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I-96, M-59 link is under discussion

By JEREMY MCBAIN
 Staff Writer

A new and improved connection between M-59 and Interstate 96 may be on the horizon for the Novi area.

The City of Novi is supporting a state study that will look at ways to create a connecting corridor between I-96 and M-59. Routes near Beck Road, Wixom Road and Milford Road are being considered, said Novi City Manager Ed Kriewall.

When the M-5 project was first planned, it was considered as a possible connection between I-96 and M-59. But, due to political and environmental reasons, the M-5 project has been stopped at Pontiac Trail.

Currently, the project stops at Fourteen Mile Road. Construction to Pontiac Trail is planned, Kriewall said.

Since the road is planned to stop at Pontiac Trail, there is still no significant access between I-96 and M-59 and most local government officials believe there should be one, he said.

Because of this need, a meeting was hosted in Milford recently by State Sen. Bill Bullard, R-Milford, to address this.

To further determine where to put the route, the State of Michigan has provided \$1 million for costs associated with a study, Kriewall said.

The study will probably not cost the City of Novi anything, he added. But, if the project runs over \$1 million, Novi will only owe a contribution up to \$5,000.

The City of Novi has pledged its support of this plan, Kriewall said.

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Spreading the cheer



Season's doings

It's that time of year and throughout Novi, things are beginning to look a lot like a certain holiday.

Above, Parkview Elementary School student Katie Leszcz got a helping hand with her holiday shopping from parent-volunteer Kyoko Pekalski last week.

At right, after receiving the key to the City of Novi at Monday night's Light Up The Holidays ceremony at the Novi Civic Center, Santa sits down to talk some serious Christmas gift wishes with Andrea Stienen, left and Jenny Watson.

Jolly St. Nick, plus lots of kids and their families, are typical visitors at Novi's tree lighting ceremony in the civic center's atrium.

Photos by JOHN HEIDER

New mall to grow, change its anchor

By B.J. HAMMERSTEIN
 Staff Writer

With changes to theater seating and the introduction of The Great Indoors as an anchor store, Ramco-Gershenson received approval of its preliminary site plan for Fountain Walk from the Novi City Council on Monday.

"The Great Indoors is not a home improvement store, not a Home Depot, not a hardware store or a gardening shop," said Mike Ward, CEO of the Southfield development company Ramco-Gershenson.

"The Great Indoors is a phenomenal home furnishing store. I have seen it and there is nothing like it in Detroit."

The regional shopping center which includes plans for retail, restaurant and theater complex was approved with a total area of 737,158 square feet, an over ten percent increase of 73,808 square feet. The mega-shopping opportunity will be located west of Donelson Drive on the south side of Twelve Mile Road.

Developers of the project reduced the size of the multiplex movie theater from 105,000 square feet and 5,215 seats to 90,000 square feet and 985 fewer seats.

The project was originally approved by the city council on Aug. 31, 1998, but was brought back due to the changes in the theater and the addition of The Great Indoors. The original anchor, the sporting good store Galyan's, was replaced by the

"The store is designed specifically around females and their shopping experience."

Mike Ward,
 CEO of Ramco-Gershenson

home store.

While concerns were raised about traffic and over-development for the city, the council approved the project 5-2, with Council Members Laura Lorenzo and Michelle Bononi in the minority.

"It sounds fabulous, but is your success our harm?" Lorenzo asked.

"I had hoped with the revision there would be less retail space, not an overall increase. This is the most over-developed site to come through in Novi."

Valued at an estimated \$85 million, the Fountain Walk project will contribute \$207,500 to the Novi Tree Fund, spend over \$1 million in landscaping and provide the city and schools with about \$2 million annually in taxes.

With locations of The Great Indoors in Denver, Scottsdale, Ariz. and Dallas, Ward said the uniqueness of bringing this kind of store to Novi will be beneficial to the community.

"The store is designed specifically around females and their shopping experience."

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City to appeal Adell lawsuit decision

By JEREMY MCBAIN
 Staff Writer

Another lawsuit lost means another appeal filed by the city.

Novi city council members directed City Attorney Dennis Watson on Monday to file for appeal of the recent judgment denying the condemnation of Novi Expo Center land for an industrial spur.

Due to this, the city is holding off on its

northwest Grand River Avenue/Novi Road ring road project indefinitely. And it is not yet determined when the Oakland County Road Commission will begin working on renovations to the CSX bridge near Grand River Avenue and Novi Road.

Work on the bridge was held up due to the lawsuit between the owners of the Expo Center — the Adell Children's Funded Trust — and the City of Novi.

The city's lawsuit pushed that project back to after December 1999, the road commission said last January. Originally, a mid-1999 completion date was eyed.

Once construction does begin, the bridge is expected to be closed for a year.

Lawyers for the Adell Brothers' Children's Trust, which owns the Novi Expo Center, argued that the city unlawfully attempted to

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MONTHLY SERVICE RATES

Time Warner Cable monthly service rates, paid by Novi customers from 1990 to 2000.

Date	Basic	Standard Service	Full Service
Feb. 1990	\$2.45	\$15.45	\$17.90
Feb. 1991	Free	\$18.95	\$18.95
Feb. 1992	\$1.00	\$18.95	\$21.45
Feb. 1993	\$1.25	\$18.95	\$21.45
Sept. 1993	\$10.45	\$10.95	\$21.45
April 1994	\$10.82	\$10.95	\$21.79
July 1994	\$10.79	\$11.29	\$22.07
Jan. 1996	\$9.58	\$14.37	\$22.95
Jan. 1997	\$10.33	\$14.37	\$22.95
Jan. 1998	\$10.50	\$14.37	\$22.95
Jan. 1999	\$18.50	\$14.37	\$22.95
Jan. 2000	\$18.50	\$14.37	\$22.95

Source: Southwestern Oakland County Cable Commission

Time Warner hikes rates five percent

By B.J. HAMMERSTEIN
 Staff Writer

Cable subscribers prepare — beginning in January, the bill from Time Warner will be higher.

Bob McCann, general manager of Time Warner, said Novi residents can expect the change in rates beginning after Jan. 1, depending on the cycle of each individual's bill.

"We are in the final year of our social contract, which we signed with the Federal Communications Commission five years ago," McCann said.

"As part of the social contract, we continue to upgrade and add new services which allows us the right to raise rates."

The basic service subscribers (channels one to 22) will see an increase of 53 cents each month, raising the \$10.50 bill to \$11.03.

The majority of subscribers have the extended basic cable service (channels 23-66) and will see that part of the service increase by \$1 per month from \$19.94 to \$20.94, making the total new price for the expanded basic service \$31.97. That is a five percent increase over last year and a 56 percent increase over 1990's rates.

Caren Collins, executive director of the Southwestern Oakland Cable Commission, said there is very little anyone can do about rate changes, as the FCC deregulated cable rates earlier in the year.

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Community Calendar

Thursday, Dec. 9

Novi Rotary
The Novi Rotary Club meets at noon at the Novi United Methodist Church, 41971 Ten Mile Road. For information, contact Bob Lantieri at (248) 348-6769.

TOPS
Take Out Potatoes Sensibly for all ages meets at 7 p.m. at the Novi Meadows Clubhouse on Napier Road. For more information, call after 6 p.m. (248) 347-2167.

Novi Parks and Recreation Commission meeting
The Novi Parks and Recreation Commission meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road. For information, call (248) 347-0400.

Friday, Dec. 10

Novi Theatres
Novi Theatres presents "A Christmas Carol" at 8 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center. For information, call the Parks and Recreation Department at 347-0400.

Expo Center Show
The Metro Detroit Woodworking Show runs today through Dec. 12 at the Novi Expo Center. For information, call 348-5600.

Saturday, Dec. 11

Novi Theatres
Novi Theatres presents "A Christmas Carol" at 8 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center. For information, call the Parks and Recreation Department at 347-0400.

Chanukah
Today is the last day of Chanukah, which began on Dec. 4.

Sunday, Dec. 12

Novi Concert Band Concert
The Novi Concert Band will hold its winter concert at 7:30 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road.

Novi Theatres
Novi Theatres presents "A Christmas Carol" at 3 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center. For information, call the Parks and Recreation Department at 347-0400.

Expo Show
A Camera Show will be held at the Novi Expo Center today from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For information, call 348-5600.

Monday, Dec. 13

Library Board
The Novi Library Board will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi library building. The public is welcome to attend.

Tuesday, Dec. 14

Northville School Board
The Northville School Board meets tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the third floor conference room, Old Village School. For information, call (248) 349-3400.

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

Chess Club
The Novi Chess Club will meet from 7-10 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center. There is no charge to attend and all players are welcome. For more information, call Tim Sawmiller, 344-4269 evenings after 6 p.m.

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

Camera Club
The Novi Camera Club meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Novi Community Center, 45174 W. Ten Mile Road. Gene and George O'Neal will speak on "The History of Photography." For more information, call Beverly Dormal at 380-6980.

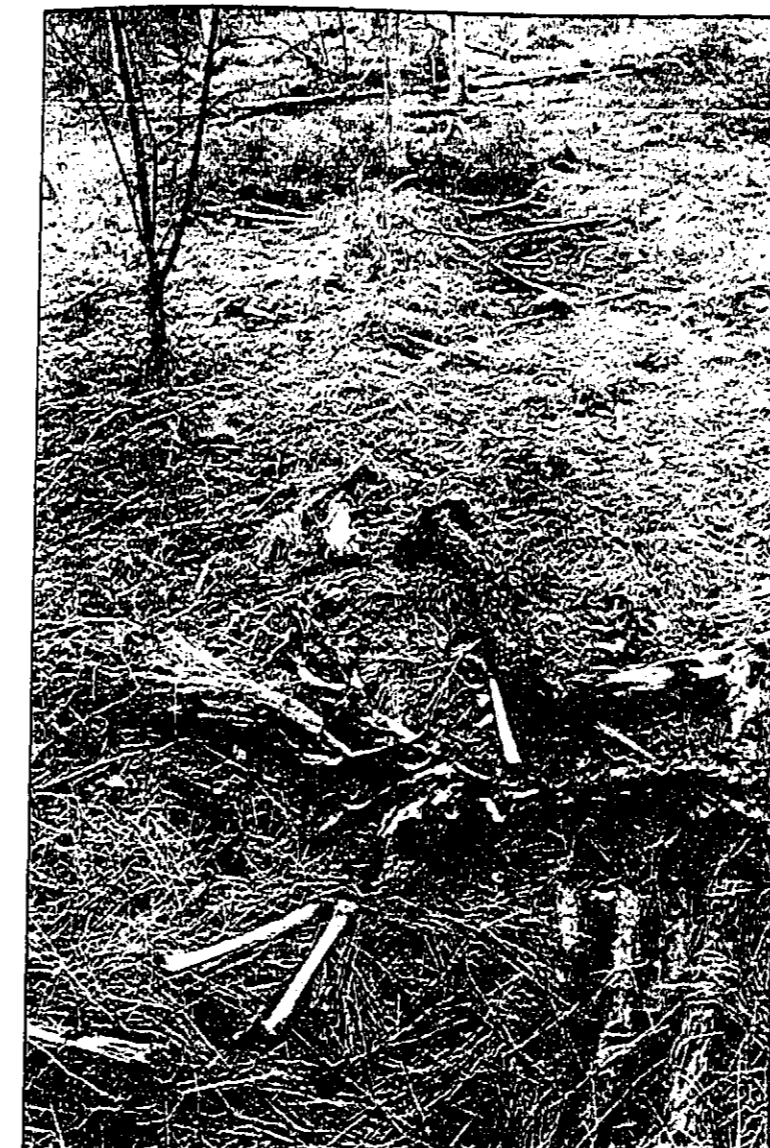
Business Network International
The Novi Chapter of the Business Network International will meet at 7 a.m. at Kerby's Koney Island at Eight Mile and Haggerty roads. For information, call (810) 323-3800.

Wednesday, Dec. 15

Business Network International
The Greater Novi Chapter of the Business Network International will meet at 7 a.m. at the Novi Hilton, 21111 Haggerty Road. For information, call (810) 323-3800.

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

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



By JEREMY MCBAIN
Staff Writer

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality has ordered the City of Novi to clean up its Department of Public Works yard.

In a letter sent to the city last week, Brett Wisely of the Surface Water Quality Division of the MDEQ, informed city officials Novi must meet a set of conditions he set forth or risk MDEQ penalties over the dumping of sewage at the DPW yard near Delwa and Eleven Mile roads.

Wisely inspected the DPW yard Nov. 18, following an incident in late October when city employees dumped sewage from a tractor truck on the ground there. An investigation of the incident revealed this was common practice up to two years ago.

In his letter, Wisely criticized the city not only for the dumping incident, but also because of a

large amount of construction waste found throughout the site and a salt shed that was leaking salt into a flood plain.

"The construction pile on the north side of (Bishop) creek contained concrete, coupled with asphalt and other miscellaneous spoils. Both the concrete with exposed rebar and asphalt is not allowable as fill," he wrote.

"Overall, the general housekeeping of the DPW yard could use improvement."

Wisely directly addressed the city's clean-up of the sewage dumped in October saying: "A visual inspection of the floodplain revealed that the wastes did not reach the creek, though I am relatively certain that it would have, if not removed by the DPW."

He added past practices of the DPW employees in dumping sewage at the site probably caused some sewage to get into the creek.

The following is the set of criteria that must be met by the city to avoid further enforcement from the MDEQ:

•The city must develop policies and procedures to properly dispose of waste-water residuals, construction debris.

•All construction material on the north side of the creek must be removed and the site restored.

•Salt must be properly contained in the salt shed. Wisely suggested more careful handling of the salt during load-out and the installation of a secondary salt shed.

•Spot piles on the south side of Bishop creek must also be removed. Wisely said the rest of the construction debris may remain because it probably would be more detrimental to remove it than leave it in place. He added the ground should also be seeded.

•Wisely said arsenic was found in a soil boring on the site. No

action is needed at this time concerning the arsenic, until the city determines a future use for the DPW yard is set.

Department of Public Services Director Anthony Swacke said he was already working on meeting every one of these criteria.

Currently, he is implementing policies and procedures for the disposal of both solid and liquid waste material from the sewer system and catch basins, he added.

As for the salt shed problem, Swacke said he was exploring the implementation of both incineration programs for all employees on handling the salt and the construction of another shed.

He added that the rest of the debris on the site would be cleaned up shortly and taken to a waste facility.

Jeremy McBain's e-mail address is jmcba@novi.com.

Animal bones and a skull litter the ground of Novi's Department of Public Works site, where contaminated sewage matter had been recently dumped by city workers.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Students qualify for finals in annual mathematics contest

Michigan Mathematics Prize Competition
Eleven students from Novi High School have qualified as finalists in the 43rd Annual Michigan Mathematics Prize Competition.

Seniors Janice Liao and Chris Wagner, Juniors Karen Andrews, Trisan LaChance, Ryan Slater, Allison Tingvall, Michael Wang, Lisa Yin and Jessica Zhou and sophomores Eric Liao and Sven Nyberg are among the top 1028 students from among 13,827 students in Part I of the Michigan Mathematics Prize Competition.

Part I was a multiple-choice exam given at 317 high schools throughout Michigan on Sept. 15. The finalists will compete in Part II on Dec. 8.

The students with the top 100 scores on the two parts will be invited to an Awards Day program in March at Albion College. The top 50 will be presented with scholarships ranging from the bronze awards of \$450 to \$2,500 for the first place gold medalist, who will also be designated the Ford Scholar.

A team of 40 to 45 of these top students on the MMC will participate in training sessions in preparation for the American Regions Mathematics League Competition. This national mathematics competition takes place in early June and is held simultaneously at the campuses of Penn State University, the University of Iowa and the University of Nevada Las Vegas.

Novi Middle School Earns Honor
The North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (NCA) recently announced Novi Middle School was awarded top school improvement honors this month. Novi Middle School was one of 24 Michigan schools honored this fall for completing a five-year, eight-phase school improvement process.

This school improvement model differs from traditional accreditation in that the school commits itself to a plan of continuous effort that concentrates on the improvement of student performance in selected areas.

It helps schools document the effectiveness of their programs. While Novi Middle School still meets traditional accreditation requirements, this school improvement cycle demands that they document student improvement.

A team of peers visited the middle school during the improvement cycle to evaluate the success of their school improvement plan.

Working in committees, the staff selected target goals. Novi Middle School was able to demonstrate to the team that their students are performing better in the selected areas than they were before the process was implemented.

Currently, there are 42 middle schools in Michigan that have completed the entire process successfully.

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Novi municipal employees show interest in city manager job

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Staff Writer

Two Novi city officials recently entered the running for the position of Novi city manager.

Later last month, Development Services Director Karen Conley and Department of Public Services Director Anthony Nowicki submitted their resumes.

"It's something that I've continued to want to do since I was Belleville city manager," said Conley. "I think I have a lot to offer."

Nowicki said applying for Novi's city manager position is something he has been considering for quite a while.

"I'm really attached to this community. It is more my community than the community I live in now," Nowicki said.

With four other new applicants, 27 job applicants to date hope to fill the shoes of retiring City Manager Ed

"It is more my community than the community I live in now."

Anthony Nowicki
Public services director

Kriewall.

The first interview by the Novi City Council is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 18 at 8 a.m. This will be televised on Cable Channel 13.

Nowicki currently lives in Wisconsin. He was hired as the director of Novi's Public Services Department in 1994.

Before taking this position, Nowicki was the director of public works for Roseville from 1988 to 1990.

Nowicki has a bachelor of science in engineering

from Wayne State University and a master's of science in administration from Central Michigan University.

Conley currently lives in Belleville. She was hired as the director of Novi's Development Services Department in 1998.

Before taking this position, she was the city manager of Belleville from October 1995 through July 1998.

Conley holds a bachelor of science in business administration from CMC and a master's in business administration from Eastern Michigan University. She is also expecting to complete a master's of science in human resources and organizational development from EMC soon.

In addition to these two new applicants, four other applicants for the city manager position have been recently received by the city.

They are: Norton Bonaparte, Jr. of Willingboro, N.J.; Cleophas Boyd, Jr. of Lansing; Reid Charles of

Brighton and Dennis McDuffie of Galveston, Texas. Bonaparte is currently the township manager of Willingboro, N.J. Before this, he was the city manager of Glenarden, Md.

Boyd is currently the president and CEO of the Greater Lansing Urban League in Lansing.

Earlier, he was a private consultant-contractor in government affairs and employee training for the State of Michigan, Ingham County, Wayne County and the City of Highland Park.

Charles is currently the city manager of Mount Morris and a consultant in Brighton. Before moving into this position, he was the township manager of Hamburg Township.

McDuffie was most recently the city administrator for Jamaica Beach, Texas. Prior to that, he was the city manager/public safety director of San Juan Bautista, Calif.

Public land wanted for cell towers

By B.J. HAMMERSTEIN
Staff Writer

As cellular phones become more prevalent, the City of Novi has approved administration to start preliminary negotiations regarding cellular communications facilities on city property.

The Novi City Council passed the motion 6-to-1 to allow administration to continue negotiations with Mayor Pro Tem Laura Lorenz voting against it.

While the city earlier turned down an offer to put a cell tower on Power Park, this time the focus is on the Community Sports Park.

Parks and Recreation Director Dan Davis told city council that both Sprint PCS and Trinity Wireless Towers, Inc. have contacted the city regarding the placement of a cellular monopole facility at the Community Sports Park.

In a report to the city council, Davis said that in the Sprint PCS agreement there will be two restrictions that will need to be monitored within the agreement.

"With a maximum of 5 percent of the property utilized for supplemental income, exclusive of the Arena Management Operations, there is approximately 15 acres of property, therefore allowing the area of use for the monopole facility would be a maximum of three-quarters of an acre," Davis said.

"Secondly, the annual revenue derived from the sub-lease would be limited to five percent of annual gross for the operations."

The report also stated that the height of the pole is limited to 150 feet, allowing the city to make available the monopole for co-location by other wireless providers.

Also in the report, Davis added the proposal by Trinity is different because the company itself is not a wireless communication provider.

The draft proposal from Trinity Wireless is to lease a portion of the property at Community Sports Park," Davis said.

"The property was purchased with general obligation bonds, in which there are not any restrictions for revenue generation or property use."

"The structure of their proposal would allow them to construct a monopole and support facility allowing Trinity the ability to sub-lease the facility to wireless communication providers."

Davis said both proposals require the height of the monopole would be limited to city ordinances.

"I don't think it hurts to negotiate more as we learn from lessons we had over the years and get notices out to the public," said Council Member Craig DeRoche.

"We want to find a right fit, a project citizens are going to support."

But as cellular service becomes more important in the community, council members also showed hesitation about moving forward with negotiations as the thought of 150-foot towers throughout Novi might not be an attractive image.

"Do we have a plan or are we just going to become a tower farm?" asked Council Member Michelle Bononi.

Council Member Hugh Crawford said it may be too premature to move forward with negotiations without learning more about the lay of the land and determining the need for cellular towers.

But City Manager Ed Kriewall said that each cellular company has different arrangements and the way they are designed each has their own pockets of services.

"We can't really master plan where the sites are going to be," Kriewall said.

"Each company has their own individual needs and is fairly complex."



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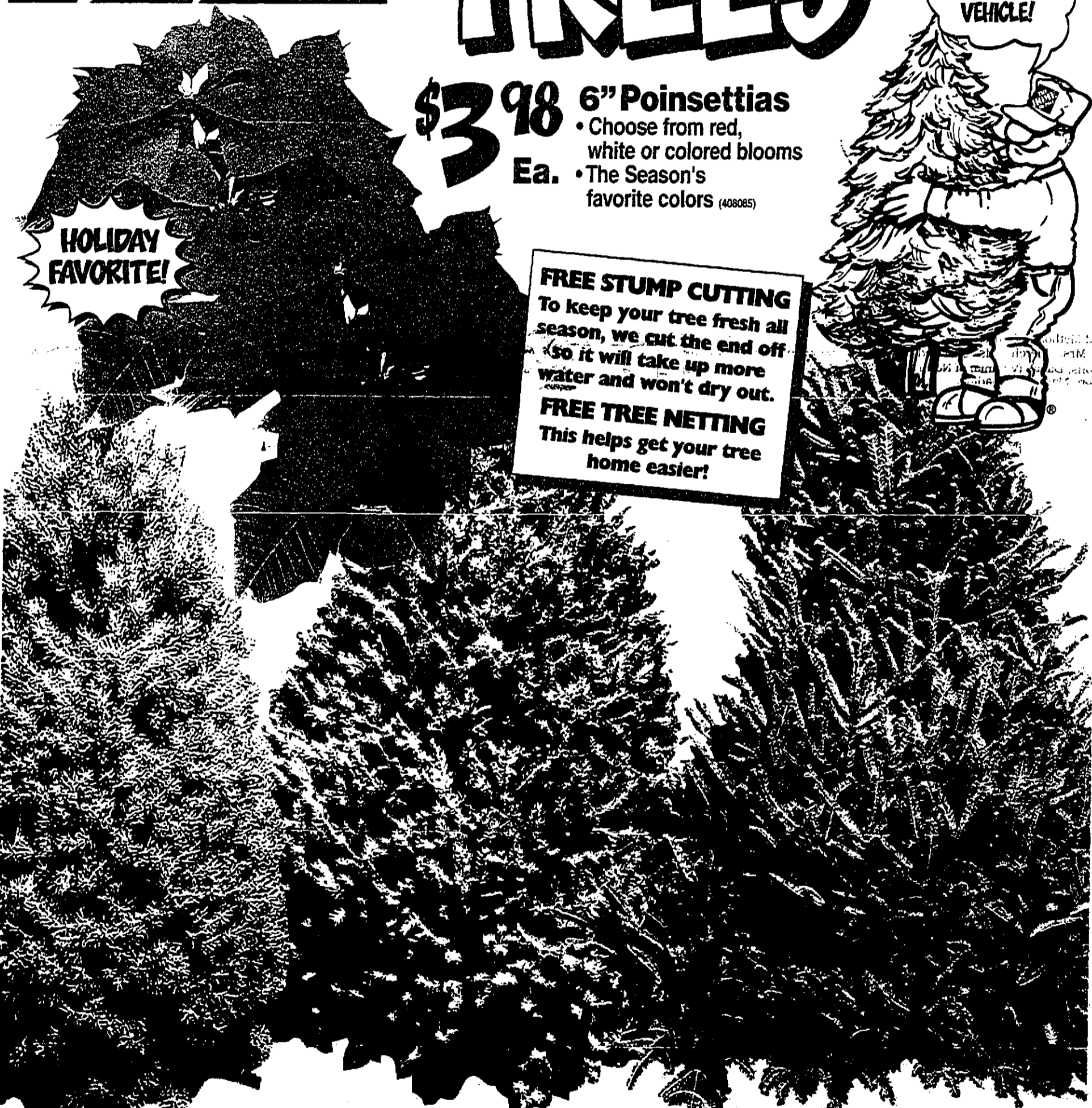
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SATURDAY, NOV. 27
Medical, 45182 West Road, 10:38 a.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 41703 Kirkwood, 3:03 p.m., Squad 2.
Medical, 27760 Novi Road, 7:30 p.m., Squad 1.
Fire alarm, 22785 Vasilios Court, 8:20 p.m., Engine 4.
Medical, 25750 Novi Road, 11:38 p.m., Squad 1.

SUNDAY, NOV. 28
Medical, 25750 Novi Road, 12:27 a.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 45125 Ten Mile Road, 1:24 a.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 50610 Montana, 1:42 a.m., Squad 4.
Medical, 45225 Yorkshire, 9:30 a.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 45182 West Road, 10:12 a.m., Squad 2.
Medical, 27550 Novi Road, 12:39 p.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 30030 Montmorency, 4:42 p.m., Squad 2.
Service, 45182 West Road, 6:05 p.m., Squad 2.
Injury accident, Grand River and Market Street, 7:15 p.m., Squad 1.
Injury accident, Grand River and Town Center, 7:55 p.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 29970 Miquelon, 8:20 p.m., Squad 2.

MONDAY, NOV. 29
Medical, 508 Eckschtay, 12:45 a.m., Squad 4.
Medical, 22627 Stonehenge, 1:36 a.m., Squad 3.
Tree fire, Twelve Mile and Novi Road, 9:48 a.m., Engine 1.
Investigation, 20830 Woodland Glen, 10:02 a.m., Squad 3.
Medical, Novi and West Oaks, 1:27 p.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 45182 West Road, 1:29 p.m., Squad 2.
Fire alarm, 43055 Crescent, 3:42 p.m., Engines 1, 2.
Medical, Ten Mile and Haggerty, 6:06 p.m., Squad 1.
Investigation, 23303 Chippmunk, 6:31 p.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 40975 Malott, 9:45 p.m., Squad 3.

TUESDAY, NOV. 30
Fire alarm, 44000 Grand River, 12:06 a.m., Engines 1, 4.
Service, 508 Eckschtay, 9:29 a.m., Squad 4.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 1
Medical, 24375 Knollwood, 9:47 a.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 24301 Catherine, 10:05 a.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 45182 West Road, 12:01 p.m., Squad 2.
Truck fire, Grand River and Haggerty, 12:08 p.m., Engine 1.
Medical, 22450 Tower Court, 3:49 p.m., Squad 3.
Injury accident, Fourteen Mile and Haggerty, 4:09 p.m., Squad 2.
Service, 22450 Tower Court, 5:09 p.m., Squad 3.
Injury accident, Eleven Mile and Town Center, 5:19 p.m., Squad 1.
Vehicle fire, Thirteen Mile and M-5, 5:35 p.m., Engine 2.
Medical, 45125 Ten Mile Road, 9:16 p.m., Squad 3.

THURSDAY, DEC. 2
Injury accident, Novi Road and Nine Mile, 9:33 a.m., Squads 1, 3.
Fuel spill, M-5 and Thirteen Mile Road, 9:50 a.m., Engine 2.
Medical, 45170 Wilshire, 11:39 a.m., Squad 2.
Fire alarm, 26090 Lannys, 1:57 p.m., Engines 1, 4.
Medical, 41935 Twelve Mile Road, 4:40 p.m., Squad 1.
Investigation, 20901 Glen Haven, 5:58 p.m., Engine 3.
Medical, 45170 Wilshire, 6:14 p.m., Squad 2.

FRIDAY, DEC. 3
Fuel spill, Old Novi and Pleasant Cove, 1:23 a.m., Engine 2.
Medical, 41935 Twelve Mile, 10:35 a.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 45175 Ten Mile, 12:58 p.m., Squad 2.
Medical, 41931 La Roi, 1:17 p.m., Squad 2.
Gas main leak, 31106 Shorecrest, 1:30 p.m., Engine 1.
Medical, 47520 Ten Mile Road, 4:35 p.m., Squad 4.

SATURDAY, DEC. 4
Medical, 45182 West Road, 2:28 a.m., Squad 2.
Fire alarm, 27475 Huron Circle, 4:43 p.m., Engines 1, 2.
Injury accident, Eight Mile and Haggerty, 5:45 p.m., Squad 3.
Fire alarm, 41767 Primrose Lane, 11:35 p.m., Engine 2.

SUNDAY, DEC. 5
Medical, 27000 Sheraton, 12:15 a.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 2602 Stonehenge, 3:36 a.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 45125 Ten Mile Road, 4:17 a.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 45182 West Road, 10:22 a.m., Squad 2.
Medical, 45182 West Road, 11:22 a.m., Squad 2.
Medical, Ten Mile and Meadowbrook, 12:57 p.m., Squad 1.
Fire alarm, 27790 Novi Road, 4:34 p.m., Engines 1, 2.
Injury accident, I-96 and Novi Road, 4:43 p.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 41550 Grand River, 4:49 p.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 26423 Novi Road, 5:24 p.m., Squad 1.
Service, 45182 West Road, 5:31 p.m., Squad 2.

Obituaries

BESSIE A. FLETCHER

Bessie Alberta Fletcher died Nov. 28 at the age of 97.

She was born Aug. Aug. 19, 1902 in Hancock County, Ohio to Albert and Minnie (Zierbaum) Myers.

Formerly of Redford Township, Mrs. Fletcher came to New Hudson in 1932. She was a bookkeeper for Fletcher & Rickard Excavating, and a member of the New Hudson United Methodist Church.

Mrs. Fletcher is survived by sons, Dallas (Virginia) of New Hudson, Marlon (Bernadine) of Florida, and Theron Jr. (Rosemary) of Millford; daughters, Virginia Mortimer of South Dakota, Ina Clark of Arizona and Sally (Norman) Kohlmeier of St. Helen; 31 grandchildren, 52 great-grandchildren and 12 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Theron A. in February 1941; children, Euneth Fletcher, Joan Traube, Richard Fletcher and Otis Fletcher; and grandchild, Doug Fletcher.

Services were held on Thursday, Dec. 2 at New Hudson United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Robert A. Mitchinson officiating. Interment followed at Grand Lawn Cemetery, Detroit.

Arrangements were made by Phillips Funeral Home of South Lyon.

Memorials to New Hudson Methodist Church, P.O. Box 883, 56730 Grand River, New Hudson, MI 48165 or the Martin Luther Memorial Home, 700 Reynold Sweet Parkway, South Lyon, MI 48178.

LOUISE C. FLYNN

Louise C. Flynn, 94, of Livonia died Dec. 4 at Marywood Nursing Home in Livonia.

She was born Dec. 11, 1904.

Mrs. Flynn was a retired school teacher of 45 years from the Detroit public school system.

She is survived by a son, William (Lynell) daughter, Kathleen (William) Brett; seven grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Flynn was preceded in death by her husband, Leo.

Services were held on Tuesday, Dec. 7 at St. Mary's of Redford Catholic Church. Interment was in Holy Sepulchre, Southfield.

Arrangements were made by O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home of Novi.

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Woman questions telemarketers

An 82-year-old Novi woman may have almost been the victim of a telemarketer's scam around 1 p.m. Dec. 2, but she hung up when she became suspicious.

The woman received a phone call from a man claiming he was with a sweepstakes company out of Montreal. He told the woman she won \$70,000 in a sweepstakes, but would have to go to a Western Union to pick up the money.

He also told the woman that she would need to send \$1,500 via Western Union to pay for fees on the winnings.

Upon hearing this, the woman told the man she did not have any money. The man asked her if she could get a cash advance on a credit card. The woman became suspicious and hung up the phone.

Police News

BREATH
She was given a sobriety test and transported to the Novi Police Department.

While at the department, she was given a chemical breath test which indicated she had a blood alcohol concentration of 0.33 percent. This is three times the legal limit.

Because her blood alcohol was so high, she was taken to Providence Hospital on Grand River Avenue for observation.

PEEPING SECURITY

A 49-year-old Waterford woman was arrested for shoplifting around 8 p.m. Nov. 2 at Hudson's in Twelve Oaks Mall after an employee, who was watching her in the fitting rooms, saw her try to conceal some merchandise.

The employee said the Waterford woman was in the fitting room with a jacket, when she took off the price tags and concealed it under her shirt.

The woman left the fitting room without making any attempt to pay for the item under her clothing. She was apprehended by security outside of the store.

BREAK-IN

Someone between 6 a.m. and 5 p.m. Nov. 7, someone broke into a home on the 31000 block of Beachwalk and took several thousands

dollars in cash.
A resident of the home said he knew something was up when he arrived and found his car outside and his sliding glass door unlocked.

Once inside, the owner of the home found several boxes had been opened and about \$4,000 was missing from a drawer. A laptop computer had also been stolen from a chest.

Officers inspecting the scene discovered the home's sliding glass door had been pried open.

BREAK-IN II

Someone between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. Dec. 2 someone broke into another home on the 31000 block of Beachwalk.

Officers in the area investigating another break-in, discovered this second one.

The owner of the home said he came home and noticed his sliding glass door had been pried open.

The man checked his home, but only found a carton of cigarettes missing.

ROAD RAGE

A 17-year-old Farmington Hills girl's vehicle was damaged around 4:30 p.m. Dec. 1 near the intersection of West Park Drive and Twelve Mile Road when a man threw marbles at her vehicle.

The girl said she was driving

along West Road, approaching West Park Drive, when a vehicle in front of her suddenly stopped.

The girl tried steering her car around the other vehicle, but when she did the other vehicle attempted to turn and try to hit her vehicle. No collision occurred.

The girl was stopped at the intersection of West Park Drive and Twelve Mile Road when the vehicle pulled up behind her again. This time the driver rolled his window down and began throwing marbles at the girl's vehicle.

The man is described as being a heavy white man wearing a "Ford" cap and about 35 to 40-years-old.

STOLEN JEWELRY

Several pieces of expensive jewelry were stolen around 1 p.m. Dec. 4 from Artesian Jewelers at Twelve Oaks Mall by an unknown man.

According to police reports the man entered the store, opened a display case and removed the jewelry. He ran from the store and got into a white four-door compact vehicle believed to be a Saturn or Cavalier.

He was described as a light-skinned African-American man, wearing a mid-length brown coat and faded blue jeans. He also may have had a thin mustache and was carrying a satchel or backpack.

Citizens with information about the above incidents are urged to call the Novi Police Department at 348-7100.

Novi Briefs

Correction

The Dec. 2 issue of *The Novi News* contained a misspelling of Shannon Ringvel's name by reversing the "v" and the "e." In addition, she was listed as a Novi High School student, when she is a Mercy High School student who lives in Novi, in a list of students who made "Who's Who of American High School Students."

Correction

In a story about Main Street Novi that ran Dec. 2 on the front page of *The Novi News*, Larson's Jewelers was inadvertently left out of the map accompanying this story.

The jewelry store is open for business and is located on Main Street. The story also incorrectly stated the leasing cost of Main Street is \$100 per square foot. The story should have stated leasing costs start at about \$21 per square foot. It costs \$100 per square foot to build the development.

Watch figure skating exhibition

The Novi Ice Arena in conjunction with the Skating Club of Novi will be hosting their second annual Winter Exhibition. Skaters that train at the Novi Ice Arena will be skating to their favorite Christmas music. The exhibition will be held on Saturday, Dec. 18 at 1 p.m. Admission will be \$1.

Skate with Santa

Santa Claus will be at the Novi Ice Arena for open skating on Sunday, Dec. 19 from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Children of all ages are invited to skate along, Christmas music, candy and the Jolly Old Elf are only part of the fun. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$4 for students and senior citizens. Novi residents receive \$1 off with proof of residency.

Correction

A Nov. 25 column in *The Novi News* said that Novi Mayor Pro Tem Laura Lorenzo added six agenda items to a city council meeting that night with an oral warning. Lorenzo notes that the minutes reflect that she added five items.

She also said that she discussed the items in advance with Mayor Richard Clark before introducing them at the council table.

Novi Youth Assistance produces video to broadcast its safety message to teens

By B.J. HAMMERSTEIN Staff Writer

It has been a successful run so far for Novi Youth Assistance, but to remain a proactive organization, new programs need to be developed.

And that's exactly what NYA is doing. Assistant Chair Barbara Holmes said the NYA alcohol/drug awareness committee is beginning its second year of operations and has produced a video to be shown throughout the community and at area schools.

"What's exciting about the committee is how it is able to reach a real diverse group of people," Holmes said.

"The group touches on different forms of substance abuse and the feedback has been real supportive."

Produced during the summer with help from local organizations, the Office of Drug Control and the Novi Community School District, the film "As Doors Close" targets the effects of drinking and driving on teenagers. It will debut during Alcohol Awareness Month in April.

Holmes said NYA's Mentors Plus Program has

just completed its first year, with six matches being very successful.

Last year's program had five male mentors and one female mentor paired up with children of the same gender.

Holmes said that background checks were conducted as model citizens were selected to participate in the one-year commitment of mentoring the needs of being a role model for a child.

"The mentor program is primarily for kids who are missing a role model at home and are looking for a strong personality they can spend some time with," Holmes said.

"It primarily meets once a week for a four-hour period but there are also special group activities involved. The emphasis of the program is keeping the relationship strong between each pair."

"The key is for the mentor to become a confidante and a friend. It is as rewarding for the mentor as it is for the child."

With John P. O'Brien serving as the NYA chair and about 30 people volunteering as part of the NYA, the group has grown just as the community has.

And as Novi continues to evolve, the NYA will stay involved by staging their annual Bowl-A-Thon, implementing new programs, awarding scholarships and helping the youth in the surrounding community.

Holmes said some of the accomplishments for the Youth Assistance in Oakland County in 1998 included 3,200 adults attending parenting programs and 2,900 youth attending family education programs, as well as 1,295 youths being sent to camp.

Some 541 more received skill-building scholarships and more than 6,500 families were referred for casework services or received consultation and referral services.

"It is very rewarding to be able to give back to the community," Holmes said.

"The volunteers are a very good group of people I probably wouldn't have met if it weren't for participating in the Novi Youth Assistance."

B.J. Hammerstein's e-mail address is bhammerstein@home.com.net.



Barbara Holmes is assistant chair of Novi Youth Assistance.

DUIL CAUSES ACCIDENT

A 38-year-old Novi woman was arrested for drunk driving and hospitalized for having a blood alcohol level three times the legal limit, following a traffic accident around 8 p.m. Nov. 30 near the intersection of Haggerty and Fourteen Mile roads.

According to one of the drivers whose vehicle was hit in the accident, the driver was stopped at the intersection at a red light, when the vehicle driven by the Novi woman ran into the other car from behind.

Officers found the Novi woman at a gas station near the intersection. She told officers someone hit her from behind.

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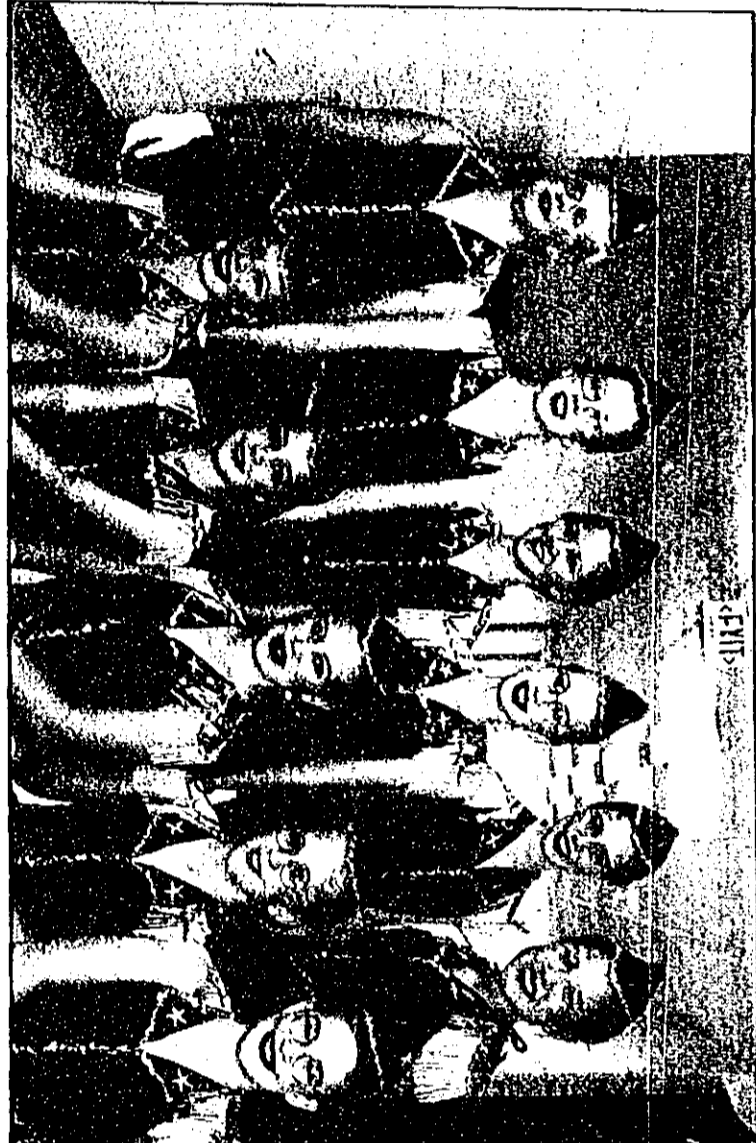
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WL students spend day in wheelchairs

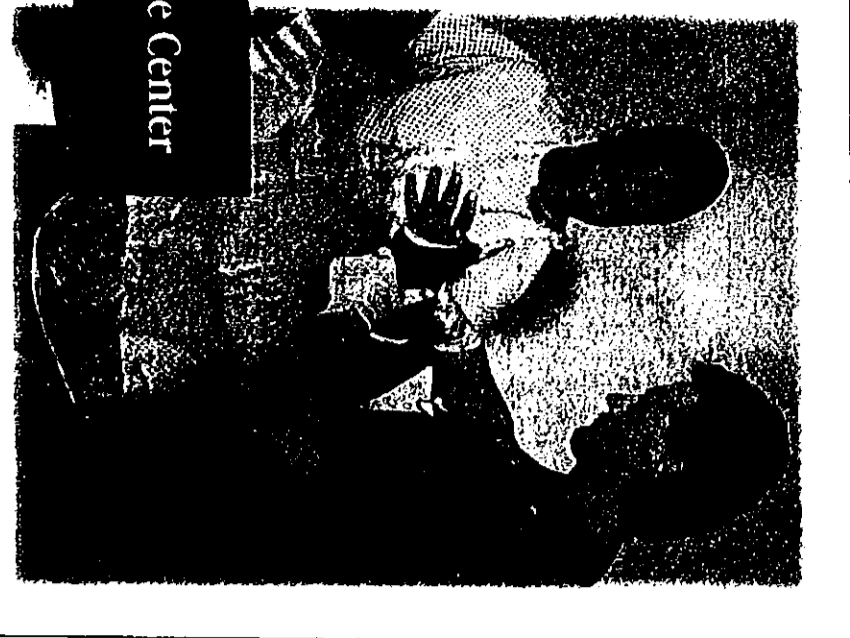
Throughout the week of Nov. 29-30, students at Westland High School spent a day in wheelchairs to experience the disabilities and challenges that face those who are dependent upon a wheelchair for mobility. "Wheelchair" was sponsored by The Heidi Van Arman Foundation, which is dedicated to teaching young people about preventing paralyzing spinal cord injuries. 85 percent of which are preventable. Activities such as drinking and driving, scuba diving, and playing with guns and Senior students Donnie Hunter

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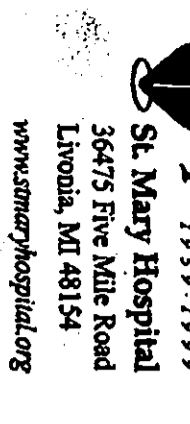
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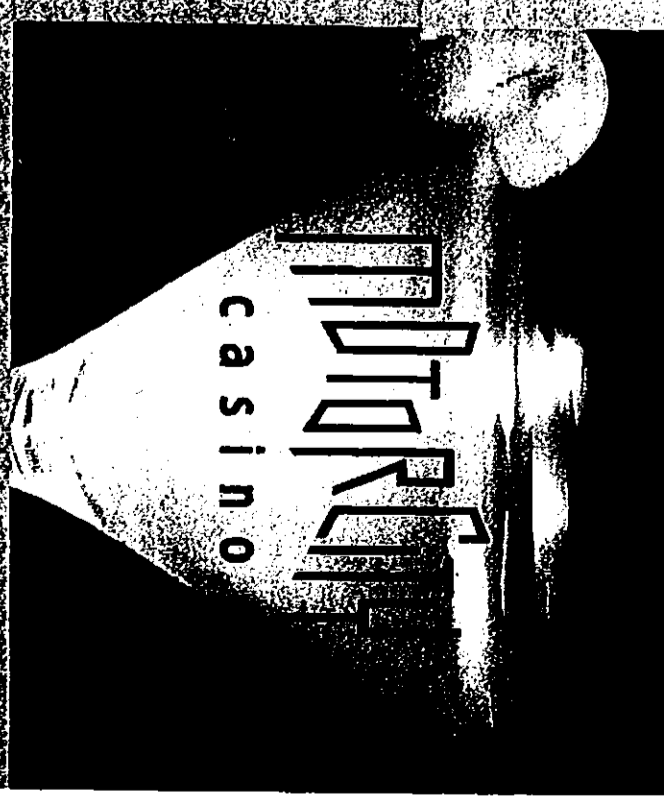
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The Great Indoors will lead line-up at new retail center

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Shopping experience." Ward said.
"It is the presence of these retail and service centers that is expected to bring the shopping, relax and have a cup of coffee or a glass of wine."
Mayor Richard Clark expressed optimism in approving the project.

"In the long run, it sounds like the Great Indoors will be a benefit as it will draw lots of high-end users who are not spending some serious money," Clark said.
"I am not overly happy, but let's make the best of the situation and hope this is the last development of this type in the city."
At least for now, the project has

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• Twelve Oaks Mall — 1.44 million square feet, including its anchor stores.
• Fountain Walk — plans call for 737,158 square feet.
• Novi Town Center — 362,937 square feet.
• West Oaks II — 239,425 square feet.
• West Oaks I — 119,580 square feet.
(Source: City of Novi Assessing Department)

City will file appeal on Adell decision

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take some of their land for an industrial spur they say is a driveway. The city contended that the land is being used to eliminate a safety hazard on Grand River Avenue caused by trucks going to General Filters and Progressive Tool, said Novi City Manager Ed Kriewall.
Oakland County Circuit Court Judge Jessica Cooper ruled in favor of the Adells and refused to condemn the property for the link to the ring road.
Kriewall said the city attorney is planning on filing for an appeal. It was not known how long it would take to get a ruling or when either the Crescent Road project or CSX bridge project will start up.
In the meantime, Kriewall stressed that the city was maintaining a hazardous traffic situation at Grand River Avenue and Novi Road.
In addition, the 75-year-old Grand River bridge is considered to be in a deteriorating condition.

In January, Time Warner will raise rates on cable TV by five percent

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"With the social contract with Time Warner, they are able to increase rates once a year," Collins said.
"Rates have been deregulated since April 1 — there is no regulation with the FCC."
Collins said Novi still regulates rates for basic service and after reviewing Time Warner's rate filings with a consultant, the consultant said Time Warner is still charging below the maximum permitted rate.
"Were somewhere in the neighborhood of charging \$5 below the maximum permitted rate," McCann said.
"In the next year we are hoping to offer new services such as the digital service we are providing in Redford and Livonia and shortly thereafter high-speed Internet access."
SWOCC Commissioner Hugh Crawford said he has also seen that Time Warner is changing the rates on remote control rentals, converter boxes and other parts of the monthly bill.
"There is roughly going to be about a six to seven percent increase in the monthly bill," Crawford said.
"I am kind of disappointed with that. I would have like to see that costs have gone up that supported

the increase."
Collins said the U.S. Congress called for the regulation of cable companies to end, in the hope that competition among other companies would help in regulating rates. But, she added, competition has occurred in some cities with phone companies offering cable services, but not to the extent they had hoped.
SWOCC, which currently represents Novi, Farmington and Farmington Hills, is still in franchise renewal negotiations with Time Warner.
Crawford said SWOCC was hoping to resolve the contract issue with Time Warner during the information process of negotiations, as issues of a level playing field, community access, Internet capabilities and other services still need to be worked out.
"There is a formal hearing set up after the first of the year," Crawford said.
"I would hope pretty soon we can sit down, see where we are and possibly resolve this informally."

Library Briefs

LIBRARY HOURS
The Novi Public Library is open Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sundays, 1-5 p.m.
The library is located at 45245 W. Ten Mile Road, just east of Taft Road.
Storytimes are now available in the library.
Winter Storytime registration runs until Dec. 23. The session begins Jan. 10.
LIBRARY BOARD MEETING
The Novi Library Board of Directors meets Monday, Dec. 13 at 7 p.m. in the library meeting room.
Community members are welcome to attend.
For more information, call 349-0720.
WINTER STORYTIME REGISTRATION
Registration forms for winter come to attend.

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Auditions for the Novi Theatres annual Broadway musical production will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 15 at Thursday, Dec. 16 at 7:30 p.m. both nights. The auditions are at the Novi Civic Center. This year's play, which will run in March, is "Fiddler On The Roof."

Those trying out for principal vocal parts are asked to prepare a song from the show or a similar number. Speaking only parts are also available. For those trying a part in the chorus of both adults and children, be prepared to sing the scene and perform simple dance routines.
Rehearsal packets with information on the roles may be picked up in advance at the Parks and Recreation Department. The fee for appearing in the Novi Theatres production is \$125, which covers the costs of the show, including costumes.
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NOTICE OF BIDDERS

The Northville Public Schools is soliciting sealed bids for the following:
• Renovation of Northville High School Visitors Bleachers, 504 West Eight Mile Road, Northville, Michigan 48167. Bids should be returned to the Business Office at 501 West Main Street, Northville, Michigan, no later than 3:00 p.m., Monday, January 10, 2000. Please phone our Operations office at (248) 344-8445 to make arrangements for site visits.
Bids should be in sealed envelopes clearly marked "Bleacher Renovation Bid." Specifications are available to be picked up in the Operations Department, 501 West Main Street, between 7:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Please contact Chris Geams at (248) 344-8445 if you have any questions.
(12-1-99 NR/NN 939578)

CITY OF NOVI PLANNING COMMISSION VACANCY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that there is a vacancy on the Planning Commission. If you are interested in appointment to this board, an application may be obtained from the City Clerk's Office, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, or by calling (248) 347-0456.

TONNI L. BARTHLOLOMEW, CITY CLERK
(11-18/25-99, 12-5-99 NR, NN 939300)

CITY OF NOVI NOTICE PROPOSED CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY GAS FRANCHISE ORDINANCE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a copy of a proposed franchise ordinance for Consumers Energy Company is on file in the Office of the City Clerk, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI, and is available for public inspection during the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, (11-25 & 12-29/16-99 NR/NN 938111)

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Sealed proposals will be received at the office of Northville Public Schools, Administrative Offices for the following bid category on this project until 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 22, 1999.

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On the day following the public opening, bid results will be posted in the A. J. Elkin Plan Room. Bidders shall call Northville Public Schools or Fanning/Howey Associates, Inc. for bid results.

A Pre-Bid Meeting will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 14th, 1999 at Cooke Middle School, 21200 Taft Road. All bidders are requested to attend the pre-bid meeting.

PLAN DISTRIBUTION
On or about Wednesday, December 7, 1999, bidding documents will be made available by the Construction Manager.
Documents will be available for examination at the following locations:
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Documents may be obtained from the office of the Construction Manager. Bidders may obtain one (1) complete set for a refundable deposit of TWENTY FIVE DOLLARS (\$25.00). All bid documents remain the property of the Owner and shall be returned in good condition within ten (10) days of the bid date to receive return. Check shall be made payable to Northville Public Schools.
(12-29-99 NR/NN 939589)

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT HEARING
CITY OF NOVI
COUNTY OF OAKLAND, MICHIGAN

TAKE NOTICE that the City Council of the City of Novi, Oakland County, Michigan, has determined it to be necessary to make the following described public improvement in the City of Novi:
TWELVE MILE ROAD, DONELSON DRIVE AND I-96 WEST-BOUND OFF-RAMP — SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT #158

- Paving Twelve Mile Road as a four-lane boulevard from a point approximately 3,500 feet west of Novi Road to a point approximately 1,700 feet east of Novi Road.
- Widening lanes on Novi Road at various locations between Twelve Mile Road and I-96.
- Adding a right turn lane to the westbound I-96 off ramp.
- Two-lane and three-lane extension of Donelson Drive in a westerly and northerly direction to form an intersection with Twelve Mile Road approximately 1,300 feet west of Donelson Drive-Twelve Mile Road intersection.
- West Oaks Drive between Novi Road and Donelson Drive will be widened in selected locations.
- Turn lanes will be added to the existing north-south portions of Donelson Drive.
- Traffic signals will be installed on Twelve Mile Road, Donelson Drive and West Oaks Drive.
- Relocation of some utilities.

The City Council has determined that all of the cost of the above-described public improvement shall be assessed against the following described property abutting the above described improvement.

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TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the City Council has caused reports concerning said public improvement to be prepared, which reports include necessary plans, files, specifications and estimates of cost of such public improvement, a description of the assessment district and other pertinent information, and these reports are on file in the office of the City Clerk and are available for public examination.
TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the City Council will meet on December 20, 1999, at 7:30 o'clock p.m., Prevaling Eastern Time, at the Novi City Hall, in the Council Chambers, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road in the City of Novi for the purpose of hearing objections to the making of such public improvement.
TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that appearance and protest at such hearing is required in order to appeal the amount of the special assessment to the State tax Tribunal and protest may be made by an appearance at the hearing to protest the special assessment, or by filing an appearance and protest by letter.
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Help teens plan a fun but safe New Year's Eve

By B.J. HAMMERSTEIN
 HomeTown News Service
 bhammerst@homecomm.net

As the first New Year's Eve party for the century approaches, Novati seniors and members are getting ready to host a safe celebration at the Novati Community Center.

"This is not an event to be held in a bar or club," said Bill Belter, executive director of the Novati Community Center. "We are going to be addressing the millennium change through the eyes of the kids."

As questions are beginning to be asked about what entertainment and party plans will be available on New Year's Eve, Belter and Susan Cusack, vice president of community development for the Novati Community Center, found parents need to know their role as responsible adults and

involved in the party with their child. Belter advised the Novati Community Center has come up with some suggestions on how to help parents assure their teens have the proper supervision and responsibility during New Year's Eve.

"Parents should take a step back and think about what it's really about," Belter said. "Think about what the children are planning to do and look at this time as an opportunity to reflect

"We are going to be addressing the millennium change through the eyes of kids."

about family and history."

If your teen asks to go to a party it is your responsibility to:

- Know the address and phone number of where the party will be held.

If your teen is having a party:

- Set ground rules. Make sure your child understands no alcohol, tobacco or other drugs will be allowed.
- Restrict the number of guests allowed. Send invitations rather than passing out flyers at school.
- Walk through the party with snacks. A parent's presence should be known at all times.
- Watch and make sure guests do not leave and reenter frequently.
- Notify the parent of any child who should arrive under the influence of alcohol or other drugs and arrange for the child's parents to pick up the child.
- Belter added parents are responsible for the children in their home, especially if the child is leaving from your home and they are involved in an accident while under the influence of alcohol and drugs.

B.J. Hammerstein's email is bhammerst@homecomm.net



Banner day
 Novi seniors Deanna Brown (left) and Kristen McGlinnen (right) were among 173 high school students to march as members of the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and Blue Care Network Honor Corps during America's Thanksgiving parade. This was the eighth year that the Honor Corps showcased Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties' "best and brightest" in the parade. The students were chosen by school officials in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements, good attendance records and community citizenship.

Fight for more charter schools continues full force in Lansing

announced that Republicans would put off another attempt. He said he was rejecting an offer by House Democrats to trade passage of the raised charter school cap in return for killing off a bill which would eliminate residency requirements for city workers.

"I don't make that kind of trade for anything... Residency is a completely separate issue," Perricone explained.

Exactly who initiated talk of the trade isn't clear.

Perricone said Democrats are demanding it. Minority Leader Mike Hanley, D-Saginaw, said it was the governor who first offered it, which the governor's office denied.

It may have been more than just moral outrage that caused Perricone to toss out the trade.

"There were eight Republicans who were ready to bolt if Chuck Perricone deals," Rep. Bob Gosnell, R-Troy, said.

"They were ready to bolt because he was just talking to the Dems. He'd have lost more votes than he would have gained."

To open new charter schools next year, the bill would have to pass by Dec. 31 allowing the raised cap to go into effect in April.

The legislature is scheduled to

adjourn Dec. 9, and that means there will no longer be time for a required five-day layover between house and senate - unless lawmakers decide to ignore their own rules.

House Bill 4706, initially introduced by Rep. LaMar Lemmons, D-Detroit, but now significantly rewritten, would raise the cap on charter schools set up through universities from 150 to 200 next year.

After that, the cap would increase 25 per year.

With 140 such schools in operation now, John Truscott, spokesman for the governor, said some 100 more schools are already seeking permission to open.

Rep. Patricia Godchaux, R-Birmingham, is one of those Republicans opposing the plan. She said charter schools draw money away from public schools.

She also noted that charter schools could get around the current caps by seeking authorization from a school district or community college.

Only those authorized by universities are capped, she said, but charter schools prefer working through universities.

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Burglars hit homes in City of Northville

BY ANDREW DIETERICH
 Staff Writer

City of Northville police are warning residents to be on the lookout for suspicious activity after two homes were burglarized in less than one week.

A home on Whitgate Drive was burglarized Nov. 30 between 10:30 a.m. and sometime late in the evening. The other home was broken into Dec. 5 between 6:15 p.m. and 11:15 p.m. on McDonald Drive.

City of Northville Police Department Detective Dave Fendelst said both situations were very similar and appear to have been done by the same unknown suspect or suspects.

For instance, both homes were broken into from unlighted areas on the back of the houses with some kind of prying tool.

"It was quite apparent the suspect or suspects made a point of targeting unoccupied homes," he said.

Additionally, jewelry and silverware appear to be the main targets of the burglaries.

"This person or persons is going in with a purpose," Fendelst said. "The homes weren't damaged any further than at the point of entry."

The department doesn't have any suspects or witnesses to either of the crimes.

As a result, Fendelst said the police department is urging city residents to keep alarm systems activated when possible and to keep an eye out for any kind of suspicious activity.

"We're asking residents to tip off the police if they have any information about suspicious activity and particularly these two cases," Fendelst said.

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Andrew Dieterich may be reached via e-mail at adietderich@homecomm.net.

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As We See It

State should keep its hands off the Internet

New technology takes hold and the first thing you know, our lives are changed. The second thing you know, assorted governmental units are trying to find new and innovative ways to stick their fingers into our wallets via this same technology.

Take the latest inspired idea from State Treasurer Mark Murray, who wants to add a line on the state income tax forms where taxpayers can report the purchases they made on the Internet. How would you like to click onto that one?

First state legislators crowd about how they've reduced our state income tax by one percent. Now, an attempt is made to force us to self-police our spending patterns and hand over more cash.

Apparently, the folks in Lansing are appalled about how much we may be purchasing outside our home borders. Compliance would be voluntary. House Tax Policy Chair Rep. Nancy Cassis, R-Novi, said.

We have so-called anti-taxation Republicans such as the governor leading the race on this one.

Voluntary compliance? It would be a home accounting nightmare, asking e-shoppers to keep track of each and every purchase. Even honest people would be hard put not to lower their standards on this one, if only because this is time when civil disobedience would be just.

The rationale is that more money can be spent on schools if this extra tax is collected. In addition, Cassis explains that e-commerce hurts local retailers.

We don't think it's up to the state

to protect local retailers from our rampant shopping patterns. It's up to retailers to remain competitive.

Where was the state's concern over local retailers during the past 15 years when big box chain stores put hundreds of Michigan family-owned hardware stores, pet supply and book shops out of business?

It is the job of traditional retailers to make themselves more competitive in the face of this new threat, not for the state to leap into the protectionist mode.

It's also stretching a point to assume that a shopper heads for the Internet because he or she doesn't want to pay a six percent sales tax. The Internet often offers a variety of items not available locally. And if you don't pay a sales tax on these, you do pay shipping and handling charges.

Michigan stores aren't going out of business anytime soon. Cruising the mall is a national past-time and nothing beats looking at what you're buying. Beyond that, anyone who's ever paid shipping and handling costs for a garment that doesn't fit, only to pay return shipping costs, isn't likely to forever abandon traditional shopping.

Really, the state is missing so many taxing opportunities. Why aren't we taxing catalog sales? State duties on overseas purchases made by Michigan citizens? Why not a state tax on every tee-shirt or knickknack a Michigan resident buys at Disney World?

State taxes on Internet sales is an idea that should be dragged to the trash.

Farewell Novi, hello to north



Jeremy McBain

The journey just keeps getting interesting. This is my last column for The Novi News and the last paper for which I will officially be a staff writer here.

As of next Monday, I will be the editor of a newspaper in Charlevoix.

The rest of my winter will be spent trudging through several feet of snow and ice as I lead my staff in our quest to create one of the best newspapers in Northern Michigan.

However, my summer will be spent lying on the beach after work, soaking up the sunshine with a cool drink in my hand, as my former coworkers are struggling to get through metro Detroit summer rush-hour traffic — complete with several orange construction barrels.

For me, moving to northern Michigan is simply just going home. I am from there, my heart has always been there and my spirit flourishes when I am there.

A chance to return and be the editor of a newspaper is one that is not easy to pass up. But, to be honest, the decision to leave The Novi News was not an easy one.

My time here was short. I feel as though I am just getting to know the community, its people and the stories they hold.

While I did not always agree with everyone I met, I did find they all seemed to care about their community and wanted to do what they felt was best for it.

In these columns, there were times when I would salute people and at other times admonish them. All the while, I understood these people really care about their community, whether or not they were right or wrong in their actions.

I would like to take a moment to thank all of my readers for their letters — good and bad — during my time here. I also thank you for taking the time to read my stories and columns, you show that people do still care about their community and still do take the time to find out what is going on.

But before I leave there are still a few things that

still need to be said. These are thoughts I have collected during time in metro Detroit.

Without further ado:

•Local television news, can you get any more sensationalistic? Somewhere these "news people" have lost sense of what is news and what is pure ratings-enhancing fodder. It seems all they care about is having a cool helicopter, a Doppler Radar and finding a way to put emotion in their stories. Please, knock it off, you are embarrassing other journalists.

•Developers, city planners and chamber of commerce people, remember in your desire to increase Novi's image to businesses, citizens would still like a few trees and farms dotting the landscape. I always hear these business-people talking about the "best use for land" and "how can we help business." Remember, besides looking nice, trees supply us with oxygen and farms supply us with food. They may get in the way of "good" development, but people need to eat and breathe.

•Politicians, instead of mouthing off to everyone about what you hate, just give us some answers for once and get some work done. Lately some politicians are too busy trying to find scapegoats, yelling at people for not listening to them and trying to grab the television camera's attention. Why don't they try and work on the issues together and in a respectful way towards their fellow humans? Maybe government, both local and state, can get some of the people's work done for once.

•Local city workers. Hey, I have dished out some harsh statements to these people in the past but, I believe they do one heck of a job for Novi. These people work tirelessly for the good of the city and always get blamed for Novi's problems. They deserve a little thanks and respect for the good work they do.

Well, that about does it. I'm off to continue my journey in life.

It's always kind of exciting when I realize I really never know where this journey is going to take me.

It's time to put on my snow-boots and move on down the road.

The north is calling.

Jeremy McBain was a staff writer for The Novi News. As of Dec. 13, he will be the editor of The Charlevoix Courier.

Cable rates out-of-control

The latest price increase by Time Warner only proves deregulation of the cable industry is not working.

Time Warner has increased prices on its service almost every year since 1990 when its monthly cost was \$17.90 for full service. In less than 10 years, that price has jumped to \$31.97.

For what? Not really that much more in service, although channels have been added. People still complain about a lack of channels, Internet access, digital upgrades and service provided by Time Warner.

Sure, Time Warner said it is going to be providing these improvements in the future — it says that's the reason it needed to raise the rates this year — but don't hold your breath.

So what can the customers do? Not much of anything.

Because of cable deregulation, Time Warner can basically do what it pleases, just as long as it doesn't raise rates above a set maximum. Customers really don't have the option of going to another cable provider because Time Warner is really the only source for cable in Novi.

So the customers, if they want cable TV, are trapped paying high prices for a service many of them feel is inadequate.

And Time Warner really does not seem to care. It continues to claim it is providing customers with fine quality, thus it has the right to raise those rates every year.

However, these same consumers stated at several cable hearings last winter with the Southwestern Oakland Cable Commission that they are not getting the service they want. In addition, they hollered about how angry they were to be paying up to \$30.44 a cable service they felt was poor.

Time Warner was present at those hearings and instead of answering the public's concern's, they have raised rates and made half-hearted promises.

In light of this situation, which is no different from what is happening across the country, it is time for the Federal Communication Commission to step in and get back to the business of regulating these cable companies.

In Time Warner's case at least, the child has proven it cannot behave without adult supervision.

In Focus

By John Heider



Wonder of a child

A lot checks out the Christmas trees during Novi's Light Night celebration on Monday night.

Cable rates go up once again



Caren Collins

By now, many of you have received the notice from Time Warner that cable rates will go up in January 2000. Those of you who subscribe to the basic service (Channels 1-23) will pay 53 cents more, while people with basic and extended basic, the majority of subscribers, will pay an extra \$1.53 per month. This is the largest increase in rates since January 1998.

So, if you're not happy about that, what can you do? Unfortunately, very little. The FCC deregulated cable rates earlier this year, so cable companies can charge whatever they like for the upper tiers of channels (anything above Channel 23). Your city still regulates rates for basic service, so we had our consultant review Time Warner's rate filings as we've done in the past. He found that Time Warner is charging below the maximum permitted rate.

The Southwestern Oakland Cable Commission, which represents the cities of Farmington, Farmington Hills and Novi, cannot legally prevent any increase by its cable operator so long as that increase does not exceed the maximum allowed under a complex formula created by federal law and enforced by the Federal Communications Commission.

It should be noted that these reviews could result in favorable results for municipalities. In April 1994, there was an \$88,727 refund to Farmington, Farmington Hills and Novi subscribers in service rates, and \$44,323 refunded in installation charges in December

1994. This was a refund of about \$1.25 to each subscriber.

The rate process is cumbersome and costly. That's one of the reasons why congress called for this regulation to end this year, when it thought there would be effective competition that would regulate rates. But that competition has not really occurred. In the past, we could file with the FCC on your behalf. But that's no longer an option.

Many believe that competition is the answer. But there is very little cable competition across the country. In fact, no market has two cable companies. But in some cities, the phone companies have begun to offer cable services after obtaining a franchise.

We have a non-exclusive contract with Time Warner, meaning anyone can come in to our cities.

Here in the metro area, the only cable competitor is Ameritech New Media and their rates are comparable to those of the original cable providers. Our cities have been talking to Ameritech in the hopes of providing residents with a choice. However, the trade publications have reported that Ameritech has suspended cable negotiations pending a review by its new parent company, SBC.

Competition is also available through satellite dishes. Just last week, President Clinton signed a bill enabling satellite providers to supply local broadcast channels, but the service is only available in a handful of cities. Cable is still the only place you can get the public, educational and governmental access channels. We'll keep you posted.

Caren Collins is the executive director of the Southwestern Oakland Cable Commission. The next CAC meeting is 7 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 14 at SWOCC.

High court dogged by lobbying



Phil Power

November's election after raising previously unheard of amounts of campaign cash. According to campaign finance reports, Murray Corriam raised \$1,004,495, while Cliff Taylor raised \$943,863.

Michigan has a truly screwy way of picking Supreme Court Justices. Candidates are first nominated at the Democratic and Republican party conventions — partisan political activities to the core. Then candidates are listed on the "nonpartisan" section of the ballot — a bewildering transformation to be sure. And because virtually no voters know anything at all about the actual judicial qualifications of any of the contenders, candidates are obliged to raise lots of money to run TV ads to increase their name ID.

I suggested moving into judicial races was a logical next step for the bigwigs who run the political action committees. After all, if buying influence with the state legislature works, why not judges? And I warned that the probable result would be that public attitudes about the integrity and impartiality of Supreme Court decisions would become about as alienated and cynical as public opinion now holds votes in the legislature.

It didn't take long for my prediction to

come true. Last May, Jim Ford, a trial lawyer from Kalamazoo, publicly questioned the Justices' motives when the Supreme Court ruled against his client in an insurance case. (The court is currently dominated by Republican nominees, 5-2.)

Ford obviously hit a nerve. A lawyer for the state Republican Party immediately charged him with conduct unbecoming a lawyer and had him hauled up before the Attorney Grievance Commission. The case against Ford was eventually dropped on free speech grounds, although he was warned not ever to do it again.

Then last week Justice Taylor (he of the \$943,863 campaign war chest) went after Ford again in an interview with *The Kalamazoo Gazette*. That the Justice with the closest ties to Gov. John Engler would get after a court critic in public suggests just how savage the political battle for control of the Court will be next year.

The Republican general argument is that the Michigan Democratic Party and its allies — the Michigan Trial Lawyers Association, the American Civil Liberties Union and organized labor — are doing nothing more than trying to discredit a judicial system they no longer control. That may or may not be so.

But the argument now raging over the partisan bias of the Supreme Court is proof, to me at least, that the process of politicizing Michigan's highest judicial body is proceeding apace. While some may argue that interpretation of the law, like the writing of history, should be left to the winners, I'm old fashioned enough to believe that respect for the impartiality of the law is one of the fundamental underpinnings of a civil society.

What's the fundamental problem in all this? The screwy system by which our Supreme Court Justices are elected. The news media don't cover the Supreme Court

and the legislature, which is largely unaware of the capabilities of the candidates. The Michigan bedsheet ballot is long, and the voters don't even know which party nominated the candidates who appear fictitiously as "nonpartisan."

A far better idea would be to follow the lead of other states which have the governor appoint Justices, subject to a vote by the Senate and, possibly, confirmation in office by statewide election. Another wrinkle would be to designate a panel of "wise persons," who would review likely candidates for our state's highest court and forward a short list to the governor, who would then be obliged to nominate from the list.

Doing this requires amending the Michigan Constitution. Sorry, this is unlikely. Republicans, sensing partisan history is on their side, are already raising big money to fight next year's judicial campaigns. And Democratic power brokers, notably organized labor, are reluctant to give up their choke hold on the nomination process.

The rhetoric from both sides on this subject, of course, will be about the sanctity of the public ballot and how important it is in a democracy for "the people" to select their justices.

I wonder if a system that relies on unknowing voters to select unknowns to our highest court is really democracy or merely a convenient device for shadowy interests to maintain control over the levers of power.

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

Mayor seeks a few good veterans

To the Editor,

In less than 30 days we will be entering a new century. We will also be celebrating the 55th anniversary of the end of World War II that, without a doubt, was the defining event of the 20th Century.

Today we live in the most prosperous nation the world has ever seen and enjoy freedoms and liberties that in other countries were only dreamed of as remote possibilities.

Approximately 59 years ago, a generation of young Americans who grew up in the Depression and who had little to look forward to were asked to risk it all and put their lives not only on hold but on the line. These young Americans were asked to confront and defeat the most malevolent evil the world has ever seen.

Those men and women who

identify those individuals so we can honor them appropriately.

I would like to ask council to work with me on this project and other members of the community that would be willing to volunteer.

Therefore, I would like to call upon those organizations, military, civic, religious and others to get the names of those men and women in to us so that we can prepare the appropriate recognition for them at an appropriate ceremony to coincide with the Fourth of July 2000. This ceremony would serve not only to honor them, but would also serve as an object lesson to us all that freedom is never really free and that it is always bought and paid for by the youth of our nation.

Richard Clark
Mayor of Novi

stepped forward to do their duty are our parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins and whether they served here or abroad all of us owe a debt of gratitude to our liberties and the freedoms that we, as a society, all too often take for granted.

We do have a day of national recognition for those that gave their lives for the cause of freedom and paid a price that we can never repay. However, we have never fully recognized the tremendous sacrifice of those who did serve and return. We are now losing those veterans at an alarming rate across the country and we are now, as a nation, proposing a national monument in their honor in Washington, D.C.

I suggest to you and our community that we cannot afford the luxury of waiting any longer. In this community, we have a number of veteran's organizations, men and women, who answered their country's call and it is time to honor them appropriately.

I cannot think of a better time for such a celebration than the Fourth of July 2000. I am sure that the veteran's organizations, civic organizations, churches and other groups and families in our community who have members living in Novi or who have lived in Novi and are still in the area can help us

Letters

Community College's Orchard Ridge campus, as part of OCC's Distinguished Speaker Series. He believes Internet sales are covered under Michigan's 1937 sales and use tax laws. Some taxpayers, he contended, are already paying their taxes on Internet purchases, but many are not.

The governor argued that those taxes should be paid because most of the state's sales tax revenue goes to the school aid fund. There is also a concern that Internet sales could put local retailers at a serious disadvantage.

That's Cassis' primary concern. If you can wait two weeks for delivery, why would you go to a store where you will surely pay a 6 percent sales tax? Not collecting puts "e-commerce" at an automatic 6 percent price advantage over local retailers.

There's just one rub. It was pointed out recently by Utah Gov. Mike Leavitt.

When a sale occurs over the Internet, where does the transaction take place? To whom is the sales tax owed?

Is it the state in which the purchaser, sitting at a computer at home, decides to buy? Or is it the state where the business takes the order and receives payment? Or is it the state in which the warehouse packages up the product for shipping? As Leavitt noted, there is a case to be made for all three.

What he didn't aid, and so I will, is that different states will surely reach different conclusions about the most likely depending on whether they have more e-shoppers or e-tailers or warehouses and, so, which is likely to bring in more money for them.

should hand control over to the feds.

Case in point: sales taxes on items sold over the Internet.

State Treasurer Mark Murray wants to add a line on state income tax forms where taxpayers can report the purchases they make over the Internet. With so-called "e-talking" on the rise, the state doesn't have a good system for collecting sales taxes when items are bought by computer.

Would that be enforceable? Only in that income tax returns are subject to audit, Murray has said, so if the state learns of purchases a filer has failed to report, it could force that taxpayer to ante up.

That of course is the problem. Out-of-state businesses are not required to report the sales they make to Michigan residents, so there is no way for the state to know.

Compliance, for the time being, would have to be voluntary, according to House Tax Policy chair Rep. Nancy Cassis, R-Novi.

It's not a new tax. Gov. John Engler said recently during an address at Oakland

State considers Internet sales tax

Leavitt pointed this out recently when he unveiled a plan devised by the National Governor's Association for coordinating Internet sales taxes nationwide. The plan calls on Congress to decide who gets the sales taxes and require that e-businesses collect and distribute sales taxes to the states to which they are owed.

It should be noted that the Governor's Association proposal runs counter to two existing bills in Congress, one by presidential candidate John McCain, which would prohibit collection of sales taxes on purchases made over the Internet.

Still, when Michigan lawmakers begin their debate on Internet sales taxes early next year, they'll be discussing an issue that Congress will also soon be deciding. And that is probably where the issue should be resolved.

In my mind that governors feel about the feds the same way local governments feel about the state. On the Governor's Association agenda for the year is a request for "preemption protection" from Congress. They feel the feds usurp the authority of states too often and want that to end ... unless of course it will bring in more money for them through something like a coordinated Internet sales tax collection system.

Mike Malott reports on the local implications of state and regional events. He can be reached by phone at (248) 634-8219 or by e-mail at mmalot@homecomm.net

Northville to build Eight Mile sidewalk

BY ANDREW DIETRICH
Staff Writer

The end of the sidewalk in one Northville location has caused city officials to start seeking funding to continue the path.

Calling the lack of a pedestrian sidewalk between Eight Mile Road and Center Street a "glaring deficiency" in the city's non-motorized pedestrian system, officials are hoping to get funding for a sidewalk in the spot.

The timing couldn't be better, either. As the school district prepares to move the operations of

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Cooke Middle School to the current Northville High School.

The new school will be called Hillside Middle School.

"It's always been my opinion that safety should be our number one consideration around schools, or otherwise in the community," said Jeff Radwanski, principal of Cooke Middle School.

Radwanski said many of his students walk to school or ride bikes from places such as the Leodging Commons.

"The benefit will be to the many walkers we have because there currently isn't a sidewalk on that area of Eight Mile Road," Radwanski said.

"With the relocation of Northville High School to Six Mile Road and the subsequent relocation of Cooke Middle School to the current high school location, city council has asked that city staff address pedestrian deficiencies in and near the new middle school location," said Gary Ward, Northville city manager, in a report to council.

The project calls for a 10-foot wide sidewalk on the north side of the road with connections to the

existing mid-block pedestrian bridge to improve pedestrian access to the school.

The estimated cost for the project is expected to be \$320,000. Northville City Council passed a resolution authorizing the city to apply for funding of 70 percent of the cost of the project through the Michigan Department of Transportation's Transportation Enhancement grant.

The city would then have to pay about \$96,000 for the project.

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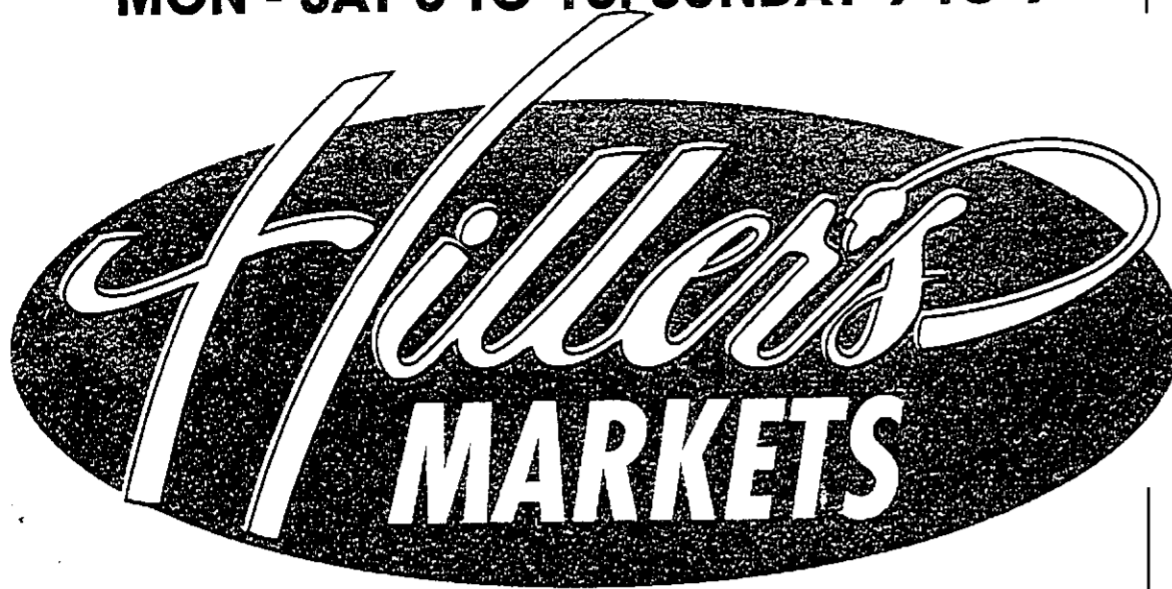
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Holiday Cheers

Let these
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warm up your holiday season

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Staff Writer

While we may be in the midst of the holiday season, it still means winter is just around the corner.

Bartenders from two local bars are offering their favorite holiday drink recipes, both alcoholic and non-alcoholic to aid you in taking some of the chill out of these cold winter nights.

Bob Barnett, co-owner of The Library Pub on Grand River Avenue, said his best selling drinks during this time of the year are his hot coffee drinks.

"It's something that is real relaxing," he said.

"It's nice to have a conversation and have a coffee drink."

His favorite coffee drink is a concoction he calls "Toffee Coffee." It's a mixture of Kahlua, Bailey's Irish Cream and Frangelico gives this drink a soothing hazelnut taste, Barnett said.

Another good drink for the holiday season is one called the Peppermint Patty, Barnett said. By using peppermint schnapps as flavoring in hot chocolate, the drinker will have a warm relaxing drink to sip during conversation.

A lot of the patrons at Barnett's bar also like to order Spanish Coffee. This drink blends Kahlua, brandy and Cointreau in a sugar-rimmed glass.

"It is very candyish," Barnett said.

While many of his customers liked the hot drinks in the winter, Barnett added another really good drink around the holidays is an ice cream drink called "The Hummer." This drink is made with rum and Kahlua mixed with coffee-flavored ice cream in a sort of shake.

"It's like an adult milkshake," Barnett said. "The flavor of the alcohols mix real well with the ice cream."

While Barnett serves a lot of alcoholic drinks to his bar patrons, he said he does have some non-alcoholic suggestions.

The simplest suggestion is hot apple cider. This is one of the most traditional drinks around the holidays and very easy to make.

Just take some cider and heat it up. To make it an alcoholic drink, Barnett said some Captain Morgan's Spiced Rum of Bacardi Rum can be added.

Nicole Ebert, bartender at Fifth Avenue Ballroom on Novi Road, added some her own several colorful drinks to the list of holiday spirits.

Running right along with Christmas dinner, Ebert suggest a cranberry martini. A real cranberry is soaked in a sweet sauce and placed in this drink to add a little festive touch.

Another festive drink for the holiday is Ebert's Bailey Egg Nog. Unlike the traditional drink consisting of milk and eggs, this one combines milk with Bailey's Irish Cream and Irish Whiskey.

Ebert said this drink is perfect for Christmas.

"Just the smell and sight of egg nog makes me think of Christmas," she said.

Instead of the usual champagne on New Year's Eve, Ebert offered a different twist with a Kir Royal, a combination of champagne and chambord.

And lastly to warm up after a long day trudging through those Christmas snowstorms, Ebert said her Toasted Almond drink will really warm you up.

This drink is a combination of coffee liquor, Amaretto and Frangelico mixed with coffee.

Above, Nicole Ebert mixes one of her favorite holiday drinks, the Peppermint Patty, at Novi's Fifth Avenue Ballroom. At right, Bob Barnett, co-owner of Novi's Library Pub, shows off the festive Toffee Coffee drink.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

The following are the recipes for special holiday drinks offered by bartenders at The Library Pub and Fifth Avenue Ballroom in Novi, with wishes for a warm and festive holiday season.

Peppermint Patty

Combine six ounces of hot chocolate with one-and-a-half ounces each of peppermint schnapps and Creme de Menthe in a glass. Garnish the drink with whipped cream and a cherry.

Toffee Coffee

Combine a half-ounce of Kahlua, Bailey's Irish Cream and Frangelico with six ounces of coffee in a glass. Garnish the drink with whipped cream and a cherry.

Spanish Coffee

Combine a half-ounce of Kahlua, Bailey's Irish Cream and Cointreau in a sugar rimmed glass. Garnish with whipped cream.

Toasted Almond

Combine one ounce of coffee liqueur with a half-ounce of Amoretto and a half-ounce of Frangelico with coffee in a sugar-rimmed glass. Garnish with whipped cream, cinnamon and nutmeg.

Hummer

Combine one-and-a-quarter ounces of rum with three-quarters of an ounce of Kahlua with two scoops of coffee flavored ice cream and cream. Blend the mixture well and serve in a glass.

Cranberry Martini

Combine one part Godiva liqueur with one part vodka with one part cranberry juice in a shaker. Shake well with ice and pour it into a martini glass. Add a lime or a cranberry.

Bailey Egg Nog

Combine one ounce of Bailey's Irish Cream and a quarter-ounce of Irish whiskey with two cups of milk. Mix it with ice in a shaker, strain and serve in a tall glass. Sprinkle the drink with nutmeg.

Kir Royal

Add one ounce of Chambord to a glass of champagne. Toast your host and enjoy.

Hot cider (alcoholic)

Pour heated cider into a 10 ounce glass. Add one-and-a-quarter ounces of Captain Morgan's Spiced Rum or Bacardi rum. Garnish with a cinnamon stick.

Virgin Strawberry Daiquiri

Take a handful of fresh strawberries and add to two ounces of non-alcoholic sour mix and crushed ice. Mix and serve in a wide-rimmed glass.

Fish hatchery brought national acclaim to Northville

Superintendent Clark of the United States fish station at Northville reports a taking of 30 million lake trout eggs this season. Twenty men and girls are employed in sorting the eggs. The number of eggs taken seems vast, but is really only one-third an egg for every person living in the U.S. and those countries where "the constitution follows the flag."

As Supt. Clark states that the Northville station men have also taken 150 million whitefish eggs on the Detroit River, the Tribune paragonist's calculation is off and he will have to figure out that eggsample all over again to get the proper per capita apportionment. Very sorry, but really we are too busy to bother with it and as he has commenced, he'll have to go on with it, if it's ever brought to a correct conclusion.

from the Northville Record
Dec. 11, 1903

By JAN JEFFRES
Editor

Back in the days when cranking up the Tin Lizzie for a long Sunday drive ranked as a top entertainment for many people, a popular destination was the U.S. Fish Hatchery on Seven Mile Road.

There, picnickers, many on their way to visit relatives taking the cure at the Maybury Tuberculosis Sanitarium, would marvel at the 24-inch long rainbow trout swimming in a shallow exhibition pond.

The site provided entertainment for Northville residents, too, said local historian Bruce Turnbull.

"They were no good to eat because they were fed with liver," Turnbull said. "They didn't taste like fish. They taste like liver."

The business that put Northville on the national map began in 1874 when an outsider decided to relocate his already-successful endeavor to Northville. With the abundance of natural springs — rippling with a purity locals bragged about

— it's not surprising that Nelson Clark found his way south to Wayne County.

Prominent in northern Oakland County, Clark and his brother arrived in what would become their namesake town, Clarkston, in the 1830s. There, Clark started a fish hatchery and was the first to successfully use a manmade process to hatch game fish from spawn, according to "The Oakland County Book of History." Later, Clark also turned to the sheep business.

His designs for his new operations were duly noted by the *Northville Record* on Oct. 8, 1875.

"Mr. Clark, proprietor of the fish hatchery, is agitating the idea of an aquarium on a grand scale," the story read. "This scheme, as planned by Mr. Clark, would be truly grand and prove some benefit to our town."

For several generations of Northville kids, the word "benefit" was an understatement. A deep

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pond at the hatchery was reserved for their summer swimming and fishing. In the winter, boys would clear the ice for hockey and girls would set aside their own patch for figure skating, Turnbull recalled.

"I could write a book on the fish hatchery," he said. "They would ship fish out of there by the millions. People would fish the lakes out, then want them restored."

Clark died in 1876 and his son, Frank, took over the business. In 1880, the U.S. government leased the hatchery, placing the younger Clark in charge. Ten years later, the government bought the operation, building it up over the next 50 years into a

renowned leader in the field, former *Record* editor Jack Hoffman noted in his book "Northville: The First 100 Years."

"Many millions of game fish were reared here in eight ponds," Hoffman wrote. "By 1935, the Northville site was the only federal fish hatchery in Michigan."

In his yard, Turnbull keeps an old milk can from the hatchery. The cans were crammed with ice and baby fish, then shipped to customers across the country.

Women were hired to do the artificial cultivation of the fish, but the job wasn't as dreadful as it sounds, Turnbull said.

"The little fish wouldn't have that fishy smell," Turnbull said.

In 1927, Frank S. Harmon penned a local history for Northville's 100th birthday. As printed in a publication celebrating the *Record's* centennial celebration in 1969, Harmon noted that between 1845 and 1850, a stone pottery operated on the land later

to be taken over by the fish industry. Asa Harmon and his son John manufactured Michigan's first drain tiles there, using clay found on the land and a machine invented by the younger Harmon.

In 1896, a stunning new fish hatchery complex was completed, as described in the Nov. 20 edition of that year's *Record*. The structure was state-of-the-art for the era. A boiler in the basement provided steam heat, the lighting was powered by gas and the newspaper noted that the "superintendent's office and the public reception room in the front are models of comfort bordering on almost luxury."

But by the 1950s, the federal government lost interest in the hatchery and shut it down. A bit of fun went out of Northville when the operations ceased, though a few Northville residents still cast a line at the Fish Hatchery Park.

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Whitehall enhances health care for senior residents

WHITEHALL HEALTHCARE CENTER OF NOVI

Novi activities director Christine Kelly, daughter of Cambridge East in Cambridge Heights, has been with the center for two months, having recently moved to South Lyon with her husband, Tom, and children, Annie and Elizabeth.

Christine and her assistant, Fran, have been planning activities for the facility. Christine's family will be assisting in a program titled, "Valley Family Fun" on Friday, Dec. 17. Also participating in the Christmas coloring program on Dec. 22 at 7 p.m. will be her mother-in-law, Betty, and her father-in-law, Bert, and Jerry Valley.

Activities flourished this past week and with the Salvation Army delivering gifts to Whitehall, and the decorating of hallways with fresh cut greens and red bows by the Presbyterian church, St. James Catholic Church will decorate every resident's door - a total of 45 - for the Christmas holidays.

Residents accompanied by staff members will attend the annual Holiday Luncheon at Novi Middle School on Thursday, Dec. 9.

Christine is a volunteer luncher in her home in the Spring, however, Christine was so impressed with volunteer efforts demonstrated that she has decided to organize a Volunteer Banquet on Tuesday, Dec. 14, from 12 to 4 p.m. The festivities will include refreshments, as well as a raffle and gift-away, with entertainment provided by soloist John Beck.

Christmas shopping at Twelve Oaks Mall is planned for Dec. 15 and an intergenerational program is set for Dec. 21, when five first grade classes will bring gifts and sing carols to the residents. The resident Christmas party

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Novi activities will be held on Thursday, Dec. 23, from noon to 2 p.m., including a special visit from Santa Claus.

For more information about the many activities and Christmas Valley at 349-2299.

MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

At this year's Harvest dinner held in November, the church family enjoyed a great dinner and a side presentation of this year's summer camp adventure.

Highlighted was the Chancel Choir's presentation, "Ode to the Virgin Mary" under the direction of Minister of Music Patrick Ruhl. The "Ode" was written in 1696 by Michael Drayton as an exhortation for settlers to go forth and subdue the new world. The "Ode" was set to music in 1956-57, and was first performed in Williamsburg, Va. This presentation by the choir is believed to be a highlight of the new music season at Meadowbrook.

The choir is just rehearsing for the 9 p.m. Christmas Eve worship service, which will include the Nativity story told through scripture readings and carols, with instrumental music accompanying the Chancel Choir. Earlier in the evening, the youth group will present a worship service and Nativity Pageant at 9 p.m. A candlelight service will follow.

Other holiday activities include: Church family assistance - gifts, food, plus other personal items - for needy families; Advent season gift boxes distributed to children to be filled with

each hour a volunteer works, the club will receive \$6. The volunteer will also receive a 20 percent discount when purchasing their own merchandise. Help is needed every weekend until Christmas.

Interest group dates include the following:

- Book Club meets second Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m., Border's Bookstore Cafe. The next meeting is Jan. 12, discussion of "Tara Road" by Maeve Binchy, "Finding My Voice" by Diana Kim is scheduled for February, and "The Saving Graces" by Patricia Giffney is set for March.
- Due to the holiday, Ladies Night Out at the Movies will not meet until Thursday, Jan. 27.
- For this month, the Lunch Bunch will go to Mrs. Lovell's in Farmington for a Christmas tea cozy and music provided by a harpist.
- Dec. 14 is Monks and Tots for a stymie at Borders.

Other interest groups include play groups - Bridge, Euchre, Bingo and bowling. For more information, call president Linda Arnold, 347-3537.

Physical activities Baton Twirling 1 and II is available for ages 6-12. Batons can be purchased from the instructor.

IPAP, "Infant and Preschool Aquatics Program" for ages 6 months to 3 years.

There are openings in the Advisory Council for parents. Meetings are held the second Monday of each month. Please call 449-1206 if you are interested or are in need of further information regarding programs.

Novi Community Education has two Winter 2000 brochures available: children and teen programs and adult programming, which also includes Fall 2000 preschool information.

In-person and phone registration has started with swim registration beginning Saturday, Dec. 11. The number to call is 449-1206. Gift certificates are also available and redeemable toward class fees or specific classes.

The children's brochure includes two computer classes, creative pursuits and personal interests. Also included are

physical activities, special events, music and dance, several suggestions for mid-winter break events, and swimming schedules.

An example of some January classes include the following:

- A boating safety class for ages 12 and older will start Jan. 10 and will be instructed by a representative of the Oakland County Sheriff Department Marine Division.
- Starting Jan. 19 will be a babysitting clinic for grades 5-8. The class will be instructed by Providence Hospital and assisted by officers from the Novi Police and Fire Departments.
- Saturday, Jan. 23, Valentine's Day craft for grades 1-4; paint an apron or tote bag.
- Computertots for ages 3-4 years and 18-36 months accompanied by parents, entitled "Music and Munchkins."
- Computertots for the age 2 group entitled "Time For Twos," also accompanied by parent.
- IPAP, "Infant and Preschool Aquatics Program" for ages 6 months to 3 years.
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- In the music and dance section, "Guitar and Fun" is being offered for ages 8 and older.

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

Engagements

Sheila Towne of Northville and Edward Kemp of Northville announce the engagement of their daughter, Sarah Renee, to Doel Ellessor, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Ellessor of Northville.

The bride-elect is a 1998 graduate of Michigan State University. The groom-elect is a 1998 graduate of the University of Notre Dame.

A June wedding is planned.

Michael and Kathy Dinser of Novi announce the engagement of their daughter, Nicole Dinser, to Shane Ferguson, son of Ron and Cheryl Ferguson of Grand Blanc.

The bride-elect is a 1992 graduate of Novi High School and is currently enrolled in a graduate program at Wayne State University. She is employed by Marsh USA, Inc. The groom-elect is a 1993 graduate of Michigan State University and is currently employed at Flamie & Moran.

An autumn 2000 wedding is planned.

Bob and Angie Trinko of Ann Arbor announce the engagement of their daughter, Carrie Renee, to Todd Gordon Wilhelm, son of



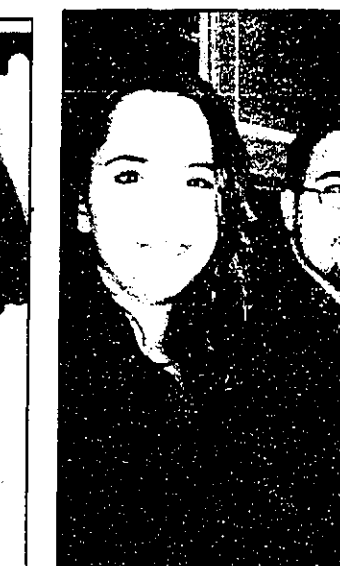
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Francis and Wendy Wilhelm of Brighton.



Dinser-Ferguson
The bride-elect is a 1994 graduate of Novi High School and a 1999 graduate of Eastern Michigan University. She is a permanent guest teacher in the Novi School district. The groom elect is a 1994 graduate of Hartland High School.



Trinka-Wilhelm
School and is pursuing certification in the automotive field at Washtenaw Community College. He is employed with Champion Screw Machine Engineering.



Gilberg-Lopez
Michigan and are candidates for graduation in 2000. The bride-elect is seeking a degree in industrial operations engineering. The groom-elect is seeking a degree in biology and has plans to continue in medical school.

Weddings

Darcy Anne Rundell and Sean Patrick Kolassa were married in Novi on June 5. Father James Cronk officiated the service.

The bride is the daughter of Jaquette and Howard Rundell of Northville. She is a 1993 graduate of Northville High School and a 1997 graduate of Michigan State University. She is employed at the University of Michigan Medical Center.

The groom is the son of Joan and Roger Kolassa, formerly of Northville, now residents of Montana. He is a 1992 graduate of Northville High School and a 1997 graduate of U.M. He is employed with ANR Pipeline.

The bride wore a ball gown by Randy Feloni Diamond collection. She carried a bouquet of cream and white roses with Stephanotis.

The matron of honor was Anne Cork. Bridesmaids were Susan Collins, Cathy Royster, Betsey Johnson and Marysusan Johnson.



Rundell-Kolassa
The best man was Scott Kolassa. Groomsmen were Bill Rundell.

Matt Schram and Ken Swider, Tom Orman served as usher.

The couple honeymooned in Hawaii.



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The couple honeymooned in Aruba.

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NORTHVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION

The Northville Parks and Recreation winter 2000 activities brochure will be mailed to residents the week of Dec. 20.

Child supervision will be available at the Northville Community Center later this month. Children ages five and up will be provided with an afternoon of crafts, movies, games and snacks for \$10 per child. Pre-registration is required by Dec. 15.

Tickets for Northville Ice are on sale at the Parks and Recreation office. The family party is scheduled for Dec. 31 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. and includes dinner, games, crafts, entertainment, swimming and carnival activities. The party will take place at Northville High School.

WAYNE COUNTY PARKS

Santa Claus will be visiting the Wayne County Light Fest on Wednesdays and Sundays through Dec. 24. Photos with Santa, concessions and a gift shop are available at the Warendeale picnic site. A suggested donation of \$5 for each photo taken will go toward the Dearborn Rotary Club. Admission to the Lightfest is \$5 per car.

Northville Parks and Recreation can be reached at (248) 349-0202. Wayne County Parks can be reached at (734) 261-1990.

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Entertainment

DEC. 9

What: Musical theater work shop
Where: Warner Studio Theater
When: 7:30 p.m.
Phone: (248) 379-9913 (Event Office)

What: Boys Choir of Harlem
Where: Hill Auditorium 1525 N. Lincoln Ave., Detroit
When: Various times
Phone: (313) 741-2529

What: The Twisted T. Antiques
Where: 5th Avenue Ballroom
When: Various times
Phone: (248) 745-4611

DEC. 9 - 26

What: "A Christmas Carol" live performance
Where: Meadowbrook Theatre, Oakland University
When: Various times
Phone: (248) 377-3306

DEC. 9 - 31

What: "Forbidden Christmas" stage production
Where: Gem Theatre 1333 Madison Ave., Detroit
When: Various times
Phone: (313) 963-9500

What: "The Magic of Flight" IMAX movie
Where: Henry Ford Museum
When: Various times
Phone: (313) 271-1620

DEC. 9 - JAN. 2

What: Railroad Days
Where: Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village
When: Various times
Phone: (313) 271-1620

What: Display of zoo animal race
Where: Detroit Zoo (8450 W. 7 Mile, Royal Oak)
When: Various times
Phone: (313) 852-4147

What: "I Made This Jar" exhibit on enslaved African-American potters
Where: Charles H. Wright Museum of African-American History
When: Various times
Phone: (313) 494-5800

DEC. 9 - JAN. 5

What: Mona Lisa Mania
Where: The Print Gallery
When: Various times
Phone: (248) 356-5454

DEC. 9 - FEB. 13

What: "Escanaba in da Moonlight" stage performance
Where: Gem Theatre (333 Madison Ave., Detroit)
When: Various times
Phone: (313) 963-9800

DEC. 9 - APRIL 30

What: On The Air: Michigan Broadcasting 1920-2000 Exhibit
Where: Detroit Historical Museum
When: All day event
Phone: (313) 833-1805 (Museum is closed on Mondays)



"Jack and the Beanstalk" will be taking stage at Northville's Marquis Theatre now through Jan. 15. For tickets and showtimes, call (248) 349-8110.

DEC. 10

What: Soo Greyhounds vs. Plymouth Whalers hockey
Where: Compuware Sports Arena
When: 7:30 p.m.
Phone: (734) 453-8400

DEC. 11, 12

What: Los Angeles Kings vs. Detroit Red Wings hockey
Where: Joe Louis Arena
When: 7:30 p.m.
Phone: (313) 963-6606

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What: Eric Otters vs. Plymouth Whalers hockey
Where: Compuware Sports Arena
When: 7:30 p.m.
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What: Dick Siegel
Where: The Ark (316 South Main, Ann Arbor)
When: 8 p.m.
Phone: (734) 761-1451

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What: Mudpuppy
Where: 5th Avenue Ballroom
When: Evening
Phone: (248) 735-4011

DEC. 11, 12

What: Gabriel Consort & Players Lutheran Christmas Celebration
Where: St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church
When: 8 p.m.
Phone: (734) 764-2538

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What: Wayne Newton
Where: Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort
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Movies

Stephen Kings' 'Green Mile' opens Dec. 10

Set on Death Row in a Southern prison in 1935, "The Green Mile" is the big-screen adaptation of Stephen King's 1996 bestselling serialized novel.

It is the remarkable story of a prison guard who develops a poignant, unusual relationship with one inmate who possesses a magical gift that is both mysterious and miraculous.

Two-time Academy Award-winner Tom Hanks stars as Paul Edgecomb, the Death Row head guard who relates in flashback a mystical account about his tour of duty at Cold Mountain Penitentiary and his watch over a quartet of convicted killers awaiting execution in the electric chair.

"The Green Mile" is told in a flashback narrated by Edgecomb to his friend Elaine Connelly. Edgecomb is now living in an old-age home some six decades after working as the head guard on Death Row at Cold Mountain Penitentiary.

Edgecomb's tour of duty at Cold Mountain in the Depression-era South included watch over a quartet of killers awaiting their final walk down "The Green Mile," all six stretch of green linoleum flooring that took convicts from their jail cells to the electric chair.

Over the years, Edgecomb walked the mile with a variety of cons. He had never before encountered someone like John Coffey, a massive black man convicted of brutally killing a pair of 9-year-old sisters.

Coffey certainly had the size and strength to kill anyone, but his demeanor starkly contrasted with his appearance. Beyond his simple, naive nature and a deathly fear of the dark, Coffey seemed to possess a prodigious, supernatural gift. Edgecomb began to question whether Coffey was truly guilty of murdering the two girls.

As the story unfolds, Paul Edgecomb learns that, sometimes, miracles happen in the most unexpected places.

Filmmaker Frank Darabont was hooked on "The Green Mile" after reading just the first of six installments of Stephen King's novel. The bestselling author composed the story in a manner he had never tackled before, releasing it in serialized form over a period of six months between April and September 1996.

The format thrilled readers, who took each of the six chapters to the top of the paperback bestseller list during the course of the year.

When the sixth and final chapter (titled "Coffey on the Mile") hit bookstores on Sept. 9, King achieved a rare triumph — all six installments of "The Green Mile" appeared simultaneously on the best-seller list.

In looking back on the novel's success, King admits that the story "was very difficult for me to write."

Two years before he actually began composing the novel in



Michael Clarke Duncan (right) is John Coffey with Tom Hanks as Paul Edgecomb.

1995, he had outlined a story involving the electric chair and a black inmate named Luke Coffey, a magician whose secret powers could possibly be used to make himself disappear before walking the Mile.

King changed his conception of the magician character and his "idea for a story became 'The Green Mile.'"

"I just hoped I wouldn't run out of inspiration before it was done. In a lot of ways, dealing with John Coffey was a difficult thing to do. Here is a man on Death Row who may be innocent, who is able to help some of his fellow captives. That was the basic idea of the story."

Once King began to write, he chose to release his new novel in serial form. Inspired by literary giant Charles Dickens, who published many of his works in this manner.

"I always loved stories told in episodes. It is a format I first encountered in the Saturday Evening Post. When 'The Green Mile' was published, nobody had attempted a serial novel in the U.S. since the '20s. When the first episode, 'The Two Dead Girls,' was to go on sale, I thought to myself, 'I've made the biggest mistake of my life.' Nobody had any idea that it would succeed to the level it did. Just of all me."

But, in composing his work in such a format, King also confesses, the advantage he enjoyed over his audience by publishing "The Green Mile" in episodic form.

"In a story which is published in installments ... simply put, you cannot flip ahead and see how matters turn out. That is an appeal that I suspect only the writer of suspense tales and spooky stories can fully appreciate."

Castle Rock Entertainment Presents A Dark Woods Production: Tom Hanks in "The Green Mile," starring David Morse, Bonnie Hunt, Michael Clarke Duncan, James Cromwell, Michael Jeter, Graham Greene, Doug Hutchison, Sam Rockwell, Barry Pepper, Jeffrey DeMunn, Patricia Clarkson, Harry Dean Stanton, Dabbs Greer and Eve Brent.

"The Green Mile" is rated R and is scheduled to open in theaters Friday, Dec. 10.

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LET'S GET ACQUAINTED

Shy and reserved, this never-married SWCF, 30, 5'5", who enjoys a variety of interests, is seeking an outgoing, caring, loving SWCM, 30-34, for friendship leading to more. Ad# 1525

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GREAT EXPECTATIONS

This friendly, attractive SWF, 37, 5'4", who enjoys dancing, spending time with friends and more, is seeking a fun-loving SWM, over 29, to go out and have a good time with. Ad# 2222

FAMILY FIRST

Attractive, family-oriented SWF, 50, 5'2", who enjoys dancing, spending time with family and more, is looking for a SWM, 48-56. Ad# 9122

LOOKING FOR LOVE

This DWCF, 34, 5'8", who enjoys bible study and riding Harleys, is waiting for you. If you are an outgoing, warm-hearted, SWCM, under 45, then give her a call. She'd love to hear from you. Ad# 9445

SET UP A TIME & DAY

This outgoing SWF, 19, 5'7", who enjoys sports, spending time with family and going to movies, is in search of a SWM, 18-22, to spend quality time with. Ad# 1111

UNTIL NOW

Retired SWF, 36, 5'6", enjoys horseback riding, nature and the movies. She's looking for a sincere, honest SWM. Ad# 5560

OUT OF THE SOUTH

Here's a DW mom of one, 37, 5'4", who would be a perfect match for a SWM, 37-45, who enjoys the outdoors, bowling, family times and more. Want to prove me right? Ad# 6456

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You can share your world with this versatile and outgoing DWCF, 57, as long as you're a SWCM, who shares her passions for travel, animals, socializing with friends and more. Ad# 1942

LOVES ATTENTION

Friendly, honest DWCF, 60, 5'3", 129lbs., with blonde hair, and green eyes, who enjoys the outdoors, travel, the theater, and spending time with family, is looking for an honest SWCM, 55-67, who shares similar interests. Ad# 2417

IN THE HANDS OF GOD

She's a down-to-earth SWCF, 47, blue-eyed blonde, ISO a loyal, truthful SWCM, N/S, to share a meaningful friendship. Her hobbies are bowling, motorcycles and outdoor activities. Ad# 1234.

IS IT FATE?

She's a fun, intelligent SWF, 19, 5'2", who enjoys the little things in life. She is looking forward to meeting a caring, honest SWM, 19-23, to go out and have a good time with. Ad# 7180

MAKE THE MOVE

Outgoing, never-married SWF, 33, 5'6", with dark hair/eyes, who enjoys sports, long walks and picnics. She's looking for a SWCM, 32-42, with similar interests. Ad# 1308

THE PRIME OF LIFE

Charming Catholic WWWF, 68, a brunette, is seeking a youthful, sweet SWCM, 65+, with whom to share common interests such as Bingo, dining out, dancing, sports, bowling and long walks. Ad# 5720

LIVE IT UP

This outgoing SW mom, 38, 5'4", full-figured, who enjoys camping, long walks and spending time with family, is looking for a family-oriented SWM, 35-45, to spend quality time with. Ad# 9028

YOUR SERVE

Ambitious, athletic Catholic SWF, 29, 5'3", a blue-eyed blonde, who enjoys tennis and working out, is seeking a confident, humorous Catholic SWPM, 28-36, for friendship leading to more. Ad# 2570

BEST THERE IS

Friendly DWPF, 48, 5'8", who enjoys a variety of interests, is looking for an intelligent, attractive SWM, 44-60, who enjoys life, to spend time with. Ad# 2289

GIVE ME A CALL

Kind-hearted, active SWF, 35, is looking for an interesting SWM, 29-39, N/S, to share animals, travel and more. Ad# 3333

MELODY OF LOVE

This outgoing DWCF, 51, 5'7", is a member of the choir who's ISO a romantic, considerate SWCM, 50-61, N/S, for friendship, maybe more. Ad# 6127

WILL GET BACK TO YOU

Friendly, petite SW mom, 34, who likes country music, sports, and spending time with her children, is looking for an outgoing SWM, for a long-term relationship. Ad# 8567

FAMILY VALUES

This well-educated DWP mom of two, 49, 5'7", is hoping that the sensitive, kind SM, 35-55, that she hopes to meet will come forward soon. She enjoys sports, quiet evenings of conversation, movies, music, cooking, the outdoors and more. Ad# 4949

HEAVEN SENT

Pleasant, Catholic DWF, 51, 5'9", is seeking a companionable Catholic SWM who shares her enjoyment of country living, cooking, gardening, reading and the arts. Ad# 7837

NOTEWORTHY

Family-oriented DW mom, 38, 5'8", is hoping to share a meaningful friendship with a man of character, heart and substance, a SWM, 35-42, with patience and understanding. Ad# 4073

DESTINY

Outgoing SW mom, 43, 5'3", with brown hair and green eyes, who enjoys spending time with her children, walks on the beach and more, is interested in meeting a caring SWM, 37-50, who likes children. Ad# 4383

SWEET THINGS

Friendly SWF, 45, seeks a SWM, for friendship first, maybe more. She enjoys bowling, picnics, boating, long walks and the outdoors. Ad# 6999

OCEAN BREEZES

Summer is coming and I'd like to get out and have some fun. Shy at first, I'm DW mom, 42, 5'8", with various hobbies and interests, seeking a SWM, 40-48, to spend time with. Ad# 9847

TOGETHER AT LAST

Get to know this DWF, 50, with blonde hair and hazel eyes, who enjoys the sun, water, sports and traveling. She's ISO a S/DWM, over 50. Ad# 6665

CHANGE OF PACE

Friendly, outgoing SWF, 59, 5'1", whose interests include good conversation, dining out and more, is seeking companionship with a sincere SWM, 58-65, who enjoys life. Ad# 5138

A KEEPER

Kind-hearted SWF, 45, 5'2", who enjoys movies, traveling and more, is looking for a loving, funny WWWW, 40-65. Ad# 1066

BRING YOUR SMILE

Sweet DWCF, 59, 5'3", is seeking a SWCM, 55-65, with a sense of humor, who enjoys movies, family time, traveling and home cooking. Ad# 1219

COMPANIONSHIP

Attractive, sincere SWF, 57, 5'7", who enjoys cooking, camping and having fun, is looking for a sweet SWM, 50-62. Ad# 1941

DESERVING

Friendly, attractive SWF, 46, 5'8", slender, with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys farm life, horses, animals, photography, the arts, and movies, seeks a caring, fun SWM, 38-52, who enjoys country living and similar interests. Ad# 2213

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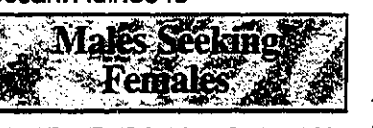
Fun-loving SWCF, 23, 5'8", with long brown hair and blue eyes, who enjoys sports, music and spending time with friends, is seeking a sincere, outgoing SWCM, 22-35. Ad# 5036

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Outgoing, Catholic SWF, 48, is looking for a SWM, 40-52, to share music, cooking, the outdoors and the arts. Ad# 9500

WANT TO SPEND TIME...

With this cute Catholic DW mom, 41, 5'4"? She seeks an attractive Catholic SWM, 50-55, 6'+, who loves kids, country living, football games, golfing and vacationing at the ocean. Ad# 8545



NEVER ENDING ROMANCE

Outgoing, friendly and sensitive describes this DW dad, 40, 6'1", 200lbs., with black hair and blue eyes, who enjoys traveling, sports, movies and more, is seeking an educated, fit and attractive SWCF, 30-42, for romance. Ad# 7686

SECURITY

Outgoing, stable SWM, 29, 6'2", who likes to rollerblade and have fun, is seeking a Catholic SWF, 18-32, who enjoys movies and quiet times at home. Ad# 5565

STOP HERE

SWM, 72, 6'2", who enjoys playing cards and dancing, is in search of a kind-hearted SWF, over 65, for a possible relationship. Ad# 1415

GREAT CATCH

Meet this outgoing, sincere DWPM, 62, 6', who enjoys music, travel and dining out, if you're an attractive, romantic SWF, who has a zest for life, give him a call. Ad# 6464

NO DISAPPOINTMENT

Outgoing, friendly SWM, 46, 6'1", who enjoys outdoor activities is in search of a slender, romantic SWC mom, with similar interests, for a special romantic relationship. Ad# 7056

KNOWS WHAT HE WANTS

Friendly SWM, 44, 6'2", 230lbs., with blond hair and blue eyes, who enjoys travel, dancing, fishing, movies and more, is seeking an attractive SWF, 36-45, N/S. Ad# 2424

JUST WANTS TO BE HAPPY

This outgoing SWM, 19, 6'4", who enjoys playing sports, going to the movies and more, is interested in meeting a fun-loving SWF, 18-25, who's ready to share quality times. Ad# 8766

SHORT BUT SWEET

Professional SWM, 43, who enjoys boating, fishing and going for walks, is searching for a friendly, outgoing DWF, under 46, for a possible relationship. Ad# 1313

LET'S GET ACQUAINTED

Outgoing and friendly, this DW dad, 44, 6'1", enjoys exercising, family times, horses, and dining out. He is seeking a SWF, 34-44, in good shape, for dating and maybe more. Ad# 1246

DREAMS COME TRUE

Humorous, nurturing DWCPM, 52, 5'11", who enjoys Mexican holidays, outdoor activities, cooking, reading and quiet evenings, is seeking a witty, compassionate SWCF, 40-51, N/S, for friendship leading to more. Ad# 4321

NEW TO THE AREA

Friendly, active SWCM, 25, 5'7", medium build, with brown hair/eyes, is seeking a faithful, outgoing SCF, 19-35, for a possible relationship. He enjoys his work, further education, church activities, and more. Ad# 4444

A RARE GEM

Outgoing, friendly SWM, 20, 6', who enjoys movies, music, sports and auto racing, is ISO a SWF, 18-22, who shares similar interests and would enjoy a true gentleman. Ad# 7179

LIFE IS GOOD

This friendly, active DWM, 5'9", is a young 54 who likes to exercise. He's seeking an honest SF, under 50, who can keep up. Horse lover a plus. Ad# 4848

TRUE BLUE

Amiable SWCM, 26, 6', N/S, who enjoys movies, music, cooking and playing cards, is seeking a special SWCF, 20-30, with strong family values. Ad# 1216

GREAT EXPECTATIONS

Personable, employed DW dad, 43, 6'1", 200lbs., who enjoys conversation, animals, working out, home improvement, and travel, is seeking a fit, shapely SCF, 34-45, for friendship, maybe more. Ad# 4410

AFFECTIONATE

Shy SWM, 32, 5'10", who enjoys animals, boating and fishing, is looking for a SWF, 32-41, to share special times with. Ad# 4767

LOVE, LIFE & LAUGHTER

Outgoing and friendly, this Catholic DWM, 63, 5'11", 170lbs., with gray hair, who enjoys evenings at home, dining out, and going to plays and shows, is ISO childless, Catholic DWF, 45-65, with the same interests. Ad# 2552

SOUND GOOD?

Employed DWCM, 44, 5'10", 180lbs., with brown hair and green eyes, who loves camping, walking, country music and more, is seeking a SWF, under 45, for friendship first. Ad# 4531

INNER BEAUTY...

Is what matters most to this outgoing WWWW, 42, 5'4", 135lbs., with blonde hair and blue eyes, who enjoys boating and fishing. He seeks a SWF, 35-48. All calls will be answered. Ad# 6272

BE THE ONE

Friendly DWPM, 51, 5'10", who enjoys golf and meeting new people, is seeking a SF, over 45, who has a good sense of humor, for a possible long-term relationship. Ad# 3308

MUSIC LOVER

Warm, educated, physically fit SWPM, 45, who enjoys ballroom dancing, concerts, reading, and good conversation. He is seeking a smart, affectionate SWPF, 26-38, for a lasting relationship. Ad# 4412

COUNTRY LIFESTYLE

DWCM, 37, 6'2", 185lbs., who enjoys camping, fishing, collecting antiques, dining out, and quiet times at home, is ISO an attractive, slender SWCF, 32-42, for friendship first, possible long-term relationship. Ad# 9665

ANSWERED PRAYERS

Outgoing, honest DWCM, 55, 6'2", is a member of the choir who enjoys taking walks, dining out, theater, golf and travel. He's seeking friendship, perhaps more, with a similar SWCF. Ad# 9255

HOPE YOU TRY ME

SWM, 48, 5'7", whose interests include bowling, biking, taking walks in the park, music and dancing, is hoping to hear from a gentle, understanding SWF, 38 and up, to share friendship and fun. Ad# 6431

LEAVE A MESSAGE

An employed, tall, physically fit SWM, 28, who enjoys volunteer work, rollerblading and more, is seeking a nice, caring SWF, for a possible relationship. Ad# 8989

SINCERELY

Professional SWM, 33, 5'10", with brown hair and blue eyes, who enjoys traveling, fine dining and more, is searching for a kind SWF, 20-34. Ad# 1616

GO PLACES...

And do things with this friendly SWCM, 28, 6'2". He enjoys animals and kids, and is hoping to hear from a similar SWCF, 18-35. Ad# 1379

HAVE A HEART

Employed SWM, 38, 5'11", 150lbs., enjoys outdoor activities and spending time with his children. He is seeking an honest, hardworking SWF who is attractive and physically fit. Ad# 5555

PARTNER IN LIFE

Outgoing DWM, 28, 6'2", enjoys going out, karaoke, and outdoor activities, and seeks a fun, spontaneous, responsible SWF, 25-35, for an equal-partner relationship. Ad# 2199

NOTEWORTHY

Pleasant, employed, and educated SWCM, 45, 6'5", slim build, who enjoys the outdoors, fishing, camping, movies, concerts, and dining out, is seeking an easygoing SWCF, 38-48, who is height/weight proportionate. Ad# 6907

FLEX YOUR MUSCLES

Fun-loving, sincere and athletic, this Catholic SWM, 40, 6'1", enjoys family, friends and romantic times, and is seeking a trim, fit SAF, 21-38. Ad# 6969

WORTH A TRY

He's a sincere, honest, outgoing SW dad, 41, 5'10", who enjoys fishing, going for walks, and more. He's seeking a loving SWF, 34-44, for a possible relationship. Ad# 8899

PHONE ME NOW

Friendly SNAM, 34, 5'11", who enjoys dancing, sports, camping and nature, is interested in meeting a patient, humorous SF, under 40, N/S, who likes children. Ad# 5421

QUIET TIMES

DWCM, 35, 5'10", enjoys outdoor activities, sports, quiet walks and movies, music and he's looking for an attractive SWCF, 35-35. Ad# 6226

ROMANCE

Sincere, fun-loving, Catholic SWPM, 44, 6'1", with a wide range of interests, seeks one special slender, fit SW mom, for a romantic, monogamous LTR. Ad# 1818

ONE ON ONE

Kind-hearted SWM, 20, 5'10", who enjoys auto racing, the outdoors and movies, is looking for an outgoing, sincere, loving SF, 18-24. Ad# 1722

HE'S THE ONE

Outgoing SWCM, 30, 6', who enjoys working out, movies, moonlit walks and more, is looking to meet a SWCF, under 29, without children. Ad# 2324

ROMANTIC TEDDY BEAR

Affectionate SWCM, 37, 5'10", with brown hair, hazel eyes and dimples, is looking for a full-figured SCF, who loves to laugh. He enjoys a variety of music, movies, the theater and travel. Ad# 8884

COMMITMENT-MINDED

Kind-hearted SWM, 39, 6'1", is looking for an outgoing, loving SWF, for a possible relationship. Ad# 3111

CALL IF INTERESTED

Friendly DWCM, 30, 5'8", 140lbs., with brown hair, blue eyes and a mustache, seeks a Catholic SF, without children, who enjoys hunting, fishing, camping and traveling. Ad# 7731

MAGNIFICENT

SWCM, 40, 5'11", who thinks passionately, loves intuitively and lives joyously, is searching for a vital SWCF, 29-46, who loves the arts, for a life enhancing relationship. Ad# 7977

JUST THE TWO OF US

Retired SWM, 55, 5'10", is looking for companionship with a SWF, age unimportant. His interests include the outdoors, gardening, dining out, dancing and traveling. Ad# 7590

GOOD ATTITUDE

SWM, 42, who enjoys going to the lake, the outdoors, weightlifting and kickboxing, is looking to meet a kind, outgoing SWF. Ad# 6453

MANY OPTIONS

Sincere SWPM, 40, 6', who enjoys Bible study and dining out, the outdoors and more, is looking to meet an honest, fun-loving SWPF. Ad# 7272

COMPANIONSHIP

Outgoing, retired, Catholic SWM, 66, 6'1", 200lbs., who enjoys world travel, golf, dining out and more, is seeking an attractive, Catholic SWF, over 48, to spend time with. Ad# 1579

DON'T WAIT

Never-married SWM, 38, 5'10", 165lbs., with blond hair and blue eyes, who enjoys animals, boating, and golf, seeks a SWF, 25-40. Ad# 7714

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Coaches think this is the year for grapplers

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

It's been a few years in the making, but the time has come for the Novi wrestling team to stand up and get theirs.

Novi coaches Brad Huss and Tom Fritz have known for two years now that the 1999-2000 wrestling team had the ingredients to be special. It was just going to take time in the room and on the mat to make it a reality.

"It's the year I've been pointing to. I think we'll be anywhere from good to real good," Huss said modestly. "For the first time in a long time, we've got some good senior leadership throughout the lineup."

And in the past that has translated into success. The

Wrestling

last team from Novi to qualify for the state meet was the 1996-97 squad, which featured such senior stars as Taka Watanabe, Skip Becker, Lenny Christoff, J.J. Balagna and Nick Simon. That team also had a number of quality juniors who knew what it took to win.

This year's team is much the same.

This year's team will be led by seven seniors who are projected starters, including a man who's been through it all. Dan Jilg was on that 1996-97 team, and finished 41-10 as a 15-year old freshman.

Now a senior, Jilg is on his way to becoming the most accomplished wrestler in school history. He's 140-16, finishing eighth, fourth and second at the state meet in his three years on varsity. Watanabe currently holds the school record with 156 wins and 117 pins.

Novi has won or shared the last two Kensington Valley Conference titles, and no team has ever won three in a row. Breaking that streak and winning a third championship is one of the first and most important goals for the team and its individuals.

"It's never an expectation, you never expect to win this league," Jilg said.

Jilg said individually his goal is to win a state title, and he wants his team to do well in the KVC, at Oakland County and into the state tournament.

"From top to bottom, this is the best team in my four years," he said. "We just have to work hard in the room everyday."

Jilg is also looking to become just the second wrestler in KVC history to win four consecutive individual titles. Kevin Neuendorf of Lakeland became the first to do it last year. Jilg will attempt to do so at 119 pounds this year.

Also shooting for a state title will be junior Ryan Churella, who finished runnerup at the state meet in the 112 division last season. He's looking to win his third-straight KVC title and second regional in a row. He's currently ranked No. 20 in the nation by USA

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Rice and Bendernagel make 1st team

Taking a look at the area basketball this year, there were some great players out there. There were also some great teams. And there were some great players out there playing on great teams.

We had the Miss Basketball of Michigan runnerup in the area. We had the undefeated Kensington Valley Conference team in the area. And we had a team that finished 14-8 and beat the KVC champs in the district semifinals. Yes there was a lot of good basketball players in the Milford, Novi, Northville, Lakeland and South Lyon areas, and HomeTown Newspaper's east and central offices are here to present it to our readers.

Here's a look at our all-area team, as selected by area coaches and sports editors.

Christie Schumacher Milford senior forward

Some decisions are just too easy. Reagan or Carter. Adidas or Pro Keds. Christie Schumacher as our Player of the Year. Again.

Her resume is the like of which nearly all high school players can only fantasize about. Runner-up for Miss Basketball. Consensus all-state. Her school's all-time leading scorer and rebounder. Schumacher's coach, Don Palmer, said she's as dangerous a mid-range shooter as he's ever seen.

This season opposing defenses had eyes only for Schumacher. It didn't matter. She led the entire state in scoring, accounting for 29.3 points per game, shooting 52 percent from the floor and 83 percent from the foul line. She averaged 12.5 rebounds per game.

Schumacher will play college ball at the University of Michigan.

Kelly Bendernagel Novi senior forward

She combined her talents as an individual scoring threat and a valuable team player to lead Novi to a perfect 12-0 record in the KVC and a 19-1 regular season mark. When Novi needed her to score, she did. Bendernagel averaged a team-leading 11.7 points per game, and also led the team with 2.0 assists per ball game.

She averaged 5.5 rebounds and 2.2 steals per game and led the team with 20 three pointers made. She was the second-leading vote getter in the conference's all-league team (behind Schumacher) and is a returning member to HomeTown's all-area first team.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Beth Rice dribbles past Meredith Hasse of Northville in the district semifinals two weeks ago.

Janel Hasse Northville senior forward

Little did Hasse know that she would not be relied upon to score all of the Mustang's points this season. Kate Hammond edged out Hasse in the points category, but the senior captain still averaged 10.2 points per game and a team-leading 7.2 rebounds. She also averaged over a steal, assist and block a game and was named to the Western Lakes all-conference team.

She too is a returning member of HomeTown's all-area first team.

Beth Rice Novi senior guard

She wasn't the best scorer on the team, nor the best passer, or shooter or rebounder. But Beth Rice may have been the best all-around player on the team for a near-perfect Novi squad this season. If the game was on the line, Novi coach Dennis Cichonski wanted the ball in the hands of either Rice or Bendernagel.

Rice averaged an even 10 points per game and pulled down 3.3 rebounds this year. She had 58 assists on the season, and hit 91 of 129 free throws (70.1 percent). She was the fourth-leading votegetter in

postseason KVC voting.

Martha Digsby Lakeland senior guard

Digsby was a four-year varsity player for the Eagles, and a team captain the last two seasons. As a senior she was a first-team all-conference selection.

Digsby is a good athlete and defender, capable of making plays all over the court. She was the Eagles' leading scorer, averaging 11 points per game.

Barring injury, Digsby will finish her high school career as the first 12-letter winner in school history.

There's room for two more on 2nd team

Our second team features the types of players that coaches covet. While not always grabbing the headlines, they just help their teams win. Whether by playing rugged defense, distributing the ball, playing out of position, whatever it took. The team's the thing, but here's acknowledging those that made those teams work.

Kate Hammond Northville senior forward

Came out of the shadows of the Hasse Twins and led Northville to a district finals appearance against Plymouth Salem. She led the team with 10.7 points per game and was third in rebounding (5.3).

Hammond was an all-Western Division selection in post season voting by Western Lakes coaches this year.

Emily Carboit Northville junior guard

A pure ball-handler with great instincts on the basketball court, Carboit makes a return trip to our all-area second team. A soccer player by trade, Carboit used her great court sense to lead the team with 49 assists this season and was third among Mustangs with 2.1 steals per game.

She joined Hammond on the all-division team in the WLAA after averaging 5.0 points per game at the point position.

Erin Quinn Novi senior forward

Playing alongside four other talented starters, Quinn took advantage of her opportunities when they presented themselves. The three-year letterwinner averaged 6.4 points per game and pulled down 3.3 boards per contest. Her quick hands landed her nearly 1.5 steals per game.

She was a second-team all-KVC selection this year.

Kristen McGlennen Novi senior center

The tallest player on the Novi squad, McGlennen led the team by averaging 6.0 rebounds per game. Her 9.2 points per contest was third best on the team.

A three-year starter at center, McGlennen earned second-team all KVC honors and was the ninth-top vote getter in post season voting among coaches. She is a return selection to our HomeTown all-area squads.

Jaclyn Evenson Lakeland senior guard

A true team player, Evenson changed positions as a senior. Despite the switch, she ended up being voted second-team All-KVC by the league coaches.

A team captain, Evenson was Lakeland's second-leading scorer, averaging eight points per game.

ALL AREA BASKETBALL

First Team

name	school	grade	position	height
Christie Schumacher	Milford	Senior	Forward	6-0
Beth Rice	Novi	Senior	Guard	5-7
Janel Hasse	Northville	Senior	Forward	6-0
Martha Digsby	Lakeland	Senior	Guard	5-7
Kelly Bendernagel	Novi	Senior	Forward	5-8

Second Team

name	school	grade	position	height
Erin Quinn	Novi	Senior	Forward	5-7
Kate Hammond	Northville	Senior	Forward	5-9
Emily Carboit	Northville	Junior	Guard	5-4
Kristen McGlennen	Novi	Senior	Center	6-1
Jaclyn Evenson	Lakeland	Senior	Guard	5-7

* HomeTown Player of the Year

Honorable mention

Lakeland - Jackie Shappee
Milford - Colleen Johnson
Northville - Meredith Hasse
Novi - Jessica Gilbert, Colleen Lewis
South Lyon - Fran Hamilton, Dawn Mannerino

Cagers open up season in balanced KVC league

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

If things are going to be looking up for the Novi boy's varsity basketball team this year, then the team will have to grow up in a hurry.

Unlike several other Novi sports teams who have used experience and depth to create success this year, the cagers hope their inexperienced squad can mature quickly and catch some teams looking the other way.

"We have very little experience back from last year, and we're not very deep," Novi head coach Pat Schluter said. "We're gonna need to work real hard on the court. That's why we might be picked toward the middle to the bottom of the league."

Novi's team has good height and strength, two ingredients Schluter hopes will offset their lack of experience and depth. Leading the charge for the 'Cats will be 6-foot-6 shooting forward Chad Nadoini.

The senior is the lone returning regular starter from last year's team, which graduated eight seniors. He averaged over 12 points per game and was an honorable-mention Kensington Valley Conference selection. He'll be looked upon for scoring and leadership.

"We're expecting a lot out of him this year," his coach said. "He likes playing the outside because he knows he can shoot the ball well. He's potentially the best player in the league."

Joining Nadoini in the starting lineup will be tri-captains Brendan Hadley, Dan Kittle and Dan Nawrot. The trio of seniors all return with limited experience, with Hadley seeing a bit more time than the rest last season.

Boy's basketball

Hadley was expected to start at the off-guard position, but may be moved to the point because of an injury to projected starter Brandon Davis. The sophomore sprained his ankle in Novi's first scrimmage of the season last week, and may miss as many as six games before returning to the lineup. Both Hadley and fellow senior Jeff Perreca will fill the void while Davis is out.

Nawrot will provide size down low for Novi. At 6-7, Nawrot will give the team much needed rebounding and an inside presence on the defensive end of the court. Kittle isn't tall (5-11), but has great size and is the workhorse on the team. He was also a captain on the football team, so his leadership is also a credit to the team.

While Perreca and Hadley are handling the point-guard responsibilities, Matt Gorman, Jim Cavan and Brendan Watson will be handling backup duties at the guard position. Gorman is a sophomore with tremendous quickness and Cavan and Watson are versatile and can be used at off guard, or the three or four slots.

Junior Eric Messink will back up Nawrot at center, and Chris Schleuder will provide depth at the small forward position. Eric Walle, a junior, and Rob Martin, a first-year senior, will see time at the guard positions this year.

"While we don't have much depth or experience, we

do have great team chemistry," Schluter said. "These guys really work well together, and they always play hard. The positive thing is they all get along really well."

The team opened up their preseason with a six-team scrimmage at Novi High School last Saturday. Schluter said he liked the way his team played against Warren DeLasalle, Rockford, Warren Mott, Utica Ford and Southfield.

The team will scrimmage Dearborn Divine Child tonight before opening up their regular season Tuesday

against Walled Lake Western at home. The team then plays Brighton a week from tomorrow and Northville on Dec. 15.

Schluter said he thinks his team is a middle-of-the-pack KVC squad right now. Milford is his favorite to win the league title, with South Lyon providing the stiffest challenge.

"Milford's got everyone back, and they were pretty good last year," the coach said. "South Lyon lost a few guys, but they've got some great players back too."

HomeTown ranks top 10 KVC players

From top to bottom, the sports editors for the HomeTown Press, Novi, Michigan, ranked the top 10 players in the KVC with their own criteria. Here's a look at the top 10 players this season.

1. Christie Schumacher, Milford Senior Forward, 6-0
2. Beth Rice, Novi Senior Guard, 5-7
3. Janel Hasse, Northville Senior Forward, 6-0
4. Martha Digsby, Lakeland Senior Guard, 5-7
5. Kelly Bendernagel, Novi Senior Forward, 5-8
6. Erin Quinn, Novi Senior Forward, 5-7
7. Kate Hammond, Northville Senior Forward, 5-9
8. Emily Carboit, Northville Junior Guard, 5-4
9. Kristen McGlennen, Novi Senior Center, 6-1
10. Jaclyn Evenson, Lakeland Senior Guard, 5-7

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Icers find a way back in games, but just barely

By JASON SCHMITT

Novi's boys ice hockey team found a way back into the game on Friday night, but it was just barely. The team, which had been shut out in its last two games, managed to score a goal in the second period to tie the game at 1-1. The team's comeback was aided by a goal from senior forward Brad Brankat in the second period. Novi's comeback was aided by a goal from senior forward Brad Brankat in the second period. Novi's comeback was aided by a goal from senior forward Brad Brankat in the second period.

Walled Lake Western, on Friday before pulling out a 3-1 tie with Walled Lake Central on Saturday. Novi trailed 3-1 heading into the last period. But a goal by senior forward Brad Brankat in the second period, the last of which came with just 30 seconds remaining in the game with senior Brad Brankat pulled from the lead the game up and salvaged a point for Novi. Starkowski's goal came off a pass from Travis Major. Brian Jausis also picked up an assist on the goal. Starkowski also scored off a wrist shot with just over 10 minutes remaining to pull his team to within a goal and give them the chance for the tie. Brad Zarem and Kyle Major assisted on that goal.

Central had pumped out to a 3-0 lead before Zarem scored with just over five minutes left in the second period. He took a pass from Jausis and Brad Brankat. Novi's comeback was aided by a goal from senior forward Brad Brankat in the second period. Novi's comeback was aided by a goal from senior forward Brad Brankat in the second period.

back from a 2-1 deficit. Zarem had an assist on each of the goals and Harrell, Brian Elbert and Starkowski all picked up an assist. Freshman Jared Terras picked up his first career goal with 3:36 left in the second period. Genso and Antti Heikka each got an assist on that goal. Brankat was in net to get his second win of the season. "We knew we were going to have to play from the heart to get a win in this game," the coach said. "This was a character win."

Novi 2, HARTLAND 2 The first of the two times last week that Novi had to pull their goalie in the late stages of the game paid off as Malott scored with 24 left in the game to give Novi an important league tie. Hartland built leads of 1-0 and 2-1 before forcing Phelps to go with the extra attacker in the final minute of the game. Zarem found Malott, who beat Hartland goalie Chris Ouellette for the game-tying tally. Major tied the game at 1-1 early in the second period with the assists going to Harrell and Jausis. Jausis also picked up an assist on the last goal. Novi's league record now stands at 1-0-2 with last night's game against Milford coming after the newspaper's deadline. The Wildcats face Dearborn Crestwood next Thursday on the road.

Wrestlers prepare for tough KVC schedule

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Wrestling coach Mike Hesse said his 125-pounder, but will also wrestle at 135 pounds in the second season. He and Hesse made the best 1-2 punch in the season of this year. The duo combined 104 wins last year. Starting with the bottom half of the lineup which will be the strength of the Novi team this year, coach Hesse said he has the most of the 100 and will lead the team off. Similar to his other brother, he will have to deal with his lack of weight frequently and Hesse said he has natural ability and aggressiveness in the mat. "He's going to be a junior," Hesse said. "He's built a little bit different than Ryan was his freshman year, and he's a little more aggressive. He attacks and is very strong for his size."

main is a returning intercomer who will start at 145. Sophomore Vince Sloan is still a little green according to his coach, but will be much improved at the physical level. He's got all the physical tools, he just needs to improve on his leg and from the bottom. Senior Frank Kava has been the biggest surprise so far this season, and will hold down the 190 weight class. "He has improved tremendously and Hesse said he has natural ability and aggressiveness in the mat. "He's going to be a junior," Hesse said. "He's built a little bit different than Ryan was his freshman year, and he's a little more aggressive. He attacks and is very strong for his size."

solid 171-pounder this year. He's tough physically, and came through for Novi last year when he stayed off his back against East Lake in Novi's 33-32 win against Hartland. The strength of Novi's upper half of the lineup will come at 180 and 215, where senior Adam Borashko and junior Nick Sloan return. Sloan was the KVC champ at 180 last year and Borashko has a match away from advancing to the state meet. "We're going to need these two guys," Hesse said. "Adam is an untapped talent, and both should be thinking of the state meet."

Jason Moore is another senior who will bolster the Novi lineup at heavyweight. He hasn't seen a lot of varsity action, with Brett Faulkner chugging up that spot the last two years, but when he has snuck in there, he's fared well. Hesse said Novi's goals have always been 1) to do well at Oakland County, 2) to win the KVC, and 3) to do well in the team states and advance to the state tournament. "If everything goes well, we should do it," he said. "This team is focused. I'd be really shocked if this team is not a real good dual meet team this year. But we know we have some pretty good teams in this league."

Hartland will again be the team Novi must beat to win the league. South Lyon will provide a test and Milford should be up there with the leaders.



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Ruiz wins Turkey Open...

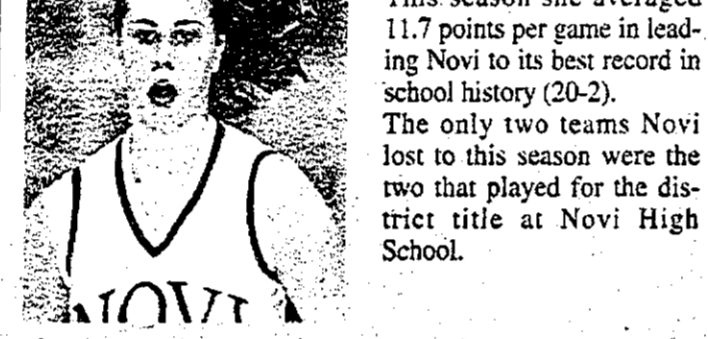
Ten-year old Christina Ruiz of Novi did it again, winning her second consecutive Turkey Open tennis title over Thanksgiving weekend at the Novi Sports Club. Ruiz was playing up in the U-12 girls division and defeated top-seeded Kiera Senst of Illinois 6-4, 6-0 in the championship match. She had little trouble in the earlier rounds, topping fourth-seeded Holly Huth 6-2, 6-4 in the semis after rolling through the first two rounds without dropping a single game. Ruiz, who is coached by Wayne Jackson (standing by her), was the second seed coming into the tournament. Jackson is the director of tennis at the Sports Club and was also the tournament director. He also coaches Amy Frazier of Rochester Hills, who is currently ranked fifth among American women and 19th in the world on the latest WTA rankings.

They both have a great work ethic and desire to win," Hesse said. "When you see the bottom of the lineup is strong, I think it extends past Danny and Ryan."

McDONALD FORD SALUTES NOVI ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Kelly Bendernagel - Senior

The senior has made quite a name for herself in her three years on the Novi varsity team. This season she averaged 11.7 points per game in leading Novi to its best record in school history (20-2). The only two teams Novi lost to this season were the two that played for the district title at Novi High School.



Beth Rice - Senior

Rice was known amongst the KVC community before this season began, but not half as known as she was at the conclusion of the season. Rice averaged 10 points per game and was the fourth-leading vote getter in post-season voting for the all-conference team.



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The Novi News Takes Visual Look Back...



Novi Senior starting quarterback Mitch Maier goes for an intercept against Flushing in his other role: as defensive back.



Slicing the waters with her freestyle stroke, Novi Senior Kristina Utley takes to the pool during a Wildcat afternoon practice.

...at The 1999 Novi High School varsity fall sports



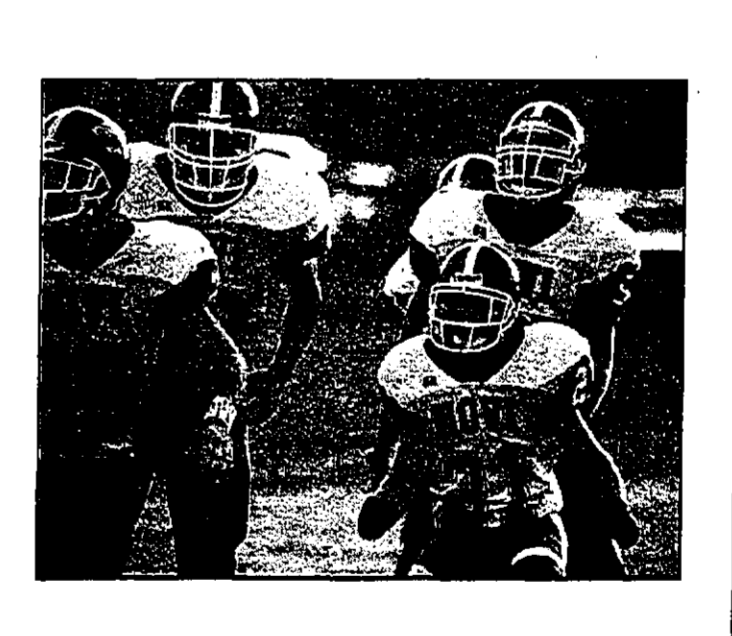
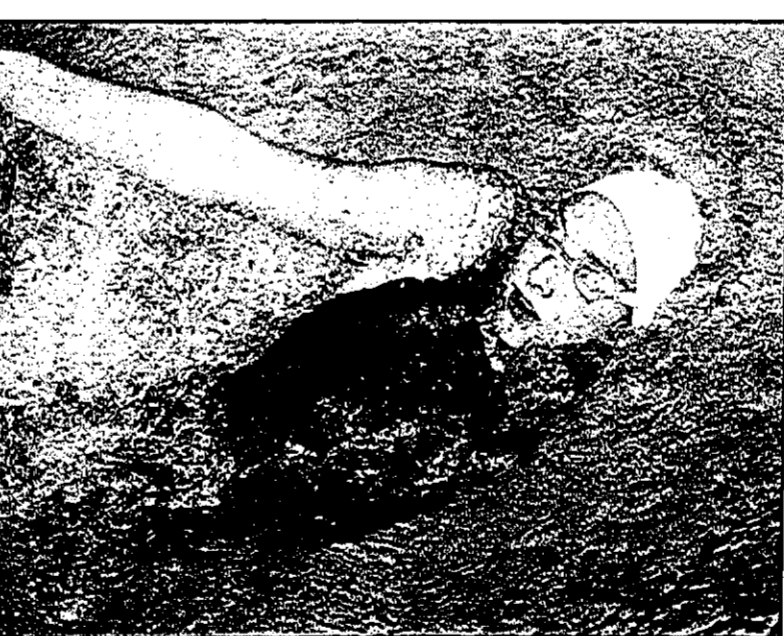
Novi Senior Frank Raburn looks to pass the ball during a home match against South Lyon earlier this year.



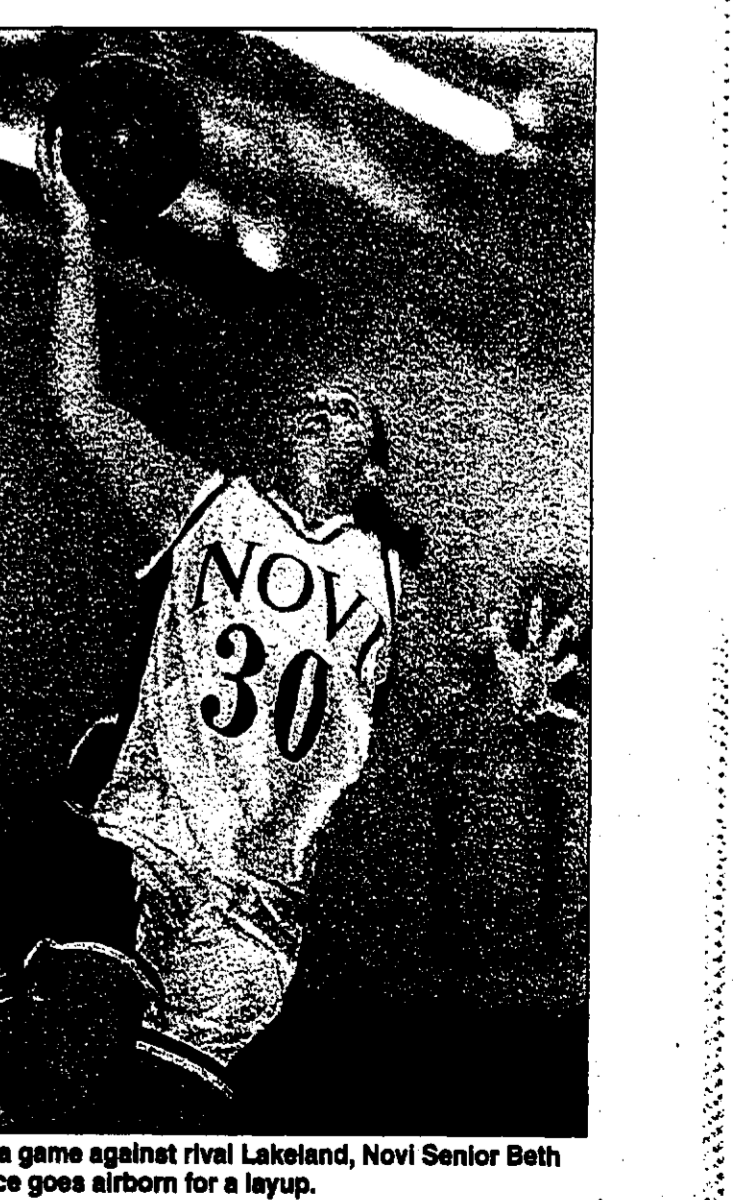
Novi Wildcat girls' cross country team members prepare to take off in a multi-school meet at Cass Benton Park.



Wildcat Andrew Vaughn chips out of a sand trap at the Links of Novi during an early-season match.



Clockwise from top: Wildcat Lindsey Vermillion practices her backstroke during an after-school practice. Junior Jessica Roemer goes to her forehand on a return volley during a home match against Milford. Footballers, including Jon Cervi, left, and Dan Jig (21) get fired-up before their first game of the year, an eventual win against Farmington.



In a game against rival Lakeland, Novi Senior Beth Rice goes airborne for a layup.

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Health Column

Hysterectomy not the only choice

Hysterectomy: It's not the only choice anymore, University of Michigan doctors say.

As many as 200,000 American women may be having unnecessary hysterectomies each year, instead of taking advantage of new alternative medical techniques, doctors at the U-M Health System estimate.

Now, they have opened the first clinic in the nation devoted to helping women explore multiple alternatives to having their uterus surgically removed.

More than a half a million hysterectomies are performed each year in the U.S. at an estimated cost of more than \$5 billion, according to the latest data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. This makes it the second most frequent major surgical procedure among reproductive-aged women - by age 60, one in four have had it done.

But new surgical approaches and technologies could give many women options they didn't think they had.

"When a woman is told that she should have a hysterectomy, she should ask her physician specifically, 'What are my alternatives?' because we see the hysterectomy as the end of the line," said UMHS gynecologist Elisabeth Quint. "There are all kinds of other things that you can try first before having a hysterectomy, because having a hysterectomy is a big deal for most women. It is the end of your reproductive time."

Hysterectomy may still be the best choice for many conditions, including cancer. UMHS

doctors say. But women with benign, or non-cancerous, problems - most commonly, fibroids and abnormal uterine bleeding - may be able to get relief another way.

Fibroids are non-cancerous tumors that grow in the uterine lining or muscle, often causing pain, pressure and bleeding complications. Abnormal uterine bleeding is bleeding outside the menstrual cycle.

"Our hysterectomy alternatives program was founded out of a specific desire to educate women about various conditions that potentially lead to hysterectomy," said U-M gynecologist Deirdre Spicer Maccannon. "We explore their desired outcome, educate them about their options, then support them in their treatment decision, whichever they decide to choose."

U-M's unique clinic offers several different treatments under one roof, depending on a woman's particular symptoms:

- One option is endometrial ablation therapy, a treatment in which the lining of the uterus is cauterized, or destroyed, by such procedures as electrocautery or laser. The latest form of this treatment, which has been developed in the last few years, is endometrial uterine balloon ablation. In this therapy, a balloon is inserted into the uterus and filled with warm water, destroying the lining of the uterus. It is most useful for women with abnormal bleeding that cannot be treated with hormones. This treatment was FDA approved less than a year ago.
- Uterine artery embolization is the newest

technique available at U-M. Used mainly to treat fibroids, it is done through a catheter inserted into the blood vessels in the groin and fed up to the vessels that supply blood to the fibroid and uterus. Small particles are inserted into the vessel to block the flow of blood to the fibroid to starve and shrink it. The reduction in size reduces or eliminates symptoms, though the newness of the procedure means that no information on long-term effects is available yet.

- Hysteroscopy is a procedure that allows the gynecologist to visualize the uterine lining and any growths, such as polyps or fibroids, through a hysteroscope - a flexible fiber-optic telescope for viewing inside the uterus. An instrument called a resectoscope is then used to remove the growth.

- Laparoscopic procedures, where a telescope-like instrument is inserted in the abdomen, are also used to remove fibroids located on the outside of the uterus.

So with so many options open, why are hysterectomies still so common? "The major reason that so many women are having hysterectomies is that all the alternative procedures are relatively new," says U-M gynecologist Gregory Christman. "Many of the techniques that involve removal of growths in the uterus are very difficult to learn and were not taught during residency programs when today's doctors were in training, whereas all gynecologists are very well trained in performing traditional hysterectomies."

University of Michigan Health System

Health Notes

Stepping Stones

It's a divorce-recovery workshop for children and parents. It starts Nov. 4 and is offered by pre-registry only. It runs every Thursday for six weeks at Ward Presbyterian Church in Northville.

The cost is \$10 and scholarships are available. For more information please call (248) 374-5920.

Cancer Support Group

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

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

Registration is not necessary, and there is no charge to attend. For more information, call (313) 655-2922, or toll free 1-800-494-1650.

Diabetes Education

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

This is a continuously revolving six-week program held on Monday evenings from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at Providence Medical Office Center, Ten Mile and Haggerty roads. There is a \$20 fee. Call (248) 424-3903 to register.

Nadolni is the lone Wildcat in top 10

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as good, if not better this year. Hartland coach Jim McIntyre feels he is a player who is always ready to play and understands the game as well as anybody. He is capable of hitting from the outside or taking into the middle as well. Brighton coach Dan Christner feels he is a player who is capable of putting up 25 to 30 points per game.

2. Joe Kofahl

6-foot-2 Sr Forward Milford

A three-year starter, as a junior Kofahl was Milford's leading scorer at 12.6 points per game. Not so much a shooter as an athletic driver who can beat his man with quickness, then takes advantage of his leaping ability inside. Last season Kofahl was the team's second leading rebounder with 5.2 per game and he shot 73 percent from the foul line, good enough for first-team all-league accolades.

3. Chad Nadolni

6-foot-6 Sr Forward Novi

Some say Nadolni is the best player in the league, but playing alongside a strong senior-dominated lineup like he did last year leaves a lot for the senior to prove.

He's got the size (6-foot-6) to post up anyone down low, but he prefers to stay on the perimeter, where he has become Novi's best three-point shooter. Last year he averaged over 12 points per game and was an honorable-mention Kensington Valley Conference selection.

"We're expecting a lot out of him this year," his coach Pat Schluter said. "He likes playing the outside because he knows he can shoot the ball well. He's potentially the best player in the league."

4. Randy Duncan

6-foot-2 Sr Forward South Lyon

He always guarded the other team's best big man, including Robert Whaley, Benton Harbor's 6-9 All-American, in a Class A regional. On Dec. 29 Duncan will likely match up with 6-5 Rickey Paulding of Detroit Renaissance, the Detroit Public School League's defending scoring champion and one of the top 50 seniors in the country.

Duncan is a tough kid who doesn't give an inch in the trenches, but he is also an excellent three-point shooter. Last year Duncan scored 8.9 points per game and his rebound average of 6.9 per game was South Lyon's best, earning second-team All-KVC honors.

5. Mike Tobin

6-foot-6 Sr Center Milford

Last season was Tobin's first as a starter, and he became one of the league's best big men. Tobin led the Redskins in both rebounding with 6.9 per game and field goal shooting with 59 percent. If he can finish plays more consistently, look for Tobin to be one of the league's top scorers. He was second-team all-conference as a junior.

6. Eric Walters

5-foot-10 Sr Guard Howell

The Highlanders could have one of the sleeper teams in the league this year. But everybody knows the play of Walters is key to the team's success. The two-guard brings some good speed and nice size to the guard position for the Highlanders. Walters is also a very good outside shooter who can hit the three when given the chance.

7. David Nowaczyk

6-foot-4 Sr Forward Brighton

This senior had a great season last year as a junior on a team which struggled with consistency. Last year the Bulldogs fielded 18 different starting lineups, but one player who was always there was Nowaczyk. The forward is a solid inside player who can hit the outside jumper as well. The Bulldogs are looking for big things from him this season.

8. Shaun Houck

6-foot-0 Sr Guard Lakeland

A three-year starter, Houck scored 10 points per game as a junior, but was not the focal point of the Eagles' offense thanks to Dan Bahr, the KVC's leading scorer, and Jason Maes, who

is now playing at Michigan Tech. Now it's his team. But scoring the ball will be the easy part.

"Shaun's quick off the dribble and is an excellent shooter," first-year Lakeland coach Bob Brugger said. "Without a doubt, he's our leader on and off the court. His test is to make everyone else better. I have the faith that Shaun can do it, but it will be a very different role for him."

9. Ryan Mehal

6-foot-2 Jr Forward Milford

Mehal started the first half of last season at point guard, but Milford coach Don Palmer said this year he wants to use the junior exclusively at the three position.

"He's just one of those pure athletes, with the quickness, the jumping ability," Palmer said. "This could be a breakthrough year for Mehal, as Palmer pointed out that it will be the first time in his high school career that he's playing against

kids his own age - Ryan was on the junior varsity in ninth grade and the varsity in tenth grade.

10. Pat Flynn

5-foot-10 Sr Guard South Lyon

The starting point guard returns for the defending league and district champion. Flynn led South Lyon in assists last year. He'll have added leadership responsibilities now that his backcourt mate, KVC player of the year Matt Nelson, has graduated. Flynn was honorable mention all-conference last season.

Our Picks

HomeTown Newspapers' sports editors Scott Kelley (Brighton Argus and Livingston County Press), Steve Bell (South Lyon Herald and Milford Times) and Jason Schmitt (Novi News and Northville Record) take a stab at who'll finish at the top (and bottom) of the KVC in 1999-2000.



Jason Schmitt



Scott Kelley



Stephen Bell

1998-99 Final Standings

South Lyon	9-3
Hartland	8-4
Lakeland	7-5
Brighton	5-7
Howell	5-7
Milford	5-7
Novi	5-7

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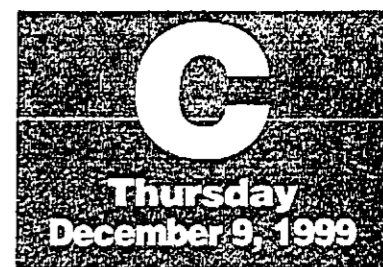
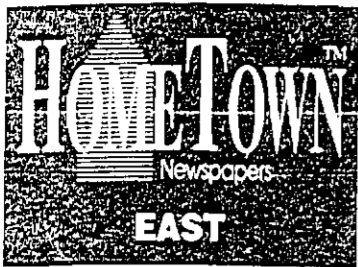
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HOW TO

Consider the practical side of paint surfaces

By Gene Gary
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

Q. I am confused about the different names and meanings of those terms used in describing paint - glossy vs. semi gloss or eggshell, etc. I am about to paint the entire interior of our home - walls, woodwork and some cabinets. Can you give me any advise on paint selection?

A. According to the Paint Quality Institute, the sheen or gloss level refers to the light-reflective characteristics of paint: The higher the paint's sheen or gloss, the more reflective and glossier-looking it will be. Although paint manufacturers sometimes use different terms for the sheen levels of their paints, most brands have at least four levels. Gloss paints, as the name implies, have the highest reflectiveness. Then, in declining order of sheen, are semigloss paints; eggshell, satin or low luster paints; and flat paints.

Selecting the ideal sheen or gloss level for an interior or exterior paint job involves both aesthetic and practical considerations: From an aesthetic standpoint, a degree of sheen or gloss is useful in creating visual interest, particularly indoors. From a practical standpoint, the right sheen or gloss can help extend the life of the paint job whether it be an interior or exterior application.

Starting at the high end of the spectrum, gloss paints, often called high-gloss finishes, have a highly reflective appearance. These are the toughest, most durable and most stain-resistant type of paint. They also are easier to clean than paints with less reflectiveness. They are ideal for areas exposed to heavy traffic or heavy use - especially where fingerprints, grease or grime are common, such as doorways, bathrooms, kitchens and cabinets.

Since the highly reflective quality of gloss paints highlights imperfections, it is best to avoid them in walls and woodwork that are marred or irregular. Gloss paints come in both latex and oil-based formulations. Both are often referred to as enamels. Latex enamels dry more quickly, resist yellowing, have better mildew resistance and clean up easier with soap and water. The high quality alkyd enamels offer greater hardness and abrasion resistance and tend to have the highest gloss. Semigloss paints have a slightly glossy appearance that is not as highly reflective as that of gloss paints. However, they offer good stain resistance and are easy to clean. They are available in both latex and oil-based formulas and in enamel grades.

Most experts agree that 100 percent acrylic latex paints are the highest quality semigloss paints. Eggshell, Satin or Low Luster are the names various manufacturers use for finishes whose sheen level is lower than semigloss, yet more lustrous than flat paints. Paints in this category tend to impart more warmth and depth to surfaces than do flat paints. They resist stains better than flat paints, although not as well as semigloss and gloss paints. These paints are a good choice for rooms or areas where some luster is desired and good cleaning properties are necessary.

Examples include: hallways, bathrooms, children's rooms and playrooms; woodwork or trim where only slight sheen is wanted.

Flat paints are nonreflective, so they tend to conceal surface imperfections better than paints with higher sheen levels. As a result, they are a good choice for general use on walls and ceilings, especially those that are irregular, dented or rough. Flat paints are also invaluable when painting over new drywall where the tape job is not thoroughly sanded, or where very porous joint compound has been used. In these cases, flat paints can help make the surfaces look smooth and uniform.

Flat paints are often more difficult to keep clean. Their rougher texture tends to trap dirt and cleaning is more difficult when compared to higher-sheen paints. So, it is wise to use flat paints only in areas that do not tend to get soiled. Besides selecting the right sheen level for your painting project, the selection of a high-quality paint is essential for durability and ease of application.

For more information on paint and paint problems, consumers can contact the Rohm and Haas Paint Quality Institute directly at its Web site: www.paintquality.com. The staff will supply general information, as well as respond to your specific questions regarding paint and paint problems.

Send e-mail to copleysd@atcopleynews.com or write to Here's How, Copley News Service, P.O. Box 120190, San Diego, CA 92112-0190. Only questions of general interest can be answered in the column.

FIRESTARTERS

Dried herbs and flowers are combined to create a wonderful way to get those homefires burning

By Annette Jaworski
SPECIAL WRITER

MAKE A BUNDLE

1. Grab about 12 to 15 twigs, or whatever you can hold comfortably in one hand.
2. Select the herbs you want, and arrange, keeping in mind texture and shape. Be sure to include one stick of cinnamon and pine cone for texture.
3. Using your eye and own personal taste, arrange herbs in groupings on top of the twigs.

For slab arrangement begin with the piece of birch, use twigs if desired. Then follow steps two, three and four, arranging the herbs on top of the birch slab.

Your list of ingredients may include: Sage, sweet Annie, thyme, oregano, lavender, pine cones, cinnamon, autumn joy, sedum, scented geranium leaves, sorrel, status, Japanese iris, purple coneflower, also small twigs, pleasing size and shape, or a 1" thick slab of birch, colored raffia or twine.

For those who don't grow their own herbs, items can be purchased wherever dried herbs are sold.

"We don't glue anything, we tie it with raffia," Seitz said. Because it has to burn, it has to be all natural material."

Gail McCall of Highland chose cinnamon, sweet Annie, Japanese iris, a dark tulip shaped herb and pine cones on a birch slab arrangement. Not sure of all the herbs names, she went for fragrance.

"I only picked things that smelled wonderful," McCall said.

A new member, Pat Parks of Milford, noted, "It's seasonal, it's fun and it's easy. It's educational for those who aren't sure what everything is."



Photos by NANCY NOBLE

Milford Garden Club members make firestarters from herbs, twigs and other ingredients harvested from their gardens earlier in the season.

One of the nice features of the craft is that there's no wrong way to do it, and no two will look alike.

"This is a hit and miss thing and personal choice," said Seitz. It's personal choice as to what herbs or decorations you select.

The Milford Garden Club is a Division of the National Woman's Farm and Garden Association. Meetings are held at the Milford Presbyterian Church. Next membership meeting will be held on Feb. 10. Contact Shelley Dale for more information at 684-5697.



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Orphan Annie toys still collectible

By Anne McColam
COURTESY, NEWS SERVICE

Q. In about 1935, I received the Little Orphan Annie toy metal stove seen in this photo. There are hooks on the top to hang silver pans with red handles. Below that is a picture of Annie holding a cake and her dog, Sandy. Under the burners is red paper making them appear to be turned on. The top cooking surface is aqua, and the oven portion is red with one door opposite two drawers. Could you tell me its value?

A. The Little Orphan Annie character Little Orphan Annie spawned a plethora of toys, games and more. She was the creation of cartoonist Harold Gray. The strip appeared in newspapers from 1924 to the late 1970s.

Similar Little Orphan Annie stoves are in the \$85 to \$125 range.

Q. I have enclosed the mark on the bottom of my large porcelain teapot. All I know about it is, the pattern is Limpet and it is very old. Could you please tell me what its value is and when it was made?

A. Your mark is the second Irish Belbek mark. It was used from 1891 to 1929. Robert Armstrong and David M. Bowers started making fine porcelain in Belbek in County Fermanagh, Ireland, in 1857. Using the native clay, they produced very thin porcelain with a creamy finish that had a pearlike luster. Even today, each piece is handmade entirely by a single artisan.

In 1891, the mark was changed to comply with the United States McKinley Tariff Act. Objects imported to the United States were required to be marked with the country of origin. A banner with the words "The Fermanagh Ireland" was added to the mark. Although the mark is black, on rare occasions a dark blue one has turned up. There is some speculation that the mark was originally black and it was altered during the firing process.

The value of your teapot would probably be about \$350 to \$375.

Q. About 25 years ago, we were given the ironstone wash set. A friend told us that we should have it insured, but we have no idea what it is worth. Each piece is white and trimmed in cranber-

ry and gold with the exception of the chamber-pot lid. It is solid white and has a small chip. The rest of the set is in excellent condition. There are two marks. One is a crest with the words "Ironstone China - Warranted - J. & E.M." The other is a banner and has the words "Windsor - J. & E.M." Any help you can give us will be appreciated.

A. Mayer China Company in Beaver Falls, Pa., used the mark you provided. Joseph Mayer and his brother, Ernest, established his pottery on the banks of the Beaver Falls in 1881. They produced a fine quality of ironstone, including the Tea Leaf pattern. From 1964 to 1990, Mayer China Company went through a progression of owners.

The pattern Windsor was made in about 1901. Even though the lid is slightly chipped, insure your set for \$450 to \$525.



This Little Orphan Annie toy metal stove, one of many items based on the character from the comic strip, dates to about 1935. It is probably worth about \$85 to \$125.

Address your questions to Anne McColam, P.O. Box 490, Notre Dame, IN 46356. For a personal response, include pictures, a detailed description, a stamped, self-addressed envelope and \$10 per item (one item at a time).

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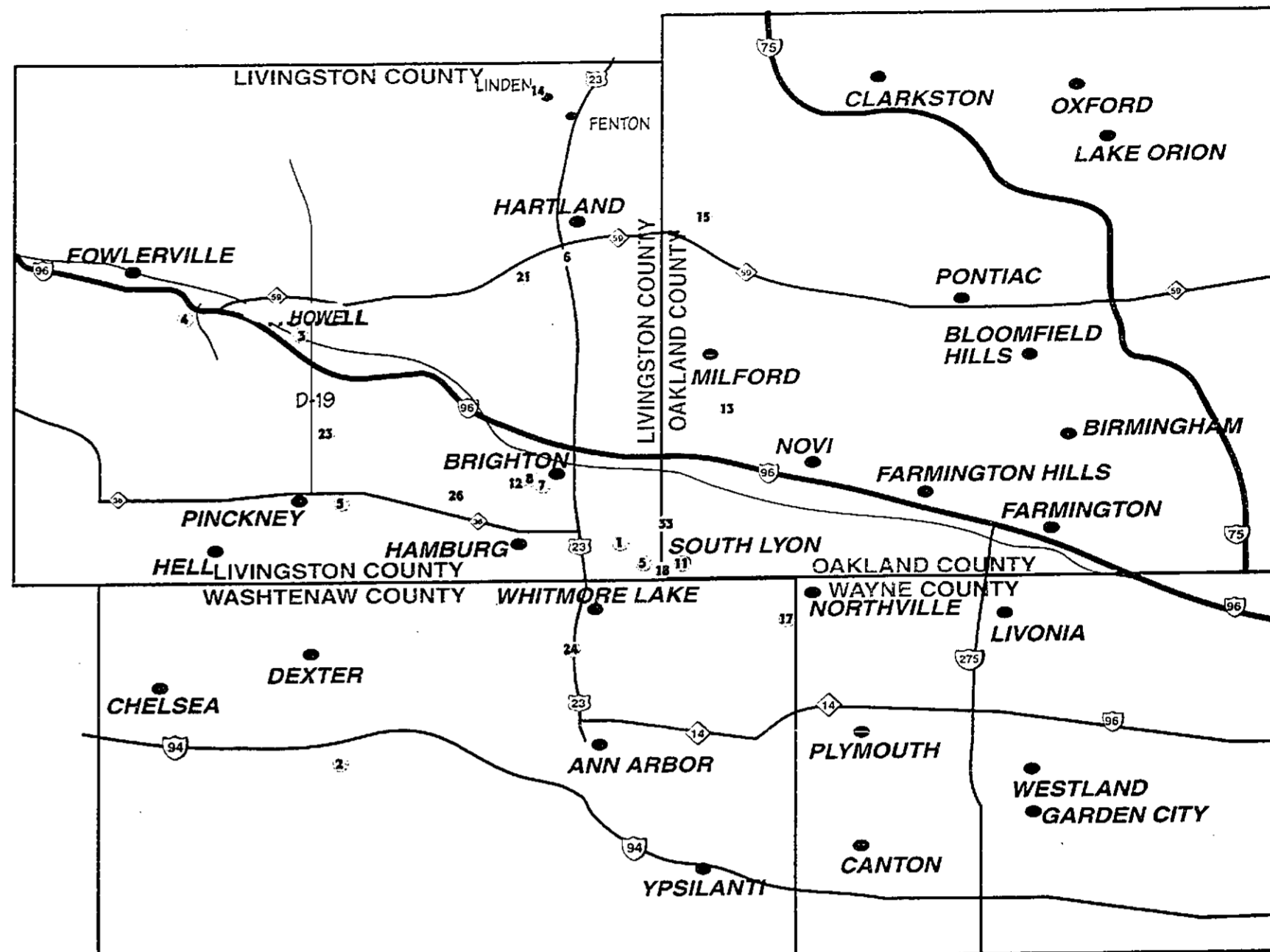
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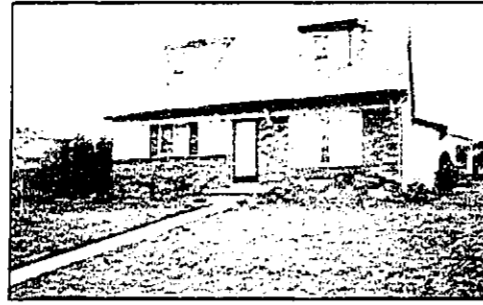
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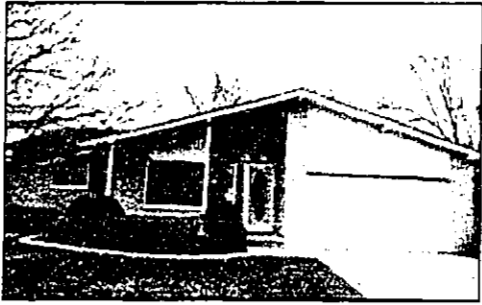
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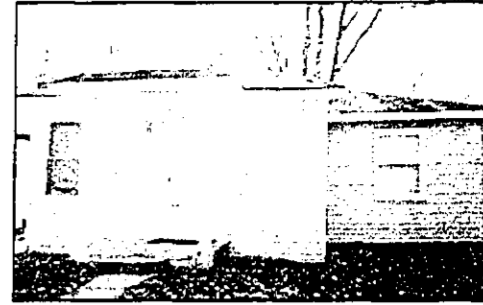
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