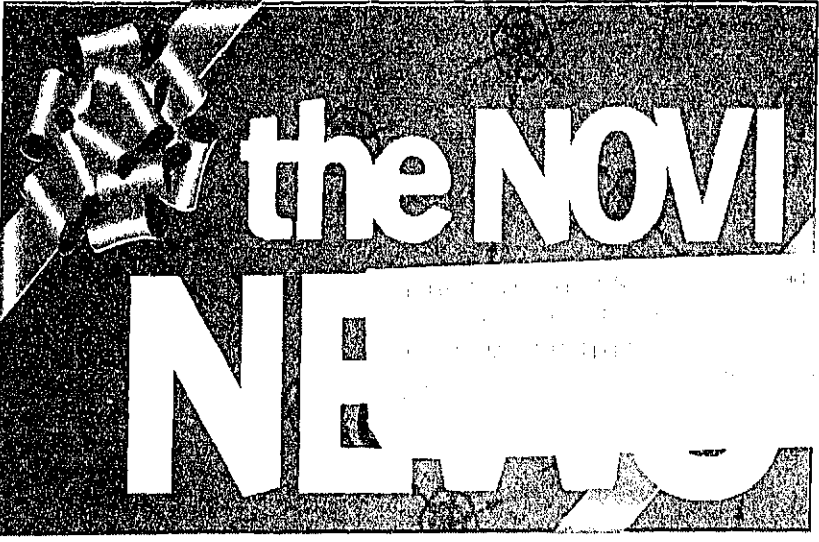


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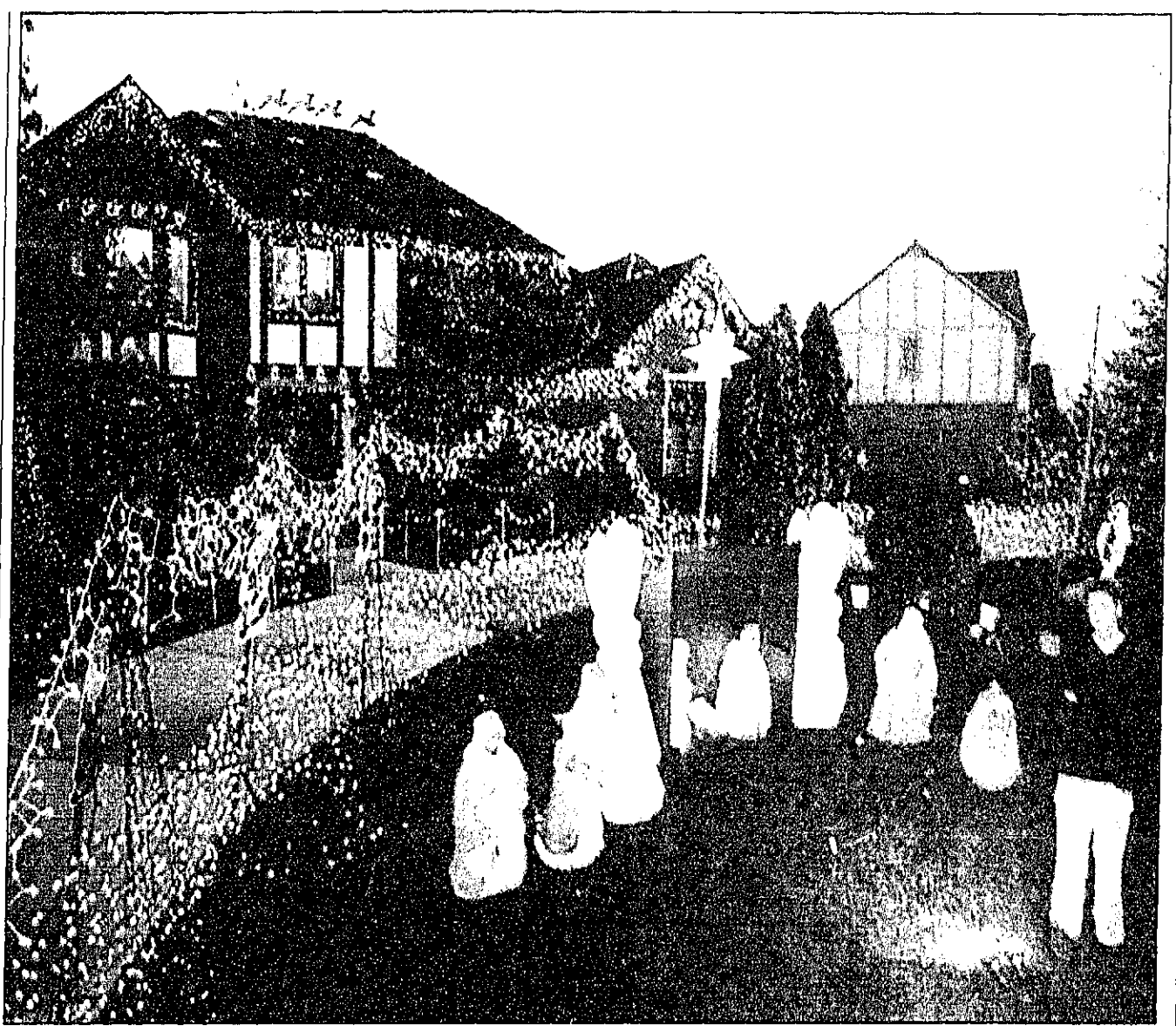
Novi district shows new school plan

By JEREMY MCBAIN
 Staff Writer

Plans for a new elementary school were unveiled Thursday at the Novi School Board's meeting. Funding for the \$12.5 million elementary school near the intersection of Eleven Mile and Wixom roads, was approved by voters in a school bond election last March. Randy Sprunger, architect for the project, said the new elementary school is scheduled to open in the Fall of 2000 and will hold 500 students. He said the design of the school incorporates some of the best learning techniques in elementary school teaching. Elementary school teachers were used in the design process of the project. Jim Koster, assistant superintendent for business and operations, said the teachers were brought in to design a teaching philosophy and curriculum for the school. He said the architects took those concepts and designed the school around them. Sprunger said the building is also incorporating the surrounding wetlands into the educational environment. Patricia Miley, wetlands and woodlands consultant for the project, said some of the techniques that are used to bring the stu-

dents closer to the wetland and woodland environment include animal tracks embedded in the concrete path circling the school, a courtyard with a large flower sculpture that sprinkles water, a pond with a stream and a flock of bird statues that begin in the building and seem to fly through a window where they are shown landing in the pond. Additionally, the project's architects said they will work with a local artist to paint a large scale diorama in the school lobby that incorporates this "natural" emphasis. Cost estimates for these features were unavailable for this story. Jim Koster, assistant superintendent for business and operations said the estimates will be ready in late January. Miley added, while the site is incorporating its woodland and wetland surroundings, the natural surroundings of the site are also being protected and in some cases enhanced. She said the wetlands at the site will not be harmed and there is no danger they will flood enough to touch the school. "The closest the building comes to the wetland is 25 feet," she

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John Kohl, a Novi High junior, stands before his Christmas creation, featuring 50,000 lights, in the Deerbrook Subdivision.

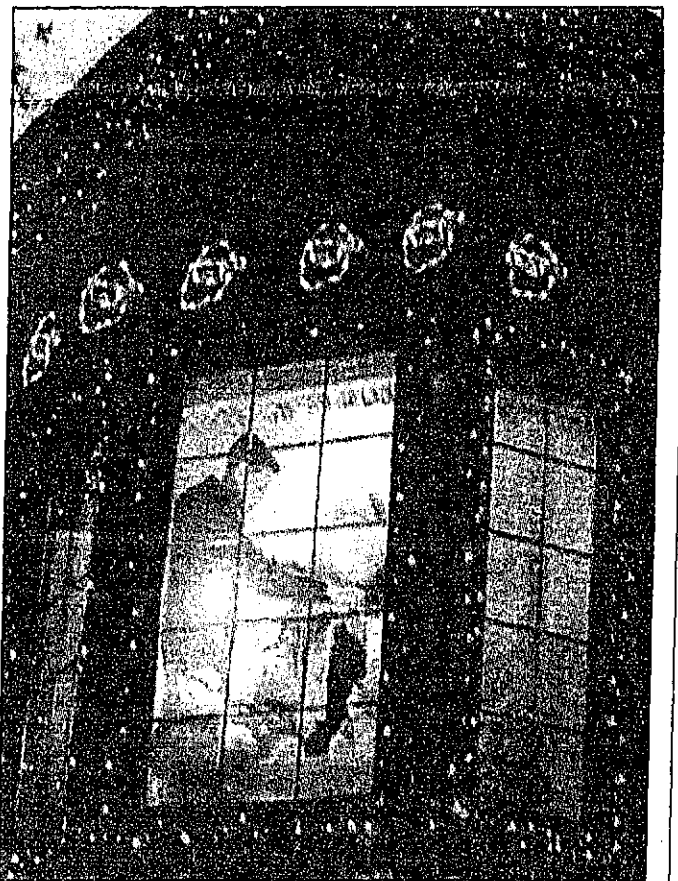
They light up our lives

City names winners of annual decorating contest

By JAN JEFFRES
 Staff Writer

When it came to the Holiday Light Decorating Contest, we decided we were going to interview somebody different this year, spread the fame around. Then, Novi resident Bob Jackson said don't miss Antler Drive in Deerbrook - it's too spectacular. This is the street for seasonal drive-by gawking. Contest winner Gary Vartanian, an Antler Drive homeowner, was contacted. And Vartanian said, yes, his house looks great, but don't photograph his place, go to the Kohl residence, it's even more spectacular. John Kohl, 16, takes charge of his parents' yard each year and turns it into a winter wonderland. "The thing is, it's not gaudy. It's well done," Vartanian explained. So here The Novi News is for the second year in a row, featuring John Kohl, Novi's own teenage Spirit of Christmas. New in 1998, he added 150 more strands of

lights. He estimates that he may have as many as 50,000 lights out there and his family's Detroit Edison is up by \$500 a month during the holiday season. Plus, the generator's running, but luckily, gas prices are low this season. "We have our generator maxxed out, plus all other circuits. The generator takes five gallons of gas a night," Kohl said. In June, he began planning his masterpiece for this year. For two months in advance, he and some friends are out there stringing lights and putting up holiday figures, which include Santa and a nativity set. "It was fun. We were out working and had music playing," he said. This season hasn't been an easy year for those who decorate their yards. High winds have torn down decorations. Kohl had eight reindeer on a pole taking off over his rooftop, but those were blown off. Even worse, because of the warm weather, destruction by the



Continued on 6 John Kohl puts finishing touches on his Santa display.

Churches plan for Christmas 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.
 For more information, call (248) 349-0565.
Church of Today West, which meets at Meadowbrook Elementary School, 29200 Meadowbrook Road in Novi, will have a special Christmas Eve Service to 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 Burn-

ing Bowl is scheduled for Dec. 31 at 7 p.m.
 For further information, call (248) 449-8900.
Immanuel Evangelical Presbyterian Church will have a Christmas Eve service at 5 p.m. at Wyndham Garden Hotel, 42100 Crescent Boulevard in Novi.
 Immanuel normally worships at Hickory Woods Elementary School on Novi Road between Thirteen and Fourteen Mile roads in Novi.
 For more information, call (248) 374-5990.
First Church of the Nazarene, 21260 Haggerty Road at I-275 and Eight Mile Road in Northville, will have Christmas Eve Candlelight Service on Thursday, Dec. 24, at 6:30 p.m.
 For more information, call the church at (810) 348-7600.
St. James Catholic Church, 46325 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

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Santa Claus held hostage, day one

By JAN JEFFRES
 Staff Writer

The Grinch stole Christmas. But who shanghaied Santa Claus? That's what Jamestown Green resident James Halley and his son, Harrison, want to know. "My 4-year-old son is humming out, wondering who stole our Santa Claus," Halley said Monday. "It's three days before Christmas and someone took our Santa."
 Sunday night, when the family went to bed, the Claus man was still there on the front porch, in all his four-foot high, plastic, 60-watt

light bulb glory. Monday morning, the reindeer were still there, but Santa was gone. This is the time of year when people are supposed to be giving gifts, not stealing them. The Santa in question was a present to the family about five years ago, and Halley wonders if he'll be able to replace it. He is offering an undisclosed reward for Santa's safe return. In recent weeks, Novi police have reported an increase in vandalism to outdoor holiday decorations and speculate this may be due to the fact that many people are decking their yards with a whole lot more than boughs of holly. That, and the warm weather. After all,

even thieves and vandals don't like to freeze. Halley filed a police report and was told that several swiped Santas have recently been recovered, but his wasn't among them. He figures it was a teenage prank, but the Halley family doesn't find it amusing. Halley said he will likely place a picture of the statue with the sign "Who stole Santa Claus?" in his front yard. "They had some courage to do it with all the lights on. They knocked over a candy cane on the way out," Halley added. "It's kind of like stealing Big Boy."

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Nichols, sheriff and Novi resident, dies

By JEREMY MCBAIN
 Staff Writer

Oakland County Sheriff and Novi resident, John Nichols, died early Friday morning after a two-week hospitalization. Nichols was 80 years old when he died. Nichols became sheriff in 1984, but started his career in law enforcement in 1942 when he was 24 and joined the Detroit Police Department. He took a brief break from law enforcement to serve in the Army where he commanded an infantry company in Europe.

After the war, Nichols worked his way to the top of the force and was named police commissioner in 1970. In 1977 Nichols was named police chief in Farmington Hills, a position which he held until his election as sheriff. Novi Police Chief Doug Shaeffer said he worked with Nichols since Shaeffer came to the Novi police department seven-and-a-half years ago. "He certainly saw it all through the early days of law enforcement up until the current techniques," Shaeffer said. "He certainly con-

tributed to his society." He added, Nichols had a real commitment to the community and cared about his job. "He was really something special to law enforcement. It will be a great loss," Shaeffer said. Oakland County Sheriff's Department Captain Douglas Eader said Nichols was the driving force behind the effort to turn the Oakland County Sheriff's office into the best in Michigan. By creating many programs designed to lower the department's return prisoner rate, Eader said Nichols, "always seemed to be

a step ahead of everyone else." Eader also described Nichols as a hard man who was a strict disciplinarian, but was also extremely compassionate and "one of the most honest people" he has ever met. Oakland County Prosecutor David Gorceyca released a statement saying, "Sheriff Nichols' lifelong dedication to law enforcement is an inspiration to all the men and women who serve in this profession." He added, "Sheriff Nichols' dedication and devotion to law

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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 24

Christmas Eve

City offices, the Recycling Center and the Novi Library are closed. Have a happy holiday.

Friday, December 25

Christmas Day

City offices, the Recycling Center and the Novi Library are closed. Merry Christmas.

Monday, December 28

Arts Council

The Novi Arts Council Executive Board will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center.

Thursday, December 31

New Year's Eve

City offices, the Recycling Center and the Novi Library are closed. Have a happy holiday.

Monday, January 4

Motor City Speak Easy Toastmasters

The Motor City Speak Easy Toastmasters Club meets from 7-9 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 777 W. Eight Mile. For more information call Tom Lahill at 348-6019 (evenings). Visitors are welcome.

Tuesday, January 5

Seniors meeting

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

Business Network International

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

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

Amateur Radio Club

The Novi Amateur Radio Club meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center. For more information call 348-0000.

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.

Thursday, January 8

Business Network International

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

Novi Rotary

The Novi Rotary Club meets at noon at the Novi United Methodist Church at 41671 Ten Mile Road. For information, contact Bob Lindblight at 390-6500.

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Beautification Commission

The Novi Beautification Commission meets at 7:15 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center. Attendance participation is welcome. For additional information contact Eric Aruffo at 348-9136.

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Wednesday, January 13

Seniors potluck

The Novi Senior Social Club will gather at noon in the Novi Civic Center for their monthly potluck luncheon.

Business Network International

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Knollenberg's office torched after his vote

By JEREMY MCBAIN Staff Writer

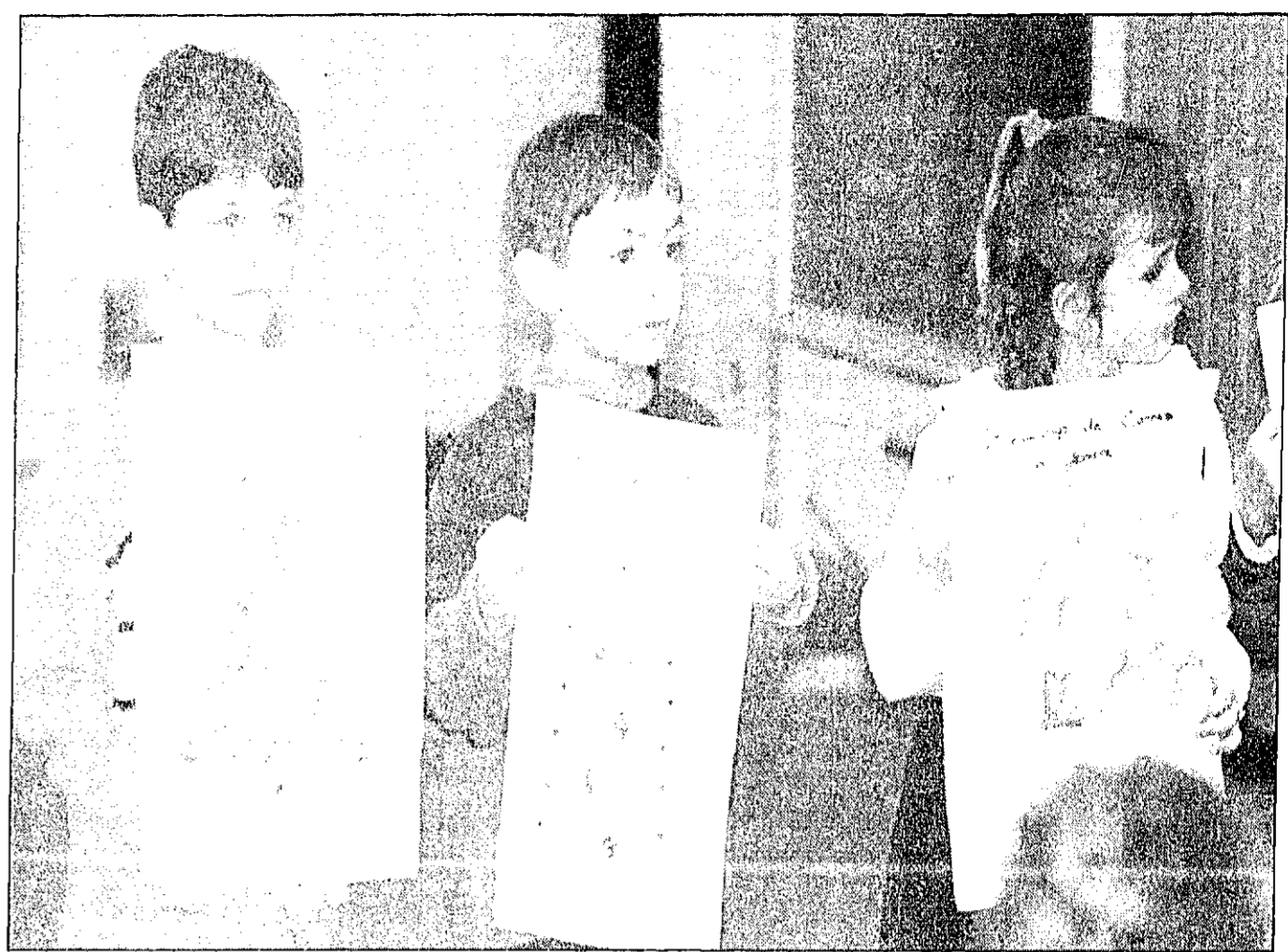
Michigan Representative Joe Knollenberg's R-Bloomfield Hills Farmington campaign headquarters was set ablaze this weekend in what may be retaliation for his yes vote for impeachment.

Trent Wisecup, spokesman for Knollenberg, said someone placed flammable material on some Knollenberg election signs behind the building and lit them on fire. The apparent arsonist also attempted to shove a burning newspaper under the door of an office located in the building.

Wisecup said he has not made a final assessment of the damage, but the outside of the building was burned and there was some internal damage.

Wisecup said the fire was mainly on the outside of the building. While he said he has an idea what the purpose of the arson was, because of its timing, he said it was likely to be associated with the impeachment debate.

"Obviously, someone targeted Knollenberg and wanted to send



A bilingual Christmas

With colorful placards in both French and English, students of Parkview Elementary School teacher Sherry Griesinger's French class presented a bilingual Christmas show last

Wednesday morning. The class was instructed in simple French phrases and words by parent volunteer Carla Fawaz in preparation for the holiday activity.

Photo by JOHAN HEIDER

St. Joe's gets nod to build 3-part hospital complex

By JEREMY MCBAIN Staff Writer

After heavy questioning about wetlands, the Novi Planning Commission voted last week to give a positive recommendation to the construction plans of Saint Joseph's Mercy Health Systems.

The developers proposed building a hospital complex over three phases near the intersection of Meadowbrook and Twelve Mile roads.

This is the second time the project has come before the planning commission. It was tabled the first time because of plan changes submitted the day of the project's presentation to the commission.

Because of these changes and an additional amount of time to investigate them, city planning consultants gave positive recommendations to the commissioners.

The developer changed several

items from the original plan, one of which went beyond the city requirements for wetlands mitigation by saving a wetland and improving upon its habitat capabilities. It had previously been deemed "unavailable" as a wetland.

However, this action raised several questions by planning commission members to determine if this was really what the developers of the hospital wanted.

Commissioner Robert Churela, asked the attorney for the applicant Joseph Galvin, "If you did not have to mitigate would you want your client to do it?"

Galvin answered saying, "I would advise them to build this as it is on this plan."

This answer was not great enough and the same question was asked by Commissioner Andrew Match.

After Match was given the same

response from the applicant, Commissioner Philip Bonicella made a question to the project.

But before it could be voted on, Commissioners Kim Thomas, Capella, G. Brent Camp and Louis Coeadais joined in this wetland vote.

Camp said, "I can't see taking a wetland and making a swamp out of it."

The city's wetlands consultants, Debbie Thor and David Blinn, stated the wetlands were actually found to be valuable in that, by saving them, the city was keeping with its "no net loss" of wetlands policy.

This caused Churela to ask if the "no net loss" wetlands policy was written city policy or just a practice.

The debate was stopped by Bonicella, who said that due to the location of the site in question, if the applicant did not make it a wetland, he believed it would not do anything with it and it would sit vacant.

Churela said he felt the applicant was actually improving the site and turning it into a valuable environmental resource.

After the meeting, Churela said he was questioning the wetland to make sure the applicant was actually going to do what they had on the plan.

"I wanted to know what type of individual he is, is he the type that gives up one plan and does the other?" Churela said.

He said he does believe the applicant will follow the plan submitted to the commission.

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Road rage incident reported in Novi

A 20-year-old West Bloomfield man was attacked by an enraged driver around 8 a.m. Dec. 11 on Novi Road.

The man said he was driving south on Novi Road from Thirteen Mile Road and was in the right lane when he then merged to the left.

But, the man merged in front of a 1980's gray Ford pick-up, which greatly upset the driver.

The driver of the Ford rammed the rear of the Bloomfield man's vehicle with the front of his truck.

The impact caused damage to the rear bumper of the Bloomfield man's vehicle.

The Ford then entered the center lane of Novi Road and pulled up next to the Bloomfield man's vehicle and began swerving toward it.

This forced the Bloomfield man into the right lane to avoid a collision.

The driver in the Ford continued to chase the Bloomfield man to Serac's Department Store at Twelve Oaks Mall.

The Bloomfield man pulled into the package pickup area to contact security and while he was inside an unknown witness said the driver of the Ford got out of his vehicle and threw a box cutter at the Bloomfield man's white causing damage to the right front fender.

The driver of the Ford is described as a white male, between the ages of 22 to 25, with black hair.

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two twelve packs of beer without paying around 3:30 a.m. Dec. 16 from Seven Eleven located at 24111 Meadowbrook Road.

An employee said the man came into the store with a similarly aged woman.

The woman bought some cigarettes and went back outside to a small dark vehicle.

The man asked the employee where the ATM was and walked back to it.

While the employee was looking down at some paperwork on the sales counter, the man grabbed two twelve packs of beer and ran out through the front door.

The employee said the man left so quickly that he was unable to get an accurate description of the man or of the vehicle.

Another employee then observed the woman enter the Lingerie Department and choose and item off a rack and place it in a bag.

Both of them walked out of the store without attempting to pay for the items in the bag.

They were apprehended and it was discovered that they hid the other articles of clothing under their own.

The man's vehicle was stopped and upon contact with the driver the officer noticed a strong odor of intoxicants coming from inside the vehicle. He also noted the man's speech was very slurred.

The officer gave the man a sobriety test and arrested him for operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol.

Once he was at the department the man was given a chemical breath test which showed a blood alcohol content of .12 percent.

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

She was then apprehended by the store's security.

her children were turned over to her husband before the Novi Police arrived.

The woman said she was not going to steal the items, but her daughter was sick and she was going to her car to get some medicine. She said she put the merchandise in the bags to free up her hands.

Recently, the museum was approved from the Novi City Council to hold the title, 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 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 fee for each bond 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 times, ranging from the year 2000 to 2018.

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Novi Briefs

Cable TV hearing

The Southeast 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 SWOCC and Time Warner Cable of Oakland County are currently undergoing.

The session will be held at the Novi Civic Center.

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 was approved from the Novi City Council to hold the title, 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.

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The Log Book

The following is a complete list of the emergency runs of the Novi Fire Department for the week ending Dec. 20. Each incident is listed by type, location, time and the Engine and Squad number that responded to the call.

MONDAY, DEC. 14

Medical, 21111 Haggerty Road, 12:05 a.m., Squad Three.

Injury accident, Twelve Mile and M-5, 8:34 a.m., Squad One.

Medical, 38580 Ardell, 9:15 a.m., Squad One.

Injury accident, M-5 and I-96, 9:29 a.m., Squad One.

Medical, 21140 Woodland Glen, 12:48 p.m., Squad Three.

Medical, Fourteen Mile and Novi Road, 2:53 p.m., Squad Two.

Injury accident, Ten Mile and Haggerty Road, 5:39 p.m., Squad One.

Medical, 30512 Blakeston, 5:38 a.m., Squad One.

Medical, 24653 Edgewood, 9:55 a.m., Squad Four.

Stated by Country Place Station, 2:21 p.m., Engine 510.

Medical, 418 North Haven, 4:31 p.m., Squad Two.

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Medical, 1201 South Lake, 7:59 p.m., Squad Two.

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WEDNESDAY, DEC. 16

Medical, 20800 Haggerty Road, 1:53 p.m., Squad Three.

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THURSDAY, DEC. 17

Wire down, 27750 Novi Road, 8:47 p.m., Engine One.

Fire alarm, 24062 Taft Road, 11:01 a.m., Engines One and Three.

Gas leak, 26871 Gornica, 11:02 a.m., Engine Two.

Fuel spill, 23528 Stonehenge, 1:30 p.m., Engine Three.

Car fire, Nine Mile and Novi Road, 1:59 p.m., Engine Three.

Medical, 47601 Grand River, 10:18 a.m., Squad Four.

Medical, 43771 Grand River, 1:14 a.m., Squad One.

Electrical fire, 41601 Fawn Trail, 2:40 p.m., Engine Three.

Medical, 24800 Novi Road, 2:54 p.m., Squad One.

Medical, 24800 Novi Road, 3:43 a.m., Engine Three.

Medical, 23662 Ten Mile, 10:07 p.m., Squad Three.

FRIDAY, DEC. 18

Medical, 48345 Nine Mile, 6:52 a.m., Squad Four.

SUNDAY, DEC. 20

Medical, 45182 West Road, 11:47 a.m., Squad Two.

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Injury accident, Twelve Mile and Meadowbrook Road, 1:10 p.m., Squad One.

Investigation, 41550 Grand River, 3 p.m., Engine One.

Medical, 1301 Margi, 3:52 p.m., Squad One.

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Medical, 20081 Twelve Mile Road, 4:22 p.m., Engine One.

Car fire, Twelve Mile and M-5, 4:59 p.m., Engine One.

Medical, 22772 Renford, 8:32 p.m., Squad Three.

Investigation, Novi Road and Thirteen Mile Road, 8:53 p.m., Engine Two.

Medical, 22731 Skidlow Place, 9:49 p.m., Squad Three.

TUESDAY, DEC. 15

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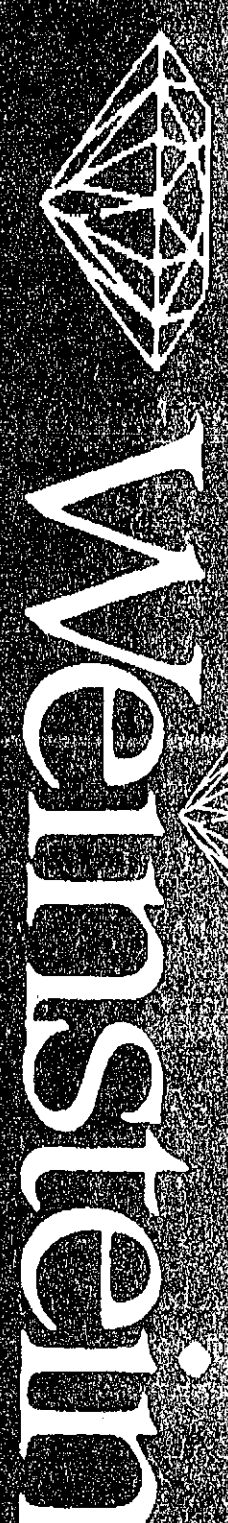
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Board considers names for school

The Novi elementary school naming committee presented the school board with three finalists for a name for the new building at Thursday's meeting. The names selected by the committee consisted of students, parents and teachers were:

- Pine Ridge
- Woodland
- Deerfield
- Franklin Road

While it is not up to the school board to choose which of the names will be used for the new elementary school, the students who presented the names, Claire Abraham, Robert Park and Lauren Duda, seemed to have already made up their minds.

All three said they liked the name "Pine Ridge" the best. Julie Street, school board trustee, said the members of the committee worked very hard at coming up with the names and took a trip to the new school's site near the corner of Eleven Mile and Park roads.

Street said the students and the staff members came up with names on their own and talked to parents and classmates for others. The committee ended up with 27 names to choose from and deliberated it down to a final four.

The school board will discuss the names and decide which of the final four will be used at the next school board meeting, Jan. 7.

School plan unveiled by Novi's architect

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Site added, the water level in the wetlands are also quite a bit lower than the building.

Miley said a fence will also be put up to keep the students from falling into the wetlands.

The rest of the building is being designed keeping team teaching techniques in mind.

However, project architect Michael Hall, said, "Sometimes when you design a building, you have some notion in mind that may change down the road."

Due to this, Hall said the classrooms were created in a "generic" fashion, giving the building more flexibility if the teaching style changes.

Ernest Lippe, superintendent of Novi schools, summed up the design and said, "We wanted a design to blend in with the natural elements, but did not just blend in with the Middle School."

The site for the new elementary school is located next to the new Novi middle school.

Springer said the design did take a few features from the middle school, but it has maintained its individuality.

Rosler said the project is currently in the design development phase and getting ready to move into the construction phase.

CITY OF NOVI
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Woodlands Review Board, of the City of Novi, will hold a meeting on Monday, December 28, 1998 at 4:00 p.m. in the City of Novi, Community Development Conference Room, Novi, Michigan to review the Woodlands Review Board Permit Application for Adorno and Karen Piccinini, 47550 Baldwin Ct.
ALL INTERESTED PERSONS are invited to attend. Any written comments may be sent to the Department of Public Works, Karen Amolsch, 45175 West Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48235, until 12:00 p.m., Monday, December 28, 1998.
KAREN AMOLSCH, W & S CUSTOMER SERVICE
(12-24-98 NN 871094)

NOTICE — CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR BIDS (2) TWO KUBOTA DIESEL TRACTORS
The City of Novi will receive sealed bids for (2) Two Kubota Diesel Tractors according to the specifications of the City of Novi. Bid packages are available at the Office of the Purchasing Director.
Sealed bids will be received until 3:00 p.m. prevailing eastern time, Wednesday, January 13, 1999, at which time proposals will be opened and read. Bids shall be addressed as follows:
CITY OF NOVI
CAROL J. KALINOWIK, PURCHASING DIRECTOR
45175 W. Ten Mile Rd., Novi, MI 48235-3024
All bids must be signed by a legally authorized agent of the bidding firm. ENVELOPES MUST BE PLAINLY MARKED (2) TWO KUBOTA DIESEL TRACTORS' BID AND MUST BEAR THE NAME OF THE BIDDER.
The City reserves the right to accept any or all alternative proposals and award the contract to other than the lowest bidder, to waive any irregularities or informatics or both, to reject any or all proposals, and in general to make the award of the contract in any manner deemed by the City in its sole discretion, to be in the best interest of the City of Novi.
CAROL J. KALINOWIK, PURCHASING DIRECTOR (248) 347-0446
(12-24-98 NN 871093)

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
I-96 INTERCHANGES WITH BECK AND WIXOM ROADS IN THE CITIES OF NOVI AND WIXOM, OAKLAND COUNTY
The Michigan Department of Transportation in cooperation with the Road Commission for Oakland County and the cities of Novi and Wixom will hold an open forum public hearing Thursday, January 28, 1999. Representatives from the Department, county and cities will be available from 2:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at the Novi Expo Center's Adell & Siller Halls. The Expo Center is in the southwest quadrant of the I-96/Novi Road interchange (Exit 162). The entrance to Adell Halls is on the northeast side facing the highway eastbound exit ramp. The location is accessible to individuals with mobility impairments. The center's parking lot has accessible parking clearly signed.
The purpose of this public hearing is to provide an opportunity for the public to comment for the record on the proposed improvements to I-96 and its interchanges with Beck and Wixom Roads. Those improvements encompass several items. The reconstruction of the I-96 interchanges with Beck and Wixom Roads is one. Another is the reconstruction or closure of the Novi Rest Area on eastbound I-96. The project also calls for the widening of I-96 between Beck and Wixom Roads. Additionally, the Road Commission for Oakland County in cooperation with the cities of Novi and Wixom is considering future improvements to Beck and Wixom Roads and Grand River Avenue between Beck and Wixom Roads. Input from local officials, property owners, neighborhood groups, business owners, and interested citizens will be a vital part of the decision-making process for this project.
Brochures summarizing the Environmental Assessment and a review copy of the Environmental Assessment on this project are available at the:
City of Novi Clerk's Office, 45175 West Ten Mile Rd., Novi, MI;
City of Wixom Clerk's Office, 45045 Pontiac Trail, Wixom, MI;
MDOT's Metro Regional Office, 16101 W. Nine Mile Road in Southfield; and at MDOT's Bureau of Transportation Planning, in Lansing.
The public hearing for this project will be conducted using the "open forum" style of hearing. This informal type of hearing allows the public to gather information on the project on a one to one basis. It also makes it easier for citizens to become familiar with the alternatives and express their concerns. The hearing room will be set up so that participants may stop by anytime during the scheduled hours. Participants may talk with MDOT and local representatives regarding environmental issues, engineering and design, and real estate. There will be a continuous audiovisual presentation on the alternatives being considered. This hearing is being held in accordance with Federal & State Public Involvement/PUBLIC HEARINGS PROCEDURES.
A court reporter will be available for those persons who would like to make a statement or comment about the project and have it included in the transcript of this public hearing. Citizens can also fill out a comment form and deposit it into the comment boxes at the public hearing site. Comments can also be mailed, faxed or e-mailed to: Jose A. Lopez, Public Hearings Officer, Bureau of Transportation Planning, Michigan Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 30050, Lansing, Michigan 48909. Fax: (517) 373-9535; e-mail address: jlopez@mtpl.mdot.state.mi.us. Comments must be postmarked on or before Tuesday, February 16, 1999 to be included in the transcript of the hearing. For more information on this public hearing or to request a copy of the "Environmental Assessment" for the Proposed Improvements of the I-96 Interchanges with Beck and Wixom Roads, the Widening of I-96 Between Beck and Wixom Roads, and the Widening of Adjacent Roads, Oakland County, Michigan," write to the above address or call (517) 373-9534.
With an advance notice of seven days, MDOT can make most of the materials for this hearing available in alternative formats such as large print or audiotape as well as accommodations for sign language interpreter and/or assisted listening devices. Please call (517) 373-5534 (voice) or (517) 373-2030 (TDD) to request accommodations.
(12-24-98 NN 871165)

Mall gets approval for wetlands fill

By JAN JEFFRES
St. Clair

Following a public hearing last week, the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality had 90 days to determine if Ramco Enterprises, Inc. will get a permit to fill over five acres of wetlands on Twelve Mile Road.

The sparsely attended session at the Novi Civic Center brought out the Novi city planning commissioner, Michelle Bononi, who said she would encourage a wetlands to be filled in to permit a larger development on the site.

"Is this the manner in which the City of Novi leads by example in upholding the State of Michigan's wetlands regulations? ... Is it a benefit to the citizens of Novi to have the city going into the wetlands mitigation business?" Bononi said.

"Wetlands mitigation is chosen when an alternative doesn't exist, not to provide a blanket example of urban sprawl."

Joseph Sutschek, director of development for Ramco, said that by filling the wetlands and mitigating the loss of site on municipally owned property, the firm will be able to build a better design for its 678,000 shopping mall, including a 5,000 seat multiplex theater. The 70-acre project includes a westward extension of Henderson Drive.

The 13-acre mitigation, at Ramco's cost, would be done on land north of Twelve Mile Road purchased with bond fund money.

"We believe the only reasonable alternative to the wetlands is to mitigate the wetlands off-site ... as opposed to sacrificing the quality of the development on this location to maintain the wetlands," Sutschek said.

Bononi urged that the DEQ deny the application and suggested that Ramco should go back to the drawing board. An alternative to filling the wetlands, Bononi proposed, is for the developer to buy more land or redesign the shopping center.

"What will happen to the existing wetlands site's capacity to absorb or retain stormwater, it's gone," Bononi said, adding that the polluted run off will find its way into the Ramco River.

Ramco plans to build 13 acres of new wetlands on land north of Twelve Mile Road owned by the City of Novi.

Sutschek said Ramco was urged by city planners to build the retail center on land originally zoned for office service technology.

"They also told us an entertainment district was needed, a high profile entertainment venue...to further support the development of the Novi Expo Center," he said.

By not filling the wetlands, he added, Ramco would only be able to build a conventional strip shopping center.

Andrew Hartz, district representative for the Department of Environmental Quality's Land and Water Management Division, said the DEQ may make a decision sooner than required.

"We probably won't go the full 90 days, but close," he said at the hearing.

The public has until Dec. 30 to submit written comments to the DEQ.

"The written word carries as much weight as the spoken word," Hartz added.

Ramco has already been granted a city permit to fill wetlands regulated by the local government.

Sheriff John Nichols dies at age 80

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The Mount Zion Temple Church in Clarkston. He was interred at the Roseland Cemetery in Berkley.

Nichols is survived by his wife, Jean, of Novi. He is also survived by his son, dot, daughter Sharilyn.

Nichols' family has asked, in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions be suggested to the Michigan Human Society, P.O. Box 214182 Auburn Hills, MI, 48321 or the American Lung Association at 483 Seymour, Lansing, MI, 48933.

Undersheriff Henry Duffa has currently taken the reins of the department.

He's not the only one who knows if you've been bad or good.

Our Primary Care Physicians can help you improve your health.

If you're like most people, you may make a few New Year's resolutions. Maybe you want to quit smoking, lower your cholesterol, lose weight or simply improve your health. Before you start an exercise or diet program, remember to check with your doctor first.

Botsford Primary Care Physicians will give you a check-up, help you choose a program that's right for you and help you maintain your good health. Our physicians give you and your family personal care that considers your individual needs. Botsford Primary Care Physicians, trained in a wide range of disciplines, examine you as a whole person.

If needed, they can refer you to the proper specialist. Whether you've been bad or good, find out how you can improve your health today. For information on Botsford Primary Care Physicians in your neighborhood, call our physician referral service at (248) 442-7900.

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As We See It

Will voters have chance to fill sheriff's office?

Once again we warn Oakland County's Republican leadership: Don't turn this into another Wayne County.

Elections in Wayne County government are virtually a joke. Voters don't pick most Wayne officeholders. A sheriff stays in office until he dies (Baird) or is removed (Buback) or seeks a different office (Gribbs and Lucas). A ten-year committee composed of the clerk, prosecutor and chief probate judge appoints a successor, who runs as an incumbent.

So it will be with the sad death - at age 80 - of Sheriff John Nichols. One of the panel members who will appoint his successor is Clerk-

Register G. William Caddell, himself an appointee.

Other Oakland County officials are in their 70s: Drain Commissioner George Kuhn and Treasurer Hugh Dohany. Who will get to pick their successors?



Government

Will they hang on until they die, retire in mid-term with the skirts greased for their successors, or will voters have a crack at filling the offices?

To their credit, Republican officeholders have given the public good service, free of major scandals. The public has responded by electing them, usually on newspaper recommendations.

Republican kingmakers and major contributors should think about this as time marches on.

Congress should be listening to the public

Michiganians, like most Americans, were forced to wallow in the news of President Clinton's sex scandal for the better part of a year. It became a topic of crude guffaws as jokes circulated on fax machines, Internet and the water cooler.

And yet 62 percent of voters think Clinton should be allowed to finish out the last 25 months of his term. The vast majority seem to think he has done nothing to call for the drastic measure of removing him from office in mid-term.

Instead, a clearly partisan U.S. House of Representatives voted two articles of impeachment against him on Dec. 19 and sent them to the Senate for trial. Republicans voted 98 percent for impeachment; Democrats, 98 percent against. Our Oakland representatives stuck with their parties - Republican Joe Knollenberg for, Democrats Dale Kildee and Sander Levin against.

Who was representing the heavy majority of plain people outside the Beltway who think Clinton's misbehavior falls to rise to the level of forcing out of office a man who won election twice? Only one other president was ever impeached, and the Senate failed to convict him, so Andrew Johnson served out his term. The judgment of history is with Johnson. As president, he had

every right to remove Secretary of War Edwin Stanton without Congress' approval and to veto Congress' harsh reconstruction measures.

In comparison, the charges against Clinton - perjury in a sexual harassment suit, the judge dismissed, and obstructing justice in the same civil suit - pale.

The House started impeachment proceedings against President Nixon in a scandal involving dirty campaign tricks and money. Congress talked about impeaching President Truman when he seized the steel mills. Those issues at least had some impact on the lives of the American people. Clinton's skirt-chasing, though distasteful, does not impact the lives of the American people, and the people said so to the pollsters who asked.

Clinton's trial will take days, weeks or even months. Who, then, is confirming the federal district and appellate judges to fill dozens of vacancies? Who is watching the future funding of Social Security? Who is watching the impact of international bank mergers and the mergers of telecommunications giants? Who is guarding against the erosion of our national parks?

Those are issues that affect the lives of ordinary Americans. Congress should have listened to them.

Here's hoping you make a memory this Christmas

Does anyone not have a special holiday memory?

Perhaps it was a special gift, the one you didn't expect to get. Then came Christmas morning and you searched under the tree in vain for any box that could be "it." Each time a present came out, you hoped it would be the one. And when all the presents were gone and there seemed to be no more hope, Dad pulled "it" out from behind the couch.

Perhaps it was the anticipation of the holiday. Kids look forward to that one day of the year for months. Everything heightens the atmosphere - the ornaments, the cold weather, the smell of pine needles, the smell of cookies baking in the kitchen. Santa seems to be everywhere. Every place you go, there are more and more decorations. All the rushing and preparation, shopping and wrapping. Even looking through a frosty window at the glow of Christmas lights reflected off a gentling falling snow can bring one's childhood to mind.

Maybe it was just special times with special people. A lot of youthful time gets spent playing with all those toys in the hours and days after they're unwrapped. It all creates special moments with, perhaps, a brother or

sister, a cousin, Mom or Dad. And dinners. Sitting down to a turkey or ham supper on the big day brings everyone, all generations, to one place at one time.

Children of course are best at bringing back old memories. How can anyone watch a child's face light up at the opening of a present and not recall a flood of scenes of that favorite morning?

Christmas, obviously, is very special holiday with great significance to Christians, but all cultures and religions have great holidays that serve in many ways the same purpose - to bring the generations together in traditions that never change.

For each of us individually, they can serve as a touchstone in our lives. So much may change over the decades, fortunes won and lost, but the holiday is always there, rolling around once a year, always the same, always a magical time.

Here's wishing you and yours the best for the holidays, whatever your holiday may be - a Merry Christmas, a Happy Hanukkah, a Joyous Ramadan, a Happy New Year.

From all of us at the Novi News, we hope you make a memory.

My first Christmas in city



Jeremy McBain

This will be the first year I have ever said "Christmas in the city."

Having just moved to metro-Detroit from northern Michigan last June and then getting married in September, my new bride and I decided to spend our Christmas together, alone and in the city.

I have never spent a Christmas in Detroit. This will be new.

Christmas, back home, always seemed to be such a special time of the year. Everyone seemed to act a little funnier, sing a little more and feel a little warmer.

I think it was the Norman Rockwell-esque view of Christmas my family created.

In the days leading up to Christmas, my family would take my grandpa's car and drive down the street to the Christmas tree farm.

Instead of buying a tree in some corner lot, we would trudge through the snow - yes, we had snow there - and cut down the perfect tree.

Usually the "perfect tree" was whatever one my grandmother liked best, my grandfather's choice seemed to always be vetoed by her.

After the tree was in place the next big day was the day all children look forward to, the first day of Christmas vacation.

This was the start of the annual see-how-much-stuff-you-can-do-outside-in-the-cold games. These usually consisted of grabbing some sleds and heading to the sledding hill to see who can break the summit barrier by leaping off of huge cliffs that ended in a homemade snow ramp. These ramps sent the rider through the air and into an icy snow bank, usually bruising the butt.

Then I would head home to untangle my toes and get the frozen snout of my nose over a cup of hot chocolate.

All of this led up to the grand old night, Christmas Eve. During this time, family members from across Michigan would come to my grandparents' home tucked away in the middle of the wilderness.

It started out as my grandparents' cabin, so even after they turned it into their regular home, many family members being referred to it as "the cabin."

So, they would arrive, all throughout the evening. They would be greeted by hot drinks and a lot of food.

In the early evening hours, my grandfather would fire up his tractor and give everyone rides through the forest. And my uncles would pull groups of giggling children through the woods on sleds tied behind their snowmobiles.

The entire evening ended with the family gathering in the living room of "the cabin." Each one would have a favorite drink, as they sat around the Christmas tree singing carols or having the play "Silent Night" on my bagpipes.

Somewhat the song "Silent Night" seemed to be more of an oxymoron when played on the bagpipes, but I would do it anyway.

After this the grandkids would hurry up and go to bed. Each one suffering the worst case of insomnia they would ever have.

I would usually sneak out around 2 a.m. into the living room, to see if Santa came. But, instead of Santa, I would be greeted by the loud growling snoring of an uncle sleeping on a foldout couch and the crackling wood of a fire in the fire place.

After a while I would go to bed, anxious to see what Santa brought.

Now, I am an adult living in the city. The mystery of Santa is gone, but not forgotten and the warmth of childhood has past.

Instead of spending my Christmas in the cabin in the woods, I find myself creating new traditions to give to my new family in the future.

All things change. In that change comes a new beginning with new memories.

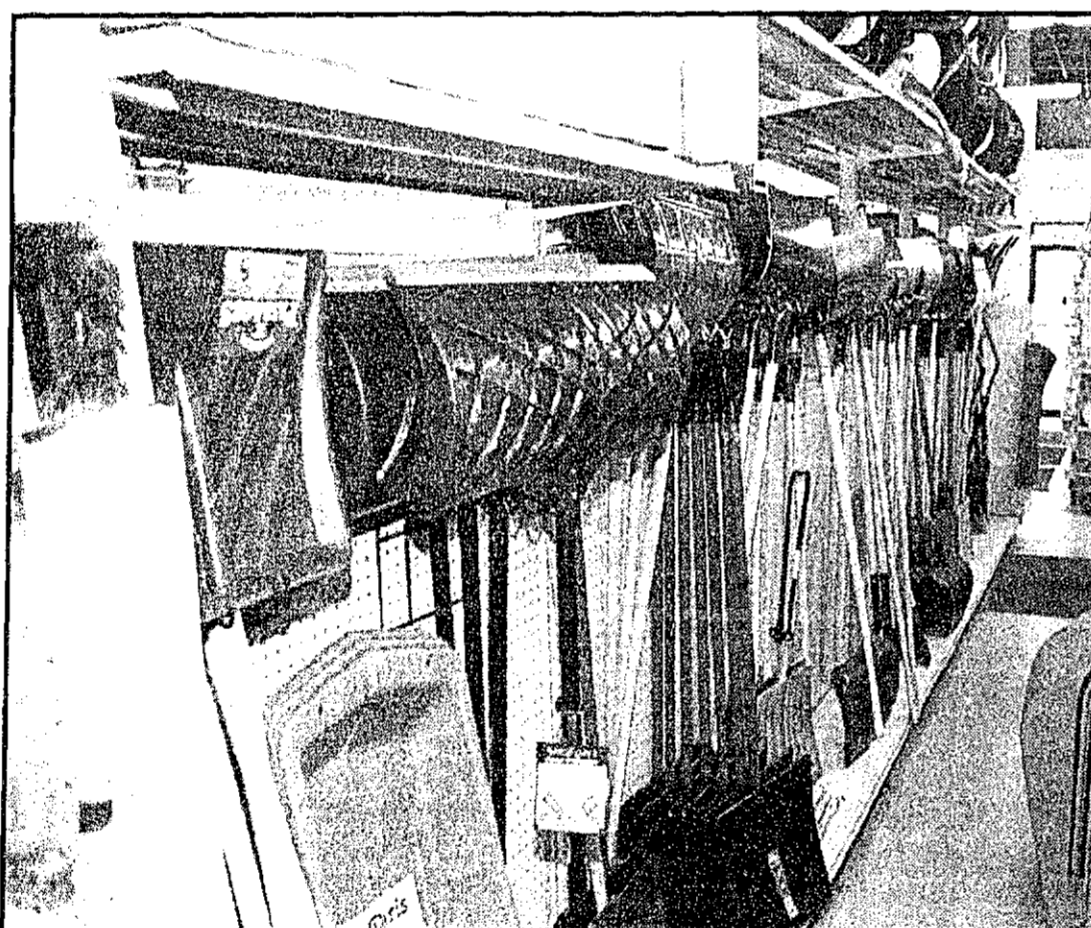
However, this Christmas - perhaps for just one last time - I secretly wish I was could lie on the floor of my grandparent's living room, listen to the sounds of an uncle's snoring and watch the glowing embers in the fireplace all the while dreaming of Santa Claus.

Merry Christmas.

Jeremy McBain is a staff writer for The Novi News.

In Focus

By John Heider



Get ready, snowier weather is coming, as evidenced by this display in a local hardware store.

A proud day in local history



Barbara Louie

It was a proud day in Farmington's history when one of its native sons became the highest ranking official in the state of Michigan.

Fred Malby Warner, who was raised by foster parents in Farmington, served as Michigan's 26th governor from 1905 to 1911. Before attaining this exalted position, however, he started out with a slightly more modest background.

The future governor was born in Nottingham, England in 1865 to Joseph and Eliza Malby. The family emigrated to America when the baby was just three months old. The trip must have been a trying one, for only a few months after arriving in this country, Eliza died, leaving her infant son in the care of her husband. The child was subsequently adopted by Pascal and Rhoda Warner of Farmington, Michigan and given their name.

Growing up in rural Farmington, young Fred Warner attended the local schools and gained his first business experience by working in his father's general store. He attended the Michigan Agricultural College later to become Michigan State University, and took over the general store business on his father's retirement.

Not satisfied with a single enterprise, Warner soon branched out, establishing a dairy and cheese factory. This company made his name almost as well-known as did his later political career.

The Warner Cheese Factory was an early chain company, with 12 factories located throughout the state, from Novi to Clinton Township.

Warner's entry to the world of politics began locally. He married Martha Davis, also of Farmington, in 1888, and two years later began what was to become a nine-year stint on the Farmington City Council.

During the next few years Warner gained popularity and was elected to the Michigan State Senate in 1894. By the turn of the century, he was elected as Secretary of State, serving in this position for four years.

Active in the Republican party, Warner was nominated by his constituents to run for governor in 1904. He won the election with an overwhelming victory of over 60,000 votes and went on to serve a total of three terms.

While in office, he was generally praised for his progressive outlook and was instrumental in a number of state reforms. These included uniform taxation of such corporations as the railroad and telephone and telegraph companies, the "good roads movement," and regulation of child labor laws.

Despite these well intended reforms, critics of the governor cited "corruption and laxity in his administration." According to The Encyclopedia of Michigan, when Warner left office in 1911, the state was nearly \$1 million in debt.

After retiring from politics, Warner returned to his dairy farm business, which continued to boom during his days in Lansing thanks to the diligent operation carried on by his sons.

Fred M. Warner accomplished a great deal in what was, by today's standards, a relatively short life. He died on a trip to Florida in 1923, at the age of 58. He had many friends and, as any politician, several critics, but Farmington remains proud of one of their local boys who made good.

Barbara Louie is a local historian and author of the book "No. 17 on the Trail."

Ready for the Y2K computer crash?



Phil Power

Here's a Christmas present countless Michigan communities ought to be giving their residents: Clear and forthright information about what they're doing to anticipate the Year 2000 problem.

Often called the "millennium bug," the Year 2K problem arises from the fact that most computers have been written for years so that they record the year by the last two digits and, thus, can't tell the difference between 1900 and 2000.

My wife, Kathy, for example, was born in 1944. The computer might tell her she was -44 years old, not 56. Credit card bills might show they had not been paid for 100 years.

Because the computer bug is so pervasive - it can lurk in little chips embedded in toys or cameras as well as in your ordinary desktop PC or big main frame systems - nobody really knows what problems will crop up at the stroke of midnight of December 31, 1999.

Some experts are very pessimistic; they imagine the entire electric power grid going down, the banking system in paralysis and the U.S. and Russian ICBM fleets suddenly and unexpectedly going into action.

Others are less worried; they expect disruptions, but nothing catastrophic. A tremendous amount of money is now

being spent by the federal government and big businesses to snuff out "non-compliant" computer systems and fix them. This newspaper company, for example, will spend in excess of \$500,000 installing new software and searching out problems.

What is not so certain is how active and focussed local communities will be in anticipating problems. Will computer-assisted traffic lights fail to function? Will local court records self-destruct, thus losing track of petty criminals?

A conference held last month at the University of Michigan urged local officials to make public employees aware of the situation, list all possible problems and design and test solutions. One consulting firm found that some 35 percent of all institutions and 29 percent of governments hadn't even started preparations. Less than 10 percent had tested their equipment.

Moreover, most local governments are scared to talk about the problem. If they make pronouncements they can't keep, they might be exposed to taxpayer lawsuits.

I'd suggest folks write letters to mayors and members of city councils and township boards. Turn up at meetings. Ask questions. Bug people. Push for answers. For example, do they have cellular phones and mobile radio backups for emergency services? Ask them if they've had a look at "The Year 2000 Toolkit for Local Governments and School Districts," just put out by the Michigan Department of Management and Budget.

And, just in case, clip out this checklist, prepared by the Gartner Group, a firm that has specialized in consulting about the

Year 2000 problem all over the world.

- Don't panic. Prepare for localized failures for limited periods of time, like the aftermath of a really bad snowstorm. Don't take all your money out of the bank or liquidate your investments.
- Have a week's worth of necessities stored in a safe place: medications, non-perishable food, jugs of water, batteries, flashlights and lanterns, household supplies.
- Obtain hard (paper) copies of essential financial records: Social Security, pension and savings plans, maybe even a reconciliation of your check records for the past year. Withdraw enough cash from the bank to sustain your family for a couple of weeks.
- Fuel up your vehicles. Have an adequate supply of home heating fuel delivered. If you have a fireplace, make sure you have some dry wood.
- Have your medical and dental checkups well in advance.
- Send mail and packages early. Pick up your e-mail before midnight.
- Stay away from hospitals, elevators and airplanes at the stroke of midnight.
- And don't forget the bottle of champagne. It won't help fix the millennium bug, but it may help you feel better.

Phil Power is chairman of HomeTown Communications Network Inc., the company that owns this newspaper. He welcomes your comments, either by voice mail at (734) 953-2047, Ext. 1880, or by e-mail at ppower@novi.com.

It's just looting the state treasury



Tim Richard

On no issue are Michigan lawmakers at each other's throats more ferociously than on the annual local looting of the state treasury called "revenue sharing."

They can't agree on what spreading out \$1 billion of state taxes is supposed to accomplish. Hence, the looting is wildly

unfair - no need to share state revenue.

The other side argues: Detroit is losing population but continues to have its aid protected. Detroit has 10 percent of the state's people but soaks up 25 percent of the shared revenue. Every service in the state gets cut in a recession except Detroit's revenue sharing.

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Lawmakers wrap up their work

By TIM RICHARD
Staff Writer

It wasn't from night, but the Michigan Legislature was up until 3 a.m. Dec. 11, cleaning up work that many members said should have been done last June.

These bills made it through both chambers and are being signed by Gov. John Engler.

ASSESSMENT CUT
Township residents who pay special assessments will get a break under bill sponsored by Sen. Bill Bullard Jr., R-Milford. It requires that such bills be based on the "taxable value" of property, which tends to be lower than the "state equalized value."

Townships and villages use special assessments to pay for specific purposes such as water, sewers, lighting and street paving. Under the 1994 Proposal A package, increases in property valuations were limited to 5 percent or the rate of consumer price inflation. Thus, "taxable value" is capped, but the old "state equalized value" is not.

But Attorney General Frank Kelly ruled that the law applied only to taxes, not special assessments. Bullard's Senate Bill 428 allows taxable value to assessments, too.

The Senate passed it 37-0 on May 28, but the House waited until Dec. 11 to pass it on an 89-1 vote.

BILLBOARD BAN
Tobacco ads would be banned from roadside billboards beginning Jan. 1 of 2000, under House Bill 4943. The Senate approved it 28-9 after a sharp debate.

"It is foolish - stupid - idiotic to smoke," said opponent John J.H. Schwarz, R-Battle Creek, "but it's a legal product made by legal companies. I suggest we let the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, guaranteeing free speech."

NO FEES
No elected official in Michigan would be permitted to charge a speaking fee under House Bill 4160 which the Senate passed 37-0.

Currently the ban on fees applies only to the 148 members of the Legislature. The bill by Rep. Sue Rocca, R-Sterling Heights, would apply to more than 15,000 state and local elected officials.

"Accepting speaking fees could be viewed as double compensation," said Rocca, "because public speaking is already part of an elected official's duties."

Her bill is viewed as a campaign reform law because well-heeled interest groups sometimes give an official a major gift by calling it a speaking honorarium.

COURT BUILDING
The House approved 67-27 Senate Bill 906 to construct a new Hall of Justice for the Supreme Court and Court of Appeals west of the Capitol Building in Lansing.

Many lawmakers balked at the \$88 million cost, including \$15 for a parking deck and restrooms and restaurants that would be closed to the public.

Reps. Gerald Law, R-Plymouth, and Nancy Cassis, R-Novi, voted yes.

OFFICIAL WILDFLOWER
Maverick Sen. Dave Jaye, R-Macomb County, was the only member to vote against House Bill

4923 making the dwarf lake iris the official state wildflower. Sponsor was Rep. Liz Brater, D-Ann Arbor.

Michigan has a state flag, seal, coat of arms and eight official symbols: sienne (Petoskey), flower (purple blossom), fish (brook trout), reptile (painted turtle), gem (blue topaz greenstone), soil (Kalamazoo), bird (robins) and tree (white pine).

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OFFICIAL WILDFLOWER
Maverick Sen. Dave Jaye, R-Macomb County, was the only member to vote against House Bill

4923 making the dwarf lake iris the official state wildflower. Sponsor was Rep. Liz Brater, D-Ann Arbor.

Michigan has a state flag, seal, coat of arms and eight official symbols: sienne (Petoskey), flower (purple blossom), fish (brook trout), reptile (painted turtle), gem (blue topaz greenstone), soil (Kalamazoo), bird (robins) and tree (white pine).

NO FEES
No elected official in Michigan would be permitted to charge a speaking fee under House Bill 4160 which the Senate passed 37-0.

Currently the ban on fees applies only to the 148 members of the Legislature. The bill by Rep. Sue Rocca, R-Sterling Heights, would apply to more than 15,000 state and local elected officials.

"Accepting speaking fees could be viewed as double compensation," said Rocca, "because public speaking is already part of an elected official's duties."

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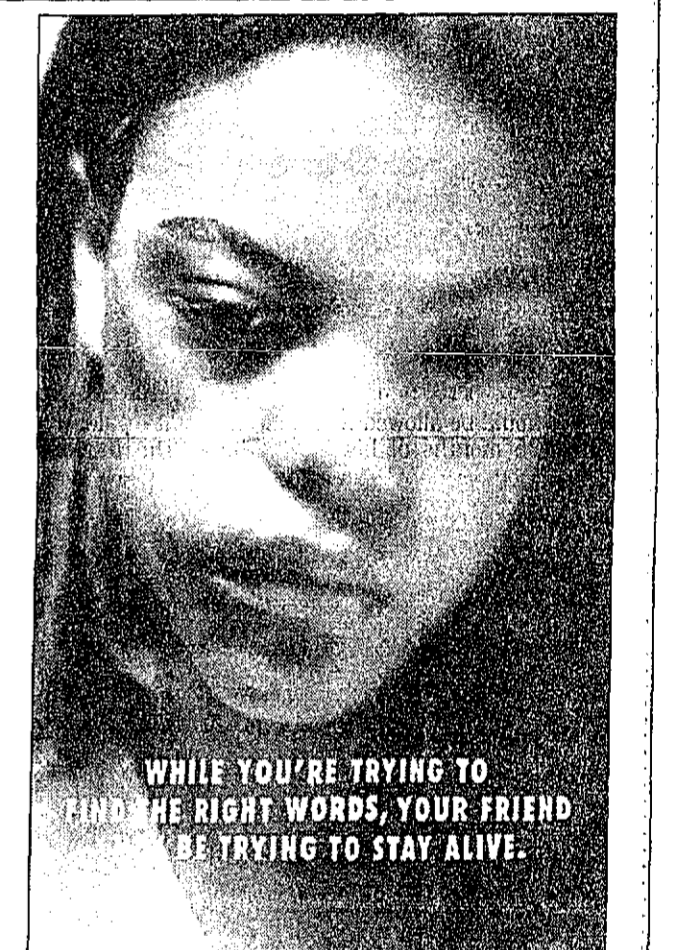
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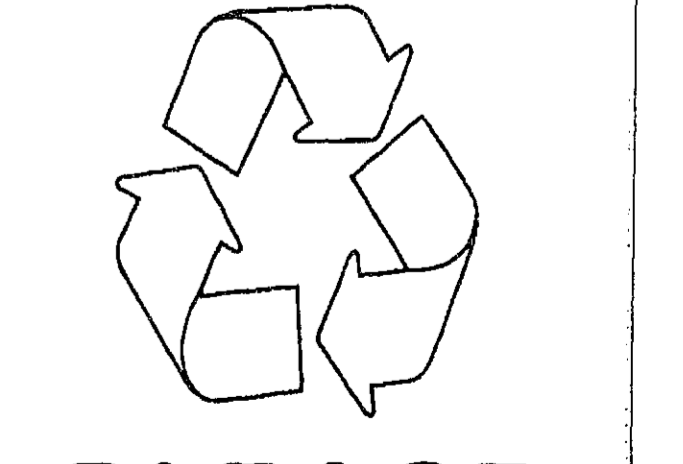


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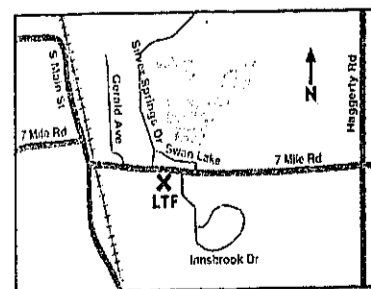
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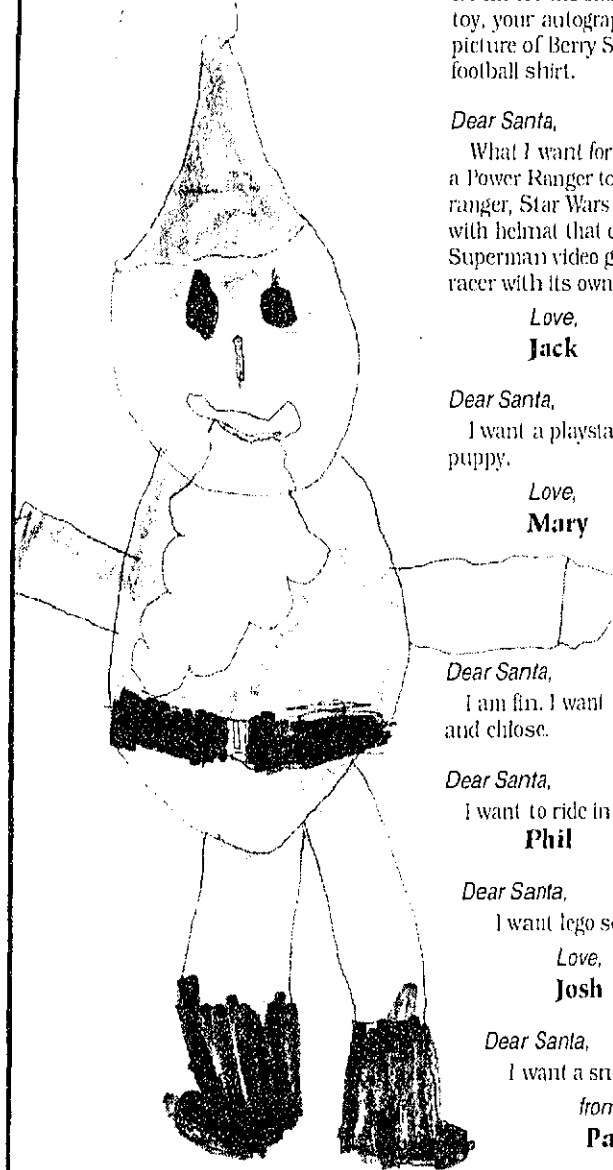
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Dear Santa...

Children in Northville and Novi have dropped off their wish lists for Santa at the post offices, Twelve Oaks, and at the Santa House in Northville. The Novi News and the Northville Record took a peek at the lists before sending them on their way to Santa. Children wanted anywhere from one to 30 things. They must think Santa is dieting, because only a few will be leaving snacks out.



Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas. I hope you bring me some cool prizes and not coal. I have been very good.
Sincerely,
Tyler

Dear Santa close
Brene me a musick box's and a vidyo-cosa
Love
Marina

Dear Santa,
Could you bring me that Black Power Ranger with hover board and rover, Gator Golf, and the Buddy I. Gator Trapper truck. I have been a good boy. Please bring me these toys. Thank you.
Love,
Chad

Dear Santa,
Could you bring me Godzilla monster, beetleborg, bromium, Polo b, buddy la naronda, trapper truck. I have been a very good boy.
Thank you,
Tyler

Dear Santa,
I want Simba's pride, a lion king cup, a bag's life lunch box, the Barney bango, a hamster, for me for the shower, a suita toy, your autograph, a football picture of Berry Sanders, a football shirt.

Dear Santa,
What I want for Christmas is a Power Ranger toy - the silver ranger, Star Wars Darth Vader with helmet that comes off, Superman video game and a car racer with its own track.
Love,
Jack

Dear Santa,
I want a playstation and a puppy.
Love,
Mary

Dear Santa,
I am fin. I want harp a wire and chlose.
Love,
Phil

Dear Santa,
I want to ride in a space ship.
Love,
Phil

Dear Santa,
I want lego sets.
Love,
Josh

Dear Santa,
I want a snowboard.
from
Patrick

Dear Santa,
Lifesize Angel Barbie, Spice Girl Barbie
Love,
Shannon

Dear Santa,
I would like a Barbie truck.
Love,
Alicia

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas. I have been very good today.
Love,
Ben

Dear Santa,
I've been good all year. I want a key board for cristmas.
Love,
Shelby

Dear Santa,
Please get me an awesome car and a very hot boyfriend. If you can't get me both, just get me a hot boyfriend that drives a cool car. I have been very good.
I love you,
CT

Dear Santa,
A I want for x-mas is a cool car and a boyfriend that doesn't go to Northville. I you can't get me both I guess I would be okay. I have been the bestest girl this year and I love you.
Always
Laura

Dear Santa,
Would you please get me a Happy Meal girl.
Katys

Dear Santa,
Please get me all of the things I want.
Sincerely
Matthew

Dear Santa,
Doll
Tree
Pen
Sucker
Love
Madeline

Dear Santa,
Do you send micrus-cops?
Emily

Dear Santa,
I would like fur bury for chrimas
Mary Christmas
Sabrina

Dear Santa,
I want a Legos and a Moter combat tape.
from
Steven

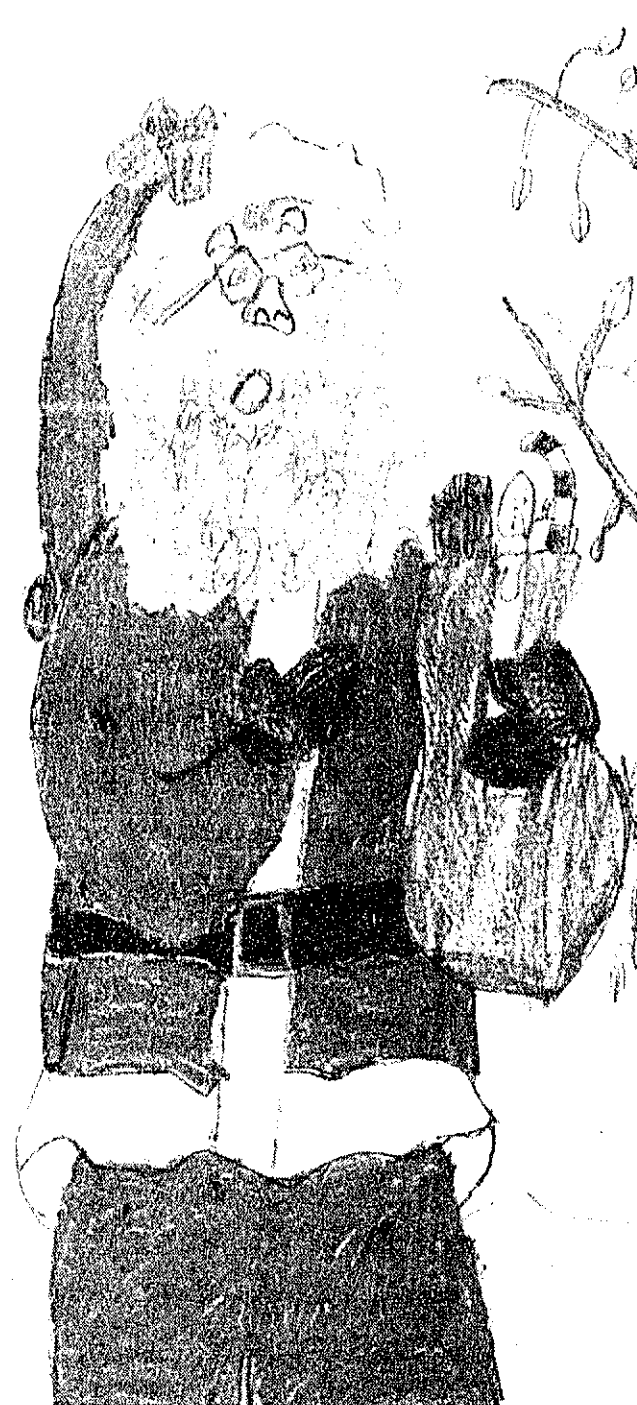
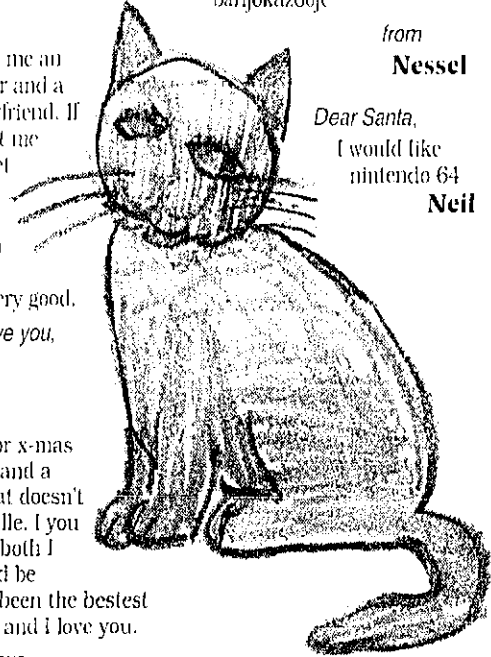
Dear Santa,
My name is Danielle. I want life-size Angle Barbie.
Love
Danielle

my twin doll
please
lauren

to Santa Claus
Rudolph the red nose Redee
I wat tow beast wars, and centipae, and a godzilla movies, and a godzalla, and banjokazooje

from
Nessel

Dear Santa,
I would like nintendo 64
Neil



Dear Santa
I want a big poune puppy
Christine

Dear Santa,
Marble
Blocks
Ryan

Dear Santa,
I hope you come to my house tonight. I have carrots and rasins for your reindeer. For you there is cookies. Please can I have these, Beyond Pink barbie, Bop It, Guss Who, Life, Gig a Pet, and a bracelet and necklace, and Beanie Babies.
Thanks,
One of your children
to stop by,
Sarah

Dear Santa,
This is what I want for Christmas:
Belly Spregelie
Sing along singing tommy
Books like Horable Hary and other books
a sled
Josaphina amracin girl; and a raincot for Molly my doll,
bellbotonis
jins and cotaroy's my size is a seven or an eight.
little mermaid tape; and a rograt movie
how are you?
from
olivia

Dear Santa,
I've been a good boy and sister Anna has been a good girl!
Please bring me nice toys.
Love,
Adam

Dear Santa,
I want Nintendo '64 with goldeneye, DiddyKing Racing, and Super Mario 64. A great adventures Robin Hood, Lego Playsets, Vortex Tornado, Electronic Skeet, Nerf Expand-a-blast Blaster, Nerf Megablitz Pulsator, Transmetals Deluxe Assortment, Transformers Ultra Beast Assortment, Spider-Man Flip 'N Trap Playset, Godzilla Large Flying Vehicles, Star Wars Electronic Power F/X W-Wing Fighter, Small Soldiers, Giant Electronic Chip Hazard, Wrestling buddies, Lion king 2: Simba's Pride, Titanic, Small Soldiers, Godzilla, Winnie the pooh, and Christmas too. How the Grinch Stole Christmas and playstation. I mostly want Nintendo 64.
Love,
Ben

P.S. I want a cat, your autograph, Michel Jordan's basket ball card signed in gold.

Dear Santa,
I want a truck and wresling guys and the ring.
Love,
Ian

Santa collection is still growing

By CAROL DIPPLE
Feature Editor

Small ones, tall ones, fat ones, and skinny ones, Ursula Kasenow has 130 Santas of all sizes.

"The Victorian looking ones are my favorites," the Northville resident said.

Kasenow has picked up Santas while vacationing in Travers City, Pentwater, Mich., Vermont, and New York.

"If there's a Christmas store in that town, I'm in it," she said.

From two inches to two feet tall, there is a doctor Santa with a medical bag, and Uncle Sam Santa, animated Santa, golf club carrying Santa, and a skiing Santa.

Maybe it's the twinkle in his eye that tugs at Kasenow's heart, she's just not sure.

"There's something about the face that just gets me, that's all it takes," she said. "Every one of them, even the stern ones, have a twinkle in their eye."

Kasenow began collecting Santas about 10 years ago. She makes about two or three a year for herself and to give as gifts, among them an African and a Chinese Santa.



A handful of Santas are displayed on Kasenow's coffee table.

Through three children and two grandchildren, she hasn't had one break so far.

Others from friends and relatives.

"It's a way of remembering people," she said.

She recently picked up a small cobalt blue Santa at an antique show.

Likenesses of the jolly old man are on throws, and can be found in ceramic, wood, and paper mache.

During the two days it takes to set

up the display on shelves, and coffee and end tables, pictures come off the wall to make way for a cross stitch Santa and other holiday displays. There is also a Santa lamp, tray and tea pot.

Although she has not been able to unpack one of the boxes this year because of a shortage of display space, she said she is definitely not done collecting yet.

"Somewhere I'll find the room. When I see a Santa that catches my eye, I've got to have it."



Photos by JOHN HEIDER

From trays to tea pots, Ursula Kasenow has collected about 130 Santas.

Grand Court residents busy with holiday events

By JEANNE CLARKE
Special Writer

Several personnel changes have been made at Grand Court, an assisted living retirement community located on West Road near Pontiac Trail in the northern section of Novi.

Kelly Rubin, who was the executive director, is now regional manager of the Michigan properties including Farmington, Westland, Novi, etc.

Kristie Young has been promoted to executive director for this Grand Court.

The new active director is Carrie Chrzan whose background includes an associates degree in liberal arts. She went on to continue her education at Lake Superior State University graduating with a bachelor of science in recreation management with minors in gerontology and business. She has planned many exciting activities for those who make their home at Grand Court.

One of the highlights of the season was the attendance of several of the Radio City Rockettes who joined with the Farmington Grand Court residents for the occasion. A trip is planned to see the St. Nicholas Light Display at Dominions.

For trips closer to home, the group went to West Bloomfield with every seat on their 16-passenger bus full to see a performance of "The Nutcracker." Some of the residents went for a short trip to the Cominsville Craft and Antique Mall in Walled Lake to do some early Christmas shopping.

The men who live at Grand Court went to Big Boy in Walled Lake for their monthly luncheon.

Entertainment this month included Geri Green who is performing for the first time with her guitar singing songs from the 30s and 40s.

The Don Large Singers from Grosse Pointe brought many memories with their presentation of songs from the 40s, 50s and 60s.

The Millard Musical Group presented a Christmas program in music and the Girl Scout Troop 1152 sang carols in the lobby.

Other entertainment included Frank Sternah who is a Barry Manilow look-a-like, more Christmas carols by New Song Community Church, a performance by Center Stage Dancer Company and children from the Teddy Bear Junction entertained last week.

A GROWING PLACE

This child care center is a non-profit, nondiscriminatory facility with two sections, one is a nursery school and the other is a preschool child care for children from two and a half to six years old. During the holiday season, the children in each section have

made many items for gifts and decorations.

In the nursery school under the direction of Mrs. Marilyn, Mrs. Pam and Miss Sherry made Santa Claus ornaments for the whole family. In addition, they each made a "Little Elf Giant Flip Book," very colorful with pages illustrating the story, then they also made gift boxes with handles cleverly decorated to carry home all their goodies. In addition they had their holiday program last Friday for parents and presented a program entitled "Songs of the Season."

In the preschool/child care section under the direction of Miss Renee, Mrs. Debbie, Mrs. Sandra, Mrs. Billie, Mrs. Pam and Miss Sherry, the children had their holiday program on last Thursday evening with Bill the Magician present to help everyone have a good time. The whole family was invited to attend. Refreshments were served. They made gingerbread ornaments, Star of David with popstick sticks, door knob hangers, etc. Early in the month the school had a Discovery Toy Sale and they earned several new items for use in the school that included an indoor basketball center, set of puppets, several new water shirts, and some toy camping gear. These were wrapped before presenting to the children who had a great time unwrapping for the surprise.

The school under the direction of Korene Jeti had an unusual suggestion of families who wished to buy gifts for the teachers. In realizing that it can be costly, they made a wish list up of some things that the children can use at the school. In this way, instead of buying several small items, one could purchase a toy to be used at the school and again, the toy could be wrapped and the children could open them.

SPRIT OF CHRIST CHURCH

The holidays have been a busy time for the church family as they started the season with observing the special Advent service the first part of December that was preceded by a spaghetti dinner. The special service included music, celebration of the Eucharist, special readings, etc.

The children's Christmas program practice started in November at which time the children were to bring canned goods instead of Sunday school offering. They continued to work on their program the following Sunday with practice in place of Sunday School. Later in the month on the 13th there was an intergenerational education program in place of Sunday School. The children and adults worked together on crafts and wrapped presents for distribution. The same day there was a congregational meeting with the children

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having their practice at the same time. They then had lunch and the young people were on hand for the rest of the afternoon for exhibiting so portraits could be Christmas shopping after the meeting. The program was held last Saturday in addition to the regular Saturday worship service starting at 1:30 p.m. with music by "Faith, Hope & Harmony" followed by Holy Communion and a Cookie Exchange. Then on Sunday there was a Christmas party for the children. This coming Sunday there will not be a Church's Sunday School because so many families will be out of town. Other activities included Christmas caroling last Thursday when children were invited to come alone. Christmas Eve Services will be at 6:30 p.m. and again at 11 p.m. (Candlelight).

The group had several fund raisers during this season with sponsorship of the first Holiday Shopping. They expect to have another next year.

The other fund raiser was to volunteer working at the Thrift Store with the club getting the money for the hours they worked and workers also getting a 20 percent coupon on sale prices.

Several groups are not meeting in December because of all the other activities in families' lives however howling continues on Tuesdays at 9 a.m. at Novi Bowl, baby sitting continues to be available for those needing, subbing or forming a new team. The Saturday Evening Complex League meets on Saturday a month at 8:30 p.m. The Bingo group met and had refreshments and exchanged gifts. The Evening Golf group went to Novi's new Red, Hot and Blue restaurant on Novi Road. The couples events had a Christmas party and the "Ladies Night Out at the Movies" did just that and completed the evening with dessert at Fridays.

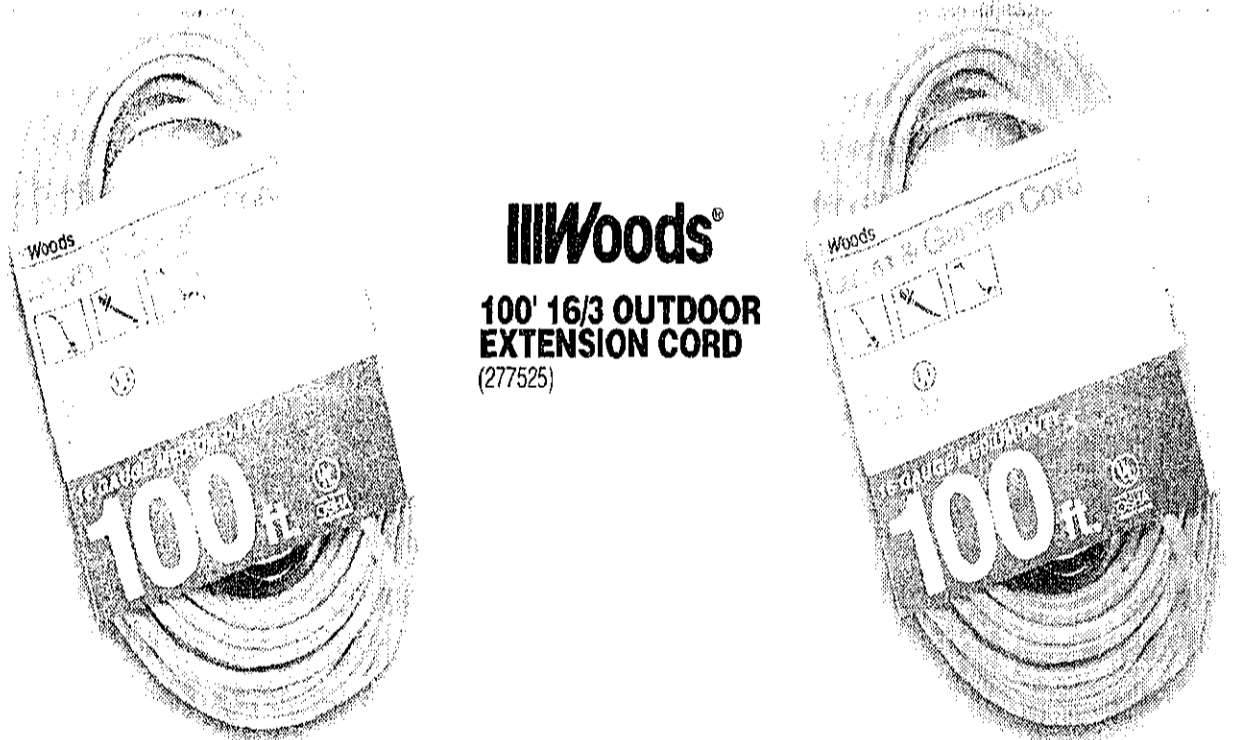
The Out to Lunch group went to monthly. The Play group had a Christmas party and each person attending brought a wrapped child's book. Coming up in January will be a couple's event at Northville Downs Race Track complete with buffet dinner and racing. Reservations are being taken now.

The Book Club will meet January 12 at Borders.

The Puchelle Couples group will resume in January. The General Meeting is scheduled for Jan. 12 with Country Line Dancing by the Debra and Lane dancers. Any wanting information on the above can call President Robbi LeRoy at 280-9243.

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

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Welcome to the club

The Northville Woman's Club welcomed new members, left to right, Martha Jakubik, Barb Stubovsky, Judy Prain, Beverly Freshwater, Roxanne Edge, Arleen Cikanek and Marie Barr in the club at the Dec. 18 meeting which was held at the First Presbyterian Church of Northville. The club was organized in 1892 and meets on the first and third Fridays.

Church Notes

NEW HORIZON COMMUNITY CHURCH, meets in Novi Civic Center, 15175 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 Hessel at (248) 344-1775.

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 Wiese, is about a little shepherd boy who tries to decide what he wants to be when he grows up. In Zeke's search for his lost sheep, he discovers a newborn King and the joy of fitting into God's plan for his life. All ages will enjoy and learn from the message given in this Christmas presentation.

For more information, call the church office at (248) 349-5666.

HOLY CROSS EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 46200 Ten Mile Road in Novi, has Sunday School during the 11 a.m. service. Holy Cross also has a 7:45 a.m. service.

The children of the Church of the Holy Cross will perform a traditional Christmas pageant on Dec. 20 at 5 p.m. Approximately 35 children will participate, with the role of baby Jesus being played by a recently baptized baby from the congregation. Refreshments will follow the service. The congregation of Holy Cross invites families and their children from the community to attend.

Call Holy Cross Episcopal Church at (248) 349-1175 for additional information.

CHURCH OF TODAY, west which has a service at 10 a.m. on Sundays, meets at Meadowbrook Elementary School, 29200 Meadowbrook Road in Walled Lake.

Youth education is available for all ages. Fellowship follows the service. Other courses are Meditation, Bible Class, Unity Basics and the Art of Way.

For more information, call the church at (248) 449-8900, or check out the web site at www.cotwest.com.

SPRIT OF CHRIST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH, 40700 West Ten Mile in Novi. Sunday worship services are at 10:30 a.m. Refreshments and conversation follows. Contemporary worship services are held on Saturdays at 5:30 p.m.

For more information, call (248) 477-6296.

Singles

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

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

On Dec. 31, the group will meet for a New Year's Eve party at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Milford from 8 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. The cost is \$10 per person.

On Jan. 7, Single Place will present "Another Look at Singleness" with David Blake at 7:30 p.m. or an open forum on "Meet Someone through the Singles Ad" with facilitator Dianne Griswold at 8 p.m.

The cost is \$4.

An upcoming Growth Workshop entitled "Intimacy & Communication" with Pam Jacobs will meet on Jan. 14, 21 and 28 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. in the Youth Room. Advance registration cost is \$25.

A Ballroom Dance class with Bob Kobra, former Arthur Murray instructor, will meet Jan. 17 through March 28 at 7 p.m. at the Northville Park & Recreation Center. The cost is \$47 in advance or \$49 at the door.

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

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

For more information about any of the Single Place programs or to register, call (248) 349-0011.

SUBURBAN SINGLES meets at Route Brook Country Club, Telegraph Road south of Eight Mile in Redford, on Wednesdays at 8 p.m. The event is open to the public ages 21 and up. No jeans allowed. Cost is \$4 or \$3 before 8:30 p.m.

Every Sunday the group meets at Bonnie Brook from 7 to 11 p.m. Cost is \$4 or \$3 before 7:30 p.m.

For information, call the hotline at (313) 842-0443 or (313) 842-7422.

SINGLE POINT MINISTRIES of Ward Presbyterian Church, Six Mile Road west of Huggery in Northville Township, invites you to join over 550 single adults every Sunday morning at 11:30 a.m. for fellowship and encouragement.

SIM has a program and activity for every age group and life situation, including Single Parents, Uniquely Single for never been marrieds, and New Start for widows and widowers.

Talk Talk Talk It Over hosts speakers on a variety of topics on the second and fourth Friday of each month.

Indoor volleyball meets Wednesday at 8 p.m. at the church. A \$1 donation is suggested.

For more information, call (374) 374-5920.

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.

PLYMOUTH-CANTON HIGH SCHOOL: Class of 1979, 20-year reunion, Aug. 7, Holiday Inn-West, Livonia. Call (734) 397-8766.

ROCHESTER ADAMS HIGH SCHOOL: Class of 1979, 20-year reunion, Aug. 7, Somerset Inn in Troy. Call (248) 366-9493.

LIVONIA FRANKLIN HIGH SCHOOL: Class of 1979, 20-year reunion, Aug. 7, DoubleTree Guest Suites in Southfield. Call (248) 366-9493.

WALLED LAKE WESTERN HIGH SCHOOL: Class of 1979, 20-year reunion, Oct. 2, DoubleTree Guest Suites in Southfield. Call (248) 366-7004.

NORTH FARMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL: Class of 1969, 30-year reunion, Oct. 2, DoubleTree Guest Suites in Southfield. Call (248) 366-7004.

Births



Kathleen Michele Webster

Victi and Michael Webster of Northville announce the birth of their daughter, **KATHLEEN MICHELE**, on Nov. 28 at 6:26 p.m. at Providence Hospital in Southfield.

Kathleen weighed 8 pounds, 11 ounces, and was 20 1/2 inches long.

She has a big sister, Amanda, 7, at home.

Ryan Harris Fitzpatrick

Barry and Susan Fitzpatrick of Onaway, Mich., are pleased to announce the birth of their son, **RYAN HARRIS**, on Oct. 27 at Southfield Providence Hospital.

Ryan weighed 7 pounds, 9 ounces, and was 22 inches long.

He has one sibling, Brianna, who is one and a half years old.

Grandparents are Rod and Elaine Harris of Northville and Charissa Fitzpatrick of Onaway.

Nathan Scott Miller

Lynn and Tyrone Miller of Northville announce the birth of their son, **NATHAN SCOTT**, on Nov. 8 in Southfield.

Nathan weighed 8 pounds, 4 ounces.

He has one sibling, Sydney Nicole, who is two and a half years old.

Grandparents are Donna Leech of Northville, Tom and Gail Bills of Fremont, Neb., and Chauncy and Juanita Miller of Millersburg, Ohio.

Great grandparents are Harold Leech of Farmington Hills, Tom Bills of Venice, Fla., and Alta Mullet of Berlin, Ohio.

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Engagement



Dana Marty/Kevin Haas

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Haas of Northville and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Marty of Ann Arbor announce the engagement of their children, Dana Elizabeth Marty to Kevin Frederick Haas.

The bride-elect is a 1992 graduate of Pioneer High School in Ann Arbor. She received a bachelor of arts degree from Vanderbilt in 1996 and a master's in neuroscience from the University of Michigan in 1998.

She is a member of Gamma Phi Beta and is currently a graduate student at U-M.

The bridegroom-elect is a 1987 graduate of Northville High School. He graduated from Duke University in 1991 and received a doctorate in neuroscience from the University of Michigan in 1998.

He is finishing his fourth year of medical school at U-M and will graduate with his M.D. in June 1999. A June 5, 1999 wedding is planned.



Eric Rossing/Jennifer Krbez

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Rossing of Northville announce the engagement of their son, Eric Thomas, to Jennifer Elizabeth Krbez, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Krbez of Muskegon.

The bride-elect is a 1993 graduate of Monn Shores High School and a 1997 graduate of Hope College.

She is a member of Alpha Phi Omega community service organization. She is an analyst for

Anderson Consulting in Detroit. The bridegroom-elect is a 1987 graduate of Northville High School and a 1995 graduate of Hope College.

He is a member of Alpha Phi Omega. He is employed at Intra Company in Grand Rapids as a corporation information systems assistant.

A May 22, 1999 wedding is planned.



Brandon Hughes/Sara King

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Russow of South Lyon announce the engagement of their daughter Sara Ellen King of Northville, to Brandon Christopher Hughes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Langton of Waterford.

The bride-elect is a 1991 graduate of Northville High School. She also graduated from Schoolcraft Community College with a degree in business administration. She is

employed at Flagstar Bank in the Risk Management Department. The bridegroom-elect is a 1987 graduate of Waterford Matt High School. He graduated from Eastern Michigan University in 1992 with a degree in physical education. He is employed as a physical education and health teacher with the Waterford Public Schools.

A July 17, 1999 wedding is planned.

Diversions

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Performances of Cinderella extended

Performances of the musical adaptation of the classic tale of "Cinderella," which has been entertaining audiences this holiday season at The Marquis Theatre, have been extended through Jan. 17.

The story of Cinderella and her glass slipper, her wicked stepmother and stepisters, and how she found her Prince Charming and lived happily ever after, has enchanted countless generations of children, and adults alike. Join us at the beautifully decorated Victorian Marquis Theatre, as all of these storybook characters come to life on stage, decked in beautiful costumes, lively song and dance, and dazzling sets, as the story magically unfolds before your very eyes.

Performance dates are Saturdays Dec. 26, Jan. 2, 9 and 16; Sundays Dec. 27, Jan. 3, 10 and 17; and weekdays Dec. 28, 29, 30 and 31. All performances are at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets to all general performances are \$6.50.

For group rates, birthdays, and special school performances and ticket prices, call the Marquis Theatre at (248) 349-8110.

No children under the age of three will be permitted.

The Marquis Theatre is located at 135 E. Main Street in downtown Northville.



"Cinderella" cast members Robyn Lipnicki and Rusty Mewha are joined by mice, left to right, Adam Britten, Elizabeth Haller, Joshua Favaro, and Elyanne Rosenthal.

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News to share?

Have you recently become engaged? Newly betrothed? Or are you proud new parents? Are you celebrating a big anniversary? Send the information and picture if you have one to *The Northville Record/Now News*, 104 W. Main Street, Northville, MI 48167, or stop by the office and pick up a birth, engagement or wedding announcement form and we'll see to it that your happy news appears in the paper. The deadline for submitting a wedding announcement and photo is six months after the wedding date. There is no charge.

In Service

Navy Airman **GREGORY J. DEMAREST** recently completed a six-month deployment to the Western Pacific and Indian oceans and Arabian Gulf with Fighter Squadron 31, embarked aboard the aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln.

While deployed in the Arabian Gulf, Demarest's squadron aided multinational interception operations in prohibiting contraband transports to and from Iraq. In addition, planes from Demarest's squadron joined the carrier's air wing in flying over 1800 missions during Operation Southern Watch to support sanctions imposed by the U.N. against Iraq after the 1991 Gulf War.

Demarest is the son of David T. Demarest of Novi. The 1995 graduate of Northville High School joined the Navy in September 1995.

Entertainment listing

Returning Dec. 26 and 27 to the Novi Expo Center is the world's largest mobile model railroad display. Vendors will be selling toys, trains, racing, sport collectibles, models, dolls, Barbies and Beanie Babies.

The Novi Expo Center is located at 1-96 at Novi Road. Show hours are Saturdays 3 to 9 p.m., Sunday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$3 for children 4-12. Parking is \$4.

For details, call (734) 455-2110.

LAKEVIEW BAR AND GRILL: The Lakeview Bar and Grill is located at 43393 West Thirteen Mile Road at the corner of Old Novi Road. Ron Cotten performs on Saturday.

For details, call (248) 624-2800.

WAGON WHEEL: The Wagon Wheel Lounge is located at 212 S. Main in Northville. An open Blues Jam is held every Thursday night beginning at 9 p.m.

Everyone gets to play if they sign up at the door. Call (248) 934-8686 for more information.

MR. B'S FARM: Mr. B's Farm is located at Novi Road north of Ten Mile. Call 349-7038 for more information.

OXFORD INN: The Oxford Inn is located at 43317 Grand River in Novi. Call (248) 305-5856 for more information.

LIBRARY SPORTS PUB AND GRILL: The Library Sports Pub and Grill is located at 42100 Grand River Avenue in Novi. Call 349-9110 for more information.

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

Tuscan Cafe is located at 150 Center Street in Northville. Call 305-8629 for more information.

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

Brady's Food and Spirits is located at 38123 West Ten Mile in the Holiday Inn in Farmington Hills. Call (248) 478-7780 for more information.

FRIGATES INN: Frigates offers live music every Wednesday at 9 p.m. featuring the 2XL Band. The Tim Flaherty Trio Open Blues Jam is every Thursday from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. All musicians are welcome.

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LABOOM: The teen club LABOOM, formerly Modern Rock Cafe, is located at 1172 N. Pontiac Trail in Walled Lake. Call the hotline at (248) 925-1000.

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<p>ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA 22725 Gila Road Farmington Hills, Michigan SUNDAY WORSHIP: 8:30 & 11:00 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:45 A.M. Pastor: Daniel Cose & Mary Olivetti Telephone: (248) 474-0284</p>	<p>FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE 3001 Main St. in Northville (248) 349-0911 Worship Services: 8:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m. Children's Church: 10:30 a.m. Singles Prayer Ministry: Thurs. 7:00 a.m. New James Place Adult Fellowship New James Place Adult Fellowship</p>
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<p>CHURCH OF TODAY WEST (Unity) New Location Meatloaf Elementary School - Walled Lake (South of 13 Mile on Meadowbrook Road) (248) 489-8900 Services on: 10 AM Children's Church: 10 AM Minister: Barbara Chelvinger</p>	<p>ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN MISSOURI SYNOD High & Elm Streets, Northville Church: 349-3143 School: 349-3136 Sunday School: 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Sunday School & Bible Class: 9:45 a.m. Wednesday: 7:30 p.m.</p>
<p>NORTHVILLE CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY 41355 Six Mile Rd. - Northville (248) 348-9030 Worship Services: 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. Sunday School: 9:45 a.m., 11:00 a.m. Pastor: Rev. ... Phone: 349-7572 Northville Christian School Pastor: Rev. ... (248) 349-7572</p>	<p>FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE 5451 114th St. & 11th Road Worship Services: 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. Sunday School: 9:45 a.m., 11:00 a.m. Pastor: Rev. ... Phone: 349-7572 Northville Christian School Pastor: Rev. ... (248) 349-7572</p>
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<p>WARD EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Dr. James H. McGuffin Senior Pastor 43000 Six Mile Road - Northville MI 48167-2100 Phone: 349-3477 Services: 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 a.m. Sunday School & Nursery: 9:45 a.m. Pastor: Rev. ... Phone: 349-3477</p>	<p>FAITH COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 46500 W. 10 Mile Northville 48167-2100 1/2 mile west of 10th Rd. Pastor: Rev. ... 349-5666 Worship & Church School: 8:30 A.M. Sunday</p>
<p>ST. JAMES ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH NOVI 42321 10th & Beck, Novi Phone: 349-1175 Sunday 7:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist Sunday 11 a.m. Holy Eucharist 11 a.m. Sunday School & Nursery The Rev. Leslie Haggerty</p>	<p>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE 217 N. W. ... Rev. Stephen ... 349-4020 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Worship Services: 10:00 a.m. Bible Study: 7 p.m. Pastor: Gary P.</p>
<p>CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY 24550 Meadowbrook Rd. Novi, MI 48175 Pastor: Rev. ... 349-3477 Services: 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 a.m. Sunday School & Nursery: 9:45 a.m. Pastor: Rev. ... Phone: 349-3477</p>	<p>FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE 21600 Haggerty, Northville 48167-2100 Pastor: Rev. ... 349-5666 Worship Services: 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Pastor: Rev. ... Phone: 349-5666</p>
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Contact this WWWF, 45, 5'3", who enjoys sailing and water sports. She would like to share interests with a WWVWM, 40-62. Ad# 5936

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To White Lake. She's a college-educated, Catholic DW, 49, 5', 100lbs., a N/S, who loves the sun and water, sports cars, dancing, reading, the outdoors and romantic dinners. If you're an interested SWM, 46-58, leave a message. Ad# 1225

SIMILAR INTERESTS?

Never-married, Catholic SWF, 26, 5'1", who enjoys dancing, movies, music and dining out, is looking for a Catholic SWM, 25-31. N/S. Ad# 4444

AFFECTIONATE

Active, professional DW mom, 39, 5'7", with blonde hair and green eyes, who enjoys walking, movies, dining out, skiing and ice skating, is looking for a SWCM, 31-45, N/S, for friendship first, possible relationship. Ad# 4098

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Share your life with this attractive DWCF, 58, 5'11", who loves traveling, walking and going to movies. She's looking for a special SWM, 50-62, a N/S, non-drinker, who's loving, caring and understanding. Ad# 7130

JUST BE YOURSELF

Soft-spoken SWF, 35, 5'6", who enjoys hiking, boating and movies, would like to share interests with an outgoing, self-confident SWM, over 35. Ad# 5560

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Be sure to contact this shy, sweet, sincere DWCF, 40, who would like to meet a good-hearted SWM, over 40, to share companionship. She likes golf, gardening, classic movies, outdoor activities and dining out. Place that call, you'll be so glad you did. Ad# 1269

SOMETHING IN COMMON?

Professional DWCF, 55, 5'2", is seeking an honest, active SWCM, 53-59, N/S, who enjoys boating, reading, family activities, playing piano and organ, moonlit walks and dining out. Ad# 7229

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DWCF, 51, 5'7", who enjoys the outdoors, choir, movies and dining out, seeks a sincere, kind DWCM, 50-58, with similar interests. Ad# 6127

SOMEONE SPECIAL

DWCF, 52, with blonde hair, who likes biking, cross-country skiing, dancing music, writing poetry and children, is seeking a kind, thoughtful SWCM, for companionship. Ad# 9983

SIMPLY IRRESISTIBLE

SWF, 43, 5'9", with red hair and blue-green eyes, who enjoys playing golf, shopping, outdoor activities, reading and dancing, is looking for a SWM, 33-53, N/S. Ad# 3148

BUILD A FRIENDSHIP

This affectionate, playful, and loyal DWCF, 55, 5'2" and petite, has diverse interests including dancing, travel, classical music, the arts, and playing cards. She's looking for her best friend: a SWM, over 50, who shares her interests. Ad# 3045

LET'S SPEND THE TIME

SWF, 47, 5'2", with blonde hair and blue eyes, is seeking a SWM, 45-50, who likes to travel, spend time with family and friends. Ad# 2528

BROAD-MINDED

Catholic DWCF, 60, 5'2", who enjoys Bible study, walking, dancing and dining out, would like to meet a SWCM, under 70. Ad# 1932

MY SOUL MATE

Family-oriented, fun-loving DWCF, 56, 5'2", 120lbs., who enjoys dancing, dining out, quiet evenings at home and more, is seeking a DWCM, 50-60, for a meaningful relationship. Ad# 2514

SWEET & SINCERE

This employed SWF, 49, 5'5", enjoys music, movies, reading, theater, long walks, dining out and more. She's seeking a SWM, 45-57, for friendship first. Ad# 8844

SET UP A TIME & DAY

SWF, 19, 5'11", an employed student, who enjoys the outdoors, movies, bowling and more, is in search of a SWM, 19-25. Ad# 3194

NEW TO THE AREA

Outgoing and friendly, this SWM, 36, 6', enjoys skiing, boating, hunting, golf and Bible study. He seeks a special, SWF, over 21, with similar interests. Ad# 1313

SOLID VALUES

Sweet-natured SWM, 36, 6'1", who enjoys spending time with friends, music, movies and outdoor activities, is interested in meeting a SF, 26-40, for a possible long-term relationship. Ad# 4617

HI, I'M WAITING ON YOU!

Affectionate SWCF, 47, 5'5", with blonde hair and blue eyes, is seeking an outgoing SWCM, 38+, for a possible relationship. Ad# 8989

NEW TO MILFORD

Catholic DW mom, 51, 5'6", is a slender blonde professional who loves nature, cooking and dining out. She is looking for companionship and love with a SWCM, 50-60. Ad# 1143

BE A FRIEND

Blue-eyed blonde DWCF, 60, 5'7", who enjoys walking, dancing, bowling and playing cards, would like to meet a SWCM, who loves life. Ad# 3693

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Friendly, attractive WWWF, 57, 5'5", is looking for a SWM, 57-62, for good times. She enjoys gardening, music and nature. Ad# 2868

INQUIRING MINDS

Professional, Catholic DWCF, 46, 5'3", who enjoys the theater, walks in the country, dining out and the outdoors, is seeking a SWCM, over 40, who loves life. Ad# 3865

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Leave a message for this outgoing, friendly DW mom of two, 35, 5'5". She is looking for a humorous SWM, N/S, 32-40. Ad# 3471

NO DISAPPOINTMENT

Understanding SWM, 45, 6', wishes to build a long-term relationship with a lovely, affectionate SF, age unimportant, who enjoys dining out, music and quiet evenings at home. Ad# 3003

HOPING TO MEET YOU

He's just a regular guy who works, loves and enjoys the great outdoors. This Catholic 38-year-old SWM, 6', from the Fenlon area, is in search of a never-married SWCF, under 30. Ad# 8276

FOLLOW YOUR HEART

Sincere DW mom, young 58, 5'10", 165lbs., fit, active, and romantic, professional, enjoys golf, dancing and nature walks, seeking an intelligent, slender SWF, 40-50, with similar interests and a positive attitude. Ad# 8545

HAPPY IN LOVE

SWM, 24, 6', 160lbs., with brown hair and blue eyes, who enjoys shopping, dining out and movies, is seeking a SWF, under 42, for a possible relationship. Ad# 7345

YOUR DREAM

SWM, 41, 5'8", friendly, caring, open, honest, good listener, passionate and giving, happy with life, romantic, fun-loving, genuine, young-at-heart, spontaneous, physically fit, seeks SWF with similar attributes. Brighton area. Ad# 2329

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Never-married SWCM, 25, 6'2", 180lbs., with sandy brown hair and blue eyes, who enjoys working out, church activities, dancing and clubbing, is seeking a fun SWF, 21-28, with similar interests, who loves the Lord. Ad# 3273

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WORTH A TRY

Family-oriented, Catholic DWCM, 43, 5'10", 155lbs., who enjoys sports, movies and quiet times, seeks a SWCF, 45 or under, with similar interests. Ad# 4334

KINDRED SPIRIT

Professional, Catholic SWM, 30, 6'1", with blond hair, who enjoys mountain biking, water sports and dining out, would like to meet a fun-loving SWCF, 24-32. Ad# 1451

DESERVING

SWM, 20, 6', 200lbs., with brown hair and eyes, enjoys going to movies, sports and listening to music. He is seeking a SWF, 18-24, for a possible relationship. Ad# 2019

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The write stuff

Finding love helps writer release creative powers

"Shakespeare in Love," a witty, fast-moving romantic comedy set in London in 1592, follows the trials and tribulations of Will Shakespeare (Joseph Fiennes), a struggling young playwright suffering from a dreadful bout of writer's block. No matter how hard he tries, he just can't seem to make any headway with his latest work, "Romeo and Juliet." "Shakespeare in Love" opened Dec. 11.

But then, Will meets and falls instantly in love with the startlingly beautiful Viola (Gwyneth Paltrow) who, desperate to become an actor in a time when women are not allowed to perform in the theater, disguises herself as a man to audition for his play. Inspired by her love, Will's creative powers are unleashed as his great love story, "Romeo and Juliet," is brought to life for the first time.

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'You've Got Mail'

Once upon a time there were two bookstore owners. One was a passionate young woman who ran a small children's bookstore. The other was the owner of Manhattan's largest book super-chain, a man whose enterprise could put every independent bookstore out of business. The man and the woman were natural enemies. But when they coincidentally — and anonymously — meet in cyberspace, they accidentally fall in love.

"You've Got Mail" is a romantic comedy set in the age of e-mail. Tom Hanks and Meg Ryan star as Joe Fox and Kathleen Kelly, two booksellers who face off against each other in real life even as they unwittingly romance each other via modem. Fox and Kelly find themselves combing everything to their

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On your mark

Swimmers return ample experience, leadership to team that went 8-1

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

There's no lack of leadership and experience on this year's Novi swim team.

In fact, there's almost too much.

The Wildcats have 10 seniors on the team, many of which have three or more years of experience under their belt. Even a handful of the juniors and sophomores are returnees on the team.

"We kept a lot, and we've got a lot of newbies to the team," Novi coach Bill McCord said.

Seniors Jack Fischer and Mike Kurtti were voted captains of the team. Fischer specializes in the butterfly and the individual medley. Kurtti is a sprint freestyler. Both are four-year letter winners.

"They will be the nucleus of our relay teams," McCord said. "We have many leaders to choose from this year, but these two were selected as our captains."

The team also has three other seniors who have been or will be captains in other sports. Craig Northard and Bill Benton captained the state champion cross country team in the fall and will both swim in distance freestyle events for the swim team this winter. They too, have earned letters for four years.

Don Christopherson, yet another senior, will captain the track team in the spring and will add to an already deep distance freestyle lineup.

John Jones and Don Hendricks have a combined five years of varsity experience behind them and will be

freestylers this year. Jones is a sprinter and Hendricks swims distance.

Matt Pearl, a four-year member, and David Bliss, a second-year transfer student, will both see work in a number of events. Pearl is a "jack of all trades" while Bliss is a sprint freestyler and a breaststroker.

Phil VanNortwick and Jess Pessey wind up the senior Huron, with exchange students Michael Lee and Ehd Bekk adding to the lineup.

The juniors on the team making a contribution this year are Dave Tardella and Phil Suchyta. Tardella was a part of the state medley relay team last year. He'll specialize in the breaststroke in 1998-99. Suchyta is a distance freestyler.

"They are real solid, mature young men," McCord said. "They make next year look very promising."

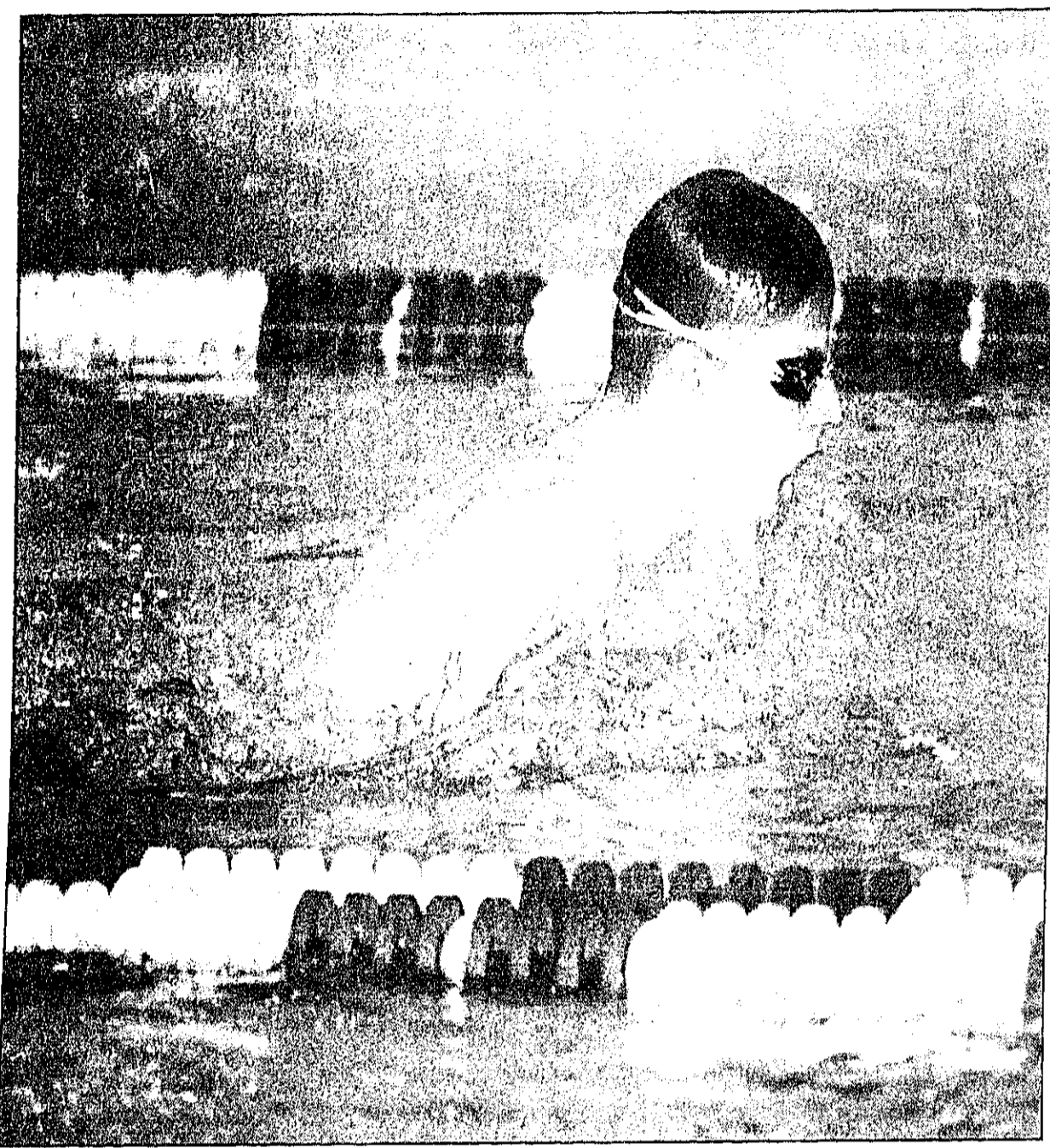
Adam Sammler, Nick Long, Matt Orlah and Jake Davis will contribute as sophomores, as will divers Steve Alberty and Derek Zorca.

"They are diving well for us this year," the coach said. "They spent a lot of time diving in the off season and are ready."

McCord is excited about a pair of young freshmen with great talent. Jordan Mobilo and Jwan Yoo are expected to score for Novi this year. "They have a lot to learn, but they're making it pretty well so far," the coach added.

Andy Campaylo and Matt Pourach are two more freshmen who will con-

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File Photo by JOHN HIGGER

Senior captain Mike Kurtti (above) will again be a force in the sprint relays for Novi this season.

Expectations still high

Despite losses, team should be good

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

Expectations are one notch lower this year for the Northville/Novi combined gymnastics team, but they are still high.

The defending state champions lost a solid nucleus from last year's team, but coach Laura Moyers feels her team is still strong and returns another solid corps of performers capable of big things.

"I didn't expect [a state championship] last year, so I don't expect it this year either," she said. "I don't have the depth I had a year ago, but I think we have the potential to be at the state meet."

The team features just two seniors, co-captain Julie Glock of Northville and Lizz Switzer of Novi. Both are all-arounders who specialize in the vault. Glock is also strong on the beam and floor exercise.

The other co-captain will be Northville junior Jennifer Rohls. The defending Division II state champion on the vault and in all-around, Rohls will shoot for the same titles and also looks strong on the bars.

"I'm hoping with her experience, she can mold some of the new girls on the team this year." And the team is loaded with them.

Sophomore Monica Fink of Novi returns with state experience, qualifying for the finals last year on bars. She is much stronger this year, according to her coach, and will be one of four strong all-around performers for Moyers this year.

But after Fink, Northville/Novi lacks a lot of returning experience. In fact, the last of the two top all-around girls are freshmen.

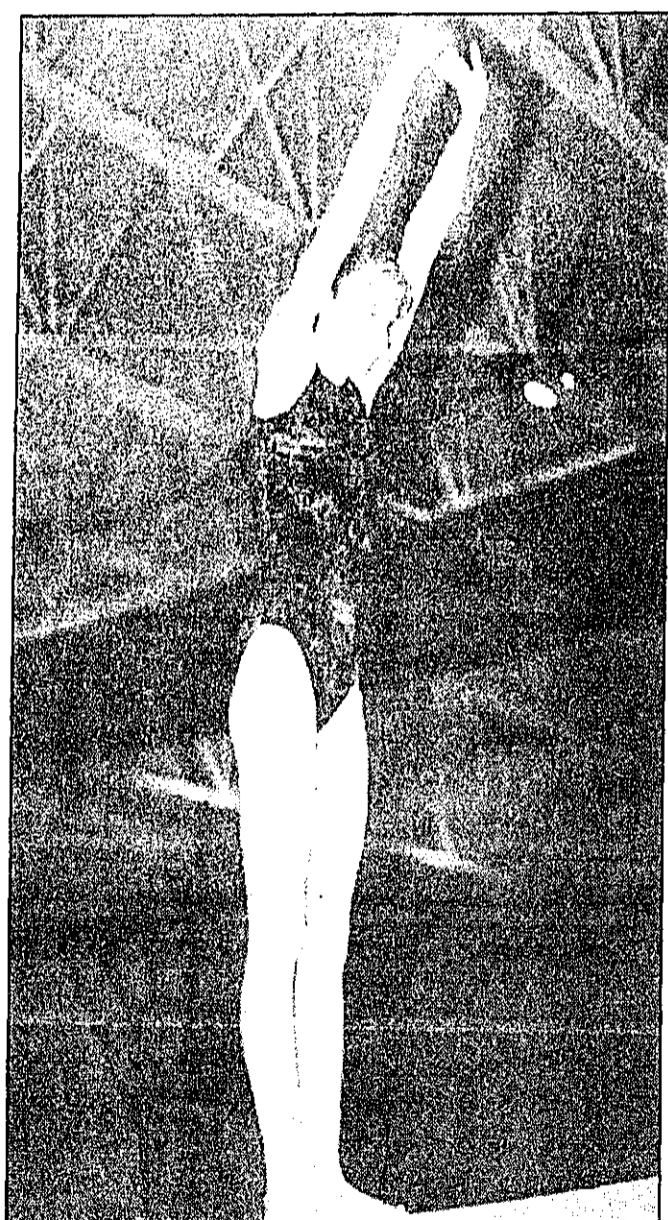


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Northville/Novi lost several key contributors to last year's state championship team, but their expectations are still high in 1998.

Lindsay Carlson and Andrea Ledbetter, both from Northville, have a lot of club experience and will compete at the Division I level this year.

Both will compete in the all-around, with Carlson's specialty being the vault. Ledbetter specializes on the bars and beam.

Moyers will look to Novi sophomores Kelly Phelps and Valerie Stefanak for added depth. Phelps has shown consistency in all four events and Stefanak will also compete all around.

The rest of the lineup has mostly a Northville flair to it. Junior Tina Wild, sophomores

Allison Gillette, Heather Proper and freshmen Alaina Brock, Shawna Roby, Jessica Seacord and Kim Veeres made the team. Novi sophomore Heather Kotylo is the other member of the squad.

"I think we'll be good," Moyers said. "We have the potential, it's just a matter of how well the girls are able to handle the pressure. The younger girls have to be able to handle the high pressure situations. Right now it's too early to tell."

Northville/Novi will open up their regular season at the Salem Invitational Jan. 9 at Plymouth Salem High School.



Photo by TOM HIBBELN

Novi sinks Mustangs...

Senior guard Kyle Snearly (21) makes a pass back out to the top of the key in Novi's 51-46 win over Northville last week. Snearly scored 11 points and connected on 7 of 8 free throw attempts in the game. Novi fell to South Lyon Friday night 37-31. For more details on both games, turn to p. 9.

Wildcats topple Mustangs

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

Novi, known for its slow-down style of play, was beaten by its own game last Friday at South Lyon.

The Lions jumped out to a 20-18 halftime lead and stalled the rest of the game, handing its first conference loss 37-31. In fact, neither team scored in the third quarter.

"We missed a lot of layups in the first half," Novi coach Pat Schlueter said. "If we would have made these easy shots early, they couldn't have played the style of game they did. We just got down and we couldn't cover them."

Senior Sean Ditslin led the team with seven points and Larry Drury, back after missing a game with a sore back, added five. Junior center Chad Nockley also scored five points for the Wildcats.

NOVI 51, NORTHVILLE 46
Northville's Achilles heel was exposed and exploited by Novi in the Wildcats' 51-46 loss to the Mustangs Dec. 15.

Novi used its slow, methodical style of game to frustrate the up-tempo Mustangs. The Cats held an 8-4 lead after one quarter, and maintained a 22-19 lead at the half.

"We just wanted to change the tempo," Schlueter said. "The key was that we got to the line more than they did."

Northville made a run midway through the final quarter, drawing to within one point, but Novi continued to take the ball to the hoop and implemented a zone defense which caused Northville some problems.

"We make our free throws and take care of the ball in the fourth quarter," Schlueter said.

Novi hit 11 of 12 free throws in the third quarter, but just 6 of 14 in the fourth.

Nashby and guard Kyle Snearly led the Cats with 15 and 11 points, respectively. Marshall Knapp led the Mustang attack with 14 points and off-guard Brett Allen added 13.



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Kyle Snearly awaits a pass from a teammate as Northville's Ben Keetle applies tight defense.

"When you're in the bonus, you want to take the ball strong to the hole. We tried to find our openings and attack," the coach said.

"We weren't sure when Churella decided not to go 103 if we'd be hurt or not. But Sarb has done a good job and we haven't missed a beat."

Churella lost in the semifinals in a match that was decided in the third period. The sophomore was leading 4-3, but his opponent had a take-down and three back points to take control of the match. Churella battled back, but ran out of time in the 8-6 loss.

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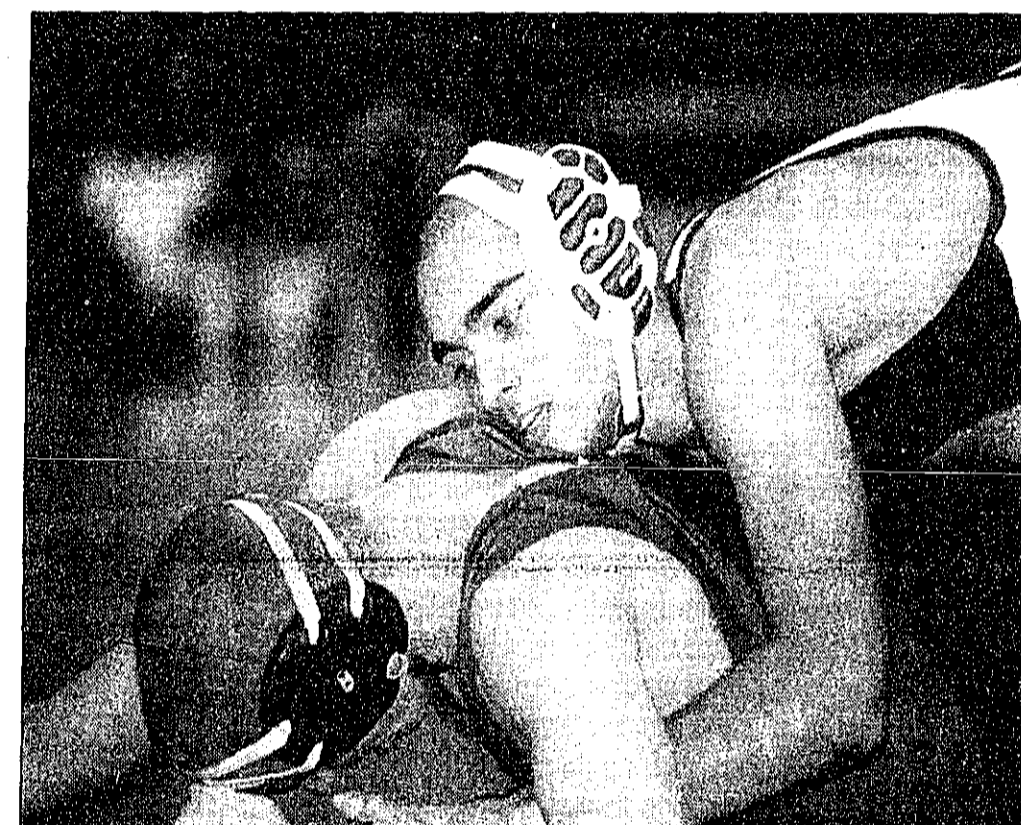


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Yusuf Quamruzzaman (on top) was one of 11 Wildcats to advance to the second day at the Oakland County Tournament this past weekend at Oxford High School.

Grapplers fifth at County

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

What a difference a year and a team full of healthy wrestlers can make.

The Wildcat wrestling team finished fourth at the Oakland County wrestling tournament Friday and Saturday at Oxford High School. The team had five wrestlers place and six others make it to the second day of wrestling.

Last year Novi finished eighth, but were missing two top wrestlers and five more went down with injuries throughout the tournament.

"It's odd because last year we had a better team, but everyone was hurt," coach Brad Huss said.

Rochester Adams, the consensus No. 1 team in the state, won the tournament. Clarkston was second followed by Milford and Novi. Complete results were not immediately available.

Novi didn't have any county champions, but previously undefeated wrestlers Brett Faulkner and Dan Jig both finished runner-up among the 42 wrestlers in their divisions.

Faulkner lost to Clarkston's Jon Robinson 4-2 in the heavyweight final. The match went to overtime, where Robinson ended it with a take-down.

"It was a good match, but he definitely could have won it," Huss said. "The heavyweight division was very tough this year. It was good to see him beat a couple of kids he lost to last year."

Jig breezed through to the championship match, but stumbled upon Ryan Lamoreaux of Clarkston in the finals. Lamoreaux beat Jig 5-1.

"Dan wants to win an Oakland County Championship before he leaves here," Huss said. "So he was disappointed. But if you've got to have a loss, it's better here than in the state tournament."

Both Sarb Rohatgi (103 pounds) and Ryan Churella (112) finished third in their weight classes.

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Kyle Snearly - Senior

The senior guard scored 11 points and provided much needed leadership in Novi's 51-46 win over Northville Dec. 15. The Wildcats used a 15-8 third-quarter advantage to bury the Mustangs and pick up their second win of the season.

Novi, Northville, Lutheran East and Detroit Rogers competed for the Novi Christmas Tournament title Monday and Tuesday at Novi High School. Results of that tournament will be in next week's edition of the Novi News.

Nate Mitchell - Junior

The junior 125 pounder finished an impressive sixth at the Oakland County Meet this past weekend in Oxford. Mitchell was one of five Wildcats to place in the top six. There were 42 schools represented at the meet, which is the largest in the country.

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Fans wishing to purchase advance tickets for the 1999 Michigan High School Athletic Association Lower Peninsula Wrestling Finals, March 11-13, at Joe Louis Arena in Detroit can do so by mail order only beginning Jan. 4.

The "early bird" ticket sale will provide an advance purchasing opportunity for what has become one of the hottest tickets to a high school championship event over the past decade. The 1999 finals will be the first time all four classes will come together under one roof for the 16-man double elimination tournament in 14 weight classes in each of four divisions.

The only tickets which may be purchased in advance by mail are all tournament tickets, which will grant the bearer admission to all five sessions of the event, reserving the same lower or upper bowl unobstructed seat. All tournament tickets are \$25 each and a purchaser will be able to purchase up to 10 tickets per division for each mail order form submitted. All tickets will be mailed by March 1, unless special handling is requested at a fee of \$4 per order.

Spectators ordering tickets by mail must designate the division of action they prefer to watch, which will result in their ticket assignment being directly in view of the mats being used for that competition. Orders must be postmarked no earlier than Jan. 4, and no later than Feb. 5 to qualify for the early-bird plan. Orders which do not adhere to those dates will be returned to the sender.

A check or money order made payable to the MHSAA must accompany the order form. An order form can be found on the MHSAA Web Site at www.mhsaa.com.

Single session tickets will go on sale beginning Feb. 6 through the Joe Louis Arena Box Office and TicketMaster outlets statewide. Single-session tickets are priced at \$8 each and all tournament tickets are also available for \$30. Advanced tickets purchased through Joe Louis Arena or TicketMaster will be assessed a service fee. General Admission tickets will be available at the Joe Louis Arena box office only prior to each session at a cost of \$5. There will be no advance sale of general admission tickets.

Experience is plentiful in Novi

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Novi started the season Dec. 12 at the EMU relays and topped South Lyon 117-68 in a dual meet last Thursday.

The team finished fifth among 13 teams at the Relays. The 800 freestyle relay team of Suchyta, Jones, Fischer and Benton were runner-up in a time of 8 minutes, 5 seconds.

Alberty and Zorca combined to finish third in the diving relays. Tardella, VanNortwick, Bliss and Yoo were third in the breaststroke, as were Jones, Bliss, Fischer and Kurtti in the 200 free relay. Tardella, Christopherson, Mobilo and Yoo were third in the 400 IM relay.

Against the Lions, double winners for Novi included Kurtti (200 and 500 freestyle), Fischer (IM and 100 butterfly) and Jones (50 and 100 freestyle). Mobilo won the 100 backstroke in 1:02.3. Tardella won the 100 breast (1:08.8) and Zorca won the diving (144.9).

The team has the rest of the Christmas break off and will face the Walled Lake combined team Jan. 5.

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Health Column

Keeping your resolution this New Year



Chris Klebba

When the big ball drops at 12 a.m. January first 1999, and kicks of the new year, what New Year Resolutions will kick off for you?

For many of us, it will involve our fitness, health or appearance in some way. Get in better shape, tone up, get more energy, fit into certain clothes, lose weight, the list goes on and on. In my opinion, nothing happens until this self-realization takes place and a goal, resolution or whatever you want to call it happens. My hat is off to those of you that do set resolutions. Like the old saying goes, if you keep doing the same things you did in past years, you will probably get the same results. In other words, if you want different results, do something different this new year.

Now for the bad news...despite our best intentions, unfortunately by February or March over 65 percent of us will have abandoned these improvements for yet another year. Too busy, problems, pet problems, that list goes on and on as well.

What really happens? What can you do to improve your odds of improving your fitness in 1999? When you examine the recent American Sports Data Inc. study on why people quite health club programs, almost half of the over 9000 people interviewed states loss of interest, motivation or not enough time as the number one answer. Since these reasons really point to priority, it certainly pushes us to look deeper and

broader than the typical motivators to help ourselves maintain whatever program we decide is for us long enough to see results and thus make it a part of our lifestyle. It takes about 60 to 90 days in a proper fitness and nutrition program to really see a noticeable physical difference, and the majority of us do not make it to that point, the motivators and techniques we have tried to use in the past such as lowering the risk of heart disease, cancer, depression, etc. on its own has not and does not work. This information has been known for years and yet over 65 percent of us fail.

Dr. David M. Connell, who has been practicing clinical psychology and psychotherapy for over 30 years, suggests we take a broader holistic, mind, body, spirit approach to affecting healthy changes long-term.

"We need to get in touch with the small child found in each of us. As parents we normally see to it our children get what they need, exercise, nutrition, etc. to assure their health, yet when it comes to us we tend not to place the priority," Dr. Connell said. "So look to that small child to get what he or she needs, the one inside you, and that includes the proper balance of exercise, nutrition, rest, fun, etc. Strengthening our instrument (body) allows more of the force, the spirit to move through us."

Along with Dr. Connell's input, we offer the following fitness pointers:

•**Self Forgiveness:** Let go of any guilt you may have from starting programs in the past and maybe not succeeding, come back and start over. We are entitled to good things in life and it is difficult to experience all that is there for you if your body is not capable or in poor physical shape.

•**Don't let cultural images of beauty** stop you from becoming your best. Today's media mes-

sages project an emaciated, adolescent look as the aesthetic ideal. What most people do not realize is most of these models have been airbrushed to remove any flaws, such as wrinkles or visible pores in the skin. They are also photographically elongated to maximize thinness, and in some cases entirely generated on the computer.

•**Find the right fitness program for you.** First off realize there are some critical ingredients to reaching your true goal. Food intake is usually 75 percent factor in reaching most people's goals. Cardiovascular and strength training are also essential. Using these factors find what is right for you. Is it a health club? What type? Is it home programs? Is it a combination? Explore different options to find the right prescription for you. If you need help seek out a fitness professional. Most time the most successful programs involve different ingredients or cross-training.

•**Set a realistic goal?** Many people are so excited to start they set a very high goal, such as five or six days a week. Remember consistency, not only frequency, will get you where you want to go.

Start with two or three day a week, set this in your planner or schedule and just do it! Even if you don't feel like working out, showing up at the club on your scheduled day will help you cement this pattern in your lifestyle.

The bottom line is to get to know you and what it will take to find, implement, and stick with a fitness program long enough to begin to see the rewards and that will keep you on track and focused long enough to make it a lifestyle change. Good luck!

This column was written by Chris Klebba, Owner and Operator of the Water Wheel Health Club. For more information please call (248) 449-7634.

Health Notes

MENOPAUSE SUPPORT GROUP

Providence Medical Center-Providence Park in Novi offers a free monthly support group for women who have concerns about menopause.

The group meets the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Providence Park Conference Center, 47601 Grand River Ave., at the corner of Grand River and Berk in Novi. The purpose of the support group is to provide women with educational information on topics relating to menopause.

For information, call (248) 424-3014.

FREE FOOT SCREENINGS

Free foot screenings are offered every Tuesday and Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Botsford General Hospital, Suite 200, South Professional Building, 28060 Grand River Ave. in Farmington Hills.

For more information or to make an appointment, call (248) 473-1320, weekdays 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

HEART DISEASE RISK REDUCTION PROGRAMS

These risk assessment and reduction programs are designed to help modify risk factors associated with heart disease. The fee is dependent on the level of programming.

Call Botsford General Hospital at (248) 471-8870 for more information.

HEALTH RISK APPRAISAL

Do you know what your health risks are? Botsford's health risk appraisal includes blood pressure, total cholesterol and HDL readings. There is a \$50 fee and an appointment is required.

For registration and information, call (248) 477-6100.

INTERMEDIATE WATER AEROBICS

This is a 50-minute water exercise class for postnatal and postphysical therapy patients. There is a \$35 fee for the six-week course and registration is required.

For registration and information, call the Botsford Center at (248) 473-5600.

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 14 locations throughout Oakland County.

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

Appointments are required. For more information, call: north Oakland, Pontiac: (248) 858-1311 or 858-4001; south Oakland, Southfield: (248) 424-7066 or 424-7067; west Oakland, Walled Lake: (248) 926-3000.

ABCs OF WEIGHT LOSS

A registered dietitian will work with you individually for three months to set up a realistic weight loss plan, organize your appetite and discuss the best strategies for weight loss. A \$95 fee and appointment is required.

The class is sponsored by Botsford's Health Development Network, 39750 Grand River Ave. in Novi.

For more information and to register, call (248) 477-6100.

ASTHMA EDUCATION

Individual sessions with a registered nurse can provide the tools to better understand and manage asthma. Day and evening sessions are available. Families are welcome.

There is a \$30 fee and an appointment is required.

For more information and to register, call (248) 477-6100.

BREASTFEEDING BASICS

This workshop covers the "how to's" of breastfeeding and answers questions and concerns of women who are already breastfeeding.

The fee is \$20, and the classes are held at Botsford's Health Development Network in Novi. For information and registration, call (248) 477-6100.

CIRCUIT TRAINING

This is a multi-stationed exercise and education program designed for the individual with limited experience using fitness equipment. Participants will be instructed on the proper use of weight and cardiovascular machines.

The class meets Mondays and Wednesdays from 7 to 8 p.m.

The fee is \$70 and preregistration is required.

For registration and information, call the Botsford Center for Health Improvement at (248) 473-5600.

MARTIAL ARTS FOR SPECIAL CHILDREN

Conducted by a black-belt martial arts instructor, a physical therapist and an exercise therapist for children ages 5-16 with special needs such as cerebral palsy, ADD, or sensory integration dysfunction.

This is a continuously revolving eight-week course held on Friday evenings from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at Providence Medical Center-Providence Park in Novi. There is a charge of \$100.

To register, call 1-800-968-5595.

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

"Focus On Living," a self-help group for cancer patients and their families, meets the first Wednesday of each month at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia.

Co-sponsored by the American Cancer Society, "Focus On Living" provides an opportunity to discuss concerns, obtain answers and gain support from others who share the same experiences.

Registration is not necessary, and there is no charge to attend.

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

DIABETES EDUCATION

This comprehensive program 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.

This is a continuously revolving six-week program held on Monday evenings from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at Providence Medical Office Center, Ten Mile and Haggerty roads. There is a \$20 fee.

Call (248) 424-3903 to register.

SURGICAL PREPARATION

Through the Sally the Surgery Star program, children scheduled for surgery are taken on a tour and familiarized with the surgical experience. A variety of educational materials and supportive teaching tools are used to help children deal positively with the idea of a hospital stay.

Admission to the program is by appointment only. There is no charge.

Call the Providence Medical Center-Providence Park at (248) 380-4170 to register.

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 are available.

A \$300 fee includes enrollment in the class "ABC of Weight Loss." For more information and to register, call (248) 473-5600.

CHILD HEALTH CLINICS

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

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

Appointment is required. For more information, call: North Oakland, Pontiac: (248) 858-1311 or 858-4001; South Oakland, Southfield: (248) 424-7066 or 424-7067; West Oakland, Walled Lake: (248) 926-3300; and Holly residents: 1-888-350-0900, extension 8-1311 or 8-4001.

HEALTHY SOLUTIONS SEMINARS

Healthy Solutions are offering a seminar series over the next few weeks. On Friday, Dec. 4, Val Wilson describes "Macrobiotic Cooking"; learn the basics of macrobiotics and healthy eating habits. A macrobiotic recipe will also be discussed and the dish available to taste.

Monday, Dec. 7, Cindy Klement, NC, discusses "Medicinal herbs"; learn the historical uses of herbs from relieving headaches to stopping heart attacks.

Monday, Dec. 14, Karen Farrell presents "Aromatherapy"; discover the many uses of essential oils, including beauty, work, physical fitness, home care, pet health and gardening.

All seminars are free. Please call (248) 305-5785 or stop in healthy solutions to reserve a seat (space is limited). You may show up the night of the seminar, however a seat may not be available.

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.

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS

Providence Medical Center-Providence Park is offering free blood pressure checks Monday through Friday from 9 to 11 a.m.

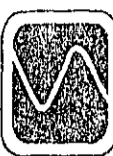
Area residents are invited to visit Providence Medical Center-Providence Park, 47601 Grand River Ave., to obtain the service. Screening will take place in Providence's Emergency Care Center located within the center.

For more information call (248) 380-4225.

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