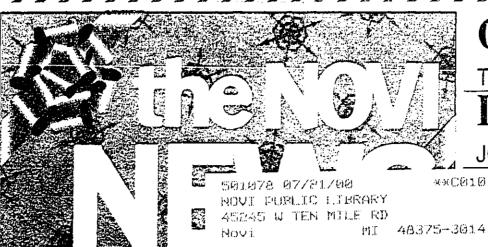
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## **Applicants** compete for Kriewall's job

By B.J. HAMMERSTEIN

Saturday marked the first in a series of rounds of interviews for the position of Novi city manager.

With long-time City Manager Ed Kriewall stepping down from the post he has manned for more close to a quarter of a century on Feb. 11, 2000, 27 candidates are jockeying for position to become the new manager of Novi.

The interview process began Dec. 17 around noon with three candidates going through the question and answer process posed by the mayor and city coun-

"We have qualified, intelligent candidates applying for the position." Mayor Richard Clark said Monday.

"We are not going to rush to judgment in order to fill Ed's posi-

We have an assistant manager who can fill in at Ed's position if at that time we felt the process wasn'i completed to our satisfaction."

The three Michigan candidates who interviewed on Saturday were Marc Ott, city administrator of Rochester Hills: D. Wayne O'Neal. interim city manager of Howell: and Bill Richards Jr., Farmington's assistant city manager.

With the holiday season in fullswing and many of the qualified candidates coming from out-ofstate. Novi Human Resources Specialist Tia Gronlund-Fox said it is important for all the candi-

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Connie Robbins, left and Kelly Savela, right, sculpt houses.

### New housing appeals to those with a sweet tooth

By JENNIFER NORRIS Staff Writer

Sticky fingers and wide smiles were the result of a first grade annual holiday project at Orchard Hills Elementary School.

Approximately 60 students participated in creating candy houses, a decorative and edible treat. Many of the first grade students said this was the first time they have ever made such a project. "It's fun and you get messy a

lot," summed up Samantha Jew-

The houses were formed out of graham crackers that were pasted with cake frosting onto a milk carton. After the walls and roof were completed, candies including M&M's, candy canes, gumdrops, pretzels, licorice, Tic Tacs, and marshmallows were used for further decoration.

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At their Fawn Trail home are Alyssa, 9, Bill and Aggie Meyers, who spent weeks decorating.

## Forget the halls

## Some rather deck the yards

up this year, as many local fami-places to drive past: lies showed their holiday spirit in a big way by decorating their yards with yards and yards of

electric lights. As in the past, the City of Novi sponsored the home decorating contest. This year, the winners were nominated by their homeowners associations.

On Tuesday Dec. 14, the homeowners each received a City of Novi holiday ornament which was presented by Mayor Richard

If you're interesting in visiting a

Novi community members lit it winter wonderland, these are the

• Barclay Estates: Dan and Toni Halling, 21939 Barclay Drive

David Creedon and Linda O'Neill, 22237 Hazelton Court Jeff and Cindy Hagan, 22217 Hazelton Court Mark and Marie Thomas, 47170

Stratford Lane Cedar Springs Estates 1 and 2 Lee Mennerich, 25567 Buck-

Tony Ianni, 25714 Buckminster

Rick Mehl, 25971 Buckminster Ed Slawinski, 25658 Buckminster

 Cedar Springs Estates 3 and 4 Rick and Sue Gilbert, 25435 Sullivan Lane

Keny and Mary Kolb, 25723 Sullivan Lane Jim and JoAnn Eagan, 25754

Sullivan Lane Roy Wilson, 44512 Copland

· Crosswinds West

Maryann Wender.

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## Oh, come all ye faithful

#### Local churches prepare for holiday services

For residents who wish to recall the true meaning of Christmas. following is a schedule of religious services around the holiday in

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

41415 Nine Mile, Novi (248) 349-0565

Dec. 24: Candlelight service at 7

Dec. 25: Festival song service at 10 a.m.

MEADOWBROOK CONGREGA-TIONAL CHURCH 21355 Meadowbrook Road.

(248) 349-9832 Dec. 24: Children-oriented ser-

vice, 6 p.m. Service of lessons. carols and candle-lighting, 9 p.m.

HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH 24505 Meadowbrook, Novi

(248) 349-8847 Dec. 24: Masses at 4 p.m., 6 o.m. and midnight Dec. 25: Masses at 8:45 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. (There will be no 5 p.m. Mass on

Christmas day.) CHURCH

46325 Ten Mile Road, Navi

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## City's ready for arrival of year 2000

By B.J. HAMMERSTEIN Staff Writer

The countdown to Y2K compliancy or the dreaded Y2K emergency is almost here.

And as we all wait to see what the "big event" may hold, service departments for the City of Novi are prepared with readiness plans they will follow on New Year's Eve

and New Year's Day. "Along with the police and fire departments, we are confident services will go uninterrupted with the Y2K issue," said Public Services Director Tony Nowicki.

"We have been making emergency stop signs for intersections and we will have extra people working during New Year's Eve."

While relying on utility companies such as Detroit Edison, Consumer Powers and Ameritech, City Manager Ed Kriewall said these companies feel there will be no problem with the transition into

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#### Snow on the roof, but on fire on stage

By B.J. HAMMERSTEIN Staff Writer

This was a Christmas show with moments of spontaneity, humor and pizzazz.

And whatever skil was being presented or song being performed, it was a good time for both the audience and the talented cast, many of whom were more than pushing 80. They were right there and beyond, kicking their heels up and singing their hearts

Directed by Linda Wickert, the Novi Theatres Senior Variety

Series Dec. 17 presentation of Silver Belles & Beaus in Concert had the sold-out audience at the Novi Civic-Center clapping their hands, singing

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Local tap dancers form a chorus line during last week's Senior Variety Series holiday show.

#### Community Calendar

Thursday, Dec., 23 Who's doing business

100 Formula Sensibly for all ages meets at 7 p.m. at the Novi Mead. | Civil Air Patrol di esse et l'apper Road. For more information, call aiter 6 p.m.

divers are closed today, but the Novi Library is open.

Friday, Dec. 24 Who's doing business Journ is Unristings Eve. Novi city offices are closed, but the Novi

Saturday, Dec. 25 Who's doing business 1 day is Christinas. Novi city offices are closed today and so is the Novi

Sunday, Dec. 26 Who's doing business

Monday, Dec. 27 Who's doing business

offices and the Novi Library are open today

Tuesday, Dec. 28

ZONTA The ZONTA Club of Farmington/Novi meets at 6 p.m. at the Embassy States Hotel (between Seven and Eight Mile roads, off Interstate 275). The meets at moon at the Novi United Methodist. ZONTA International is a worldwide classified service organization of Seniors business. 1900 Fig. Mile Read. For information, contact Bob Limbright - executives in business and the professions, working to improve the legal, political, economic and professional status of women. For information ter for its regular monthly business meeting.

and reservations, call (313) 538-8043.

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

Youth Assistance Novi Youth Assistance board will meet at 7 p.m. in the Novi Civic Cen- at (248) 380-6500. ter, Mayor's Conference Room, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road.

Camera Club more information, call Hugh Crawford at (248) 349-5079.

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

New Year's Eve Center. There is no charge to attend and all players are welcome. For

more information, call Tim Sawmiller, [248] 344-4269 evenings after 6 **Optimist Club** 

THURSDAY, DEC. 30

FRIDAY, DEC. 31

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malin- Weinberg

ers/Big Sisters

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10:00 a.m.-9:30 p.m. - Program-

ming Repeats Every Six Hours

10:00 a.m. — Out in the Open:

Things Happen: Henrietta Her-

11:30 a.m. - Potpourri: Big Broth-

12:00 p.m. - Novi Street Beat:

12:30 p.m. - Good News for Living

10:30 a.m. — Dance with Virginia: 2:30 p.m. — (con't)

on Novi Road, across from the Novi Town Center.

Who's doing business The Novi Optimist Club meets at 7:30 a.m. at the Big Boy Restaurant

Wednesday, Dec. 29

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

The Novi Senior Social Club will meet at 1 p.m. in the Novi Civic Cen-

Thursday, Dec. 30

Novi Rotarv

Friday, Dec. 31

Novi city offices are closed today, but the Novi Library is open.

#### **Public Access**

MONDAY, MONDAY, DEC. 27 l 1977 a.m. - Financial Strategies: Solida, Superstars

5.36 a.m. — Bagels and Talk. 1 #Falmi - Harvest Ministries Net ...iii. - People Who Make Hanks Happen: Henrietta Hermain: Wemberg Potpourri: Credit

12.30 p.m. - Salon Glamour and Eugliette with Glorial Makeover lechniques with a Magic Touch (9) p.m. -- (con't) 30 p.m. - Let's Talk with Ben-Marks: Bill Gadsby

2 00 p.m. - (con't)

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 29

Groove

Dickerman

TUESDAY, DEC. 28

10:00 a.m. — Critter Connection

3:00 p.m. — Building Scene:

3:30 p.m. — I Remember: Virginia

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1:30 p.m. — (con't) 2:00 p.m. — A Culinary Adventure: 11:00 a.m. — People Who Make 10:00 a.m.-9:30 p.m. - Program-Too Chez 2:30 p.m. — Cosby and Company:

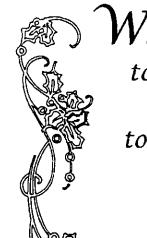
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Healthy: Reflexology

1:00 p.m. — Fitness Motivators

2:00 p.m. - Senseless Death

Millennium: Health First

Sen. Alma Wheeler Smith

1:30 p.m. - Step 'n' Move to the

3:00 p.m. - Welcome to the New

3:30 p.m. — Women on the Move:

Take Off Pounds Sensibly for all ages meets at 7 p.m. at the Novi Mead-The Novi Camera Club meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center. For ows Clubhouse on Napier Road. For more information, call after 6 p.m.

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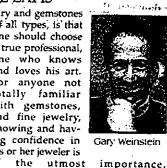
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### Marriott focuses on service

By JENNIFER NORRIS

Roomy accommodations, warm hospitality and moderate prices await travelers at Novi's newest hotel, the Courtvard by Marriott. Scheduled to open by the end of 1999, the four-story Courtyard by Marriott will feature 122 rooms, along with an on-site buffet breakfast restaurant with display cooking, quiet lounge, indoor swimming pool, exercise room and a gazebo in a courtyard setting.

This is the second Marriott hotel that has been opened in Novi in 1999, said general manager Maria "Our first focus in on guest ser-

vice," she said. Located at 42700 Eleven Mile Road in the Novi Town Center. guest rooms will provide premium cable channels, coffee makers, hair drver and an iron with ironing board. In addition, the rooms feature a king-size bed or two queen-Relaxing in a large suite at the new Courtyard Hotel in Novi are from left: General Manager Maria size beds, a separate seating area with sofa bed, work desk with Wyatt, Regional Director Tom Agar and Director of National Accounts Donna Richards. reach-anywhere phone, two telephones equipped with data ports and voice mail and electronic door the hotel.

Printers for guests' laptop computers are available in the lobby cializes in the business segment and fax and copy services are avail- and also features special weekend the Novi area for people to stay one. Near the hotel are several attracdry is also accessible. Courtvard by Marriott is special-region.

ly designed for and by business travelers, said Donna Richards. the corporation. She said that a Place Suites, located at 42600 Paul Yakuber, guest care manager, been well-received by local busidirector of national accounts for focus group, consisting of primari- Eleven Mile Road, for people with to attend to guests' needs and nesses. We feel really good about ly business workers, met and extended travel plans. The Towne-requests. offered many ideas and sugges- Place Suites, which opened in The Courtyard hotel's accommo- worked with us."

able at the front desk. Guest laun- pricing, said Tom Agar, regional or two nights and can accommo- tions to appeal to travelers includdirector for Courtyard's Midwest date longer visits at the extended ing restaurants, stores, and several

stay hotel," said Richards. ness travelers at the Courtyard, about 30-35 people, including Jae Novi, said Agar.

tions in the further development of October 1999, provide reasonably dations are also handicapped priced accommodations and fully- accessible and have tailored rooms "We can offer lodging solutions in ments."

With special amenities for busi- The Courtyard employs a staff of "We're very fortunate to be in Marriott also features the Towne- R. Cho. rooms care manager and "It's a growing area and we've

our hotel and the way the city has

Ex-employee found with child porn on computer

BY ANDREW DIETDERICH

A 38-year-old Monroe man was sentenced last week in a child pornography case called "disgusting and disturbing" by law officials. On Dec. 15 in the 35th District Court, Daniel Keith Moore was sentenced to one year of probation. 10 days of community service and was times trade the images with each required to take a psychiatric examination, as well as attend outpatient care for sexual offenders. Before he was sentenced, he was charged with three counts of pos- demeanor punishable by imprisonsession of child sexually abusive ment for not more than one year, or

Northville Township police dis- both, if that person knows, has covered Moore had more than reason to know, or should reason-1.100 images of child pornography ably be expected know the child is when the Northville Township a child or that person has not business he was fired from found the images on his computer hard determine the age of the child. drive and turned the material over to law officials.

activity these days so people really prior record. have to be careful," said Det.

Michael Wildt, Northville Township "All of these images he had were e-mailed to him."

before he left attempted to delete tribute them. computer files. His employer was concerned the files may have been important work-related material. so he stopped him from discarding the files and asked him to leave. When co-workers further derich@ht.homecomm.net. explored the files they found such

images as young children engaged in sexual acts with adults. "The photographs and videos

were very sexually explicit." Wildt

disturbing. Wildt said Internet users who enjoy child pornography someother through e-mail and websites. In Michigan, a person who knowa fine of not more than \$10,000, or

Wildt said he was satisfied with the sentence because it was "We're getting more of this type of Moore's first offense and he had no

Moore was charged on three counts because that indicated a more serious offense should he get into trouble again, Wildt said. Additionally, he wasn't charged According to the township police with a more serious offense this report, the man was fired from his time because he only received and employer in the township and kept the images and did not redis-

> "This record will be with him for the rest of his life," Wildt said.

Andrew Dietderich may be reached via e-mail at adiet-

## Legislators aim to keep Y2k from becoming a lawsuit nuisance

HomeTown News Service

mmalatt@homecomm.net "If the world ends, this legislation is null and void." Amy Rittenhouse

said of a set of bills aimed at pro-

tecting small businesses and local governments from frivolous Y2K- Kukuk, House Bill 4588 by Rep. related lawsuits. If on the other hand civilization as well as House Bills 4469, 4487 survives the computer glitch heard and 4737 — to limit computer round the world, then the legisla- date failure lawsuits. against suits and put limitations Gov. John Engler for his signature, 00. And those devices may misin- against companies nationally.

Kukuk, R-Macomb. "Her (Kukuk's) point in sponsor-

is trying to take advantage of Y2K." Rittenhouse said. of five bills - House Bill 4424 by level. So far, Rittenhouse said, 20 ernments are expected to rack up a some injury, could still go to court. fights that could put them out of Marc Shulman, R-West Bloomfield.

out of business because someone

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bills would take effect but not until small businesses and govern-

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ing this legislation was that she impact, Rittenhouse explained. does not want to see anyone going She said she expects the gover- correcting the problem. A Senate be "Y2K compliant." nor will sign, but has not yet heard Legislative Analysis estimated the If no effort was made, the protec-

The bills are modeled after laws million correcting the problem in Lawmakers have passed a series already put in place at the federal its computers. Nationally, city goveither financially or as the result of them involved in protracted legal to 23 states have adopted similar bill of \$31 million fixing the glitch. The damages would be limited to business, or perhaps because one

state will spend a total of \$55.6 tions would not apply.

The problem of course is that to run to \$1 trillion nationally.

Those damaged by a Y2K failure. For business, the cost is expected actual costs. Similar protections would be

tion would provide protection The bills have been presented to digits, so the year 2000 will read as cases have already been filed the problem. The bills also prohibit explaining his bill to protect on damages that can be awarded which he must do before the end of terpret that as 1900. That could The bills would limit damages in as a result of computer date fail have been doing all they can to as a festite explained Rittenhouse, year if the bills are to go into effect affect, performance, of financial, lawsuits, resulting from computer ure, such as a late charge. Mort-keep residents from being affected 1. Without a signature, the institutions, medical facilities, date failure to actual damages — gages could not be foreclosed if late by it. In order to prevent a rash of eliminating the possibility of puni- payments resulted from the comtive damages — but only if the puter glitch.

Much has been spent already business has made some effort to

"It (lawsuit protections in the bills) could apply to all businessbusinesses. I would not want to see

of their vendors did not take care of some computers and electronic But the lawsuits have already given to local governments, if "Local government did not cause devices note the year with only two started. The state estimates 80 they've made attempts to correct this problem," Shulman said. governments from collecting fees- municipalities similarly, and theylawsuits, it is necessary to extend

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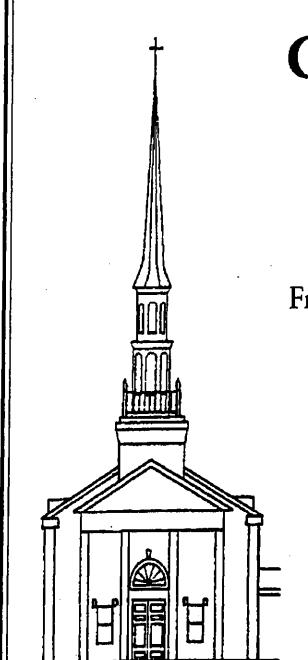
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#### CHRISTMAS CHEER II

On Dec. 13, it was reported during the previous evening hours on the 4000 block of Fountain Park, unki, wh subjects took 27 strands. of Christmas lights from the Founturn back Office complex. Youths are suspected in the theft which seguired in green-mesh blanket. lights, name strands of Christinas. halds and one 3 foot snowman with a happy holiday sign-

#### CHRISTMAS CHEER III

Or. Dec. 13, on the 22000 block of Summer, a two foot tall Christmas decoration of Picacho, a Pokemore statue, was taken from the victim's front lawn. The victim stated the statue was last seen on Dec. 12 about 7 p.m. and noticed it massing the next day at noon. The statue is yellow and is valued at

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A 31-year-old Farmington Hills A suspect made off with a Nin- man came out of his Novi work tendo 64 game system and 21 location on Dec. 13, to discover his VCR was missing and then games some time between 9 a.m. new car stereo system had been stolen from his vehicle. The breaking and entering Parked in the lot between Novi

occurred at a residence on the Industries and the Novi Expo Cen-22000 block of Woolsey, when the ter, the victim's vehicle was victims returned home to notice—equipped with a Viper alarm, but the system was missing from the upon arrival to his vehicle the alarm was not sounding. Upon fur-Upon investigating the residence,—ther investigation of his vehicle, the the victim said nothing else was - suspect said there was damage to missing and the doors and win- the steering column, and dashboard and the car battery had died. The victim stated they believe the doors were unlocked and the

they know the suspect, as he had - trunk lock was damaged. do some repair work, but he was - were no signs of forced entry and no evidence at the scene of the The victim said the suspect said crime.

he could break into any of the ... The entire system was reported homes in the neighborhood, as he to cost \$3,200. has broken into them in the past. The investigation is ongoing, as it Novi police found access into the is unknown whether the alarm residence may have been achieved - went off and died as the battery didby placing a plastic wedge against or if the alarm system was the lock mechanism on the door. bypassed.

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pect said last time he had goods

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The investigating officer proceed-

ed across the street to ask informa-

tion from the neighbors, when the

first male said to the officer he did-

n't like police and didn't want to

The other male said to the officer

he didn't know the suspect and

told the officer to go away. At that

point one of the males tried to shut

by placing his foot in the doorway.

After further conversation, the offi-

cer left. The investigation is contin-

Please call the Novi Police Depart-

mation about these incidents.

talk or give out any information.

street knew where to find the sus-

#### man returned to his residence on Stay tuned the 41000 block of Chalet when he

Cable television franchise administrative hearing officers will meet for noticed beer cans missing from his an initial organizational session on Jan. 5 at 7 p.m. at Farmington Hills City Hall, 31555 Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills, Time Warner and the Southwest Oakland Cable Commission have been negotiating a cable television franchise renewal for Novi, Farmington and Farmington Hills. television, the victim noticed his

#### checked the rest of his home and Novi 9-1-1

The Novi Police Department announced last week that their local 911 emergency phone system is fully compliant with Y2K. On Dec. 31 and January 1, 2000 residents are asked to call 911 only for emergencies. Please do not call 911 to test your telephone.

#### First fest of 2000

After we've all survived Y2K, with any luck there won't be a meltdown for the next big event in January.

The annual Chilly Willy Festival is scheduled for Jan. 22 at the Novi Civic Center, the Novi Ice Arena and the North Novi Park. Skiing, snow sculpting, skating, the ever-popular Chili Cook-off and more are planned. Stay tuned for further information in the near future. And if you're interested in becoming a corporate sponsor of an ice sculpture, contact the Novi Parks and Recreation Department at (248) 347-0400. The sculptures are on display outside of the Novi Civic Center.

#### the door on the officer, but the offi-Great stuff needed cer was able to keep the door open

"A Magical Night To Remember." the Novi Chamber of Commerce's annual auction, will be held on March 11 at the Novi Hilton. The \$60 per person ticket includes dinner. What the chamber needs now are donations of gifts and services, including restaurant meals, hotel packages, travel, jewelry, sports collectibles, etc., to auction off at the fund raiser. ment at 348-7100 with any infor- Along with the chamber, the beneficiary of the event is the Novi-based Michigan Chapter, Paralyzed Veterans of America, For information, check out the chamber's web site at www.noviauction.com or call 349-3743.

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JOSEPH F. MCMAHON Joseph Francis McMahon, 78.

died Dec. 14 in Botsford Hospital. Farmington Hills. He was born in 1921. Mr. McMahon is survived by son. Detroit.

Michael (Judith): daughter. Can-dace: brother, Desinond: grand-Laughlin Pen Co., daee; brother, Desmond; grand- Laughlin and Donut, his loving cats. death by his wife, Virginia.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars She is survived by son, Paul 18 at Woodlawn Cemetery in grandchildren.

Memorials to the Karmanos Candeath by her husband, Terence F. cer Institute and the Alzheimer's in 1976. Association would be appreciated.

vard Sunday night around 11 p.m.

back of the store.

Margaret M. (Templin) Moran of Kean officiating. Interment fol-

Novi, formerly of Farmington, died lowed in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Dec. 17 at the age of 84.

dace: brother, Desmond: grand- Laughlin Pen Co., Hospice, 14100 Newburgh Road, daughter, Heather: and great- Guardian/Majestic Building, Livonia, Mich. 48154 would be granddaughter, Kristen. He was a Detroit for 50 years. For 20 years, buddy to Barf, his dog and Cider she was employed at Weight Watchers, Mrs. Moran was a 1933 Mr. McMahon was preceded in graduate of Commerce High School.

conducted an evening service on (Barbara) of Northville; daughters, Friday, Dec. 17 at O'Brien Lois Kordek of Novi, formerly of Chapel/Sullivan Funeral Home of Livonia, and Carol [Michael] Livonia and enjoyed singing in the Novi. A morning service and inter- McCarthy of Wilmington, Del.; Novi seniors group. ment was held on Saturday. Dec. eight grandchildren and two great-Mrs. Moran was preceded in grandchild, Sarah.

A funeral Mass was celebrated were made by O'Brien/Sullivan

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about \$3,700 in cash from the armed with a silver-colored hand-Boston Market on Crescent Boule- gun described as a revolver. department at 348-7100. The manager said the suspect A Boston Market manager told demanded cash at gunpoint. The Novi police that a black male suspect fled from the building

entered the restaurant and through the south door. approached the manager in the The Novi police received assistance during the investigation from The suspect was described as a Southfield Police Department K-9

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son, Bennett (Mary); and one

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Tuesday, Dec. 14. Arrangements

member of the Disabled Veterans of

Dec. 14 in Botsford Hospital.

He was born Dec. 11, 1921.

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ing the case is asked to call the reindeer that came with St. Nick to Glenda's

Market last week. An old-fashioned Santa Claus brought his team to the nursery.



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## Public officials urge preparedness for new year

Department dependent on the distillate with assessment, remediation and theater, sollet tank mot the bowl for the evening and is Y2K compli- road intersections and will commu- "The day shift crew will check" contingency planning for Y2K, and only if it has been treated with antiaccording to Novi officials. They chemicals), we cubes, rain water. Shaeffer said the computers at have also invested 850 million in  $^\circ$  , and show.

but as prepared as they are, they poses, the DWSD, recommends fill—software and hardware vendors will—additional officers—working New—make sure everything is running dso suggest some common sense - mg the ballitub with cold water no - be in-bouse during the evening.

### Round one in city manager interviews held Saturday

#### Continued on 1

dates to have a fair opportunity. during the interview process. TAll of the candidates are going to be treated like they are all on an even playing field," Gronland-Fox

"They will all be answering the same questions and will have the same amount of time during the question and answer period." With the applicant pool beginning at 27 and 17 of these candidates coming from out-of-state. Gronlund-Fox said the mayor and council spent time going through the candidates resumes' tallying uptheir top choices for the city posi-

Gronlund-Fox said the city is hoping to narrow the candidates down to 13 or 14. Further interviews will be Dec. 30 at 7 p.m., Jan. 6 at 7 p.m. and Jan. 15 at noon. All will be telecast on Cable Channel 13.

Members of Novi's city administration looking to step up include Director of Developmental Services Kerreen Conley, Director of Public Services Tony Nowicki and Treasurer Steve Babinchak. Gronlund-Fox added Riverview's City Manager Robert Elliot and three out-of-state candidates; James Pierce, Donald Crawford and Anthony Martillaro will also get their opportunity to interview

for the vacancy. the city to show they are looking for only the top candidates. Gronlund-Fox said the city will pick up

"Originally council was going to have the candidates pay for the first interviews," she said.

They decided the position was a position of importance and to show that Novi was dedicated to get the best person for the job they decided the city will take care of the airfare and accommodations, as long as it is reasonable."

So as the process moves forward, city council and the mayor will select candidates from the pool of applicants to bring back for a second interview.

We want to do this in an orderly and proper fashion," Clark said. This is an important job and we want the best possible candidate to fill that position."

B.J. Hammerstein's email is bhammerstein@ht.homecomm.net.

#### Indulge your inner artist with classes

A great way to start out the New Year might be to let your creative energy flow, and the opportunity is there at the Novi Civic Center. The Center For Creative Studies is offering two adult and two youth classes there beginning on Jan. 22. Adults and high school age students can enroll in Drawing What We See," which is offered on Saturdays from 12:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. and Tuesdays from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. The fee for the 10-week course is \$165 and no previous experience is

Adults and older teens can sign up for "Interior Design," which will run for 10 consecutive Tuesdays from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. The

course fee is also \$165. Young artists from ages 6 to 15 can try out "Discovering Creativity," a course that allows them to dabble in a variety of media. For those ages 11 to 15, Drawing and Painting," includes field trips to the Detroit Institute of Arts to inspire the young artists. Each youth class has a course fee of \$100, plus a \$10 materials fee. To register, call the Center for

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the station have been tested radios.

Fire Chief Arthur Lenaghan said If that should occur, we will his department has been working By having two officers at each Shaeffer added the telephone station New Year's Eve. Lenaghan companies are not worried about said there is a system of checks osing communication capabilities, they will follow in order to make

ferent kinds of transmitters and batteries and top everything off, • For hygiene and samitation pur- repeatedly and the department's Also, Shaeffer will have three "After midnight we are going to Year's Eve and three additional and if there are any problems, we bhammerstein@ht.homecomm.net.

Lenaghan added notice about Y2K has been available and his

"Frankly, it's our business to

deal with emergencies," Lenaghan micate with each other through dif- everything, fill the vehicles, charge much more we can do."

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As part of Toys for Tots, a Marine Corps program which supplies underprivileged children with gifts. And with the \$800, students tions yet.

River Avenue and Wixom Road on their work on our community ser-Dec. 13 and went on a shopping vice project," she said.

and stuffed animals. Rebecca tive that made this year's Toys for

another apartment.

she was very impressed by the students' collection efforts. The students came through in a

really big way," Yarbrough said. "The students collected toys for the hardest age group to shop for the age group between nine and

While rallying around Team 8A's the students of Team 8A, spear-slogan, "School is not a spectator headed by 16 students who made sport," eighth grade teacher Teri up the Team Advisory Committee. Moblo said the school has particicontributed more than \$800 and pated in Toys for Tots for five years tributed to children all the way and this was the best year in dona-"We are very proud of the kids for

kids give back to the community. spree picking out toys for kids who enthusiastic about helping chil-

While teachers Gail Zielinski, Moblo all supported their students' Hartstone. With footballs, trucks, purses efforts, it was the students initia-Yarbrough, Southeastern Michigan Tots the most productive for Novi

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music. Laughter resounded throughout The Grand Court!

said TAC member Caroline Hu.

Yarbrough said other Novi schools have participated and conincluding Novi High School and

from Livingston County to Farm-

"I am totally impressed with the students' efforts and donations." The Team 8A Team Advisory "It was fun going on the shopping especially when they were so John Peters, Bobby Clemons, Joe Belter, Lesley Cameron, Aileen earl. Scott Schwarzlose, Elly Gar-"It is a good feeling helping out Joanne Pelirach, Jeff Burnside, den, Beth Kelsey, Brian Kenner, kids who are in a dire need for David Kniaz, Kristi Fossbakk and Jennifer MacDonald and Ashley

> address bhammerstein@ht.homecomm.net.

"This will be my first holiday

at The Grand Court. When I was looking for a place to live,

touring the many retirement

communities was exhausting. Each place was pretty and

everyone was nice, but the

minute I walked through the

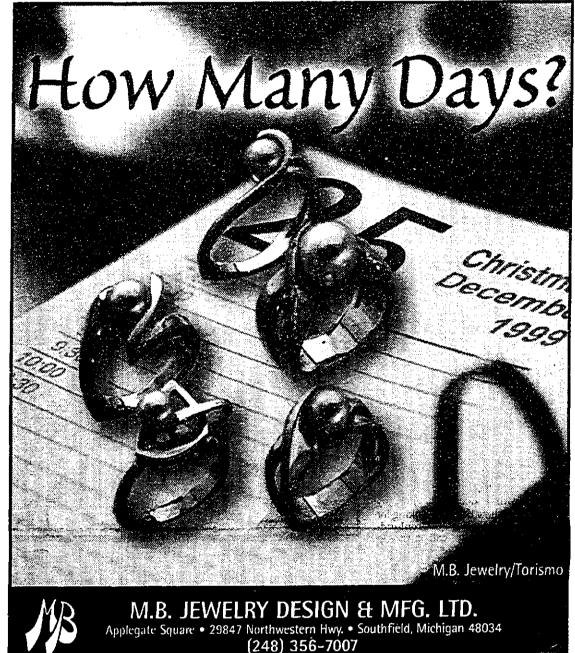
and some were even dancing!

"Folks were chatting, singing

doors at The Grand Court,

I knew I was home!

Novi Middle School students got together to collect \$800 to purchase and donate all these toys and games this past week to the local Toys for Tots program run by the Marine Corps.







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participated in making candy houses. Hurst, who has been a teacher for 26

"It's really easy and kids can do this project at home. This is a great time of the year to do this project and it makes a nice decoration at home," she said. Megan King's class also joined the fes-

"We do this as a family project and the kids enjoy it. They been looking forward to this project all get creative and messy."

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"It's a real treat." said King The room has smelled good all week. It's educational and exciting for them Several parents assisted in supervising the projects in each classroom. Sue Charette, a parent helper, is quite familiar with constructing candy houses and even does them at home with her

"We do this as a family project with tivities. King, a first-year teacher, said coconut and the kids enjoy it. They get Orchard Hills parent volunteer

assisted with the project, said that this was his first time making candy houses. "The kids were very intent on building a good quality house," he said. Hurst remarked that the class projec was a success, judging by the laughter

creative and messy," said Charette. David Mustonen, a parent helper who

and smiles from the students. "The houses do look good enough to eat. It's a great way to celebrate the sea-

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## Show proved seniors have what it takes to steal the stage

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along and langlang out loud. With more than 40 different skits, the two act performance ran - had something for everyone. for about two hours — entertaining family community members and to go to Broadway," said choir semor cauzens from as far as member Suc Tarafalian. Chesterheld Township during the - "It is just a great way to have a

"Any group that can get up on ful people." the stage and perform like that I give a jot of credit to," said Tom 84, said the frisky seniors which Tews, an andience member who make up the Semor Variety Series traveled via bus from Chesterfield - put on three different productions for the matmee performance. "They have a lot more talent and

ambition than I do." Kathy Crawford, group coordina- mances," Whitloy said. for and hostess for the event, said the east which consisted mainly of people who were over the age of 70. lot of fun to be in a part of." have never performed in front of an With about 370 people filling the

likes of something like this again. have sold out more shows. During this busy time in everytogether for all of us to enjoy. With such skits as George ki, 82, said rehearsals began in

Gress's rendition of "A Letter To September with the choir meeting address

Santa" done with the backdrop and once a week and people in solos bhammerstein@ht.homecomm.net

Sixthgate Cioggers tapping their week. way through Jingle Beils and other holiday classics, the variety show "Nobody here is talented enough—ki said.

lot of fun and meet many wonder-

Choir member Thyda Whitloy,

The show has different skits, many songs and some solo perfor-"None of us have any professional acting experience but it is still a

different tables in the Activities 6; the Novi Theatres presentation "This is a unique presentation Room, Wickert said the the one- of "Fiddler on the Roof" on March and you will probably never see the time matinee performance could Crawford sed as This show was sold out and we of "Pizza With Porter" on April 14. more shows," Wickert said.

Choir member Virginia Opalews

theme of "The Godiather" and the and skits practicing two times a

"The work that went into the production was a lot of fun," Opalews-

Timet a lot of new friends by participating in the performance."

Founded in 1997, the Friends of the Novi Theatres was established to offer and enlist support for the theater in fund raising and volun-

Like all of the Novi Theatres other productions, the entire performance was done by volunteers from throughout the community.

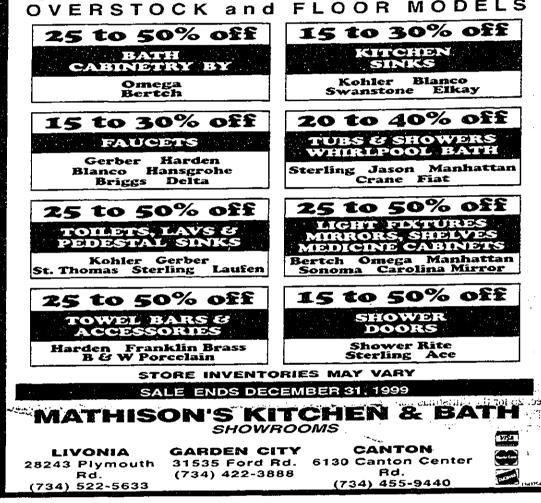
Coming up next in the new year: The Little People Players presents "The Frog Prince" on Feb. 4, 5 and 10, 11, 12, 17, 19 and 19; and the Senior Variety Series presentation

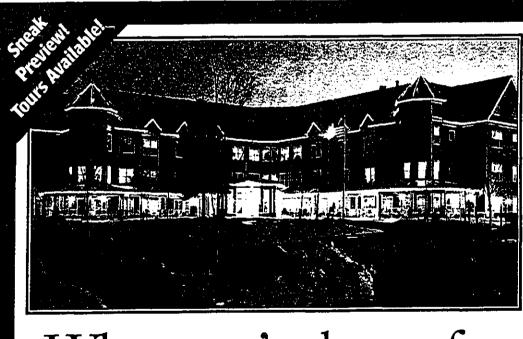


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Ellen Maze applauds

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## Toys for everyone

## Expo Center hosts train and hobby show

Toys aren't just for children any- "I like to see the kids'

The Novi Expo Center hosted the eves light up. Toy and Hobby Expo December 17-19, bringing young and older generations together as they sifted through the aisles of collectible trains and toys. Jim Johnson of Hastings was pleased with the collections at the travel past.

was produced when I was Bellevue, Ohio. vounger," he said. "Good collectible toys are better than any money in

Johnson said he has been a collector of First Gear merchandise, as well as that of other companies for 40 years. He particularly collects military vehicles, fire trucks trains," Bailey said.

sets running together over 400 feet est. of track, as listed in the Guinness

More than eight miles of wiring control," said Warzecha, whose Donahue said. compose the railroad creation. As booth included books, literature American setting and see the trains he said.

"I like to see the little kids follow with trains. the trains," said Harold Bailey of "It's a good time of the year."

"I've always had an interest in

the event was several large train and watching it spark their intercomplete with bullet-proof win- lecting, including Stan Warzecha. "This was a hobby that got out of

the trains travel along the lengthy and videos on trains. These publiassists in running the business. stretch of track, visitors can watch cations target and instruct train "For me, it's a job but I also enjoy the locomotives tour across an hobbyists on how to build a layout, it because I'm a collector," she said. proceed through all four seasons. Shoppers also appreciated the the excitement for the collectors is In addition, the experience is variety of collections on display, the thrill of the hunt: "It always

and digital recordings so visitors Tom Paletti said. They've got a lot they've found that rare piece. They can hear the roar as the trains of stuff. I liked seeing some of the get fired up over it."

Closed December 24 & 25.

was a display of lighted cabooses. hand-crafted by Fred and Rita

explained. Similar to other crafts-

Bailey also had an extensive rail- ducing cabooses in the HO scale, train products, which currently range in price between \$25 and \$38, depending on if the caboose

> and trucks. "It's a hobby gone business." Donahue's daughter, Debbie,

Debbie Donahue said that part of

used to have one of those." Also appealing to train collectors

Albridge of Cleveland. To create one lighted caboose requires 90 separate steps and takes approximately 90 minutes. Rita Albridge men, the couple said they have always had interest in working

"It comes natural. I like to see the kids' eyes light up." said Rita. Rita and Fred specialize in proroad scene set up that measured which is 1/87 the size of a real 105 by 15.5 feet and depicted a train. Eventually the couple would New York Central scene in the mid-like to open a store to sell their

He added he enjoys seeing the has flashers or a custom paint job. One of the major attractions at reactions in the faces of children. In addition to trains, collectible toys including rare cars and trucks were also a hot item for buyers. Dan Donahue, who co-owns Book of World Records. It's all con- designed for train lovers, and the D&K Toy Collectibles with his famtained in a 46-foot custom trailer, vendors also had a passion for colily in Ada, produces die-cast toys

were also sought after by con- of the most appealing aspects of buy, you can make more money enhanced with theater-like sound. While browsing through the aisles makes the collector excited when sumers. Linda Danol, who collects running a booth is the chance to now than in the bank," she said. Maleficent figures (the evil witch in meet many interesting people. Disney's "Sleeping Beauty") found

Parker Moon, with his 3-year-old son Taylor on his shoulders, takes in one of the many working train displays this past weekend at the Novi Expo Center's Toy and Train Show.

But the reason behind most collector's habits is one of nostalgia. "The nostalgia is behind everything," she explained. "There's meaning to it and signif-

icance in what they're buying." items urge them to reminisce. Marc Barbie dolls. Jones of Wixom said these of items of nostalgia allowed a collector to "relive things that bring back child- is the character." hood happiness and remind you of

simpler times."

Other shoppers agreed that the Mattel, they are not the traditional

"It's not Barbie," said Danol,

Beanie Babies and Buddies were also popular at this year's show. Figures manufactured by Mattel Kay Mountford of Canton, said one

"Kids and adults like the Bea-

"I've never seen this one before or ford said some Beanies, such as in a store. For some reason, bad the royal blue elephant, are valued guys are popular now," said Danol. at over \$3,000 because they were Although the figures are made by one of the first produced and are in a limited supply

Debbie Donahue agreed with Johnson that collectors can make "The sculpting in the faces really wise investments with the right

#### Library **Briefs**

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 p.m. to 5 p.m. The library is located at 45245 W. Ten Mile Road, just east of Taft Road. For more information, call (248) 349-0720.

WINTER STORYTIME REGIS-TRATION Winter Storytime registration ends Dec. 23. The winter session begins Jan. 10.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY HOURS The library will be closed Dec. 24 and Dec. 25 for the Christmas holiday. The library will be open for regular hours on Dec. 26.

**NEW YEAR'S HOLIDAY HOURS** The library will be closed Dec. 31 and Jan. 1 for the New Year's holiday. The library will be open for regular hours on Jan. 2.

Our January selection is "Memoirs of a Geisha" by Arthur Golden.
The group meets Jan. 3 at 7 p.m.
in the library meeting room. All are

PARENTS INTRO TO THE NET This Internet program addresses the role of the Internet in families. including privacy issues, keeping children safe from online predators and evaluating online content. The program will be held Jan. 27 at 7 p.m. Please register in advance by

## Ski trips keep teens occupied

If your teenager is displaying the symptoms of cabin fever, here's the solution. The Novi Parks and ecreation Department is sponsor ng a teen trip to Mount Brighton. ous from the Novi Civic Center on everal dates: Jan. 13 and 27 and

èb. 10 and 17. The fee for residents is \$10 per trip or \$35 for all four. This includes transportation and discount rates on ski rental and lift

Parent volunteers are also sought to help the parks staff haperone the skiers. Registration deadline for each excursion is the Monday of each trip week at 5 p.m.

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the Brighton area window making "Jeale." company, which closed down . You can't picket a particular make sure Rose doesn't torget how that," the chief said. off their medical hasarance.

lakeland, who was among the and the right to assembly, the law the issue alive, protesters, said they carried signs—has been upheld. and walked on the sidewalk in ... Rose has an unpublished phone ... tion," Durow said.

front or bose's home for about an a number and could not be reached a hour until several Novi police office for comment. profest was fliegal. The group then - because they were stuck without - home during the profest, but his - his medical coverage under Weath-"He got me for about \$30,000  $\mathrm{m}_\odot$  sold.

worked as a Weatherware salesper awter that, how mate to about the Novi Police Chief Douglas Shaetrun from his former employees, but the rexplained that a state law, MCL to

as be found out last week, he cer = 423,9F, bars picketers from target ing an individual frome, which was A small group of employees from a why police asked the workers to

at would have been perfectly legal. ster! ourside Rose's upscale home - immediately disbanded." Shaeffer added that despite chal-Former employee Mike Durow, of a monal assues such as free speech

These employees are angry

get paid for work they've done and company closed without notice, upset about the situation they were agreement he worked out with

"You can't picket a particular place. They said they didn't know that."

About 250 employees worked at with that." Durow said. abrupacy in late June, want to place. They said they didn't know—the Westherwane's facility in Green—"(Buil) they go out of business (in that their medical claims weren't not to show up Tuesday for work. Oak Township. The company had a way) that is fair to the employ-going to be processed. He only

the discripted their lives by closing . The they just went through Chaise - been im business for about 50 ees." he company and abruptly cutting. Farms, walking around the place, wears and was one of the largest. Durow said Rose simply and most well-known in the wine "screwed everyone" when he closed pany. Therefore, on Dec. 11 they pick. They were very cooperative and dow business. It was started by down the business, Tom Rose, Gary's father. Durow said they accomplished lenges in court based on constitue, what they wanted with the short, salesperson Bob Portwood, who is company,

"I think we got somebody's atten-

One of those hit hardest with protest, which was simply to keep = 65 years old. Portwood, who suffered a heart to retire in January, but she can't Portwood said on why the protest attack on June 9, is now facing now. She will continue to work so was held.

863,000 in medical bills from the they'll have money to pay off the He added, "We don't want him to hospital where he had bypass \$63,000 in medical bills. He's also surgery. Although retired, Portwood said day a week. health insurance and have been list - wife was there and came outside - ervanc was supposed to continue - celed a trip out west they were forms, said they simply want to with large medical bills after the briefly. Durow said she was very until his 65th birthday under an planning to take next year. He said Weathervane was a great

accounts to the company. He had worked for Weathervane for 14 paid all the medical claims and years and sold over \$30 million in made arrangements with suppliers and customers to have their orders

A couple weeks after his heart completed. attack. Weathervane closed down. Portwood was still 64 years old at down Weathervane. the time.

Portwood said that in June, Rose Portwood said he and other paid a company to call employees employees were never informed on a Monday evening and tell them Portwood said the employees are found out after his medical bills currently looking at whether to continued to go unpaid by the com-

"I couldn't live with myself if I did something like that," Portwood said Gary Rose," Portwood said. anpaid medical bills is former about how Rose closed down the Portwood said his wife was going

> planning to go back to work one Portwood said they couple can-

have their medical bills taken care. Others, allege, they weren't paid, in and said she would look into it. Rose, He worked as a consultant, company to work for and that, shouted unfriendly comments such "Companies go out of business helping to train new employees and things didn't have to end on such a as "Get a job" as they were walking Santa Claus will brake for these Novi homes

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MONDAY, JAN. 3

40.00 am - Potpourri: Novi-Todo and - The Cutting Room Floor 11.00% a na. % Harvest Ministries 11/30 a m - Cosby and Company: Pedophales

12.60 p.m. - Intercessions Word Manistry 12/30 juni. (con't) 1:00 p.m. - Adventures With

Pirate Pete 1:30 p.m. - Good News For Living 10:00 a.m. - Step 'n' Move to the 1:30 p.m. - (con't) Healthy: Massage 2:00 p.m. — Financial Strategies:

Different People Common Ground ! 2:30 p.m. 4:30 p.m. - Traditional Healing Productions: Wanita 5:00 p.m. - Who, What, Where, Y

5:30 p.m. - Army News Watch 6:00 p.m. — Christian Singles 6:30 p.m. - Bagels and Talk With 7:00 p.m. — Lansing Connection

7:30 p.m. - Step 'n' Move to the Groove: Tee Turner and the

TUESDAY, JAN. 4

Headliners

10:00 a.m. - Legislative Forum 10:30 a.m. - Building Scene: James Compo 11:00 a.m. - Law Talk: Judge

Sean F. Cox 11:30 a.m. — (con't) 12:00 p.m. — Summit University 12:30 p.m. — (con't)

1:00 p.m. — Dance With Virginia: Satin Dolls 1:30 p.m. — I Remember: Virginia Dickerman

2:00 p.m. — Lansing Connection 2:30 p.m.-4:00 p.m. — Center For New Thinking 4:30 p.m. - Welcome to the New

Millennium: Health First 5:00 p.m. - The Way, The Truth, and The Life 5:30 p.m. -- People Who Make

Things Happen 6:00 p.m. - Harvest Ministries 6:30 p.m. — Community Comments: Orthopedic Surgeon 7:00 p.m. - Potpourri: Novi Charity Auction

7:30 p.m. - Financial Strategies: People Common Different Ground I 8:00 p.m. - Salon Glamour and Etiquette With Gloria: Paramedi-

cal Makeun 8:30 p.m. — (con't) 9:00 p.m. - Out in the Open: Possible...Maybe

9:30 p.m. — Wise Guys: Aspiring

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 5 10:00 a.m. - Salon Glamour and

Etiquette With Gloria: Paramedical Makeup 10:30 a.m. — (con't)

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ments: Orthopedic Surgeon 12:00 p.m. - Legally Speaking: Community Mental Health 12:30 p.m. - MDOT Today 1:00 p.m. - Study in Scripture

1:30 p.m. — AMVETs 2:00 p.m. - Restoration Now 2:30 p.m. - This is Racing in Michigan: How to Read a Race

3:00 p.m. - Good News For Living Healthy: Massage 3:30 p.m. - Step 'n' Move to the

Groove: Tee Turner and the 4:00 p.m. — Critter Connection 4:30 p.m. - Building Scene: James Compo

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Dickerman 6:30 p.m. — Dance With Virginia:

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Pirate Pete

all the time and people can deal—handing over his existing customer—bitter note.

6:00 p.ni. — Welcome to the New Michigan: How to Read a Race Program

7:30 p.m. — Building Scene: James Compo

8:00 p.m. — People Who Make Things Happen 8:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m. — Varsity Hockey: Novi Wildcats versus Northville Mustangs

10:30 a.m. — Building Scene 11:00 a.m. — The Jesus Center

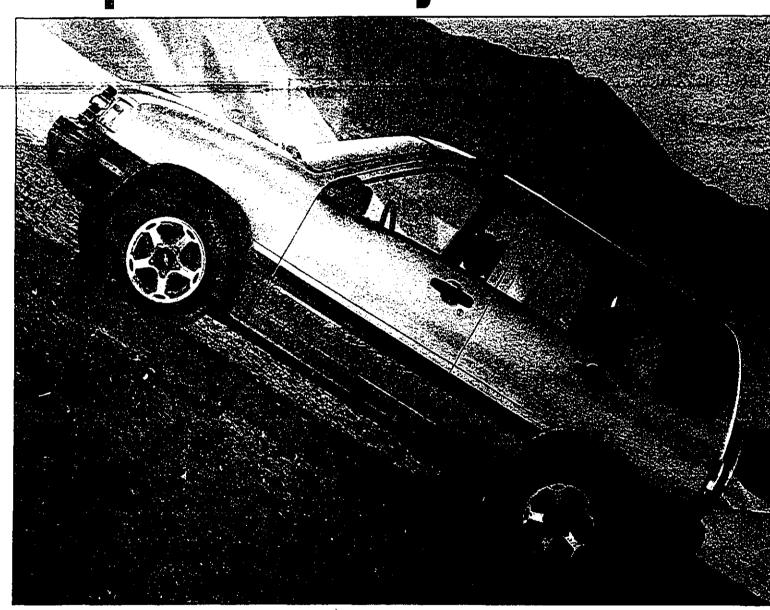
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## As We See It

## Yes Santa Claus, there is a Virginia

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of who's been naughty seems to dwarf the list of good boys and girls.

We've heed through a year when chilof the culture.

We're living in an era when everyone a visit this Friday night.

shed and hatred. There's bigotry and will make it all better. pollution and pain and suffering.

who's been less bad than other people. Just the same, we want you to know: ves. Santa Claus— there is a Virginia. You remember her, Virginia O'Hanlon

you really existed Church, editor of the Sun that indeed. you did exist. Now it's our turn to let you know that Virginia exists, too.

shots or bloodshed, but because she - the symbol of joy and innocence in world. children— will bring magic to her Merry Christmas.

patter of hooves or the sound of a sack

Virginia believes, Santa. She believes because of the dazzling lights and jingle of bells in the distance. She believes dren are sentenced as murderers, when because she addressed that letter to students kill their classmates, when you at the North Pole. She believes gangs terrorize streets and drugs, sex because she sees your smiling face and violence become just another part everywhere she turns these days, serving as a reminder that you will pay her

seems angry. We wake up to mornings Virginia isn't alone. Santa. She has when it seems the world is out you and friends who are counting on you and go to bed at nights with personal your flying sleigh to come through this demons that make it next to impossible vear as an assurance that despite all that might be wrong with the world. There's disease and war and blood- you and your red suit covered in ashes

To paraphrase Church from that We know, Santa — it can be tough to famous editorial...

wear a simile and "ho ho ho" when it's ... No Virginia? Thank God she lives and not so much a matter of who's been lives forever. A thousand years from naughty or nice, but more a matter of now, Santa - nav. 10 times 10,000 vears from now - Virginia will continue to symbolize the beauty and innocence that is childhood.

The world has changed a lot since was the 8-year-old girl that wrote to the. Virginia first wrote that letter to the New York Sun back in 1897, asking if Sun. We know you've been watching it change. And we know that what you've We were assured by Francis P. seen may not bring that twinkle to your

But we're still counting on you, Santa. If you don't leave any presents She and millions of other innocent under the tree or gifts in the stocking. faces will find it hard to sleep this week. we'd ask that you bring one thing to Not because she's worried about gun- Virginia and her friends this Christmas: Bring us a smile. We all could really believes in her heart of hearts that you use one, especially the Virginias of the

## MEAP is about learning

son Heights, comes to the legislature test scores allow people to compare one with a rather unique perspective — he's school district to another. Initially, that the only lawmaker young enough to was one of the key purposes behind the have taken the Michigan Education test, giving parents a way to compare Assessment Program test in its current and contrast the performance of form and to have received, as a result. schools so that they could best choose a state-endorsed diploma.

At age 23, the freshman has criti- to a new home. cisms of the way the MEAP is run Of course, we've heard the arguments presently. Not surprisingly, he plans to from some that the MEAP is a onemake the educational assessment test. Parents would be better off to look at

Among his criticisms is that the curgrams offered to students, the variety of rent test does little more than pit school courses offered by the school districts. district against school district. It does- and the personnel that run the district. n't provide educators with the informa- so the argument goes. tion they really need to improve the That argument has merit, but most quality of education their students are parents really don't know what to look getting, he contends.

posal a provision requiring that each ry and don't have any idea how to comstudent who takes the test be given an pare curricula or the quality of the itemized list of their answers, along teachers and administrators in various with a list of which were right and which were wrong. Woodward would like to see teachers get back copies of gestion of getting detailed information students writing samples with the eval- back to teachers and students on an uations placed on them by the graders, individual basis so they can look at so that teachers can work with the stu- where they erred is a valid one. As he dents to improve areas of weakness points out, seeing where you made misidentified in the test.

teachers get copies of the test so they want to give the answers back with can better teach the skills covered.

schools more quickly, so teachers can dents a list describing the skill areas work with students on those weakness- where they came up short. es. As it is, the results come too late, he

Now, there is a lot of room for disagreement with the representative. We

State Rep. David Woodward, D-Madi- don't think it's a bad thing that MEAP where to place their kids when moving

introduce legislation he hopes will dimensional way to compare districts. the curriculum, the services and pro-

for or how to compare school districts. Woodward plans to include in his pro- Most of us are certainly in that catego-

We believe Woodward's primary sugtakes can be a very valuable learning Furthermore, he'd like to see that tool. And if MEAP administrators don't right and wrong marked, they should at He also wants the results returned to least consider giving individual stu-

> That is, after all what education is: a process of learning, testing and then

rotide ent ot erette.

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## St Nick drives a brown Buick



deer observations on life...

Christmas memory. For me, it was when my brother and I were playing in our Novi living room some Saturday night in December (I was about 7 years old at the time) and I heard a knock at the door. To my amazement. Santa Claus strolled into our house, in full Santa regalia. Whatever doubts had been

creeping into my mind about the existence of the jolly old man were vanquished as we sat by the fireplace rattling off our wish lists. Twenty minutes later. Santa exited. I raced to my bedroom, pressed my nose pig-flat against the window, and watched curiously as Santa got into his brown Buick and drove down the street.

• I'll be spending Christmas with my wife's family outside Des Moines, Iowa this year. It will be the first time I've ever been away from my own home for the holiday. Can anyone who's been through this sort of thing give me some pointers? It's a little strange for

 If you think shopping at Twelve Oaks the day after Thanksgiving is bad, just wait until the day after Christmas. On that blessed day, we'll all trudge back to the mall, receipts in hand, asking for an exchange or refund because the item is INSERT

 Everyone always asks for world peace around Everyone has a favorite this time of year. Sadly, I've given that one up. Instead, I ask for world understanding and tolerance. If we can all just learn to live and respect each other as human beings, Earth would be a much

> While walking through the toy aisle of a store last week. I noticed the Poke'mon display had been ransacked. Nearby, a Tickle Me Elmo had dust gathered

> . There's a big debate going on among some tiny Pacific islands about which will see the sunrise first for the new millennium. There's a lot at stake in this. as tourism dollars (go figure) are drawing people to the little blips in the ocean. This got me to thinking: won't people in Antarctica see the light before anyone else? After all, they're near that time of the year when they almost have 24 hours of daylight.

> • Every time I begin to get caught up in the zoo that has become the Christmas tradition. I remember that this holiday started because a baby was born in a manger. If only the peace and innocence of the first Christmas could spill over into what the day has become now.

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### In Focus





Holiday wrapping

## Holiday shopping not for amateurs



someone who has experienced able to explain, if we are

There is a beauty to shopping a rush that only the purest of

shopper attain. This is a talent that not everyone possesses, but everyone secretly hopes to have. Fortunately, for those who have not learned this

skill, you have an expert in your midst. Yes, though I don't like to boast. I am...an expert shopper. In the spirit of holiday giving. I have decided to disclose a list of dos and don'ts.

Do pay with credit. Everyone knows this is not real money anyway and it's so much faster than cash. Think of it: no clerks fumbling with change, no noisy coinage weighing down your purse or pockets. With one flick of the wrist, that plastic beauty gets you that toy your adorable little darling has been whining about for the past six months, four weeks and five

Do dress for shopping success. Wear comfortable shoes, light aerodynamic clothing and under no circumstances do you wear your coat into the mall, as most stores jack the thermostat up so high the store takes on a quality of heat that only Dante could

Do go in with a list. Most expert shoppers have seen it all: the Cabbage Patch fracas of '83, the Elmo crisis of '97. Beanie Babies, Yet even the toughest most seasoned shopping vet can be broken by the phrase - "quantities limited." This has brought many to their knees, often on the backs of slower shoppers as they raced to get to the last Pikachu. There is hope and the

list will help you. First, it often takes you nowhere near situations

Give me your tired, your poor, where you are likely to get pummeled by someone your huddled shoppers at a else in their quest for a rare find. Second, the list checkout line yearning to gives you a focal point. Something to look at and breath freely the fumes of the feverishly concentrate on if you have to go into the backup of cars on the way out fray. Let the list be your guide.

of the mall, and I will give you If all else fails, just remember that a true shopper will not be sucked into the marketing muck. He or true Christmas shopping. she will not be swayed by the salesperson yelling Shopping isn't easy. It's a "Dear God! We only have two Pokemon videos left!." skill. A well-earned trait that because a true shopper will have already bought the someday researchers may be most wanted item three months before.

Don't be fooled. Just because it says "sale" doesn't mean it's any good. I must admit that even I have fallwallets and the slickest of credit cards can help the en for this one, when I was young and inexperienced. I used to go into a store and like a deer in headlights. my eyes would glaze over and I would buy everything that had the "s" word. Do you know what this got me? A football phone, one tote and a Flowbie. Needless to say, my family is just now beginning to speak to me. What is important to remember is quality not price. Besides — you can always re-mortgage the house.

Don't shop online. This is a distasteful subject that I don't even like to broach. But I will, because if I can turn one e-commerce cronie around I will have done my job. My consternation is this: I have no use for people who do not put an effort into shopping.

There. I said it. Where are their aching feet, stiff necks or bag burns on their hands? They bear no battle scars and consequently understand nothing of the beauty of the dance that is shopping. Never have they broken into a sweat to get to that last tube of wrapping paper. Never, have they felt the joy of realizing at 8:59 p.m. that in most malls you still have another hour to shop. No, these are the lazy shoppers, the "Gee, I don't want get a concussion over a Beanie Baby at the store so I'll go on-line and auction." Cowards.

Finally, and most importantly, don't forget to enjoy the people that all of this shopping is for. The ones who warm the cockles of our hearts and whose faces light up at our purchases: the retailers,

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## Why we print so many letters



I've always felt that letters to the editor

are an essential vital part of a home town

only to making sure that letters we receive

"Apparently, the policy of your newspa-

and other considerations of good taste.

permission from

printed in the news-

paper as letters to

reactions

practice is to solicit responses to it - City Times and Detroit Free Press and people call them godflies; others style them delighted, outraged, generally also ask

paper. As a columnist, I consider it an obligation to print reader reactions to what I write. Moreover, running letters to the editor, especially if there is a heavy community issue up for debate, helps make the paper an open forum of community opin-So over the years I've tried to make sure our editors welcome letters to the editor and tell readers how best to submit them for publication. Our policy has been to print as many letters as we can, subject as a community forum.

But the letter I received went on to make

are in fact written by the person who signs them and checking them for libel, slander Imagine my surprise, then, at receiving the other day a letter unlike any I have received in my entire 35 years in this busiper is to print all letters to the editor short of the use of blasphemy or false accusacomplainers to the letters page."

ttentive readers of newspaper would print all letters to the edithis column know tor. I am not aware of any other newspaper has a point. In any community, there are that my regular with this policy. ... "My father used to write letters to the Bay - larly sore about one thing or another. Some

would occasionally have one printed. However, 80 percent of whatever he wrote ended up on the floor of the editor's office."

My correspondent is absolutely right. In most of the big city papers, something like senders to have 80 percent of the letters to the editor that are submitted wind up on the floor of the editor's office. That's one of the things that distinguishes a home town community newspaper like this one from our big city

> As set out in our mission statement, one of our fundamental business purposes is to "nurture the communities we serve." As we understand it, nurturing a community involves doing everything we can to make the home towns we serve good places for folks to live. We consider our newspapers to be part of the community rather than standing apart, and so we feel that printing as many letters to the editor as we can helps the paper perform a useful function

"The problem that this (printing all letters received) causes is that community malcontents can be extremely abrasive and counterproductive to the operation of a city. It is very difficult to maintain staff morale when the newspaper continually allows the proliferation of personal attacks and insults to become weekly reading. ... I (734) 953-2047, Ext. 1880, or by e-mail at would think that the newspaper has some ppower@homecomm.net tion. ... I find it extremely unusual that any responsibility to limit the access of chronic

always a handful of people who are reguas "community malcontents," Such people are often regular - some would say "obses-

> the same subject. Here's where the nuanced understanding and judgment of a home town newspaper editor comes in. Most editors believe rightly, in my view -- that community gadflies may be a pain in the butt, but providing them a forum is an important aspect of nurturing a community. And most editors know there's a difference between a gadfly and a chronic troublemaker who has an

sive" — letter writers, often repetitively on

That's why we try regularly to print gadfly letters and to refrain from printing troublemaker letters that insult or slander individuals. A good home town editor knows the people involved and is in a position to make informed judgments about the kinds of letters that deserve publication and the kinds that do not.

Editors on big city papers simply cannot have that kind of intimate understanding of individual home towns and the folks that live there. That's why it's so satisfying to publish the kinds of newspapers we do: to nurture the home towns we serve.

Phil Power is chairman of HomeTown Communications Network Inc., the company that owns this newspaper. He welcomes your comments, either by voice mail at

## And this is what they call cool music



Cash

Melanie

Vovi Channel 13.

Young

Barbara

Louie

My kids told me I adolescent should have to bear. was out of touch hero to appear.

with today's hiphop open mind and a I thought I was

on New Year's Eve?

78 percent of people

that have said they

If so, you can get

undates on any-

thing happening in

your city by watch-

City officials are quick to point out, how-

ever, that they expect no serious problems.

city has been working on Y2K for some

time and they are confident everything will

Novi City Manager Ed Kriewall said the

Are you one of the Kriewall.

being a responsible parent by not letting my kids go alone and I assumed other parents would also be in attendance. As I to my shock I realized the inhabitants of is nightmare included 4,000 kids with bleached blonde hair and me. In full appreciation of my kindness in transporting my kids and their friends to this event, they immediately abandoned me. (These were the same kids who two days before begged me for the money to pay for their tickets.) My sons assured me there was nothing personal, but the shame of being seen with your dad at this event was a burden no

was an old fogey. As I made my way through the crowd of er.

They said my taste young people, I realized there was no seat-Feeling out of place and unable to relate

music. With an (and also unable to stand for the next two hours), I noticed some seating on the upper level and attempted to make my way to the agreed to accompa- old people's section. Call me paranoid, but ny my boys to the along the way I noticed these teenagers rapper Emenim's looking at me as if they were visiting their grandfather at a nursing home. As I sat down and the concert began. I watched with a cautious curiosity. As Emenim sang his feature song. "My

Name is Slim Shady," I remember my son whole life I've been lied to, I just found out my mom smokes more dope than I do." Funny? Yes. Creative? No. It's been done before, 1965 Rolling Stones "Mother's Little Helper" song about housewives depen-

dence on prescription drugs. As the concert continued, I noticed the rapper's propensity to grab himself in an inappropriate place. This also was nothing new. I can single out Madonna, Michael

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began in 1857, but tion were thrown overboard" in order to Despite the seeming prosperity by the

before the buildings ting for its inmates. Housing for women to offer the prison for sale to the state. The

were constructed. was provided in the form of eight English- state was unwilling to agree to the sale.

640 cells, but had was transferred to the Plymouth farm loca- ferred to the state in 1959. By the 1970s.

no toilet facilities, tion. It was able to accommodate 1,200 there was no longer livestock at the prison.

interlocking devices men and over 200 women. The farm cov- no machine shop, chair or canning facto-

for the cells, or ered 1,000 acres of land. All of the produce ries; all cottage industries had ceased.

Correction While the windows did not have bars on Detroit City Council finally agreed to main-

By the summer of 1931, the entire prison prisoners, the women's division was trans-

used by the institution were grown on the The Detroit House of Correction

A chair and furniture factory, run by prison for \$6.7 million. The medium-secu-

DeHoCo, made furniture for such diverse rity facility received a facelift, with new

customers as a St. Louis steamship com- construction. DeHoCo is now known as the

pany and Ypsilanti State Hospital. Other Western Wayne County Correctional Facili-

t took four years provide a more tranquil, educational set- 1940s, an operating deficit caused the city

to get some tips for personal Y2K readi-

State prison has roots in Civil War era

(DeHoCo) was offi- them, they were constructed in a way to tain the prison.

Refilling prescriptions;

Detroit's city prison all the traditional ideas of prison construc- 300 pigs

The Detroit House style cottages, each with 34 private rooms.

cially opened on prevent the passage of a human body"

July 5, 1861. The through them.

live penal institutions of its kind in the factories within the prison included a ty.

United States, if not the world," according sewing room where the inmates' clothes

to a booklet the institution put out at the were made. By the 1950s, the dairy and live-

me. It proudly claimed that "in the design stock divisions contained 200 head of cattle and

Plymouth Township along Phoenix (later to employment.

become Five Mile Road). In 1926, the first

The women's division at DeHoCo was

considered to be "one of the most progres-

female prisoners were transferred there.

good jump on the entire program," said • Keeping emergency funds available.

Jackson or any major league baseball play-

As the young people got caught up in the in music (Beatles, ing, only thousands of kids pressed up beat and waved their hands to and fro, I Turtles, Monkeys) against the stage anxiously awaiting their flashed back to a 1965 Beatles Concert at Olympia. Were we out of control? Yes. Were we excited? Yes. The difference was that the Beatles didn't have to resort to vulgarity to spur our emotions. The music, the message, the harmony is what sold us. As the concert ended and we made our way out, my sons found me and asked, "Dad, wasn't Emenim great?" I was glad that they had a good time, but sad they

had nothing of quality to compare it with. Next time I want to relate to my kids, I'll help with their homework or watch "The Simpsons." In a day and age where there walked into the Royal Och Music Theater. telling me how furny and creative this seems to be no right or wrong, some partelling me how furny and creative this seems to be no right or wrong, some partelling me how furny and creative this group was. One line from the song says ents may choose to go along with their kids know that we should hold our kids up to a higher standard. But in the words of the archaic songwriter Bob Dylan. "It ain't me,

> Guest columnist Steve Cash is a Novi resident. Realtor and local cable TV personali-

such as traveler's checks, or get a little

extra cash out of the bank in case disrup-

service disruptions with utilities. It is a

good idea to plan for the unexpected and

of your services are out.

have your own plan in place in case some

And finally, don't forget to watch your

Melanie Young is the Community Rela-

tions Specialist of the Southwestern Oak-

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meeting is Jan. 11. 2000, at 7 p.m. at

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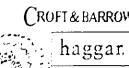
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When my children came into my life, I realized how important it is to eat well not just for them, but for me

Ziggy Marley, musician

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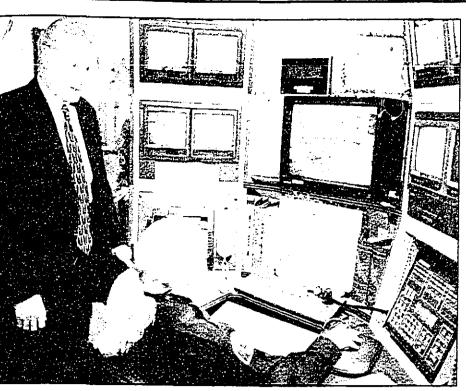
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Above: Twelve Oaks Mall Security Director Terry McCauley takes a look at the security camera monitors operated by Danielle Weber. The cameras can access almost any spot in the mall. At right: Mall security officer Sergeant Kim Best patrols the mall's children's play area. Here she stops to say hello to one-yearold Christopher Shankin and his mom Sandra.



## For the safety of customers

Twelve Oaks Mall security officers keep an eye, and a camera on the shopping mecca

By B.J. HAMMERSTEIN

The holiday shopping season has also carry their reached its peak and as consumers flock purse securely over the malls searching for the best deal or the their head and last-minute gift, security officers are work-shoulder while ing behind the scenes at providing the keeping the purse most secure shopping experience possible. underneath the Twelve Oaks Mall Security Director Terry coat." McCauley McCauley said his troops are focused on said. customer service and he hopes people stay

aware of their own surroundings in this time of holiday hoopla and mayhem. aware of your surroundings," McCauley

helped people with 700 car lockouts, hun- munity Emergency Medical Services, secudreds of jump-starts and thousands of lost rity runs smoothly at Twelve Oaks Mall. he \*Recognize where you are parking, and

try not to park in dark areas," McCauley Rewarding as it may be to reunite lost "Women should "Now, by seeing us out there, it helps reinforce the guests' shopping experience.

organized. You don't want to be shoving a "As a tip to people who are planning on bunch of cash at clerks or counting too

> While in the customer service industry, security is still the business at hand and working in conjunction with the Novi Police Department, the Oakland County Mounted Division Sheriff's Department and Com-

26, there are patrol organizations providing extra eyes and ears in addition to our staff," McCauley explained.

children with their parents. McCauley also "And our staff is professionally trained. said families should have specified meeting in uniform and provide 24-hour patrol of crew is prepared for the many different times and places while spending time at both the interior and exterior of Twelve

phases of training while becoming a part of the security team at Twelve Oaks Mall. While training with a field training officer, security officers spend hours going over interior patrol, exterior patrol, dispatch training and report writing.

There are specific things like defensive ty and electronics." training, first aid and CPR we train for," he The latest addition of Twelve Oaks' secu-

While a couple of jewelry store robberies have made headlines lately, McCauley said he's thrilled that Twelve Oaks hasn't seen any major criminal activity, adding that his

down, tilting around or zooming right onto "We are always look- a suspect or a patron who is unable to find ing for people who their vehicle, the security team at Twelve Oaks Mail will be alert to every situation. as people who come Terry McCauley, to Twelve Oaks with to the mall, the extra technology goes a Director of mall security shopping bags from long way at providing the essential element

flashlights, handcuffs, radios and defenclothes walking among patrons, McCauley security officer. McCauley said each store is responsible for their own security. said the security officers at Twelve Oaks There is really nothing to steal in the are prepared for the worst, but prefer to

commons area — so we are dealing with help out in any way they can. shoplifters when the stores call upon us" "This year we have ran two emergency drills, so we can practice what we have in words," McCauley said. "Each store has their own level of securi-"A few years back, a shopper would come

thing — and with capabilities of panning

to the mail and see security officers, and rity technology is a new closed circuit tele- would think to themselves this isn't a safe vision system contained in a control room place. "They would think bad things. Now, by

seeing us out there, it helps reinforce the Added just about a year old, the new video system offers different monitors and guests' shopping experience.

B.J. Hammerstein's e-mail address is The extra cameras help record every-

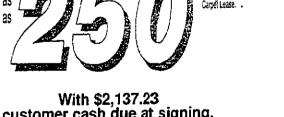
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Above, Willie Wiegel, A.K.A Santa Claus, makes eye contact with a toddler brave enough to sit on his lap. At right, Wie...er, Santa welcomes two youngsters to the giant green chair he calls home at Twelve Oaks Mall during the holiday season. the joily man in the red suit will be listening to the wishes of children through Christmas Eve.

> Story by **B.J. HAMMERSTEIN**

> > Photos by JOHN HEIDER



## Interview With The

## SANTA

### Meet the man that makes the season bright

By B.J. HAMMERSTEIN

Relaxing with a cup of coffee about an hour before his shift. Willie Wiegel really enjoys his seasonal performance, a presentation many have already seen.

As the center point of a crew of 20 people. Wiegel's act can draw hourlong lines to anyone who still believes or wants to see jolly-old St. Nick.

Wiegel, 50, is currently in his third run of playing Santa Claus for Cherry Hill Photography and Twelve Oaks

And as Kris Kringle, Wiegel says playing the part is easier when you have natural attributes that really do

make you Santa. "I have got the same white hair and beard, spectacles that are 230vears-old and can wiggle my ears

just as elves can," Wiegel said. "Children can recognize me even

when I am not wearing the red suit." Underneath the famous red suit. Wiegel wears extra padding, lined with ice packs - as it gets quite warm in the suit the entire day, he

"I also wear the padding because Mrs. Claus has me on one of those low cholesterol diets," he said. "I am not as chubby as I should be."

A woodworker from just outside of Chicago, Wiegel sometimes played Santa at parties for fun, but now has ventured into professional "Santaing over the last couple of years.

Beginning the day after Thanksgiving, Santa will be at the mall everyday until Christmas Eve from 10 a.m. to noon, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. and one more time from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m.

"I have to leave on Christmas Eve to go back to the North Pole and get everything loaded up," Santa said.

"My advice for people who want to visit with me: try to do it early."

As the most visible character in the mall, Santa is always with an escort while entering and leaving the

But it is on the big chair, that Wiegel and Santa are at their best. interacting with the children.

"No, we don't have a time limit." Wiegel said. The children can pretty much come up here and talk to Santa, show me their Christmas list and of course make a request." This year the number one request

on childrens' Christmas list - anything to do with Pokemon.

And with everyone requesting the Pokemon phenomena, Santa has the perfect pitch to make sure children will still be happy even if some of the



Wille Wiegel welcomes a girl to his chair and listens as she makes the case that she'd been good throughout the year.

delivered this year.

"When I am talking to the children. I say that I don't know for sure how many gifts of each thing we have at the North Pole, so, would it be alright if Santa substitutes surprises for wishes we can't totally take totally take care of?" Wiegel said.

The other thing Wiegel talks to the children about while he's Santa is how the children can help themselves and their parents.

"Sometimes the parents will come talk to me for a minute and then I will talk to the children about school.

"I want to make sure that no matter what they are working on their education. Also, I ask the kids to make sure they are helping around the house - picking up toys and helping their parents with chores." But it's not just kids who have fun

gifts on the Christmas list don't get with Santa at the mall.

Wiegel said last year he took pictures with an entire wedding party

Also, Wiegel said he is thinking about putting together a book of Santa requests which he has been compiling over the years.

But now, Wiegel concentrates on the fun business of providing children with a fantasy-come-true as the big day approaches.

When Christmas is over, I plan on going back to the North Pole, sit back

and put my feet up," he said. "I want everybody to have health and happiness this Christmas because I can't come through with delivering everything."

B.J. Hammerstein can be reached e-mail bhammerstein@ht.homecomm.net.

## Long-distance telephone call nets resident \$1 million

#### Northville man hits jackpot with special promotion

By CHRIS C. DAVIS Copy Editor

In any other situation, making frequent long-distance telephone calls to Japan would empty a bank account. For Northville resident Kenji Inayoshi, it did just the oppo-

Inayoshi won \$1 million from 10-10-345, an AT&T call-around service. He was notified about his winning when he returned home from a trip to Japan. Inayoshi's parents, wife and daughter still live in the Far Eastern nation.

"My family and I call our relatives in Japan every week," inayoshi said. We started calling using 10-10-345 about seven months ago and cut our monthly bill by two-thirds. I knew about the sweepstakes but never thought I'd win. I'm very happy."

lnayoshi has lived in Northville for the last seven years. He is living in the community while he works for an automotive components company in Canton. He was selected the winner of the grand prize through a random drawing of persons who had utilized 10-10-345 for long-distance

Inayoshi said he was aware that the company was offering the sweep-

"It was kind of a strange feeling to be told I was the winner. I didn't really know what to think when I heard about it"

> Kenji Inayoshi Northville resident

stakes but didn't think he'd win. "It was kind of a strange feeling to

be told I was the winner." he said. "I didn't really know what to think when I heard about it."

Inayoshi is the third person to be selected for a million-dollar prize. He joined Gina Hopkins of Cleveland and Dawn Harvey of Des Moines. lowa. The promotion has been going on since May 1.

"We're very happy for Kenji and his family," said Chris Shimojima, vice-president and general manager of 10-10-345. "We're especially happy to see one of our loyal international callers win."

Chris C. Davis can be reached via e-mail at cdavis@ht.homecomm.net.

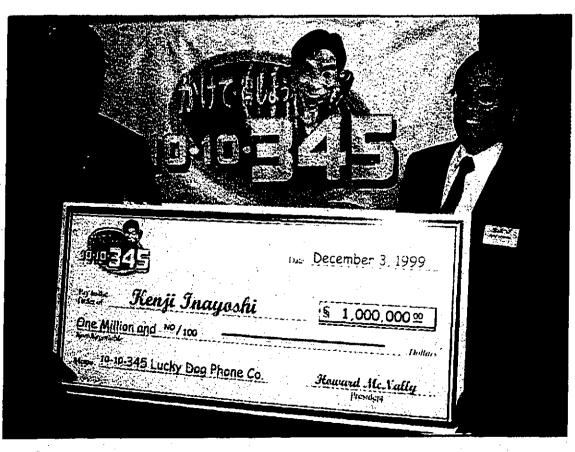
#### 10-10-HUH?

It's hard to go through an evening of television without seeing an ad for one of those "10-10" numbers.

The website http://10-10PhoneRates.com/ might be able to help you sort out all the nuances to the many callaround companies there are and provide informationabout the best calling rates for each person's individual calling

The site examines elements such as time of day the calls are made, length of the call and frequency of calls being made.

The site is hoping to begin comparing conventional longdistance plans soon.



Brad Hobbs, 10-10-345 marketing director, stands with Northville resident Kenji Inayoshi, who won \$1 million during a promotion held by the long-distance call-around service.

#### **Novi Highlights**

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the council Carstinas tree was cotters, fairs started class art, as pace for the Novi Choralaires - pottery painting, several Valention continues with new mem - in January, Included in the fits bers dominic the tree with ornal liness section are Karate. Tai Chiments, indicating their names - yoga, aerobic exercise, with Total When the tree goes down, the Fitness Center offering family NOVI SOCIAL CLUB anament is sailed for next year's ill memberships. Something new istree transming and once again. The public swim passes now new members participate in the available plus golf lessons scheduled for later in the year.

Two new groups were started. Also available will be CPR. loved one and "Recovery" group. of Your Diet," first aid training, from alcohol and drugs. Additional groups include: "Cancer. Support, "Book Study," "Men's Clab " "Gen Wrs," newly formed "Social Action," with several others Starting in January. Call the charch office at 349 2652 for more detailed information.

The church women and young ladies grade six and up were invited to attend the annual. "Christmas by Candlebeht, Refreshments of hors d'ocuvres and dessert were enjoyed before the musical program.

The "Salty Peanuts" group of youth grades six through 12 assisted with the Cass Avenue function on Dec. 18. They left at 9 ame and returned in time for the 4/30 p.m. rehearsal for the Christmas program, "A Committee of Angels," which was recently presented during the Fellowship hour. An exchange of breads and cookies followed. Christmascaroling was also held the same. day. The day concluded with a Christmas party for the youth at the home of Pastor Ott. Plans for this week include two Christmas Eve family services: 5 and 7 p.m.; and 11 p.m. late ser-

#### THE COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS

vice with Holy Communion.

This is a very difficult time of year for members of this group as they offer support to anyone who has lost a child, It is part of a world wide organization with chapters in Ann Arbor, Livonia, Troy and Commerce, which is called the Lakes Area Chapter and led by Wayne and Pat Loder, former Novi residents. They meet on the third Tuesday of the month, from 7-9 p.m. at the Richardson Center.

Wayne, former Novi News editor, and his wife. Pat, former deputy clerk for the city of Novi, inded the group in 1993, when they themselves were in need of such support.

Every December a special meeting is held to assist families in dealing with the holidays. This year, the annual Lakes Area candle light memorial service was held Dec. 14 at Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church, This year marked the seventh year inexistence; approximately 90 were in attendance. Those attending brought either a memento or picture to display of their loved ones during the service

Soloist Denise Kurowski has been a part of this ceremony for the past five years. Her selections included: "Precious Child," "We Will Remember You," "If I'd Only Known," and "Light a Candle." Lighting the large candles were five fathers, who then lit the candles held by those attending.

In addition to the several noems read was a short story written and presented by Wayne Loder titled, "Two Brothers," Also included in the program was special mention of each child, whose parents were a part of the local organization

Due to the passage of the "National Children's Memorial Day" by the U.S. Senate, worldwide candle lighting ceremonies were held, from Australia to England at 7 that evening. Anvone wishing more information can call (248) 684-4674.

#### **NOVI COMMUNITY EDUCATION**

Winter 2000 brochures are available at the library or the office, in case you didn't receive

yours through the mail. Registrations have started, with non-members of the school district being charged an additional \$5 fee plus cost per class. Retired residents age 60 and over qualify for discounted fees, if indicated. Some classes may be free for seniors, depending on the minimum number of students enrolled. However, students must pay material fees. For more information regarding registration, contact the Community Education office at (248) 449-1206.

There is something for everyone: business and financial; buying or seiling a home; information about wills, trusts and estates; and so forth. There are at least 11 computer classes. including one for retired Novi residents age 60 and over introduction to the Internet. There will be a \$3 charge payable at the first class for this free offering to seniors. The threeweek class, which starts Jan. 25, will be taught by Gerry Stipp and

starting Jan. 12 lno experience - ited Oxford Inn. Maples of Novi, - group, Frances Daleo. Trances Loynes The creative pursuits section—neededl, builder's license semimar, astronomy, cooking classes, cake decorating, dog obedience, recent performance. The tradic time projects, with some starting toreign Linguage, photography, psychic encounters, plus many

second Wednesday of the month. Peppi's in Farmington, and a corsage when she turned has mouth. 'Grief Support' for classes, massage therapy, reflex- From now on, they will visit sev- Guernsey's in Northville, the list 100 years "young."

Library Pub. Brady's, Kim's Gardens, and several others.

Morning Breakfast Club; each do not have family in the Novi week. Since its formation, the lunch at Bill Knapps. club has visited Honey Tree in Last week, about 20 joined in a

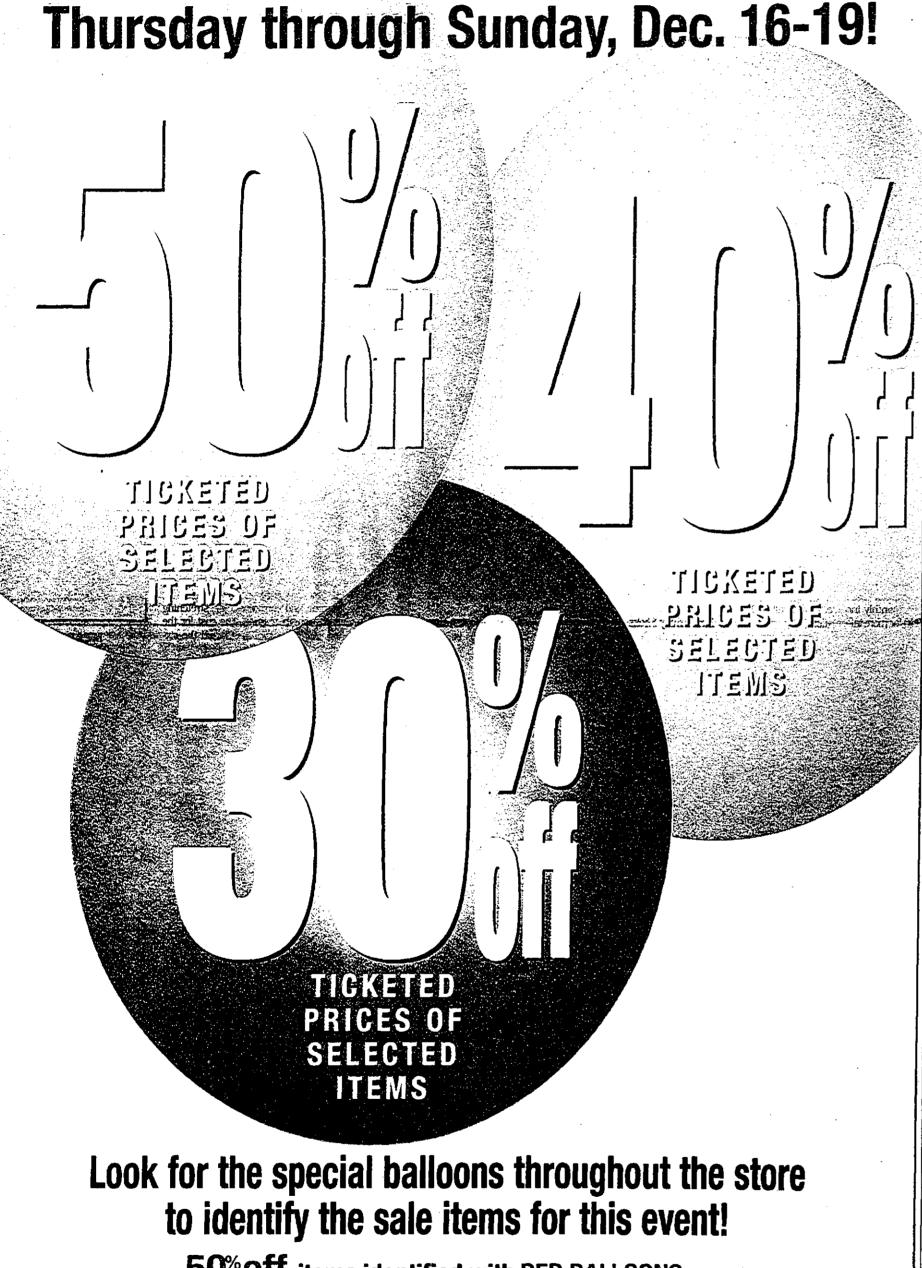
Some members of the club go "Sunshine Person" Betty Wade on senior trips planned by the sends cards to those who are One of the newly-developed Parks and Recreation Departs ill, and also plans birthday celprograms has been the Tuesday ment. Also, many members who ebrations.

The club will no longer have. Novi and Walled Lake, Arta's in celebration for Will Peters of tainment and the singing of potluck lunches at their regular- Walled Lake, Riffles in South Wixom, Mildred Hunt was pre- Christmas carols was enjoyed by ly scheduled meetings on the Lyon, McDonald's in Wixom, sented a dozen long stem roses all.

arrone who has recently lost a closy. How to Get the Sugar Out ceral local restaurants and leave goes on. Assisting with the fol- The club has not held an Jeanne Clarke. Should you wish the cooking to "them." Since this lowing week's selection is long- election in some time; Ray Mar- to contact her with information for a support group in abstaining amateur radio novice technician new approach, the group has vis-time member and director of the tin and Vera Van Wormer act as this column, call 624-0173.

the Steering Committee,

Their annual Christmas party week plans are made as to where - area celebrate each other's birth- - was recently held at Kim's Garthey will breakfast the following day with a card signed by all and dens, complete with raffle for Poinsettias and candy. Guitarist Michael Meyers provided enter-

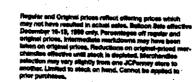


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#### SERVICES Newsletter

The senior newsletter is a monthly publication filled with information on senior citizen activities, trips and ser- make a reservation 24 hours in advance, vices. Copies are available at Northville - call (248) 349-4140. City Hall, Northville Township Hall, Northville District Library, Northville Parks and Recreation Center and the Senior Center. You can also receive the newsletter by mail for an annual \$7 con- Oaks Mall and the United Artist The-

Telephone Reassurance (Telecare)

Development Block Grant funds. To register, contact the Telecare office at [248] 348-1312, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Monday through Friday

Monday through Friday at Allen Terrare. Wednesdays, 12:15-3:30 p.m.; Pinochle, A donation of \$1.50 is requested. Meals Mondays and Thursdays, 12:30-4:30 can be delivered to your home through p.m. the Meals on Wheels program. For more information on the Nutrition program, call 1-800-851-1454. Allen Terrace is located at 401 High St.

 Focus Hope Food distribution is the fourth Friday recreation calendar at the center.) Cost is of every month, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at the \$1.

#### Blood Pressure Screening Come get your blood pressure checked by a nurse. There is no class. No registration is necessary. charge. Held at the Senior Center on the fourth Monday of the month, from

noon to 2 p.m. No appointment is nec-• MEPPS (Michigan Emergency Pharmaceutical Program for Seniors

Northville and Northville Township ble to receive two months worth of prescriptions through the MEPPS program. prescription cost must be 10 percent of advanced reservations your monthly income. Please call 3495 4140 for more information.

#### Tax Counseling Service

Volunteer tax counselors are available forms. Counselors have been trained by AARP and the Michigan Treasury Department. This service will be available at the Senior Center, every Tuesday beginning Feb. 1 through April 15, 9 are scheduled at 1 1/2 hour intervals. When arranging your appointment. please ask what items you should bring with you. Although there is no charge for include: Brahms' Second Symphony. this service, donations to the senior pro- Jan. 14: Mozart and Bruckner, Feb. 4;

#### TRANSPORTATION Bus Service for Local Shopping Rome on June 9.

Tuesdays: Meijer's (Eight Mile and Fridays: Farmer Jack's/Hillers or

Shopping Center Market/Busch's (alterriating Fridays). Bus begins pickup at 9:30 a.m. from your home. Cost is \$2. Riders must

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aters for an afternoon (noon-4 n.m.) of will be on your own to enjoy the day. movies, lunch and shopping. The days - Departure time from the mall is approxischeduled vary each month. This month mately 2:30 p.m. Cost is \$4. Call to Homebound residents can receive a the bus will go Monday, Jan. 10 and make reservations. laily telephone call to check on your well—Monday, Jan. 24. Pick up will begin from being, or just to hear a friendly voice. vour home (11 a.m.) or the MAGS Build-This program is sponsor by Northville ing (11:30 a.m.). Once at the mall, you Township at no charge to the communi- will be on your own to enjoy your after- no Windsor on Tuesday, Jan. 11. The ty through the use of their Community noon. Cost is \$4. Please call to make notorcoach departs at 8:30 a.m. and

#### ONGOING ACTIVITIES Card Playing

Join us for eards at the Senior Center. Center to make reservations. Enjoy several hours of fun for just \$1. Hot, nutritious meals are provided. The schedule is as follows: Bridge,

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> Dinner Out at Various Restaurants Come with us for a once-a-month trip to a local restaurant. On Thursday, Jan.

#### Join us at the Senior Center on the

refreshments. Cost for the movie is \$1.

#### tickets to various concerts throughout essary forms are on hand. Appointments the season. Departure time is 9 a.m. from MAGS. Please call to register.

Available classical Coffee Concerts The Rose Cavalier, Feb. 11; Great Schu-

bert, March 3; Tchaikovsky's Violin Consentation of "Botanical Imagery" starting certo, March 17; Strauss' Tone Poems, April 7; All Mozart, April 28; and Pines of

"Pop Concerts" are \$33 per ticket Available Pop Concerts include: Sandy Duncan, Feb. 24; On the Air - Music of the Fabulous '40s, April 13; and Pops Goes Hollywood, June 1.

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY

#### Bus Service for Shopping at West-The senior bus heads out to Westland

Mall for shooping and lunch on Thursbegins at 9:30 a.m. Once at the mall you

Rybicki Tours is offering a trip to Casireturns at 4:15 p.m. The cost of the trip is \$22 for residents and \$23 for non-residents, which includes \$10 in prepaid Canadian tokens. Stop by the Senior 30: Session II runs March 1-April 12. ounces and Christopher weighed 5 currently employed at IBM in

#### • Pamela Stewart Speaks on Patient's Rights

On Tuesday, Jan. 11 Pamela Stewart from Michigan Peer Review will be at the Senior Center to discus s'Patient's Rights" under Medicare Guidelines. All levels are welcome. Held on Mon- Please arrive by 11 a.m. with your quesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. 10:30 tions and concerns. Don't be left in the a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the Parks and Recredural dark about your rights. Cost is \$2. ation Center. (Verity days on monthly Reserve your spot today.

#### Bus Service for Shopping at Somerset Mall

The senior bus heads out to Somerset Mall for shopping and lunch on Wednes-9:45 a.m. at Allen Terrace. Cost is \$3 per day, Jan. 12. Pick up from your home begins at 9:30 a.m. Once at the mall you will be on your own to take advantage of those after Christmas sales without the sure screening will not be available in great way to visit with friends. Meet at \$7.50 payable to the bus driver. Call for

#### to register today. tacular

Weather permitting, the senior bus will head out to Plymouth for the annual senior citizens age 65 and over are eligi- 20 we will be going to the famous Chuck International Icc Sculpture Spectacular Muers' Restaurant in Southfield for good on Friday, Jan. 14. The bus will leave food with good friends. Cost for round from the MAGS parking lot at 4 p.m. all sources of income). Total monthly up at your home at 4 p.m. Please call for rant. Cost is \$4, payable to the bus driver. Call soon for reservations.

#### Croswell Opera House Bianco Tours is offering a trip to the

watch a movie with friends. You will be on Sunday, Jan. 16. The event will Wheel Health Club at 449-7634 to to prepare your state and local tax served complimentary popcorn and include a complete brunch and a ticket to the theater classic, "To Kill a Mocking Bird." The motorcoach will depart at 11 a.m. and return at 6:45 p.m. The cost of the trip is \$51 for residents and \$53 for Northville Senior Center has reserved non-residents. Stop by the Senior Center

. Detroit Institute of Arts. The speaker will dents. Stop by the senior center to regispresent a half hour to one hour slide pre-ter.

#### • Floral Display at Belle Isle Come with us on the senior bus to the

winter floral display at Belle Isle. We will depart from the MAGS parking lot at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 25. Cost is \$4, payable to the bus driver. The admission fee is \$2. Call to reserve your spot.

#### Mozart Concert by U of M Faculty Celebrate Mozart's birthday with this free concert by members of the University of Michigan School of Music faculty. The senior bus will depart from the MAGS parking lot at 3 p.m. on Sunday. Jan. 30. Dinner will follow at a popular Ann Arbor restaurant, Cost is \$4 for round trip transportation, pavable to the

bus driver. Please call for reservations.

#### SENIOR FIINESS Senior Water Aerobics

Both sessions begin at 1 p.m. at the pounds, 13 ounces. They are the Tampa. pool at our Lady of Providence on Beck Road. Stop by the Senior Center and

 Senior Stretch and Tone Certified trainer Angela Kielar will teach this well balanced workout at the Senior Center on Thursdays, 11 a.m.noon. You will need comfortable clothes athletic shoes, water and a towel, blanket or mat on which to sit. Classes will be held for six weeks, Jan. 20-Feb. 24. The cost is \$25 for residents and \$28 for non-residents. Register at the Senior

 Senior Walking Club Join the Northville seniors at Laurel Park Place Mall every Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning for a little exer-Held on the third Monday of every holiday crowds. Departure time from the cise while you socialize. Beginning Jan. essary. Due to the holiday, blood presmonth at the Senior Center. This is a mall is approximately 2:30 p.m. Cost is 10, we will be walking at the mall. Transportation is available from your home starting at 7 a.m. The cost is \$2, payable to the bus driver. Call the Senior Center

#### · Senior Fitness Program at Water

Wheel Health Club tion with Water Wheel Health Club are offering a senior fitness program. The Monthly income eligibility for a single trip transportation is \$4, payable to the Gifted carvers will arraze you with their program includes: setting up the starting person is \$1,030 (from all sources of bus driver. The bus will depart from the talented display of frozen art. Dinner is date after Sunday, Jan. 2: two sessions income) and for a couple, is \$1,383 (from 🛮 MAGS Building at 4:30 p.m. or pick you 🔝 on your own at a local Plymouth restau- 🖯 per week. Wednesday and Friday, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.; fitness evaluation, overall program design and instruction; exercise journal; and cardiovascular, stretching and strength training. The cost for the tree-week program is \$69 and the six-

#### This program offers calming exercise

tion, awareness and balance of the mind and to increase the flexibility, strength and balance of the body. The six-week session begins Jan. 21 and will be held every Friday, 10:30-11:30 a.m. in the lower level of the Senior Center. Cost is Senior Center for a presentation by the \$25 to residents and \$28 to non-resi-

#### at 11 a.m. Coffee and cookies will be served. Cost is \$2. Call ahead to reserve



#### Nicholas and Christopher Sellas

This is a seven-week session with a Nicholas Spiro and Christopher grandsons of Dr. and Mrs. Nicholas cost of \$55. Classes will meet on Mon- Francis were born June 3 to Kristen S. Sellas of Northville. days and Wednesdays. There are two and Spencer Sellas of Tampa, Fla. Spencer Sellas is a 1983 graduate sessions: Session I runs Jan. 10-Feb. Nicholas weighed 6 pounds, 13 of Northville High School, and is

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PRAISE CHAPEL CHURCH OF GOD Sunday Worship 10:00 AM Eight Mile & Haggerty Road - Novi Hiltor Children's Church & Nursery Home Study Groups 6:00 PM Meeting Thursday 7:00 PM

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find out your interests, skills and abilities. Keep your skills current and your resume.

. Decide what kind of job you want. . Set daily, weekly and monthly goals, and then do what it takes to attain them.

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Third Saturday of each month 40 a m, to 2 p.m. PerSmart (17677 Haggerty, Northvillel [1248] 626-8051

Critter Connection Saturday

11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Pet Supplies Plus (41660 Ten Mide, Navii 12481 380-0007

Volunteers For Action Some Saturdays and Sundays PetSmart (17677 Haggerty,

Animal Welfare Society of ing stops soon, For information

Southeastern Michigan Variety of times (248) 624 1100

In addition, the Pet-A-Pet group spends time bringing animals to mirsing homes, hospice locations, and residences of physically and emotionally challenged children and adults. Voluniteers are needed to help with

the programs. Here's a rundown

of where the group will be mak-

Old Village

on volunteering, call (248) 349-

Second Tuesday of each month

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NORTHVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION

Commemorative bricks are being sold for a walkway at the Northville Community Park concessions building. The cost of an engraved brick with three lines of up to 12 characters begins at \$75. Purchas les are tax deductible. General contributions are also being accepted.

Oakland County Parks can be reached at (248) 858-0906. Northville Parks and Recreation can be reached at (248) 349-0203.

#### In Service

Marine Pfc. Derrick H. Robinson has reported for duty with Marine Corps Security Force Company, Naval Submarine Base Bangor, Silverdale, Wash. He is the son of Lee A. Naar of Northville.

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#### Religion

Cornerstone Community Christian Church celebrated her first anniversary at a dinner meet ing at the Novi Civic Center on Dec. 5. A group of volunteers and ministry team leaders are pictured

Cornerstone Community is a non-denominational church meeting at the AMC Livonia 20 Theaters at 10 a.m. on Sundays. The services are described as casual, innovative and real. Cornerstone began as a church designed to present the message of the Bible in contemporary, relevant and practical way. They make use of movie clips

Raymond Maurer serves as the

pastor, and his wife Katrina leads

the music team. The Maurers

full-time ministries since they were

reside in Novi with their two

and drama.

Ray has a master of divinity from [248] 348-6860. Wixted and his family reside in Northville resident, is a real estate Lincoln Seminary and he's enrolled in a doctor of ministry program at Fuller Seminary. Katrialso helps in the Kid's Care and remainder of December:

> Ward Evangelican Presbyterian Mass, St. Barbara's Church, Church in Northville offers many monthly programs. For more information, call (248) 374-5920.

Single Place Activities for the month at First Presbyterian Dinner and Movie Night. Dinner Church of Northville includes location to be determined. cross country skiing (weather permitting), Dec. 26 at 1:30 p.m. at these events, call (248) 347-6142. Kensington Metropark.

Also at Single Place — brunch is Holy Family Roman Catholic held every Sunday at 12:30 p.m. Church in Novi is collecting non-

**Community Events** 

seven-week session costs \$52.50 825-2536.

and begins the week of Jan. 3.

For more information, call (248)

6:30-8 p.m. Select a date. Audi-

**On Campus** 

College in Novi. Winter 2000

semester classes begin for 11-

and 14-week semesters on Jan.

through Jan. 14; visit the regis-

tions are open to ages 5 and up.

winter semester classes at Walsh 462-4572.

subject matter. Register by mail part of Russia.

For registration information, libraries in the city.

married more than ten years ago. information on either event, call The Catholic Alumni Club of assembled, including stuffing mix, Detroit has the following events toilet tissue and breakfast cereal. na has a degree in teaching, and slated for singles during the For more information, call (248) Christmas Concert and Midnight

Members of Cornerstone Community meet at the AMC Livonia

20 Theater on Sunday morning.

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cost \$7.50.

The Novi Ice Arena will be The Children's Leukemia

accepting registration for the Foundation of Michigan has

winter session of Learn to Skate opened a new Resource Room at

classes through Dec. 30. Classes its Southfield office, where

are available for skaters 3 years books, videotapes and audio

old through adult. Daytime recordings can provide informa-

classes are also available home tion to children and parents

school students. All classes are about fighting the disease and 30 minutes long and include 15 dealing with leukemia treatment.

minutes of practice ice time. The For more information, call (800)

The Whistle Stop Players will Dec. 31. All singles welcome.

hold auditions for "The Adven- Doors open at 8 p.m., buffet din-

tures of Beatrix Potter and Her ner, from 8:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

Friends," Jan. 9 or 10, from The ballroom is non-smoking:

Students can register now for call (734) 462-4448; fax. (734)

New classes await Schoolcraft Economics and Strategic Continuing Education students. Research in Almaty, in the repub-

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Dec. 29, 6 p.m.

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attire is dressy, men must wear a

coat and tie. Pay \$70 in advance

(received by Dec. 27) or \$75 at

the door. For more information,

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Books are needed since school

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DivorceCare divorce recovery group meets at Forest Park Baptist Church in Farmington Hills every Wednesday at 7 p.m. Child IMAX Theater movie viewing, care will be provided for youth through fifth grade. For more information, call (248) 347-6675.

daughters; they have served in at Northville Crossing Restaurant, perishable foods and household 18900 Northville Road. For more supplies for the needy this holiday season. While all contributions are welcome, a complete list of specific items being sought has been ter's degree in speech pathology neering graduate of Lawrence planned



Northville announce the engagement of their son, Andrew, to Trang Duong, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tong Duong of Caruthers,

The groom-elect attended Northville public schools, Catholic Central High School, and is a 1994 graduate of the University of Michigan dental School.

The bride- and groom-elect met in graduate school as orthodontic residents at the University of California in San Francisco. Both are practicing orthodontics in the San Francisco Bay area. A June 2000 wedding is

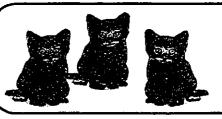
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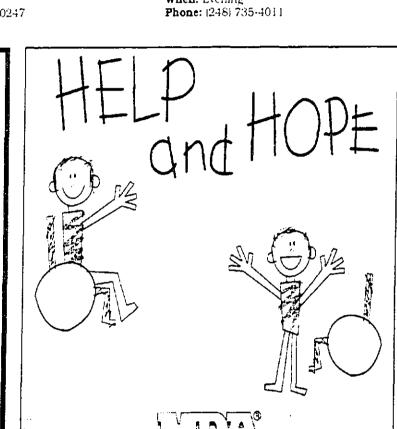
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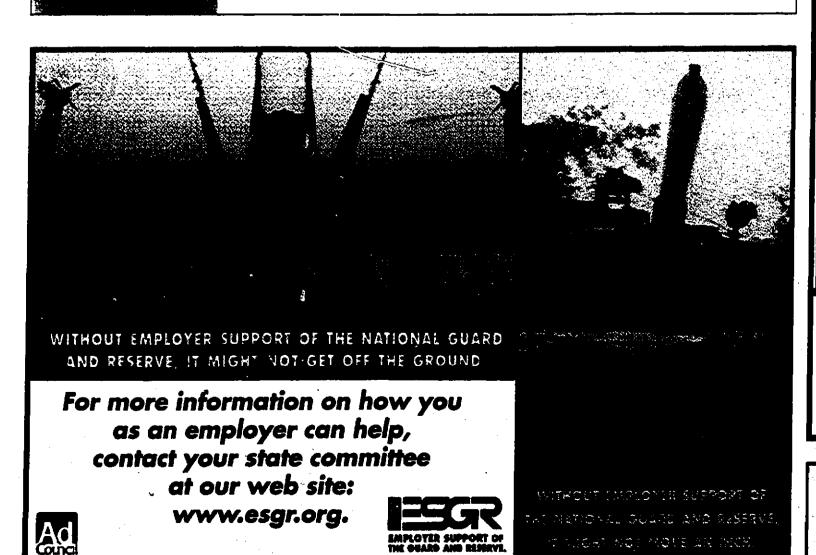
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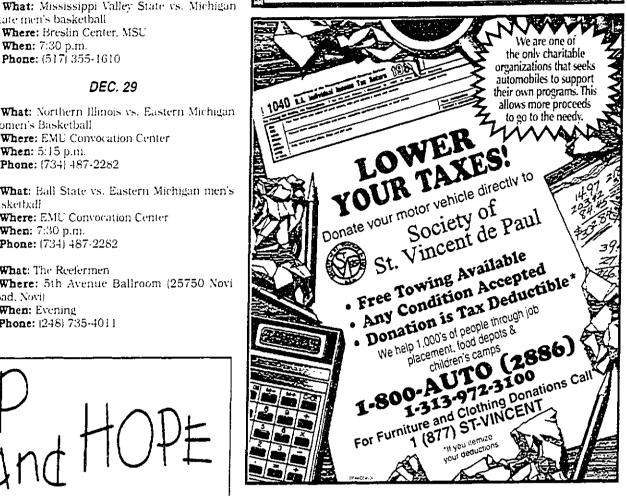


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## Movies

## the NOVI NEWS

Thursday December 23,

## Burton's 'Sleepy Hollow' mixes horror, fantasy and romance

Set in 1799, "Sleepy Hollow" is great symbol." based on Washington Irving's clas- Tim Burton is the director of the horseman.

horror films of the '50's and '60's was "Pee-Wee's Big Adventure." and this script had a lot of classic which he followed with "Beetlebeautiful horror images," says juice." He was a producer of Burton, "What I liked about the "James and the Giant Peach" and script is that it's respectful of the more recently directed the comeoriginal story but takes it into new dies "Ed Wood" and "Mars

sic tale "The Legend of Sleepy Hol- top-grossing motion pictures "Batman" and "Batman Returns," and basically behind the times and mance in the title role of Burton's Faithful to the dreamy custom- one of the producers of "Batman ahead of the times," says Burton. "Edward Scissorhands" estabbound world that Irving paints in Forever." He also directed and "and it's the contradictory aspects - lished him as one of Hollywood's his story, the film mixes horror, produced the highly acclaimed of his character which are always most sought-after talents and fantasy and romance and features "Edward Scissorhands," and cre- fun and interesting. One of the earned him a Best Actor Golden an extraordinary east of characters ated and produced the stop- original images that I had in my that dabble in the supernatural. In motion animation feature "Tim mind is a character who lives in essence, it is perfect material for Burton's The Nightmare Before his head versus a character with ton and stars Johnny Depp. Christmas.

Tim a big fan of all the Hammer Burton's first feature-length film was a wonderful symbol." Attacks!"

It also has a great mix of drama In "Sleepy Hollow." Johnny Depp and humor. I had known the story stars as Ichabod Crane, an eccenof the Headless Horseman mainly tric and earnest constable with an from the Disney cartoon. It's one of avant-garde approach to solving the few American horror stories. crime. Ichabod's contemporary I don't know what the power is investigative ways are put to the exactly, but there's a certain reatest when his superiors send him son why people always remember to the small village of Sleepy Holthe Headless Horseman. He's a low to probe a string of murders.

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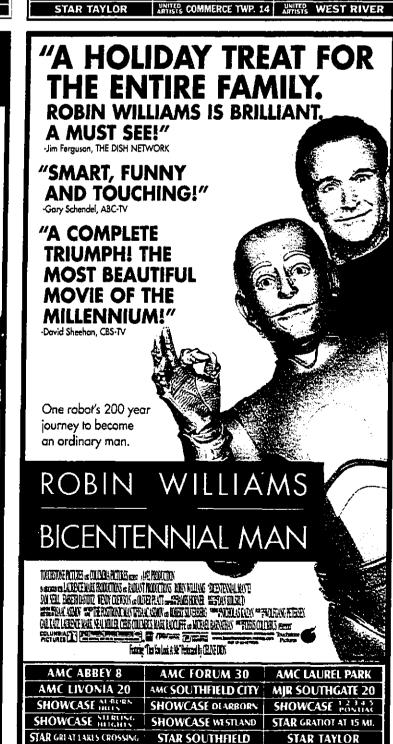


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ing to hear from? Ad#.2124 SHARE HER WORLD This outgoing DW mom, 38, MUO EUIC s spending time with her children, traveling, going to the movies out and have a good time and music, is seeking a SWM, 36-45, to share life's ups and downs with.

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**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 giver her a call. She'd love to hear from you. Ad#.9445

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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

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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

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GIVE ME A CALL Kind-hearted, active SWF, going to movies, is in 35, is looking for an interest-search of a SWM, 18-22, to ing SWM, 29-39, N/S, to spend quality time with. share animals, travel and more. Ad#.3333

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

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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

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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 relation-ship. Ad#.8899

WORTH A TRY Fun-loving, active SWM, 30, who enjoys the outdoors and traveling, is seeking a nice, honest SWF, for a possible relationship. Ad#.2463

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Wildcats

tune-up

for KVC

season

The Novi volleyball team

bounced back from a loss to

Northville to top another non-

conference opponent, Farm-

ington Hills Harrison, last

It took the Wildcats three

games to do it, however, as the team suffered "lapse" in

the second game of the

match. Novi beat the Hawks

15-3 in the opening game.

but then fell asleep during a

3-15 loss in game number

about that second game,'

Novi coach Julie Fisette said.

\*But even during their string

of eight-straight points, they weren't overly excited about

So Novi took back the

"It's non-conference, but to

Kristen McGlinnen led the team with eight kills, five blocks and three aces. Angie Herbst had three kills and three blocks for Novi (5-2).

Battling a very tall and athletic Northville team, Novi had no choice but to try their luck in blocking. And the team had no such luck. The Mustangs beat Novi in straight games, 15-13, 15-11. "We just couldn't block anything." Fisette said. "If you can't put up a block. you're dead. Our outside hitters had a hard time getting

Fisette said that if the two teams were to meet again,

her team would have a much

Mickie Rzepka had a team-

high five kills and McGlinnen

momentum in the third game

and rolled to a 15-9 win.

their fifth of the season.

us, it's a win," Fisette said.

"I think we just forgot

By JASON SCHMITT

week on the road.

Sports Editor

## New attitude breeds success for hockey team

Wildcats post strong start heading into holiday tourney

By ROBERT JACKSON Editor

Dan Phelps has got to be a pretty happy hockey coach these

That's because the 2nd year coach has seen a tremendous change in his squad from last year's inaugural season. For starters the Wildcats, fresh off a 10-0 thumping of Dearborn Heights Crestwood last week, are 4-1-5 overall (1-0-3 in the KVC), a far cry from last year's 0-9

"At about this time last year I was living a nightmare." Phelps said. "We were a brand new program, just starting out, and the kids didn't really know each other."

This year has been a lot different. The difference. Phelps

explained, is attitude. "We have the attitude that we're not better than any team until we beat them," Phelps said. We approach each game the same. We go out and work hard. play a tough defensive game, and we try to take advantage of the

opportunities we get." The guys play well together." Players like Novi Center Brad Zarem and teammates Brian

#### HOLIDAY HOCKEY

The Novi/Northville Winter Tournament takes place Dec. 28-29 at the Novi Ice Arena and features the hockey teams from Northville, Novi, Waterford Mott, and West Bloomfield high schools:

Northville vs. Waterford Mott, 6

Novi vs. W. Bloomfield, 8 p.m.

Consolation game at 6 p.m. Championship game at 8 p.m.

Jaussi, Kyle Major and Beau Brandau form a strong nucleus for Phelps' fast skating club. Zarem poses a threat everytime he touches the puck. posting four multiple goal games so far this

Phelps has also been impressed by the way his team has hung

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Novi forward Ryan Layton heads up ice with the puck in a recent game against Northville. The Wildcats will take their 4-1-5 record into Howell before taking part in the Novi/Northville Winter Hockey Tournament, Dec. 28-29.

## Wildcat swimmers defeat South Lyon in KVC swim meet

By CHRIS C. DAVIS Copy Editor

Going into last Thursday's meet against South Lyon, Novi too certain of what to expect from his young team.

By the end of the meet, at least some of the answers had been around, not wanting to found.

Lions 127-59. McCord said the final score came as more than a bit of a surprise. "We graduated a lot of kids last

year." McCord said. "I thought tougher than they ended up being." Except for the final 400

freestyle relay. Novi took first place in each of the meet's relays and in most of the individual events, as well. Novi set the tempo for the meet

with a winning time of 1:53.36 in the 200 medley relay, comprised of Jordan Moblo, Juwan Yoo. Andrew Sawmiller and Adam

The 200 freestyle relay team followed suit with its own victory. Mike Reynolds, Mike Lee, Andy Capanyola and Phil Suchyta finished with a time of 1:41.20.

"We had a large lead going into the 400 relay, so I switched our

"We had a large lead going into the 400 relay, swim coach Bill McCord wasn't so I switched our varsity and JV relay teams The Wildcats doubled up on the run up the score."

> Bill McCord Novi Swim coach

South Lyon would be a lot varsity and JV relay teams around, not wanting to run up the score." McCord said.

Suchyta also took first place in the 200 freestyle (1:59.76) and the 500 freestyle (5:30.68).

McCord said he was pleased with the individual performances of Sawmiller, a sophomore, who won the 100-yard butterfly with a time of 1:01.52.

"He dropped two seconds from his personal best time in that event," McCord said. "Andrew worked really hard to get that time down."

Adam Byer's victories in the 50-yard freestyle (25.18 seconds) and the 100-freestyle (55.39 sec-

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## Making a point

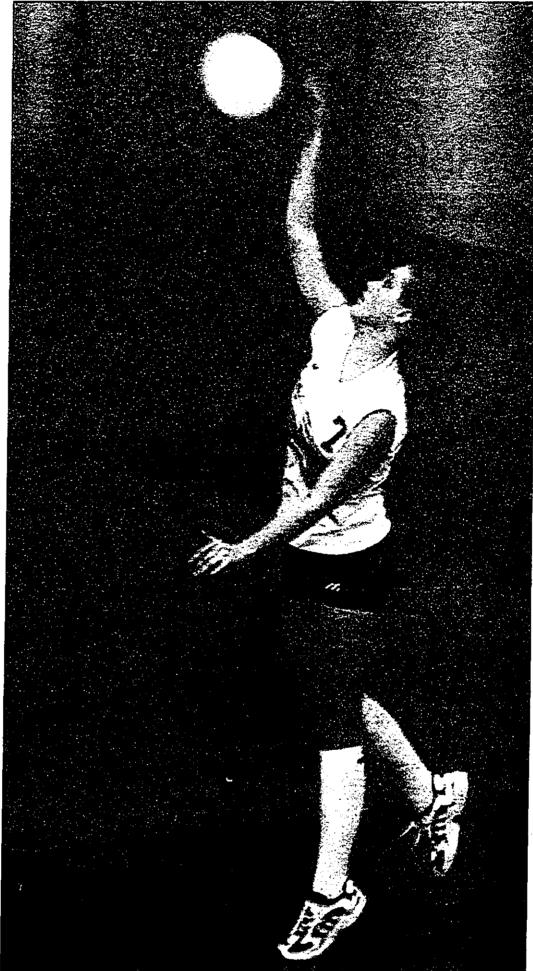


Photo by LOUIS POULOS

## had three kills and three Brighton picked to win KVC volleyball

better chance.

set up."

One of the sports which is once again on the rise in the Kensington Valley Conference, in both popularity and competitiveness is volleyball. While some teams have maintained a high level of play for quite a few years now. some others had dropped off in the past. But the last couple of years the level of play is once again rising to a top notch level. This year that rise should once again continue with all teams showing signs of being competitive.

One line cutline goes in this space right here.

The rise in the teams success is directly proportionate to the increase level of play in the individuals. This year the league once again hosts some of the top talent in the area. in an effort to rank those players, the Home-Town Sports Editors take a stab at ranking the top ten players in the KVC this season.

1. Brittany Henson, junior, middle/outside hitter, Brighton - This Bulldog should be ready for a break out season. Last year Henson played on one of the better Brighton teams to play on the Bulldog court. She played with one of the most talented senior class to ever play in Brighton. Despite the dominance of those players, Henson still shined as a consistent player and when given the opportunity, showed the talent to be a top

This year, with most of the those players graduating. Henson will be looked upon to lead the team. Her good size should be a big asset at the net, both on defense and offense. If all goes well and she stays injury free. Henson will be a huge force for Brighton this sea-

2. Ashley Howard, senior, setter/outside hitter, Howell - The returning starter looks to be as strong as ever this season. While she may have missed the first tournament of the season because of taking ACT's, Howard is not behind by any means. She is a player who brings a good court sense to the Highlanders



County Press), Steve Bell (South Lyon Hei ald 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.

1998-99 Final Standings Brighton 1st - tie South Lyon 1st - tie 3rd Howell Novi ??? 5th ??? 6th

Novi Hartland

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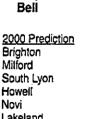
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2000 Prediction Brighton Howell Milford Novi Hartland South Lyon

Brighton Milford South Lyon Howell Novi Lakeland



and knows how the game is supposed to be played. Her coaches feel she is a definite college bound player who should have a great 3. Kristin McGlinnen, senior, outside hit-

ter, Novi - If there's one thing about McGlinnen, it's that she has no problem seeing over the net. At 6-foot-1, the senior middle hitter is remembered by all KVC coaches as "that big girl on Novi." She's improved her game consistently over the three years she's spent on varsity and has one of the best serves in the league. She's a strong hitter and is one of the most athletic 6-footers around:

4. Julie Stowers, junior, middle/outside hitter, Brighton - The Bulldogs top two players are as valuable to their team as any duo in the Kensington Valley Con-

ference. Stowers returns from last year varsity starting lineup which went to the state quarterfinals with and improved game. She is a player who can dominate play with her solid hits and good defensive play. The Bulldogs are expecting big things out of this junior as well this season.

5. Martha Digsby, senior setter, Lakeland - She has been a fixture of the Lakeland program, as she's now in her fourth season. Digsby is very athletic, and will hurt you a number of ways. She can control a game's tempo, setting up her teammates, but can also get the

6. Ericka May, sophomore, middle hitter,

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Good memories do not necessarily have to come from the era often referred to as "the good old days." Some of my good memories, took place during a period of time when things were not all that good. The lated States was involved in the worst part of the . Horean War, jobs were not too casy to find and wages. were at that point where many people had enough to get by on, but not enough to really enjoy the getting.

At that time taking a vacation did not mean taking the family on a two week trip to Disneyland. In our household, it usually meant the wife took the kids to her mother's house while dad slipped away to spend. the week roughing it in the woods with the guys at some temporarily set up deer camp.

"Temporarily set up" means it was just the basics needed by tive or six guys and usually consisted of only a couple of tents and a buck pole. The funcier ones may have had a small shelter of some kind that was used as an outhouse but ours was usually nothing more than a hole in the ground with a short pole. mounted between two trees, about two feet off the ground and surrounded by a few shrubs and bushes.

None of the fellows in our group owned any land that was suitable for hunting deer so we usually had



where the deer were more plentiful and there was no charge for the camping site. In those days we all contributed something. One fellow owned the sleeping tent, another brought the cook-tent, someone else had a small, wood-burning

stove and we all had our own sleeping bag or a pile of blankets. We could always find a couple of Coleman lanterns and a two-burner cook stove.

away from the crowd for awhile and was swilling to do all of the cooking for the rest of us if we would take

. He also did the dishes and kept the campsite in order while the rest of us spent our prime time in the woods waiting for that big buck to wander within range. Since most of us did not like to cook or do dishes, we would often do a lot of sweet talking to get this fellow to join us.

The deer hunting license at that time cost only five dollars each and we would split up the food and other expenses such as gas used to get to the hunting area. The total cost per person would sometimes be less than 20 or 30 dollars, and that would be for the

After returning from the woods at the end of a day's hunt, we would often find a big kettle of chili simmering on the wood stove and the cook making up a batch of fresh sliced ham sandwiches to be eaten before we sat down to the nightly poker game. [Did I mention that one of the fellows always brought along a folding poker table? Probably not — I usually forgot to mention that part to my wife, too.)

Some years, even the cook brought back a deer, although he didn't really go hunting. Other years, only one or two of us would score and the deer would

be split up among the whole group. Some of the best memories were of the later years when several of us regulars had sons who were old enough to join us on our annual trips to

I can still remember each year the youngsters got their first deer. From that time on they were the pros. giving the younger ones all kinds of advice and tips on how to become a deer hunter. Bathing was not a required practice in the week-

long campout, and by the time the week of hunting all day and sleeping in most of your clothes to keep warm at night was over, some of our hunters smelled worse than the animals we were hunting. Most of us held secret desires for the last couple of days to pass more quickly so we could get back to the

wife and the rest of the family, and to a warm bath The times were not the best, but they were surely

not the worst. If the memories are good, then the times were good - at least they look good now, as I If the season was a good one and the deer had chosit here and remember only the best parts.

#### to travel northward, usually to the Roscommon area. During the years that I remember best, we had one sen our area to winter up in, we would sometimes all where we would set up our camp on state-owned land - fellow who went along for the trip but did not really 'Cats down Lions

onds) were two other standout efforts in McCord's mind. Though the meet seemed to be an easy victory for Novi, it wasn't - petition with a composite score of without incident. Diver Derek-Zonca gave his teammates and internal "Athlete of the Week" hon-

back-and-a-half. ously hurt and managed to get with a dual meet against Western out of the pool under his own. Lakes Conference powerhouse power, but was unable to complete competition.

"His knee buckled on the takeoff, so he didn't really have a or went into the water, but he

tried going through with it, any-McCord said Zonca's back was stiff from the accident.

happen to a teammate, but Steve kept his cool and did well for us. McCord said.

Alberty finished the diving com-224.75. His effort won him the spectators a big-time scare when ors from the rest of the Wildeats. diving board while attempting a when they face the combined Walled Lake Western-Central Fortunately, Zonca wasn't seri- team. The 'Cats will stay busy

Bloomfield Relays on Jan. 8. "We're a lot more vulnerable in take-off," McCord-said, "It might terms of depth than we've been in have been better if he just balked past years, but I think we'll be

## Hockey team's attitude

Brighton, All three games result-

"We keep hearing people say in the season." that we are one of the elite teams in the KVC, but that's just talk." how good we are on the ice. That's where it counts."

Crestwood team, which is also in its second season.

"They're a team that has only won a game so far this season That's one of those games you up a notch."

Novi will be off until Jan. 4

Plymouth Salem on Jan. 6, and then participate in the West

okay," McCord said.

Because of the shutdown of the school over the Christmas holiday, the team will have a threeday absence from practice Zonea's absence left the diving McCord said he hoped the team responsibilities up to Steve Alberty. would put additional effort into "It's real easy to get rattled practices before and after the when you see something like that shutdown.

## breeds success on ice

really don't like to coach," he added. "But games like that do tough against the elite KVC teams—give you the opportunity to give like Milford, Hartland and some added ice time to players that don't normally play that much, which helps the team later

The Mustangs won't have an opportunity to enjoy their latest Phelps said. "We've got to prove - win too long, however. Novi takes on KVC rival Howell on Wednesday (after the Novi News dead-The Wildcats did just that line), and are preparing for the against an outmanned Dearborn upcoming Novi/Northville Winter Hockey Tournament, scheduled

for Dec. 28-29. The games are going to get tougher as the season progresses and they are struggling right and our kids need to understand now," Phelps said. "They're not that we need to take our game to really a bad team. I think it's a the next level if we are to be sucmatter of our team progressing a cessful," Phelps said. "They need little more from our first season." to continue bringing their game

## Brighton picked to win conference

Milford - A key player last year as junior setter worked hard in the back line. As a junior she was third She is very good at the net and has only a freshman. May has made offseason, playing on club teams in the league in kills - and that good leaping abilities. She also real strides in her game and — now and it appears to have paid off. At a was playing alongside Kellie Kern. brings some very solid leadership a team co-captain — she could college recruiting combine this past who broke all the school records in to a team which could be in the become Milford's star now that summer she was unofficially that category. She also had 46 hunt for the KVC title. Haley Myers is playing at Madonna. ranked at the No. 2 player there aces. May is Milford's top returner in two and gained the attention of many statistical categories of note — kills — college coaches in attendance. Baar

7. Michelle Baar, junior, setter, Hartland - This 5-4 junior could be on the verge of a great season.

could be the best setter in the KVC middle hitter. Howell - The High-

landers athletic program is certainly going to miss the senior 8. Fran Hamilton, senior mid- after the year is through. The basmakes Hamilton, a third-year volleyball players on the team, she led the team in aces.

Baar certainly make up for what starter, so dangerous is that she. This year Benear will be looking to she lacks in size in her talent. The can contribute up front or on the round out her already solid game.

10. Jenny Price, senior setter 9. Stephanie Benear, senior, Milford - The Redskins' other team captain. Price is a smart player who works well with Milford's big hitters - Ericka May, Christie Schumachdle hitter, South Lyon - What ketball star is also one of the top er and Jodie Nouhan. As a junior

## Novi basketball team loses to South Lyon



Northville's Tim Ferng and Travis Bliss put pressure on Wildcat guard Jeff Perrera.

#### Wildcats rally within two but come up short 57-47

After trailing by as many as 16 points early n the second half. Novi cut South Lyon's lead to two in the fourth quarter but could get no closer as the Lions claimed a 57-47 conference win on the Wildcats' home floor

"We let Novi back in it in the fourth," South Lyon coach Daren Clayton said. "But we called a timeout, settled down, got a quick bucket and pulled away." ould've been worse for Novi, but for the

aspired play of center Dan Nawrot. "He kept them in the game," Clayton said. Nawrot scored 16 of their 21 points, and they were all layups."

Nawrot ended up with a game-high 26

The problem was getting the ball to him. Novi committed 20 turnovers, many of them due to the Lions' fullcourt pressure defense. Dealing with South Lyon's press is never easy, but the task was made more complicated for Novi with starting point guard Brandon Davis out of the lineup with an ankle injury. "Our pressure was extremely effective." Clayton said. "We pressed them the whole

game, and they had a hard time dealing with

It was not a happy night for Novi's star. 6'6" senior Chad Nadolni. He was suppressed by South Lyon's Randy Duncan. Nadolni scored five points, but none when Duncan was guarding him. Duncan, meanwhile, had

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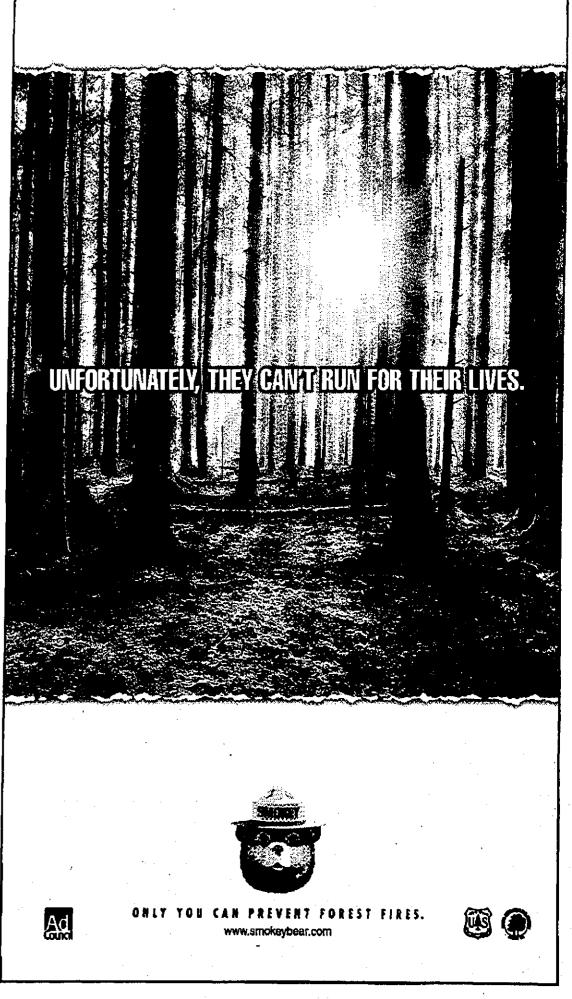
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## Health

the NOVI **NEWS** 

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#### **Health Notes**

#### 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-

#### **Diabetes Education**

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

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

Call (248) 424-3903 to register.

#### Surgical Preparation

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

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

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

#### Weight on the Run

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

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

#### **Child Health Clinics**

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

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

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

#### **Healthy Solutions** Seminar

Healthy Solutions are offering a seminar series over the next few

All seminars are free and begin at 7:30 p.m. Please call (248) 305-5785 or stop in healthy solutions to reserve a seat (space is limited). You may show up the night of the seminar, however a seat may not be available.

#### Hot Flash Study

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

#### **Blood pressure** checks

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

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

For more information call (248) 380-4225.

#### Food Allergy Counseling

Individuals with food allergies can receive counseling on food choices and substitutions from a Botsford Hospital professional. The fee is \$30.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call [248] 477-6100.

#### Prostate Cancer Support Group

Offering knowledgeable speakers each month, this support group provides encouragement and education about prostate cancer, its treatment and the physical and emotional issues associated with it. It meets the third Monday of every month at 7 p.m. and it's

Sessions take place in Botsford's 2 East A Conference Room, 28050 Grand River Ave., in Farmington Hills. For more information, call (248) 477-6100.

#### Foot and ankle consultations

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Meadowbrook, and 30931 W. Seven Mile Road in Livonia. Call (248) 349-5559 or (248) 478-1166 for more information or to schedule a consultation.

### Menopause Support

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

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

For information, call (248) 424-

#### Free Foot Screenings

Free foot screenings are offered every Tuesday and Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Botsford General Hospital, Suite 200, South Professional Building, 28080 Grand River Ave. in Farmington

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

#### **Heart Disease Risk Reduction Programs**

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

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

#### Health Risk Appraisal

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#### Intermediate Water Aerobics

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

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

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1311 or 858-4001; south Oakland. Southfield: (248) 424-7066 or 424-7067; west Oakland, Walled Lake: (248) 926-3000.

#### Panic attack and agoraphobia support group

They have monthly meetings starting in September at both Northville and Livonia locations. It's a comfortable group support setting for individuals experiencing panic attacks. The cost is \$5. For more information call Susan Franceschi at (734) 420-8100.

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

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

#### **Asthma Education**

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

There is a \$30 fee and an appointment is required. For more information and to

#### register, call (248) 477-6100.

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

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

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

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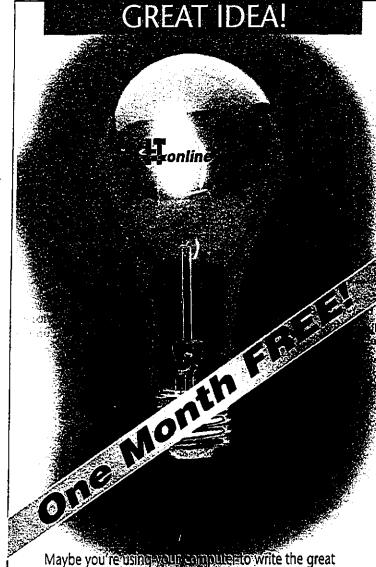
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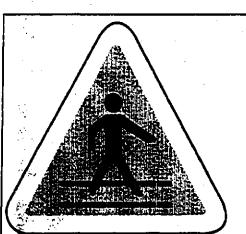
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