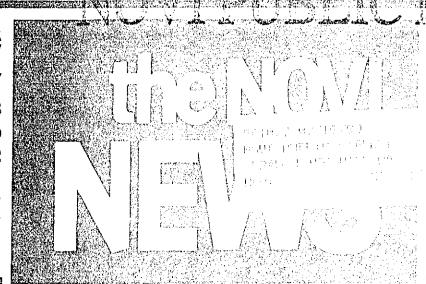
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Local man, rep seek credit reform

By JAN JEFFRES

Mr. Dicks didn't go to Washington. He didn't even go to Lansing.

Yet, the Northville High School teacher is responsible for the idea behind what could become a new law in Michigan, Legislation introduced by State Rep. Nancy Cassis. R-Novi, would give each consumer one free credit report annually.

"Fourteen months ago, the federal government passed legislation that companies would be able to charge a free for a credit report of \$8. We learned they might not enforce that if states had their own legislation," Cassis said.

A Novi resident, Bill Dicks teaches biology and earth science at Northville High School and is a girls' swim coach. He learned about the new federal legislation, the Fair Credit Reporting Act, through an article in Kiplinger's magazine and contacted Cassis.

Dicks said he was concerned because "your credit is something that is vitally important to you and can easily be messed up." One report a year should be free to the consumer, he added.

"I have had some erroneous information placed on my credit report that I didn't find out about until I applied for mortgage," Dicks explained.

"It was a charge on my credit card. They didn't read the number errectly and just guessed, and that ended up on my report ...You do hear the horror stories."

Cassis's bill was passed by the was not picked up by the senate. She plans to reintroduce the bill In 1999.

House Bill 5726 has the backing of the Michigan Chamber of Commerce, but is opposed by the

"We did hear from several people who thought it was very embarrassing to walk into an auto dealership and be denied credit. There was an embarrassment as well as the mere fact that all of us would like the security of knowing that the credit report is accurate."

State Rep. Nancy Cassis

Associated Credit Bureaus of Michigan.

Credit report mistakes can occur when clerks make typographical error or misread credit applications, when consumers use different names when receiving credit, when a payment is recorded inaccurately or due to a simple computer glitch.

Like the automotive industry in pre-Daimler days, the credit reporting business boasts a big three, Experian, TransUnion and Equifax. Smaller credit agencies contract with the big guys to get a

consumer's credit record. But handing out the reports without charge would be costly for

the smaller bureaus, said James

Cavenaugh, a lobbyist and lawyer Continued on 13





All aboard

Above, Michael Edwards and his Aunt Gail, Novi residents, watch as the "World's Largest Mobile Model Train" passes by in the Novi Expo Center Saturday. The display, which has become an annual event for Novi at Christmas time, was part of the Toy Train Show put on by **RR** Promotions.

Photo by TOM HIBBELN

House fires strike over holiday

By JAN JEFFRES Staff Writer

Three house fires made the holidays less than happy for several Novi residents.

No one was hurt, but two homes were left with major fire damage one while the owners were away on a cruise - and an apartment unit sustained some smoke dam-

Novi Fire Chief Art Lenaghan is urging residents to be cautious, following the trio of local incidents and those area wide.

"There's been a rash of fires, we just caution everybody to be very careful, Have an emergency plan in place," he said.

The first fire was reported at 3:50 a.m. on Dec. 25 at Deborah Michael's Lakewoode Parkhomes condominium unit at 22663 Cranbrooke Drive.

"The smoke detector went off, nobody got hurt," said Lenaghan

"She had to move. There was no

living in it after the fire." One room was left in total ruins, while smoke and water marred the rest of the residence, to the tune of about \$40,000. Firefighters were on the scene for two hours Christmas morning. The cause remains undetermined.

Sunday at 5:30 p.m., the fire department raced to a mobile home at 26942 Gornada, in the Country Cousins community. But a fire, apparently due to electrical

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Nichols mourned Sheriff and Novi resident given full honors

Oakland County Sheriff John F. Nichols received full military honors last week as he was remembered by friends and admirers who fondly recalled his exemplary career as a professional cop and his commitment to friends and colleagues.

"Sheriff Nichols was one of a kind. Anybody who tries to imitate him is doomed to failure," said Capt. Damon Shields, one of about 100 command officers who served under Nichols, a Novi resident.

Shields was one of thousands of mourners who visited Mt. Zion in Clarkston, where Nichols lay in state prior to his funeral on Dec. 23. Nichols, who died Dec. 18, was 80.

The former sheriff was in full uniform, with

Make Two are emerging as the frontrunners is the contest to replace deceased Sheriff John Nichols. The

story appears on page 13A.

dozens of police commendations and medals

adorning his chest, as visitors filed by his casket. Some paused briefly in silence, tears ran down the cheeks of others. Honor guards in full dress uniform were sta-

tioned on each side of the easket. They were

from the county sheriff's department, as well as the Detroit and Farmington Hills police departments, the three police agencies in which Nichols spent more than 55 years as a patrolman, then command officer.

Nichols, a World War II veteran, was also a colonel in the Army Reserves.

Nichols was the right man, an innovative disciplinarian, for the right place when he was elected sheriff of Oakland County, said County Executive L. Brooks Patterson.

"When John Nichols was appointed under sheriff in 1974. I was starting my career as prosecuting attorney. It was then that we began a three-decade long friendship," Patter-

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Grant may beef up Novi police

By JAN JEFFRES Staff Writer

Novi will apply for a federal grant that would pay in part for adding four officers to the police

But one thing the city council wanted Police Chief Douglas Shaeffer to apprehend is that although the grant can be mailed in, the city is not committed to increasing the department's personnel level.

"We see ourselves as a growing community that is going to add staff over time. We see this as an opportunity to do so at a reduced cost to Novi," Shaeffer said.

But Mayor Kathleen McLallen cautioned that even if the city

to back out if it's determined that Novi doesn't want to hire extra officers.

"It seems to be me this federal program are designed to help those communities that are not presently able to meet needs, to get a jump start," Council Member Kathy Mutch said.

"It is not free money. We need to apply for those things that we truly need money for.

The Universal Hiring Grant available through the U.S. Department of Justice would provide the city with a total of \$75,000 per officer over a three-year time span. The city's matching share

A fair amount of the water which would have flowed through the Quail Ridge subdivision was frozen last week, but that didn't mean residents weren't concerned about erosion along the Eight Mile Road development.

By CHRIS C. DAVIS

and JAN JEFFRES

Staff Writers

Neither Novi nor Northville Township officials could deny a serious erosion problem existed.

agreed as to how the problem was problem. created.

Engineers hired by the city of Novi two years ago said two construction and engineering flaws in Quail Ridge were to blame.

A Dec. 15 memorandum from Novi public services director Tony Nowicki to Novi city manager Ed Kriewall, however, indicated Northville Township officials had been dragging their feet in work-

but the two governments dis- ing together to solve the erosion. Dec. 3, they had heard nothing

"In the past, we have demonstrated our willingness to openly discuss the Quail Ridge drainage issue with Northville Township," the memo read, "However, it is nearly two years since Northville Township has contacted us."

The memo went on to say that aside from articles which appeared in the Novi News and Northville Record on Feb. 26 and

Communities differ over drain trouble about the matter from the town-

> ship. Novi City Council Member Laura Lorenzo requested the

report on the issue. "If my community is contributing to a drainage problem in another community, I'm concerned about it," Lorenzo said.

Nowicki said Novi hadn't heard from the township since a Febru-Continued on 13

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A special section . . .

For a cause

Most people when they order dinner over the telephone, expect to be told how much money they owe. In recent weeks at the Novi Pizza Company, customers were also asked if they'd like to donate a can of food for the needy family Christmas programs offered by the Novi Goodfellows and Holy Family Church. In return, each donor was given a free order of breadsticks. It was an offer too tempting for some 460 pizza lovers to refuse. "It was pretty good for the first year," said Novi Pizza Company owner Peter Woolford, "I think the customers were pretty receptive to it. It was usually the regular customers who know us." Woolford owns the business with his wife, Shawn Crossett, who was busy loading up some of the goods for the church last

Photo by TOM HIBBELN



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 31

New Year's Eve

City offices, the Recycling Center and the Novi Library are closed. Have Civil Air Patrol

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 Lahiff at 348-6019 (evenings). Visitors are welcome.

Tuesday, January 5

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 Koney Island at Eight Mile and Haggerty roads. For information, call the BNI regional office at (734) 397-9939.

Civil Air Patrol

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

Amateur Radio Club

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

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 infor-

mation, 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

Thursday, January 8

Business Network International

on Novi Road, across from the Novi Town Center

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

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family member you can lease.

The Novi Rotary Club meets at noon at the Novi United Methodist Church at 41671 Ten Mile Road. For Information, contact Bob Limbright at 380-6500.

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Tuesday, January 12

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Beautification Commission

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

Chess Club

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Optimist Club

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

Wednesday, January 13

The Novi Senior Social Club will gather at noon in the Novi Civic Cen-

ter for their monthly potluck luncheon. **Business Network International**

from 7-8:30 a.m. at at the Novi Hilton, 2111 1 Haggerty Rd. For information, call the BNI regional office at (734) 397-9939.

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

followed by a meeting.

The Society for the Preservation of American Racing Knowledge, the allvolunteer support organization for the Motorsports Hall of Fame of America, meets at 7 p.m. at the Novi Expo Center. The meeting is open to any-

one interested in supporting the Hall of Fame and Museum.

F.E.M.A.L.E. The Novi area Formerly Employed Mothers at the Leading Edge Chapter meets at 7 p.m. at the Providence Mission Health Center, 39500 W. Ten Mile Rd., Conference Room A. The purpose of the organization is to offer support for mothers who have chosen to interrupt their careers to

Thursday, January 14

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the Novi Civic Center.

Novi Rotary

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Monday, January 18

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

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Tuesday, January 19

Garden Club

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

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Bereavement Support Group

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

Thursday, January 21

The Novi Rotary Club meets at noon at the Novi United Methodist Church at 41671 Ten Mile Road. For information, contact Bob Limbright at 380-6500.

Tuesday, January 26

care for their children. For more information call Janet at (248) 446-0130.

The ZONTA Club of Farmington/Novi meets at 6 p.m. at the Embassy Suites Hotel (between Seven and Eight Mile roads., off 1-275). ZONTA International is a worldwide classified service organization of executives in business and the professions, working to improve the legal, political, economic and professional status of women. For information and reser-The Novi Parks and Recreation Commission will meet at 7:30 p.m. in vations, call (313) 538-8043.

Resident furious over work, officials

Along with the headache con-

The construction has cost Heidelberg front yard space and left from dealing with city officials.

Heidelberg's problems did not The problem did not stop there. start with the Meadowbrook Road Several other times, Heidelberg project. Previously, Heidelberg said said she tried to call city officials the state constructed the M-5 Con- about problems she was having nector and the Walled Lake School with construction and each time District built a new elementary officials played a game of "pass the school next to her house.

And Heidelberg's construction woes will not end anytime in the city hall) who has been accountnear future, because recently the able," she said. city gave the go ahead to construction of a new subdivision, directly berg said she dealt with was Anthoacross the street from her house. Heidelberg admits she and her

husband knew that the area was going to be devrloped when they descending to her and would never bought their home, but what she did not know, was the pain that woold be involved in dealing with was going on or said (another offi-She said it started after the city said.

began installing sidewalks in front However, Nowicki said he has of her house in late fall of 1997. never received any phone calls

her driveway

Heidelberg became concerned struction usually brings to resi- about this hole, because she has dents, one resident of Meadow- children who wait for a school bus brook Road has found dealing with in the morning at her driveway. the city is an even bigger migraine. She said she called to see if the Lori Heidelberg owns a home on city was going to finish the side-Meadowbrook Road, at Thirteen walk project anytime soon. This Mile, which is currently under con- one call sent her on a series of calls to various officials, who told her to

call other officials. Heidelberg said the hole wasn't her with a large sinkhole next to filled until May 1998, Leaving her her driveway. It has also left her children to stand next to an open with a bitter taste in her mouth sinkhole while waiting for the school bus for the entire winter.

"I have not talked to anyone (at The worst of the officials Heidel-

ny Nowicki, director of public ser-She said, Nowicki was very con-

answer her questions. "He either did not know what ciall would call me," Heidelberg

Lore Heidelberg points out the construction which has cause her grief for so long.

statement saving, "That's an out- berg's sinkhole. right lie. I have talked with Nowicki) at least half a dozen times." As for the other officials in he said.

complaints.

municipal design services for JCK goes to our offices. If safety is ever many of which led to compromises She said this piece of advice is and associates, the company in an issue it is acted upon quickly." in the design,

To provide the public with infor-

would take care of it right away," undergo with the onset of the sub-ty," he said.

Douglas Pakkala, director of ignored, If a complaint is made, it city and the residents of the road, "If you don't like it ... move."

Two bidders want to buy a prime

The city asked for a minimum of

These school court days began ping Center site. Art Van Furni- Scott Shuptrine store.

said he is not aware of any long - location of Heidelberg's home and - ly demonstrated an ability to work, Heidelberg responded to this term complaints, such as Heidel- said he feels "very sorry for her" with residents and school in' due to all of the construction she - putting together a project that is in "If there was any hazard we has undergone and will continue to the best interest of the communi-

use or anything else," Council ber Craig DeRoche pointed out.

These first offers were rejected somebody wants to come in andi-

that the council is leaning in favor still maybe space left at Main

landscaped, but reserve it for the land as a part of a special

"Art Van is an existing business acres. The money will be used to.

ty. That is one of the driving rea-

sons they have bid on the proper- West Oaks Drive and Novi Road.

intends a clear sight for the proper- close out the SAD account.

division project.

Member Bob Schmid said.

Now, the city's prepared to do of Art Van. The furniture store Street, Novi," he said.

some heavy-duty horse trading to would keep the land vacant and. In the 1980s, the city purchased

In the running are an existing future parking spaces should the assessment district. Two parcels,

business at the West Oaks Shop- firm decided to expand its nearby are split by Karevich drive, one is

A new business such as Jerod's

incoming and outgoing calls, he charge of the road construction, Pakkala said he does know the "I think the city of Novi has real-

In the meantime. Heidelberg said charge of the project, they say they David Potter, vice president of As for the Meadowbrook Road she has been treated with so much have never received Heidelberg's immicipal engineering for JCK, project, Nowicki said their have disrespect by the city officials that added, "These people are not been several meetings between the it seems like they are saying to her.

something she is considering.

"I'm not too enthusiastic that

0.99 acres and the other is 0.44.

52-1 District takes its court to Novi High School

By JEREMY McBAIN

The 52-1 District Court moved to the Novi High School auditorium Tuesday, giving students a chance to see real court proceedings. gives the students a great chance works, without having to take a very attentive.

John Lawrence, assistant princievent also offers a wonderful shoplifting. opportunity for civic classes to observe real governmental proceed-

see "the real world" and gives them

"The last session in particular valuable educational experience by Walled Lake Central, South Lyon lion. was completely full," he said. The court held three sessions improper actions and what rights Lake Community High next year. By land. Not any signage, not any land to build new retail, Council Mem-

during the day and MacKenzie said the students have, it also helps to JAN JEFFRES he tries to leave a few minutes left demystify the judicial system to the Judge Brian MacKenzie said open at the end of each session to public. moving the court to the school answer question from students. He said the students asked some enough about courts," MacKenzie from Novi. to see how the judicial system very interesting questions and were said.

MacKenzie said he tried various mation about the courts. MacKen- get the price higher. district court cases that day, rang- zic said he occasionally brings the pal of Novi High School, said the ing from domestic assault to court into the schools. Everyone involved in a trail that ten years ago at Walled Luke West-ture, but Irailing is a second busi-

went to Novi High School agreed to ern. The next year, MacKenzie ness, Jared Jewelry, that is eying have their trial held before an audi- brought the event to Novi High the Karevich Drive parcels. It gives the students a chance to ence of students before they went. School. Because of their willingness to do in addition to these two schools. \$950,000 for the property. Art Van ity," City Manager Ed Kriewall said. an appreness of whates going on this, MacKenzie said he sometimes MacKenzie said he also brings to offered \$1.16 million, while Jared offers lesser penalties to the partic-

Judge MacKenziogy said the dpants.
"school court day" went great and Holding court at the high school in for hangete both the school and the

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court. While it gives students a court to Milford High School, Jewelry is willing to pay \$1.2 mil- Jewelry would increase the tax

showing the consequences of and will be hold session at Walled ... "Negotiate a dollar value for the ... But there are other places in Novi-

"I think people don't know acre and a half of downtown land last week, with the understanding build a new structure when there's

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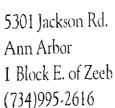
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Man arrested for assaulting wife

arested around 10 p.m. Dec. 20 at Dunkin Donuts near the corner of Police News Ten Mile and Haggerty roads for

assaulting his wife According to the man's wife, the couple went to damer that night in-Detroit, after which she drove home because he was too intoxicat -

An argument crupted during the drive home and the man's wife slapped him. He slapped her back -

in retaliation. After the argument ended, the man told his wife that she broke his glasses and their punched her in the eve with a closed fist, giving

her a black-eye. When the couple got home, the man ordered his wife from the carand grabbed her while trying to

force her into the house. She started to scream and the man let her go. When he did so, the woman ran into the home and called the police.

During this time the man left. When the Novi police arrived, they searched the area and found the man at the Dunkin Donnts. He was arrested for domestic

While he was at the Novi police department, an officer investigate. ing the incident showed him a picture of his wife's black eye, which home on the 41000 block of Lama the responded to by saving, "She to Orive

BORIC'S BREAK-IN

Sometime between 10 p.m. Dec. 19 and 10 a.m. Dec. 20 a unknown suspect broke into Bolee's Hair Care at 43934 West Oaks Drive by priving open the rear dosa. Once miside the suspect could mor locate the store's each, but incident, opened the cash register and took

\$20 in quarters. There was nothing else taken at goin entry rato the Subway next ment Store in the Twelve Oaks Mall door by breaking through the wall. Jor shoplifting, However, a piece of physical

into the restaurant.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

GONE BAD A 42 year old Novi man found This yard and vehicles covered with toilet paper and ergs Dec. 20 at his

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TO THE TAXPAYERS AND ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF MORTHVILLE,

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the City Council of the City of Northville has approved a Contract of Lease (the "Contract") with the 35th Judicial District Bridging Authority pursuant to Act No. 31, Public Acts of Michigan, 1948 (Feet Extra Section) as amended ("Act 31"). Such Contract provides, among off or things, that the Bubbing Authority, which has been incorporated by the Charter Townships of Canton. Northville and Plymouth and the Cities of Northville and Plymouth, Michigan other "Incorporating Units" and each an "incorporating Unit"), will acquire construct, fornish and equip a district court facility for use by the 35th Judicial District of Machicpin to serve the incorporating Units (the "Project"), and WILL ISSUE ITS BONDS IN PORTION OF THE ESTIMATED COST OF THE PROJECT. The remaining portion of Project not financed with the proceeds of the Building Authority bonds described herein will be financed from insurance proceeds and other proceeds available to the 35th Judicial District of Michigan. The Building Authority bonds will malure senally a be subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption from not earlier than 1999 to not later than 2030, inclusive, and will bear interest at fixed or variable rates not exceeding eight percent (8%) per annum on the outstanding principal balance as deternined at the public or negotiated sale thereof

The Contract further provides that the Incorporating Units will lease the financed facilities from the Building Authority and WILL PAY AS RENTAL TO THE BUILDING AUTHORITY ALL SUMS NECESSARY TO RETURE THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON THE BUILDING AUTHORITY BONDS, TOGETHER WITH ALL COSTS OF OPERATING AND MAINTAINING THE FACILITIES AND ALE COSTS of the Building Authority in connection therewith, regardless of whether the acilities are completed or are unlenantable. The principal arrount to be borrowed by the Building Authority will be indebtedness of the City for purposes of statistory and constitutional debt limitations, and the principal amount, together with the Citys rental obligation for payment thereof, may be increased to cover increased costs of

CITY CONTRACT OBLIGATIONS
BY VIRTUE OF THE CONTRACT AND ACT 31, ALL OF THE CITY'S REQUIRED PAYMENTS TO THE BUILDING AUTHORITY WILL BE LIMITED TAX FULL FAITH AND CREDIT GENERAL OBLIGATIONS OF THE CITY PAYABLE REQUIRED TO LEVY AD VALOREM TAXES ON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY NITHIN ITS BOUNDARIES TO THE EXTENT NECESSARY TO MAKE THE PAY MENTS REQUIRED TO RETIRE THE BONDS AND INTEREST THEREON. IF OTHER FUNDS FOR THAT PURPOSE ARE NOT AVAILABLE. HOWEVER, TH OBLIGATION TO LEVY TAXES IS LIMITED BY APPLICABLE CONSTITUTIONA

THE CONTRACT SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE WITHOUT VOTE OF THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY, AS PERMITTED BY LAW, UNLESS A SUFFICIENT PETITION FOR REFERENDUM REQUESTING AN ELECTION ON THE QUES TION OF WHETHER SUCH CONTRACT SHOULD BE EFFECTIVE, SIGNED BY NOT LESS THAN 10% OF THE REGISTERED ELECTORS OF THE CITY. IS FILED WITH THE CITY CLERK WITHIN 45 DAYS FOLLOWING THE DATE OF PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE, If such petition is so filed, the Contract shall not be offective without an approving vote by a majoray of electors of the City voting on

This Notice is given pursuant to the requirements of Section 8(b) of the Act 31 as amended. Further information concerning the details of the Contract, the Project being financed and the matters set out in this Notice may be secured from the office of the City Clerk. Copies of the Contract are on file in the office of the City Clerk, City of Northville, Michigan, for public inspection during regular business hours. DIANNE MASSA CLERK, CITY OF NORTHVILLE

(12-31-98 NR 872087)

The man's son came home at about 2:30 a.m. that morning and discovered the gooey carnage.

> The man said nothing was seri ously damaged. Last week the man reported numerous candy cane cutouts were stolen from his yard. There area no suspects in either

SHOPLIFTER NABBED

A 27-year-old Detroit woman the store, but the suspectivent into - was arrested around 4:30 p.m. the ballurous and attempted to Dec. 19 at Lord and Taylor Depart-

An employee of the store mounted directly behind a sink observed the woman select a Lord and toilet in the Subway bathroom and Taylor handbag then return a appeared to have prevented entry - pair of shoes, without the receipt. The woman then entered the hosiery department and selected two Hane's panty hose. She then purchased one pair and

placed the other in the bag she was

without paying for it. She was apprehended and arrested.

A 21-year-old Livonia man was near the Novi Road and I-96 inter-

An officer on patrol observed the man's vehicle traveling south on Novi Road weaving in its lane and driving left of the center line four times. The vehicle was also traveling faster than the posted speed

The officer stopped the vehicle and upon contact with the driver he noticed a strong odor of intoxi-The man said he did not have a

driver's license because it was sus- | For sale pended and admitted to drinking too much. He was given a roadside sobriety

test and arrested. department, the man was given a

Novi Briefs

Cable TV hearing

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

The hearing is part of the franchise renewal process SWOCC and Time arrested around 2 a.m. Dec. 19 Warner Cable of Oakland County are currently undergoing.

Money for Motorsports

The session will be held at the Novi Civic Center.

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

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

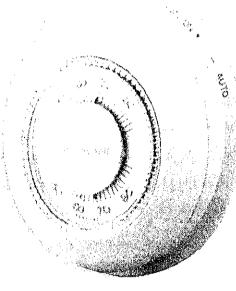
For repairs to the Novi Police Department building, as approved by voters in November, the Novi City Council recently authorized the sale on the open market of \$3.5 million in city bonds. The city has to pay a \$400 fil-While he was at the Novi police | ing fee with the Michigan Department of Treasury for the bond sale, Michigan National Bank of Farmington Hills was designated as the

chemical breath test which showed | bond registrar, paying agent and transfer agent. The bonds will mature at a blood alcohol content of .19 per- | times, ranging from the year 2000 to 2018.

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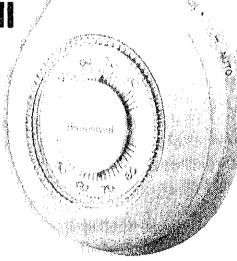






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Bidding on for city owned land Library Briefs

Four new Indian gambling casi-olution, Casinos are planned for casino, Gagliardi blocked the vote hours cajoling Rep. Andrew

nos may be built in Michigan after Battle Creek, New Buffalo, Manis- with a "clear the board" call as Raczkowski. R-Farmington Hills.

By TIM RICHARD

Two bidders want to buy a prime acre and a half of downtown land

from Novi. some heavy-duty horse trading to

grudgingly approved contracts

the House of Representatives tee and Mackinaw City.

required just a majority of those lose all control.

offered \$1.16 million, while Jared Scott Shuptrine store.

Member Bob Schmid said.

business at the West Oaks Shop- last week, with the understanding base, council members conceded. acres. The money will be used to ping Center site. Art Van Furni- that the council is leaning in favor But there are other places in Novi close out the SAD account. ture, but trailing is a second busi- of Art Van. The furniture store to build new retail, Council Memness, Jared Jewelry, that is eying would keep the land vacant and ber Craig DeRoche pointed out.

intends a clear sight for the proper

Engler and Gagliardi argued that

The late-night Dec. 10 vote was the compacts, with state regulassial opponent Harold Voorhees, R-

48-47, with 13 members absent. tions, the tribes could win a feder- Wyoming. Michigan has 15 state

in regulating casinos. A New Buffa-

"We can't amend the compact. lo area lawmaker asked for an land lawmakers that the compact

We concur or not," said Rep. Pat amendment giving the host town-would actually protect them from a no.

those elected and serving. The Sen-communities should have a voice—have 21 casinos.

negotiated by Gov. John Engler. - if the Legislature fails to approve more casinos than universities,

\$950,000 for the property. Art Van — firm decided to expand its nearby — build a new structure when there's still maybe space left at Main Jewelry is willing to pay \$1.2 mil- "Art Van is an existing business." Street, Novi," he said.

"Enough is enough! We will have - majority floor leader next year.

"Negotiate a dollar value for the -ty. That is one of the driving rea-Now, the city's prepared to do land. Not any signage, not any land sons they have bid on the properthe land as a part of a special use or anything else," Council ty, "City Manager Ed Kriewall said, assessment district. Two parcels A new business such as Jerod's are split by Karevich drive, one is In the running are an existing These first offers were rejected. Jewelry would increase the tax 0.99 acres and the other is 0.44

landscaped, but reserve it for "I'm not too enthusiastic that West Oaks Drive and Novi Road.

Gagliardi, D-Drummond, majority—ship and contiguous townships the—casino's being located in Hazel

floor leader who sponsored the resemble to vote on whether to allow a Park. The governor spent literally

Engler sought to persuade Oak-

green (yes) lights went up.

scheduled to get Gagliardi's job as

In the 1980s, the city purchased

The Novi Library Board of Directors meets Tuesday, Jan. 12, at 7 p.m. in the library's Local History Room. Community members are welcome to Four new Indian casinos on the way

the Mayor's Chambers at the Novi Civic Center.

tion on the day and time of your child's session.

Adult book discussion group

Story time notes

Library board meeting

Senior book discussion group The January selection for senior booklovers is "Snow in August" by Pete Hamill. The senior group will meet Thursday, Jan. 14, at 12:30 p.m. in

Our January selection is "She's Come Undone" by Wally Lamb. The

group will meet Monday, Jan. 4, at 7 p.m. in the library meeting room. All

Winter Story Times begin Jan. 11. Please call the library for informa-

Kids Online: Searching, Safety & Sites

This child-oriented introduction to the Internet focuses on kids' search "I will protect my constituents. ingines, the importance of online safety, and sites that kids love. The Raczkowski told reporters in the lass meets Wednesday, Jan. 13, at 4 p.m. For children aged 8-12; par-The measure, a resolution, all court suit, and the state would universities; when three Detroit corridor after his confrontation ints are welcome. Please register in advance for all Internet classes by casinos and the four new Indian - with Engler. But the freshman lawvoting, not a 55-vote majority of Opponents argued that host casinos are added, Michigan will maker took a walk during the final

The Internet: Tools & Tips for Parents

Rep. Nancy Cassis, R-Novi, voted Designed for parents, this overview of the Internet includes suggestions for promoting safe, rewarding online experiences for your family. The class meets Thursday, Jan. 14, at 7 p.m.

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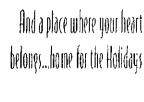
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Through a joint effort with the Institute for Business and Home Safety (IBHS), AAA Michigan will take part in a statewide campaign to perform nonstructural retrofits of nonprofit child care centers. Called "Protecting Our Kids from Disasters," the program is designed

Safety tips for using that snowblower

Like so many other machines and appliances, snow throwers dowhat they do well as long as they're used properly. Careless use can pose dangers to the operator or bystanders.

According to Howard Doss, safety specialist at Michigan State University Extension Service, most snow thrower-related injuries occur when the operator tries to unclog the discharge chute with the unit running. The user cannot see the whirling impeller blade down in the chute because of the snow clogging it. Prying the clogout by hand, the operator puts a hand into the blade. Serious cuts and even amputations can occur.

"If a snow thrower discharge

does get plugged, shut the engine off and wait for all parts to stop moving," Doss advised. Then remove the key and disconnect the spark plug wire on a gasoline-powered machine before using a stick or some other object to remove the clog, Doss said. If you

have an electric snow thrower, unplug it before unclogging the discharge chute. The key to operating snow throwers and other equipment safely is to read and be sure you understand the operating and service instruction manual, Doss said. Make sure you're thoroughly famil-

far with the controls and the proper use of the equipment. Because snow throwers, like lawn mowers, can pick up and hurl objects, clear the area of debris before you begin, and keep bystanders and pets away from the

Never allow children to operate potentially dangerous equipment, and make sure adults who will be using it receive proper instruction

Check the fuel level before each use and fill the tank, if necessary belore you begin. It you have to add fuel, allow the engine to cool before refilling the tank. Fill the tank outdoors, where gasoline fumes can dissipate readily, wipe off any spills and replace the gas tank cap securely.

If you use an electric snow thrower, check the cord before each use for frayed areas or cuts. Use only extension cords and receptacles specified by the manufacturer. Be sure to keep cords out of the path of the machine.

Keep hands and feet away from rotating parts and stay away from the discharge opening at all times. Wear appropriate winter clothing and footwear. Avoid long scarves or other dangling articles that could get tangled in exposed chains and sprockets or other moving parts. Be sure that all guards and other safety protective devices are in place before operating.

Stop the engine whenever you leave the operating position, before unclogging the machine, and when making any repairs, adjustments or inspections. Disconnect the spark plug wire on a gasoline-powered machine or disconnect the cord on electric motors to prevent accidental starting.

The snow thrower has proven itself as a valuable time-, laborand heart-saving device," Doss observed. Safe operation is a matter of being an informed and careful user - reading and following the instruction manual, being aware of the potential dangers and taking appropriate precautions to avoid



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Obituaries

Nicholas Manica, Also surviving is his brother, Nicholas, He was pre-

Yavello of Scottsdale, Arizona and — Following his retirement from the grandchildren Michael, Timothy business manager of his son's

Mr. Manica was a member of the Northville Rotary Club, the University of Detroit Alumni Association. and the Titan Club.

Visitation was Dec. 23 at Lynch & Son Funeral Home. The Juneral was Dec. 24 at the St. John The Baptist Romanian Byzantine Rite Catholic Church.

Memorial contributions may be made the St. John The Baptist Romanian Byzantine Rife Catholic

John J. Manica, a former coowner of the Northville Hotel & Bar, ceded in death by his brother. died Dec. 20 at Woodward Hills Nursing Home in Bloomfield Hills. Mr. Manica was born Sept. 19. He was 84 years old. 1914 in Cleveland, Ohio, He was a Mr. Manica is survived by his resident of Southfield for ten years vife of 57 years, Martoara, his chil- and a former resident of Northville dren Dr. John (Renee) Manica of - and Detroit. He graduated from the Northville, Marioara (Michael) University of Detroit in 1937.

Diane Manica of Detroit, as well as - Northville Hotel & Bar, he served as - Church, 20521 Woodward Avenue,

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Northville launches contest to name school

Step right up, ladies and gentlemen, it's time to play Name That

It's a once-in-a-lifetime chance to — Jeff Radwanski, "We want to get as identity to the school on the hill. Come the summer of the new consider the rules of the game as High School will be transformed Education. into a middle school.

nickname and colors of red, black school district is looking to the pertain to the site.

munity. With it's location in the the highest point in Wayne County. be part of us. I'm hoping that will District resident or employee to heart of the town I think it's impor- Geological names may reflect come out in the ideas," Radwanski enter the contest, which runs from tant to involve everyone in naming things like the formation of the said. the school," said Cooke principal earth and its development.

make history, folks, by offering an many entries as we possibly can." example, is named after the glacial was lost when construction delays body, staff and parents. Then, the Before you start writing, though, sediment it's perched on. millermium, the current Northville - set forth by the Northville Board of - orate significant people or things - move. The school can't be named after Mill Middle School's title.

Cooke Middle School will then take—instead to reflect geographical, geo---gests that the community consider 2000. over the halls, toting their Raiders - logical or historical characteristics. - that senior citizens will be an Geographical names may take important part of the new middle at one time. It was delayed when President. into account the earth's surface. school, invited to walk the halls for the high school was delayed. We're They won't be bringing their climate, plants, animals, resources morning exercise and enjoy snacks hoping this contest will start buildname with them, though, and the or physical characteristics that made by Life Skills students.

community to submit ideas for new Names in this category may note seniors can mingle with students, get to name a school. This is some t

Historical names may commemrelated to the site, such as Meads

such things as the building's loca- We took the current Cooke building thing that will live on probably for radwanskj@ckoff.northville.k12.mi.

"Even though it's one of two mid-tion within Northville or the fact back from what was the Senior Cit-ever."

The staff and students from a person. Entries must be confined - Principal Radwanski also sug-

Moraine Elementary School, for enthusiasm about the new school voted upon by the Cooke student to the new high school threatened three entries which receive the to postpone the middle school's most votes will be presented to the

> Now construction is back on tion. track and the move is expected to - Radwanski will drive the winner be on target for the summer of

"I think we had more excitement ing excitement again," he said. "I hope it will be a place where "Let's face it, it's not everyday you Rd. Northville, Mi 48167, e-mailed

Jan. 11 to Feb. 10.

The principal said some of the All appropriate entries will be

to lunch in his 1971 Cadillac, along with the Board of Education President, Superintendent and PTSA

Cooke Middle School, 21200 Taft

Court house construction soon to get underway

struction to begin, probably some \$62,500.

Those on the bonding committee—tion could be gathered. saw fit to only approve one of the The committee was comprised of who said it court security needed to the court the way they did," Erd-

the project. Pointed discussions for Thelma Kubitskey. Plymouth designing the structure. Representatives from the five eventually provided for a fourth. Township building inspector Char- Erdman recalled his experience though 35th District didn't usually

The biggest sigh of relief for those turned down proposals to give a er Gary Word. gathered around the table came in finished look to the magistrate's It was the elevator question. At 36th District, it wasn't was destroyed in an accidental fire knowing bids returned for the esti-office, provide for audio-visual which captured the attention of uncommon for prisoners, court caused by a lightning storm in the mated \$7.5 million project were recording and give a special coating committee members, who poured staff and members of the public to summer of 1997. The current court very close to budgeted amounts. to woodwork in the facility. Livonia-based Bedzyk Brothers The committee tabled a proposal minutes. Most of the support for elbow, Erdman said. The combina-court by nearby Unisys.

five "extra" elements proposed for Northville Township finance director be of the utmost importance when man said. At the same time, the committee Sincock and Northville city managing 1940s, and as such, had logiscasses were seen.

was awarded the general contract to add lighting protection to the the elevators came from judges Ron tion tested the limits of safety. as court supervisor Kerry Erdman, tain they wouldn't have designed 2000.

communities serviced by 35th Dis-prisoners-only elevator to be added - lie McLlahargey, Canton Township - at 36th District Court in downtown - handle as many violent offenders trief Court payed the way for con- to the plan at an additional cost of director of finance Tony Minghine, Detroit. The building housing the as 36th District did, 35th District acting Plymouth city manager Paul courtrooms was constructed dur- was still a place where a lot of

> tical flaws in its design, he said. over the question for more than 90 need to ride elevators elbow-to-property is being leased to the

courthouse until further informa- Lowe and John MacDonald, as well "If they had to do it over, I'm cer- for completion around March of

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City officials working to resolve Y2K

ries it its computers will shut down over to the year 2000, they turn to will be working throughout the next year to lix the problem. Lauri Loechli, network adminis-

trator for the city wide network, computers in the city wide network said Novi will not shut down. have been tested and the rest will Teams are already working on the be completed before the end of

puters, especially older machines, patch center shouldn't experience are not "compliant" with the year problems. Joe Burchett, police 2000. Older machines recorded department dispatch manager, said years as two-digits only, so the a year 2000 compliant system is experts are unsure what will hap-scheduled to be installed sometime pen when they come across a 00 in February. year. The date turnover may cause — The year 2000 problem was not some computers to get the date the reason the system was

compliant," it must be able to han- problem, he said. dle the date change at the end of

if the computers are not fixed a is not even made," he said. variety of problems could occur, the turn of the millennium.

To combat this year 2000 probwas formed that has been testing business," she said. and renovating the city's network. Locchli said the committee has city around \$15,000. identified problem areas and has could cause the computers to shul - um. down. It is also taking steps to flx
"I feel better now about It than I

While the rest of the nation wor- clocks on the computers try to flip in the year 2000, Novi city officials - the year 1980 instead. She added, "There is so many different problems that could happen."

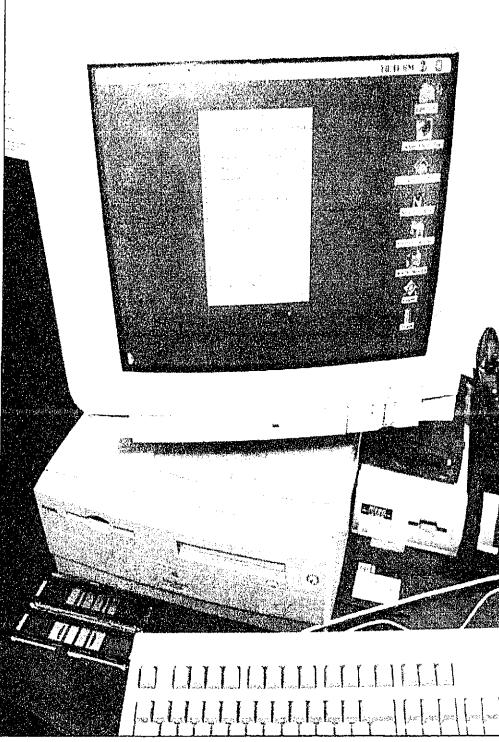
Computer experts say some comThe city's 9-1-1 emergency dis-

wrong; in some cases the computer - replaced, but believes it was more for mechanical reasons, but the For a computer to be "year 2000 - new system should take care of the The city's current 9-1-1 dispatch

system is too old. "You can't buy Computer scientists are saying, (replacement parts) for it because it Loechli said the only major city Some even say it will create a department that still needs an world-wide computer shutdown at - upgrade is the Building Depart-

"Even if that does not get done, lem in the City of Novi, a committee—that is not going to put them out of So far the upgrades have cost the

Loechlt said she is not worried tried to think of every scenario that about the change of the millenni-



did four months ago," she added. Will they still run a year from now?

Consultant says, get ready for one-week camping

day. And if you happen to be in years with four digits. But that two weeks' salary in cash. eastern Europe, Latin America or a might involve changing programs

bills could be shown as not having date investments.

City hall will hesitate when you

ask if it's ready for the Y2K prob-

That's on the advice of attorneys.

agers and public safety directors to

of the statements we make. The

city is exempt from suits (under an

misleading statements," James

Amin is director of administra-

Arbor. He was among a panel of

speakers at the University of Michi-

pal and university officials.

The computer may not know the ment and Planning for Individu- handy.

44 years old, not 56. Credit card—your money from banks or liqu

 Have up to five days supplies of
 Retrieve all your e-mail mesthird world country, your camp out - written in computer "languages" - key consumer items - medications, - sages. that are rarely used any more. non-perishable food, household The reason is Y2K - the The CartnerGroup, which spe- supplies, batteries for lights and early. widespread expectation that com- clalizes in research, suggests what radios. If you depend on food . Obtain hard (paper) copies of thousands of enterprises and genputers will malfunction because the average homeowner should - stamps or the Women-Infant-Chil- your Social Security records, pen- erally finds that large companies they record the year by the last two and shouldn't - do as the year dren federal program, you should sign and savings plans. digits, and they can't tell the differ- 2000 approaches. Excerpts from be especially cautious. The old Avoid air travel around Jan. 1, ence between 1900 and 2000 s. its report "Year 200 Risk Assess- propose gas stove may come in 2000. If air traffic control systems not. In general, the U.S., Canada; '

gan's Nov. 30 outreach program tested their equipment.

to keep on Jan. 1, 2000 — the date many computers are programmed eyade answering — about whether rations

everyone needs to be prepared.

Water and Sewerage Department schedule. Likely to be affected:

year and can't tell the difference repairing is Y2K compatible.

U-M is urging municipalities to 2000," confessed Jose-Marie Grif-

make all employees aware of the fiths, U-M's chief information offl-

situation, list all possible prob- cer and executive director of infor-

ments hadn't even started prepara- plies, insurance records, laborato

tions. A mere 7-10 percent had ry specimens, payrolls, logistics for

The solution is to write computer—a limited time – think in terms of a — • Fuel up your vehicle. Have an — You may have to bound them. For

Send your mail and packages

Municipal League advising caution responding to questions

No one predicted western civi- ing vendors and repair companies added, advising officials that they refuse to make any kind of assur-

to read a two-digit number for the the equipment they're selling and Griffiths had a taste of the prob- \$700,000 of new equipment."

of campus. I will not be celebrating - returning to campus.

 Don't count on your grocery flights could be reduced by 80 per-For example, a person born in . "A bomb shelter mentality is store being open more than a cou-cent. 1944 may be told by a computer he not called for." Don't withdraw all ple of days if there's a crash. The • Have your medical and dental ca. South America, eastern

"Even the director of the Detroit - schedule" but is a year behind that - ments," she said. "We're looking at

Those preparations involve ask-

lization will grind to a halt. But tough questions — which they will already should have started prepa-

where changes are being made, neck is stretched to the other end many faculty and students from

consulting firm said that as of Nov. Griffiths' special problem will be gan University and several outstate days.

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tions and 29 percent of govern- M's North Campus — power sup- ries at the speakers.

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> GartnerGroup has surveyed are preparing, but smaller companies and many governments are fail, an airport's ability to handle. Australia and the northern Euro-, pean countries will be in better shape than Mexico, Central Ameri-

Utilities say power will stay on

worry about impacts of the year 2000 on computer systems, utility companies are making sure their systems will run smoothly.

Scatt Simons, spokesman for Detroit Edison, said the electric company has been looking at the year 2000 problem since 1997 and is spending \$15 to \$75 million to make sure the power stays on. "We are not expecting anything

out of the ordinary for the year 2000," Simons said. Simons said in the past few weeks Detroit Edison has tested four power plants and will be putting all of its plants through a full range of testing in 1999. There have been no problems uncovered

ry the testing so far. Amy Messano, spokesperson for MichCon, said the gas company is also working hard to keep its systems running smoothly during the millennium change. MichCon has Invested \$6 million in its year 2000 program, she said.

"We have teams of employees working on all of our systems. We are confident we will have no disuntions." Messano said.

She said the teams have inventoried all of the company's systems and are planning certification test-

Additionally, Sara Snyder, pokeswoman for Ameritech, said 300 employees have been hired by the telephone company just for its year 2000 project. The phone company has spent about \$250 million

Snyder said Ameritech has had its team of employees working on the problem since 1996.

"We are, in fact, going to finish Photo by JOHN HEIDER with the process early," Snyder said. She said Ameritech should wrap up preparing its systems in late January or early February.

leaving the rest of 1999 for testing. However, while these utility companies are confident they will have all the year 2000 bugs worked out of their systems, some are preparing for the worst.

Messano said the gas company has created backup plans and backup supplies are being gathered and stored at several local

Plus, MichCon is setting up alternative ways to communicate with its repair trucks in case radio transmissions are interrupted. "We are identifying different sce-

tric company does not anticipate major problems with it systems at

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As We See It

Did architect get a little carried away with design

It would probably be inappropriate to say that the architect for the new elementary school in Novi, to be constructed at Eleven Mile and Wixom roads, went a little overboard in the design of the building. It would likely to be out of line to say he got carried

Ran wild would be closer to the truth. Went nuts would be more like it.

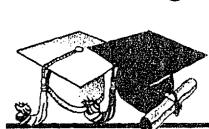
Among the features included in the architect's \$12.5 million design. unveiled last week before the Novi Board of Education, were a large flower fountain located in a coment pond and stream in the courtyard, a flock of bird statues simulating a duck coming in case teaching styles change in the for a landing, a large mural-like "diorama" illustrating a wetlands habitat. and paw prints embedded in the con-

Asked to put a price tag to such items individually, Novi's Assistant Superintendent for Business and Operations Jim Koster was loath to make an estimate. And we can understand his reasons. The building has yet to go out to bid for construction, so the cost of those design features might well be seen bring differing proposals.

Nonetheless, we trust cooler heads on the school board and in the administration will prevail before the build actually does go out for bids.

We certainly want the elementary school to be built there to be a highquality, first class educational facility, a building in which teachers can get the best out of their students.

But throwing taxpayer dollars at fountains and ponds and courtyards and duck sculptures doesn't seem to in its elementary building.



Education

us the best way to go about that. Hey, here's a radical idea. And it goes right along with the "generic" design used in the building's classroom, aimed at giving the building more flexibility in

Then the students can do their own pictures to illustrate the make up of wetlands and hang them on those blank walls for display. Students can do their own sculptures or drawings of ducks landing and put them in the courtyard for parents to view.

Students could paint their own paw prints and paste them all over the building, from the sidewalks to the ceil-

And yes, they could even do their own flower formtain as well.

Who knows, they might learn more from drawing and painting them that they would from just looking at them.

We'll give it a trendy edu-speak title like "continuing participatory educational wall design" or "student-oriented room divider architecture" and then everyone will be duly impressive with the cool new thing Novi schools is doing

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School biology teacher Bill Dicks. But fiseally responsible. Dicks, a Novi resident, decided to call another Novi resident, State Rep. Credit Bureaus of Michigan, represent-Nancy Cassis, when he learned that ed by lobbyist James Cavenaugh. For getting an annual copy of your credit small credit reporting companies, the report, your personal, intensely private. \$8 fee is reasonable to defray the costs. totally marketable financial record. Free reports would be a financial burnow will cost you \$8.

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provide a free copy. Chamber Vice Pres-Everyone's heard these modern-day ident Nancy McKeague said, it will horror stories. So has Northville High encourage people's efforts to be more

> Opposing the bill is the Associated den for these firms, he said.

ment passed a new law, the Fair Cred-consumer writes in for a free report.

lent, or you were denied a loan, a reports, so what? Yes, credit reporting easier to get loans. However, these are cial reputations. We have absolutely no So Dicks asked Cassis to look at the say in the matter, no claim of privacy issue, because he'd had a bad experi- when it comes to this issue. But we

with House Bill 5726, that would enti- becomes law in 1999. Moreover, this is tle everyone to one free copy of their the way we like to see state government credit report each year, upon request. work. An involved and aware citizen, The bill was passed by the house but like Dicks, has a valid concern and languished at the state Senate. Cassis brings it to his or her elected state offiplans to reintroduce the legislation in cial. Action is justified and the legislator moves ahead, drafting a bill. This is Violators of the proposed law would representative government at its best.

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A hit around Christmas tree



arrywhere there are children —— serews for him to try driving. oys, games, stuffed animals, candy, clothes, cookies, CDs, for everything, and enough paper to wrap all those things in. Kids may get flooded with presents but they always seem to just noise, it disturbs them and wakes them up." pick one that is their favorite. If each year, it would probably save for the gospel truth it is.

Malott us a lot of time and money. sometimes, its exactly what the child has been asking for Other times, it's something they didn't even mention. For my daughter, Samantha, this year it was books and of a birdhouse.

'Ds - no surprise there. And for Zachary, who always wouldn't take off the snakeskin cowboy boots Grandpa and Grandma got for him came as no shocker. But for 6 year-old Charlie, his affinity for the little tool - bright lad.

set Mom and Dad gave him was an interesting turn of events. It wasn't on his list. While out shopping, Momremembered he'd once asked for it a long time ago. And it almost got overlooked in the pre-holiday rush. Set

in a corner it almost didn't get wrapped. This is a real tool set, mind you, not toys — hammer, pli-that later." ers, a set of screwdrivers, a socket wrench set, each with

their own neat little place in a plastic case. It's the perfect set for a 6-year-old, who's getting to the point in life where he should start learning how to tear—able to get it out things apart - defunct appliances, old machines, dilapidated bikes. It's part of the process of learning to be a good - for a dinner table." mechanic, I started doing exactly the same sort of thing when I was about his age. Of course, I never learned to put

things back together ... but that's another story. Charlie quickly got it in mind that we ought to build something. A bird house, he suggested, Mind you, with trips to the grandparents' house and visits from relatives. there was little time to start a construction project, even one as small as a birdhouse.

I kept him busy as long as Leould by asking him to draw and The Northville Record.

hold was much like Christmas - handful of nails he could practice hammering and several

away at that practice board, enough to wake a non-toovideos, books, socks, dolls, boxes happy-about-it Mom. I had to explain it too him later. Dear sweet woman that mom is, she's still a girl and girls just don't understand construction noise. To us guys, construction noise is like music and we love it. To girls, it's

Sunday morning. Charlie was hard at work thwacking

Now, I know this is a terribly sexist thing to tell a 6-yearwe parents could figure out old, but he's a bright lad and he can always figure out which one will be "the big hit" when Dad is pulling his leg. He immediately recognized this

Sunday evening, we finally shooed off the relatives and But of course you can't predict it. could get down to some hardcore carpentry. In a pretty short period of time the little guy, with the help of his younger brother, came up with a pretty impressive version

It was good enough that Moni started putting in orders finds some excuse to put on a pair of boots, the fact he for more bird feeders and bird houses, as if this were the

model some kind of little bird subdivision. Then Charlie noticed a problem, I told you he was a

While cutting out the wood for the project. I hadn't quite finished the door. Using a two-and-a-half inch sawing drill bit, my cordless ran out of charge about half way through

"Not to worry," I told him. "We'll charge it up and finish

After the birdhouse was all nailed together, Charlie began to worry that the drill might push the circular chunk of wood from the doorway inside and that we might not be

"That's okay," I told Charlie, "Maybe the birds will use it

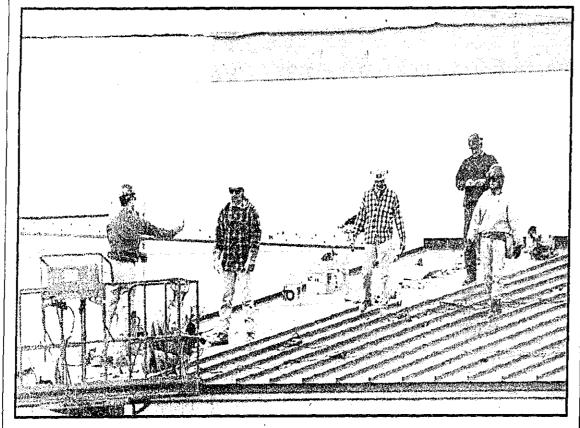
"Maybe it will be their TV stand." "Birds don't have TVs."

"Then how do they play Nintendo?" "Dad, birds don't play Nintendo. They don't even know which buttons to push.

Michael Malott is the Managing Editor of The Novi News

In Focus

By John Heider



Up on the roof top

on Novi's new Middle School

How many gave a Furby?



Chris Davis

 Take a trip to the store, and benign enough? you'll see shelves stuffed with merchandise designed to help

tunny part about all of this is that if it's an electronic gadget, it probably won't work after Jan. 1 of next year because of that darned Y2K bug.

· Straw poll: how many parents gave Furby to their kid last week? Okay, another one: how many Furbys are now sitting dormant in a toy chest next to Tickle Me

• Speaking of which - this was the first time I can remember where I saw a retailer throw a TV advertisement for its "After Christmas Blowout Sale" on the tube before noon on Christmas. Apparently corporate America is convinced you'll spend, spend, spend on all the wrong stuff, then spend, spend, spend some more. Forget the day after Thanksgiving ...let's hear it for the day after Christmas!

• There appears to be a certain segment of the population which can't find anything better to do with its time than to blow a hissy fit because *EGAD* someone wished you a ror. Merry Christmas in a school building. I mean, how insensitive can you get, right? The next thing you know, someone may actually bid you a Happy Hanukkah, or a nice Easter! Maybe even a blessed Ramadan! Heaven knows This year, it was a holiday gift. It was done in time to be put (whoops...reference to the divine...sorry) we can't have reli-under the tree. Despite being swamped, the staff found a gion and schools intertwined because that might offend way to take the time and give me personal service. Take

So here's a little something I came up with that's sure not to cause a stir, no matter what your religion or lack Northwille Record,

may cause a stir beyond that of the superficial." Is that • New Year's Eve for 1999 is already mapped out, but I'm

torn between scheduling some major blowout party for you count down to 2000. The 2000 or just staying in a bomb shelter waiting for the sky to fall. This much I know: I won't be flying anywhere that day, nor will I be in an elevator at around midnight. · An excerpt from the Newlywed's Guide to Living: No matter what you may share as a couple, do yourself a big

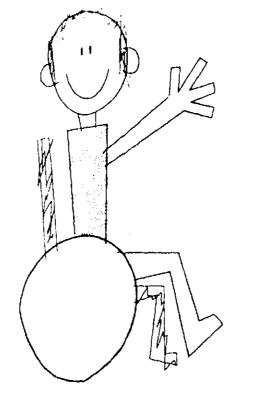
favor and don't "borrow" your wife's toothbrush. • I talk periodically with Tim Richard, whose experience as a government correspondent for the Hometown Newspapers is well-regarded. I was both surprised and happy to learn that Tim not only continues to read Mad Magazine, but considers Mad one of the most honest publications out

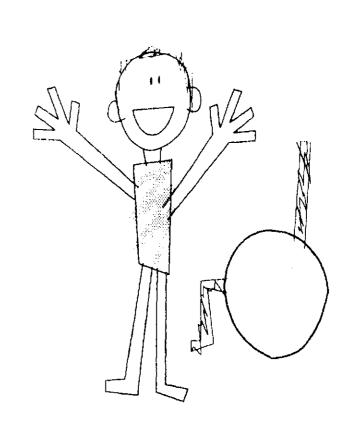
there. Based on Mad's coverage of this whole Clinton

impeachment, I'd have to say he's right. . Show of hands: does anyone really care if the NBA work stoppage forces the cancellation of the season? I get the feeling that unless you live in Chicago or Salt Lake City, you really don't care if the work stoppage forces the NBA to fold forever. Which reminds me - I've got to believe Major League Baseball likes this, because it puts that stupid 1994 World Series cancellation further in the rear view mir-

· ...and the award for Friendliest Staff In A Small Business goes to Meadowbrook Art Center in Novi. Over the years, I've had about a dozen items framed at the shop. note, humungo companies.

Chris C. Davis is a staff writer for the Novi News and







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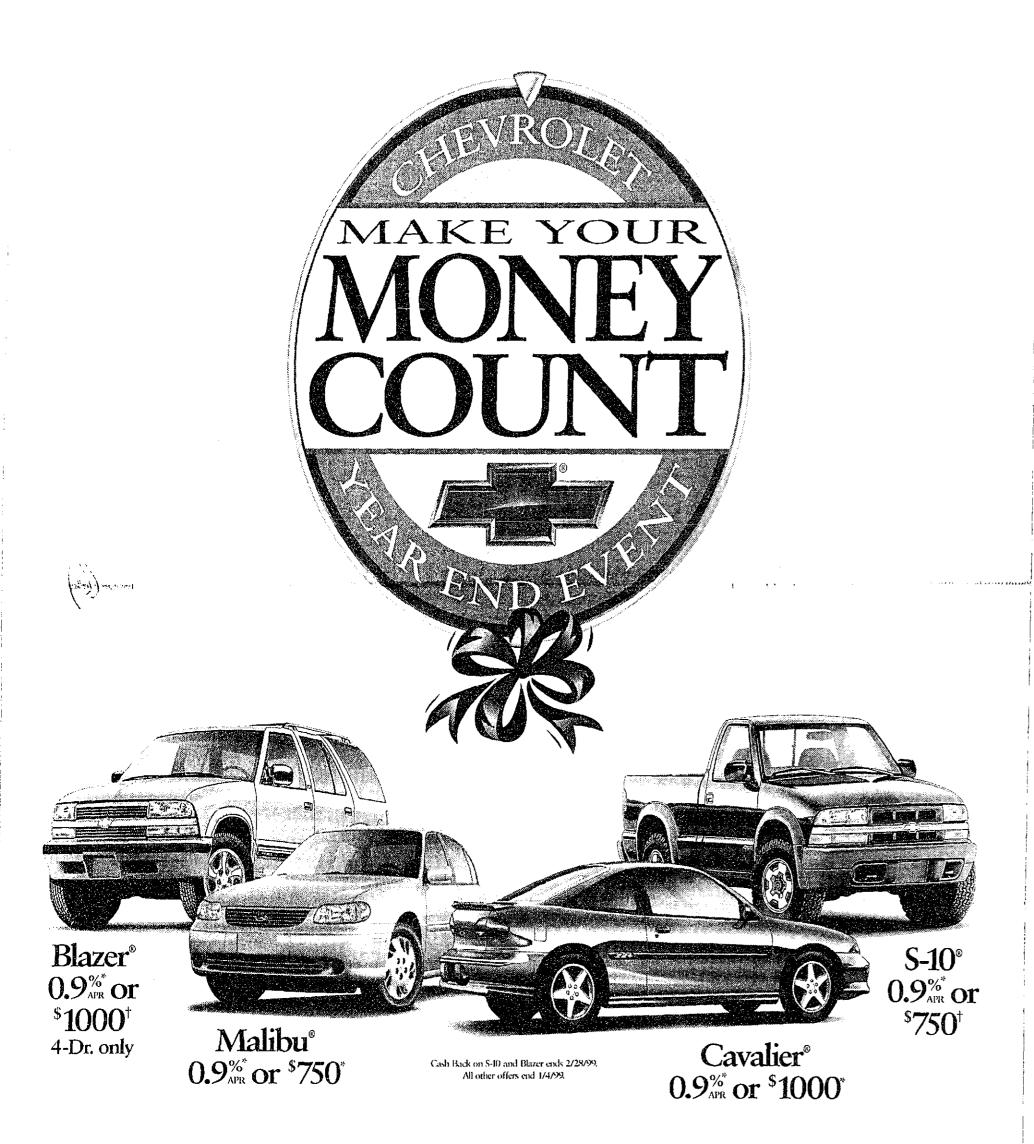


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Bouchard, Buffa are frontrunners House fires disrupt holidays

cessor to fill the office of Oakland County Sheriff - left vacant by the death of John Nichols - heats up, two front-runners are emerging.

They are State Sen, Michael Bouchard of Birmingham and Undersheriff Henry Buffa of Rochester Hills. Another contender is Thomas Quisenberry, chief of staff in the sheriff's department.

The process of selecting a new sheriff was expected to begin Monday, when the committee charged with appointing a successor met to discuss procedure and protocol. On the committee that will tap the new sheriff are Oakland Countor David Goreyea and Probate

Judge Eugene Arthur Moore. Cadalready received numerous calls on job. behalf of prospective candidates.

ealls. And I tell everybody the same ger another special election to fill thing. We're not ready to talk about the other vacancy.

Nichols given full honors during funeral procession

When Nichols was elected sheriff in 1984, after serving for seven was still quick to embrace new years as chief of the Farmington technology that would give the Hills Police Department, the men and women of his departcounty's law enforcement agency — ment a cutting edge advantage in was ready for some new leadership and major changes, Patter-

frequently that candidates are Clarkston businessman Rudy already lining up to campaign for Lozano. An Oakland County Road dell predicts the process could take his senate seat, if he indeed Commissioner, Lozano was Nichols' becomes sheriff. A special election - friend and a fundraiser for the late Each committee member has would be held if Bouchard changes sheriff.

"I'd say I've had at least a dozen state representative, that will trig- the sheriff I'd give him (Buffa) my

"We did hear from several people

Buffa hasn't said he wants to be The committee of three could in anticipated, after which the most

born a few years before the Pentium chip was invented, but he the war on crime," Patterson

Nichols was buried in Roseland Park Cemetery in Berkley.

cer whose name is mentioned so does, he will have support from

And if Bouchard's successor is a Buffa to succeed him. I promised

they should be paid.

"It costs money to put it together.

Cassis sees her legislation as an

are providing a service for which ward the transaction much easier,"

this week. Caddell said he researched the topic and the constitution requires that the county's clerk, prosecutor and chief probate judge appoint the successor.

"It doesn't specify a time frame, nor does it require that we interview candidates," the county clerk

"But there's little doubt we'll take our time and go about picking a successor with deliberate and suitable process."

Under the Michigan Open Meetings Act, any meeting between two of the three committee members is i augrum and therefore must be idvertised and open to the public.

"So if I see one of those other

committee members in the hallway, I turn and got the other way," "I don't think you'll be seeing us have lunch together for awhile. I

apartment complex adjacent to said. He added that a cut-off date for the self-cleaning function of the added

Violators of the proposed law

would be liable for either \$1,000 in

Dicks said he hopes his idea

"Nancy was really the one who

put in the energy and effort and fol-

eventually becomes law. But Cas-

sis did all the work, he added.

for three local families Continued from 1

oven and a pan left inside ignited causes, gutted 40 percent of the Lenaghan said.

double-wide mobile home while The pan took off and generatits owners were on vacation. ed a ion of smoke," he added. Losses are in the \$60,000 range. "The way I understand it, the ries, it's a bit of a problem. The people were away on a cruise. A smoke detectors all go off at

relative was there to take care of once." The resulting smoke caused some damage to the apartment

Because the area is not on city unit. water, a tanker with water was The fire chief's advice to rest brought in to combat the blaze. dents is to create their own emer-The fire department was on the gency plan that identifies poten-"They knocked the fire down fire. In addition, a place outside quickly, but then you have to should be designated where all clean up. We try to straighten it members of the family will meet up as best as we can," Lenaghan after evacuating a burning build-

On Sunday, another fire broke And don't forget to make sure out at 9:06 p.m. in a unit at that all smoke detectors in your 43100 Twelve Oaks Crescent, the home are working, Lenaghan

the shopping mall. The resident, "I actually recommend not hav-Suzanne Michael, had turned on ing the fire in the first place," he

Novi to apply for grant to increase police staffing

Lenaghan said.

would be \$472,000. This would mean the city's cost each year for one officer would be problem with what you continu-

three years in addition to the fed- have to have the same number o eral funds. This isn't really a free- officers per 1,000 in any city and bie," Council Member Bob

1998 Oakland County study, Novi is short anywhere from eight to 16 officers, Shaeffer told the will be put on road patrol.

cers, the grant would give the city 1,000 citizens, while the research \$300,000 over the next three recommended anywhere from years, while the local portion 1.5 to 1.7 officers per each 1.000

all say we haven't got enough police ... The inference is you

"I don't think you need as from 1996, a 1997 FBI study and many officers in Novi as you do in

The city has to file by Jan. 1.

Locals work to reform credit law

"It's not a bad deal, considering aid not just to consumers, but to

Continued from I grounds of the rejection, the agenwhose firm. Cawthorne. McCol- cy is required under federal law to argue that the firms are making "We thought in the firm of the free report argue that the firms are making the rejection of the free report argue that the firms are making the rejection of the free report argue that the firms are making the rejection of the free report argue that the firms are making the rejection of the free report argue that the firms are making the rejection of the free report argue that the firms are making the rejection of the free report argue that the firms are making the rejection of the free report argue that the firms are making the rejection of the free report argue that the firms are making the rejection of the free report argue that the firms are making the rejection of the free report argue that the firms are making the rejection of the free report argue that the firms are making the rejection of the free report argue that the firms are making the rejection of the free report argue that the firms are making the rejection of the free report argue that the firms are making the rejection of the free report argue that the firms are making the rejection of the free report argue that the firms are making the rejection of the free report argue that the firms are making the rejection of the free report argue that the firms are making the rejection of the free report argue that the firms are making the rejection of the free report argue that the firms are making the rejection of the free report argue that the firms are making the rejection of the free report argue that the firms are making the rejection of the free report argue that the firms are making the rejection of the free report argue that the firms are making the rejection of the free report argue that the firms are making the rejection of the free report argue that the firms are making the rejection of the free report argue that the firms are making the rejection of the free report argue the rejection of the free lough and Cavenaugh, represents hand over the document for free. money gathering records about pri-friendly as well if people have the Associated Credit Bureaus of But McKeague said it makes vate individuals, who should then reviewed their credit histories and good sense to make sure the infor- be able to access these records. they know it's in order and they go

"It would have a bigger impact on mation is sound before running But Cavenaugh said the bureaus for a loan or credit. It's going to forthe smaller businesses. The Big into a problem. Three can handle it, believe me," "That's going to impose quite a rassing to walk into an auto dealer- The reason they do compile this

burden on our membership. Most ship and be denied credit. There information is so that I can get a damage or any penalty authorized of them subscribe to the Big Three, was an embarrassment as well as home loan or a car loan," Cavea lot of them are family-run or the mere fact that all of us would naugh said. smaller businesses. It would add a like the security of knowing that They speed up the ability to get tremendous cost that would be the credit report is accurate," Cas- credit and help our economy." borne by those of us who apply for sis said. a mortgage or loan."

the fee assessed for a copy of the credit report defrays the costs to the company for handing over the document, Cavenaugh said. The \$8 is waived if the applicant is on public assistance or unemployed.

Nancy McKeague, Vice President for Human Resources for the Michigan Chamber of Commerce. said the chamber hopes offering free access to credit reports will encourage consumers to manage their finances and not become overextended. The chamber would like to see a reduction in personal bankruptcies, which adversely impact creditors large and small.

think they might be in trouble eports. By removing the cost, it helps someone who might have credit problems," McKeague sald. If a consumer has already been turned down for a loan or other credit and asks a credit agency for

"I'm hoping that people who

Communities differ over drain problem

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the city. "We've answered some of Northville Township's questions. We're waiting for them to come back. We haven't heard from them for some time," Nowicki said.

Last year, Novi's consulting engineers JCK & Associates had determined that Quail Ridge was not constructed to design standards, Nowicki said, adding that it was determined Quail Ridge residents were causing some of the prob-

"If they were serious about solving a problem and looking for mutual cooperation, they would contact us," Nowicki added.

Northville Township public services director Don Weaver could not be reached for comment. Lorenzo pushed for action by the City of Novi, but her fellow council

embers contended that it is up to the township to take the initiative. "This city did step up and was responsive to the original request. Since February 1997, Northville (Township) did not pursue the issue," Novi Mayor Kathleen

McLallen said. "We have made some proposals and they did not care to pick it up. I feel the the City of Novi has been very responsive and the other municipality did not follow through, We told them what we'd do for them. Nobody asked us."

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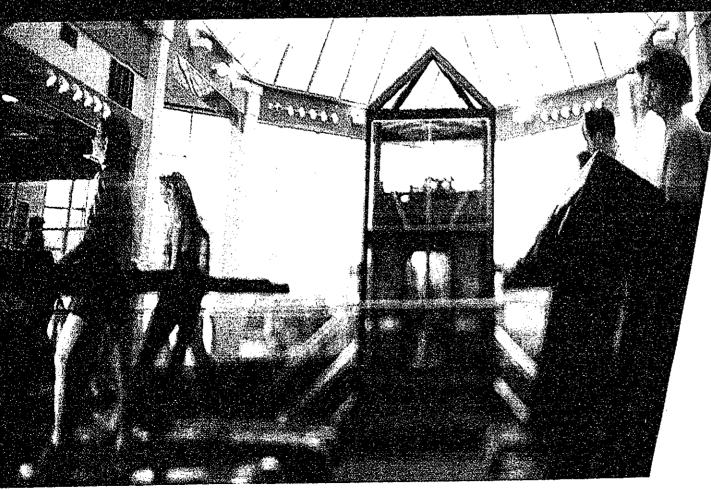


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THURSDAY December 31, 1998

for the Holidays

Local woman's work featured in magazines

By Carol Dipple Feature Editor

It's been a busier year than usual for Prudy Vamiler.

First, she had Christmas twice - once in the spring and then again last week at its regularly scheduled time.

Having written for "Better Homes and Gardens Decorative Woodcrafts" magazine for years, it was probably just a matter of time before the magazine decided to profile the Northville artist.

"Better Homes and Gardens" decided to feature Varmier in the Christmas issue of their "Decorative Woodcrafts" magazine. To do that, planning began a year in advance.

Although the details were finalized earlier this year in January, by the end of February, Vannier began to have second thoughts and was just about ready to back out.

The idea of taking all her holiday decorations out of the attic just for the three-day magazine interview and photo session and hauling them back to the attic until December was more than she wanted to bother with.

But during a phone call to the magazine's editor, she was told that all she had to do was get the decorations down from the attic and they would make the selection and do the decorating.

The Better Homes and Gardens staff came in from lowa. They had the greens shipped in from

Vannier was used to having head and shoulder photos taken which accompany the many articles of her designs published in about half a dozen trade magazines but this was the first time for a real photo session.

Although the photographer took about 150 shots, it boiled down to just a few because there were pineapples in the background which, in almost every shot, looked like they were coming out of Vannier's head.

piece being sent off for publication. "It was stressful but fun," she said.

She saw the proofs in August just prior to the

The crew worked straight through so Vannier's

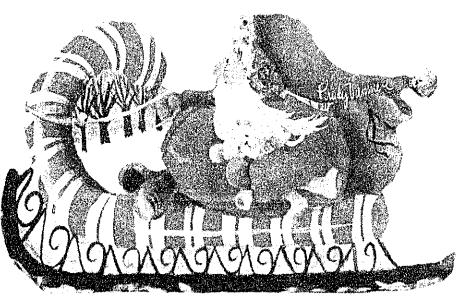
children, Ryan, 24, Christian, 23, Jaime, 20, and Kate, 17, went out for submarine sandwiches. Once the crews left, she couldn't wait to get the

seasonal decorations back in the attic and get her house back to normal. Later in the year, the Society of Decorative Painters, of which she is a member of the local

chapter called Village Painters, asked her to sub-

mit an ornament to hang on a Christmas tree at

Prudy Vannier got her start about 10 years ago at Tivoli Fair in Northville. She recently was featured in "Better Homes and Gardens Decorative Woodcrafts" magazine.



Prudy Vannier was asked to designed this ornament to hang on one of the Christmas trees at the White House.

the White House.

The specifications for the 200 ornaments needed to do the tree was that they be no bigger than 6 inches by 8 inches with a light background.

The tree's theme was sports equipment. Vannier design a wood ornament with Santa

riding a caudy cane sled. One side of the ornament is painted, the other side is signed by Vannier and dated. It is kept in Washington. Vannier and her husband Jim were among those invited to the White House to view the tree a couple of weeks ago.

Vannier was invited to White House on one other occasion, but she didn't go,

"I always wished I had, so this time we're going," she said of their first trip to Washington. Vannier had been asked by the Society of Decorative Painters to design ornaments on other occasions. The first was several years ago for a tree in the Smithsonian, which she plans to see for the first time on this trip,

She also designed an ornament for the Blair House in Washington, and ornaments which were added to wreaths that were given to visiting diplomats, as well as china Easter eggs for President and Mrs. Bush,

For Vannier, normal around her household, which was established in Northville in 1976, is teaching two classes a week to Japanese women who are here for a few years with their husbands who are employed by the automotive companies.

"They like to learn American painting," she said. "Over the years they have set up the rules. When one leaves, she picks the project, and one of her friends fills her spot. I always have a full class. It's perfect."

Vannier also teaches classes at Witcheraft in

She has a publishing company which other artists use to have their patterns printed.

Vannier was recently asked by the Japanese Association of Decorative Painters to design something Christmasy for a jewelry box, which they mailed to her.

Vannier turned it into a tea box decorated with cheerful elves serving tea which could be used at Christmas, filled it with tea, and mailed it back. They photographed it, translated her instructions into Japanese and mailed her back the box to keep along with a copy of the magazine which has the photo of the tea box on the front cover.

Vannier has an art degree in print making but she wanted to be an at-home mom.

About 10 years ago she got her start at Tivoli Fair in Northville exhibiting and making door and mailbox signs with her sister.

She got burnt out with the production painting involved with craft shows after a couple of years and went into designing, publishing and teaching.

"When this came along it was perfect," she said.

Vannier puts out one book a year with new designs but is creating new patterns all the time. She just started a subscription club where members get an exclusive pattern once a month.

"I'm always having to create to keep it going." she said.

She taught at William Allan Academy in Northville for quite a few years and now teaches at Witcherast in Livonia. She also travel teaches at trade shows and at chapters of the Society of Decorative Painters across the United States and taught in England this past summer.

"One of these years I'm sure I'll be in Japan teaching," Vannier said.

To accommodate the growing business, she has hired an office manager, bookkeeper, accountant, typesetter, and art director.

There's not enough days in the week to get all the painting done I'd like to get done plus teach and run the publishing business," she said. "You just keep adding staff.

Going in a different light now, Vannier has been designing clothing - embroidered designs on shirts and printed t-shirts including one for the Ann Arbor Botanical Gardens. "That's been fun because it is a little different

avenue than I've never done before," she said. "It's always fun to try new things.

Vannier doesn't do Just Christmas items, she also does fruits and vegetables.

She has also been asked to do a jewelry line with elves and since the article in "Better Homes" hit the newsstands, a company has approached her to do design a flag. She may also be designing nuterackers for the year 2000.

"I don't want to be known as the elf lady or as the fruit lady," she said.

Northlight Books will publish a collection of her designs which will be released in the spring.

"I've enjoyed every single minute or I wouldn't be doing it," she said.

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.

Jacobs, who is on the faculty of Eastern Michigan University and is in private practice in Ann Arbor, will include an overview of the concepts of intimacy and communication and how they relate, assessment tools to help identify strengths and weaknesses with intimacy and communication, strategies to enhance intimacy and communications skills and exploring tools to develop effective communication and to develop meaningful intimacy in the threeweek workshop.

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

Kobra will teach the Fox Trot, Rumba, Waltz, Bolero, and the Tango and Swing dance steps.

Upcoming activities include Dinner at Mama Mia Restaurant in Livonia on Jan. 2 followed by a dance at St. Robert Bellermine in Redford; Dinner and Blues beginning at Diamond Jim Brady's on Jan. 9 at 8 p.m. before heading across the street to Oxford Inn; Games and Late Sandwiches at a members home on Jan. 16 at 8 p.m.; the carpool leaves for the Gem Theatre and "I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change" on Jan. 23 at 4:30 p.m.; and a Dinner at McVee Restaurant at 6:30 p.m. on Jan. 30 followed by a Bethany Together Dance at Divine Providence

Church in Southfield at 8 p.m. On Sunday evenings, Single Place meets for coffee and eards 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, call Single Place at (248) 349-0911.

SUBURBAN SINGLES, meets at Bonnie 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 Suburban Singles hotline at (313) 842-0443 or (313) 842-7422.

SINGLE POINT MINISTRIES of Ward Presbyterian Church, Six Mile Road west of Haggerty in Northville Township, invites you to join over 550 single adults every Sunday morning at 11:30 a.m. in Knox Hall for fellowship and encouragement. Rev. Paul Clough delivers messages to help you in your single life struggles. Coffee, donuts, conversation and Christ are always present.

SPM has a program and activity for every age group and life situation including Uniquely Single for never been marrieds. New Start for widows and widowers. Grief Support for those experiencing loss from death or divorce, and People Active in Christian Study, a study group.

Single Parents meets on the first and third Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m. in Parlor Room C317. There is also a Wednesday evening discussion group which meets at 7 p.m. in the SAM office.

Talk Talk It Over hosts speakers on a variety of topics on the second and fourth Friday of each month. On Jan. 22 at 7:30 p.m. in Knox Hall, the guest speaker will be author Ken Davis.

Davis has spend 15 years working in Youth for Christ, and in the last 20 years has become one of the nation's top motivational and inspirational speakers. He is also a best-selling author and has received national critical acclaim including "Book of the Year" award and the CBA Gold Medallion Award.

Indoor volleyball meets Wednesdays at 8:30 p.m. at the church. A \$1 donation is suggested to help maintain the equipment.

Bring Your Own Sneakers to Livonia YMCA on Jan. 9 at 8 p.m. for a variety of activities including tennis, walleyball, volleyball, swimming and line dancing, Cost is \$6/adults, \$2/school-age children.

GLAD in Concert will be Feb. 5 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. The concert is free, but a free will offering will be taken. The vocal group GLAD has been performing a mixture of pop, adult contemporary, and jazz flavored styles for 23 years.

Free child care will be available during the concert. A 1999 Winter Divorce Recovery Workshop for divorced or separated persons will be held February 11 to MArch 25 on seven consecutive Thursdays from 7 to 9 p.m. in Knox Hall.

The cost for the workshop is \$25 if you pre-register. \$30 for those who register the first night of the workshop, or \$15 if you are repeating. You may register by mail, at the Single Point Ministries office, on Sunday morning, or on the first night of the workshop. To facilitate registration, arriving by 6:30 p.m. the first night is recommended.

Free child care for infants through sixth grade will be available.

For more information, call (734) 374-5920.

FARMINGTON SINGLE PROFESSIONAL, Is a social group for singles ages 25 to 45 who can participate in over 350 activities each year.

Upcoming activities include: Euchre, Pinochle and Dinner at Tom's Oyster Bar every Monday at 6:30 p.m.; Wallyball every Tuesday at 6:45 p.m.; 6th Annual New Year's Eve Party/Dance at Botsford Inn on Dec. 31 at 8 p.m.; and Single Mingle Dance at DoubleTree Guest Suites Hotel in Novi on Jan. 2 at 8 p.m. FSP hotline is (248) 851-9909.

of the Southwest Alternative Mid

Smockers elect new officers for 1999

The Michigander Smockers held to have representatives from their annual Christmas youth-oriented groups and agenmeeting/party on Dec. 10 at the cies in not just Novi but also Oakthey worked on a project of stampthe Country Enfaure.

activities included making and - ment; Claudia Walter, caseworker, - Michaelson of Farmington Train - by the high school students. embroidering a lingeric bag, labric – Novi-Youth Assistance, or Bob – ing Center, etc. – stenciling techniques, lattice. Steeh, director of community edusmocking, making a tea cozy and a - cation. The Forum presents an - FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH knitted doll coat, smocked eggs, opportunity for those in their orgadoves and embroidered tea towels.

parents suffering the death of an - have been identified, coordination - istries. infant at Hutzel Hospital.

Sharon Schlemmer on Nov. 14 through the networking program. members of the church. Over 40 Donna DeAngelo. with dinner following.

Elections were held in December and results are as follows: presipresident in charge of programs. Wendy Otto: secretary, Nancy Young: treasurer, Pat Cousins; librarian, Kelly Nawrocki; hospitality, Pat Haxton; publicity, Lois Nelson; historian, Peggy Petersen; and newsletter, Janet Rost.

Starting in January the club moves to only one morning meeting a month beginning on Jan. 18 at the Novi Library at 10 a.m. Plans also include starting a threemonth project of a pillow sampler. with several different stitches to be learned.

Each meeting includes a Show and Share when those attending bring to the meeting a project they have been working on at home as well as a snack. Guests are welcome as the group would like to share their interest in smocking with those who have not yet fearned the craft. Guests may attend the first meeting without charge, after that the cost is \$2 a meeting plus the cost of a kit if one

Anyone who is interested in additional information, can contact the Novi Library at 349-0720.

THE COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS

The Compassionate Friends is a self-help organization for families who are grieving the death of a area as well as Novi.

The group meets regularly on the third Tuesday of each month from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Richardson Center located at 1485 Oakley Park Road in Commerce Township near Walled Lake Central High

Chapter leader is Wayne Loder, formerly with "The Novi News, assisted by Pat Loder, who was formerly the Deputy City Clerk in

December was especially a busy time for them and also one of the most difficult times for families facing this type of situation. To assist the members of this organization, several programs were available starting with the sixth annual Lake's Area Candle Light Memorial Service that was held on Dec. 8 at Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church on Commerce

About 130 attended the special nonsecular service.

Parents who attended were asked to bring a picture or memento of the child they were remembering for the display at the memorial table. The program included special readings or poems read by mothers who had written them or were appropriate to the

Denise Kurowski sang several songs including "Precious Child," "We Will Remember You," and "If Had Only Known." Wayne Loder read "A Candle of Remembrance." There was also a roll call of all the children being remembered. A time of sharing and refreshments fol-

lowed the program. This local service was followed by the second worldwide candle lighting service on Dec. 13, which was unanimously approved by the U.S. Senate as National Children's Memorial Day. The world wide candle lighting started at 7 p.m. On the Internet, the web site chat room was open for 24 hours as the candle lighting went from New Zealand time. Over 400 messages were received from around the

Anyone wishing information on the local chapter, can call (248) 684-4234.

NOVI YOUTH FORUM

The first meeting of the new year for the Novi Youth Forum will be on Wednesday, Jan. 6, at 9 a.m. at the Novi Police Department in the

second floor classroom The guest speaker will be Diane Duthle who is the project director

dle School. The Forum continues to have representatives from Novi Highlights

Novi Library, During the meeting, - land County attend. Membership - are present from time to - In November the annual Harvest has been from both the public and - outline their programs for those - Dinner was served at the Novi - up that included that Josh Rosening on velvet, followed by lunch at the private sector. If you are not attending who may not be aware of Christian School with over 250 in brook and Gary Elfner, Jr. would presently receiving a notice of them. Some of those have included attendance. Following the dinner, be leaving this week to attend Members exchanged \$5 sewing - meetings and are involved in work - Terry McCauley of Twelve Oaks - a program was presented by the - World of Life Bible Institute in New related gifts such as fabric, ing with an organization that is. Mall who presented a video on various ministries. This included. York. interested in improving services for - shoplifting and distributed copies - not only the Praise Team from the - On Sunday, Jan. 3, there will be

Each person attending shares—members of their family including——The Annual Christmas Party was suggestions, etc. Special speakers - ner that followed.

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family members, etc.

nizations to share their objectives. The holidays have been busy at The morning Praise and Worship Mrs. Elie on staff several years ago In addition, everyone worked—goals, needs, and perhaps, difficulty First Baptist Church of Novi, service included special music by before moving to Russia as misthrough the year on the perinatal ties while carrying out their wishes which is located at Taft and Eleven Rev. Berry of Calvary Christian sionaries. Friends who knew them loss gowns that will be given to to assist the youth in Novi. Needs Mile roads, along with the min-Center who played guitar and sang at that time are invited to the serselections including "Pieces of Puz- vice and the potluck which follows. of available services and perhaps. A new, lighted sign was recently. zle," and "My God is Real," Scott. On Jan. 24, the State of the Many members enjoyed the development of ideas to improve dedicated in memory of Bill and DeAngelo sang "My Deliverer." The Church message will be given at Embroidered Angel Seminar with situations have been found. Bea McQueen who were life-long children's program followed led by the annual business meeting in

uncoming events or possibly the children, grandchildren and great a family affair and held at the Novi Highlights is written by need for assistance in programs. grandchildren were present for the church with refreshments, carol. Jeanne Clarke, Should you wish to dent, Sharon Schlemmer; vice. Anyone attending can then offer dedication ceremony and the dia-singing and playing Bible Pie-contact her with information for this. column. call 624-0173.

Last Sunday Pastor Elfner presented his Christmas message entitled "What God Gives His Chil-

dren for Christmas." In addition he made several announcements of events coming

Outgoing president Janet Rost - local youth and their families, you - of "Rules of Common Courtesy," Al - church, but also the Home School - a New Year's Message and Comwas presented with a special gift - might want to contact one of the - Sutterfield of Brighton Hospital, - Ministry, Day Care Ministry, and - mamion Service. On Jan. 17, Mr. for all of her work this past year. steering committee members. They Jean Couturier of Oakland County the School Ministry, including and Mrs. Don Elie will be in the Her summary of the year's activi- are Kevin Hebert, of the Youth - Heath Division, Beth Belter of - grades kindergarten through sixth - morning worship service with their ties of the many programs and - Bureau of the Novi Police Depart - Community that Cares, Estralee - grade, with an ending presented - family Tom, Phil, Christi and Dave, and their daughter Debbic who For Christmas the church was just passed the Michigan State decorated with many, many red boards and became a licensed poinsettias given in memory of EMT. The Elic family attended Novi Christian School with Mr. and

and you could end up smashed.

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The groom is the son of Mr. and - and James Lambert, cousin of the Mrs. David Smith of Southgate and groom. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lambert of A reception for 150 guests was Pinckney. The groom is the son of Novak. Jenison, Mich.

Rev. John Keydel presided over born. was given in marriage by her par- Negril and Ocho Rios, Jamaica. ents. She wore a traditional style, plain, silk gown with full cathemade Belgian lace. She carried a department at Ford Motor Compalace and satin underlay encrusted as a teacher at Howell High bridal bouquet of white and purple - ny

The maid of honor was Anissa science degree from Michigan State Bristol, formerly of Northville. University and is a professional Bridesmaids were Kathryn Morris, trainer of Arabian show horses. bride's sister; Laura Mahnik,

tulips, daisies, and irises.

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The couple will reside in Milford.

Laura and Glen Stroup

The best man was Ronald Ortolan, friend of the groom. Laura Lynn Bendena and Glen Stroup. The bride is the daughter of Mr. Grooms men were Craig Lyon, John Stroup were married on July Grooms men were David Bendeand Mrs. William Christoph of friend of the groom; Matthew With- 11, 1998 at St. Mary's Catholic na. Thang Tran, Mark Van Ton-Brighton, formerly of Northville, ers, college friend of the groom; Church in Pinckney, Mich. Lawrance and Carolyn Bendena of Watkins. The ring bearer was Nick

held at the Dearborn lim in Dear- Evan and Lorraine Stroup of Kentwood, Mich. the double-ring service. The bride — The couple honeymooned at — The bride was given in marriage — in Milford. by her parents. Father Ken Cough-

lin presided. The bride received both bachelor — The bride wore an off-the-shoul— Bahamas. dral-length skirt and short sleeves. of science and master's degrees ders, ivory gown with an empire The bodice had embroidered from Michigan State University waist with pearls, sequins and lace new High School and received a daisies with very little beading. The and is employed as an assistant underlay. The veil was hand-made degree in English from Michigan cathedral-length veil was of hand- manager in the public relations by the bride's mother and had a State University. She is employed

> The groom received a bachelor of pearl beads. She carried a cascading bridal — The groom is a graduate of East bouquet of yellow roses, lilies. Kentwood High School and daisies, ivy and astromeria buds. received a degree in mechanical The matrons of honor were engineering from Michigan State Rebecca Novak and Lisa Higgins. University, He is employed as a Bridesmaids were Melissa Clark, systems engineer with EDS in

> > The couple will reside in The best man was Jeffrey Northville

Melanie Watkins, and Laurie Maci- Troy.

with crystals, ivory pearls and School.

Engagement



Renata Dos Reis/Steven Allen

Richard and Patricia Allen through the University of Michison, Steven Scott, to Renata Vale-gram. The bride is the daughter of were Jeff Vanderlaan and Ron Leticia Pena and Dayr Reis of La ate of Northville High School. He

A reception followed for 165 guests at Myslic Creek Golf Club degree in sociology from the Uni- Motor Company. For their two-week honeymoon, versity of Michigan in 1998. Renathe couple went to Paradise Island. ta is pursuing a nursing degree planned.

announce the engagement of their gan's Second Career Nursing Progeren and Gary Parker. Ushers ria Americo Dos Reis, daughter of The bridegroom-elect is a gradu-

received a bachelor of science The bride-elect is a graduate of degree in mechanical engineering Central High School of LaCrosse, from the University of Michigan. Wisc. She received a bachelor's Steven is an engineer at Ford

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CHORUS: The 125-voice Plymouth Community Chorus will Road in Northville. hold open auditions for tenors, basses, baritones, altos and sopranos on Tuesdays, Jan. 5, 12, 19 and 25, at 7 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 45201 Road in Plymouth.

The Spring Concert program will be held April 24 and 25. Call (734) 455-4080 for more

PETER RABBIT: The Novi Theatres Children's Annex and little | located in the Novi Town Center. | people players will hold auditions for Beatrix Potter's "Tales of Peter—information. Rabbit" on Jan. 19 and 29 at 4 p.m. for actors ages 7 to 13. All of \$125 once east.

Auditions will be held at the Novi Civic Center Stage, 45175 held every second Tuesday of the Call (248) 478-7780 for more West Ten Mile Road in Novi. Call (248) 347-0400 for more includes Nancy Nelson, Rick Bai-

Community Choir will hold audidays, Jap. 12 and 19, in room 530 of the Forum Building on the campus located on Haggerty Road in pianist Jeffrey Michael on Dec. 18 Fridays and Saturdays. Livonia between Six Mile and at 7:30 p.m.

Seven Mile roads 7 p.m. To schedule an audition, or for more information, call Shari Cla- Northville, son at (248) 349-8175.

VOICES IN TIME: The Northville-based mixed repertoire chorus announces open membership for the fall-winter season. The group is looking for first and second sopranos, but welcomes all City Council meetings in the Novi The Sports Edition is home to mainty while preserving architec-

OCC SYMPHONY BAND: hone and percussion sections are. Council. held on Mondays from 7:30 until 9:30 p.m. at the Highland Lakes council at 347-0400. Campus's Student Center, 7350 Cooley Lake Road in Waterford.

There are also two openings in the Youth Band in the French horn section. Applicants must be **THEATER** enrolled in their high school hands to quality. Rehearsals are held on also in the Student Center. Call (248) 360-6218 for more

information.

CONCERT BAND: The Novi Concert Band, directed by Jack Kop- \$6.50. nick, invites any adult who plays a band instrument to Join the band for the 1998 concert season. Rehearsals take place Tuesdays from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. and there at 135 E. Main Street in Northville. are no auditions. Call (248) 932-9244 for more information.

information. AUTHENTIC BRITISH BRASS BAND: The Motor City Brass Band is conducting interviews for percussion and BB flat tuba (treble cleft musicians.

Rehearsals are held Mondays engagements usually twice a Cafe, is located at 1172 N. Pontiac come. month on weekends or in the Trail in Walled Lake. evening. New members are wel-

For more information or to schedule an audition, call founder LAKEVIEW BAR AND GRILL: days. On Friday and Saturday Ron the public Wednesday, Thursday, John Aren at (248) 349-0376. The The Lakeview Bar and Grill is DePalma performs. page http://members.aol.com/meb- Mile Road at the corner of Old Novi information. band/mcbb.html.

SPECIAL EVENTS

NOVI THEATRES: The Performance Plus actors will present "A One-Act Festival" on Jan. 15, 16, Thursday night beginning at 9 information. and 17. Friday and Saturday per- p.m. formances will be at 8 p.m. The Everyone gets to play if they sign Sunday matinee will be at 3 p.m. up at the door. advance). Tickets are available at information. the Novi Civic Center.

The four one-act plays include MR. B'S FARM: Mr. B's Farm is Call (248) 669-1441 for more "Who Calls?" "Trifles," Who Am I located at Novi Road north of Ten information. This Time?" and "Radio TBS." Performances are held at the Call 349-7038 for more informa-Novi Civic Center Stage, 45175 tion. West Ten Mile Road in Novi.

For more information, call (248) OXFORD INN: The Oxford Inn is DANCING EYE GALLERY: The information.

January: Get Started Snowshoe ing, Jan. 13, 7 p.m.; Intro to Around Metro Detroit, Jan. 20, 7 p.m.; and Michigan Ice, a Slide

REI is located at 17559 Haggerty For more information, call (248)

Show, Jan. 27, 7 p.m.

347-2100. BORDERS BOOKS: Ongoing 8:30 to 10 p.m. Friday and Satur-N. Territorial Road west of Sheldon stories for children 3 and younger 11 p.m.

on Mondays at 10 a.m.; Children's Hour for children three and Center Street in Northville. younger on Tuesdays at 10 a.m.: and Toddler Time for children tion. three and younger on Wednesdays

actors must pay a participation fee special storytimes are Tuesday at located at 38123 West Ten Mile in new watercolor print of Northville's 11 a.m. and Wednesday at 7 p.m. Open Mike Poetry Readings are Hills. month at 7:30 p.m. The series information. ley, Henry Ford Community Col-

Six Mile and Haggerty roads in Lake Drive in Novi. Call (248) 348-0609 for more information.

mances held prior to select Novi Road.

6540 for more information. by Time Warner and cablecast to charge begins at 8 p.m. residents. Musicians, actors, poets and Rehearsals for college students dancers are invited to submit. Gate Saloon offers live music every homes reminiscent of an era gone and residents for Bb clarinet, bas- application forms and audition. Friday and Saturday night from 9 bv. soon, trumpet, French horn, trom-tapes, if available, to the Novi Arts p.m. to 1:30 a.m.

16 and 17.

children under the age of three will be permitted.

The Marquis Theatre is located Call (248) 349-8110 for more

is: located at 43393 West Thirteen

Road. Ron Coden performs on Sat-

p.m. until 12:30 a.m. WAGON WHEEL: The Wagon Carvers is located at Grand TOYS: The Plymouth Historical Wheel Lounge is located at 212 S. River and Ten Mile roads in Farin- Museum has a special exhibit ington Hills. Main in Northville. An open Blues Jam is held every

All reserved seats are \$8 (\$7 in Call (28) 349-8686 for more Lake Drive in Walled Lake.

located at 43317 Grand River in gallery is located at 101 N. Center OUTDOOR CLINICS: REI will Call (248) 305-5856 for more

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TUSCAN CAFE: Tusean Cafe acts nightly except Sundays. Weekday performances are from

events include the Toddler Time day performances are from 9 until Tuscan Cafe is located at 150 Northville

Borders Books and Music is Live entertainment is offered from information.

-7:30 until 11 p.m. Tuesday, Call (248) 347-0780 for more Wednesday and Thursday, and BARNES & NOBLE: Children's Brady's Food and Spirits is downtown Northville, is featuring a

the Holiday Inn in Farmington flower day. The print, which is of

FRIGATES INN: Frigates offers lege, on Jan. 12; MacGuffin editors live music every Wednesday at 9 through Thursday from noon until CHOIR: Schoolcraft College on Feb. 9; Herb Scott, New Issues p.m. featuring the 2XL Band. The 4 p.m. or by appointment. Press, on March 9; Linda Nemec Tim Flaharty Trio Open Blues Jam Call (248) 348-9544 for more tions for new members on Tues- Foster, "Living in the Firenest," on is every Thursday from 9 p.m. to 1 information. a.m. All musicians are welcome Upcoming events include: Dance with The Globe at 9 n.m. Frigates Inn is located at the

Barnes and Noble is located at corner of Fourteen Mile and East MUSEUMS Call (248) 624-9607 for more

Civic Center at 7:30 p.m. On occallatrigue and other high-powered tural styles common to the area Call Ed Meade at (248) 449-sion, performances may be taped hits groups every weekend. A cover prior to 1900. The village consists STARTING GATE: The Starting Interurban Station, and several

> The Starting Gate is located at information. For details, contact the arts 135 N. Center St. in downtown Northville.

For more information, call (248) 349-5660.

TOO CHEZ: Too Chez, located at 27155 Sheraton Drive on the northwest corner of Novi Road and musical adaption of the classic tale 10 p.m. every Monday; and Louis -18 in downtown Plymouth. of "Cinderella" will be at 2:30 p.m. Resto and David McMurray every on Dec. 31, and Jan. 2, 3, 9, 10. Friday from 7 until 11 p.m. on the ing competitions, ice skating party, patio throughout the summer and food and beverage demonstrainclement weather, the groups will event.

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Call (248) 624-2800 for more Pearse will be appearing on Friday Call (734) 455-8940 for more

Call (248) 476-5333 for more

BOGEY'S BAR AND GRILLE: Bogey's is located at 142 E. Walled Upcoming performances include: Cloud 9 on Dec. 31.

Call (248) 449-7086 for more

GATE VI GALLERY: Month-long Snowboarding, Jan. 16, 11 a.m.; GRILL: The Library Sports Pub—exhibits of local artists are held in the atrium of the Novi Civic Center, 45175 West Ten Mile in Novi. Viewing of the exhibit is possible during the hours the Civic Center

Local artists interested in presents a variety of entertainment - exhibiting at the Civic Center

should call 347-0400. ATRIUM CENTER GALLERY: Atrium Center Gallery is located at 109 N. Center in downtown

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relating to the history of toys and other childhood memories, including antique dolls, teddy bears, push and pull toys, trains and

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

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"PLAYING BY HEART"

"Playing By Heart" is a character-driven drama about the sometimes funny, sometimes painful, losing it. What they have in com- Rowlands, Jon Stewart and

express how love makes them feel. "Playing By Heart" is directed and produced by Willard Carroll and always complex ways love can with Meg Liberman and Tom Wiltouch your life. Set in Los Angeles. hite also producers and Paul Feldthe film weaves in and out of the sher, executive producer. Screenlives of a group of 11 people of var-play by Carroll. The cast includes ied generations and lifestyles, all of Gillian Anderson, Ellen Burstyn. who are experiencing love in one of Sean Connery Anthony Edwards its many maddening stages. Some Angelina Jolie, Jay Mohr, Ryan people are finding it. Others are Phillippe, Dennis Quaid, Gena



"DOWN IN THE DELTA"

The directorial debut of one of the family back to their ancestral the world's greatest storytellers. home down in the Mississippi award-winning author/poet Maya delta. as she succumbs to the drug and something they never expected.

Angelou, "Down In The Delta" "Down In The Delta" is an emobegins in Chicago, where Loretta tional and riveling story where big (Alfre Woodard) lives with her city meets small town, young meet mother and two children. Loretta old, parents connect with children, is headed down a destructive path and life for everyone becomes alcohol-ridden streets of her neigh- Additional cast members include borhood. In efforts to pull her Wesley Snipes, Loretta Devine, daughter and grandchildren (new- Esther Rolle and Al Freeman Jr. comers Mpho Koaho and Kulani Produced by Robert W. Chris-Hassen) out of harm's way, Loret- tiansen, Rick Rosenberg, Reuben



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Like teenagers everywhere, they struggle with - edge comedy and out-of-this-world effects.

had it and hormones that won't quit. But the students at Herrington High face a fying discovery that ultimately confirms their Piper Laurie, Christopher McDonald, Bebe

Director Robert Rodriguez ("Desperado," Its walls are grirny, its textbooks outdated, "From Dusk Till Dawn") joins forces with Brewster, Clea DuVall, Laura Harris, Josh its teachers burned out. Yet its corridors are screenwriter Kevin Williamson ("Scream," Hartuett, Shawn Hatosy, Elijah Wood and packed with the future of America - loners, "Scream 2") to create "The Faculty," a sci-fi R&B artist Usher Raymond (in his feature leaders, hipsters, nerds, brains and jocks. thriller that blends teenage angst, cutting-film debut) as Herrington students.

The ensemble cast showcases an exciting. group of young actors, including Jordana

A boldly edectic group of seasoned perparents who don't get it, teachers who never "The Faculty" follows an unlikely group of formers portray the Herrington faculty, Herrington High students who make a terri- including Salma Hayek, Famke Janssen,

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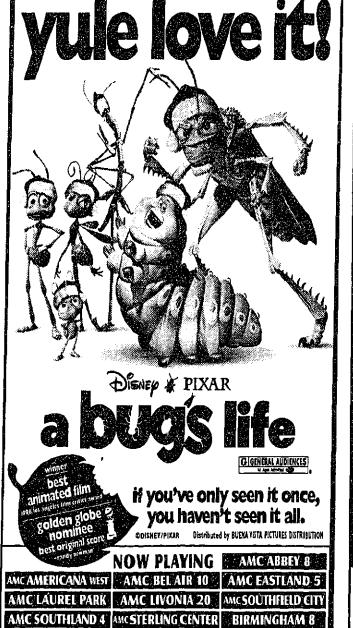
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THURSDAY December 31

KVC shows up the field at Pinckney

Hartland, Brighton and Novi top 12-team field

Novi received help from both

ment was split into two pools, of 33 and Battle Creek Lakeview 3-2. which Hartland was placed in 45-31. The team then defeated

Novi and Brighton decided not tle a cross-over match in the west was ranked 13th. other pool. Both teams finished

championship with a 54-19 win coach in the process. over Brighton in the finals.

the top and bottom parts of its - us because we got to wrestle lineup at the Pinckney Invita-someone new," Novi coach Brad he did a great job for us." tional Dec. 22, and it came in Huss said. "We didn't want to handy as the Wildcats finished - wrestle someone from our con- Churella (112), Dan Jilg (119) with an unblemished 5-0 record ference until we get to them in and Brett Faulkner (Hwt.) also the season."

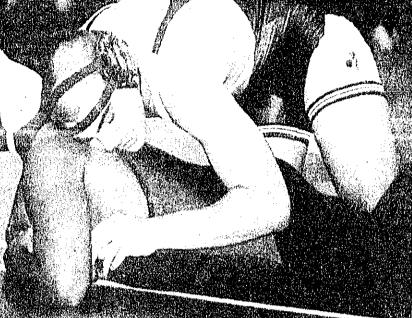
to wrestle each other, and wres- in Division II and Jackson North-

5-0, but Brighton scored 184 feated, including Craig guys, we'll be hard to beat." points to the Wildcats 180. Hart- Kreutzberg at 215. The junior land took home the tournament finished 5-0 and impressed his quite an impression on the

"It really worked out better for - coach said, "It's his first year on

Andy Raudszus (130) and Nick and Sarb Rohatgi (103) were all

wrestled particularly well. "I was really pleased with the way our big guys wrestled," Huss said. "If we can get that



Nick Slovan (shown above) finished 4-1 at 189 pounds and helped Novi to a 3rd-place finish.

Freshman Vince Slovan made Northwest.

won the bars competition

Third overall and first on

the bars (8.7) and third on

Northville senior Julie

bright future." "He's someone who we can put Novi competed at the Ply-School.

John Townsley - Senior

Tuesday at Northville High

The senior guard scored a

season-high 18 points, of

which 15 came via three

pointers, in a 70-35 Novi

thrashing of Lutheran East

Novi went on to win the

tournament for the first time

Fink helped her green team

Intersquad meet hints towards success



toughest competitions the the orange team was team competed in the sey Carlson (33.20). She entire year took place in won the vault event with an December, at the inter- 8.9 and was runnerup on It's hard to say if that will the floor (8.2).

e the case this year, but leam looked impressive in was fourth overall with a The green team, led by

Northville junior captain Glock finished third on the Northville High School.

top three in every event and took first in the floor exercise with an 8.8. She was than eight at the meet. second on the beam (7.95). Four gymnasts totaled a third on the bars (8.5) and second on the vault (8.8). Her all-around total of 34.05 was a team best.

score of 30 or better. resume its schedule after

Eight different girls com-Northville/Novi. There were 15 different scores better

Monica Fink - Sophomore

Dec. 21.

to an intersquad win Dec. The sophomore won the bars event with an 8.7. She also finished among the top three in the other three events and second overall.

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"I'm very proud of the way hey give 100 percent every time out," he said. "Right now we just need to get a win. We need to verge of their first win of the

a goal with 5:12 remaining in But the wheels came off as the first. Travis Malott picked up West Bloomfield's Rob

"I've got to say, I don't feel, talhas played in each one of the played smart hockey and took

three goals during the stretch. minute apart early in the sec-

ing them play our game," Phelos said, "But we started to get a little sloppy and our mistakes ended up hurting us." The losses leave Novi 0-9 and still searching for its first win

Fleishchauer scored a pair of

give the Lakers a 4-3 lead.

nice job of shutting them down, and we were able to score at

"They had two good players and

we took them out of the game

31 at the end of three, but Rogers outscored the and we were able to score at will." Townsley led the Wildcats with 18 points, 15 of

added nine and eight, respectively The championship was the first for Novi in the six-year history of the tournament, which moves scored nine and Brislin and John Townsley added back and forth between Novi to Northville each year. The Mustangs defeated Lutheran East in the

> day at home. The team continues its conference schedule next Friday (Jan. 8) at home against

"We almost lost our composure and gave the which came on three pointers. Nadolni and Drury each had 11 and Kyle Snearly and Brent Dicken

The Wildcats will face Walled Lake Central Tues-

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Icers still looking for win

their first win of the season.

team's nine losses.

Dec. 23. The Highlanders broke ond period. Pat Muston fied the game with ond period.

Jason Perras stopped the goals four minutes apart and in the game to make it 6-2.

W. BLOOMFIELD 5, NOVI 3 The Wildcats were on the

That winning taste didn't come takes ignited a three-goal rally of the season.

open a 1-1 game with five unan- Novi jumped out to a 3-1 the best 0-9 team in the state." Todd Pybus scored two of his and Booth's goals came just a The Novi News' deadline) and

The Wildcats faced Walled Lake Central yesterday (after will travel to Lakeland to take on the Eagles next Wednesday.

The 'Cats began the day with a after agreeing on a tie-breaking 54-25 win over Garden City and Slovan (189) were 4-1 and Nate system with a pair of conference - followed that up with wins over - Mitchell (125), Aaron Platt (135) opponents. The 12-team tourna- Lapeer West 45-36. Pinckney 37-

Lapeer West was ranked 10th

one, and Novi and Brighton were. Jackson Northwest 40-30 in the - Kreutzberg, Platt and Slovan Four wrestlers finished unde- type of production from our big

coach as well, finishing 1-1 on in the lineup and know he's mouth Salem Invitational yesterthe day and picking up an gonna give us a good match," the day (after The Novi News' deadimportant win against Jackson coach said. "This kid has a line), and will take on Northville

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ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



The Northville/Novi gymnastics team held its intersquad meet Dec. 17.

Cagers win first-ever Christmas tournament

A little bit of home cookin' was in the air last week as Novi came away the winners of the annual Christmas Tournament held at Novi High

The Wildcats pulled out a 54-53 win over Detroit Rogers in the championship game, just one night after destroying Lutheran East 70-35 in

the semifinals. Against Rogers, Novi built a 23-4 lead early in the second quarter, only to see that lead diminish Will. before its eyes. The Golden Hawks came back to take a four-point lead with one minute, 30 seconds to go, but the 'Cats outscored Rogers 6-1 in the last 90 seconds to get the win, and its firstever Christmas Championship. Sean Brislin's game-winning shot with :04 remaining gave Novi

"We knew they could explode at any minute," Novi coach Pat Schluter said, "We just got caught up in their game the second half." Novi's 31-20 halftime lead was extended to 44-

'Cats 22-10 in the fourth to make it close.

game away," the coach said. "But we still pulled it out at the end. We didn't quit." Senior Larry Drury led the team with 11 points and five assists. Junior Center Chad Nadolni

This time, the lead didn't slip away from the Wildcats, Novi built a 42-23 halftime lead and held on for the lopsided win.

eight and seven points.

Novi basketball coach

Novi led just 20-17 after one quarter, but outscored the Eagles 22-6 in the second stanza. "They had two good players and we took them out of the game after the first quarter," Schluter said. "We did a nice job of shutting them down,

consolation finals to take third

the Christmas break. The Novi green teammate team will compete in the Monica Fink finished with a Plymouth Salem Invitation-33.25, good for second al Jan. 9. Northville/Novi overall. She was third on then hosts Brighton (Jan. the beam (7.55), second on 11) and Clarenceville (Jan. the floor (8.55), third on 13) before traveling to Hart-

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School

The season has been rough for the lone assist. the Novi hockey team. So rough But that hasn't diminished the is happy with the way his team than us," Phelps said. "They just gin.

season, until a slew of misin the team's 7-2 loss to Howell by the Lakers late in the secswered goals in a 20:07 span in lead on goals by Malott, Andy the middle of the game. Howell's Saari and Chris Booth. Saari

"We're still looking," said the

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 DWC mom, 39, 5'7", with blonde hair and green eyes, who enjoys walking, movies, dining

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dent. Catholic SM, 28-34. Ad#.2570

out, skiing and ice skating, is looking for a SWCM, 31-45, N/S, for friendship first, possi-

one relationship, call this shy, employed DWCF, 47, 5'7", who likes working around the house. She doesn't smoke or drink and wants to meet a SWM, who doesn't

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el, spend time with family and Catholic DWF, 60, 5'2", who enjoys Bible study, walking, dancing and dining out, would like to meet a SWCM, under

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38-vear-old SWM. 6', from the Fenton area, is in search of a never-married SWCF, under 30. Ad#.8276 SWM, 41, 5'8", friendly, caring, open, honest, good listener, passsionate and giving, happy with life, romantic, fun-loving, genuine, young-at-heart, spon-

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STARTING OVER Employed SWCM, 40, 5'10", hopes to meet a caring, employed SWCF, 35-45, for friendship first. Ad#.1157

orange squad 126.95- orange team with an all-124.25 December 17 at around score of 29.25. Rohlfs placed among the peted all-around for

the vault (8.45) and she land Jan. 16.

after the first quarter...We did a

Nadolni scored all of his 11 points in that quarter.

that the icers are still looking for onslaught, scoring with 4:07 left Gary Bolton added another to hopes of coach Dan Phelps, who ent wise, they were much better

They would add an empty net-

coach. "On paper, we may be

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THURSDAY December 31,

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Health Column

Think before picking up that shovel

#Normal:With the arrival of the season's first - Hospital found that the heart rate and blood significant snowfall, Michigan residents will be forced to make the decision to shovel or not to shovel

Dr. Barry Franklin, director of Cardiac Rehabilitation at William Beaumont Hospital and official spokesperson for the American Heart Association, says new information about heart disease should make people think before they decide whether to pick up a shovel.

"In persons who are normally inactive with known or hidden heart disease, snow shoveling can trigger heart attacks and even sudden cardiac death."

The American Heart Association says that, if you are middle aged or older and haven't been physically active, you should be extremely cautious. Don't lift a heavy shovel piled high with snow. The combination of sudden physical exertion and the cold increases the heart's workload. It's natural for the blood vessels to temporally narrow when in cold weather. The cold can be even more dangerous if vessels are already narrowed due to fatty deposits. Too much strain on the heart during these conditions could cause a heart attack.

"Several years ago, researchers at Beaumont

pressure responses to shoveling heavy wet snow often approached and exceeded the same responses during maximum exercise testing." said Franklin, "And, within 2 minutes, most subjects had already exceeded their upper heart rate limit for aerobic exercise training. It is no wonder that each year many middle aged and older individuals experience cardiovascu-

lar complications during snow shoveling." Hypothermia also is a danger we should guard against. Hypothermia is a drop in body temperature to a subnormal level and it is potentially fatal. Symptoms are slowed breathing and heartbeat, lack of coordination, confusion and drowsiness.

Here are some more tips from the American Heart Association for younger healthy individuals, who make the decision to shovel snow.

 Wear several layers of clothing instead of one heavy layer.

· Put on a hat or searf because most heat is lost through the top of the head.

· Protect ears and hands too, because they are most susceptible to frostbite.

Before going out to shovel snow, the American Heart Association suggests that you should see a doctor first if you:

 Have a heart condition and were advised to participate only in medically supervised physi-

· Experience shoulder or arm pain during or soon after exercise

· Have developed chest pain within the last few months. • Tend to experience lightheadedness or

chest pressure, or falls due to dizziness. • Experience heart rhythm irregularities or

· feel extremely breathless after mild exer-

 Were told by a doctor to take medicine for high blood pressure or a heart condition.

• Have a family history of premature (carly)

· Have bone or joint problems that could be made worse by shoveling snow or performing

other strenuous activities. • Have some other physical condition that might need attention.

For more information about year-round safe physical activities, contact your nearest American Heart Association or call 1-800-<K>ahausa<K>1 (1-800-242-8721).

Health Notes

Bones in Motion

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

Japanese Childbirth Education Class

A registered nurse and a Japanese-speaking translator offer information on what to expect during labor and delivery. Methods to help the mother through the birth process are also presented. A \$150 fee and registration required. Botsford Center for Health Improvement-TRACC, 39750 Grand River Ave., Novi. For more information, call (248) 477-6100

Kinetics I and II

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

Nutritional Tune-Up

Need to get your diet in gear? How about a mutritional tune-up? Focusing on vegetarian, low-fat, low-cholesterol, prenatal nutrition, sports nutrition, weight loss, diabetic menus and more. A \$30 fee for individual consultation with a registered dictitian. Botsford Center for Health Improvement-TRACC, 39750 Grand River Ave., Novi. For information, call (248) 477-6100.

Premarital Counseling

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

Sibling: It's My Baby, Too

Children (ages 3-6) learn about their new baby sibling through videotapes, coloring books and role play. Classes offered monthly: \$10 fee and preregistration required. Botsford's Health Development Network, 39750 Grand River Ave., Novi. For more information and to register, call (248) 477-6100.

Walking Clubs

Botsford General Hospital sponsors two free walking clubs. Laurel Park Mall (Six Mile and Newburg roads) available at 8 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Saturday, and 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday. Free blood pressure provided by Botsford for walkers on the fourth Monday of every month, 8-10 a.m. Livonia Mall (Seven Mile and Middlebelt roads) beginning 7:30 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Saturday, and 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday. Free blood pressure checks provided by Botsford for Walkers on the third Wednesday of every month from 8-10 a.m. For more information, call Botsford's Health Development Network at (248) 477-6100.

Weight on the Run

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

Hot Flash Study

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

Well Child Clinic

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

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

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

 Healthy Cooking Demos: "Best Beef Recipes." Tired of the same old recipes? This session will give you just the right seasonings. Meets at 7 p.m. There is a \$6 fee and preregistration is required. Botsford's Health Development Network on Grand River, Novi. Call (248) 477-6100 for information or to

Referral service

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

The Physician Referral Service of Providence Hospital and Medical Centers is available to assist individuals in finding a physician who can meet the spe cific needs or criteria of the individual.

The service is free of charge and can be reached by calling 1-800-968-5595. The staff of Physician Referral Services can help locate physicians by specialty or location, finding an office close to your home or work. They can even match individuals with physicians who participate in particular insurance plans. Callers can also receive information on support groups, health education classes and lectures.

For referral services, call 1-800-968-5595.

Prostate Cancer Meeting

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

Body Fat Analysis

Have your body fat analysis done by a registered dietitian. Full printed report with recommendations for exercise and diet to promote health. Please Call (248) 424-3903 for appointment and fee. The program will be held at Providence Medical Center-Farmington Hills/NW, Mission Health Medical Center-Livonia, Providence Medical Center-Providence Park in Novi, and Providence Hospital in Southfield.

Baby Beepers

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

Managing Your Blood Pressure

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

Weight on the Run

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

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

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

Childbirth Education

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

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

Diabetes Education

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

Date: Continuously revolving six-week program held on Monday evenings. From 6-8:30 p.m. at Providence Medical Office Center in Novi, Ten Mile and Haggerty roads. Fee: \$20. To register call (248) 424-3903.

Martial Arts for Special Children

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, A.D.D., or sensory integration dysfunction.

Continuously revolving eight-week course held on Friday evenings from 6-8:30 p.m. at Providence Medical Center-Providence Park in Novi. The cost is \$100. Call 1-800-968-5595 to registerseles, improves breathing and promotes relaxation.

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