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Proving they can't wake the dead

By JEREMY McBAIN
Staff Writer

Businesses must prove they aren't so noisy that they would wake the dead in order to get site plan approval in the City of Novi.

The Planning Commission discovered the imperfection in the city's noise ordinance at its Dec. 2 meeting. During a review of the preliminary site plans for an addition to the Siemens Building on Nine Mile Road east of Novi Road, it was determined city ordinances force the building owner to complete a noise analysis because it will be located next to a residentially-zoned district.

That residential district is a cemetery.

The business houses design and engineering offices for the Siemens corporation. To house additional employees and to give smokers at the firm a place to light up, the owner of the building, Aric Leibovitz, decided to expand the building.

He hired Troy architect, Terry Bilovus, to design the addition. But Bilovus and Leibovitz soon found their simple plans for an addition and a gazebo, for the smokers, could not be recommended for approval by city com-

sultants, in part, because a required noise analysis was not completed.

Bilovus argued that the only reason a noise analysis was needed was because the cemetery is zoned residential, so the commission should just waive the requirement.

However, even though it is a cemetery, because it is zoned residential city ordinance states a noise analysis must be done.

Upon hearing this, Planning Commissioner Michael Watza said, "From what I understand, this fellow has to spend his money to find out how much noise it takes to wake the dead."

Planning Commissioner Kim Thomas Capello added, "We will know it is too loud if they do wake up."

The only way the owner of the building can get out having a noise analysis done is if the Zoning Board of Appeals waives the requirement. The planning commission voted to recommend approval of the project's site plan, only if a noise variance is issued by the ZBA. But commissioners did vote to send a recommenda-

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

A return to days of yore

All are dressed in medieval garb, Novi High School choir students perform during the Madrigal Dinner at the school Friday evening. The annual holiday event allows Novi residents a

chance to dine in the atmosphere of days gone by. The event is a fundraiser which helps pay for the choirs' travels for its various performances.

No child without a gift at Christmas

By JEREMY McBAIN
Staff Writer

After 51 years of giving to children, Toys for Tots is going stronger than ever.

The program, started in 1947 by Marines Major Bill Hendricks in California, collected 5,000 toys for needy children in its first year. Rebecca Yarbrough, vice chairman of the board for southeastern Michigan Toys for Tots and local coordinator, said last year 50,000 toys were collected.

So far, she said she has collected 2,000 toys from southern Oakland County and northern Wayne County. After she counts the toys gathered from a drive Tuesday, she expected that number would rise dramatically.

Plus, Yarbrough said the quality of the toys are extremely good with a lot of "high-end" and educational toys.

Yarbrough said the Toys for Tots program is a true charity that gives 100 percent of its contributions to needy children in the surrounding area.

While the charity does not usually accept money, some contributors do donate cash. Yarbrough said that all money donated is used to buy toys, which are in turn given to the children.

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To find the needy children of an area, Yarbrough said Toys for Tots works closely with other local charities, such as Head Start and the Jaycees.

Each toy that is donated stays in the community until all of the children have received gifts. The remaining toys are then distributed to other communities.

Yarbrough said this year, 1,200 toys have been requested for children in the areas of southwestern Oakland and northern Wayne counties.

It is very common for the charity to collect more toys than it needs for a community, especially in this area, she said.

These are affluent communities, she said. With cities like Farmington Hills, Novi and Plymouth in her area, Yarbrough said there are not as many needy children as communities such as Detroit and Inkster.

With many schools and businesses wanting to help out and volunteer as drop off points, most of Yarbrough's toy drop off points are in Novi.

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Photo by TOM HIBBELN

Julie Collins shows one of her favorite ornaments.

All that glitters

Collectors seek nostalgia at Christmas

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Julie Collins teaches kindergarten, but when she gleefully hangs her collection of vintage Christmas ornaments on her tree, she could be mistaken for one of

her own students.

"My daughter said, 'Mom, you look like a little kid decorating the tree,'" Collins said.

"I wonder where each ornament came from and who might have had it."

Not many collectors have accumulated as many Victorian through early-1950s ornaments as Collins, who has several thousand. But with the current trend towards vigorous holiday decorat-

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Mauled at the mall?

There are alternative ways to get there

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

If you've put off your holiday shopping and dread encountering a traffic gridlock around Twelve Oaks Mall this weekend, there are other ways to reach your destination.

And we're not talking walking, either.

Yes, it was busy in Novi's shopping district last Saturday, so busy that a police officer with a public address system was out there urging drivers not to block the intersections.

Try alternative routes and alternative shopping times, suggests Novi Police Lieutenant Tim McNamara.

Or, you could get creative and opt for different forms of transportation.

But forget a helicopter.

"There's no place to land there, there's no landing pad," said a spokesperson for Helicopter Charter Services in Canton Township.

"If they did have a landing pad, it would be difficult."

Although the company does serve businesses in Novi, to rent the three-passenger Bell Jet Ranger helicopter would cost you

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Zack Lord, driver for Luxury Transportation Services, opens the door for Laurie Bond at Novi's Twelve Oaks Mall.

Churches prepare for holiday

Churches in the area have planned special services and events to celebrate Christmas and the New Year.

The following is a list of area churches and the days and times of their services:

On Christmas Eve, **GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH**, 41415 West Nine Mile Road at Meadowbrook in Novi, will have children's service at 7 p.m. and a candlelight service at 11 p.m.

The Christmas Day Festival Service will be at 10 a.m.

On New Year's Eve, a service is scheduled for 7 p.m.

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Community Calendar

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

Thursday, December 17

TOPS

Take Off Pounds Sensibly for all ages meets at 7 p.m. at the Novi Meadows Clubhouse on Napier Road. For more information, call after 6 p.m. (248) 344-2167.

Novi Rotary

The Novi Rotary Club meets at noon at the Novi United Methodist Church at 41671 W. Ten Mile Road. For information, contact Bob Lindhult at 380-6500. Pat Sachs, of the Karamanos Cancer Institute, will be the speaker.

Monday, December 21

ABWA

The Novi Oaks Charter Chapter of the American Business Women's Association meets at the Wyndham Garden Hotel, at 42100 Crescent Blvd. Social hour is set at 6 p.m. and dinner is served at 7 p.m. Meetings are open to all working women. For reservations, call Audrey Colley at (248) 624-1718. For membership information, call Bettie Johnson at (248) 960-9559.

Cholesterol Screening

Total cholesterol screening by fingerstick method, will be offered 1-4 p.m., at the Botsford Center for Health Improvement-Health Development Network, 39750 Grand River Ave. Cost is \$5 fee. For more information call 477-6100.

Motor City Speak Easy Toastmasters

The Motor City Speak Easy Toastmasters Club meets from 7:30 p.m. at

the First United Methodist Church, 777 W. Eight Mile. For more information call Tom Lahliff at 348-6019 (evenings). Visitors are welcome.

Tuesday, December 22

ZONTA

The ZONTA Club of Farmington/Novi meets at 6 p.m. at the Embassy Suites Hotel between Seven and Eight Mile roads... call 1-2751. ZONTA International is a worldwide classified service organization of executives in business and the professions, working to improve the legal, political, economic and professional status of women. For information and reservations, call (313) 538-8043.

Civil Air Patrol

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

Youth Assistance

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

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

The Novi area chapter of F.E.M.A.L.E. (Formerly Employed Mothers at the Leading Edge) meets at Providence Mission Health Center, 39500 W. Ten Mile Rd., Conference Room A. For more information call Janet at (248) 446-0139.

Camera Club

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

Chess Club

The Novi Chess Club will meet from 7-10 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center.

There is no charge to attend and all players are welcome. For more information, call Tim Sawmiller, 344-4269 evenings after 6 p.m.

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 23

Lions Club

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

Seniors business

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

Thursday, December 24

Christmas Eve

Merry Christmas

Friday, December 25

Christmas Day

Hope you have a happy holiday.

Monday, December 28

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Novi High Volunteer of the Year

By JEREMY McBAIN Staff Writer

Novi High School senior Jack Wang has been named the Novi High School Volunteer of the Year in the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program.

The award is given out to students who are recognized for their outstanding community service. Winners are eligible for the Michigan Youth Volunteer of the Year awards.

Wang was selected for volunteering over 150 hours tutoring in the English as a Second Language program at the Novi Middle School and Novi Meadows School.

The ESL program is geared toward Japanese children who have recently moved to Novi and need help learning English.

Barbara Chitt, volunteer service coordinator at Novi High School said, "Jack is an outstanding example of a student who gives freely of his time to help others in need."

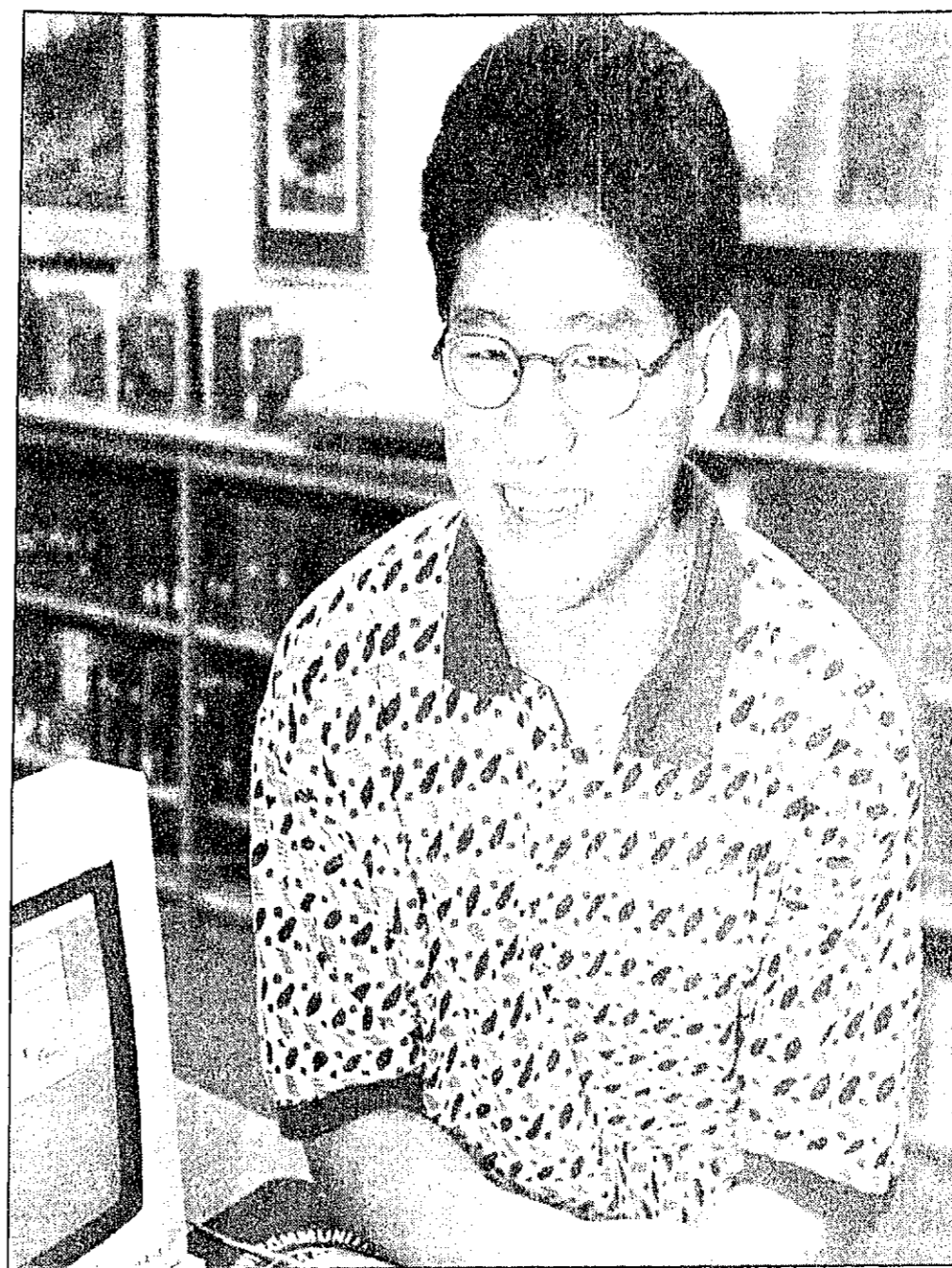
Chitt said Wang has first-hand experience in learning a new culture and language, so he relates well to the students he tutors.

Wang moved with his family to the United States seven years ago from Japan.

Wang said he feels pretty good about winning the award. "It makes me feel good to help others," he said. "I have been very fortunate to have teachers and a family that supports me. So I put that to good use."

Wang said he feels the students are more comfortable learning English from him than they would from a tutor who does not speak Japanese.

Wang's desire to help others seems to be hereditary. In many of his trips to the schools to tutor the children, Wang is accompanied by his 15-year-old brother, who also



Novi High School senior Jack Wang has been honored for his tutoring efforts

Photo by JOHN HEIBER

helps out teaching English. In addition to this, Wang's family has teamed up with the ESL teacher to provide the Japanese community in Novi a Japanese language newspaper.

The newspaper is published out of Wang's home.

If Wang is selected as a state hon-

oree for his work, he would receive a \$1,000 award, silver medalion and a trip to Washington D.C. for recognition ceremonies in May 1999.

At the Washington event, 10

National Volunteers of the Year will be selected by a national panel of judges. Each of these winners will receive an additional \$5,000, a gold medalion and a crystal trophy for their school.

Township bill killed in Senate

By TIM RICHARD Staff Writer

A legislative bill giving cities and townships power to approve school building plans has been gutted by a Senate committee and is almost as good as dead.

Bill will be Dec. 31, when all unpassed bills expire.

"We'll be back next year," said Don Struppa, lobbyist for the Michigan Municipal League, which joined forces with the Michigan Townships Association to seek local and state approval for the plan. The bill had been eagerly watched by Northville Township, which has had a long-standing battle with the Northville School District over building plans.

Rep. George Mans, D-Troy, a former mayor and school board member, was the sponsor of his bill. "We had two situations in my district. Woodlawn, where a relatively new building just fell apart; and Flat Rock, where there was no local control to inspect a building of a public school academy."

"We should treat school buildings the same as others," Mans told the Senate Human Resources, Labor and Veterans Affairs Committee. But the panel, headed by Mike Rogers, R-Brighton, disagreed.

The committee gutted the Mans bill and sent it to the Senate floor Dec. 2 on a 3-2 party-line vote. It is languishing on the Senate calendar.

Mans' bill would have repealed a 1937 law placing school site and building inspection authority in the hands of what is now the state Department of Consumer and Industry Services. Local building

and fire codes are inapplicable. It would also amend part of the school code.

The Senate Fiscal Agency estimated the Mans bill would add \$26,000 to the cost of inspections and permits for a one-story building.

Rogers' committee version went back to a uniform method of statewide review. School authorities would voluntarily submit their plans to local officials but wouldn't be required to do so. The Senate version keeps the House requirement that state-certified architects and engineers approve construction plans and be on-site.

But Republicans on the panel threw Democrats a political curve when they further amended the bill to require a requirement that school districts pay the "prevailing wage" (a legal euphemism for union scale) on construction jobs.

"That will be a poison pill in the House," said Sen. Ben DeBevoise, D-Macomb County, predicting the Democratic-controlled House would never agree to it.

"This prevailing wage is altogether a separate issue," said Sen. Mike O'Brien, D-Detroit. "Get another bill," he told Republicans.

Replied Rogers: "This prevailing wage adds costs. This takes money from school kids for books and computers."

O'Brien shot back: "All the books and computers aren't worth a darn if the roof caves in."

Sen. Leon Stille, R-Spring Lake, who sponsored the prevailing wage repeal, said the requirement does nothing but add to school construction costs. "It has nothing to do with construction quality," he said.

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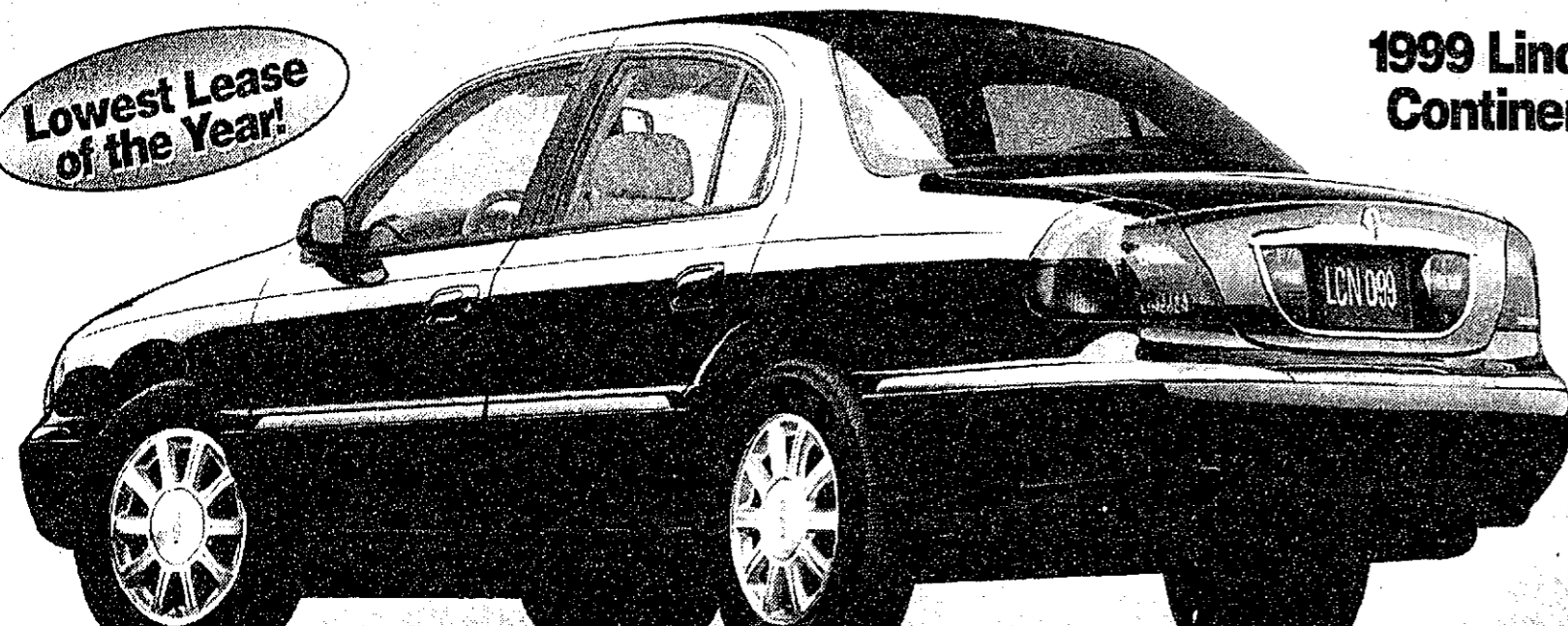
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Shoplifter watched in dressing room

A 45-year-old Northville woman was arrested around 1:30 p.m. Dec. 7 at Lord and Taylor in the Twelve Oaks Mall for shoplifting.

A female employee of the store watched as the woman selected two sweaters and a shirt and enter the store's fitting room.

While she was in the fitting room, the employee watched as the woman concealed the shirt and one of the sweaters in a shopping bag she had in the room with her. She concealed the other shirt by wearing it under her coat.

The woman then exited the store without attempting to pay for the items.

She was apprehended by the employee and was later taken to the Novi police station for booking, fingerprints and photographs.

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A 29-year-old Walled Lake man was arrested around 7:30 p.m. Dec. 8 for assaulting his girlfriend at Lakeside Market on Novi Road.

A call was made to the Novi police department reporting a man was dragging a woman across the road near the market. The report further stated the man was on the north-west corner of the building, pulling the woman's hair and punching her.

An officer responded to the report, but could not find anyone fighting.

He went inside of Lakeside Market and spoke with an employee who told him he observed the man pulling a woman across the parking lot.

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The employee said he asked the man if there was a problem. The man said, "No, leave us alone."

The officer then observed the woman outside of the store walking around the parking lot.

He then approached her and asked her what happened. She said she just got into an argument with her boyfriend.

The woman was highly intoxicated and had trouble standing up.

At this point, another officer reported the man's car was found at Austin and Charlotte drives.

The officer went to inspect and found the man in the backseat of the car, under several layers of blankets.

He was ordered out and arrested for domestic violence.

Upon arrival at the police station, the officer noted that the man was highly agitated and the officer had to keep telling him he was being arrested for domestic violence.

Then the man said he did not feel well and requested medical attention.

He was given a breath test which showed he had a blood alcohol content of .301 percent.

He was taken to a hospital for treatment.

77-YEAR-OLD SHOPLIFTER

A 77-year-old Waterford woman was cited for shoplifting around 1

The woman then fled from the scene on foot, but was caught by one of the witnesses at the accident in the Springs Apartment complex.

She was then taken back to an officer at the scene and the witness gave the officer her car keys.

The officer noticed that the woman had shuddered speech, red eyes and a difficult time standing. She also had a strong odor of intoxicants coming from her.

The woman said she did not know how much she had to drink that night.

At that time, the officer noticed she was holding two teeth, which came from the top portion of her mouth.

She was given a sobriety test, but because of the woman's behavior the officer was unable to get a breath test.

The woman was arrested and when the officer tried to put her in the patrol car, he discovered she had wet her pants.

Because he was unable to get a breath test the officer requested a warrant for her blood. It was issued by Judge Michael Batelik.

The officer is requesting a felony arrest warrant for operating a vehicle under the influence of alcohol and a misdemeanor warrant for leaving the scene of a personal injury accident and driving while her license was revoked.

Citizens with information about the above incidents are urged to call the Novi Police Department at 248-7100.

The woman then pulled in front of the man and his vehicle struck her. Injuries are unknown.

Witnesses at the scene immediately rushed to help and pulled her from her car. The man in the other car was uninjured.

Novi Briefs

Cable TV hearing

The Southwest Oakland Cable Commission, which serves Novi, Farmington and Farmington Hills, will hold a public hearing on cable TV service on Tuesday, Jan. 12 at 7 p.m.

The hearing is part of the franchise renewal process SWOCO and Time Warner Cable of Oakland County are currently undergoing.

The session will be held at the Novi Civic Center.

Local history

Looking for a copy of the new book about Novi by local historian Barbara Louie? "Images of America, Novi" is available at Waldenbooks, B. Dalton Bookstore, Barnes & Noble and Doubleday, according to a marketing spokesperson at Arcadia, the Charleston, South Carolina-based publishers.

Louie's book features then and now photos of the city.

Money for Motorsports

During the first weekend of January, the Motorsports Museum and Hall of Fame will hold its annual fundraising event, Motorsports Expo '99. As part of the event, a raffle of rare autographed motor sports memorabilia will be held.

Recently, the museum won approval from the Novi City Council to hold the raffle, as required by the state Lottery Bureau. The Motorsports Museum has plans to leave its current location and the Novi Expo Center and move to the Michigan State Fairgrounds on Woodward Avenue.

For sale

For repairs to the Novi Police Department building, as approved by voters in November, the Novi City Council recently authorized the sale on the open market of \$3.5 million in city bonds. The city has to pay a \$400 filing fee with the Michigan Department of Treasury for the bond sale.

Michigan National Bank of Farmington Hills was designated as the bond registrar, paying agent and transfer agent. The bonds will mature at five years, ranging from the year 2000 to 2018.

Seniors deck the halls with a holiday show

By JIM JEFFRES
Staff Writer

The show must go on.

No matter what several females soblists had lyrics and that a male soloist needed his blood pressure checked first. No matter that almost the entire cast had aches and pains of some kind or another and the director of the chorus didn't read music.

Friday was the premier of the Novi Theatres holiday musical "Silver Bells and Beans" at the Novi Senior Center with a cast of 50 ranging in age from 50 to just eight years shy of 100. They sang, they danced, they spoke their lines, but most of all, they had a good time.

Chorus member Kay Krupka is the senior of the seniors. When you've lived 92 years on this planet, you don't worry about little things like stage fright. A singer from a high school choir club days, Krupka came to the senior center for the exercise classes, but entered for a spot before the footlights and never gets nervous, even performing before several hundred of her peers.

"I just forget where I am. The rest of the girls my age, we all have some problem. Our voices go up and down," she said.

"We're just having fun," she said. "I've just loved life at the Novi Civic Center. It's 11 came from senior citizen programs in communities such as Livonia, Dearborn and Farmington Hills. A second

performance was staged locally on Sunday. Then, Monday, they took the show on the road to Milford. The folks out there surely got a lot of a surprise when to the tune of "Walking In A Winter Wonderland," George Geise, Jim Brown, Al Weiss, John O'Donnell and Al Goldstein sang "Walking Around In Women's Underwear."

The men were going to put women's teddies to the back of their tunics and flash the audience, Geise said, but the potential damage to the rental tunics couldn't be risked.

"It was funny. We had planned it, but it cost too much to rent the teddies," explained Geise, a church organist.

His sales included "Didn't I get this year old?" sung to the tune of "Do you ever get what I hear?"

Among other numbers in the two-hour production were "Hank Williams" sung by Goldstein and a companion by folk dancers and a radio skit in which Santa Claus moves his factory from North Pole to Mexico for the cheaper labor costs.

Novi Parks and Recreation Special Coordinator Kathy Crawford said some cast members are recovering from medical problems such as the broken hip sustained earlier this year by Geise's wife, Corlinda. But no matter, they're having fun.

"They've been there and done it all. They're fearless. They say old age isn't for sissies and that's the

truth," Crawford said.

Krupka admits she's a little afraid of stumbling when she's walking on stage, but she's still out there.

Milomena Abernathy doesn't care if she does misstep. Abernathy just took up tap dancing classes at Shodorah College and at this show was in five numbers, including one in a ravelier suit. She also was in the spring production of "Broadway Babes And Dudes."

"It's a lot of fun. You make a mistake, and what the heck. It's fun, it's keeping your mind busy. All of my four grandsons come to see me, they thought I was just fantastic," she said.

Diana Brennan, one of the cast members under the weather, played the victim of the "Twelve Days of Christmas," whose "True love" dumped a message of calling her lark, lets-a-lark and needs a snuggling on her her condo steps.

"When I was doing the letter, I could feel my nose starting to run," Brennan said.

"We have a lot of fun behind the stage. Even the mistakes are funny."

The Sixth Gate Cloggers, including Donna Thomas, were part of the show. Thomas has been clog dancing for ten years. Sometimes, performing is more difficult before people you know, she said.

"It's tough some days, especially if you haven't slept at night. The crowd knows this is our home place, so that makes it difficult. The stage makes it difficult," Thomas explained.



The Chorus and Dancers group combined to perform A Little Christmas, Christmas in Kilarney, Steam Heat and Hanukah.

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While Novi Theatres founder Linda Wickert was in charge of the entire production, up there directing the chorus was retired Novi City Clerk Gerry Stipp, who confessed that she has no musical background.

"I went to a meeting and found out that I was the leader of the chorus. I said, 'I don't know what I'm

doing here. I don't read music.' I only knew when the notes go up and the notes go down," Stipp said.

"I keep telling them to get someone who knows what they're doing."

Stipp and everyone else found an appreciative audience in Novi resident Lillian Salley, who said "Silver Bells and Beans" reminded her of the candle shows she used to see in her younger days in Detroit.

"They copy their mannerisms, they're very, very good," she said. "Not only do they sing and dance.

This is a group with a sense of humor. At the intermission, Crawford and senior center manager Jan McAlpine passed out prizes to the audience - Motomoni, Madox and soppistories from seven cases donated by Merry Center.

Krupka recommends that other local seniors come on down and get up on the stage, too.

"Anybody who likes to sing and likes to be out, just come out and join in, especially the men. We need more men in the group," she said.

Some bills killed in legislature

They often get a lot of publicity, but not every legislative bill makes it through both chambers. Here are some of the major losers of 1997-98:

ELECTRIC DEREGULATION - Sen. Mat Dunaskiss, R-Lake Orion, didn't introduce SB 1340 to deregulate electric utilities until mid-November, and many lawmakers were unhappy that Gov. John Engler tried to ram it through in just a few days.

The Senate on Dec. 3 passed a token, watered-down measure that would have given statutory status to a Public Service Commission order. The House let it die without a vote.

SUPERMAJORITY - Sen. Mike Bouchard, R-Birmingham, sponsored a constitutional amendment to require that all tax increases have a 60 percent majority, instead of 50 percent plus one, to take effect. It never got a Senate or House vote, though Gov. Engler drew applause when he mentioned it in his State of the State address in February.

GAY BASHING - Senate Republicans refused to act on a House-passed bill enhancing penalties for assaulting homosexuals and lesbians. It would have added "sexual orientation" to the Ethnics Intimidation Act, which currently covers race, color, religion, gender and national origin.

The Senate voted 20-18 to delay action until Dec. 30 and then adjourned for the year.

Noting no more all 16 Democrats and two Republicans, Loren Bennett of Canton and Bob Geake of Northville.

Sen. Gary Peters, D-Essexfield Township, protested the Senate action, saying "state enemies against gays and lesbians have increased 12 percent."

DRAIN CODE - After years of discussion, the House never voted on HB 4337, the first revision of the state Drain Code in 40 years.

Michigan United Conservation Clubs objected that the sixth and last version failed to mandate that drain commissioners consider watershed protection and alternatives to engineered drains. MUCC also said the bill didn't allow landowners to register opposition or provide procedures to stop a petition.

The Michigan Environmental Council objected that natural flood control should get greater emphasis.

Michigan Taxpayers United's Bill McMaster said the bill would have given "unconventional" tax-and-spend authority to county drain commissioners to increase drain maintenance assessments by 100 percent while disenfranchising voters.

BLIND HUNTERS - The Senate passed a bill allowing blind persons to hunt with crossbows with a laser sighting device when assisted by a person with eyesight. But it got to the House too late in the year for action by the Conservation Committee.

The Senate vote was 21-16. Among opponents were Bob Geake, R-Northville, Alma Smith, D-Salem, Mike Rogers, R-Brighton, and Mike Bouchard, R-Birmingham.

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Medieval merriment

Members of Novi High School's Choir and the a cappella groups get together Saturday evening at the school to perform this year's Madrigal Dinner.

Students sang medieval songs, danced, jested many in fun, and "locked" a few guests away, making them sing for their release.

House reluctantly approves four new casino contracts

By TIM RICHARD
Staff Writer

Four new Indian gambling casinos may be built in Michigan after the House of Representatives grudgingly approved contracts negotiated by Gov. John Engler.

The late-night Dec. 10 vote was 48-47, with 13 members absent. The measure, a resolution, required just a majority of those voting, not a 55-vote majority of those elected and serving. The Senate must also agree.

"We can't amend the compact. We concur or not," said Rep. Pat Gallagher, D-Drummond, majority floor leader who sponsored the resolution. Casinos are planned for Battle Creek, New Buffalo, Manistee and Mackinaw City.

Engler and Gallagher argued that if the Legislature fails to approve the compacts, with state regulations, the tribes could win a federal court suit, and the state would lose all control.

Opponents argued that host communities should have a voice in regulating casinos. A New Buffalo area lawmaker asked for an amendment selecting the host township and contiguous townships the right to vote on whether to allow a casino.

Gallagher blocked the vote with a "clear the board" call as green (yes) lights went up.

"Enough is enough! We will have more casinos than universities," said opponent Harold Voorhees, R-Wyoming. Michigan has 15 state universities; when three Detroit

casinos and the four new Indian casinos are added, Michigan will have 21 casinos.

Engler sought to persuade Oakland lawmakers that the compact would actually protect them from a casino's being located in Hazel Park. The governor spent literally hours cajoling Rep. Andrew Rakowski, R-Farmington Hills, selected to get Gallagher's job as majority floor leader next year.

"I will protect my constituents," Rakowski told reporters in the corridor after his confrontation with Engler. But the freshman lawmaker took a walk during the final roll call vote.

Rep. Nancy Cassis, R-Novi, voted no.

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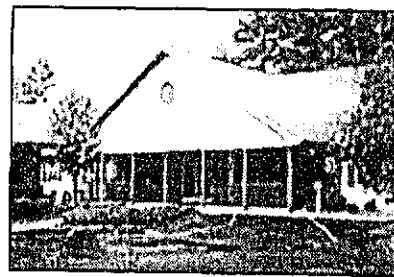
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MONDAY, DEC. 21

- 10:00 a.m. — A Little Christmas Magic
- 10:30 a.m. — The Cutting Room Floor
- 11:30 a.m. — Christian Singles Today: Tim and John
- 11:30 a.m. — Cosby and Company: Green/Sil-lars
- 12:00 p.m. — Intercessions Word Ministry
- 12:30 p.m. — (cont'd)
- 1:00 p.m. — Adventures With Frate Pete
- 1:30 p.m. — Special Blend Christmas Music
- 2:00 p.m. — Financial Strategies: Barman/Whidby
- 2:30 p.m. — A Culinary Adventure: The Whi-ney Bakery
- 3:00 p.m. — Varsity Hockey: Novi Wildcats Ver-sus Northville Mustangs
- 3:30 p.m. — (cont'd)
- 4:00 p.m. — (cont'd)
- 4:30 p.m. — (cont'd)
- 5:00 p.m. — Who, What, Where, Y
- 5:30 p.m. — Movie Lovers Guide to Holiday Films
- 6:00 p.m. — (cont'd)
- 6:30 p.m. — Bugs and Talk With Tracy
- 7:00 p.m. — Critter Connection
- 7:30 p.m. — Aviation Journal
- 8:00 p.m. — Novi Street Beat: Holiday Shopping
- 8:30 p.m. — Community Comments: Commu-nity Access
- 9:00 p.m. — Lansing Connection

TUESDAY, DEC. 22

- 10:00 a.m. — Legislative Forum
- 10:30 a.m. — Spers Profile
- 11:00 a.m. — Law Talk: Denise Hitch
- 11:30 a.m. — (cont'd)
- 12:00 p.m. — Summit University
- 12:30 p.m. — (cont'd)
- 1:00 p.m. — Movie Lovers Guide to Holiday Films
- 1:30 p.m. — (cont'd)
- 2:00 p.m. — Lansing Connection
- 2:30 p.m. — Center for New Thinking: John Piat II
- 3:00 p.m. — (cont'd)
- 3:30 p.m. — (cont'd)
- 4:00 p.m. — (cont'd)
- 4:30 p.m. — Novi Street Beat: Fire Marshal "Holiday Fire Safety"
- 5:00 p.m. — The Way, The Truth, and The Life
- 5:30 p.m. — People Who Make Things Happen: Rabbi Karim Gross
- 6:00 p.m. — A New and Improved You: A Gift of Life
- 6:30 p.m. — Community Connection
- 7:00 p.m. — Fitness Motivators: Holiday Spe-cial
- 7:30 p.m. — Financial Strategies: Barman/Whidby
- 8:00 p.m. — Ribbons and Wreaths
- 8:30 p.m. — A Culinary Adventure: The Whi-ney Bakery
- 9:00 p.m. — Let's Talk With Ben Marks: Pre-man Hendrix

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 23

- 10:00 a.m. — Christmas Magic
- 10:30 a.m. — MDOOT Today
- 11:00 a.m. — Huntington's Disease Update: Dietary Needs
- 11:30 a.m. — Special Blend
- 12:00 p.m. — Movie Lovers Guide to Holiday Films
- 1:00 p.m. — Study in Scripture
- 1:30 p.m. — AMVETS
- 2:00 p.m. — Restoration Now
- 2:30 p.m. — Christian Singles Today: Tim and John
- 3:00 p.m. — People Who Make Things Happen: Forgotten Harvest
- 3:30 p.m. — Groove Session: Hebrew Boyz Min-istries
- 4:00 p.m. — Critter Connection
- 4:30 p.m. — Community Connection: Show No. 3
- 5:00 p.m. — Aviation Journal
- 5:30 p.m. — Jesus
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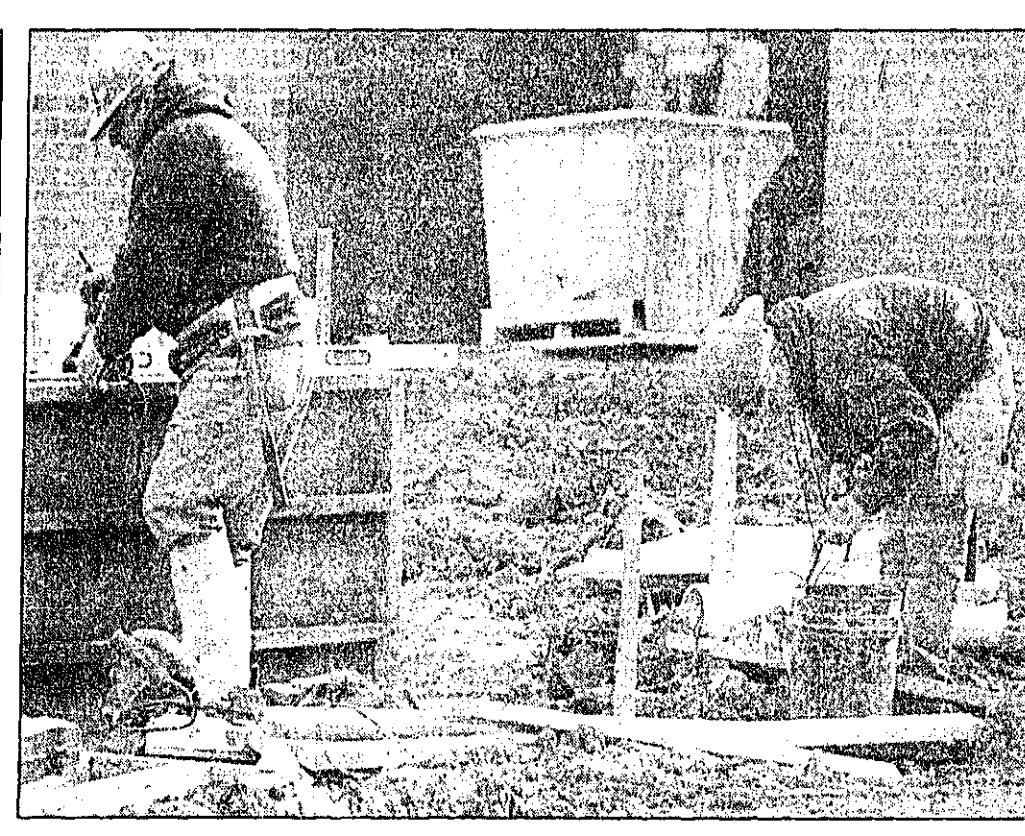
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New Middle School on track

By JEREMY McBAIN Staff Writer

Construction on the new Novi middle school is moving along and it is expected to be ready for students to begin attending classes there next fall.

During a tour of the building last week, Andrea Atherton, Ad Ekin Construction Companies project manager at the new middle school, said a visitor to the site next month will see most of the building enclosed with at least temporary windows up.

If that visitor were to walk through the inside of the building, they would find it has a temperature of 50 degrees allowing workers

to continue working throughout the winter.

A visitor would also find, if not most, of the concrete slabs that make up the floor of the building in place.

At the end of this winter, the crew will be working on "finishes." These are items, such as permanent lights, ceiling finishes and wall finishes.

Atherton said that in late spring and early summer the crew will complete final finishes. This includes the placement of case-work, floor coverings, and specialties, such as lockers and display boards.

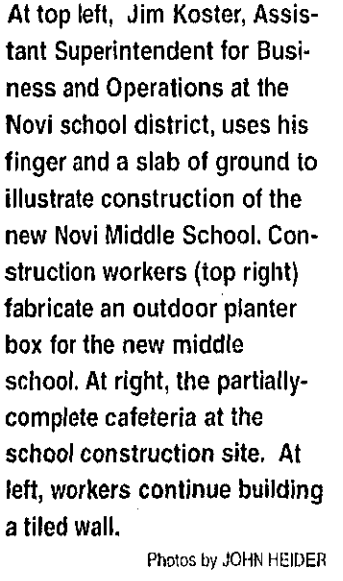
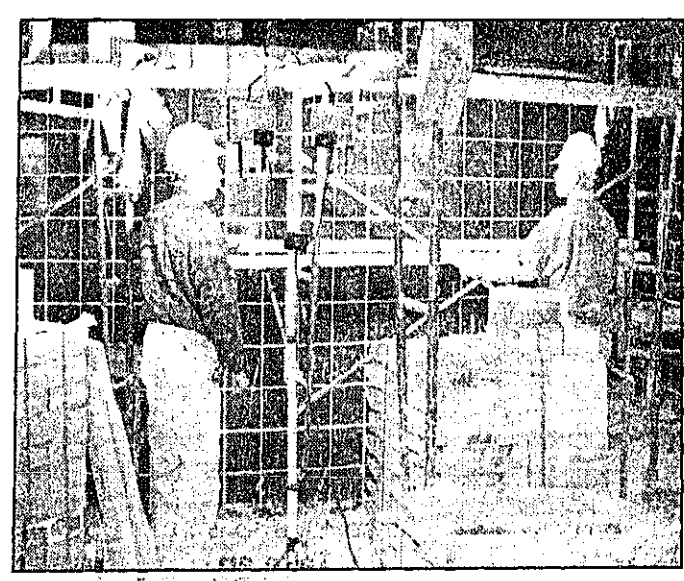
Koster said furniture for the new

school is scheduled to arrive in July and the school will be ready to take in students next fall.

The new school will hold 1,150 students. There are currently about 900 students in Novi Middle School.

Jim Koster, assistant superintendent for business and operations in Novi Community School District said the workers have been working very fast and very hard and they should be commended.

While pointing to a group of construction workers working at the site in their deep mud, Koster said, "With these people and the conditions they work in, you have to give them a lot of credit."



At top left, Jim Koster, Assistant Superintendent for Business and Operations at the Novi school district, uses his finger and a slab of ground to illustrate construction of the new Novi Middle School. Construction workers (top right) fabricate an outdoor planter box for the new middle school. At right, the partially-complete cafeteria at the school construction site. At left, workers continue building a tiled wall.

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Electricity 'competition' generates questions

By TIM RICHARD
Staff Writer

There's a lot of talk about allowing "competition" in the electricity industry. Does that mean the giants like Detroit Edison and Consumers Energy will get direct competition?

A. Not quite. Competition, if any, will come at the generator level, not the distributor level. You'll still get your power all Edison lines, for example, but another company could be generating it.

Q. Is it true — are local governments trying to get into the utility deregulation act by saying they want to grant franchises to electricity suppliers?

A. True. The Michigan Municipal League and Michigan Townships Association are telling their members to attend seminars and learn how to grant franchises beginning next February.

Q. How do the cities, villages and townships figure they have that right?

A. They held a news conference in Lansing last week and pointed to Art. 17 (local government) sec. 29

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Pat McAvoy
Michigan Township Association

of the Michigan Constitution. It says: No company operating a public utility has the right to use roads and alley rights of way for wires or to transmit local business therein without first obtaining a franchise from the township, city or village.

Q. What's a franchise?
A. It's the privilege of doing business that a government gives to a company. Other examples are operating a ferry or railroad.

Q. Can a government grant more than one company a franchise?
A. Yes. The length is limited to 30 years under the constitution.

Q. Presumably the government

will ask for fees?
A. Yes, but the locals prefer to call it "an application fee ... a one-time charge to cover the legal costs of the municipality incurred as a result of entering into a contract with a public utility," according to the MML and MTA handout.

Said MTA's Pat McAvoy: "We've heard local governments are potential obstructionists. It's not our intent."

Q. Why are environmental groups sounding off?
A. Your guess. A lot of the discussion will go on in back rooms.

negotiate a better rate. It would take 500 households to require one megawatt.

An aggregator must obtain a franchise from each local unit in order to transact business, according to the state Public Service Commission. Aggregators look on local franchises as a barrier to competition, according to MML and MTA.

An aggregator could deal with a class of customers — say, all the downtown retailers, or the government itself, especially cities that operate a sewage treatment plant.

Q. Where is the Michigan Legislature in all of this?
A. It's hard to say. There has been no public debate in the lame-duck session.

Environmental groups say Rep. Barbara Dobb, R-Union Lake, and Sen. Mai Dunaskiss, R-Lake Orion, are crafting legislation "behind closed doors" with Gov. John Engler and "make no mention of environmental or residential customer protection."

Q. What happens next?

A Michigan United Conservation Clubs and friends say, "Competition in electricity markets will create additional markets for old, dirty coal plants, which are the largest single source of harmful air pollution in the country and responsible for about 40 percent of human-caused mercury emissions in Michigan."

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business — \$3.8 billion per year versus just \$2 billion for the single business tax. The chamber long has said Michigan's high electricity costs are an impediment to attracting business. Michigan rates are 15 percent higher than states like Alabama, Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, the Carolinas and Wisconsin.

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Bed and breakfast began with a gift sign from family

By WENDY WHITE
Staff Writer

One Christmas, the Farhat's seven children chipped in and bought them a wooden sign that read "Dave and Sherry's Family Inn, est. 1993."

The day after Dave staked it in the yard of their Victorian home, three elderly women walked through the front door and asked to see their rooms.

Sherry, not knowing the sign had gone up, interrupted her meal bewildered and gave them a minute.

"When they asked what our rates were, I finally understood," Sherry Farhat explained. "After that, a total of 11 people walked in our house asking for rooms, so we knew a bed and breakfast was in our future."

At the time, the family lived four doors down from The Atchison House, which had been a hospital from 1926 to 1956. Dr. Atchison's clinic until 1989 and a bed and breakfast from 1989 to 1991.

The Farhats mentioned to owners Don and Susan Mraz that they were interested in building if the now private home ever went up for sale.

It happened sooner than they thought. Four months later, the Farhats took over the house and reopened it as a bed and breakfast last fall.

Since then, they've made it a home not only for themselves, but for hundreds of guests who visit each year.

"It's an education," Dave said. "Both Sherry and I are really outgoing people. It's been very rewarding."

Visitors to the 4,600-square-foot home are greeted to an antique furnished parlor adorned with a flowery Rococo mural of women lounging in Victorian garb.

To the right is a library, decorated in rich woods and easy chairs.

To the left, an obscured kitchen and a bright sun porch with green studded wood floors and flower-upholstered wicker furniture.

On two levels, a total of 6 bedrooms accommodate guests in decor that's loosely based around a Victorian theme.

"We want to create a comfortable, livable environment, not something so clinical and rigid that you're afraid to sit in a chair," said Dave, who still maintains four separate packaging businesses.

"I think that's what makes this place homey," his wife added. "It appeals to every taste."

While some bedrooms have walk-out balconies or fireplaces, the 20-by-18 foot master suite features the romance of a gourmet breakfast in bed.

A sample menu, served in the dining room to all the guests, may include a fluffy vegetable omelet, sausage cakes, home fried potatoes with fresh salsa, spiced baked apples, steaming coffee and orange juice.

Sherry is a longtime cook who once owned a southern-style restaurant in Atlanta called Shad-ows.

Between the food and the luxurious decor, the Atchison house radiates comfort and hospitality drawing a wide range of clients.

Some come from around the corner, looking for an overnight getaway in the grand home on W. Dunlap St.

Since it's listed on the Internet and in B&B directories, others travel much further, like the Belgians who stay there once a month after business meetings.

A journal in the master suite records the reasons people find their way to the inn.

Many couples write in about celebrating wedding nights or anniversaries.

Others received overnight stays as gifts from siblings or friends.

The Log Book

The following is a complete list of the emergency calls of the Novi Fire Department for the week ending Dec. 13. Each incident is listed by type, location, time and the Engine and Squad number which responded to the call.

MONDAY, DEC. 7

Wires down, Beck and Grand River, 12:24 a.m., Engine 4.
Investigation, 522 Ecksetay, 3:54 a.m., Squad 4.
Service, 40583 Village Wood, 9:21 a.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 45182 West Road, 10:30 a.m., Squad 2.
Wire down, 190 Penhill, 10:44 a.m., Engine 2.
Fire alarm, Novi Ice Arena, 4:02 p.m., Engines 1, 2.
Medical, 41360 Carriage Hill, 7:34 p.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 40906 Village Wood, 12:03 a.m., Squad 3.
Medical, Pontiac Trail and West Road, 12:17 p.m., Squad 2.
Medical, 45175 Ten Mile Road, 1:20 p.m., Squad 3.
Injury accident, Nine Mile and Novi Road, 2:11 p.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 25299 Tall Road, 2:26 p.m., Squad 4.
Medical, Tanglewood and Charleston, 4:17 p.m., Squad 2.
Injury accident, Twelve Mile and Haggerty, 6:24 p.m., Squad 1.

TUESDAY, DEC. 8

Medical, 43724 Westridge, 8:36 a.m., Squad 3.
Injury accident, West Oaks and Sheraton Drive, 9:49 a.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 28801 Novi Road, 3:58 p.m., Squad 2.
Medical, 43045 Nine Mile Road, 6:27 p.m., Squad 3.
Investigation, 24780 Upland Hill, 6:36 p.m., Squad 1.
Investigation, 27790 Novi Road, 8:25 p.m., Engine 1.
Medical, 45125 Ten Mile Road, 9:16 p.m., Squad 3.
Rescue, Twelve Oaks Parking, 10:08 p.m., Squad 1.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 9

Medical, 24332 Roma Ridge, 12:03 a.m., Squad 4.
Wires down, 30270 Montmeren-

cy, 8:29 a.m., Engine 2.
Wires down, Haggerty and I-96, 10:13 a.m., Engine 1.
Medical, 24062 Tall Road, 3:22 p.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 43455 Ten Mile Road, 8:04 p.m., Squad 3.

THURSDAY, DEC. 10

Injury accident, 207 Endwell, 12:34 a.m., Squad 2.
Medical, 23140 Little Rapids, 1:24 a.m., Squad 3.
Medical, Ten Mile and Beck, 9:59 a.m., Squad 4.
Medical, 45182 West Road, 10:51 a.m., Squad 2.
Wire down, Ten Mile and Novi Road, 2:42 p.m., Engine 3.
House fire, 169 Mauldin, 6:10 p.m., Engines 1, 2.

FRIDAY, DEC. 11

Medical, 40906 Village Wood, 12:03 a.m., Squad 3.
Medical, Pontiac Trail and West Road, 12:17 p.m., Squad 2.
Medical, 45175 Ten Mile Road, 1:20 p.m., Squad 3.
Injury accident, Nine Mile and Novi Road, 2:11 p.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 25299 Tall Road, 2:26 p.m., Squad 4.
Medical, Tanglewood and Charleston, 4:17 p.m., Squad 2.
Injury accident, Twelve Mile and Haggerty, 6:24 p.m., Squad 1.

SATURDAY, DEC. 12

Medical, 45182 West Road, 4 a.m., Squad 2.
Medical, Twelve Oaks Mall, 9:30 a.m., Squad 1.
Injury accident, Nine Mile and Novi Road, 2:40 p.m., Engine 1, Squad 1.
Injury accident, Pontiac Trail and Springs, 5:41 p.m., Engine 2, Squad 2.
Woods fire, 22783 Heshp, 6:27 p.m., Engine 3.

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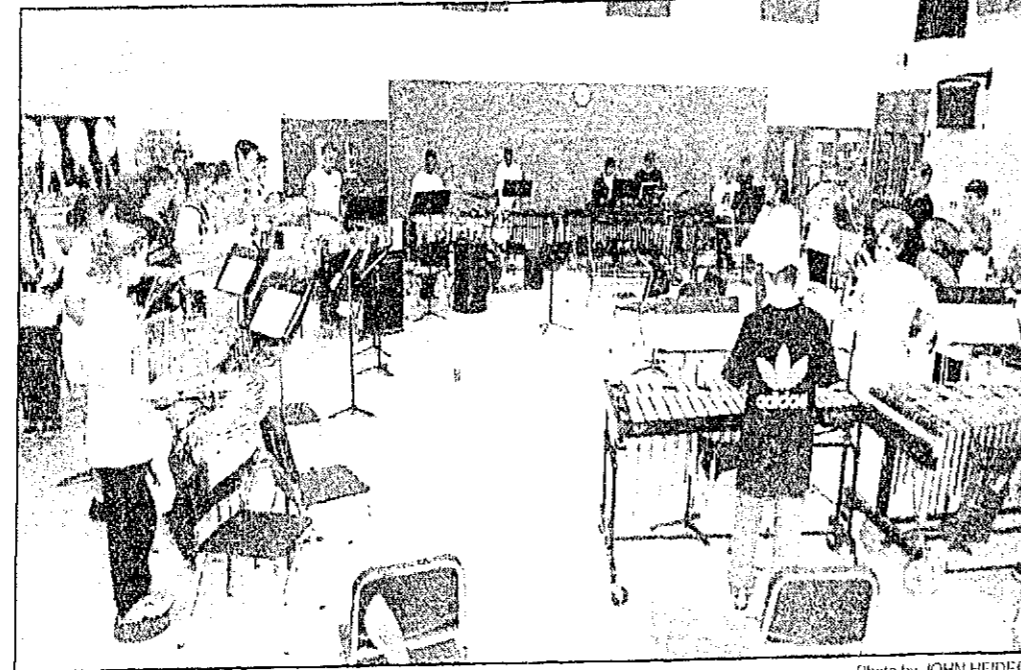
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At left, Novi High School drum line members Anthony Herc, right, and Kate Rose join in at the Drum-a-thon Saturday evening at the school's music room. Above, the drum line was in marathon from 6 a.m. to midnight in an attempt to pound sense into potential donors. The young drum-meisters need to raise money for future trips.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Gift of golf discounts aids lung charity

One of the most difficult things about the holidays is finding the perfect gift. The American Lung Association of Michigan would like to suggest a gift idea that gives the golfers on your list something they will use throughout the year: the 1999 Golf Privilege Club.

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Obituaries

BETTY J. MORGAN

Betty J. Morgan, 80, of Novi died Dec. 13 at Dostler General Hospital in Farmington Hills. She was born Aug. 14, 1918, in Chicago, Ill., to Chester and Hazel (Clevinger) Dlugos.

Mrs. Morgan moved to the area in 1949. She was a retired bookkeeper and a life member of the V.F.W. Ladies Auxiliary in Northville.

She is survived by daughters, Pamela (Richard) Dietz, of Redford, Pat (Douglas) of Plymouth, and Penny (Robert) Eaves of South Lyon; and three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Morgan was preceded in death by her husband, Lloyd in 1985.

Services were held on Wednesday, Dec. 16 at Casterline Funeral Home Inc., The Rev. Dr. Douglas W. Vernon of the First United Methodist Church in Northville officiated. Interment was in Oakwood Cemetery, Farmington.

WILLIAM C. POTTER

William C. Potter, 71, of Marco Island, Fla., and Morton, Ill., died Dec. 16 at St. Joseph's Hospital, Evanston, Ill. He was born July 28, 1928, in York, Pa.

Mr. Potter graduated in 1948, with a degree in business administration from Bradley University, where he was a member of the Alpha Phi fraternity.

Mr. Potter was a World War II veteran of the Army Air Corps. He was a 36-year member of Bethel Lutheran Church in Morton, Ill.

GABRIELLE Y. NAOUR

Gabrielle Y. Naour, 97, of Novi died Dec. 2 in St. Mary's Hospital, Livonia. She was born Oct. 7, 1911, in Bordeaux, France, to

Emile and Jeanne Marie (Bireault) Perron.

Mrs. Naour is survived by her husband, Henry; daughters, Jeanette Solitto and Suzanne Manning; sons, Henry, John and Gilbert; and 15 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was celebrated on Saturday, Dec. 5, at Our Lady of Victory Church.

Arrangements were made by Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Home.

Memorials to the American Heart Association would be appreciated.

Mr. Potter was preceded in death by his first wife, Frances J. (Lampell), in September 1990. They were married in Springfield, Ill., in May 1947.

A memorial service was held on Thursday, Dec. 10 at Bethel Lutheran Church in Morton, Ill., with the Rev. Richard Henke officiating. Interment was in Lakeside Cemetery in Pekin, Ill.

Arrangements were made by Ludwig-Rehse-Schuler Mortuary in Morton, Ill.

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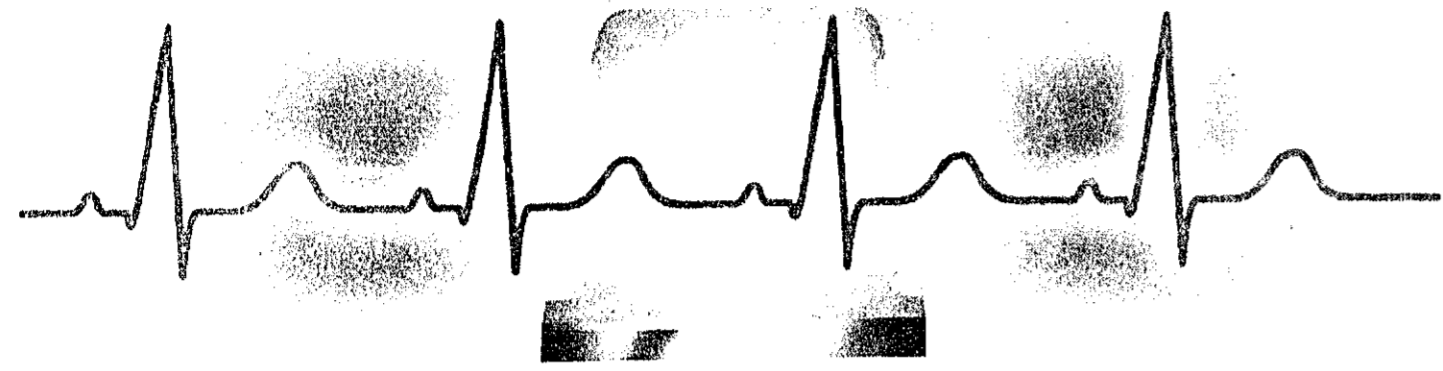
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Ways of beating season traffic

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\$750 per hour, so maybe it's just as well the temptation must be resisted.

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Fill it up with the eight to ten family members and friends, split the price and it all makes sense.

"It depends on where they live in Novi. Novi is quite big," said company owner Ed Hurrell.

"I always have it stocked with pop and all that."

Or you could opt for a 1999 Lincoln Towne car, a four-door sedan that comes in at \$30. That is Hurrell's recommendation for the holiday gridlock.

"A Lincoln Towne car is easier to maneuver in traffic. But there's no TV. It's not going to take long to get there," he said.

"Hopefully traffic's not that bad." Really, it's not that terrible, McNamara insists.

"It's two weeks away from Christmas and we have a legendary shopping district. Is it a surprise to you we're busy?" he said.

He suggests not forgetting alter-

"I would advise alternative times. I've been here 22 years, I remember when traffic was backed up and my wife and I would go back at 7:30 p.m. and you could land a plane in the parking lot."

By Tim McManama

native routes, such as turning into West Oaks via Douglas Drive south of Twelve Mile, instead of Novi Road. Or taking Meadowbrook Road to Eleven Mile Road and from there into the Novi Town Center.

From the Town Center, heading for Twelve Oaks by traveling along Crescent Boulevard shortens some of the time spent on Novi Road.

Entering and exiting the freeway at M-5 instead of Novi Road will help. Locals can also reach Twelve Mile from Beck Road.

"M-5 is easy for a car going to the mall. There were hundreds of thousands of cars coming off the ramp on Novi Road on Saturday," McNamara said.

"We had some officers not directing traffic, they were monitoring the traffic signals to make sure they worked."

One officer was on a public address system to advise those turning off the freeway to avoid

the St. Louis Blues. Peggy Fleming's been a client, too.

If you don't want to drive to the shopping centers, but aren't ready to pop for a limousine or Lincoln, there's another alternative. Novi City Cab will take you there. The cost is \$1.50 to be picked up and \$1.80 per mile after that.

For those over 55 or who have a disability, a taxi can be arranged through the Novi Senior Center at a cost of \$2 one-way. However, parks and Recreation Special Recreation Coordinator Kathy Crawford said most Novi seniors are too savvy to head to the mall on the weekends before Christmas. They usually go shopping during the weekday.

Last weekend, the worst traffic jam came on Saturday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., McNamara said. Sunday wasn't so bad.

He proposes calling the places you want to visit to check out the holiday hours. For example, Twelve Oaks Mall is open Saturday from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., while department store J.C. Penney varies.

"I would advise alternative times. I've been here 22 years, I remember when traffic was backed up and my wife and I would go back at 7:30 p.m. and you could land a plane in the parking lot," he added.

Year's Toys for Tots drive is underway

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"Next year we are hoping to get more schools involved," she said.

Toys for Tots will be closing most of its major drop off locations today, but Yarborough said drop off locations will still be located at the SoccerZone on

Grand River Avenue, American Self Storage on Haggerty Road and Toys R Us in the West Oaks Plaza.

"It has just been a wonderful outpouring this year. I just can't express my gratitude to the community enough in words," Yarborough said.

Siemens must prove it can't wake the dead

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to the ZBA that it waive the noise analysis.

Blivous said he was overall happy about the decisions made in the meeting. He added he thought the noise analysis is just a "silly requirement" in a "silly ordinance."

"Sometimes in an ordinance, things get adopted because they sound good, but they don't work out well," he said.

Blivous said he is going to go before the ZBA to request having the noise analysis waived.

If not waived, it will cost the owner around \$2,000.

It has already cost about \$20,000 to get the necessary approvals from the city.

In the meantime, Blivous said the city is looking at the ordinance which requires the noise analysis "to make sense of it."

Collectors gather best of Christmas ornaments past

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ing, people are snapping up the decor of Christmas past more than ever, local antique dealers say.

Miraculously, the frail glass decorations survived being dropped by tiny or not-so-tiny hands. Somehow, they endured the shock when a dog or child knocked down a tree. For years, they weathered being slashed in attics during climate extremes.

At the Collins home, disaster almost struck one year, as her tree, full of valuable multi-fabrics, began to tumble under the weight.

"I grabbed it in my hands and not one got broken," she said.

Now, when she opts for a live tree, she wires it open.

Collins, who lives at Eight Mile and Taff Road in Northville, first became interested in antique ornaments over ten years ago after reading an article on the subject in "Smithsonian" magazine. In European countries such as Poland and Germany, making glass ornaments was a cottage industry before World War II.

"It's getting harder and harder to find these. People are hoarding them, they realize they're special. Years ago, they thought they were old and ugly," Collins said.

During the season, she cruises local antique stores weekly to add to the collection. Her most expensive one is a blown glass Victorian turkey, which she paid \$85 for several years ago, while her rarest may be a Victorian green-and-gold Santa Claus.

Collins doesn't have far to go in her quest. The Novi/Northville area boasts three stores well-stocked with vintage Christmas items, the Antiques Barn and Morrison's Antiques.

Nelda Morrison, owner of the Northville store that bears her

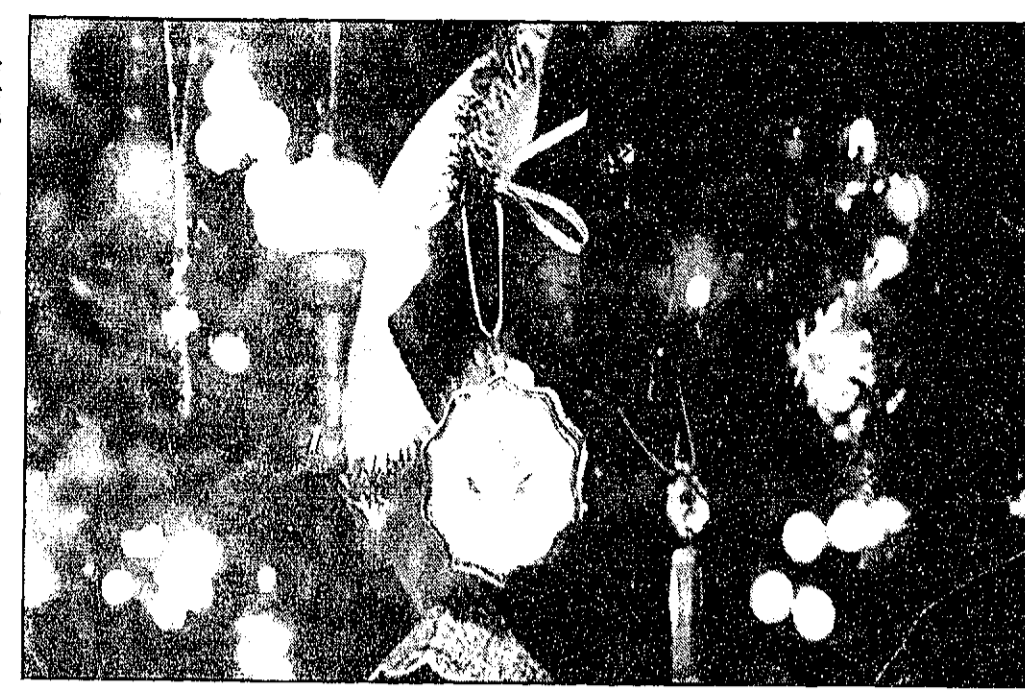


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Some of Julie Collin's best vintage Christmas ornaments.

name, has accumulated her own stash of antique ornaments over 25 years.

She said her customers prefer items from the 1950s, including Christmas candles of angels and choir boys that were once stocked in dime stores.

"If they're from the fifties, and you were a kid in the fifties, you collect them. It was amazing how many ornaments Kresge's sold. Everybody bought dime-store ornaments," she said.

"In the fifties, after the war, everyone was pro-American, they didn't want ornaments from Poland or Germany anymore."

That's when American manufacturers such as the Owens-Corning Glass Company stepped in. European-made Victorian glass ornaments have a tiny metal cap, while those made in the U.S. have a large metal cap, Morrison said.

"They were made with a smaller glass stem," she explained.

"You're not going to find an old ornament that looks neat. They're all going to be kind of flaking. They had a lot more detail."

Victorian glass ornaments also come in shapes that seem odd today, such as mushrooms and flamingos. Morrison stocks a Victorian fish for \$85 and a frog on a piece of fruit for \$55. But most of her selection is much less, for prices as low as \$2, while glass beaded decorations made in Japan in the 1930s are in the \$15 range.

Shoppers snap up spinners made in the 1950s, which are activated by the heat from the tree's lights.

Judy Ely, who owns the Antiques Barn in Novi, is also a collector, although she prefers reindeer made from celluloid, an early form of plastic, in the 1920s and

1930s. Her treasure, she said, is a celluloid Santa she inherited from her grandmother.

"He's got the details in his beard and the cuffs of his suit and the tops of his boot. The cuffs are all intricate detail. It looks like you could put your hand over it and feel fur," she said.

Very popular at the Antiques Barn are little cardboard houses for the tree made in the 1940s and 1950s, priced at under \$10. Shoppers are always looking for rare Victorian leather trees, which in a smaller size can cost as much as \$300 and for a six-foot tree could be priced at \$600. The feathers were individually wired on by hand to the branches.

Paper mache candy holders from the Victorian era, especially Santa Clauses, are desirable and expensive, too. Often, Victorian ornaments such as birds could be

clipped onto the tree, although this is a look current manufacturers are copying.

For \$95, the Antiques Barn offers a set of Victorian clip-on candle holders and candles, the option before electricity led to garlands of colorful light bulbs. Ely said people love the candles, but usually don't risk lighting them today.

"The real trick is to try to get them so they are completely straight. Many, many home fires started as a result of these candles," she said.

Collectors light up when they find a 1950s alternative, bubble lights. The bulbs were filled with liquid that percolated, resembling candlelight.

"They tried to make new bubble lights. I got a set for my tree and I took them back because they wouldn't work. If you buy a set from the fifties, they will usually work 99 percent of the time," Ely said.

Morrison wraps her own tree with strings of electrical bulbs. "You can turn off all the lights in the living room and if you turn off

the lights, it makes the room glow," she said.

If you want to enjoy holiday antiques year after year, the experts agree that they should not be stashed in the basement or attic, to avoid damage from heat and humidity.

"The trick is wrestling some of the choicest pieces from the antiques dealers."

"Every antique dealer in the world collects glass Christmas ornaments. Don't let them tell you they don't, because they all do," Morrison said.

"The other thing that's nice about collecting ornaments is you always have room for one more. A lot of things you collect, you run out of space, but on a Christmas tree, there's definitely room for one more."

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A special Christmas Eve Service will be held on Dec. 24 at 5 p.m. with "The Christmas Story" accompanied by the choir and is designed for all age groups. Childcare will be available for children three and younger.

An Adult New Year's Eve Burning Bowl is scheduled for Dec. 31 at 7 p.m.

IMMANUEL EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH will have a Christmas Eve service at 5 p.m. at Wylliam Garden Hotel, 42100 Crescent Boulevard in Novi. In addition to church services at Hickory Woods Elementary School on Novi Road between Thirteen and Fourteen Mile roads in Novi.

FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE, 21260 Hagerty Road at I-275 and Eight Mile Road in Northville, will have Family Christmas Service on Dec. 20 at 11 a.m. On Thursday, Dec. 24, a Christmas Eve Candlelight Service will be held at 6:30 p.m.

ST. JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH, 63295 Ten Mile Road in Novi, will have Christmas Eve Masses at 4 and 6:30 p.m. Masses on Christmas Day will be at 9:30 and 11:30 a.m.

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OAK POINTE CHURCH, which has regular services on Sundays at 10 a.m. at Northville High School, will have a special Christmas Eve service at 6 p.m. at the Novi Hilton.

NORTHVILLE CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY, 41355 Six Mile Road in Northville, will have a 6 p.m. and an 8 p.m. service on Dec. 24. On New Year's Eve, a service is scheduled for 6 p.m.

NEW BEGINNINGS SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST FELLOWSHIP, meets at Holy Cross Episcopal Church, 46200 Ten Mile Road in Novi, will have services on Saturdays, Dec. 19 and 26 at noon.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE, 777 West Eight Mile Road, will have four Christmas Eve worship services. A Children's Christmas Program with God's Kids will be at 4 p.m.

TERIAN CHURCH, 44000 West Ten Mile Road in Novi, will have services on Christmas Eve at 6, 8 and 11 p.m.

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ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH, 201 Elm Street in Northville, will have evening worship services at 6 and 8 p.m. with a 10 p.m. Candlelight Service on Christmas Eve.

CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY, 24505 Meadowbrook Road in Novi, will have Christmas Eve Masses at 4, 6 and 10 p.m.

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH, 39200 West Twelve Mile Road in Farmington Hills, will hold Christmas Eve worship services on Thursday, Dec. 24, at 6, 8 and 11 p.m.

CHURCH OF HOLY CROSS EPISCOPAL, 46200 West Ten Mile Road in Novi, will have Christmas Eve Masses at 4, 6 and 10 p.m.

NEW HORIZONS COMMUNITY CHURCH, will hold its annual Christmas celebration on Wednesday, Dec. 23, at 7:30 p.m.

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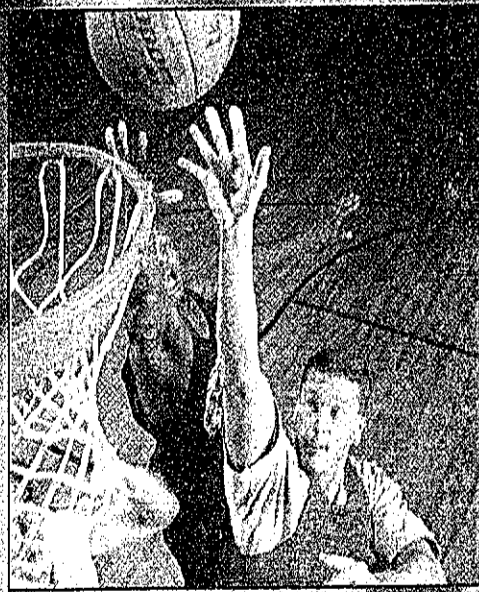
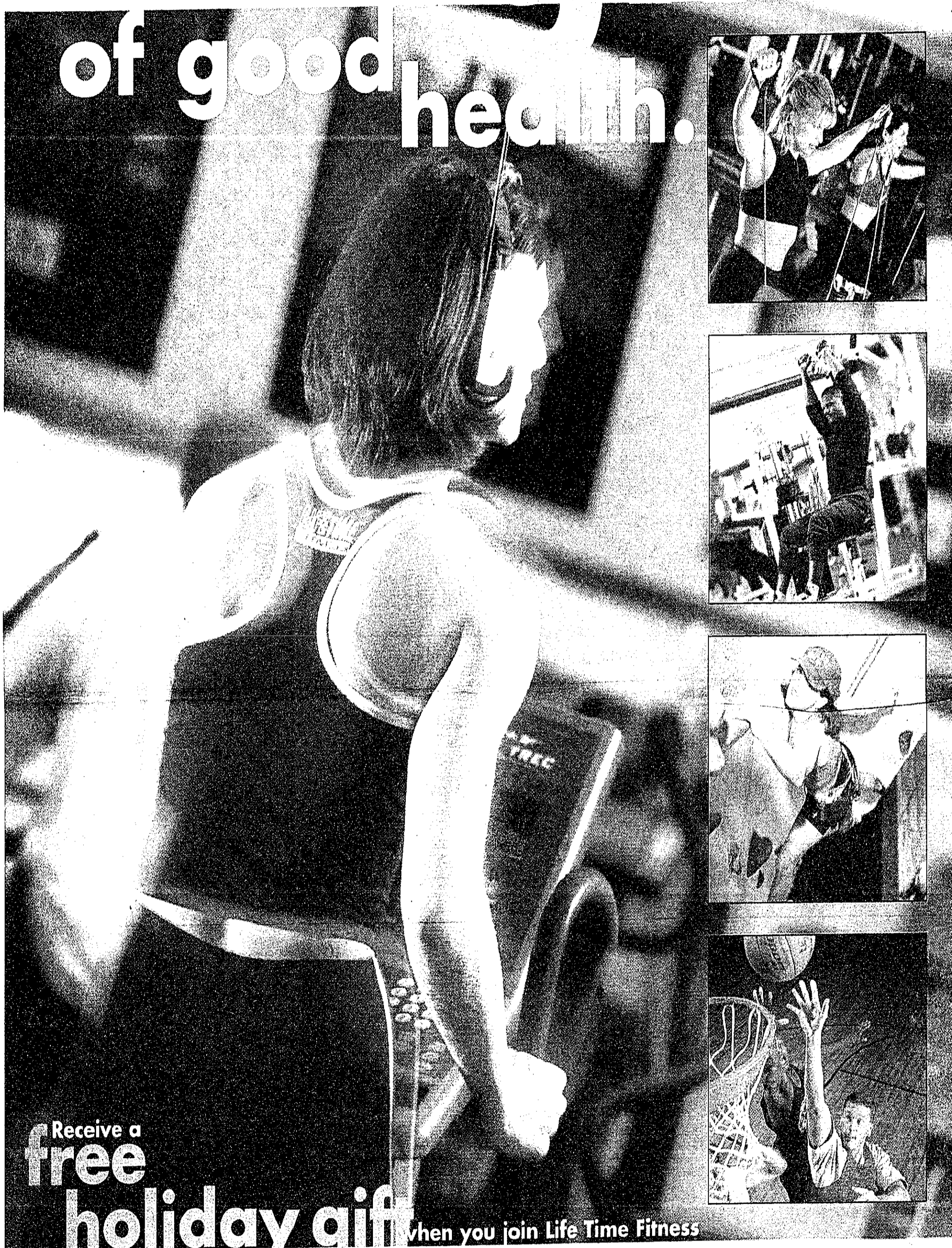
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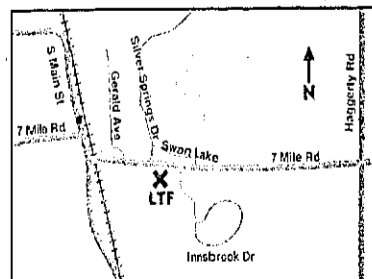


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Cook up a FRENCH HOLIDAY

By CAROL DIPPLE
Feature Editor

What does a French chef, former owner of two restaurants in Paris, serve for a holiday dinner party once settled in Novi?

Ask Dianne Cusumano and she'll tell you she's knows for sure it's going to include roast goose. One of the appetizers will be bouchées—a high, round puff pastry stuffed with seafood.

When Cusumano was making plans for Thanksgiving dinner, she discovered that her guests preferred the traditional turkey.

"Everybody wants the same thing," she said. "So I don't change things. I wanted to make a goose."

Try these hors d'oeuvres at your next gathering

To add zest to your holiday party, Dianne Cusumano suggests the following:

- Miniature cheese puffs
- Sweet prune slices wrapped in a 1/2 slice of lean bacon baked at a high temperature and skewered.
- Pate served with crackers and bread slices.
- Canapes
- French style cheese fondue served with bread slices
- Tartlets in a variety of shapes filled with mousse such as shrimp, chicken, fish or goose liver
- Melon chunks wrapped in prosciutto (Italian ham) on skewers
- Cucumbers can be cut into one inch slices, hollowed out leaving just enough on the bottom to hold salmon mousse or a variety of your favorite complimentary stuffings
- Camembert or cheese fritters

She did not buy peanuts, potato or tortilla chips to serve before dinner but instead prepared a smoke salmon with chopped onion and cream, and "blinis," small Russian pancakes traditionally served with salmon and caviar.

No matter how fancy a host or hostess may want to get with food preparation, guests may prefer what they are used to.

"I think we tend to put too much out," she said. "Appetizers do not have to be limited to bags of chips and nuts."

Try adding a new hors d'oeuvre. Select one that can be prepared ahead.

One Cusumano saw every where she went in Paris is sweet prune slices wrapped in a 1/2 slice of lean bacon baked at a high temperature and skewered.

"These are always served in Paris," she said.

There are a variety of cream fillings for pastries.

"It takes five minutes to whip up a pastry cream," she said. "You can freeze it."

Cusumano, who grew up in Farmington Hills,

moved to Paris almost 20 years ago to get married to a Frenchman she had met, leaving her boyfriend of several years behind.

Although the marriage lasted only five years, she began to study cooking which she still enjoys.

Cusumano studied cooking at La Varenne, where she also worked.

She also worked at Fauchon, a famous food store, in business export and import before opening her two restaurants.

The American style restaurants called Eggstra were listed in Gault Millau Guide which rates some of the better restaurants in France.

A surprise visitor to her restaurant was the current President of France, Jacques Chirac, who at the time was campaigning for mayor.

After five years in the restaurant business, she set



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Dianne Cusumano teaches French cooking classes including Entertaining for a Crowd, Ideas for a Dinner Party, and Classic French Hors d'oeuvres through Novi Community Education.

her sights in a new direction and did free lance work including catering, gastronomic tours, and teaching cooking classes.

Cusumano worked at the Ritz Cooking School located in the hotel which was refurbished in 1986. She became the acting director of the cooking school at the Ritz Hotel, the entrance to which was shown on television when Princess Diana left through the revolving doors on the night of the fatal car accident.

She has also attended classes at most of the different cooking schools in Paris.

"It's always nice to see the way different chefs cook," she said.

The reason for leaving France in 1996 was the previous boyfriend, according to Cusumano. With the help of a little meddling by her aunts, the two were reunited and shortly thereafter were married.

Since moving back to the states, she has been teaching French cooking classes through the community education programs in Clarkston and Novi.

Upcoming classes at Novi Community Education will include French Bistro, Sweet and Savory Crepes, Puff Pastry Made Easy, Elegant Soups and Stews, New Ways with Chicken, Entertaining for a Crowd, Ideas for a Dinner Party, and Classic French Hors d'oeuvres.

"You don't have to be a good cook to try French cooking and it is not as heavy as most people think," she said. "What I do is not intimidating at all."

Cusumano isn't sure what to do next. She has

been enjoying gardening and barbecuing for the first time after living in a highrise in Paris for two decades. She is also busy remodeling the Novi home that she and her husband, Paul, who is the manager of the Evola Music store in Canton, moved into six months ago. She knows she doesn't want to go into the restaurant business.

The difference between French and American cooking, according to Cusumano, is mainly the portions and ingredients.

"It's not quantity, it's quality," she said. "That is one of the main differences."

"French cooking is very well thought out," she said. "They like using very fresh ingredients. They take a little bit more time to prepare food than we normally do, but things are changing here."

Cusumano doesn't have a can of vegetables in her house, but prefers to buy fresh. When she needs an ingredient for one of her classes, she has been known to call around to area chefs she knows to ask them to save, say, fish bones.

"There's a certain balance in their meals, it's certainly portion controlled," she said. "If you really want to enjoy a meal you can start with appetizers, and a main dish, if the portions are correct, have a dessert. Here I've found that there's just too much food."

For more information about the French Cooking Classes or to register, call the Novi Community Education Department at (248) 449-1206.

Local etiquette consultant gives tips on entertaining

The holiday season, along with the parties, reunions, and get-togethers, are upon us.

It is only natural for hosts and hostesses to succumb to last-minute jitters. To minimize your stress, which your guests will detect, making it hard for them to relax, etiquette consultant Margit Erickson offers the following advice:

- Invite guests who are compatible and compliment each other, such as some who are good listeners and some who are good talkers.
- Plan a menu that is not only delicious and nutritious, but is colorful and appetizing as well.
- Set the dining table the night before and cover with a large bed-sheet.
- Place a drop of cologne on each light bulb an hour before you turn on the lights.
- Make sure your house is well-lit and the address is visible for those who are coming to your home for the first time. Maps or directions to where you live can be included with your invitations.
- As a host/hostess, it is your responsibility to greet your guests at the door. Do not expect your other guests to assume this duty. Welcome your guests with a smile and a handshake or friendly hug.
- Greet guests fully dressed—no stocking feet, no curlers, no tie untied.
- If you have young children who are allowed to stay up for the party, take them to the door with you so they can learn how to greet guests by watching you.
- Help your guests remove their coats. For a large party, the coats and wraps can be placed on a bed in a guest room. If children are present, they can be assigned the coat carrying responsibility. If the weather is snowy and boots are required, have a small rug or waterproof mat near the door.

If a guest is unfamiliar to the group, it is your responsibility to introduce him to others. A new guest should not be left by himself to wander about the room without knowing anyone.

Along with the obvious soap and towels in your powder room, it is thoughtful to provide your guests with other items that may be needed. On a small tray, place hand lotion, tissues, safety pins, a trial size bottle of aspirin, a stack of small paper drinking cups, a couple of mini lake-it-with-you combs and a hand mirror. A festive, lighted, scented candle somewhere on the counter or on a shelf adds a glowing touch.

Background music should be soft and subtle and not a deterrent to good conversation.

Candles are used on dining tables

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Dr. Quida Cash, shown here with Zeke, received the 1998 Women of Achievement Award from the YWCA of Western Wayne County.

CEO is recipient of YWCA award

By CAROL DIPPLE
Feature Editor

And the winner is ... Northville resident Dr. Quida Cash.

Cash was the recipient of the 1998 Women of Achievement Award in the Professional category from the YWCA of Western Wayne County at the seventh annual awards luncheon held in November at the Fairlane Club in Dearborn.

"It was very nice," said Cash. "It was one of those times when you get a chance to pause and think of your accomplishments."

Cash is the chief executive officer of Starfish Family Services, which is based in Inkster. Starfish was created in July when Youth Living Centers and Northwestern Community Services merged. Cash had served as CEO of Youth Living Centers for 13 years prior to the merger.

Under her leadership, Youth Living Centers was named Best Managed Non-profit by Crain's Detroit Business in 1996. One of the agency's programs, Stay Safe, was honored as Innovative Program of the Year by the Michigan Federation of Private Child and Family Agencies.

Cash and her husband, Ken Barnhill, chose to move to Northville eight years

"It is a nice thing to have all the women who are doing things in the community getting together."

—Dr. Quida Cash

ago because of its location between both their jobs. The couple has a son, Ken Barnhill, Jr. who lives with his wife Liz in Illinois, two grandchildren with one on the way. They also have a very active eight year old English Springer Spaniel, Zeke.

"It was everything we wanted and we got the community with it," she said. Keynote speaker at the awards luncheon was Aj D Jemison, general manager of the Fairlane Town Center.

Nominees were women who have demonstrated qualities of outstanding leadership and excellence in their professional and personal lives. Nominations were accepted in six categories: Arts/Communications; Business/Industry; Government/Law; Professions; Volunteer Service; or Young Woman.

Northville resident Jennifer Mulhern Granholm received the Women of Achievement Award in Government and

Law in 1996. Angela DeAngelis, a 1991 graduate of Novi High School, received the award in the Young Woman category in 1995.

The luncheon is the primary fund raiser of the YWCA of Western Wayne County. The proceeds help support various programs offered by the YWCA with major emphasis on Children and Youth in Crisis; Teen Pregnancy and Parenting; Successful Child Development; Women's Health Empowerment and Positive Use of Leisure Time.

"It is a nice thing to have all the women who are doing things in the community getting together," Cash said.

Cash is the past president of the Child and Youth Initiative of Detroit-Wayne County and of the Michigan Network of Runaway and Youth Services. She is also a member of Leadership Detroit XIV, a facilitator for Leadership Detroit orientation classes, a board member of the Michigan Psychoanalytic Foundation and a member of Oakwood Healthcare Systems Corporate Foundations Board.

Cash was the recipient of a Spirit of Detroit award and was one of 30 women selected by the Michigan Women's Commission to receive the "30 Years-30 Women" award for outstanding service to women and families.

Novi Seniors schedule a Christmas luncheon

By JEANNE CLARKE
Special Writer

All seniors involved in the Pen Pal program at the Novi Senior Center are reminded to have their greetings, cards, etc. at the center for delivery before Dec. 21 - school vacation starts Dec. 22.

Over 120 seniors attended the annual Rotary Christmas party which was held at Novi Middle School. Transportation from the center to the school was provided by a school bus.

The long-awaited Silver Belles and Beans recently gave two performances at the center. A few days later, they appeared at the Milford Senior Center and on Dec. 17, a part of the group entertained at Whitehall Health Center.

A reminder that the center will be closed on Dec. 24 and 25 and Dec. 31 and Jan. 1.

There will not be a monthly dance on Dec. 22 due to the holidays, however, the dances will continue on Jan. 26, from 1-3 p.m. with music by the Satin Sounds.

The Jingle Bell Jubilee luncheon will be held on Friday, Dec. 18, with musical entertainment provided by Mrs. Havelka's first grade class at Novi Woods Elementary.

Advance reservations are required; there will be no walk-ins. When in the center, be sure to check the brochure rack and sign up for any programs in which you are interested. For information, call 347-0400.

The Novi Needlers have been

busy working on a project that coincides with the elementary schools reading "Abigail's Quilt Story." The Needlers have met at the center where they have made miniature quilts for each school. These quilts were presented to each school at the time the children were reading the quilt story.

The quilters were invited to Novi Woods, where they were given a beautiful quilt made by the children. There were colored pictures in each individual block making a quilt of 6 inches by 10 inches of paper products. This "thank you" from the children will be on display at the Civic Center this week.

NOVI PUBLIC LIBRARY

A special holiday bulletin board of family activities in Novi and the surrounding areas during this holiday season is available in the children's section of the library. Also offered are holiday paper projects, local and foreign recipes, which prove to be both interesting and fun. The holiday bulletin board also offers direction in crafts - how to make a snowman from a sock, etc.

A large display entitled "Dan's Hot Wheel Collection" appears in one of the showcases, and in the other, a display of Ashanti's Hard-ear's "Traveling Teddy Bears." Language Elementary provided the bear who has traveled to: San Juan, New York City, Las Vegas, Mexico, Singapore, Ohio, Jamaica, etc.

Church Notes

NEW HORIZON COMMUNITY CHURCH, meets in Novi Civic Center, 45175 Ten Mile Road in Novi. Sunday services are held at 10 a.m.

They will hold their annual Christmas celebration on Wednesday, Dec. 23, at 7:30 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center. The event will feature Christmas music, a contemporary 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 (248) 344-1775.

At **FAITH COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**, 44400 West Ten Mile Road in Novi, the children and youth will present the Christmas musical "The Lamb's Tale" on Sunday, Dec. 20, at 5 p.m. The musical/drama, directed by Elaine Wroe, is about a little shepherd boy who tries to decide what he wants to be when he grows up. In Zeke's

Novi Highlights

Registration for Storytime scheduled for Jan. 11, Feb. 26 will continue through Dec. 26. As usual, place your registration in the lottery box and when the lottery closes, forms will be drawn one at a time until classes are filled. Priority is given to Novi residents. During this session, no classes will be held the week of Feb. 14 due to school winter break. Available is a brochure outlining classes that start with "The Two of Us," "Three Company," and "On My Own."

A program, free-of-charge, entitled "Families on the Information Superhighway" - Traveling Safely on the Internet will be offered starting Jan. 13, from 4-5 p.m. The first session for children age 8-12 will be "Kids Online: Searching, Safety and Sites." A class for parents will be held on Jan. 14, from 7-8 p.m. entitled "Tools and Tips for Parents"; all age groups are welcome to attend the Jan. 16 session, from 10:30-11:30 a.m. entitled "An Introduction to the Internet."

For information and to register, please call 349-0720. Registration is also available at the reception desk.

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

The season of Advent has been

recognized in Sunday morning services, with the remaining one, "Pronouncement of the Promise: What About Joseph?" being presented this Sunday. Also, special services on Wednesday evenings have been conducted, starting with 6:30 soup suppers followed by "Holding Evening Prayer" worship service.

Three services will be offered on Christmas Eve: at 6 p.m., a "family-friendly" service of children's vocal and bell choirs, special children's message, Holy Communion, and candle lighting; 8 p.m., a second "family-friendly" service offered with the adult choir, special children's message, Holy Communion, and candle lighting; the 11 p.m. service will include a choir, Holy Communion, and candle lighting.

There will be a 10 a.m. Christmas day service of carols, lessons and Holy Communion. Church groups have been busy this month with special parties. The senior high group offered their talents and helped the "Kids of the Kingdom" make presents for their parents. It also was an evening of games and fun. The Junior and Senior High groups recently shared cookies and caroling with the shut-in members of Hope Lutheran. The Prime Timers will be going to a concert presented by

Farmington Community Chorus followed by dessert at a local restaurant.

Held last Sunday was a Sunday School Christmas pageant starting the preschool through fifth grade group. The Women's Christmas dinner was held the following day, with a Vesper service in the sanctuary followed by dinner and the revealing of one's secret pal.

The Mom's and Tot's holiday plans included a cookie exchange at their party. Church family adults had an evening of fun, food and fellowship at their annual Christmas party held at Westarres Club House.

"Women to Women" and "Hope Singles" along with a few other groups are taking time off for the holidays and will resume in January.

NOVI JAYCEES

December is one of the busiest months of the year for the Jaycees and their families. They do many things to make a better Christmas for families who could use some hope and joy during this season. They are busy finishing their plans in providing a special Christmas for 40 families.

The Jaycees will be in the conference room at the Novi Ice Arena on Friday, Dec. 18 at 7 p.m., sorting food, wrapping gifts and making that last minute shopping trip. Help may be needed in picking up canned food items from schools, shopping for perishable foods, etc.

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

Advice to make holiday parties less stressful

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only after dark. They are lit just before the guests are seated at the table and left lit until the meal is over and the table is cleared. Use a snuffer to extinguish the flame - blowing on a lit candle can spew wax on the tablecloth.

If there will be more than eight diners at the table, it is a good idea for the host to determine ahead of time where people should sit - it not only saves time but last minute confusion and decision-making as well. Place cards, either hand-made or store-bought, can be set out each place setting to minimize confusion. Male guests of honor are seated at the right of the hostess while female guests of honor sit to the right of the host.

After everyone is seated but before dinner is served, it adds a gracious touch to the beginning of the meal for the host to offer a welcome toast to his guests.

It is the host's responsibility to monitor the flow of conversation at the dining table. If he feels a disagreement or a quarrel is forthcoming, it is his duty to steer the conversation in another direction.

If games or other entertainment are planned for after dinner, wait a few minutes after the meal to allow guests to relax, stretch their legs, and have a few moments of conversation.

If a guest indicates it is time for him to leave, do not try to persuade him to stay any longer than he wishes.

Walk a departing guest to the door, help him on with his coat, shake his hand and say something like "We're so glad you were able to share this evening with us. We enjoyed your company." Do not linger with long good-byes, you need to get back to your other guests.

Margit Erickson is a Novi resident and has been an etiquette consultant for over ten years. She received training in Boston and Washington, D.C. and teaches classes to both children and adults. Her television show "The Elegant Life" can be seen on Channel 12 and features, along with good manners, topics such as travel, wardrobe, and entertaining. To reach her, call (248) 471-6170.

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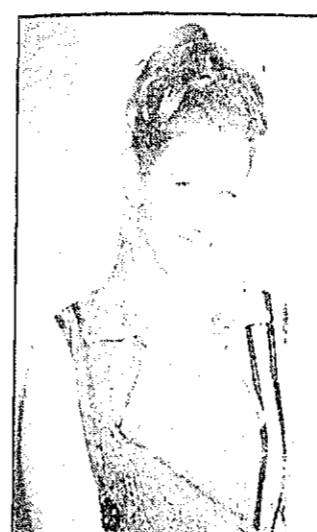
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Roxanne Warner

ROXANNE WARNER, a 1997 graduate of Novi High School, has completed her training in cosmetology at the David Presley Professional School of Cosmetology in Royal Oak. Before completing this 1,500-hour course, she competed in a National Student Hair Styling Competition held in Virginia Beach, Va. which was sponsored by the International Showcase Beauty Show. The event was a "Student Evening Styling Competition." Roxanne placed second and received a trophy and cash prize. Roxanne received additional personal training in preparation for this competition from the David Presley school and Raphael International Salon.

School News

COOKE MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

The Cooke PISA met on Dec. 3.

The devoted teachers are having their annual holiday blanket drive. Students are asked to bring in a new or used blanket. These blankets will be donated to the homeless.

Ensemble and Men's Chorus sang for a Choral Festival at the Novi Town Center on Dec. 1. Women's Chorus will sing holiday music for the "All Aboard" Tree Lighting Ceremony.

In Foreign Language, the eighth graders are finishing up a Hotel unit and will learn more about shopping and clothing. Seventh graders are learning about classroom objects. The sixth grade French students are learning colors. All classes will be talking about Holiday Festivities in the culture they are studying. Students in 6C continue to work on their Service Learning Project. They are writing letters to embassies for information about their individually assigned country. The 7A team has finished their second Little Caesar fund raiser. A portion of the proceeds will go toward Christmas gifts for a young girl in foster care. Classes have recently completed essays in English and American History classes for the VEV essay contest. Student Council exchange took place last month.

This was a time for students to exchange ideas on activities and fund raising. Student Council is sponsoring a hot and nutritious donation for Wolverine Human Services. They are asking that donations be appropriate for middle school aged children. A voluntary DARE program will begin in January. A tier for sixth grade students interested in attending the program will be distributed. Make a Difference activities can be previewed on our web site in the form of a slide show. We are hoping to present a program on Diversity Training.

Small group tours of new Cooke families will begin Jan. 11. Winter break is Dec. 19-Jan. 3. Adam Jones, a former Cooke student has donated an American flag to Cooke. This flag was flown over the capitol in Washington D.C. on Nov. 11 at Joe Krollenberg's request in honor of Cooke School. The flag will be used during special Cooke events. High school information night will be Feb. 25. Dwight Stever and Mary Kay Pryce have been nominated for the WDWV Teacher of the Year award.

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Engagements



Matthew LeSage/Laurie Borrusch



Bonita Morrow/Christopher Trush

Ronald J. and Kristine M. Orselli of Novi announce the engagement of her son, Matthew Scott LeSage, to Laurie Marie Borrusch, daughter of James C. and Sharon L. Borrusch of Garden City.

The bride-elect is a 1993 graduate of Garden City High School. She graduated in 1997 from Eastern Michigan University and is currently employed at Ford Motor Credit Co.

The groom-elect is a 1993 graduate of John Glenn High School. He graduated this year from Eastern Michigan University and is currently employed at the National Bank of Detroit.

A wedding is planned for October 1999.

Bonita Lynn Morrow and Christopher Joseph Trush, both of Novi, are planning a January wedding at St. Martha's Catholic Church in Dearborn.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of David Roman and Raymond Mason and the late Carol Mason, former city council member. Her fiancé is the son of Nicholas and Suzanne Trush of Lake Orion.

The bride-to-be received a bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan and a master of business administration degree from Wayne State University. She is a media buyer at Valassis Communications in Livonia. Her fiancé received a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from GMU in Flint. He is employed as a mechanical engineer at General Motors.

Reunions

WESTERN HIGH SCHOOL OF DETROIT: Class of 1949, 50-year reunion, Oct. 3, 12:30 p.m. at Dearborn Inn. For reservations or information, call George at (313) 274-3214.

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On Campus

JANET KLEBAN, a Hope College sophomore from Novi, performed in the college's November student choreographed dance concert staged by Hope's department of dance.

Kleban was one of five students who danced in "For My Sisters." She has also participated in the Norker Cup contest, a traditional event in which members of the freshman and sophomore classes at Hope compete in song, oration and theatrical productions.

Kleban is the daughter of Walter and Carolyn Kleban of Novi and a 1997 graduate of Novi High School.

The following Novi students at Michigan State University earned a 3.5 or better grade point average for summer semester '98: **JANET J. ELWART**, junior, general business administration; **DANIEL JOHN FITZPATRICK**, junior, accounting; and **VICTORIA LYNN GREENBERG**, senior, introductory study social science-health study.

Baker College in Flint has announced that **IAN McQUADE** of Auburn Hills, formerly of Novi, will receive a bachelor's degree in business administration on Friday, Dec. 18.

Named to the degree candidates list for summer semester '98 at Michigan State University are the following Novi students: **MARK M. FANTINO**, bachelor's degree in chemical engineering; **ELIZABETH COLLEEN GATWARD**, bachelor's, merchandising management.

Wreaths awarded ribbons at fund raiser

Northville residents received ribbons for their submissions to the Festival of Trees fund raiser for Children's Hospital of Michigan.

The Able of Wreaths at the fund raiser for Children's Hospital of Michigan included more than 100 wreaths.

The Country Garden Club of Northville received a Silver Ribbon for the wreath made by their club members and first-time wreath creators, Kate Daniel and Patti Warmington.

The wreath, which raised \$300 for Children's Hospital, had a harvest theme and included pears, pomegranates, grapes, and pods.

"It's just chock-full of stuff," said Daniel.

Maureen Osborne, Northville resident and longtime supporter of Children's Hospital of Michigan, received a gold ribbon in the Decorative Division for her wreath at the fund raiser which was held in November at Cobo Center in Detroit. Last year's Festival of Trees raised \$640,000 for the hospital.

Osborne's grapevine wreath featured small purple doves nesting, berries and natural leaves. The former chairperson of the Festival of Trees fund raiser also decorated a tree which complemented the wreath.



Patti Warmington, left, and Kate Daniel of the Country Garden Club of Northville created the wreath which was donated to the Festival of Trees fund raiser.



Maureen Osborne's grapevine wreath received a gold ribbon at the Festival of Trees event.

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Novi spikers set to make a run at favored Bulldogs

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

If experience includes learning from your mistakes and shuttling runs, then Novi's short run in last year's district volleyball tournament should give the team something to feed off for the 1998 campaign.

Novi finished last year with a 19-12-9 record, but was ousted by Livonia Churchill 5-15, 12-5 in the first round of district play. The Wildcats lost five seniors from that team, but return six with ample playing experience.

"You can't say we've got a young team, because we have a lot of experience back this year," coach Julie Fisette said. "It's been quite a few years since we've had as many seniors come up with AAU experience that they have stuck with."

Five seniors and one junior return with varsity experience and five more juniors and a sophomore move up from the junior varsity team.

With good, but not great height, and with good, but not great team speed, Novi will once again rely on the versatility of its athletes. Novi senior co-captains Jenny Corless and Emily Ernst are indicative of the point Fisette made.

"Jenny is everything," the coach said. "She's so versatile that she can play anywhere I want her to play. That's why she is a key to this team."

Ernst also has the ability to hit the ball from anywhere on the court. The coach said that Ernst's serving has looked good so far this season and will be crucial.

Senior Kristen Kearney will see time at any of the front-row positions, but will probably come out in the back row.

"She's a very good hitter who can hit the backside for us," Fisette said.

Diana Fallone and Andrea Dumm are the other two returning seniors this year. Fallone will be an outside hitter, while Dumm will be sharing the setting duties with junior Christina Parish.

"Diana is going to carry a big weight on this team," the coach said. "She's one of those kids who is a big floor leader. She's very vocal on the court and she's also one of the quickest girls on the team."

"Andrea has done a good job for us so far this year. She and Christina will be very good setters as they see more time on the court."

Fisette said the team will probably run a 5-1 rotation with just one setter, but both could see time on the court if she decides to run a 6-2 set.

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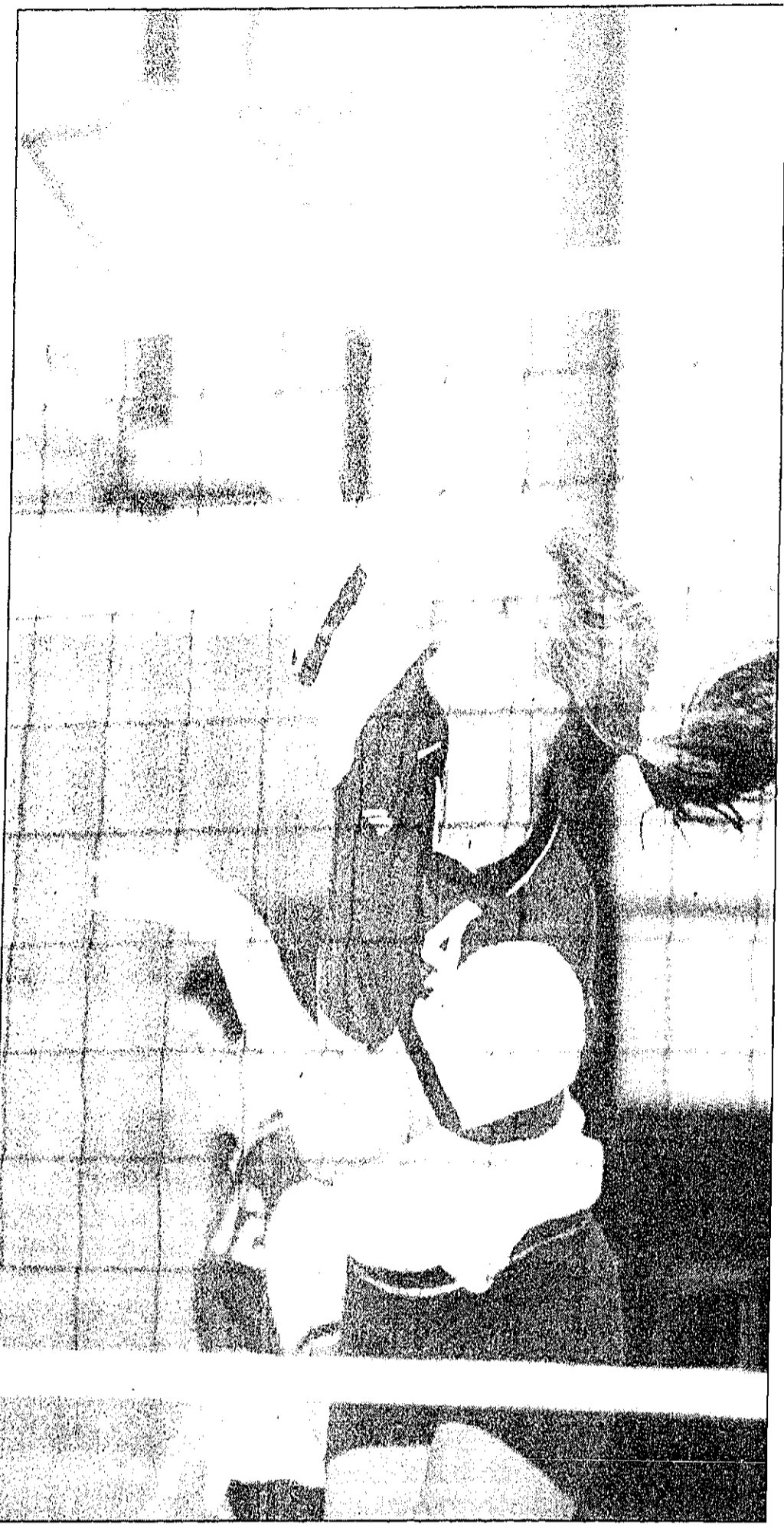


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Senior middle blocker Emily Ernst will lead a strong senior corps for coach Julie Fisette's team this year. Novi roster will consist of five seniors, six juniors and a sophomore.

1998 WILDCAT VOLLEYBALL ROSTER

Name	HT	Pos.	Grade
Sarah Clark	5-6	DS	11
Jenny Corless	5-10	OH/MB	12
Ashley Counsell	5-10	MB	11
Andrea Dumm	5-7	S	12
Emily Ernst	5-10	MB	12
Diana Fallone	5-7	OH	12
Angie Herbst	5-9	MB	11
Kristen Kearney	5-8	OH	12
Emily Major	5-7	OH	11
Kristen McGlennen	6-1	MB	11
Christina Parish	5-8	S	11
Mickie Rzepka	5-8	OH	10

Coach—Julie Fisette
Assistants—Rusty Herbst and Mike Haeusel

Kearney, McGlennen make 2nd team

Whereas HomeTown's first team was made up of bonafide stars, the second team is made up of girls who helped their teammates become bonafide stars.

The five girls that make up this team played a given role for their team. Be it the passer, the rebounder or the second scoring option, this team has one of everything.

Here's a look at HomeTown's second team, the girls who make everyone else look just that much better.

Kristen Kearney
Novi Senior
She captained the 1998 squad, which finished third in the always tough Keresington Valley Conference. The senior point guard averaged 7.1 points per game and was named to the all-conference first team.

"She was a quiet leader on the team in many ways," Novi coach Dennis Cichonski said. "She always set good examples for the players and played big in big games. She was a real steady player."

Kearney was a four-year varsity member at Novi.

Kristen McGlennen
Novi Junior
After learning the system a year ago, McGlennen stepped up and led the Wildcats with 8.1 points and 6.1 rebounds per game in 1998. At 6-foot-1, McGlennen was a stable force

down low and carried all KVC second-team honors because of it.

"She really devoted herself as the year went on and gained confidence in her ability to play with better opponents," Cichonski said.

"She's a very unselfish player and she has learned that she has to go get the ball rather than using her height to get it."

Emily Carrott
Northville Sophomore
Carrott was the ringmaster of Northville's circus act in 1998. She was second on the team in scoring with 6.5 points per game and led the team with 3.8 assists per court.

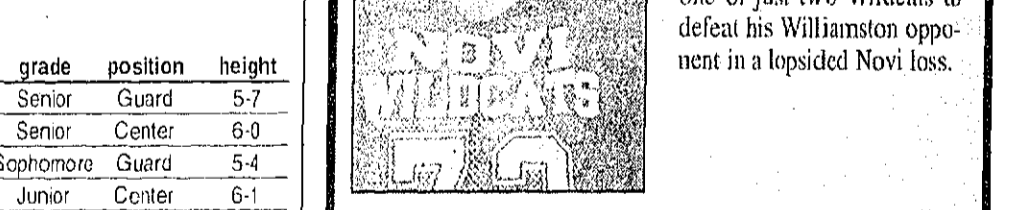
"We asked her to do everything and she did it," Northville coach Pete Wright said. "We really wouldn't have gotten where we were without Emily."

Carrott earned honorable mention Western Lakes Activities Association honors this season.

McDONALD FORD SALUTES NORTHVILLE ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Brett Faulkner - Senior

Faulkner has been nearly flawless so far this season, staking to a 7-0 record with six pins. One of his wins came against Eric Ghiacire of Oxford, who qualified for the state meet last season. The senior heavyweight was one of just two Wildcats to defeat his Williamson opponent in a lopsided Novi loss.



Dan Jilg - Junior

Another perfect wrestler for Novi, Jilg has compiled a 7-0 record this season and was the only wrestler to beat Williamson. Jilg placed fifth at the state meet last year, but this weekend will be his first Oakland County meet of his high school career. He has been injured the previous two years.

ALL AREA BASKETBALL

First Team					
name	school	grade	position	height	
Christie Schumacher	Millford	Junior	Forward	6-0	
Brooke Raiths	South Lyon	Senior	Forward	6-2	
Janel Hasse	Northville	Junior	Forward	6-0	
Dawn Houck	Lakeland	Senior	Guard	5-7	
Kelly Bendernagel	Novi	Junior	Forward	5-8	

Second Team					
name	school	grade	position	height	
Kristen Kearney	Novi	Senior	Guard	5-7	
Hayley Myers	Millford	Senior	Center	6-0	
Emily Carrott	Northville	Sophomore	Guard	5-4	
Kristen McGlennen	Novi	Junior	Center	6-1	
Julie Sanborn	Lakeland	Senior	Forward	5-8	

Honorable mention
Lakeland - Martha Digsby, Jackie Shappee
Millford - Stephanie Anderson
Northville - Meredith Hasse, Kelly Anderson, Mary Tanski
Novi - Erin Quinn, Beth Pice
South Lyon - Melanie Williams



Submitted Photo

JV Squad wins

The Novi junior varsity pom pon squad captured first place in the High Kick Division at the 1998 Mid-American Dance Team Championships Nov. 15. They scored 92.63 points out of a possible 100, with zero deductions.

Members of the junior varsity squad are Car-men Decker, Madeline DiRocco, Andrea Eberline, Marcy Golota, Jessica Hagan, Erin Holmes, Danielle Kazaks, Killary Kroll, Holly Lloyd, Erin Mellem, Dana Moore, Tricia Putvin, Stephanie Regan, Erin Reid, Sarah Sidelko, Erika Slating and Sarah Wilson.

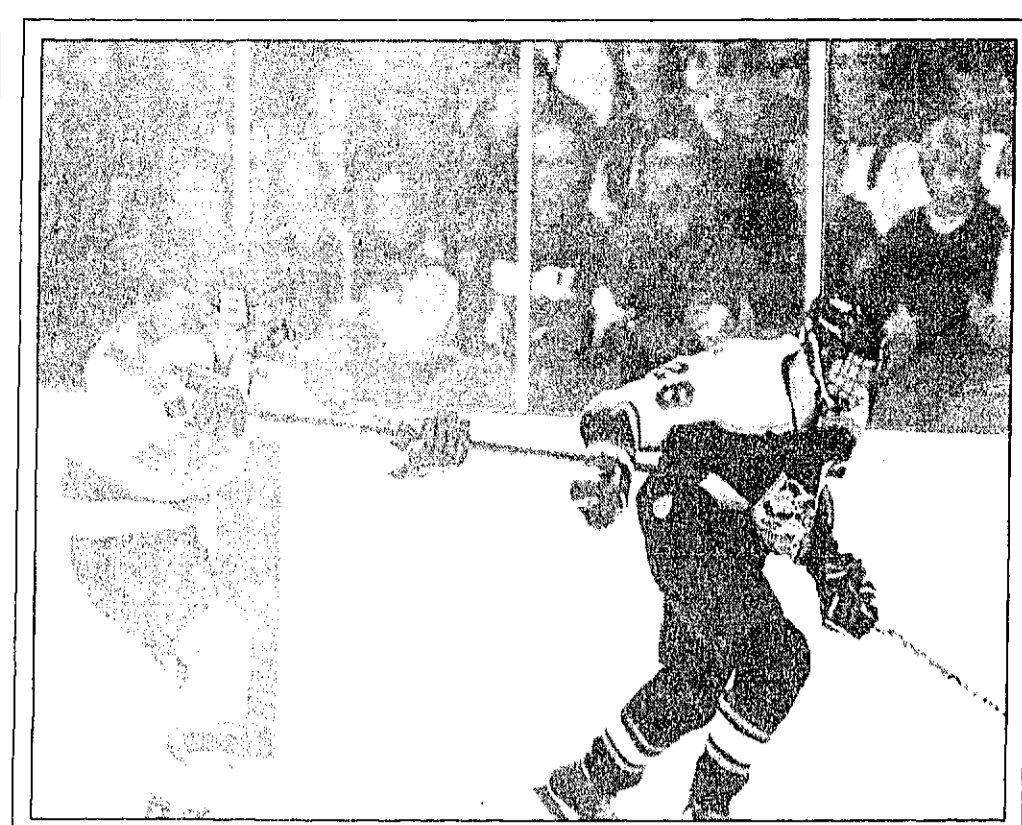


Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Wildcat's speared

The Novi hockey team again stumbled on the ice last week, dropping consecutive games to Millford (6-3) and Northville (6-1). Despite the losses, Novi still manages to draw a crowd wherever it goes. Scoring goals in the Millford game were Rob Innis (2) and Jared Genso. Captain Travis Malott (pictured above on left) assisted on all three goals. Against Northville, junior defenseman Pat Muston picked up the lone goal of the game for the 'Cats.

Grapplers fall twice, but still 5-2

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50-60 percent of his matches at least," the coach said.

Holding down the 215-pound slot is junior Craig Kreutberg. So far the first-year varsity wrestler has posted a 3-3 record.

"So far we've been getting pinned at the middle weight classes, and we've got to stop that," the coach said. "We feel we're going to have a nice year next season, but we have to be on a roll and we need to start that this year."

Hardland is the league favorite, but Novi, Howell and Millard round all pose a threat to the Eagles.

The 'Cats opened up their season last week with a tri-meet

against Ann Arbor Pioneer and Plymouth Canton. Novi topped Pioneer 51-27 before pumeling Canton 49-25.

The team then went on to host the Novi Round Robin tournament Saturday, taking third place among six teams.

Novi fell hard against Williamson 68-9, but picked up wins over Lake Orion 68-12, Oxford 41-30 and Canton 49-23.

The schedule doesn't get any easier for the Wildcats. The team travels to Oxford tomorrow and Saturday to compete at the Oakland County Tournament.



Submitted Photo

Jags win at Total Soccer

The Novi Jaguars U-11 boys soccer team won the North American Indoor Soccer Championship Division II regional tournament at Total Soccer in Wixom.

The Jags beat Farmington and Berkley and fell to Rochester in round robin play before avenging their loss in a 5-3 championship win over Rochester. The team now qualifies for the National Indoor Championships, which will be held in Wixom in March.

Members of the team are front row, left to right: Matt Simpson, Kevin Mell, John Favorite and David Carnegie. Second row: Daniel Matheny, Brett Schwarzlose, Alessandro Chimento, Hiroki Ikeda, Kyle Goodman and Brandon Carnegie. Back row: Coach Mike Stratton, Evan Onder, Hunter Robertson, Bret Coker, Andrew Stratton, Andrew Bauer and Steve Gillam.

Time for a change?

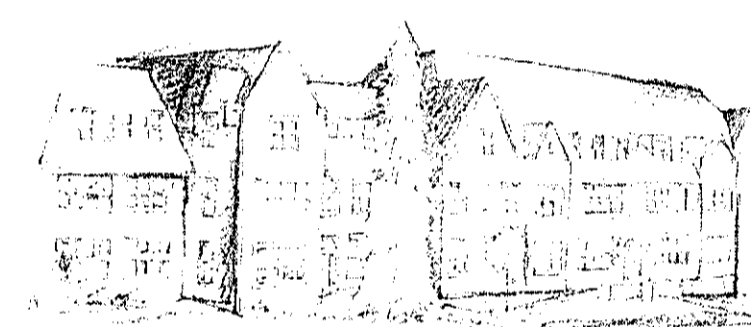
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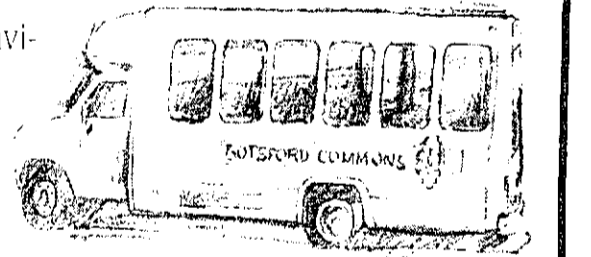
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WEST METRO COUGARS TRYOUTS

The West Metro Cougars will be holding their 14 and 15 year old AAU basketball tryouts this Saturday, December 19 at the Northville Community Center. Tryouts will be held from 4-5:30 p.m. The center is located at 303 W. Main St. in downtown Northville. Any questions, please call John Maloney at (248) 349-1122 or (248) 478-7081.

CHRISTMAS BASEBALL CAMP

Put One in the Upper Deck in Northville will be hosting its second annual Christmas Camp from Monday, Dec. 28 through Thursday, Dec. 31. There will be two age groups, 8-12 year olds and 13-16 year olds.

TEN STAR BASKETBALL CAMP

There will be instruction from professional baseball, featuring former Detroit Tiger Barbaro Carby, who played for the 1984 World Series Champions. There will be instruction in hitting, pitching, throwing mechanics, fielding and base running. For more information and to register, please call (248) 349-0008. The camp is two hours a day and the cost is \$120.

WACO WOLVESTRYOUTS

The Waco Wolves 10 and under travel baseball team is hosting indoor clinics/tryouts throughout December at the Sports Academy in Northville. For more information please contact Bill Hardin at (313) 562-4067.

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Health Column

Pediatricians have much to offer

All parents know the need for well baby check-ups when their children are born. They are generally eager for the assessment of their child's development and growth and for the suggestions and assistance of their pediatrician as each child enters a new stage. However, many parents seem to think doctors can only help them with their teens when illness strikes.

Pediatricians have much to offer the teenage patient and their family. New developmental stages are encountered in the adolescent, and many parents could use help in navigating these phases.

Knowing how to best discipline a teenager is not instinctive, but with appropriate guidance the teenage years need not be turbulent.

Some of these issues revolve around the increasing importance of friends in a teenager's life. Talking on the telephone, hanging out with friends, and group and couple dating all represent areas of potential disagreement between parents and teens.

Understanding the importance of these activities in the life and development of your teenager can help put them into proper perspective and enable the parent and teenager to negotiate decisions that the whole family can live with.

Teenagers themselves also can benefit from an ongoing relationship with a medical professional. Some questions are uncomfortable to ask of a parent, and friends often offer false information. Having a trusted outsider with accurate information can allow each teenager the ability to have open conversation on sensitive issues.

After answering any questions, I and many other physicians will encourage each patient to repeat the conversation at home, to get their par-

ents' values and opinions. Many times a visit to the physician can spark meaningful conversations about plans for their future, sexuality and individuality.

However, these conversations rarely develop out of an appointment made when the teenager is ill. At that time, the only relevant information the patient wants to hear, is when they will feel better. Often ill visits are scheduled for short time frames, and the meaningful conversations are not given enough time if they do occur.

The best way to help your teenager is to schedule a complete exam at a time when they are healthy. Let the office know you would like a longer appointment; I often give each teenage routine exam 30 minutes or more.

There are also many unique medical issues for teenagers, including the need for sport physicals and treatment of sports injuries, acne, pubertal changes and menstrual disorders. A pediatrician can provide many of these services, and in the setting of a long-term relationship can often do so without undue embarrassment or discomfort on the part of the teenager. Any full physical exam, and by law all sports physicals, need to include a genital exam for males and females. When a patient is already familiar with the doctor, this is not generally upsetting and often provides the opportunity for asking questions that would otherwise have remained silent.

By having a full physical yearly, the doctor can assure each teenager of the continued progress through puberty and the wide variety of timing that can be normal.

Other medical issues remain from the childhood years, but can represent new problems as the teenager assumes more responsibility for

their own care. This can include problems such as asthma, diabetes, juvenile arthritis and others. Other conditions change in the way they present, such as Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD) and other behavioral and mental health disorders. An ongoing relationship with a doctor can detect changes and counsel the teenager before problems arise.

Another major part of the routine, complete exam is monitoring for health risk behaviors and providing essential counseling on the avoidance of such risks. With alcohol use, smoking and sexual activity so prevalent among teenagers, a yearly visit to the physician is very important. Fortunately, teenagers rarely lie to their pediatrician about their behavior, so that often the doctor is the first adult to know of any risk behaviors. One of the most important parts of the exam is asking the appropriate questions and then calmly responding to any risks in a manner that hopefully allows the patient to see the seriousness of their own behavior. Any doctor can perform the physical, but this part of the exam requires someone with a true interest in the lives and problems of teenagers.

Ask your pediatrician if he or she likes to see teenagers, and if not ask for a referral to someone who truly does like to care for adolescents. If your adolescent has not seen a doctor lately, make an appointment today, for their continued good health.

April Joy Ping M.D. is a pediatrician at the University of Michigan, Howell Pediatrics Center. The Howell Pediatrics Center is located at 711 Byron, Howell. For further information, call (517) 548-1020.

Health Column

Bones in Motion

Individualized programs geared for people seeking to prevent osteoporosis or alleviate its effects. Learn how to exercise safely and effectively while strengthening bone mass. Nutritional counseling for osteoporosis also included. Program is conducted by an exercise physiologist and registered dietitian. Botsford Center for Health Improvement-TRACC, 39750 Grand River Ave., Novi. For more information and to register, call (248) 473-5600.

Japanese Childbirth Education Class

A registered nurse and a Japanese-speaking translator offer information on what to expect during labor and delivery. Methods to help the mother through the birth process are also presented. A \$150 fee and registration required. Botsford Center for Health Improvement-TRACC, 39750 Grand River Ave., Novi. For more information, call (248) 473-5600.

Kinetics I and II

This eight-week course offers a light fitness program for individuals who have difficulty with daily activities as a result of musculoskeletal or endurance limitations. Fees: Kinetics I, \$80; Kinetics II, \$70. Registration required. Botsford Center for Health Improvement-TRACC, 39750 Grand River Ave., Novi. For information and to register, call (248) 473-5600.

Nutritional Tune-Up

Need to get your diet in gear? How about a nutritional tune-up? Focusing on vegetarian, low-fat, low-cholesterol, prenatal nutrition, sports nutrition, weight loss, diabetic menus and more. A \$30 fee for individual consultation with a registered dietitian. Botsford Center for Health Improvement-TRACC, 39750 Grand River Ave., Novi. For information, call (248) 473-5600.

Premarital Counseling

State laws now require that couples who are applying for a marriage license receive counseling on the transmission and prevention of sexually transmitted diseases and AIDS. A physician will sign the certificate required. Meets from 7-8:30 p.m.: \$25 fee/couple and registration required. Botsford Center for Health Improvement-TRACC, 39750 Grand River Ave., Novi. For more information, call (313) 537-1110.

Sibling: It's My Baby, Too

Children (ages 3-6) learn about their new baby sibling through videotapes, coloring books and role play. Classes offered monthly: \$10 fee and preregistration required. Botsford's Health Development Network, 39750 Grand River Ave., Novi. For more information and to register, call (248) 473-5600.

Walking Clubs

Botsford General Hospital sponsors two free walking clubs. Laurel Park Mall (Six Mile and Newburg roads) available at 8 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Saturday, and 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday. Free blood pressure provided by Botsford for walkers on the fourth Monday of every month, 8-10 a.m. Livonia Mall (Seven Mile and Middlebelt roads) beginning 7:30 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Saturday, and 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday. Free blood pressure checks provided by Botsford for Walkers on

the third Wednesday of every month from 8-10 a.m. For more information, call Botsford's Health Development Network at (248) 473-6100.

Weight on the Run

Learn about effective, safe exercise and nutritious eating. Conducted by an exercise physiologist and a registered dietitian, this 12-week program starts with a fitness assessment and nutritional consultation, followed by three weekly monitored workouts and additional nutrition counseling. Botsford Center for Health Improvement-TRACC, 39750 Grand River Ave., Novi. For more information and to register, call (248) 473-5600.

Hot Flash Study

Women who suffer from multiple daily hot flashes associated with menopause are being sought to participate in a nationwide study to assess the safety and effectiveness of an investigational hormone replacement skin patch to treat hot flashes. Women may be eligible if they are between the ages of 45 and 65, have not had a menstrual period in six months, or a hysterectomy. For more information, call 493-6580.

Well Child Clinic

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

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

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Referral service

Are you new to the community? Do you need to find a doctor and can't determine the best way to start your search?

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The service is free of charge and can be reached by calling 1-800-968-5595.

The staff of Physician Referral Services can help locate physicians by specialty or location, finding an office close to your home or work. They can even match individuals with physicians who participate in particular insurance plans. Callers can also receive information on support groups, health education classes and lectures.

Prostate Cancer Meeting

These meetings are held at 6:30 p.m. on the last Thursday of each month at the Brass Pointe Restaurant in Farmington Hills. For information call (248) 424-5543.

Body Fat Analysis

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Baby Beepers

Monthly beeper rentals available. Stay in touch with your labor partner. Call (248) 424-3332 for information and fee.

Managing Your Blood Pressure

Free blood pressure checks, open to the public, are being held in the emergency room of Providence Medical Center-Providence Park in Novi, Monday-Friday, from 9-11 a.m. No appointment necessary.

Weight on the Run

Conducted by an exercise physiologist and a nutritionist, this 12-week program starts with a fitness assessment and nutritional consultation, followed by three weekly monitored workouts and weekly nutritional support.

Day and evening classes available. A \$300 fee includes enrollment in the class "ABC of Weight Loss." Botsford Center for Health Improvement-TRACC, 39750 Grand River Ave., Novi.

For more information and to register, call (248) 473-5600.

Childbirth Education

A six-week series designed to prepare the pregnant woman and her support person for the birth experience is being offered at Providence Medical Centers throughout Oakland and Wayne counties. A tour of the birthing area is included. Childbirth refresher and Caesarean birth classes are also offered.

Cost: \$65. For more information or to register, call 1-800-968-5595.

Diabetes Education

A comprehensive program which includes self-monitoring of blood glucose, diet and meal planning, disease management with exercise, potential complications of the disease, and presentations by a pharmacist and a podiatrist.

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.

Martial Arts for Special Children

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To obtain a copy of the RFQ, contact our offices at (248) 208-2270. Deadline for completed RFQ's is 5:00 p.m., January 15, 1999.

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