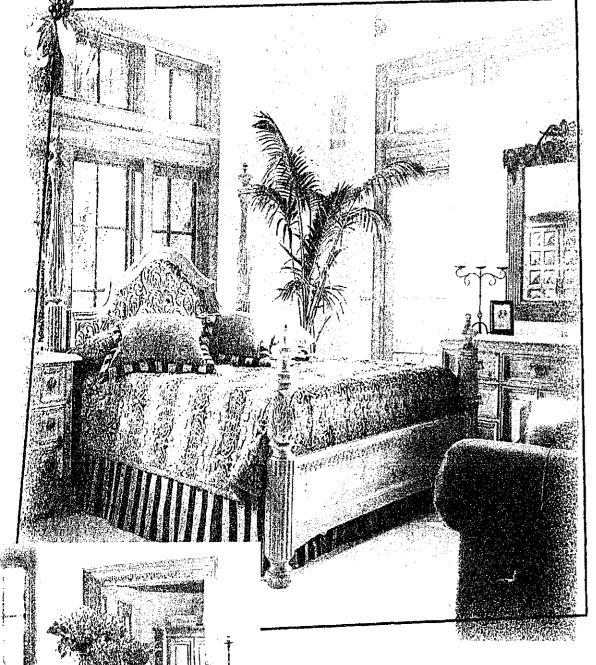


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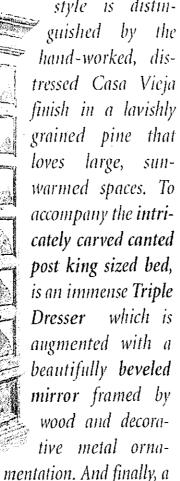
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ing lines are like works of art.

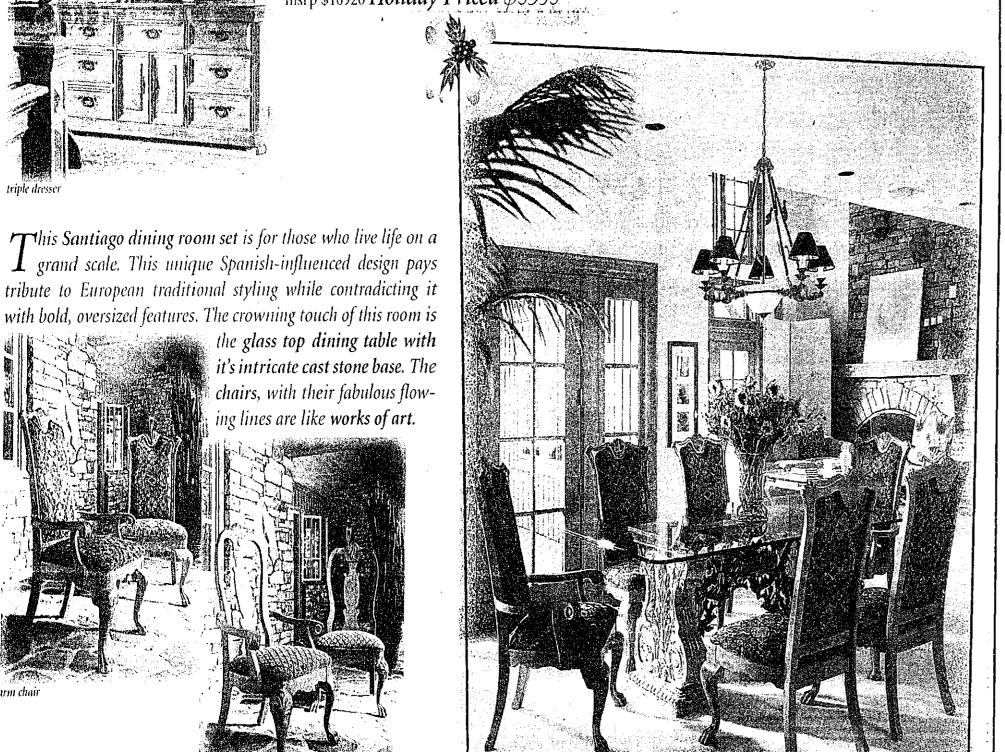
This Santiago bedroom set can only be described as 1 masterful. It is designed with a power and scale capable of eliciting strong emotions. There is an elegance and grace that underlies each piece.

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Hearing set on Ramco plan to fill wetlands

To build a new mega-mall enterainment center, developers Twelve Oaks Mall, just west of the and Water Management Division square foot retail center will tion, he added.

plans to haul in 53,950 cubic yards

company's existing West Oaks scheduled the hearing because a include five restaurants on the 70-

p.m., the Michigan Department of holding public hearings if people Environmental Quality will hold a ask for one and provide a public public hearing on the application resource for the hearing," Thomas

According to the DEQ applica- explained. of fill material to the wetlands and tion, Ramco will need to build over Typically, in a built-up region, then mitigate the loss at a 1.5 to eight acres of wetlands. The new sensitive lands are the last vacant Road Wastewater Treatment Plant, one ratio on city-owned land north mall will be the biggest in Novi, acreage and are avoided because of as well as adjacent land bought Les Thomas, of the DEQ's Land multiplex theater, the 676,885 ment, including wetlands mitiga-

Five acres is a lot of wetlands to fill in, Thomas said.

after Twelve Oaks. Along with a the high costs attached to develop-"When an area is so developed,

often the only areas left are the ones no one wanted touch,"Thomas said.

could construction a mitigation site. State law provides for wetlands at public land held at the West land banking. with road bond money. The city will ling. We try to determine wetlands need to do wetlands mitigation

check for the costs of the new wetlands, which is expected to be about \$120,000 per acre. The city

For information on the application and hearing, contact Thomas at the DEQ's Land and Water Management Division, 517-335-3464.

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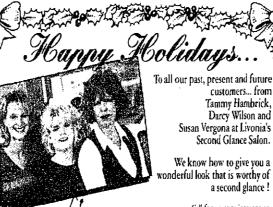
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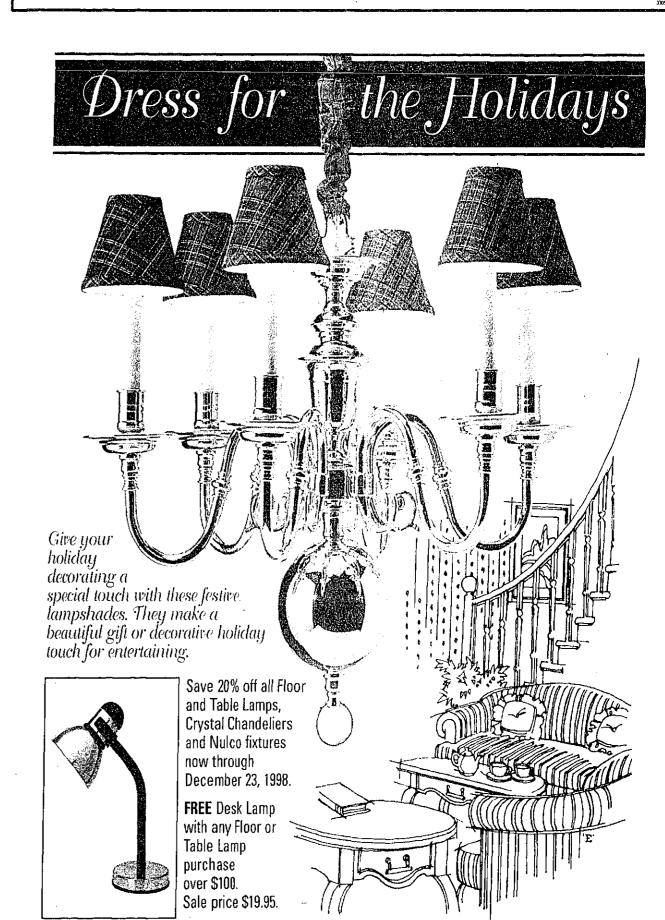
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The Log Book

The following is a complete list of Department for the week ending Nov. 29. Each incident is listed by type, location, time and the Engine and Squad number which responded to the call.

MONDAY, NOV. 30

Medical, 41268 Llewelyn Court, 12:09 p.m., Squad Three. Medical, 45825 Eleven Mile Road, 11:27 a.m., Squad Four.

Medical, 41436 Chattman, 5:37 p.m., Squad Three. Injury accident, 9:17 p.m., 45182 West Road, Squad Two.

TUESDAY, DEC. 1 Medical, 101 Pickford, 11:32 a.m., Squad Two. Service, 43150 Grand River, 1:50

p.m., Squad One. Medical, 41645 Chattman, 3:38 p.m., Squad Three. Injury accident, Novi Road/Crescent Drive, 3:39 p.m., Squad One.

Medical 24145 Windridge, 7:02 p.m., Squad Four. Car fire, Interstate 96/Novl Road,

7:31 p.m., Engine One. Medical, 41757 Grand River, 8:39 p.m., Squad One.

House fire, 42777 Georgetown, 9:43 p.m., Engine One. - Medical, 38471 Twelve Milc Road, 11:32 p.m., Squad One.

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Medical, 42024 LaRoi, 1:32 a.m., Fire Alarm, 43175 Crescent

Drive, 10:07 a.m., Engines One and Service, 23133 Meadowbrook Road, 9:51 a.m., Squad Three. Injury accident, Ten Mile/Hag-Fire Alarm, 43750 Expo Center gerty Road, 2:35 p.m., Squad Three. Drive, 11:22 a.m., Engine One. Medical, 45182 West Road, 5:25 Medical, 30136 Rousseau, 5:22

Medical, 27650 Novi Road, 6:40 p.m., Squad One. Medical, 44100 Galway, 7:39 p.m., Squad Three. Medical, 42400 Arena Drive, 9:44

p.m., Squad Three. THURSDAY, DEC. 3

p.m., Squad Two.

Medical, 20924 E. Glen Haven, 11:04 a.m., Squad Three, Fire Alarm, 41252 Llewelyn Court, 1:39 p.m., Engine Three. Medical, 40649 Heatherbrook 4:01 p.m., Squad Three. Medical, 22740 Fireside, 6:26 p.m., Squad Three.

Injury accident. Novi Road/Genmar Drive, 6:55 a.m., Squad One. Medical, 21230 E. Glen Haven, 9:24 a.m., Squad Three. Medical, Eight Mile/Haggerty Road, 9:31 a.m., Squad Three.

Fire Alarm, 26300 DelWal Drive, 4:47 p.m., Engine One. Trash Fire, Duana/Charlotte. 5:20 p.m., Engine Two. Medical, 22736 Woolsey, 6:15 11:59 p.m., Engines Three and

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WEDNESDAY, DEC. 2

City is still assessing Ten Mile proposal by residents

dents of the area.

House fire, 45010 Lightswa

Medical, 1306 Mariga, 5:24 p.m.

Mile/Woodland Glen, 7:08 p.m.,

Medical, 41677 Sleepy Hollow

Medical, 24467 Bethany, 3:09

Medical, 41817 Carousel, 3:54

Medical, 40100 LaDenc. 5:1-

Medical, 42500 Arena Drive, 2:12

Drive/Meadowbrook Road, 5:18

Investigation, 40316 Washington.

Fire Alarm, 41551-11 Mile Road.

Medical, 632 Fleddermouse,

Fire Alarm, 21111 Haggerty,

6:52 p.m., Engines One and Three.

12:24 a.m., Engine Three.

Injury accident,

12:37 a.m., Squad Two.

p.m., Squad Two.

Squad Four.

Squad Three.

SUNDAY, DEC. 6

a.m., Squad One.

a.m., Squad Two.

a.m., Squad Three.

p.m., Squad Three.

p.m., Engine One.

Wires down.

6:22 p.m., Squad One.

11:38 p.m., Squad Four.

Last week, the Ten Mile Task "It seems to be pretty much what they've been talking about all along." Force submitted their improvement plan for the road to the city, which reflects the ideas of some 70 resi-

Nov: City Manager

The task force is asking for a

three-lane road with curbs and

This week. Novi officials and consultants haven't yet had time to Jully evaluate the proposal. City Manager Ed Kriewall said Monday. "It seems to be pretty much what they've been talking about all along. The biggest question would

have to do with the ability of moving traffic through," Kriewall said. "I would say we'll probably take a rouple weeks to look at it. We will probably move into high gear in

After meeting with city engineers since 1991. and administrators in September. the residents were given 60 days to come up with a road design of their

Members of the task force by the Southeast Michigan Council include homeowners in six subdivi-Kriewall agreed that the model

sions who question the need for hasn't been reconfigured since a widening Ten Mile to five lanes from Haggerty Road to Meadowstaff planner left seven years ago. brook Road, as proposed by city "There's a lot of data at our fingertips we have to use for traffic

Task force leader Warren Joez has questioned the city's computer traffic model, which was designed to predict future traffic levels. But the model hasn't been updated

gutters, turn lanes and SMART traffic signals at intersections, a reduction of the speed limit from Joez sald future traffic levels for 45 m.p.h. to 40 m.p.h. and a bridge Ten Mile calculated by city engiover the CSX railroad tracks. neers are less than those predicted

nating longer lines at the cash reg-Waphen said that anybody they ister do not anticipate any probbring on board they have intenlems adding to their staffs for the tions of keeping after the holidays. holiday season. "We don't litre any temporary Tony Aguirre, store manager at people," he said.

Businesses find hiring for

holiday season is challenging

Novi's Bayarlan Village, will double Waphen said they face the northe staff for the holidays. mal difficulties with the unemploy-"We are actually in very good ment rate being so low. shape," he said. "I know that is "It seems the people who are out almost a rarity in retail this time of looking for jobs are individuals who

are job hopping," he said. The 25 additional employees, All perspective employees, from mostly part time, are college stubaggers to skilled trades like cake dents who have worked at Bayaridecorators and meat cutters, face a an Village in previous years. three-interview process at Vic's. A "This is an excellent store locaconsensus of three managers

tion, and these students are loyal is necessary before a person is to the store," he said. hired to try to see if they really Normally Bavarian Village has want to work at Vic's. about 25 full and part time employ-Vic's Novi location normally employs 150 full and part time Although not expanding their

A couple area businesses antici-

World Class Market plans to add holidays," Waphen said. 25 to 35 full and part time employees at their Novi store. "We can get by with what we well as homemakers. have but would like to add more

hours for the holiday season, Vic's

BY MARK SUMMER

wait. Imagine not having to write

Anticipating future growth, espe- and work the college break," he cially in the Novi store with the said. expansion of the grocery line. To make his lob just a little bit

easier, they sometimes call him. Calico Corners is not hiring seasonal staff for the holidays, but is hiring for permanent positions both full and part time.

"It is challenging to find people. Unique among retailers, the only late night at Calico Corners is Monday when the store is open until 8 p.m. They also have short hours on

are closed Christmas Eve. "That's nice for people who want to go to school in the evening or

high school and college students as "We have a lot of students who about 12 employees and offers an

"We are always looking for people who are creative, who have a flair for design," said Candice Marston, manager of the Novi Calico Corners

hours for the holiday, in fact, they

have a family they want to go home "We're sitting pretty good for the to," Marston said, "All have a pas-Holiday staff will be drawn from sion for lumiture or fabric or love to wait on customers."

employees," said. Jim Waphen, have been previous employees in educational reimbursement prohuman resources manager at Vic's. high school who will come back—gram in a related field as a benefit.

even thousands of dollars in savings in term mortgage. His answer made take advantage of valuable tax of them are doing something

and retail mortgage lender Investaid they purchased. I don't consider that sumer credit card balances and other billion in credit card and revolving minute toll free phone call."

says that homeowners have an oppor-short-term debt---I consider that a revolving credit card debt skyrocketed debt into home equity or mortgage. However, Towne warmshomeowners

payments on their bills for as long as In Debt? You're Not Alone!

them a penny out of their pocket. "We that there is no way that he or she will friends, your family, your neigh-

invite homeowners to spend five min- ever pay off the debts. It is then that a bors and even your colleagues are. How about a little extra holiday

the best course of action," says Towne,

We asked Towne why a homeowner

your pocket each month. Sound too complete sense, "Most of the people benefits, and cut up those credit cards." about it,

to be debt free (excluding mortgage) Towne explained that there is a What does that mean? It programs work.

by New Year's Day, and it won't cost point at which every borrower realizes means that you are not alone. Your

Imagine not having to sift through qualify a homeowner for a loan and

the bill drawer each month deciding determine the total monthly savings—

cheeks for the "minimum amount" would ever want to consolidate their

due." And, imagine having hundreds, short-term credit card debt into a long-

good to be true? According to one we help have been making minimum

who gets paid and who will have to it costs the caller nothing."

tunity to make a New Year's resolution problem," he said.

"In less than five minutes we can pre-

How to avoid shutoffs this winter As Old Man Winter begins his and March 31, 1999.

annual visit to Southeastern An additional safeguard is weatherization. Michigan, residents can prevent Detroit Edison's Double Notice If service has been shut off or a electric service shutoffs this win- Protection. Even when a qualified shutoff notice has been received, ter through programs aimed at individual is out of town or ill, customers may qualify for emer-

culty paying their electric bills," tify a friend or relative to receive a need not be FIA clients to apply. said Ronald L. Klineet, manager of copy of any overdue notice. The customer service at Detroit Edi- backup helps protect against serson. "If they will call us at 1-800- vice shutoff. 477-4747 we will work with them to establish a payment plan or the utility will not shut off service last-resort energy assistance. identify potential sources of assisting to 21 days if customers pendence Agency (FIA), The Heat and Warmth Fund (THAW) and others. We definitely want to help

them avoid shutoffs by working with them to resolve their prob-They will not have extended Detroit Edison helps customers through matching customer

donations to THAW and bill cred-

Homeowners: Debt Free For New Year's?

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homeowner for a loan and determine the total

monthly savings—it costs the caller nothing."

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Ken Towne, executive vice presi-they can remember. As a matter of Consumer debt is at an all time companies like Investaid in the last homeowners \$300-\$500 per month." Don't be bullied into believing that you dent of Southfield-based wholesale fact, many can't even remember what high. Between 1991 and 1997, con- two years to consolidate more than \$26 says. Towne. "Not bad for a five don't qualify. Most importantly, take

utes with us over the phone to evaluate decision should be made to refinance. Likely going through the same cheer. Start fresh in 1999 by taking simple," says Towne. "We have no is located at 30300 Telegraph

their financial situation and determine consolidate debt, lower payments. financial challenges. And, many control of your financial future today. **commissioned **salespeople. Our Road, Suite 117.

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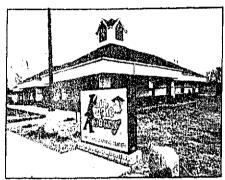
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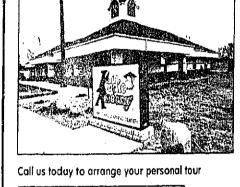


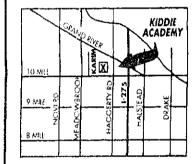
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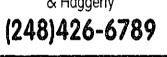
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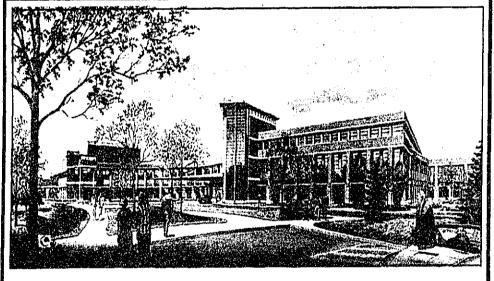




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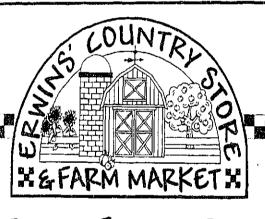
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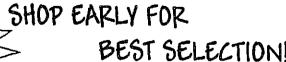
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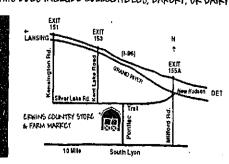
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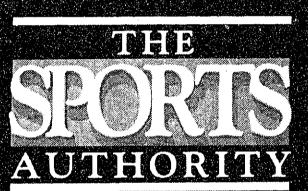
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Hospital in Farmington. She was born Dec. 10, 1913 in Worcester, Mass and grew up in NICHOLAS D. LUBISCO Dublin, New Hampshire.

band, Louis Simon, formerly of late Daniel Lubisco and Mary Mohawk, MI who she married on Minairo. May 20, 1939. She is also survived Mr. Lubisco had been a resident grandchildren. by two daughters; Harriet (Roger) of Northville since 1978. He served Demorest of Novi and Cynthia - in the U.S. Navy during World War - Sassman Funeral Home, A funeral [John] Moilanen of Farmington II and received the European and mass was conducted Dec. 7 at Our

Funeral services were given at 11 with the Victory Medal. He was a a.m. Dec. 8 at Emmanuel Lutheran staff assistant for International Church in Southfield with the Rev. Personnel at General Motors. Roland C. Troike officiating. Internment was at Parkview 44 years of service. After retire-

ment, he volunteered for Civic Conlicimi A.K. Simon, age 84, of Nicholas D. Lubisco, 73, died cern in Northville to help those in Detroit died Dec. 5 at Botsford Dec. 3 at Botsford General Hospineed. Mr. Lubisco is survived by his

He retired on Dec. 1, 1988 after Lubisco would be appreciated.

wife, Margaret Lubisco of Northville; two children - Michael Mr. Lubisco was born in Brook-(Veronica) Lubisco of Northville and Helmi is survived by her hus- lyn, N.Y., on Sept. 10, 1925 to the Peggy Ann (Frank) Gilroy of Bellmore, N.Y.: his sister, Rita Giuffre of Virginia Beach, Va.; and nine

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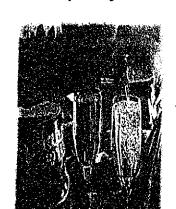
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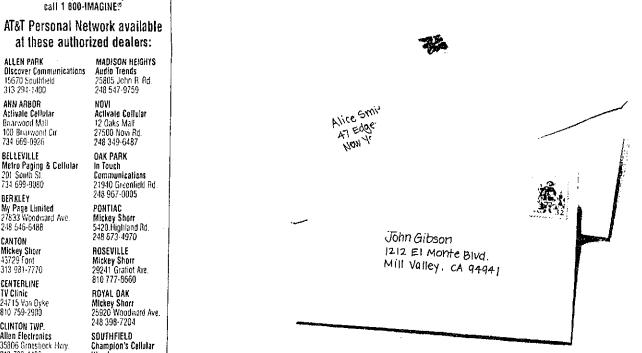


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1:00 p.m. — Mountain Ski Series: 7:30 p.m. — Cosby and Company: The Promised Land 1:30 p.m. — Home for Life: Wine 9:00 p.m. — Ribbons and Wreaths

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2:00 p.m. — Ribbons and Wreaths

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

3:00 p.m. — The Secret Place

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Light Judging Contest Nomination

If you do not belong to a Novi homeowners association, you may nominate a home for the 1998 Light Judging Contest. While each homeowner's group is running its own decorating contest,

some residents are not in formal subdivisions and may qualify, too. Please complete the form below and notify the homeowner that you have ominated them to receive a Novi Christmas ornament for their efforts in decorating their home.

The ornaments will be passed out while supplies last by Mayor Kathleen McLallen at a recognition ceremony at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 15 at the Novi

Ballots must be in no later than Dec. 12. Drop them off or mail them to: Christmas Holiday Light Judging Contest, 45175 W. 10 Mile road, Novi, MI, 48375, Atlention: Public Information.

Who lights up your life? Each year, it's a Novi tradition the Novi Light Judging Contest that the owners of the most well- But some residents aren't part of

et and show up at city hall to col-nominate your favorites. Ballots lect their awards.

Through a grass roots effort, the Winners get to pick up their best homes are selected out of a ornaments, at least while supplies pretty stellar line-up. Each home- last at a recognition ceremony at 7 owners' association selects their p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 15 at the finest. Volunteers from the City of Novi Civic Center. Mayor Kathleen

decorated holiday homes pull their an official homeowners' group. No Christmas sweaters out of the closproblem, just send in this form to must be in no later than Dec. 12.

Novi Homeowners Association then McLallen will be doing the honors. emise town to find the winners of

Former Farmington Hills resident Madhu Anderson is acting departure of Doug Roberts, Now an Lake, and Tom Middleton, R- statewide candidates, it also would seats in the primary.

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School budget shows millage decrease of \$2

By JEREMY McBAIN Staff Writer

Due to changes in the Novischool district's budget, residents will be seeing a lower millage levy than last year.

Jim Koster, assistant superintendent for business and operations, said the amended budget, if accepted by the Novi school board Dec. 17, gives 17.1213 for a millage levy on homesteads. This means a home with a total value of \$100,000 would pay \$856.07.

The levy is down .057 from last

The result will be a \$2.85 savings for the owner of that \$100,000

Koster said this is particularly surprising because residents will have a lower millage to pay even

though a new school bond was passed last March. And, Koster said he expects the

millage levy will go down further innext year's budget. The lower millage levy is the

result of several factors, the most

basic of which is Proposal A. Koster said Proposal A, which was passed in 1995, changed the funding formula for public schools

out money from it's tax coffers to

However, 37 school districts in the state -- Novi included -- were given additional help by being placed in a category called 'Hold Harmless.

As a Hold Harmless, if the school district has a greater tax yield number than total of \$591 times. the mumber of students in the school, the school district must lower its millage rate.

Under this factic, the state spends a certain amount of money

Because the process uses student growth and homestead taxable values in its formula, funding and the millage levy has a lot to do with the growth of a community and the economy,

What this means is: if the economy remains as it is, the school continues to grow in student numbers and school expenses stay moderate, the millage levy will continue to go down, Koster said.

But, parents need not worry that the school has less money this

shows more good news in the form of additional state aid per student.

Koster said a one-time "off schedule" funding increase of \$51 per student in each Michigan dis

trict was awarded this fall. The state was suppose to pay 87,553 per student this year. This was the same amount of funding per student as the 1997-98 school

increases per student funding each year, in conjunction with rising costs of living. That was not the

Koster said the state usually

changed the way the state doled makes up the difference. Koster Koster said the school budget this or more likely some political factors. Koster said the state decid ed, right around election time, to add 851 to every Michigan public school student's funding for this

school year only. This gives the school 87,604 per student or an additional \$280.220 to the student hindget.

Because the funding was added This fall, Koster said he has not had been able to determine how this additional funding affects the rest of the school bridget

"We will start playing around with the numbers after Christmas."

Detroit income tax cut by bill

By TIM RICHARD

After days of back-room maneuvering, the state House of Representatives produced bills that will protect Detroit's share of state revenues but cut its city income tax.

Suburbanites working in Detroit would see their city income tax rates drop from the current 1.5 percent to 1 percent over 10 years

if the House bills become law. Gov. John Engler was visible after meetings with the House Republican caucus on behalf of the state Detroit deal, But Rep. Judith Scranton, R-Brighton, said, "You didn't hear any bones cracking in my cancus," meaning Engler's pressure was light.

The House on Dec. 3: • Overwhelmingly approved a bill paring Detroit's city personal income tax over 10 years. Residents will see their rate drop from 3 to 2 percent; non-residents from 1.5 to 1 percent, under HB 5391. (Detroit's council and mayor could cut the tax unilaterally, but future officials could raise it again. Detroit has a special state law that permits it to levy the high rates.)

· Approved 58-33 a revenuesharing bill that freezes Detroit's share at \$334 million and revises the formula to help suburban and rural areas.

The House revenue-sharing bill will get a harsh reception in the Senate, where Glenn Steil, R-Grand Rapids, is beating the drums to cut Detroit's aid over six years to \$281 million.

Steil pictures Detroit as a city with 10 percent of the state's population gobbling up 25 percent of the shared revenue. He sees Detroit's being rewarded for losing population while having the highest property, local income and utility taxes in the state while "growth" areas foot the bill. The Senate passed his version of revenue sharing last summer on 30-6 vote.

Metro area politicos see the Steil bill is fueling "urban sprawl" by subsidizing rural areas with low local taxes.

Reps. Patricia Godehaux, R-Birmingham, and Lyn Bankes, R-Redford, voted against the revenue sharing bill in the House Appropriations Committee Dec. 2 but for it on Dec. 3 when the full House adopted it. Their reasons were

identical. "I got the bill (in committee) at 4:10 and had to vote at 5:30," said Godchaux, a freshman member. "People I rely on couldn't answer questions, (such as) what's going to happen two years after the 2000 census? But many of my municipalities will support it - Beverly Hills and Birmingham - because they want to stabilize their revenue and they don't want to hurt Detroit.

Godehaux said the bill isn't finished yet. It goes to the Senate, where agreement is doubtful, and back to the House for concurrence (maybe) in Senate amendments. The Legislature is scheduled to close up shop Dec. 22.

Bankes also voted no in committec because of the rush job. "The Michigan Municipal League, Michigan Townships Association and Michigan Association of Countles had not had the bill long enough to do an analysis," said Bankes, who is term-limited out. Her effort to protect Detroit and Wayne County. however, will help her politically when she takes office Jan. 1 as a

Wayne County commissioner. Rep. Nancy Cassis, R-Novi, voted

Michigan has two revenue shar-

ing pieces of legislation: The constitution, which distributes \$558 million per year on a per-capita basis. The money comes from a portion of the sales tax.

Only the voters can change it. A 1971 law, which spreads \$792 million on the basis of a complicated formula that takes account of "relative tax effort." Steil calls that a "perverse incentive of giving more revenue sharing dollars to communities that increase taxes."

The Steil bill cutting Detroit aid is SB 1181. The House bill freezing it is HB 5989 and is sponsored by Nick Ciaramitaro, D-Roseville.



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Senate approves Hall of Justice

Some calling the project a waste of money

BY TIM RICHARD

Siall Writer To Chief Justice Conrad Mallett Jr., it's a giant step forward in operating the appellate courts.

To many legislators, it will be a palatial Taj Mahal costing taxpayers \$2 million per judge who uses it.

The Senate Dec. 1 approved a capital outlay that provides \$88 mil-Iton for a new Hall of Justice building west of the Capitol in Lansing to house the Supreme Court (seven Justices) and Court of Appeals (28) judges). The House is due to vote this week.

"It gives us a physical presence," said Mallett, of West Bloomlield, who personally lobbled senators for passage of the bill.

"The bureaucrats can resist change of emphasis and procedure (by physical isolation). I can't get them to solve their problems without physical proximity. But I can set the tone in terms of where people

Mallett likened the single new building to General Motors Chairman Jack Smith's decision to move his office to the GM Tech Center so and sent it to the House, Sens. Bill he could be closer to the company's

in 1879, the Supreme Court had a because it also contained money to

see an engraved sign proclaiming "Supreme Court." It's now used for Senate Appropriations Committee meetings.

In recent years, the highest court has several floors in what used to be called the Law Building, about two blocks west of the Capitol. This year it was renamed the G. Mennen Williams Building, for the man who served 12 years as governor and 16 years as a justice. The Williams Building also houses the state law library, Attorney General's office and regulatory departments of state government,

The Court of Appeals' headquarters, however, is in a building a block east of the Capitol on several upper floors.

Mallett and Gov. John Engler say the appellate courts will work better if they and the court administrator are closer to each other. Court of Appeals judges say they can coordinate decisions better if they're located closer together.

The Senate passed the bill 24-11 Bullard Jr., R-Milford, voted yes.

Sen. Gary Peters, D-Bloomfield When the State Capitol was built Township, said he voted for the bill

third-floor chamber. Tourists still demolish the old Clinton Valley Center, a 19th Century mental health facility in Pontiac.

> "Part of the land will go to Oakland County government. The remainder will be sold to a private developer because (the city of) Pontiac wants upscale residential housling," he said.

> But Peters was unhappy about the high cost of the court building. "I voted for the Jaye amendment to strip down the court project.

> Sen. Dave Jaye, R-Macomb County, stuck the "faj Mahal" tag on the project. His amendment would have removed \$15 million for an underground parking garage and prohibited the building of a restaurant and restrooms not open to the public.

"This massive Judicial Palace cots around \$269 per square foot," Jaye said. "These arrogant Judges are trying to stuff hardworking taxpayer dollars into this \$87.8 million project. Government leadership is trying to plow this palace through in the last six days of the 1998 ses-

Jave's amendment failed in an unrecorded vote.

Sen. Mike Rogers, R-Brighton. joined another senator in protesting the high cost of the project but said, "I think we need a new hall of jus tice." He blamed the Department of Management and Budget rather than the courts for running up the project's cost.

JURY BILL HAILED

Michigan residents will find it harder to avoid jury duty under House Bill 6287 that was reported out of the House Judiciary Commit-

Lists of potential jurors would be drawn from the Secretary of State's qualified voter file. That file includes registered voters, drivers license and state identification card hold-

Some people avoid jury duty by changing residences after they receive a court summons to appear for service. Others believe they can avoid jury duty by not registering to

"Jury service is one of the most important roles that we have as citizens of a democracy," said Mallett, who supported the bill. "The diversity of the community reflected injuries enhances impartial decision-making and is essential to pub-He confidence in the justice system."

The bill still faces votes by the full House and Senate.

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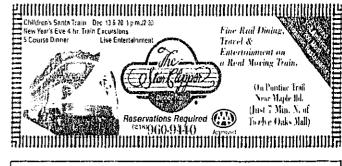
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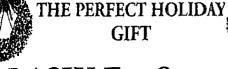






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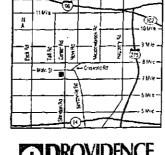


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school officials and the experts in 1985-86. they hired to chart student popula-Even at their highest, Stanfred ever since.

projections came in more than 90 students under the district's high with nearly 4,898 students in than the projections will show," Despite the statistical faux pas,—schools.

Board of Education in 1996. average of 22 Kindergurten stu- under construction along the Six figures. dents, 24 first through fifth Mile Road corridor.

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ber of students in each class by — Founded by two Michigan State — spread out.

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"I don't think the live birth rate is 4,470 students in 1975-76 but growing here," Bolitho said, "If the steadily Jeclined to a low of 3,254 economy continues to grow and Northville remains a desirable com-That marked a pivotal year for munity as it is and as it has been, the district, which has seen growth - we will get a larger percentage of families with school age children, Enrollment is now at a record especially at the elementary level,

Bolitho has asked Stanfred the district was able to meet class. Most of the growth is occurring mulate the projections. size goals set by the Northville at the elementary school level and ... Bond proposals which allow the

school officials expect that growth district to build more schools or The goals aim for classes with an - to continue, as 3,000 homes are - add additions are based on those

The \$61.5 million issue passed graders, and 26 middle and high — "The information is clear, We're — in 1996, for example, afforded a six growing. The data identified, as we classroom expansion of Silver "We were able to stay under studied prior to the bond election. Springs and construction of a these targets this year as we have that we're in a fast period of brand new high school with classin the past," Bolitho said, "We growth We have more staff and room capacity for 1,800 students, think we're adequately staffed to - more kids than we've had histori- - and -common -spaces -built for-



It will also retrofit the high. A combined chorale group of Northville Meads All the more reason that Stanfred school so that the Cooke Middle and Cooke Middle schools sings Friday the district has reduced the num- projections need to be correct. School program can take over and evening's Northyllle's All Aglow tree lighting

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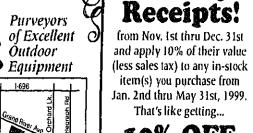
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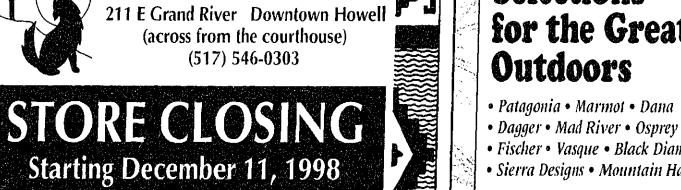




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(Left)The main center court of Novi's Twelve Oaks Mall sports a huge Christmas Tree and other holiday decorations as real shopping gets underway the day after Thanksgiving. (Above) The Alley family - from the small town of Jerome, 10 miles south of Jackson - take a breather from post-Thanksgiving Day buying Friday afternoon at Twelve Oaks Mall near their pile of shopping bags. They are, from left, Mandy, Connie, Linda and Jolene. (Right) Hoping to voice their Christmas wishes, a couple of youngsters sit on Santa Claus's lap last Friday afternoon at Twelve Oaks



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Northville's Santa suit is mysteriously missing

With a new Santa House and rousing Hometown Holidays Light-That was until a last-minute dis- according to Marrs.

last month, they found it was gone. quickly made to clothe St. Nick durtors through a maze of possibilities really knows where it went. We ing his Northville visits, the mystery that trace the Santa suit through thought it was at the Kitchen Witch to receive visitors in his long johns,

be solved.

"The Chamber was very distraught. That was the end of our Santa suit, never to be found again," said Chamber of Commerce lirector Laurie Marrs. The suit is size extra, extra large

and described as red with white trim, a very long belt, black leather boots and a pointed hat with a white tassel on the end. Two years old, it was purchased

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by the Northville Chamber of Com-the hands of clves, dry cleaners and and all of a sudden we went to get the Chamber quickly stepped in cleaning bill

Straight from Bronner's Christ- The-Wall, was among those ques- Kitchen Witch proved to be a dead- spent \$250 to order a new one. foil-wrapped chocolate coins,

ed Parade, Northville businesses mas headquarters in Franken-tioned as to the suit's whereabouts, end and although MainCentre thought they were well prepared to muth, it cost more than a just a few Genitti said the last she saw, the Cleaners laundered the suit annu-Northville Central Business Associ-"Wally (Bronner) told us it was

convinced it would last for years ation went to unpack Santa's suit uncover this valuable piece of

threatened to Leave Father Christ- the best suit he carried. We were his Northville shift. When the Northville Community and years," Marrs said. "I'm defi- behind the stage. I used to peek in the downtown area, the Chamber kids happy. I've never seen so much "It seems kind of strange to me

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Toni Genitti, of Genitti's Hole-In-

suit was hanging with the other ally, the missing leather accessories ation are working arm in arm to and socks." costumes in Genitti's Little Theater, ruled out that lead. where Santa would change before

"He'd have hinch and get dressed because I didn't want to be respon-

sible for it. I don't think anyone bly be found around Easter."

Chamber of Commerce and nitely going to have to get busy behind the curtain," Genitti said, "I Santa suit is calling out 'Help! Help! activity with Santa. He's living in that someone wouldn't know that

"Somewhere, some place, lurking Chrisimas the best ever, making could go missing.

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To ensure that Santa didn't have own suit in the meantime.

is just temporarily misplaced.

it and it was gone. Poor Santa." and rented a suit from Costumes astronomical." Santa said. "You

Marrs said she suspects the suit for everyone," Genitti said. "We happened to the suit but doesn't

daye the Santa suit back to the Pick me up!" Marrs said, "Some-style, He's got a new house and a the big red suit in their closel, size

"The Chamber of Commerce and them, they're unpredictable.

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Law took the legislative lead on of opiates is approved of, and n 4681, sponsored by Law, setsponsorship after an ailing David physicians no longer have to be ting up a state interdisciplinary. Hammerstrom, R-Temperance, ing must be done in 1999, Shugars afraid to prescribe morphine," said advisory committee on pain and requiring that health policies clear-said the new package "defines resigned from the Schate in 1996. Sen. John Schwarz, R-Battle symptom management.

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Jack Kevorkian should have resting in committee these bills (the state) will not look over every n 4683, sponsored by Mike Grif-pain and hospice are covered. fewer customers for aid in dying as have passed," said Sen. Dianne physician's should and micro-man-fin. D-Jackson, granting physi-Michigan's health care system uses Byrum, D-Onondaga. She criticized age how they treat pain." Schwarz cians limited immunity form liabillaw the Legislature passed provid-

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whether treatment for intractable The bills aren't as exciting as the and the less flamboyant colleagues

signing before year's end. The six clearly state whether pain manage- Sen. Dale Shugars, R-Portage, who chaired the Health Policy commitn 4685, sponsored by Beverly tee, predicting that more line-tun-

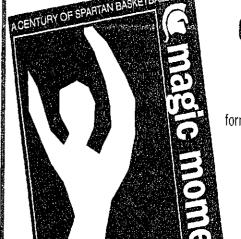
going up, we don't want to put another mandate on the system

Law agreed that "we didn't get into reimbursement. Over the last four years, Law said, the Legislature has passed

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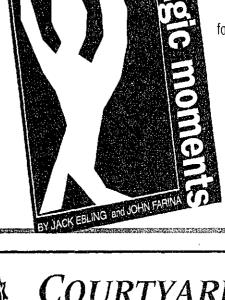
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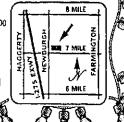
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Cathy Clough, director of the "What you choose the first year, less painful setting. simple this on how to minimize the

days can often be more difficult ing.

sorrow of the season.

reminders if you've recently lost a consuming or hard to manage. you think and feel." "There is no right or wrong way to handle the day," Clough said.

Arbor Center in Northville and you don't have to do the next. The the O'Brien Chapel and Sullivan as it was before, the more obvious vacation alone can help you keep vour church to help decorate it. Funeral Home in Novi, have some - your loved one's absence will be." Schedule your holiday free time said. with supportive and comforting - If you opt to slay in lown and - "It is not necessary to send cars. ber is that anticipation of the holi- tions as to how you should be feel-

Clough, but time spent carefully people that want you to be miser. Always be considerate of the feelplanning the season can help you able, however, you also don't need ings of children and loved ones who for you," Clough said. to be around people that want you - might also be suffering.

her you do not have to do the same said. "Find those people that and let them know if you'd like to "be over it." Clough said. Holiday traditions that are meant—thing you do every year. Suspend—encourage you and accept you to—avoid traditions for a change. traditions that are difficult, time simply think and feel whatever it is . For example, if you usually get a experience of many bereaved is

away to spend the holidays in a - ceramic table top tree.

If you do put up a tree, consider Packing and planning a trip to letting children, relatives, neigh grief support groups. Michael Meyer, a grief counselor for more you try to make it the same see distant friends or relatives or to boring teens, friends or people from ting over grief can take anywhere your mind off the holidays, Clough By the same token, consider cutting back on Christmas eards.

from three years to a lifetime. "The second Christmas is more One important thing to remem-people, who don't have expecta-attend family gatherings, don't set especially to those people you will difficult than the first. The second can be lit at Christmas, Hannikah your expectations for yourself too see over the holidays. You might one is when you realize that he or or Kwanza, or whatever holiday it high. It's okay to leave early. It is - consider sending a Christmas let-- she isn't coming back," explained - is," Meyer said. than the day itself, according to "You don't need to be around also okay to decline invitations," ter sharing your loss and your bereavement counselor Michael appreciation to those who are there Meyer. He recommends accepting Often after the first year, the peo-combat loneliness, but make it

Clough said.

time has healed your wounds, get-

To ensure that you can go when live Chrisimas tree, consider that eventually they enjoy the holi-you want to, drive yourself, if your emotional state permits you to be You may even consider going instead a small artificial tree or a days again. Hold on to the hope!" safe behind the wheel.

> Meyer, a Novi-resident who runs Meyer recommended beginning new holiday traditions. He said others may perceive that

> > "People may find comfort in hay? ing a picture of their loved one displayed and a little vigil candle that

You can help fight a friend's loneliness this holiday

recently lost a loved one. Worried they may be lonely or for you'." grieving over the holidays, you'd

them, but you wonder what is your hand and give them the ation before they arrive. appropriate. Should you broach the subject of their loved one's death?

Should you highe them to the festive gathering you've planned? What exactly do you say to someone that's going through emotions—a party and leave. you can't even begin to under-

According to grief counselor Michael Meyer, just be yourself.

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bereaved refuses your invitation, or Merely tell them that you appre-

clate they came and stayed as long one by name. Be sensitive to the fact that wldabsent from the person," Meyer fortable in situations without their individual.

TONNI L. BARTHOLOMEW, CITY CLERI

NOVI PLANNING COMMISSION

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CITY OF NOVI

The provisions of the ordinance shall become effective fifteen (15) days after it adoption. The Ordinance was adopted by the City Council on Monday, December 7, 1998.

A complete copy of the Ordinance is available for public use and inspection at the office of

CITY OF NOVI

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

public hearing on Wednesday, December 16, 1998 at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center, 4517.

W. Ton Mile Fload, Novi, Mi to consider AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 2520 OF ORDINANCE NO. 97-18, AS AMENDED, THE CITY OF NOVI ZONING ORDINANCE TO

at the Planning and Community Development Department. Verbal comments will be heard at the

public hearing and any written communits must be received by the Planning and Communit Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Milo Road, Novi, MI 48375 until 5:00 p.m. on Wednes

NOTICE — CITY OF NOVI

REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY USE PERMIT

TUP 98-053

Temporary Use Permit to allow the placement of a construction trailer on the job site

for Baby n' Kids Bedroom, 43600 Grand River Avenue, beginning December 16

1998. Baby n' Kids Bedroom will be located on the north side of Grand River

within 300 feet of the boundary of the property being considered for temporary use

1998, at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 West Ten Mile Road. All written comments

should be directed to the City of Novi Building Official and must be received prior to

A public hearing can be requested by any property owner of a structure located

This request will be considered at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 16,

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Dowler Ronnisch Company is requesting a

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a

Although you can't predict how choice to grasp it.

parties or gatherings.

said. "The best thing you can do is - former partners." ple for so many years," Meyer said. tions about the deceased.

•Prepare your family with a brief After all, the bereaved are proba-•Go ahead, invite them to your involved, it is often helpful to subject. explain why the guest may act - "It's a very critical thing to make

•Refer to the bereaved's loved more," Meyer said.

Although it may feel awkward to bereaved. mention the name of the deceased,

be present to them, even if it's "We live in a very couple oriented" they don't feel like broaching the You have a friend or relative who making a phone call and letting society, it's very hard to some to go subject, the reference can welcome if you feel like calling them, pick them know I'm willing to be here out single aftergoing out as a coustories, reflections and conversa- up the phone.

like to extend your thoughts to they will react, you should extend synopsis about the bereaved's situ-bly thinking about that person constantly and want to hear your Especially when children are thoughts and memories on the

> Don't take it personally if the peculiar or said charing their visit. sure you mention the person's you get isn't coming from negative Meyer said survivors are usually name who has died. I hear the feelings toward you but springing even if they get up in the middle of very understanding when children bereaved frequently complain that from a well of emotions that even broach subjects adults may avoid. In one mentions the name anythe bereaved may not understand. •Be honest, with yourself and the

> > to get a thank you call.

If you feel like inviting them to a

their loved one, ask.

"The number one epidemic in our society is loneliness. This is some-The bottom line. Meyer said, is—thing that after eleven years of grief The worst thing you can do is be ows or widowers may feel uncom- it shows that you remember the that honesty and openness are the counseling has become very clear keys to comforting and maintaining — to me," Meyer said.

If you feel like asking them about recent loss.

Remember a loved one who has died by attending the monthly bereavement support neeting at the O'Brien Chapel of the Ted Sullivan Funeral Home in Novi.

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Permit to allow the placement of two construction trailers on the job site for Marriott own Place Suites, 42600 Eleven Mile Road, from December 16, 1998 through May 1999. Marriott Town Place Suites will be located on the north side of Eleven Mile Road east of Town Center Drive. A public hearing can be requested by any property owner of a structure located

within 300 feet of the boundary of the property being considered for temporary use This request will be considered at 3:15 p.m. on Wednesday, December 18 1998, at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 West Ten Mile Road. All written comments should be directed to the City of Novi Building Official and must be received prior to

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Officials optimistic about court construction bids

Still, court officials admitted that — temporarily occupying space opporare required to authorize the sale of the — in the state. MacDonald said the

tion. MacDonald said the construction bouncing around to virtually every opposition to the project at a pub-year. At present — in temporary

projects and naming their price to cost of the project. Rather, con- man said. If the bids turned out to been helped by bringing in a visit-

"Everyone's building around here entirely dependent on the sale of get, Macdonald said changes in the icy will end at the end of this year.

The old 35th District Court was mated price tag of \$7.25 million. we'd have to quickly get back the lease expires next autumn.

- all you have to do is look out the bonds and court revenues. Court new court's design would need to

Detroit. The court has since been ject, except that no vote was fast-becoming one of the heaviest

problem for the court's constructy and Plymouth roads after necessary had a resident voiced give each judge 13,000 cases per buy more time.

the strong economy could create a site the Unisys building at Hagger- bonds. A vote would have been old courthouse was designed to deal could be struck with Unisys

struction of the new building is be too far out of range for the bud- ing Judge periodically, but that pol-

lie hearing earlier this year.

Officials at 35th District Court were cracking open bids Wednesday afternoon, keeping the falth tion industry was experiencing a community in the 35th district. that a court construction proposal boom time, allowing builders. The courts will receive no state. A vote may still be required if the more than 21,000 cases. could be located within the pre- greater freedom in picking their tax money to help underwrite the project needs to be re-bid out, Erd-

But no, Prosecutor John O'Hare

The Court of Appeals, in a 3-0

can't have superintending control

over the state Parole Board, a Court of Appeals panel has ruled.

decision, upheld Circuit Judge

James Rashid when he denied the

prosecutor a role in parole revoca-

O'Hare wanted to avoid having to

"That'll cost \$10 million a year in

Wayne County alone," said an unhappy George Ward, Plymouth

Township resident and assistant

prosecutor who argued the case on

Ward cited the case of Robert

Owens, who has 22 prior convictions for car theft, burglaries and

the like and was arrested while on

parole, "The guy's already convict-

ed. He's got 20 years unused time

on his sentence. The Parole Board

It works this way: Suppose an inmate was given a 4-10 year sen-

tence. He serves four years, is released on parole and then is charged with another offense

"An arrest for a parole violation is

a 'triggering' event," requiring a Parole Board hearing, said Ward.

The defendant can be required to

serve the remaining six years of his

it that way, Ward complained. He

cited the case of Gregory Young,

paroled in 1989 for armed robbery,

his 14th conviction. Two years

later, Young burglarized a Detroit

store, his 15th crime. Instead of

revoking parole, the Parole Board discharged Young, forcing the pros-

for 47 more years. "By frittering it

(unserved time) away, the Parole

Board forced Wayne County tax-

payers to foot the bill for a 15th

prosecution," Ward wrote in a 1996

Judge Rashid didn't agree. Nei-

ther did the Court of Appeals

panel, consisting of Maura Corrig-

an frecently elected to the Supreme

Court), Barbara MacKenzie and

Robert P. Griffin, a retired Supreme

Excerpts from the appeals panel

"Absent an abuse of discretion, this court will not disturb the denial of a request for an order of

"The Parole Board is part of the

Department of Corrections ... (T)he

length of the parole period is gener-

ally discretionary with the Parole

"A prisoner on parole is still in

the 'legal custody and control' of

the Department of Corrections ... A

parolee is entitled to a preliminary

probable cause hearing within 10 days after arrest for a parole viola-

tion" and may cross-examine witnesses. "A parole violation must be

established by a preponderance of

lower standard than "beyond a rea-

sonable doubt," the standard in

officer prepares a report and rec-

ommendations as to disposition for

the Parole Board. The board then

enters an order either rescinding

"Significantly, however, it

(statute) does not provide for (pros-

ecutor) participation at parole revo-

cation proceedings. A court must

Legislature did not include ...

parole or reinstating it."

("Preponderance of evidence" is a

"After the hearing, the hearing

Court justice sitting on the Court of

Appeals by assignment.

superintending control ...

ruling:

evidence.

criminal cases.)

Michigan Bar Journal article.

ecutor to try him for No. 15. Young could have been sent up

has the punishment authority,"

re-try parolees who violate the

terms of their probation by com-

tion cases.

said Ward.

mitting new crimes.

Results of the bids weren't avail- do so. able at press time, but Judge John MacDonald said preliminary conversations he had with architects window to see that," he said. "We're administrator Kerry Erdman said happen. led him to believe a workable bid definitely in a concentrated area." the entire project carries an esti-

"We're definitely optimistic about destroyed in an electrical fire stem- The bonds, Erdman said, are drawing board," MacDonald said. this," MacDonald said Friday, ming from a July 1997 storm sold in much the same way as While the waiting game contin-"Hopefully, by Dec. 15 we'll have a which swept through metro bonds would be for a school pro- ues, the caseload at 35th District is ty existed that 35th District would

Above all, he said, be honest with invitations during the holidays to those around you about your feelings and wishes during the season.

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"We're hoping that if we're close

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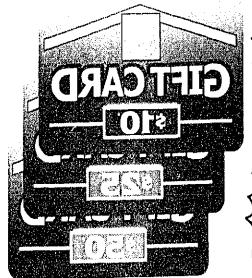
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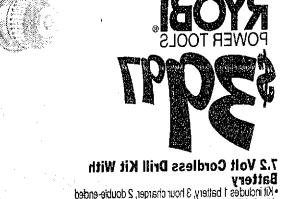
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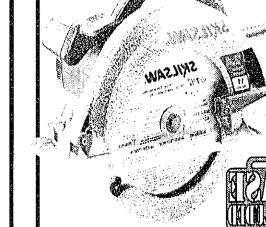
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the Novi Theatres production of

was how self-assured the kids

were. When I was between the

When citizens make the effort, they deserve hearing

Government

is not operating, Joez pointed out that

1991 projection that 39,000 cars a day

Yet Joez points out that traffic counts

and that calls into question the projec-

tions made in 1991. But without the

computer model in operation, the city

will have a difficult time taking more

up-to-date counts and projecting the

impact of these new plans on traffic in

Kriewall has confirmed the program

That's disturbing news, for one,

wide have not been updated for that

can no longer use and now sits idle in

At the intersections, five lanes with

turn lanes and computerized traffic

Reducing the speed limit from 45

Addition acceleration/deceleration

Now that they have worked to come

The prejudice should be to adopt

Once citizens have gone to this much

Novi has largely been critical of the

acknowledges its inability to keep up

growing areas like Novi, since they help

it is nice to see they've reached the

employ seven years ago.

When citizens take the time to review alternatives and come up with realistic proposals, it is incumbent on government to give them all due consideration. The plans deserve a real hearing.

And they should be used. At least, all efforts to use as much of those plans as possible should be made. Cast aside only those portions that absolutely

After all, it's their government. And when they make the effort to to come the city's plans for widening Ten Mile up with workable alternatives, their Road to five lanes revolved around a wishes should be honored.

Some 70 residents of six subdivisions—would move down that section of road recently took up a challenge offered by \pm in the near future. Novi City Manager Ed Kriewall. If you don't like the plans the city is making and projections of the Southeast Michifor widening Ten Mile Road, come up gan Council of Governments are lower. with some alternatives.

Residents had 60 days to review the various plans offered by Novi's administration and the Oakland County Road Commission. They had just two months to look at the proposals aimed at gathering federal grant money to the area. support construction of the road.

Last week, the residents, known as is not in operation and hasn't been the Ten Mile Task Force and headed up since a staff planner left the city's by Warren Jocz, turned over eight pages of documentation reviewing the various alternatives and making their because if means traffic projections city recommendations to the city.

One of the raps most often put on cit-long. For another, it poses questions izen activists is that they are critical of about how good the city's analyses of government officials but do not offer these latest proposals can be. And, other solutions. We've heard that com- three, it's upsetting to hear that Novi plaint here in our own city, from our, has purchased a computer program it

local politicians. But you certainly can't say that's the city hall's data banks. case here. Residents obviously worked — The plans recommended by residents hard to come up with solutions. They for Ten Mile from Haggerty to Meadowdid that work in a positive fashion. brook include: aimed at approaching the problem both • A three-lane roadway with curb in a manner that would address their and gutter, with a continuous left turn concerns and which would meet the lane, sidewalks and bike paths. needs of those who drive the road. And

they did it all within the deadline. The city is reviewing the proposals at signals. present. The city manager did not give an indication this week as to whether mph to 40 mph. he believed it would be workable. He would say only that he believed the lanes at subdivision entrances. plan was what residents of the area • Installation of traffic signals at Ten have talking about in the past regard- Mile and the Cranbrooke subdivision ing their preferences for the road. He entrance. said he expected the city would get to . A bridge over the CSX railroad work on the road plans after the turn of tracks.

Joez said he believed the administra- up with a plan, the challenge rests with tion's reaction would be negative. The the city. If it deems any portion of the road improvements, as citizens have plan to be unusable, it must show condesigned them, won't likely qualify for vincingly, with very strong evidence, federal road grant money, Joez said he that that portion would not be workanticipates they city will say. And that able. would be correct. It probably won't.

Jocz at the same time argues that whatever portions of the plans are qualifying for federal grant money workable should not be the determining factor. City officials would be ill advised to Rather, he argues the city should be disregard the efforts of these residents looking for a solution which will move for anything less than compelling reatraffic yet minimize its impact on the sons. surrounding neighborhoods.

One disturbing bit of news to come effort to devise a plan, they deserve to out of the report is that the city's be listened to. TRANPLAN computer modeling system

improvements to the Beck/I-96 inter- road bridge.

sidering how often the road commis- pleads poverty.

in grant money into the project. The tributes to tax revenues.

Grand River.

\$5 million in land for the project.

County on board with Beck

It is good to hear that the Oakland Grand River Avenue from Beck Road to

County Road Commission is finally on Wixom Road. The county is also expect-

board with city and state plans for ed to replace the old Grand River rail-

With the state ready to rebuild the road commission for both its lack of

interchange in four years, Novi was effort to upgrade county roads in this

concerned that the county wasn't ready area and to maintain existing road-

to do needed road improvements to ways. The road commission, which

That's a pretty reasonable fear, con- with road demands all over Oakland,

sion has been missing in action when it Be that as it may, road commission

comes to road improvements needed in should be paying more attention to

The state will be putting \$57 million the economy, and of course that con-

feds will kick in another \$5.4 million. We can't expect a total turn around

Novi's share hasn't been fully calculat- by the county, and the road commis-

ed, but Providence Hospital is donating sion may indeed be cash strapped, but

So it only seems fair that Oakland right conclusion about an important

County contribute \$5 million to widen project like the Beck Road interchange.





ages of seven and 24, I would have hardly been capable of talking to an older adult, never mind a reporter, without much stam mering and confusion.

Monday night, a contingent from the Friends of the Novi Theatres. led by Grace Willong, showed up it the Novi City Council to discuss the impact the pro gram's had on their lives. In 1991, coordinator Linda Wickert, who has a master's degree in theater from Wavne State, launched the compa-

ny at the Novi Civic Center. They started with three performances a year and one performing group, Now, five performing groups put on eight shows a year. Plus, regulars from the Novi Senior Center have leaped into the act. The now entirely self-funding program had a start-up fund of \$500, but today has an annual budget of \$60,000,

money raised by program fees and ticket sales. Yes, the acting and stagecraft provide an artistic outlet for the children, who learn about teamwork, and lighting and when to exit stage left. But they're also discovering

"Many a parent has told us of a shy, retiring child taking part in several of these plays and becoming confident and poised. Some teens have almost been lost souls and found

time. I had the chance to talk - As proof of that, teen actors Sarah Dzwonkowski and with some local youngsters - and - Reberca Greeh, addressed the city council, a feat I've heard adults - who were appearing in some adults say strikes terror into their hearts.

"It is because of the Novi Theatres that I have the courage "Oliver," What struck me then to speak to you today," Sarah told the council. And Rebecca said she's found a second home with the theater com-

Sue McCambridge, a parent of two members of the troupe pointed out, time spent with the Novi Theatres is time spent away from TV and video games. However, it's not just local kfds who are stagestruck.

Dianne Brennan compares the Livonia senior center she used to attend to a nursing home. In Novi, she found lights, $% \left(t\right) =\left(t\right) \left(t\right)$ action, camera with the senior center's "Broadway Babes and Bullies." Singers and dancers range in age from 55 to 93 and appear before both a huge audience of visitors from other senior centers and cable TV. The cast is, Brennan, said "about five years away from Broadway."

Brennan and fellow entertainer Agnes Hay, whose husband is in a nursing home, have made lots of new friends since their foray into show business.

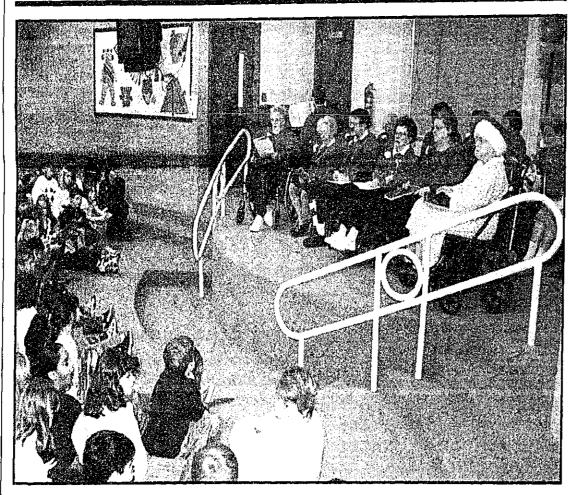
It's amazing how much talent there is in these old people." Hay said, "We're not sitting around getting older by the minute. We're having fun. Linda Wickert can almost bring out talent you never knew you had. Even if you don't have any talent, she finds it."

Wickert also seems to be bringing out hidden reserves of courage. It takes guts to throw yourself out there in front something more vital, something they simply don't teach in of strangers and risk failure. But at the Novi Theatres, they're finding success.

Jan Jeffres is a staff writer for The Novi News and The

In Focus

By John Heider



Getting into the spirit

Helping parents monitor TV



Calderone

tools you can use to help you sion programs, except news and guage (L).

sports programming. For the first There are two categories of chil-

another label (FV) will be applied to a program in the TV- out box. Y7 category. FV indicates that the program contains "fantasy violence" which is more combative that other TV-Y7

There are also four general audience categories (TV-G, TV-PG, TV-14, and TV-MA). TV-G is considered programming suitable for all ages. It contains little or no violence, no strong language and little

or no sexual dialogue or situations. TV-PG constitutes " parental guidance suggested." This what it is?" program contains material parents may find unsuitable for younger children. Many parents may want to watch it with for pay-per-view movies, you may call Time Warner at 553. their younger children. The theme itself may call for 7300. parental guidance and/or the program contains one or more of the following: moderate violence (V), some sexual kinds of programs your children are watching. As parents, situations (S), infrequent coarse language (L), or some sug-

gestive dialogue (D). TV-14, "parents strongly cautioned," are programs that contain some material that many parents would find unsuitable for children under 14 years of age. Parents are urged to exercise greater care in monitoring this program SWOCC will have a public hearing at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. and are cautioned against letting children under the age of 12, at the Novi Civic Center. The next SWOCC meeting is at

You may be familiar with movie These programs contain one or more of the following: ratings but did you know we have intense violence (V), intense sexual situations (S), strong them for TV too? And they're coarse language (L), or intensely suggestive dialogue (D). TV-MA is for "mature audiences only." These programs choose what kind of TV programs are specifically designed to be viewed by adults and therefore may be unsuitable for children under 17. These pro-The TV parental guidelines rat- grams contain one or more of the following: graphic vioings system applies to all televi- lence (V), explicit sexual activity (S), or crude indecent ian-

But, what happens when we, as parents, can't always be 15 seconds at the beginning of home to monitor what our children are watching on TV? It's each rated program, the label for getting harder and harder. Work obligations and other the appropriated TV ratings cate- activities keep us harried in our daily lives, besides the fact gory appears in the upper left that there are over 2,000 hours of programming in our

Have you heard about parental lockout? In the Time dren's guidelines: one identifying programs designed for Warner remote controls and converter boxes, you can lock children of all ages (TV-Y) and a second (TV-Y7) for children out certain channels. All you have to do is put in some over the age of seven, who are better able to distinguish codes. For a cable ready TV set, you'd have to check the between make-believe and reality. In some instances, owner's manual to see if it is equipped with a parental lock-

You can require use of a pin number to order pay-perview movies. All you have to do is call a Time Warner customer representative and ask to place a pin number on your account. Once the customer service representative places the pin number in the system, stars come up on the screen. The number is never seen again. This keeps your 16-year-old from calling in, ordering a move and saying, "By the way, I forgot my pin number - can you tell me

For more info on the parental lockout and pin numbers

Remember there are tolls to use to help you choose what you can make informed choices on your family's television

Many Linda Calderone is the Media Relations Specialist for the Southwestern Oakland Cable Commission. The next CAC meeting is at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 12, at SWOCC. 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 26, at the Novi Civic Center.

Downtowns protect against the crass



ontrage at the culture every Christ-

mastime, and the special offerings from the good folks at Neiman Marcus seldom fail me. In past years, we've had his and hers business jet alrplanes (thoughtfuly painted blue and pink, in case you wondered), along with hot air balloons and God only knows what other upper-upper scale rubbish.

tidal waves of junk

mail before they hit

the trash bin is the

This year's special is a British Ferret Mark 1 armored car, "Carries a crew of two; one of two friendly people may be added to the commander's seat for cruising around the ranch," If you hurry, you can still get delivery in time for Christmas for only \$25,000. So much for this year's monument to materi-

For a good spell of anti-fakery, I suggest you take a leisurely stroll through your downtown count mall. But your own home town down-

One of the very few is (ahem, in light of the recent weather) heating sidewalk," says Tyler catalogues I extract up, small downtowns all across Michigan are on from the seasonal a roll.

Street," according to Tom Scott of the Michigan ple, the businesses do, "he says.

one from Neiman husiness from the malls, national chain stores—other businesses. Attract a good mix of stores. or big box discount centers. But retailing Provide excellent service and selection within experts say downtowns, once mourned as near-your particular niche. Offer your customers dead, are finding their own special niche that's something they can't get at Wal-Mart. increasingly attractive to real people in search of real things sold to real shoppers in real, human-

"There are an increasing number of successful small downtowns," says Norman Tyler, directive discounted. It is the kiss of death to comtor of Eastern Michigan University's Urban and pete directly with national discount stores." Regional Planning Program. "People like to come downtown. There is a certain comfort about it."

Plainly, downtowns are not likely to compete on price only with the big retail chains or dis. Our theory is very simple. If the home town count malls. But the relaxed ambiance, human scale and personal quality of good downtowns per will thrive. are increasingly attractive to anybody who has ever had to pound on the counter to get the attention of the bored and alienated clerk in the

Professor Tyler's research shows that downtowns are helped by a good face lift: trees, land-thriving is a happy sign as we come into the scaping, new sidewalks. A good mix of unusual Christmas season hoping for immunization shopping area. Not the mall or even the dis- and authentic businesses helps, too, such as against the excessively materialistic and the flower shops, specialty shops, book and gift crassly fake. town, It turns out that as the Christmas season shops, "You want to get people on the sidewalk Phil Power is chairman of Home Town Commu

Tyler says parking may not be as important as many city planners think. "You have to have the "What we're seeing is a renaissance on Main businesses. The parking doesn't bring the peo-

He cites a formula for downtown success: Main Streets are hardly going to steal all the Keep your costs low. Work cooperatively with

Brenda Sternquist, who teaches merchandising management at Michigan State University. gives this advice: "Stay away from national brands, especially national brands that have One of the fundamental objectives of this

newspaper is to nourish the communities we serve and assist the success of local businesses. community flourishes, the home town newspa

Downtowns are a vital part of the life and spirit of a community. As Novi develops its new downtown area, we can only hope it will serve

that role here as well. That small downtowns across Michigan are

and make them want to walk up and down the nications, the company that owns this paper.

Dad, your lessons have paid off

This is a letter for my hero - dad. You are a man who is admired by

I have learned more valuable things from you than I could ever learn in school. I have learned that perseverance will get you what you most desire. I have learned that

making others happy will bring you more happiness. You have taught me the importance of a good education, and it is now reflecting in my performance. Your speeches have inspired me to be the best that I can in every aspect of my life. Your criticism has helped me to become better, and your praise has shown me that hard work pays off. I guess that I

am just trying to tell you one thing.

Computer, TV will soon be one

Applause to Wesley Colmery for

Many community residents feel future of City the same way and I am glad you I am a Novi resident and co founder of a community access

ducers Alliance. One of our goals is to work with SWOCC and the CAC [Cable Access Committee] to see that Time Warner serves the interests of the three cities. Cable Television offers some choices to the community. For

example; you can "choose" from sets or "tiers" of program services. These are pretty much out of our hands in terms of what channels So you get all your local channels; city information channels; public, educational and govern-

ment access channels; plus a variety of channels that Time Warner (or any cable operator) makes a the mandate explained in the city good deal with. SWOCC has paid good money (yours and mine) to hire consultants to present these options. CAC has also spent time in committees working out the best way to handle

these state of the art services. (Though last I checked the committees were stagnant). Caren Collins, SWOCC's executive director needs to hear your

plea, loud, clear and often. Write

not what we residents and home- with our tax money and our tax owners want from our local govern- bonding credit, build another large

cuss these issues. Be there.

You care about

Re: Fred's Free Speech

parkland bond issue was proposed revenue for our Golf and Recre-(which I supported), when the bond ation Department. issue was approved by the voters. When are we going to stop all of

hope SWOCC has a good grasp of recommended as a way to save the the concept you outline because trees and to keep a beautiful rural this franchise agreement will take section of Novi from being develus into the next century and it oped into subdivisions, a shopping would be a crime to be left behind. mall, or other type of commercial

Many community access centers—operation. around the country have become I served on council when the city 'multimedia" access centers, pro- officials looked at purchasing and viding Internet access as well as operating the former Bob-O-Link training the community in both Golf Course on Grand River. As television and computer use. After well as when the administration all, television and computers are considered operating the golf going to be one entity soon enough course while a developer owned the - such Centers are leading the property. And again, when Providence Hospital, the new owner, By the way, there will be a public asked the city to consider operating

hearing. (It should be advertised on the golf course until the needed the

a larger scalel) on January 12 at 7 land to finish their medical camand no profit could be made unless money, our tax bonding credit, and "leading edge" in our three cities.

a bar and banquet/dining facility Mark Adler was part of the package. Should the city issue itself or a commercial enterprise partner a

liquor license? I think not enterprise partner operate a dinning and banquet facility in competition with other local eating estab-

Interesting letter Fred, so you Now Fred, I do not know what users group called the Tri-City Pro-have been reading all of my letters. business you are in, but let us A good start, but you seem to be assume that you owned and opermissing a few of the key points of ated a bowling establishment in Novi. Would it be OK for the city Well-watered fairways and fresh- officials to use our tax money and mowed greens are, in and of our tax bonding credit to build a themselves, not objectionable or bowling operation to compete with disgusting. But the use of our tax your business? It would bring more dollars and our tax credits for this money for the coffers of our Golf

commercial enterprise is wrong, and Recreation Department, Read Jeremy McBain's column in Sounds a little far-fetched? Well, the last issue on the editorial page. the city did build a first-class road He has some interesting observa- across private property, erect a tions about the City of Novi "busi- traffic light on a county road, and build a commercial establishment Why is this city administration called the ice arena with our tax so hell-bent on becoming a pseudo money, using our tax bonding commercial operation? That's not credit, and without our vote.

They also seriously considered Charter. This "Forget the trees and becoming involved in another enorforget the wetlands, bulldoze the mous commercial enterprise called property, fill in the swamps, and the aquatic facility.

pave everything over" approach is What are they going to do next strip mall? Strip malls make money I was on city council when the and this would be a good source of

and when we purchased the prop- this commercial craziness? Do I erly. This entire event was always sound unreasonable - or just Am I against progress and devel-

opment? Not honest governmental progress and appropriate land development. Fred, the next time you visit city hall and the police station, look at

the bronze plaques and you will see my name listed. I have served on many committees and have supported many bond issues in order to build our city with the facilities that you and others use and enjoy. Furthermore, I did run for mayor one of the fearless few) and a mimber of times for city council where I served for more than nine

involvements, I do not recall seeing your name as a candidate or on a commission/committee roster. My letters are written to inform and to get the Novi residents and taxpayers to seriously consider We should have that kind of financial figures did not work out what is happening with our tax

years. Funny thing thought, Fred,

in all those local governmental

If you care enough to read my letters and to get worked up about their content, then you care about

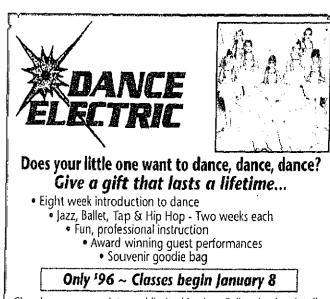
Joseph G. Toth Thanks for all the

On behalf of all the members of the Air Force Band of Flight Confunity to express my sincere appreciation to you for the superb pubin making our performance at Novi High School such a tremendous success. Without your cooperation and a great deal of hard work on your part, this special performance would have been impossible.

We were thrilled with the sense of community spirit, pride and support you and your staff demonstrated and we were all delighted with the results. We thoroughly enjoyed our visit to your community and sincerely appreciate the courtesies extended to us. It was especially fun for us to have the students from the Novi High School Band perform with the band in Sousa's Washington Post March. Thank you again for making our

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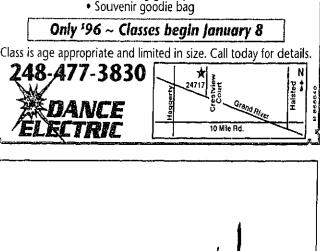
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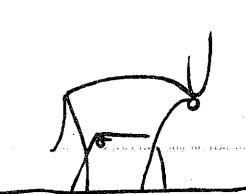
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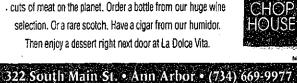
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General store has come full circle

Louie

Barbara numerous household items to be carried by a promotional booklet on the town. the local general store was groceries.

duce, selling the excess to the city markets, extends to all parts of the county. His stock

The age of grocery stores had truly arrived. but many Northville town dwellers relied on is fresh, large and complete in every branch Whereas 150 years ago one could find the fresh fruit, vegetables, eggs and other of the grocery business ..." items available at the local store.

was imported by 1816.

to shop at one store load of produce" to Novi in 1877. for all their needs. By 1892, Northville contained a meat entrance and a regular check-out system One of the most market, owned by F.A. Miller, and a grocery in his Piggly-Wiggly self-service grocery important of the store of A.H. Kohler, both proudly noted in store in Memphis, Tenn. in 1916. The idea

Novi farm families grew their own pro- tation for honorable dealing and his trade nationwide chain of nearly 3,000 markets.

More exotic items than those grown on unremitting attention to the details of the tion at stores such as Meijers. As in other area farms were found at many groceries. business, and his general qualifications as phases of life, the trend has come full cir-In 1804, the first bananas were shipped a genial gentleman and thorough business cle. from the Caribbean to New York. Coffee man ... have tended to the securing of his

present large and well established trade." In 1869, Scott and Jackson's of F. Thompson & Co. opened a new meat Novi and Northville area and is author of the

Northville advertised their stock of "Drugs, market in town in 1893. A newspaper book No. VI on the Trail. Medicines, Paints, Oils, Brushes ... and a advertisement exclaimed that the company

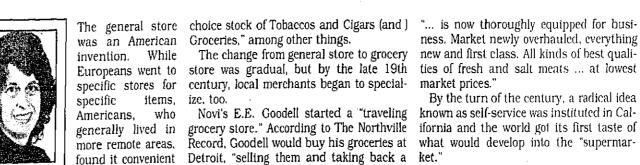
ness. Market newly overhauled, everything

By the turn of the century, a radical idea Clarence Saunders developed a turnstile

was so successful that within seven years "Mr. Kohler has established a wide repu- his single Memphis store exploded into a

dry goods, produce and groceries all under The quality of Mr. Miller's stock, "his one roof, today we have the some conven-

Barbara Louie is a local historian of the



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watched, it is by a member of the same gender. If the catching shoplifters but also to protect Hudson's Each door in the dressing room is designed with

Hudson's, said the decks are used not just for trying to steal shirts.

Michelle Shuhuan, public relations manager for - through a door in the dressing room to eatch a man

ty to keep its customers safe throughout the inside the stall the feeling they can't be seen, but

According to a Novi police department report dated - inside, said Novi Police Officer Vere Wirwille,

Aug. 31, Lord and Taylor security personnel looked — "It is like standing in front of a window," he said.

someone standing outside the door can clearly see

Indications of employees watching

ing room stall.

the dressing rooms in Lord and

Taylor also came in two other

police reports, dated Nov. 27

and Nov. 28. The reports

state that a female employ

ee captured two female

shoplifters by observing

their actions in the dress-

Kathleen Gray, Novi

Lord and Taylor store

manager, said she did

not know enough

about the incidents or

the tactics of the

store's security to

comment. Sunny

Lebowitz, director of

publicity for Lord and

Taylor, refused to.

Lord and Taylor's

head office did not

respond to inquiries by

be sold or brought back to the store and returned for cash. Stores can combat this

by having tougher return policies, he said. Wirwille said many

store security people tell him they hate the dress; ing rooms because they

are the hardest place to

Store security person-

nel rarely watch dressing

rooms, he said, even in

those stores set up for

observation. It is only done

when security has probable

"People have a better chance

cause, Wirwille contended.

of being watched (in a dressing

room stall) by a goofy stock per-

son crawling in the rafters than by

comment.

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From this platform, store security personnel can - entire store

From the moment you walk into a department visitor simply looks up, he or she can see the wooden customers. She said this gives the store the ability the "slats" facing downward. This gives the person store, security is with you. It stays with you through - platform near the ceiling.

out your visit, sometimes even in the dressing rooms. The tools of the security trade include high tech see in each dressing room stall. The platform cannot cameras, observation platforms in the ceiling, and be seen from all of the stalls.

undercover store personnel, who are dressed to blend in with other shoppers. All of this to stop shoplifting. According to information gathered from police reports from shoplifting incidents in department stores, all of the stores in the

Twelve Oaks Mall use similar factles in their war on shoplifting, including Hudson's, JCPenney, Lord and Taylor and Sears. According to the police reports, all four of the stores use undercover personnel and security cameras in the main sections of their stores, excluding bathrooms and dressing rooms. However, two department stores take their security one step further, having their employees watch for shoolifters in dressing rooms.

Hudson's indicated on several police reports the existence of an "observation deck" in its dressing rooms. Hudson's public relations manager confirms the "deck" does exist. A visitor to a Hudson's dressing room will first notice a sign on the interor, informing visitors that they

Shoplifting a problem for many mall stores

While giving shoppers service and sales this holiday season, all stores must keep an eye out for shoplifting and embezzlement.

Terry McCauley, security director for Twelve Oaks Mall, said shoplifting is a constant problem. Nonetheless, criminal activity is minimal in the mall considering that more than a million people visit it each year,

Det. Paul Stuligross, of the Novi police departarea stores. Embezzlement involves theft of a store's cases were reported.

In both," he said

Wirwille, shoplifting is on the decline.

rooms unannounced may be breaking the – or both

Compiled Laws 750.539, Sec. D, viola- no longer private

According to the statute, Michigan put the person on notice that the area is

Novi Police, mall security

have close relationship

places where they expect privacy.

porate policies," he said.

back for cash

Wirwille attributes lower numbers to advances "Around the holidays, you always see an increase In observation technology, increased store securi-

While many department stores closely tions are felonics, punishable by While a sign would make observation of watching customers in dressing rooms,

prohibits the observation of someone in watched while in what would normally be shoplifters walk into a store, take an item the main body of the store, but do not

a private location, O'Brien said that may off a rack and quickly leave.

ment, said there are more cases of embezzlement in shoplifting cases reports. In 1997, 439 shoplifting wented by something as simple as not placing easily. Generally, the security team already has a firm idea stolen items near the front door.

Michigan law protects shoppers from prying eyes

observe customers in their public areas, imprisonment for not more than 2 a dressing room legal, O'Brien said, he Hudsons, Another, Lord and Taylor, has illegal," Shulman said. She added all the those that watch customers in dressing years or a fine of not more than \$2,000, considers watching a dressing room in indicated it on Novi police department observation is done by employees that are

for Oakland County, said Michigan law informs the public that they may be dressing room," he contended. Most they do have cameras and closely observe the same sex policy of the observation

The tactic becomes even more impracti-

Some stores have recently experienced

a problem with thefts of the video tapes

Internet where computer users can view

cal if cameras are used, he said.

"A lot of the time, someone who is been observed.

ty, increased knowledge about shoplifting by or to prove something to friends. Others steal to pay for ingroom, the store counts the items a person takes in Overall, according to Novi Police Officer Vere store security, and more inventory controlled a substance abuse. Others are simple kleptomaniacs. and compares it with what they bring back out,

According to Novi Police Department records, from Stuligross said stores are gaining more knowledge comes from professionals, not teens as some might that he knows of, with cameras that can see in dressthe start of 1998 to the present, there were 320 about preventing shoplifting can be pre- assume. A professional generally steals items that can fing room stalls.

tapes, which are of customers undressing fitting rooms, but we are not going to stick

in the stalls, have been placed on the our necks out for people changing clothing."

Because of its impracticality and the cameras throughout the store to catch

Of the four department stores in the decks" in dressing rooms that can see in

watching dressing rooms is rare in were they expect privacy.

that a person is shoplifting, even before they go into a, McCaulcy said there are many reasons why people dressing room. Most of the time, Wirwille explained,

Wirwille said the malls' biggest shoplifting problem He added there are no stores in Twelve Oaks Mall,

Shulman said there is no chance that

Store security personnel stated in a

Aug. 31 police report, they caught a

shoplifter by looking through the door of a

dressing room stall. Further police

reports, from incidents that occured Nov.

employee captured two shoplifters by

According to the Oakland County

customers that they are watching

There are no signs warning customers

However, due to the dressing room's

Lord and Taylor management declined

through a stall door from the outside.

Sears, agreed. He said the store uses Prosecutor, if the store does not warn!

son's, said the store uses "observation" stall door designs, it is very easy to see

Security watches for shoplifters as customers shop

of the door, "it is like standing in front of a window," O'Brien said the make up of the door designating the room as a

non-private place is based upon a "reasonable amount of sophistication" on the part of the person entering the room. He said the front of the door must be seen by the person enter-

ing the room. Upon seeing the front of the door, it is up to that person to note that it can be seen through. As a result, O'Brien concluded that store is in a gray area of the

dressing rooms and the doors for

property than risk a lawsuit

issue because, due to the make-up dent reports that caused this questioning over Lord and Taylor. They

> • A report, dated Aug. 31, indicating a female shoplifter was captured at the store after a female employee observed her through a dressing room door concealing

> > A Nov. 27 police report that stated a suspected female shoplifter was observed by a female employee in a dressing room stall trying to conceal a stolen bra under

· A final report, dated Nov. 28, To make further judgment on the stated a male employee observed, legality of the stalls' doors, O'Brien via closed circuit television, a sussaid he would have to see the pected female shoplifter enter the store. He then observed the woman enter two departments and select Wirwille stressed any store that two pieces of merchandise. The does observe dressing rooms, does woman was then observed, by the not do so unless they have proba-male employee, cutting tags off of ble cause that a shoplifter may be the items in a fitting room. She abusing its privacy and most later attempted to leave the store stores would rather loose their without paying for the items and

The vandal who stole Christmas decorations

Holiday garnishes attract a rash of MDOPs

number of malicious destruction of property reports recently. The reason for the decoration destruction.

McNamara said, has traditionally been as part a prank. He assured residents that gangs of Grinches were not roaming the town roughing up reindeer, but it is more the result of teenage practical jokes.

But, participants in the pranks should note. taking part in these practical jokes can lead to

The following reports list several occur-

rences of decoration destruction in Novi: • Dec. 1 — Two strands of outdoor Christ- a wire reindeer was stolen from the front lawn

a residence on Grand River Avenue.

residence on Sheffield Drive.

ken and Christmas lights were cut at a resi- residence on Carlisle Court. dence on Wintergreen Court.

• Dec. 2 — Outdoor Christmas lights cut at a residence on Coventry Road. • Dec. 2 - Lights torn off bushes and a lights were cut at a residence on Reindeer Christmas wreath was thrown on the roof of a Drive.

were destroyed, Christmas lights were cut and dence on LeBost Drive.

mas lights were cut at a residence on Adding- of a residence on Nantucket Drive.

• Dec. 4 - A large plastic Christmas tree • Dec. 1 — Two large white steel frame deer was busted into five pieces and several outdoor were stolen from a residence on Galway Drive. light wires were cut, a metal/plastic reindeer • Dec. 2 - Several plastic reindeer were browns broken and a sleigh was overturned at a

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• Dec. 5 — Outdoor Christmas light's wires Dec. 5 — A string of outdoor Christmas

 Dec. 5 — Christmas lights were pulled • Dec. 3 - Several Christmas decorations down and the bulbs were broken on a resi-

County joins in Beck reconstruction

In November, Governor John Engler announced the two local interchanges were on the top ten list of state road projects that will be funded by a \$57 million in federal money earmarked for Michigan. The federal government will kick in \$5.4 million towards the \$71 million project.

Kriewall said the city's share of the inter-

acres of land, valued at up to \$5 million, until spring 1999. donated by Providence Hospital. The property is needed for road rights-of-way.

Oakland County's contribution would be widening Grand River Avenue to five lanes from Beck Road to Wixom Road, at an estimated cost of \$5 million.

but MDOT may accept as Novi's portion ten be done this year but has since been delayed

With major road projects planned for Novi by both the state and county, local officials will have to take a leadership position, Mayor Kathleen McLallen said.

"It became very apparent that we are going to have to take the responsibility for coordinating these projects in our city," she added.

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Area shoppers offended by possibilty of surveillance in store dressing rooms

order to catch shoplifters a useless tactic. incident reports that customers have of the same gender as the customers

Managment of the other stores said

watch customers in the dressing rooms.

Todd Paul, JCPenney district loss pre-

vention manager, said his store "absolute-

from cameras in the dressing rooms. The ty," he said. "Sure we have some losses in 27 and Nov. 28, indicated a female

Jan Drummond, spokesperson for

possibility of a lawsuit, the practice of shoplifters, but not in dressing rooms—dressing rooms, they may be violating;

those at Twelve Oaks Mall. According to tomers they are observing, insisted those of dressing room observation by employ-

ly" does not observe dressing rooms.

Customers interviewed at Twelve Oaks Mall said they would observed while in a dressing room. Some said the would be angry enough to take their business elsewhere.

that store any longer, even if the store warned him ahead of "I feel if they have to watch you try on clothes, then there is clothing at that store.

Don Faunce, a Wixom resident, agreed.

"It is taking away your right to privacy," he said. "I think I would probably want to do business with somebody else." He said there are many other ways a store can protect itself from dressing room theft, such as watching how many items customers take into a dressing room and comparing it with the

be offended and angry if they found out they were being from theft, she would still be upset if she discovered she was being watched while changing.

Coons added that people have the right to know if they are being watched, but if she was warned by the store before going into the dressing room, she said she would no longer try on

"I would take the clothing home and try them on and return

rity purposes offensive.

"I think its a violation of my rights," she said,

Novi Officer Vere Wirwelle stressed that these sessions are merely hints to the against the suspect individual store security teams. "We don't personally train them. They are employees (of the store) and we are here to assist," he said. He added. 'It's like a beware of dog sign.

We can recommend changes, but we can't such as that they won't get caught or that make the corporation change their rules Wirwille added that a majority of the security forces in the mall are already very

Police Department has even adopted some McCauley makes sure store security addressed

regards at department stores, including Hudsons, which has signs tedling cusare given to security forces in Twelve Oaks - cases against suspected shoplifters before Mall, according to Terry McCauley, Securithe police department arrests them. Novi Police Officer Vere Winville, there are observations are valuable. Michelle Shulno stores in the mall with cameras in man, public relations manager for Hudty Director. These sessions help keep McCauley said many new hires on a secusecurity personnel up to date on the latest - rity team get 90 days of training. After this, they are never on the store floor by mall - Sears, JCPenney, Hudsons and each stall, more for the protection of cus-"We offer tenants a chance to know themselves for a lengthy period of time. The security forces also get training in Lord and Taylor — only one admits to tomers than to catch shoplifters. proper report writing and legal issues.

The law covers public bathrooms and

John O'Brien, Chief Deputy Prosecutor dressing rooms. But if there is a sign that shoplifting never gets anywhere near the

about the laws (pertaining to shoplifting) and they balance them out with their cor-Stuligross said every officer that goes to Novi Det. Paul Stuligross said the the mall to make an arrest reviews all of department's programs give hints at ways the elements of the incident before taking to combat shoplifting. A session could give action

a store tips on how to place displays that Part of this comes from detailed reports have easily stolen items away from store filed by store security.

Wirwille, who routinely works with prientrances or requiring two forms of identification for returns. This keeps shoplifters vate security in the mall, said in many from trying to steal items and bring them cases the security team has the incident on video tape, due to cameras in the stores' ceilings. This gives further evidence the department and the store can use

McCauley gives talks at local schools about the problem of shoplifting. These talks deal with some of the misconceptions children may have about shoplifting.

they won't get in trouble. If they shoplift, he tells his audience, they will get caught. And the penalties are

McCauley started the talks last spring good at combating shoplifting. The Novi and does not know yet if they are having an impact. He has received some positive Twelve Oaks Security Director feedback from the adult groups he has

If cameras or security personnel are watching dressing room number they take out.

stalls, businesses risk losing customers.

Aendre Brooks, a Detroit resident, said he would not shop at

Kris Coons, of Farmington Hills, said that while she can understand a store's reason for wanting to protect themselves

"It's your body and it's private," she said.

them later," she said. Tracey Black, a Novi resident, said she too would just not use the dressing rooms of stores who watch customers. She added that she finds the use of observation in dressing rooms for secu-

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Lanciault, claims in the 1995 lawsuit that the City of Novi is in Dieach of contract, diverted special—with, It proved to be a poor project. assessment funds from the Decker - It wouldn't sell in this community. Road extension and is attempting. It's not our fault, it's their (Hughto take the Sandstone property lan's) fault," he said.

without just compensation. This summer, Oakland County land, 936 as opposed to the origi-Circuit Judge Barry Howard heard and 1.149 units. The 100,000 testimony from both sides during a square feet of commercial will beuch trial that lasted several remain in the PUD concept. months. In September, Howard Under the consent agreement, by the end of October.

"Everybody kind of thought he townhouses." was being optimistic. The case was But Singh Development Compa-Between the two of us, we had 250 said the new plans are in keeping es, Watson said.

the thought, it could be any time," in 1991, the city and the devel- Detroit. opers first entered into a planned unit agreement for Sandstone. Four years later, the developers and a new name. Employing a con-Duany, leader of the neotraditional unveiled a design that included the one in Washington, D.C. For Thoreau Ridge. those who wanted to reside above their own hustnesses, 250 worklive townhouses were proposed.

Council Member Bob Schmid

said the new Vistas is better than

the original one, although he was

learned Jo-Ann's was in a growth

lect but will expand to 95,000

Jump from 15,000 square feet to

headquarters in Hudson, Ohio, Jo-

center, a frame shop, over 1.500

bolts of fabric for interior design,

along with the current offering of

sewing supplies and notions. In

addition, the store will have a cus-

tom furniture section where cus-

tomers can mix and match furni-

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ture and upholstery.

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described its new mega-store as "a ter.

fired bisque, a custom design floral neighbors.

Kohl's is currently 70,000 square—sales of \$975 million.

square feet, while Jo-Ann's will preliminary site plan, council

Jo-Ann's promotional literature—additional landscaping at the cen-

First tested at the company's Oaks, owned by developers Ramco-

Ann etc will provide local artsy-renovation. As part of this project,

crafty types with a Rubber Stamp- a plaza will be built in front of the Emportum Bridal and Quilt Cherry Blossom Restaurant, so

Shoppes, a Creative Ceramic that the Japanese eatery will not be Shoppe featuring painting of pre-overwhelmed by the huge new

mode, too.

49,000 square feet.

crafter's paradise."

the consent agreement.

Tt was a poor project to start

Fewer residences will rise on the

predicted he would have an opinion—gone are the picket fences, the huge promenade and the live-work

exhibits and a number of witness- with the neotraditional theme and will features homes in the "We got a letter from his clerk \$350,000 range with architecture saying he is working on the case, it—inspired by older residential areas. was taking a little bit longer than in Grosse Pointe and such the Boston Edison neighborhood in

nationwide and for fiscal year 1998

boasted \$32 million in earnings on

In granting its approval to the

members noted that they wanted

more windows in the buildings and

For the past two years, West

Gershenson, has been undergoing

The Learning Tree is relocating to

another site within West Oaks.

Harmony House's lease is expiring

on trial for several months, my Vice President G. Michael Kahm

soltant who had worked for Andres — watch the world go by, a European— natural features, Kahm said. picket fences, a downtown area tures streets named after authors, small Michigan towns, Boston's issues. and a pedestrian mall similar to Hemingway Drive, Wolfe Pass and Back Bay and Alexandria, Virginia. "I don't think we should be had already paid.

In 1996, the city and Hughlan open space as the last one, some Lorenzo said. entered into an agreement permit-62 acres, Council Member Kathy In the original lawsuit, Hughlan Howard also barred the city from ting Hughlan to farm the property.

Singh will build Tollgate Woods subdivision and Tollgate Ravines who seek to walk their dogs and a aims to preserve more of the trian mall disappointing. style traffic circle will offer a cen-

site condominiums, a total of 244. Singh was able to stop the land. Mutch found the removal of the alleged that potential buyers could-slapping tickets on the Vistas for

Singh Development Company's proposes the above home design as one of several for Tollgate Woods.

ment because the closed the Deck- ordinance. Council Member Laura Lorenzo, er Road extension to traffic. The On 40 acres, the Fram Building who with Schmid was the only one developers were part of an SAD to lawsuit are City Manager Ed planning movement. Highlan tral neighborhood park with gazebo Group will construct 177 attached to vote against the agreement, said build the \$3.2 million extension. Kriewall, Public Services Director and benches. The development featownhouses, based on designs in she wasn't pleased with drainage and, when the suit was first filed. Anthony Nowicki and Finance

sought the refund of \$782,000 they They are similar in concept to the accepting less than the previous The city countered that it was "We all want this to be a success. 260-unit Boston brownstone-style plan. I think we should be looking keeping the road closed for safety because it's going to be unique in townhouses that Hughlan won site towards more in terms of a PUD, reasons while construction prothe metropolitan area, Kahm said. plan approval for earlier this year. We should be looking at higher gressed on Novi Road. Judge mit Fram and Singh to have sever-While the new plan has as much standards, not lesser standards," Howard ruled that the road be all directional and sales signs at the

dwellings on 115 acres. For those clearing on their portion of the land neighborhood parks and the pedes- n't find a way into their develop- alleged violations of the Novi sign Also named as defendants in the

> Director Les Glbson. Subsequently, the lawsuit was revised and the \$80 million in

the new Jo-Ann

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store.

youth court for students

By CHRIS C. DAVIS

The halls of justice were opened on a jury. to a group of five Northville High students last week, when 35th District Court initiated its teen court. The court was set up by Judge to real-life as you can get." Ron Lowe and probation officer Tara VanValkenberg, Nearly a year - nity to participate in a teen court after being assembled, the court program. Hundreds of other such places teens before a jury of peers - courts are already in place across their own age, who determine sen- the U.S., but Northville's stood out tences for misdemeanors typically from the crowd as one of the few in associated with the younger set. The court works by having a tlators of the project.

judge examine the case and determine if the offense in question can that the court was already be brought before the teen court. involved," Maile said, "Usually The suspect in a case has complete there's some kind of arm-twisting power over whether or not to par- that has to happen to get things: ticipate in the program. Not even a moving." youth's parents can supersede the — At present, only those students decision made by the accused.

mulls over a list of possible sen- school are eligible to participate, forecasters. tences for the offense. Though a but Maile said that may change in probation department officer is on the months and years to come. hand to guide the jury in its deciis made entirely by the jury.

dents are currently participating in dents as possible."

the program off the ground. Northville High School assistant and therefore brought to the court. Kalamazoo. principal David Maile said the teen house, Lowe said.

Maile said teachers also viewed meant making people go through GM formally announced plans for a lion. the teen court as an opportunity the entire experience of coming to \$1.5 billion building and renova. • Retail — The Great Lakes give Michigan nine straight plus vice" jobs, which covers everything for those who may have already the courthouse."

Spending up this holiday season "We need young people to see the consequences of their actions."

We need young people to see the

consequences of their actions,"

Maile said. "This is about as close

Northville isn't the first commo

which court officials were the ini-

"What's different in our case is

Although retailers will have to ally representing an increase of 6. Great Lakes Crossing mall in percent." are expecting consumers to spend sold. licaritly this holiday season. been in legal trouble to participate

ing, electronics and alcohol will be nation. among the most popular gift items. "Nationally, retailers will show the disposable personal income to low rates of household debts So will housewares, excluding 4.4 percent, They'll consider that a take advantage of it," Littmann

seems like consumers are spending - increase in volume retailing in the - left behind. more this year. It looks like we're - nation," Littmann said.

Michigan will increase by 5 percent—is reporting better than average—the promotions they'll have I think—December," Litturann said.

Southeastern Michigan will lead, the next five years, to consolidate. Auburn Hills is stimulating job of job creation in the enrolled in the Contemporary

ground. We certainly would like to before Thanksgiving.

The Detroit area is expected to ment: \$1.5 billion.

wait to know for sure, economists - percent in the volume of goods - Auburn Hills are attracting con-

Sales in Michigan are expected to Even sales in Chicago are getting a record 30-year low at 3.4 percent. According to Comerica ehlef be about a half of a percentage attention from Michigan shoppers. while the national average is 1.6 economist. David. Littmann, cloth-point higher than in the rest of the "Consumers are really alert to percent to addition, there are high

little disappointing, but consider- said.

"I think they've actually up in Michigan anyway," Littmann "I don't think the state will improved their situation of late. depart from the national average." The aging segment of the popula-Analysts show that spending in Littmann said Dayton Hudson's tion prefer the smaller shops. With giving sets the tone for all of

sales and new events. They have rates of consumer confidence and

Since prices are lower, that actu- Collection in Troy and the new and realize at least the average of 5

sales already, and the Somerset they'll be able to hold their own

Still Littmann roureded that it's "Judging from the low unemploy- ing a 1.1 percent deflation since... Still, he expects stores in down- too soon to tell whether consumers ment rate and growth of income, it - June, that really constitutes an - town areas like Northville won't be - will be approaching cash registers with their wallets open.

Harmlovment in Michigan is at

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"Nothing much has begoened so for Usually the day after Thanks

Area to lead state economic grow

youths to get a first-hand look at that this isn't a joke," he said. "This struction activity over the next few struction is in progress for opening be 5.1 percent. the results of the decisions they is real, and the decisions that are years," Fulton said, "Several major day in April of 2000. The Lions In the last 10 years, their annual an increase of 8,000 this year. New make, and also to connect them made have a direct impact on peo- projects are planned over the fore- football stadium will start going up errors have been 1.06 percent, "so retail jobs will taper off but continwith the communities in which ple's lives. This needs to be taken cast horizon," he said, citing: in late 1999 with completion by apparently we do learn a bit as the to grow. Government will add seriously, and we thought that ... General Motors -- 'A week ago, ... 2002. Total investment: \$500 mil-

tion project in the Detroit area over - Crossing mega-mall on 1-75 in years in a row - "our longest run - from lawyers and accountants,

rather than trail, the state's eco- its engineering and research func- growth already. nomic growth for the next two tions. It will bring some of the . The economists assumed labor Once in the teen court, the jury American Issues class at the high years, say University of Michigan industry's best jobs to the region. peace, though their will be sharp the U-M's economic forecasts as • Casinos — The state license - bargaining between GM and the - negative. A Detroit paper headline

"We'll have to see how this thing 2000, Dr. George A. Fulton told the being reviewed by the Michigan cent." sion-making process if called upon, evolves," Maile said, "We're just Michigan Economic Outlook annu- Gaming Control Board, We are Fulton, distinguished senior pace since 1992, they said. the sentence — which is binding — now getting this thing off the al conference Nov. 20, a week assuming that these applications research economist, has been will be approved, and that con- working on state and regional fore- ages in some areas, impeding evo-About six Northville High stu-open this up to as many of our stu-The Jobless rate will rise from the struction activity on temporary casts in Ann Arbor since 1985. His nomic growth. Asked where workcurrent 3.7 percent to 4.2 percent facilities will occur during the colleague, Joan Crary, joined U-M ers will come from Fulton vited Court and school officials debat- by the end of 1999 and 4.6 percent spring and summer of 1999, in 1979 after a year on the staff of three sources; unemployed work-Lowe has been working in coop- ed the merit of hosting the teen by the end of 2000. Chief reasons: Investments for three temporary the President's Council of Economic ers finding jobs, 30 percent; eration with administrators and court sessions at the school, but it a tapering off of vehicle sales as the casinos are assumed to total about it Advisers. teachers in both the Northville and was decided that those who douestic market becomes saturat- \$300 million." Temporary casinos A year ago they forecast a 1.2 tion, 7 percent; immigration, 63

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time passes," Fulton quipped.

Some listeners misinterpreted "Sluggish growth" - but growth applications for the three casino. United Auto Workers, and a slight-used "downturn." Not so, Growth nevertheless - will mark 1999 and projects in Defroit are currently by higher inflation rate of 2.3 per- in both income and employment will continue, but not at the feet

In fact, there will be tabec short

4.8 percent increase in state per- Jobs in the manufacture of and to a lesser extent in 2000 after 5.000 fobs for the 2000 census. Two more years of growth would - The big growth will be in "ser

Kohl's, Jo-Ann Fabrics get approval for expansions rendition of the High school plans for

collects toys for tots

The Novi High School will be collecting for Toys for Tots today until Dec. 11 at the high school. The school is accepting new or "gently used" toys and games for boys and girls from the ages 12 and

They will also accept money donations which are used to fill in the are groups or gender where there are shortages of toys. According to Debbie Brauer, director or Community Relations for Novi Schools, last year the

school collected over 200 toys with

nothing more than an email from

One student at the school used her entire Christmas budget to buy toys and donate them, she said. The school hopes to collect over

1,000 toys this year. Brauer suggested, if people do not know what to donate to the charity, they simply buy a toy that was their favorite when they were

She added, something that is not fragile or does not require batteries

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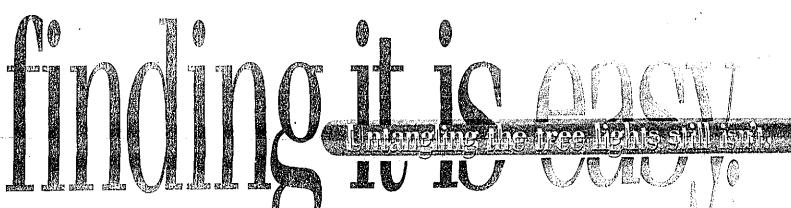
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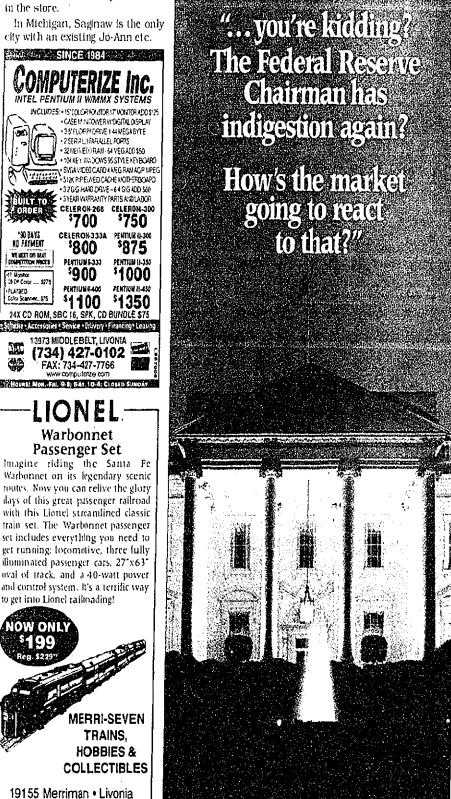
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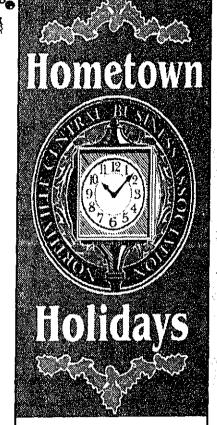
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THURSDAY December 10, 1998

Not sure what to give? Make your shopping easy with a custom made-in-Michigan

By CAROL DIPPLE Feature Editor

It is a common dilemma this time of year - what to give to people who say they have everything. An edible gift is sometimes the way to go.

"You know they are going to eat it and enjoy it, not put it away in a closet and never use it," said firsttime business owner Geri Turnbull

In one of the smallest stores in Northville, customers can get not only food items, but Michigan-

made edibles. Turnbull considered buying Your Michigan Connection earlier this year, after K mart offered her a buyout ending her more than 18-year retail career.

"I walked in here and laughed." Turnbull said when she first toured the business. "It is the skinniest store.

Some of the products packed into the six-foot wide store are the American Spoon items including cherry, apple and pumpkin butters; chutney; barbecue sauces; mango salsa; and a line of chilies.

"American Spoon has been around a really long time," said Turnbull, "People that vacation up in the Petoskey area come into my store because I carry American Spoon.'

Turnbull can also box and ship a customer's selection.

Other Michiganmade food items include Sanders, including the new Sanders Original Hot Fudge Coffee; jams jellies from Brownwood Acres;

fudge from both Mackinae Island and Parmenter Cider Mill; Old Geezer Soup, a dried soup mix made in Leelanau; as well as Fireside Coffee made in Swartz

Gifts of cooking wine, nuts, spices and cookies are

packaged by the Williams-Sonoma employees.

"I am always looking for new things," said Turnbull. "I want people to come to me because I'm unique." Turnbull frequently hears from her customers that

their selection is for someone who has everything or they don't know what to buy for them, Customers can select from among a variety of bas-



Above and left: Gerl Turnbull offers a variety of Michigan-made edibles in her Northville store called Your Michigan Connection.

Photos by JOHN HEIDER

the Williams-Sonoma store at Twelve Oaks Mall for about a

Williams-Sonoma also has gift sets which include everything but the kitchen sink.

For pasta lovers, there's the pasta gift set which includes a four quart multi-pot, Boccolotti pasta, tomato paste, organic crushed tomatoes, apron and pasta forks.

If you're into pizza, there's a gift set that includes all the basics necessary to create a homemade pizza including the deep-dish pan and red-and-white checked apron. A popcorn gift set does not include a microwave

oven but an old-fashioned, stove-top Whirley Pop popper as well as three varieties of popping corn. For information at Williams-Sonoma, call 380-

Great Harvest Bread Co. has bread, muffin and cookie gift baskets, some of which include a gift eard for a complimentary loaf of bread. Other holiday gift ideas at Great Harvest include a loaf of bread wrapped in mylar, and a combo bag of bread and cookies.

Shipping a gift basket is also available as are gift certificates.

For details, call Great Harvest Bakery at 344-4404.



Sandy Witsie, left, and Tracy Harper, of the Executive Sports memorabilia shop at Twelve Oaks Mall, display 24-karat, gold-covered brass Detroit Red Wings' hockey pucks.

Mini-stores open at the mall

By CAROL DIPPLE

Turnbull will select one in which to package the

When Turnbull receives a request from customers

"It is completely taken out of their hands if they

Food baskets or gift sets also make nice host and

Williams-Sonoma at Twelve Oaks Mall has a variety

The Gingerbread Cookies they have for the holidays

From Italy, the panettone raisin-studded bread is

packed in a decorative (in as is the chocolate covered

of foods which make excellent gift items.

are enhanced with Chinese five spice power.

to include bread from Great Harvest Bread Co. in the

gift basket, she'll go around the corner and get a loaf.

don't want to make the trip into the store," she said.

hostess gifts.

Looking for authentic Australian merchandise? Can't find just the right shade of cosmetics? Or how about a one-of-a-kind sports collectible?

They're all at Twelve Oaks Mall in the common area which is now being utilized for merchandising.

Retail Merchandise Unit or RMU as the new mini-stores are called, differ from a kiosk which resides permanently in a common area. The self-contained RMUs, which will be constantly evolving, come in a variety of styles with a rich wood finish and glass display cases.

"This is the first time there's anything even resembling the old cart program, we don't even attempt to identify with that, we try to keep it much more upscale," said Stuart Silbert, specialty retail agent with Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi.

Each of the 19 RMU's now located on both levels of the mall are niche oriented.

"The only way they are going to theme. The Noah's Ark unit,

survive is to have a very specific item that is unique in character and unique in every which way," Silbert said.

For example, Healing Expressions, uses technology to measure, analyze and display a customer's biodata. Related items include candles, crystals and visualization kits.

"This is one of its kind in Michigan," Silbert said.

Jacaru Australia, which carries authentic Australian merchandise, has nine units throughout the country. Based out of Illinois, everything is imported from Aus-

RMUs are strategically located in the mall. The Teen Explosion unit is situated on the lower level in the Sears court in front of the Disney store.

"What I wanted to do was compliment the inline stores," he

A visual merchandiser works. with each of the mini-stores to create an interesting display and

located on the upper level in the Lord and Taylor court, has created various scenes for the Beante Babies they sell.

"I never looked at Beanie Babies before but when I started seeing them in a setting like this I realized why people collect them. I always saw them in masses," he said. "Little kids come up here and there are nose prints because they are looking in the cases."

RMUs are secured with a tarp and security wire system at night. Executive Sports, located on the lower level of the Lord and Taylor court, has collectible memorabilia from trading cards to gold and aluminum pucks, coins, cups, and lithographs in a wide price range which can be custom

packaged. "That's a niche, very, very highend collectibles," said Silbert. "No

trinkets or trash.". Headsokz, head apparel which can be worn five different ways, located on the lower level of the

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Many visit Charter House residents for holidays

By JEANNE CLARKE

Christmas at Novi's Charter House oling. There will be a holiday singwith new green shutters being along with Music Chimes, and

luside there's many activities being planned with staff parties. as well as special entertainment. NOVI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. and programs for the residents. a gift for them which will be pre-

sented at a special program. Debby Runnels, activity director, - be held at the holiday luncheon on - for March 27 at the Novi Hillon. to express a desire to be part of Tuesday, Dec. 15, from 11:30 a.m. the festivities by coming in and to 1:30 p.m. The first prize in the either performing or bringing gifts. raffle will be a \$5,000 shopping. HOLY FAMILY CHURCH The Activities Department espe-spree. If you win, you chose one cially has been pleased this year - day in January when you will be with groups who called in early. escorted in a limo to shop at any for the folks at the church starting. Dec. 16. On Dec. 17 from 7 a.m. to Some were able to call in before. Novi business or chamber member out the day with the annual. 10 p.m., volunteers will prepare Thanksgiving and set up dates for business outside of Novi. Then Christmas party at Novi Charter the gifts. Turkeys and hams to their activities.

Sometimes when groups wait - Steve and Rocky's. until December, they are not able planned.

helpful this year in thinking about - night stay for two in a deluxe suite - assisted that day and also earlier dents starting off with the annual - full breakfast at Doubletree in - under the direction of Carol Ann - meeting in the fall elections were holiday celebration sponsored by Novi. There will also be consolation. Donnelly, Christian service directured. Senior Patrol Leader is Holy Family Catholic Church that prizes. Tickets are available at the tor, to select sweaters, jewelry. Jonathan Weirmeir. included Santa Claus presenting - chamber office or from anyone on - personal items, stuffed animals each resident with gifts of the board of directors. The chain- which were wrapped for this spe- has almost doubled, it was decided sweaters, fewelry, personal items - ber function will be held at the - cial day. In the evening, the Holy - to have two assistant senior patrol and stuffed animals. He was Doubletree in Novi on Sheraton Family Annual Christmas Dance leaders. They are Paul Goebel and assisted by the Agape Singers who | Drive starting at 14:30 a.m. for | was field from 8 p.m. to midnight | Charlie Lucas. went through the halls caroling, - networking and program including - with Glen Porzadek's Breakaway - Other positions include: Troop Volunteers from Holy Family led by - the raffle drawing and a presenta - Band. Those attending brought a - scribe, Mike Mallon; troop quarter-Carol Ann Donnelly helped the tion by the Novi High School gift for a child. residents open their packages. singers. Reservations must be into — Early in the day, a Christmas — aide, Danny Heilman; troop pho-Parents and their children who are the chamber office by Friday, Dec. shopping babysitting service was tographer, Eric Adams; troop histrivolved in the Scouting programs. 11. Call 349-3743 for additional offered from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. torian and bugler, Daniel Church; and many of the residents families - information. "Toys for Tots" were - for children six months to 10 - and junior assistant scontmaster, also pitched in.

Novi High School, and Orchard Main Street Village.

and caroling, Center Stage will present a children's recital and It's beginning to look a lot like present a children's recital and Single Point Ministries will be car-

available along with refreshments. — nelly at 349-8553.

lunch will have been arranged at . House when volunteers helped to . complete some of the boxes will be The second prize will be a right - resident as well as those who are - and pickups are scheduled for to come because so many other—for two at the Hotel Baronette in—in the rehabilitation wing, Santa—Dec. 19. programs have already been the presidential suite with a man- Claus was there along with the ager's reception and breakfast. Agape singers, Girl Scouts, Boy BOY SCOUT TROOP 407 The community has been most - The third prize will be a one - Scouts and so many others who

bringing Christmas to the rest-complete with champagne and a in the year when they gathered. At Weirmeir, At the organizational

received at the annual chamber years. The children brought their Mike Garbacik. During the month students from holiday open house on Dec. 9 at own lunches but a snack was pre-

mentary photos with Santa will be - tact Ron Ward or Carol Ann Don- - elected Josh Wainner as patrol - the camp out. Upcoming dates to keep in mind Also on Der. 12, a group will be tant with pairol scribe being Terry visit to a Haunted House in Ply-

are the 1999 Honors and Installa- having a Christmas dinner party Each staff member has taken. There are only four days remaintain Banquet on Jan. 14 at 5:30 at St. Leo with the Soup Troop. one or two residents names to get - ing for anyone interested in being - p.m. at Country Epicure. Later in - There is a need for 325 homemade a part of the 1998 Holiday Raffle. The year, the 7th Annual Charity - Christmas cup cakes and 650 - busy fall with a camp out at Kens- - cessful as well as attending a Tickets are \$100 each and only Auction and Dinner "A Magical Christmas cookies or rice crispy ington Metro Park group camp camp out at Maybury State Park. Many groups have called into 100 will be sold. The drawing will Night to Remember" is scheduled bars. Food and other supplies are area followed by a Court of Honor also needed that day. Contact the that was held at Novi Lakeshore church office for additional infor- Park with a potluck picnic. Later Jeanne Clarke. Should you wish to

Christmas Sponsor-A-Family. Last Saturday was a busy day - Food boxes will be prepared on transport Christmas gifts to every - picked up on Dec. 18. Deliveries

This troop is led by Scoutmaster

master, Nick Burtka; chaplain

 Elections were held in the pared in the afternoon. Craft active patrols. In the Falcon Patrol Mike Hills Elementary School will be Santa Claus will be at American ities were available to those who Goebel is the patrol leader and caroling. The Boy Scouts and Self Storage located on Haggerty wished to participate. Additional Ryan Bates is the assistant. In the Brownies will be bringing cookies Road across from Sam's Club on Christmas activities are planned Cobra Patrol, Phil Dixon was elect-

ed patrol leader with Valdis Lenss. putt-putt golf and went to the batassistant patrol leader. Patrol ting cages. scribe is Eric Adams and patrol leader and Thomas Reigel as assis
The fun night that month was a

Wilhelm. Novi Civic Center has had a very for Food program which was sucin the month on their monthly fun—contact her with information for

Later in the fall they went on quartermaster is Damiy Heilman. their annual Webelos II camp out Raven Patrol elected Richard Ward at Lower Huron Metro Park group installed outside and now decorations. An Open House is planned. Dec. 12 from 1 to 3 p.m. Those including a visit to Whitehall Nursions as paired leader and Joshua Kade camp area. Invitations were sent ed with red bows or large eardy for Christmas Day from 11 a.m. to attending are asked to bring a new ling Home, on Dec. 12, and anyone as assistant with patrol scribe to Webelos II patrols in the Cub unwrapped toy donation. Complication interested in assisting should conbeing Patrick Seidl, Dragon Patrol. Scout packs to join the troop on

> mouth. In November they were The troop which meets at the busy participating in the Scouting

Novi Highlights is written by Work is going on with the night they rode go-earts, played this column, call 624-0173.

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Dance instructors to present master class

masters? The Dance Centre at The Europe. eight classes on Dec. 12 and 13.

wouldn't normally get in a dance and with Merce Cunningham. class," said Robin George, director or all dance forms in general." Stegman will lead tap and Jazz intermediate and advanced stu-

"I followed him around when I that you don't mind working your- students in the teachers' class and self to death in the class." Stegman is the founder and class.

raiser beginning Monday, Dec. 14.

28. Booth sales begin Feb. 28.

Last year, 55 troops participat-

apple-shaped cookie with sugar

"They are still good to dip into

By CAROL DIPPLE

director of Especially Tap in About four classes will be 735-8850.

Sports Club of Novi is bringing in On Sunday, beginning at 10:30 two master instructors to teach—a.m., Judith Molina will teach bal-—classes. Membership in The Sports let and modern dance. Molina is Club of Novi is not required, "The purpose of master classes | the Artistic Administrator of Dance | George, who has been teaching

of The Dance Centre. "They have lady and has wonderful vision. October, almost 100 students ages. broad knowledge of their specialty — especially for the modern," George — two through adult are registered in Master Instructor Bruce Class fees are \$20 per class for

the teachers's only class. An intermediate student is one minate in a regital in June. lived in Illinois and took classes—who is enrolled in level 2 classes from him. (he's) just incredible," or has been taking a minimum of Dance Center is located at 42500 George said. "He makes it so seven years of instruction. understandable and so much fun Class size will be limited to 10 south of Ten Mile Road.

from Novi will participate in that two more coming up the line, as Chips, Do-Si-Dos (peanut butter

"Back when they made the people."

Other cookle selections are Tre- towards a troop," said Gaffney.

Going door-to-door, girl scouts cally for diabetics, is fat free, sugar (peanut butter patties).

replaces the Chalet Creme.

Apple Cinnamon, a lower fat, second year as the cookie coordiat (248) 442-4815.

nator for Novi's troops.

Cookies are \$3 per box.

which have been replaced with said Gaffney, who is serving her cookies, call Novi resident Gaffney

Chicago, a company that has per- offered formed nationally and internation- Intermediate/advanced class will Dancers listen up. Interested in ally. He has taught master classes be one and a half hours, while the picking up a few tips from the all over the United States and teacher's class will be one hour and fifteen minutes. Anyone can register for the

are to bring in people who tour at Marygrove College. She has per- dance since she was 18 years old, nationally and who can bring formed with the Cincinnati Ballet is planning to offer Master Classes something to the table that you Company, New York City Opera every three months. The next one will be in March. "She is an incredibly talented Since the club opened in mid-

> the dance program. The Dance Centre has three

instructors on staff and offers jazz, classes on Saturday beginning at dents ages 12 and up and \$25 for tap, ballet, pointe, lyrical/modern, and funk dance classes which cul-The Sports Club of Novi and The

> Although you can register the 20 students in the children's day of the class, it is advisable to register in advance by calling (248)

Arena Drive on Novi Road just

Girl Scouts begin cookie sale



Novi resident Scott Crownover, left, is featured with Andrew Graszek and 35 other performers in Meadow Brook Theatre's "A Christmas Carol" which runs through Dec. 27.

Actor returns to stage milk though," said Novi's cookie folls (butter cookie), mom Pauline Gaffney, who has Thin Mints schocolate covered A record number of girl scouts one daughter in Girl Scouts, with mint cookie). Striped Chocolate

sandwich). Samoas (caramel Lemon Drops, a cookle specificacionut cookle), and Tag-a-longs two new selections, through March cookie has lemon chips in it and gan," Gaffney said of the Tag-alongs. We must be peanut butter Chalet, they didn't know If you are not visited by a girl frequent performer at Meadow Scrooge, whose journey of

the role of Dick Wilkins.

"A Christmas Carol" was written boy. by Charles Dickens in 1843.

for Christmas show Meadow Brook Theatre is cele- is turned into 19th century Lonbrating its 16th annual produc- don complete with cobblestone tion of "A Christmas Carol" streets and hish Victorian affire. through Dec. 27. One of 35 cast Distinguished actor Booth Colmembers in the 51 scheduled per- man, for the 15th season, will porformances is Novi resident and tray the nasty miser Ebenezer

spectacular production, the stage 377-3300.

Gone are the Ginger Snaps, exchanges were so important," scout and would like to order Brook Scott Crownover who plays redemption is guided by four holiday spirits and one special little

> Tickets are available through In Meadow Brook Theatre's Ticketmaster or by calling (248)

Singles

SINGLE PLACE, an adult ministry for single people at Wednesdays at 8 p.m. The event is open to the public ages locations. A belief is mandatory

annual Girl Scout cookie fund well as one cub scout.

in 60 Novi troops will sell eight differe and includes the correct

ferent types of cookies, including exchanges for a diabetic. This new

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 11 p.m. Cost is \$4 or \$3 before 7:30 p.m. Restaurant, 18900 Northville Road, at 12:30 p.m. On Dec. 10, the topic will be "Effective Arguing" with Ken (313) 842-7422.

Kiurski at 7:30 p.m. or an open forum on "Dating Do's and

Griswold at 8 p.m. The cost is \$4 for each.

A Walk in the Park is scheduled every Saturday at 10 a.m. in Heritage Park between Ten and Eleven Mile in For more information about any of the Single Place pro-

grams or to register, call (248) 349-0911.

SUBURBAN SINGLES meets at Bonnie Brook Country Livonia. Club, Telegraph Road south of Eight Mile in Redford, on

First Presbyterian Church of Northville, meets Thursday 21 and up. No jeans allowed. Cost is \$4 or \$3 before 8:30

"I can always point them

Every Sunday the group meets at Bonnie Brook from 7 to

SINGLE POINT MINISTRIES of Ward Presbyteria On Dec. 17, Single Place will present "Not a Toll Call Church, Six Mile Road west of Haggerty in Northville Town-Away" with Sandy Baumann at 7:30 p.m. or an open ship, invites you to join over 550 single adults every Sunforum on "The Book of Questions" with facilitator Dianne day morning at 11:30 a.m. for fellowship and encourage-

SPM has a program and activity for every age group and On Sunday evenings, Single Place meets for coffee and cards at 6 p.m. at Tuscan Cafe, 150 N. Center Street in never been marrieds, and New Start for widows and widow-

Talk Talk Talk It Over hosts speakers on a variety of topics on the second and fourth Friday of each month. Outdoor volleyball meets Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. in Rotary Park in Livonia. A \$1 donation is suggested. Outdoor tennis is held on Tuesday and Thursday at 4:30

p.m. and Saturday and Sunday at 1 p.m. at Rotary Park in Biking will be held every Saturday at 11 a.m. at various Novi at [248] 349-8847.

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FARMINGTON SINGLE PROFESSIONALS is a non-profit group for singles ages 25-45 who share common interests For information, call the hotline at (313) 842-0443 or 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 nighi il Novi on Fourteen Mile for euchre, pinochle and dinner at 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$7 for members and \$8 for non-members. Cash bar and munchies are available.

The group meets for volleyball every Tuesday. Upcoming activities include Fun and Fine Dining at LaShish-West on Dec. 10; Pizza and Movie Night on Dec. 12; Steve & Rocky's Dec. 17; and Burger and Movie Dec.

For details on upcoming activities and information about Farmington Single Professionals call the FSP hot line at

(248) 851-9909 or www.fsp.org. HOLY FAMILY SINGLES, is a group for separated, divorced, widowed or never-been-married persons.

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Sunday 1-6

Kudos



Fourth through sixth graders at Novi Christian School recently attended a statewide competition in Lansing.

Novi Christian School students just north of Lansing.

an academic competition.

Second Place, Academic in grades four through six recently Bowl/Competition - MICHELLE attended a statewide competition ROBERTSON, TONI LOPEZ, GIOat Grove Christian School located VANNA HAMILTON, RANDY SMITH: First Place, Story Telling The competition included fourth and Second Place Watercolors through sixth grades from all over HILLARY HAMILTON; Second Place Checkers - TONY SMITH: Events included basketball com- Fourth Place Chess - LUKE COLpetition, archery, table tennis, arts | LIER; Second Place Character Scenic Picture - TONI LOPEZ; and

ind crafts, story writing and cook- Trait Picture and Fourth Place There were also platform events - Second Place Color Scenic Picture, such as speaking and singing and Second Place Wildlife Picture and Second Place Short Story -

Students receiving awards were: VANESSA ROSE. 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, 104 W. Main Street, Northville, MI 48167, or stop by the office and pick up a birth, engagement or wedding announcement form and we'll see to it that your happy news appears in the paper. The deadline for submitting a wedding announcement and photo is six months after the wedding date.

Plan ahead when shoveling snow

While the new-fallen snow is "But, don't shovel after a heavy - loosely with a searf to keep the - If at any point during the shovelpose a serious threat if your body—going towards the digestive system—from constricting.

or used to this type of exercise. and hour or two after eating to ... The secret to healthy shoveling ... have back problems.

"Shoveling is much easier if you snow has fallen," said Pagels. "It to your body to whisk away mois- heart, taxing the heart while physwill be lighter and easier to move. ture groups in the arms, chest, shoul- et to keep your body warm. ders and back before you start.

"If your body is not prepared for - extremities are constricted. Wait - and water proof boots.

soreness is the result of repeatedly - stretching exercises. Now what do - decreases the level of intensity. lifting and tossing wet, heavy—you wear? Pagels advises dressing—Wet snow is a big risk factor.

Be sure to stretch out the muscle • Don a water-proof winter fack-Covering your mouth and nose—remember:

beautiful to look at, shoveling it off meal," said Pagels, "After you eat," cold air out and to breathe in ing you feel tired or have shortthe driveway and sidewalks can the majority of your blood flow is warm air to prevent blood vessels ness of breath, then rest a bit. And avoid shoveling if you have chronic and the blood vessels in the • Wear a hat, gloves, warm socks - chest pain, have had a previous heart attack or recent surgery, or

"Scooping up the white stuff may all be in the technique. Monica Pagels of Botsford's Total — So you're up early, you've had a — according to Pagels. Try pushing — may be unavoidable in Michigan, Rehabilitation and Athletic Condi- healthy breakfast, waited for your the snow from side to side rather but it doesn't have to be haztioning Center (TRACC). "Muscle - food to digest and performed some - than lifting and tossing it. This - ardous to your health if you learn how to shovel smart," she said. TRACC is the Novi-based com-

ically overwhelming you.

because it can turn the task into prehensive outpatient rehabilitaanaerobic exercise, not allowing tion and conditioning facility that get outside early - before a lot of ... • Wearing a thermal layer close - adequate blood flow back to the - specializes in sports, occupational and rehabilitation medicine. It is part of Botsford General Flospital's Pagels last piece of advice is no Physical Medicine Department. doubt the most important to For more information, call (248)

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For additional information, call (248) 348-9030.

NEW HORIZON COMMUNITY CHURCH, meets in tary School, 29200 Meadowbrook Road in Walled Novi Civie Center, 45175 Ten Mile Road in Novi. – Lake, Sunday services are held at 10 a.m.:

on Wednesday, Dec. 23, at 7:30 p.m. at the Novi Civic Bible Class, Unity Basics and the Artist Way. The event will feature Christmas music, a contem-

porary Christmas play, refreshments and a Christmas message of hope. Admission is free and open to the community.

Call (248) 305-8700 for more information about this event. For more information about the church, call Pastor Mike Heusel at 12481 344-1775.

CHURCH, 44400 West Ten Mile Road in Novi, the

musical "The Lamb's Tale" on Sunday, Dec. 20, at 5 there is a vegetarian-style Visitor's Luncheon. p.m. The musical/drama, directed by Elaine Wroe, is For information, call Pastor Charles Possenreide at about a little shepherd boy who tries to decide what he wants to be when he grows up. In Zeke's search for his lost sheep, he discovers a newborn King and Christmas presentation.

For details, call the church at (248) 349-5666.

HOLY CROSS EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 46200 Ten Mile Road in Novi, has Sunday School during the 11 a.m. service. Holy Cross also has a 7:45 a.m. service. Pageant will be held at 4 p.m. Please call the church office weekdays at (248) 349-1175 between 9 a.m. and noon for additional infor-

ment at The NORTHVILLE CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY, 13, from 11:15 a.m. to 3 p.m. The cost is \$7 per per-41355 Six Mile Road in Northville, on Dec. 11, 12 and son or \$20 per family. The community is welcome. with an additional 4 p.m. matinee performance on For information, call the church at (248) 348-7757

CHURCH OF TODAY, WEST which has a service at 10 a.m. on Sundays, meets at Meadowbrook Elemen-

Youth education is available for all ages. Fellowship They will hold their annual Christmas celebration—follows the service. Other courses are Meditation, For more information, call the church at (248) 449-8900, or check out the web site at www.cotwest.com.

> SPIRIT OF CHRIST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH, 40700 West Ten Mile in Novi, Sunday worship services are at 10:30 a.m. Refreshments and conversation follows. Contemporary worship services are held on Saturdays at 5:30 p.m. For more information, call (248) 477-6296.

At FAITH COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN NEW BEGINNINGS SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST FELLOWSHIP, which meets in Holy Cross Episcopal Mom's Group will be having their annual Christmas - Church at 46200 Ten Mile Road in Novi, has Safur-Luncheon and ornament exchange at Country Epi- day services which includes Bible Study at 10 a.m. cure on Thursday, Dec. 10, at noon. Babysitting is—and a Worship hour at 11 a.m. Every Tuesday, there is a Daniel and Revelation Bible Study which meets The children and youth will present the Christmas - at 7:30 p.m. On the third Saturday of each month,

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH, 39200 West Twelve 27, 1969. He attended Monroe tor at St. Paul's Lutheran Church on Dec. 13. the joy of fitting into God's plan for his life. All ages Mile Road in Farmington Hills, has a Moms and Tots will enjoy and learn from the message given in this group which meets every Monday morning from 10 unlil 11:30 a.m.

Sunday worship services include traditional services at 8:15 and 11 a.m. and a Contemporary Worship or Family Learning Hour at 9:45 a.m. On Sunday, Dec. 13, the Children's Christmas

The Not-So-Silent Night is the theme of this year's Sunday school Christmas Pageant. Featured will be the children of Hope singing holiday favorites and performing a skit in costume.

and religious studies. At MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL For details, call the church at (248) 553-7170. In September 1991, he began On July 27, 1991 he married Street on the hill behind Shopping his studies at Concordia Theologi- Lisa M. Libstorff, of Monroe, Mich. Center Market in Northville.

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grade school and graduated from eal Seminary in Fort Wayne, Ind. at Grace Lutheran Church. Lisa is

Monroe High School in 1987. He He served his vicarage at Trinity a 1989 graduate of Monroe High

attended his freshman year at Lutheran Church in Hicksville. School and a 1993 graduate of

Monroe County Community Col- Long Island, New York, He gradu- Purdue University in Fort Wayne.

lege. In 1988, he entered the pre- ated from Concordia Seminary on Ind. The Fairbairns have two chil-

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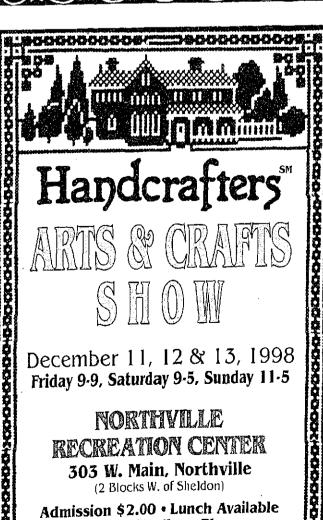
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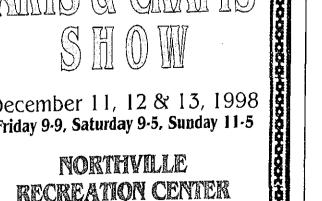
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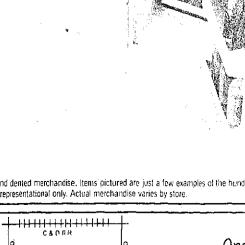
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Dance Company of Ann Arbor will perform the role of the Nuteracker. Dawnell Dryja and Cameron Caldwell, both performing courtesy of the Cincinnati Ballet Company, will share their talents as the Sugar Plum Fairy and the King. More than 150 musicians and

dancers, along with Canton's Htlarl Smith in the lead, will enter Clara's world and her magical dream of Christmas eve. Northville dancers include Kim-

berley Lang, Adam and Samantha



Crain, Deldre DiSazio, and Emily on Dec. 12 and 13 3 p.m. At the ideas.

and Sarah Benish. Dancers from Tea, the audience has the oppor- Tickets for performances of "The Symphony Orchestra office." Novi include Jenna Nill and Sarah - tunity to meet and talk with mem- - Nuteracker" are \$17 for reserved bers of the ballet and orchestra as seating and \$10 for children and School Auditorium is located at The Plymouth Symphony League well as enjoy refreshments. Tickets are available at Crystal Diamond 46181 Joy Road in Canton. will host the Sugar Plum Fairy Tea are \$5. During intermission, the Setters, Evola Music, Dearborn For more information, call [734]

The Plymouth-Canton Ballet will present "The Nutcracker Ballet" on Dec. 11, 12 and 13.

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Entertainment listing

BROADWAY HIT: Auditions for motional appearance by Tom Izzo, Tom Ziegler's "Grace and Glorie" last season's National Coach of the directed by Trudy Mason, will be Year, on Dec. 14 at 6:30 p.m. Izzo 624-2800. held on Monday, Dec. 14, at 7 is promoting "Magic Moments: A p.m. at Trinity House Theatre, Century of Spartan Basketball" 38840 West Six Mile Road on the which profiles the most memorable. Wheel Lounge is located at 212 S. northwest corner of Novi Road and northwest corner of 1-275 in Livo- players, coaches, teams and Main in Northville. nia. There are also opportunities games in Michigan State Universifor producer, set crew, costume ty basketball's history. design, sound design, and stage

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For details, call (734) 464-6302.

Community Choir will hold audit- Issues Press, on March 9; Linda Grand River Avenue in Novi. tions for new members on Tues- Nemec Foster, "Living in the Firendays, Jan. 12 and 19, in room 530 est," on April 13. of the Forum Building on the cam-Livonia between Six Mile and at 7:30 p.m.

Seven Mile roads 7 p.m. Shari Clason at (248) 349-8175. Northville.

MUSICAL: Auditions for Novi Theatre's production of "The Wizard of Oz" will be on Dec. 8 and 10 **THEATER** at 7:30 p.m. at the Novi Civic Cen- GENITTI'S: Afternoon perforter Stage, 45175 West Ten Mile mances of "Clueless at Christmas"

and supporting parts available for p.m.; and Dec. 20, 21, and 22 at actors ages 7 to 97. Come pre- 11:30 a.m. pared to dance, sing and act. All actors must pay a participation fee of \$125 once cast. Audialong with a seven-course Italian located at 38123 West Ten Mile in Pageantry begins at 7:30 p.m. tion packets can be picked up at lunch. the Novi Civic Center beginning Genitti's is located at 108 East Monday, Nov. 9, between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays.

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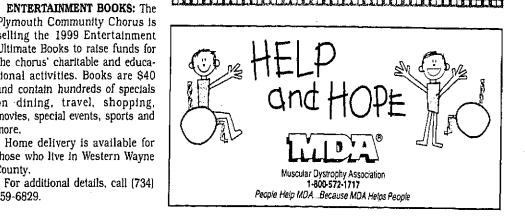
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come stepmother to her boyfriend When Jackie (Susan Sarandon), gets even trickier. Luke's (Ed Harris) two children: the natural mother and peerless

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Former Novi standout honored by Adrian College-11B

THURSDAY December 10,

Size and experience finds their way to Novi

Cagers add height, and a year of playing time to team

experience. We had five guys

and that's going to help. But

who played a lot last year,

By JASON SCHMITT

If there's one thing the Novi basketball team has this year that if didn't have at this time last—ny can shoot from outside. Again, this offers the year, it's experience,

The Wildcats lost five seniors from last year's squad, but return the seven juniors from that are junior forward Dan Kittle and junior guard team, led by guard Larry Drury. Last year Drury - Brendan Hadley. Kittle will back up Snearly at played in the off-guard spot, setting a school power forward. record by shooting 62 percent from the field and 42 percent from three-point range. guards John Townsley and Chris Matvey, and

This year the senior will move over and play the junior guards Frank Raburn, Jeff Perreca and point for coach Pat Schluter's team. "He's still going to do some scoring, but he's

gonna have some more responsibility bringing the "Our biggest strength is our ball up the court," Schluter Joining Drury in the starting back court will be returning senior Brent

Dicken. A reserve a year ago. Dicken was set to start overall we lack quickness.' Novi's season opener Tuesday at Walled Lake Western. "He's very quick, possibly the best athlete on our team," the coach said of Dicken.

Schluter said Dicken is a defensive specialist, and

Seniors Doug Gibson and Sean Brislin will be great defense. Also, you have to win big games sharing the starts at one of the forward slots. on the road in the BVC. Our games with Gibson is a bigger, physical player who is strong Brighton. Howell and Milford are going to be on the boards and quick enough to force very important." turnovers. Bristin is more of a scorer and offers Schluter an option on the court.

forward position this season. The senior was an (KVC) selection last year. "He's a very tough, hard-nosed inside player,"

his coach noted. Unlike last year, this year's 'team also has some size. Junior centers Dan Nawrot and Chad Nadolny are 6-foot-5 and 6-6, offering Schluter some

experience," the coach said. "We had five guys who played a lot last year, and that's going to help. But overall we lack quickness. We have got to play smart and play great position defense," Last year the 'Cats finished just 7-14 overall, but an

"Our biggest strength is our

"Last year we were very small, but this year

Nawrot is a bit bigger than Nadeliny, but Nadel-

Also expected to make immediate contributions

Adding depth to Novi's bench will be senior

Brendan Watson.

impressive 6-6 in the KVC. Milford ran away with the title last season, but Howell Pat Schluter, is the preseason favorite to win it this year. Schluter said Novi will battle it out with Brighton and Milford near the

will probably be covering the opponents best to win the league title," the coach said. "We can't have any injuries and we have to play Schluter said the overall strength of the

league should be better because those team who Kyle Snearly is back and will start at the power finished at the bottom last year have improved. "The league should be more balanced this honorable mention Kensington Valley Conference year," he said. "Any team can beat any team on any given night. Novi opens up its home schedule tomorrow night against Brighton. The game is scheduled to

start at approximately 7:30, following the junior varsity contest Tuesday the Cats travel to Northville to take on



Novi coach Pat Schluter said senior Brent Dicken (33) is one of the best athletes on the team.

Potent Novi offense lands 5 on all-area team

Defense may win championships, coached." The numbut without offense, a great defen- bers justify these accosive team is going nowhere.

So when HomeTown went out tions for 433 yards and selected its 1998 offensive both established school team, it was looking for a good mix- records, as did his blocking. And it found it.

bined for over 120 catches and a 2,775 yards over the mile and a half of yardage this sea- course of his career.

Comparing a high school player to a NFL player isn't realistic, but time Scholar-Athlete Muston's big-play capability resent - will be a definite colbles that of a young Minnesota lege player.

Muston caught 33 passes for 702 yards this season for an average of 21.3 yards per grab. His seven 89 percent of his touchdown pass- the ball.

lades. His 30 recep-South Lyon.

Milford Senior (RB) A three-year starter. The two-time All-Kens-

time at defensive end. Milford coach Mike Shearer said the 6foot-1-inch, 225-pound fullback — also a four-

Novi Junior (QB) Maier is probably the best all-

touchdowns were second on the around athlete on either of Hometeam only to fullback Jon Cervi (9). Town's offense and defensive teams. He was Novi quarterback Mitch He played an important role of quar-Maier's favorite target, comprising terback on offense while doubling as

and he fits the bill," Novi coach Novi's option attack with 542 yards yards, an average of 6.06 yards per John Osborne said. "He's the kind rushing and six touchdowns. He control of a game. He's a big-play Defensively, Maier led the team with 65 total tackles and was second with 41 first hits. He came from

a junior varsity team that went 8-1

Jeff Scott Northville Senior (OL)

mighty midget, but opponents can downs and 44 points. He also set His blocking proficiency rate on the say no such thing. Scott anchored a rareer records with 90 catches for year was 88 percent. Scheloske said "I was impressed with his off-sea-strong offensive line, making all the 1,234 yards and 10 touchdowns. "Dwayne worked very hard to son work ethic," Osborne said, "He calls and adjustments for the Musbecome one of the best receivers in studies the game and because of tangs. He earned all-division honors assistant coach John Horwath came snap well but then carrying out his Lakeland school history," said that he has good vision. Before the in the Western Lakes Activities to me and told me this kid was blocking assignment.

one of the best receivers I have ever was up for grabs, but he had that "We couldn't have survived with-

game presence that we couldn't see —out him at center," Northville coach —"And this was from a guy who set all Darrel Schumacher said. "He's of these records.

Northville Senior (WR)

Keetle broke or tied just about every conceivable receiving record at Northville High School this season. for 767 yards (both school records) His teammates call him the and led his team with seven touch-

going to break all of Northville's school records," Schumacher said.

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Chip Brunell

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special teams can make or break

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LET'S TALK SOON

SW dad of one, 52, 5'11", N/S,

ture of running, receiving and seven catches against Whereas the offensive line is as solid of a group around, the receiving corps is unmatched. Northville's Ben Keetle, Novi's Pat Muston and Lakeland's Dwayne Taylor com- Baron rushed for

Area teams are realizing that to ington Valley Conferkeep up with the Farmington Hills ence selection rushed Harrisons and the Brightons, they for 815 yards and six are going to have to pass the ball. touchdowns as a With this offense, anything is possenior. He also same

Pat Muston Novi Junior (WR)

Viking player named Moss.

of player that has the ability to take threw for eight more touchdowns. player and he backed that up this

Eagles coach Brian Howe. "He is season, the quarterback position Association (WLAA).

Novi tackle Nick Jushkewich (78) was a force on both the offensive and defensive sides of the ball this year.

in practice."

South Lyon Senior (RB) 72 percent of his passing yards and a defensive back on the other side of weapon after junior fullback Jim the size of his heart." Mize was injured, Clark came The junior completed 46 of 108 through with nine touchdowns. He "He's nicknamed the "superstar," passes for 972 yards while leading ran the ball 109 times for 661

going to be one of the hardest guys "Ben was our go-to-guy all seato replace on this team. He may son, even though he was double have been small (5-foot-10, 195 teamed. He was always able to get South Lyon's primary offensive pounds), but you couldn't measure open and he had great concentra-

South Lyon Junior (OL)

A two-year starter at center, Brunell will be a team captain next season. "He did a tremendous job," He led the area with 56 receptions said South Lyon coach Bob Scheloske, "Chip was always one of our highest graded blockers each week." "When Ben was a freshman our confidence, not only delivering the

remains winless By JASON SCHMITT

has played this year, not giving up and playing like a veteran team at times. But on the other hand, the team has yet to pick up a win in five tries. And sometimes the bottom line is, winning helps the

On one hand, the Novi hockey

team has been in every game it

The Wildcats fell victim to Walled Lake Western and Hartland last week, falling to 0-3 in the Kensington Valley Confer-

ence and 0-5 overall. Against the Warriors, Novi fell victim to a pair of third-period power-play goals in a 5-2 loss. Trailing 1-0 after two periods Novi's Chris Booth tied the game up with a goal early in the third period. But the tie was short lived as Western scored on back-

to-back power plays to give hemselves some breathing "We were applying pressure ind it helped us score some goals," Novi coach Dan Phelps said, "But it was a matter of time before our wall caved in."

The 'Cats did make another run at it, with junior forward Jason Perras scoring on a put back to pull his team to within But Western scored on a 4-on-1 situation and added another

on its win. Phelps said the penalties his team took both elped and hurt the team. "Some of our penalties were varranted, but some of our penalties were not needed," he said. "I've always believed that

goal to put the finishing touches

Gauruder, Otting land on HomeTown's defensive team

key. Controlling the ball on offense and making big being recruited by MAC and GLAC schools. detensively can lead to writs, league titles and state

Although none of Hornelfown's all-area teams qualihed for the playoffs, there was no lack of quality detensive talent. South Lyon had another fine season, linish ing 6-3 while losing its only conference games to co-Kensuigton Valley Conference champions Brighton and Lyon.

Brighton, Flushing and Howell, Novi rode the back of its - Northville-quarterbacks on offense. The Mustangs detense en route to a witning record (5-4).

and Churchilly but its defense ultimately led them to

combaned, it would take a defense like this to match it.

'Denotes HomeTown's Player of the Year

Brad Morris South Lyon Junior (LB)

South Lyon's leading tackler two years running. Moran ideal combination of size - he's 6-foot-2-inches, 212 - offensive play selection. pounds --- and speed. "He's a big-time college prospect," the liest-team all-area defeuse.

South Lyon Senior (DB) good reason. As a standout defensive back he always - Wildeat's punt coverage team. Alecked the other team's top receiver. Watson had three interceptions. And he was a receiver himself. Not only did Watson go both ways, but he was vital special teams player - the Lions' punter, punt returner, and kickoff returner. He would have carried water on the field if we = 190 pounds), but had the heart to lead a tough had asked him to," said Scheloske, "He's an excellent - Northville defense, young man with a bright future."

Milford Senior (LB)

The Redskins co-captain, Blouin has been the team's leading tackler the last two seasons. He was an All-Schamacher said. He's got that mental makeup of Kensington Valley Conference selection as a senior. Mil- never quitting. It's a credit to the type of young man be ford coach Mike Shearer calls him the school's best is." linebacker to come along in the last eight years.

South Lyon Senior (DL)

nation lineman/linebacker. "He's a good hitter with—mates voted him offensive player of the year this season. great range," said Scheloske, "College coaches like his speed." Thus far, Wilson has received interest from - a long punt of 60 yards. As a kicker, he converted 14 GLIAC and MIAA coaches.

Lakeland Senior (DB)

versus Milford set a single-game school record. In addi- pointed us." tion to his hitting, Ray had an interception. Also a kick returner, he brought one back 91 yards for a touchdown against Clio, yet another school record. "Steve worked real hard to get back into-

Pat Mustor

Rich Baron

Mitch Maier

Brian Clark

Jeff Scott

Ben Keetle

Dan Duffin

Brad Morris

Bryan Watson

Dave Blouin

Matt Wilson

Steve Ray

Jared Otting

Nick Humphries

'Gino D'Agostino

Ted Bowersox

John Gauruder

Ryan Giles

Dan Rohrhoff

Honorable mention

Chip Brunell

Kristof Kurzeja

Nick Jushkewich

First Team Defense

Dwayne Taylor

Nick Humphries Milford Senior (LB)

A Milford co-captain, Humphries was a two-year starter for the Redskins a both linebacker and offensive guard. He was the team's second-leading tacklet behind fellow linebacker Blouin. Shearer said Homphries, an All-Kensington Valley Conference honoree, could have col-

the program and had an outstanding

season," said Eagles coach Brian Howe,

"He's one of the toughest kids I have

Novi Senior (DL)

Lineman don't usually get a lot of publicity, but Otting deserved every bi he got this season. Offing led the team in first hits (42) and was second in over all tackles (62). On offense, his blocking led the wa

for 1,687 yards of Novi rushing. He was a all-KVC first teamer this season and was a honorable-mention HomeTown

"Jared was kind of thrown onto the field last year and was able to respond for us," Novi coach John Osborne said. "He's a player with good moxic. He works hard to stay in shape off the

'Gino D'Agostino South Lyon Senior (DL)

"He was a force on defense for three years," said Scheloske, "He has great size (6-foot-3-inches, 285 pounds) and good upper-body strength. He was a def-

As with most championship teams, defense is the - inite force on the interior," D'Agostino, a team captain, is

Ted Bowersox Northville Senior (DL)

A first team all state selection by the Detroit Free Press. Bowersox is HomeTown's co-player of the year along with Jellow all stater Gino D'Agostino of South

He had an impact on both sides of the ball, collecting Aside from three ugly overall performances against - 37 tackles defensively, while providing ample time for passed for 1.154 yards this season. He missed the first Northville had a pair of bad performances (Harrison - couple weeks of the preseason with a broken hand -

"He's our leader out there." Northville coach Darrel Schimacher said. "He's the goy who expects and wants As much offense as this year's first team could put up—to do more. He keeps going, not satisfied with one hit. "Without his steady, strong play, we wouldn't have stood a chance this year."

Bowerson has a full-ride offer from Division I Kent State, but is waiting to see what else is available.

Novi Senior (DB)

One of Novi's best athletes on the defensive side of the ris, according to Lions coach Bob Scheloske, possesses ball, Gauruder's presence often dictated other team's

"A lot of the time the middle of the defense plugs up. said Scheloske. This is Morris' second appearance on and he's the last line of delense for us," Osborne said. He always gave teams a headache because they didn't know what he was going to do." Cantrader finished second on the team with 41 solo

tackles and had 55 combined takedowns. He also He was South Lyon's Most Valuable Player, and with - picked off two balls and played an intricle part of the

Northville Senior (DL)

This senior didn't necessarily have the size (6-foot, He was second on the team with 79 tackles, and led

the team with nine tackles for a combined loss of 38

yards. He also caused a fumble and recovered two oth-"He's got great speed and he just comes after you,"

Northville Senior (Punter)

Sometimes kickers and punters can be unrecogniz-He was the team's second-leading tackler as a combi-able and unappreciated, but not Rohrhoff. His team-As a punter, he averaged 32.2 yards per kick and had PATs and three field goals, one of which was a 31-yard game winner against Franklin as time expired.

"People don't understand how important kickers are." Schumacher said, "We kind of knew he could kick, but Ray recorded 89 tackles, which is the second-highest—we were expecting (Dan Scappatice) to be doing it for us single-season total in Lakeland history, His 19 tackles — this year. He was a pleasant surprise and never disap-

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Novi - John Vehlewald, Mike O'Doherty, Brett Faulkner

South Lyon - Mark See, Neil Williams, Chris Fisher

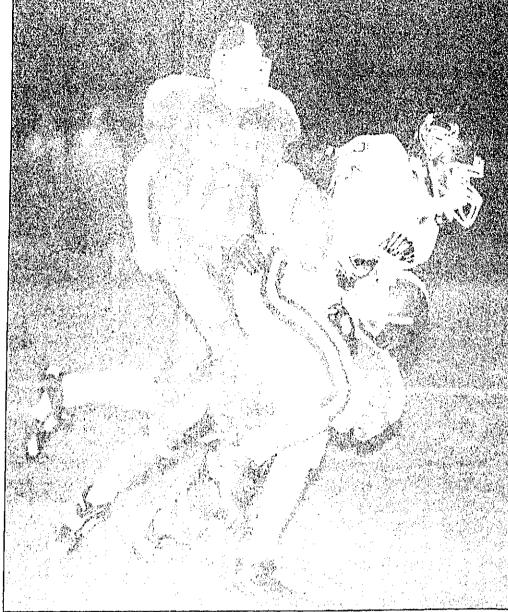
Northville - Jonah Sabin, Colin MacFarlane, Steve Jameson

*HomeTown Co-players of the Year — Ted Bowersox, Northville and Gino D'Agostino, South Lyon

Milford - Ben Gale, Tom Heger, Ben Fleming

Lakeland

Milford



John Gauruder (20) makes a tackle during Novi's 38-7 drubbing of Farmington earlier this year. Both Gauruder and Mitch Maier (12) earned HomeTown honors for their play this season.

Much of Novi's offense back in '99

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Kristof Kurzeja Lakeland Senior (OL)

A third-year varsity player, Kurzeja went both ways for the Eagles. "He was a hard worker in the off season, which paid off on both sides recorded 29 tackles.

Nick Jushkewich Novi Senior (OL)

Skaters

drop two,

now face

Mustangs

Unable to find a way to win

another game. Novi was actually

tied until Hartland scored the

game-winning goal with 7:17 left

in the game. The Eagles' Travis

Oliver tipped in a pass that slid in

front of the net to give his team a

2-1 lead. Hartland would add an

Novi trailed 1-0 until Travis

Malott took a pass from Andy

Saari and beat Hartland's goalic with :44 left in the second period.

The Wildcat's schedule doesn't

look any easier. Last night the

'Cats faced Milford on the road

fafter The Novi News' deadline)

The goal was shorthanded.

empty netter with :15 remaining.

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HARTLAND 3, NOVI 1

Another Novi player with a great off season, Jushkewich stepped in and provided Novi's option offense with great blocking and leadership. "This kid's got great strength and

size (6-foot-1, 280 pounds), which - his only field goal attempt and the are his biggest attributes," Osborne - only extra points he missed were Defensively he registered 27 first

hits and 19 assisted tackles.

South Lyon Senior (OL) A two-time All-Kensington Valley of the ball," said Howe, "Kristof was — Conference Selection, Duffin began a force for us at guard on the offen- the season as a guard on the offensive line." On the defensive line he —sive line but had to move to fullback when Mize was hurt, "He was a key in our running game, pulling on sweeps and power plays," said Sche-

> Chris Christoff Novi Senior (PK)

also had a nice knack for being able to avoid blocks." Christoff hasn't received any col-

Christoff's mumbers didn't reflect lege offers, but Osborne said he has

those blocked.

His biggest asset to the team was

his ability to limit kickoff returns.

Going into the last game of the year,

Christoff had 14 touchbacks in 26

kickoffs. In high school football, any

ball that reaches the end zone is an

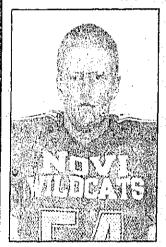
"It was worth 10 to 15 yards every

time he did that," Osborne said. "He

automatic touchback.

his abilities this season. He made had contacts at Michigan State. McDONALD FORD SALUTES NOVI ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Jared Otting - Senior



first-team selection for his defensive play this season, after earning honorable mention honors as a junior. Otting led the team in first hits (42) and was second in overall tackles (62). He was a all-KVC first teamer

This senior was a HomeTown

Nick Jushkewich - Senior



Jushkewich was one of fiv offensive linemen named to HomeTown's all-offensive feam. He helped Novi's option offense gain over 1,600 yards on the ground and another 1,000 through the air. Defensively he recorded 27 first hits and 19 assisted tackles.

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The Novi/Northville based U-17 inline hock- captains Sean Nappo and Travis Malott

ey team recently won the Midget/HS Open (Novi) led a team which included Andrew Division championship for Summer II ses- Richter, Anthony Nyuyen, Trevor Tarpinian, sion at the SoccerZone in Novi. The team Bill Varhol, Andrew Sawmiller, Matt finished with an 8-1 record, scoring 113 Ephraim, Bill McGowan, Craig Kopczyk and

Sport Shorts

MICHIGAN MOTION TRYOUTS SATURDAY

The Michigan Motion AAU girls basketball team tryouts will be this Saturday (Dec. 10) at Novi Meadows School at 25549 Taft Road in Novi.

Tryout times for 14-15 year olds will be from 2-3:30 $\mathfrak{p}.\mathfrak{m}.$ Tryouts for 16-17 year olds will be from 3:30.5p.m. Those for 10-11 year olds will be from 5-6:30 p.m. and those for 12-13 year olds will be from 6:30-8

All players are welcome. For more information, please call Mike Tuck at (248) 486-1515 between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. or (248) 474-8986 after 6 p.m.

WACO WOLVES TRYOUTS

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Green Sheet

The Waco Wolves 10 and under travel baseball team s hosting indoor clinics/tryouts throughout December at the Sports Academy in Northville, For more information please contact Bill Hardin at (313) 562-4667. U-10 HAWKS WIN FALL SOCCER LEAGUE

The U-10 Michigan Hawks won the WSSL fall 1998 soccer league with a perfect 9-0 record. The Hawks finished the fall season with an outstanding overall - demonstrates character, feadership and integrity record of 15-1-1. Hawks players from Novi include

Kristine Chaklos, Kelly Corless, Stephanic Crawford, Katie Walker and Kelly Walker. The remaining team members are Katie Trentacosta, Rachel Bernman, Nina Doigan, Ashleigh Green, Caitlin Murnahan, Kelly Potfora and Katie Roberts.

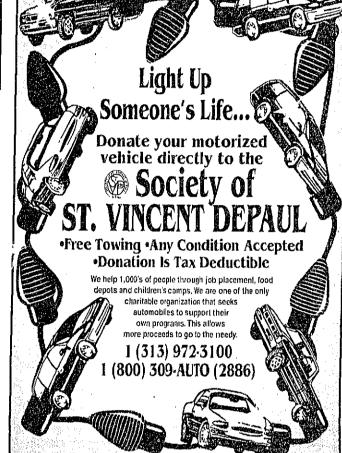
LITTLE CEASARS BASEBALL TRYOUTS

The Little Ceasars 10 and under travel baseball club is hosting 199 tryouts. The team will play 45-50 games throughout the year. For more tryout information, please contact Bill Hardin at (313) 562-4667.

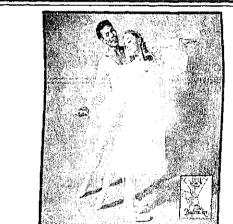
HARRINGTON GAINS POST-SEASON HONORS

Novi graduate dim Harrington received several postseason honors after his senior season as a member of the Adrian College football team.

Harrington was named Feam MVP of the defensive -backfield.-In addition, Harrington was named to the 1998 GTE College Division Academic All-District IV Football second team by the College Sports Information Directors of America. He was also the recipient of the John DeLeon award, given by the Adrian College football coaches. The award is given to the player who throughout the season.







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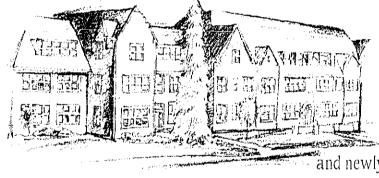


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Health Column

Take charge of your own health

Your health care team may addition, any large bookstore or or university sources are generally by understood non-medical terms. include your family physician, a specialist, a nurse, a nutritionist, and a pharmacist. But the team has one more player - you. When you are well and when you are sick, you will play a vital role in maintaining your health.

It is now generally accepted that the patient who is informed becomes empowered to take responsibility for personal health and will be an active partner in the health care team.

The American Hospital Association formalized this concept in 1973, when it published the Patient's Bill of Rights, which states: "The patient has the right to receive from his physician complete, current information concerning his diagnosis, treatment, and prognosis in language the patient can reasonably be expected to understand."

The way to make informed decisions is to obtain all of the facts. But information comes from a variety of sources including your physician or the other health professionals involved in your care. In

library today has a collection of consumer health magazines and books. The media also lay a role in attracting the public's interest in health topics.

In addition to traditional sources of health information, the Internet now offers thousands of sites containing a wide variety of medical information, including descriptions of diseases, wellness sites, and health support groups. A recent search of the topic diabetes using the Alta Vista search engine resulted in a listing of 50,000 sites on the World Wide Web.

But given all the sources of information, how do you as health consumers determine which source is offering quality information? Of course, your first recourse should always be your health professional. But what about all the print and electronic forms of health information?

If you are planning on purchasing your own book or magazine, or you are surfing the Internet, always check the source of the information. Government agencies

good sources of health information. If it is a person, check his or has computer access to the Interher credentials for letters which net. indicate they have an appropriate health related degree such as D.O., M.D., R.N., etc. Remember, anyone can make information available on the Internet, whether they are qualified or not.

Another way to obtain information is through your local library. Some public libraries offer health information sources in their collections. There are also a few consumer health libraries sponsored by hospitals in southeastern

The materials housed in these libraries are selected by trained librarians based on specified criteria so you can be somewhat assured that the information provided is qualified.

The Consumer Health Library at Botsford General Hospital consists of about 500 books, 30 videos and a full-text database of health information from pamphlets, books and articles written in easiIn addition, the Botsford Library

The consumer collection is backed up by a large medical collection which is housed in the same facility. The library is staffed by medical librarians who are trained to assist you in finding information from the most appropriate source to answer your questions. The Botsford Library is open Monday through Thursday 7 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., and Friday 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Regardless of where you get your health information, always discuss it with your doctor or other health professional. It's your life - and good decisions are based on good information.

Deborah L. Adams, MLS, AHIP. is the director of the Library and Media Center at Botsford General Hospital and current president of the Michigan Health Sciences Libraries Association.

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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.

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Date: Continuously revolving six-week program held on Monday evenings. From 6-8:30 p.m. at Providence Medical Office Center in Novi, Ten Mile and Haggerty roads. Fee: \$20. To register call (248) 424-3903.

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Healthy Solutions are offering a seminar series over the next few weeks.

On Friday, Dec. 4, Val Wilson describes "Macrobiotic Cooking"; learn the basics of macrobiotics and healthy eathing habits. A macrobiotic recipe will also be discussed and the dish available to taste.

Monday, Dec. 7, Cindy Klement, NC, discusses "Medicinal herbs"; learn the historical uses of herbs from relieving headaches to stopping heart attacks.

Monday, Dec. 14, Karen Farrell presents "Aromatherapy"; discover the many uses of essential oils, including beauty, work, physical fitness, home care, pet health and gardening. All seminars are free. Please call (248) 305-

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Post Partum Depression

Sessions are held on the third Monday of each month at 7 p.m. in Southfield. For more information, call (248) 424-3209.

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 experi-

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

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

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Health education library

Providence Hospital and Medical Centers is now making its health education library open to the public

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The library is located at Providence Medical Center-Providence Park, 47601 Grand River, and is open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call (810) 380-4110 for more informa-

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