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## No brakes yet for Twelve Mile widening plans

By B.J. HAMMERSTEIN  
 Staff Writer

Although Novi residents voted down a road bond proposal in November, city council members are still eyeing improvements for Twelve Mile Road.

What's in the works is a joint \$8.2 million effort by the city and the developers of the new Fountain Walk shopping center, Ramco-Gershenson, to upgrade the mile road before more retail traffic converges on Twelve Mile.

At the Dec. 20 meeting, in a 4-2 vote, with Mayor Richard Clark and Mayor Pro Tem Laura Lorenzo in the minority, the Novi City Council passed the adoption of Resolution No. 5 for Special Assessment District No. 55 for Twelve Mile Road.

Council Member Ed Kramer pointed out that during many road improvement projects, the city will match 20 percent of the projects' costs, which is what Ramco-Gershenson is asking for in this situation.

"The reality is many of our arterial roads need improvements," Kramer said.

"If Novi does nothing further, traffic will continue to increase and the city will be forced to participate in other traffic improvement projects."

"The reality is many of our arterial roads need improvements."

Ed Kramer,  
 Novi City Council member

Negotiations for this plan started about a year ago when city officials approached Ramco-Gershenson about contributing money for Twelve Mile Road improvements.

Even though the proposed project is moving forward without Novi being obligated to pay the \$1.2 million, it is expected Ramco will negotiate terms for the city back into the contract.

The widening of Twelve Mile Road to a four-lane boulevard from east of Novi Road to west of Dixon Road, with Novi contributing 20 percent of the costs (\$1.2 million) won't be approved unless all resolutions are adopted by the council.

Even though the road bond proposal failed, Ramco still wants Twelve Mile Road improved to help traffic flow into its development.

"I will not be supporting Resolution No. 5," Lorenzo said.

"I am not willing to have coun-

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## Novi man gunned down in Detroit

By JENNIFER NORRIS  
 Staff Writer

A 29-year-old Novi man was fatally shot on Dec. 23 while delivering ice cream to a distributor in Detroit.

Jeffery Richard Burda, an award-winning bodybuilder, was killed while making a delivery for the Hershey Creamery Co. of Brighton, Mich. to a British Petroleum gas station located at Morang and Lake Point Street, officials said.

"Jeffery was a wonderful kid. He was the best kid on earth and had a very big heart. He didn't deserve this," said his aunt, Theresa Burda.

Police said Burda was approached by several subjects in the gas station's parking lot at approximately 8 a.m. One of the subjects shot Burda in the head and a 15-year-old boy was also injured, said Officer Bill Ratliff, a Detroit Police spokesman.

He would not comment on the cause of the attack.

The 15-year-old was taken to Grace Hospital with a gunshot wound to the shoulder and was

later released. Burda was transported to St. John's Hospital and was pronounced dead on arrival.

Burda was engaged to be married.

His funeral was at the Swartz Funeral Home in Flint Tuesday. He was buried at Evergreen Cemetery in Grand Blanc.

Burda was born Sept. 1, 1970, and graduated from Kearsley High School in 1988. He was an Honor Society student.

Theresa Burda remembered her nephew as an avid sports fanatic who was particularly fond of the Detroit Red Wings. He also competed in Mr. Michigan Body Building and Mr. Teen Flint.

"He took second place in the body building contest," his aunt recalled.

Theresa Burda said she doesn't believe that this murder was the result of a robbery attempt because the cash in his wallet, his watch and ring were not taken.

"We don't know what their intent was," she said.

Burda is survived by his parents Brenda and Richard of Flint.

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Vic's World Class Market wine manager Donna Hauser eyes bubbles in a Spanish wine.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

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## Why not party?

Local night spots schedule 2K celebrations

By B.J. HAMMERSTEIN  
 Staff Writer

South Beach, Las Vegas, New York City. All exotic places looking to cash in on New Year's Eve 1999.

But as these exciting destinations offer millennium parties that will swagger until dawn, many people are scratching their heads trying to figure out what to do locally.

With many merchants here shutting down early on Dec. 31, the pickings in Novi may be slim, but still should offer a memorable night to launch the year 2000.

So, for the last minute Novi merry-maker looking for a little local fun, here's a quick guide to some of the happenings around town.

• Fifth Avenue Ballroom will be kicking in the New Year with a package that includes two live bands — Detroit's own rock-n-reggae band Jo-Nab and Chicago's Coupla Fat Guys — a dinner buffet and champagne.

Reservations aren't necessary, but tickets are selling quickly for the event. Couples can get in for \$75 and single tickets are being sold for \$40. A champagne toast, party favors and good times will be had, so get there early — the buffet goes from 8 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. (248) 735-4011.

• The Oxford Inn of Novi will be hosting their New Year's Eve party beginning at 9 p.m. and concluding well into the next year — 3 a.m.

The cost is \$110 per person and will offer a selection of five dinner entrees. Entertainment will be provided by two live bands, Jocelyn B and Impact 7. With a split of champagne at midnight, a year 2000 souvenir glass and other party favors, what more could you ask for? How about breakfast served tableside at 1 a.m.

A portion of the profits will be siphoned off for a good cause. They'll be donated to the City of Novi for the fountain that is to be built at the northeast corner of Grand

## It's a small world for Novi choir

By JENNIFER NORRIS  
 Staff Writer

The Novi High School combined choirs were invited to perform several holiday productions and tour the sights at Walt Disney World in Orlando Dec. 16-19.

And even torrential rain couldn't dampen their spirits.

At Walt Disney World, the students sang with the Candlelight Processional, which is a part of the Millennium Celebration at the American Gardens Theater in Epcot Center and is only performed between Thanksgiving and

Christmas.

"It was remarkable and thrilling," Director Paula Joyner-Clinard said.

"It's certainly worthwhile as a musical experience."

Over 100 students from the choirs, including the Novi Singers, Wildcat Chorus, Varsity Choir, Novi Chorale and Concert Choir participated in the trip and were accompanied by 35 adult attendants.

"It was awesome," said Becky Stab, a parent-chaperone.

The planning for this trip began

when Joyner-Clinard last spring sent Walt Disney World a tape of the choirs. In the beginning of September, she was notified that the students had been accepted to perform with the Walt Disney Candlelight Show.

After the trip was approved by the high school administration and the school board, plans were then set to raise funds, arrange transportation, and locate chaperones. Each student was required to pay \$600 to cover expenses, including airfare and lodging.

Under the direction of Joyner-

Clinard, the choir learned approximately 20 songs that were sent to them by Walt Disney World. Choreography was taught by Director Stacey Becker and Novi Meadows music instructor Kristen Fatee.

During the performance Novi's combined choirs were accompanied by singers from the Epcot Choir. These performances also featured the Novi choirs retelling the Christmas story, with narration done by actor James McDaniel of "NYPD Blue."

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Two of the Laski triplets, Bradley, left and Kristen play with space toys, as we trek into the year 2000. But the future isn't quite as wild as their elders imagined it.

## The future, here with no big shock

The future is now and we hardly recognize it. Okay, we're almost in the year 2000 and it's exciting and all that.

And yes, we've all watched modern technology place new worlds within everyone's reach, but do our houses, our furniture, our clothes, really look so radically different from the 1980s, the 1970s, even the 1960s?

Where are the rocket ships in our backyards? Who lives on dried space food?

We may have cable TV, but we sit in a traditional reclining arm chair to watch it.

We may cruise the Web, but when doing so we wear jeans, sweaters, standard stuff. Hardly anybody anymore has blue hair or green, although a few have their tongues pierced.

We still wear pants and we still put them on one leg at a time.

So The Novi News asked local people what their vision of the year 2000 was, back when

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A special section ...

## YEAR IN REVIEW

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## Community Calendar

Thursday, Dec. 30

### Who's doing business

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

### TOPS

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

Friday, Dec. 31

### New Year's Eve

The Novi Chess Club meets at noon at the Novi United Methodist Church at 41671 Ten Mile Road. For information, contact Bob Lumbright at 394-0590.

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Tuesday, Jan. 3

### Zoning Board of Appeals

The Novi Zoning Board of Appeals meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road.

### Civil Air Patrol

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

### Menopause Support Group

The Novi Medical Center's Conference Center, 47601 Grand River Ave., hosts a monthly menopause support group from 7:30-9 p.m. for women with concerns about menopause. Call 380-4115 for more information.

### Amateur Radio Club

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

### Chess Club

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

### Optimist Club

The Novi Optimist Club meets at 7:30 a.m. at the Big Boy Restaurant

Novi Road, across from the Novi Town Center.

Wednesday, Jan. 5

### Novi Planning Commission

The Novi Planning Commission meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road.

Thursday, Jan. 6

### Novi Rotary

The Novi Rotary Club meets at noon at the Novi United Methodist Church at 41671 Ten Mile Road. For information, contact Bob Lumbright at 394-0590.

### Novi School Board

The Novi School Board meets tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the Educational Services Building, 23345 Taft Road. For information, call 449-1200.

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Friday, Jan. 7

### Expo Show

Today through Jan. 9, the Health, Fitness and Lifestyle Show runs at the Novi Expo Center. For information, call 348-5600.

Monday, Jan. 10

### City Council

The Novi City Council will meet at 7:30 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road.

### Library Board

The Novi Library Board will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi library building.

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### Northville School Board

The Northville School Board meets at 7:30 p.m. in the third floor Conference Room, Old Village School. For information, call 349-3400.

### Chess Club

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### Optimist Club

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Wednesday, Jan. 12

### Seniors potluck

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

### Lions Club

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

### SPARK

The Society for the Preservation of American Racing Knowledge, the all-volunteer support organization for the Motorsports Hall of Fame of America, meets at 7 p.m. at the Novi Expo Center. The meeting is open to anyone interested in supporting the Hall of Fame and Museum.

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## Kids making kids dreams come true

Northville students travel to Detroit elementary school to bring holiday cheer to others



Detroit Beard Elementary School Principal Carlos Lopez, left, greets a group of Northville American Elementary students. The students brought gifts and donations to the kids there.

By MELANIE PLEUDA Staff Writer

Marissa Gonzalez, 9, has nothing. Yet, when she received gifts from members of the Sweet Dreams project Dec. 15, her first thought was not of herself.

"When I saw the pillow in the bag I was so happy. Now I can give my brother his pillow back. We have to share because we don't really have that kind of stuff at our house," she said.

Gonzalez goes to Beard Elementary School in Detroit. Last week, students from Moraine, Silver Springs, and American elementary, in conjunction with Kathleen Donnelly's Sweet Dreams project, took toys, blankets and pillows to Beard students and helped them celebrate Christmas.

The project also received donations from local businesses, including 700 sleeping bags from Kmart, pillows and blankets from Elkin and pizza from Papa Romano's and Papa John's Pizza.

As for Northville, students collected everything from lip balm to Pokemon cards to give to the Beard students.

"I was happy to be a part of this because it helps make kids' dreams come true," American fourth grader Carly Goldberg said.

Northville students traveled to the school to deliver the goodies and share in a Christmas party complete with music and two Santa Clauses. Each child at Beard received a green or red bag filled with their new treasures.

"It was incredible, the kids are

## Oakland County road information available on-line with Web site

The Road Commission for Oakland County has added a searchable database of all county roads to its Web site ([www.roccweb.org](http://www.roccweb.org)), providing visitors with quick and easy access to a wealth of information about county roads.

"This is the first time that so much data about nearly all of our roads has been so accessible to the public," said RCOG Managing Director Brent Bar.

"In the past we have not had a means to make this much data easily available. Now the Internet has made it possible."

The roads database page of the RCOG Web site allows users to search for a specific county road in a particular community, a particular county road regardless of community or all county roads within a community.

The following information is provided, when available, about each road section: surface type (paved or gravel, number of lanes, traffic volume, existing right of way width, planned right of way width, any scheduled road improvements and more.

"This new section of our web site moves us closer to our goal of better serving our customers — the motorists traveling in Oakland County — by providing them with the information they need in the format they want," said Bar.

This is believed to be the first searchable database of its kind offered by a county road commission in Michigan.

Also available at the RCOG Web site are: the nation's only real-time traffic congestion map for non-freeway roads, recent RCOG news, a list of current road projects, a schedule of upcoming RCOG meetings open to the public, downloadable RCOG brochures, links to related web sites, information about how and why RCOG does what it does and RCOG job postings.

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# Victim blinded in robbery

On Dec. 21 at about 1 a.m., the Novi Police Department received a report of an armed robbery at the Pizza Hut on the corner of Five Mile Road and Middlebrook Road.

## Police News

After arriving on the scene, the investigation revealed that the manager left the establishment at the end of the night. He was accompanied by two sisters while entering his vehicle.

Upon returning around the manager was sprayed in the face with a squirt gun containing an unknown chemical that caused temporary blindness. The manager turned over the business receipts of approximately \$1,000 to the sisters as they fled out from the area.

Both suspects are described as white males in their late teens to early twenties, 5'10", of thin build and dressed in blue, tan hooded sweatshirts and dark ski masks.

No arrests have been made at this time. This case remains under investigation by the Detective Bureau of the Novi Police Department.

**BAD BUSINESS**  
A 36-year-old Orchard Lake man and a 30-year-old Wixom, Mich. woman reported they had ordered custom furniture from a private business in Novi and have not received any merchandise or a refund for their purchases.

The man ordered \$15,952 and the woman ordered \$7,983 by credit card on July 11, from the suspect's residence.

Both the male and the female have tried to get in touch with the merchant, but there has been a block placed on the phone, no return calls and no answer at the door.

Each contacted the furniture company from which the order was already placed, but the company said they had no orders placed and had not dealt with the suspect before.

Novi Police have made contact with the suspect and are forwarding the case to the Detective Bureau to review the case for possible fraud.

**STOLEN IDENTITY**  
On Dec. 24, a 29-year-old Novi

woman, reported to the Novi Police an unknown suspect has stolen her identity, created a fraudulent Michigan driver's license and took money from both her checking and savings accounts.

The victim stated on Dec. 18, she attempted to withdraw money from an ATM, but was unable to receive any funds.

The victim noticed the bank, which began to investigate the situation. A loss prevention agent from the bank informed the victim that a black female has apparently obtained the driver's license and numbers of the victim's accounts and had attempted to withdraw a large amount of cash. At this time, the bank contacted the police, but the suspect fled the location. However, the suspect left the fraudulent driver's license.

This report was filed with the Novi Police Department. However, none of the attempts to gain funds occurred in Novi.

**MALL RAGE**  
On Dec. 18, a 29-year-old Farmington Hills woman was shopping at the shoe department at Lord & Taylor. While shopping, the victim walked past a woman who said to her, "you could have said excuse me."

The victim said she was surprised by the comment, but continued to shop. About three minutes later the victim said she walked by the accused again and felt something hit her back.

The object that hit the victim's back was a shoe, and the victim then asked the accused if she threw it at her.

According to the victim, the accused said she had been shown disrespect and returned the victim about having manners.

The accused said the victim made facial gestures at her and that the victim had earlier walked on her shoes.

The accused also said she intentionally threw the shoe at a display table, but the shoe bounced and hit the victim.

She added she never intended to hit the victim, but only to gain her attention and respect.

**A BAG FULL OF GOODIES**  
While last minute patrons were shopping at Twelve Oaks, Novi Police were dispatched to the mall about 7:15 p.m. Christmas Eve in reference to a retail fraud.

While attempting to leave Guess, a 27-year-old Detroit female paid \$308 worth of merchandise into a bag without paying for it.

With circumstances leading to an arrest for retail fraud, a search was conducted revealing materials believed to be crack cocaine, a small glass tube and a folded-up lottery ticket holding suspected powdered heroin.

The suspect was arrested for retail fraud and possession of cocaine and heroin.

**UNWANTED ATM WITHDRAWAL**  
On Dec. 21, a 49-year-old Northville woman was withdrawing money from an indoor ATM at the Bank One on Eight Mile Road when an unknown subject entered her unlocked vehicle and stole her purse.

The purse was lying on the front seat of the unlocked vehicle but didn't contain any credit cards and had only \$5 in it, along with identification and other miscellaneous materials.

The victim didn't see anyone enter her vehicle.

**BAD SHOT**  
A 33-year-old male resident on the 2900 block of Lilly reported an unknown suspect in an older dark blue or black Ford Taurus drove by his home and shot a paint ball at the his house window.

The victim's house was shot on Dec. 26. However, the paint ball didn't do any damage to the window beyond leaving a pink paint splatter.

The victim also stated in the past his garage window received a chip after being shot at by a BB-style pellet.

Please call the Novi Police Department at 348-7100 with any information about these incidents.

# Novi ready for Y2K glitches should any occur this week

Novi's city services are prepared for Y2K - if computers' system crash.

Department of Public Services Director Anthony Nowacki reported recently that the city has been making emergency stop signs for intersections, should traffic lights fail.

In addition, extra city workers will be on the job on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.

Computers are the Novi Police Department have been tested repeatedly and are Y2K compliant, police Chief Douglas Shaeffer said last week.

However, the computer vendors will be at the police department during the key days, just to make sure all goes well.

Should Novi lose its phone services, Shaeffer said police cars will be stationed at key intersections and will communicate with each other with radio transmitters.

The Novi Fire Department will have two employees on duty at each station and the gas tanks of all emergency vehicles will be topped off before the new century arrives.

Further equipment checks will be conducted before midnight at the fire stations.

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# Novi Briefs

## Anniversaries

Two members of the Novi Fire Department celebrated job anniversaries in November.

They are Firefighter Carl Korzeniowski, ten years on the job and Fire Protection Officer Philip Duzynski, two years.

**Cider Mill speeding**  
Residents have complained to Mayor Richard Clark about speeding on Cider Mill Road and at Clark's request, the Novi Police Department looked into the situation. Police Chief Douglas Shaeffer reported recently.

Preventative actions will include placing the SMART trailer on Cider Mill, which flashes the driver's speed as he or she passes by.

In addition, the police plan to step up enforcement action there, as well as create a homeowners' associations of this action. Shaeffer wrote in a report to the Novi City Council.

Cider Mill runs east of Beck Road, between Ten and Eleven Mile roads.

## For local Y2K data, tune in Channel 13

Want to know if there are any power outages or traffic lights out in your city or surrounding cities?

Need to know if school will start again on Monday, Jan. 3? Look no further than your City of Novi government Channel 13.

The public access channel will be offering up-to-the-minute Y2K information about the city's status during the upcoming turn of the century.

The Southwest Oakland Cable Commission staff will be monitoring all local news organizations, as well as local police departments and other reliable sources to obtain the most accurate information to pass along to you.

## Northville tosses New Year's family party

By ANDREW DIETDERICH  
Staff Writer

Northville Parks and Recreation plans to make sure many Northville families are Y2K compliant when it comes to having a great New Year's Eve.

The department has organized the third annual Northville Nite for the big evening and tickets are available.

Daniel McGuire Jr., recreation program supervisor for Northville Parks and Recreation and coordinator of the event, said this year's Northville Nite should be bigger than ever.

"The first year we had 400 people and last year we had 600," he said. "This year we should have at least 800."

The event will be 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Northville High School. McGuire said there will be so many events at this year's party, it would be impossible to get to every single thing.

For example, there will be inflatable Twister, inflatable Operation, two moon walks, a Velcro wall, face painting, family pictures, a craft workshop, an open gym and open swimming pool equipped with a lifeguard.

Additionally, dinner will be served with grilled chicken breast, rice pilaf, salad bar and vegetable for parents and hot dogs, macaroni and cheese, salad bar and desert for children.

The event is presented by the Northville Parks and Recreation department, Northville Youth Assistance and Oak Pointe Church. It's sponsored by Oak Pointe Church, Northville High School, SADD, the Northville Drug-free grant fund, and Century 21 Town and Country.

A seven-member committee put the program together.

McGuire said the event gives families a great opportunity to have a fun year's eve without a lot of hassle.

"Families can go out, have a good time and be home by midnight," McGuire said.

Tickets for Northville Nite 1999 are on sale at the Northville Parks and Recreation, 303 W. Main St., Monday through Friday 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The cost is \$13 for adults and \$8 for children with the cost of the tickets going towards the cost of this year's event. Any excess funds will go toward next year's event. McGuire said.

More information may be obtained by calling Northville Parks and Recreation at (248) 349-0203.

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

# Grocery stores stocked for Y2K

By B.J. HAMMERSTEIN  
Staff Writer

Last minute Y2K worriers, don't fret too much, local grocery stores still have the goods.

Chris Andrews, president of Centre Street Market, Inc., said if it weren't for the news, he wouldn't be hearing too much about the Y2K bug.

But since it's here, Andrews said his store has been running as smoothly as usual, with some people picking up extra supplies.

"Personally, I don't think anything out of the ordinary is going to happen," Andrews said.

But, with his store not being open on New Year's Day, Andrews did suggest people buy groceries and other supplies as if they were preparing for a holiday.

Over at the Meijer on Eight Mile

"Personally, I don't think anything out of the ordinary is going to happen."

Chris Andrews, Centre Street Market president

Road and Haggerty, hardlines team leader Greg Bannan said there hasn't been a mad rush to pick up supplies to last for weeks, but more of a regrouping after the Christmas rush.

And with the 24-hour superstore experiencing its first New Year's Eve shutdown - Meijer will be closed from 9 p.m. Dec. 31 through 6 a.m. on Jan. 1 - Bannan said bottle water sales have been up.

"I don't foresee any problems,"

There has been nothing out of the ordinary, but it is still a little too early to tell.

At the Hillers on Five Mile Road and Haggerty Road, Assistant Manager Mike Iagnemma also said it is too early to tell how shoppers will react to the Y2K computer bug.

"There has been a lot of extra water purchased by consumers and some extra canned goods," Iagnemma said.

"Even if there is a power outage, with the technology we have today, how long would it really take to fix it?"

B.J. Hammerstein's email is bhammerstein@home.com.net

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## The Log Book

The following is a complete list of the emergency runs of the Novi Fire Department for the week ending Dec. 29. Each incident is listed by type, location, time and the Engine and Squad number which responded to the call.

**MONDAY, DEC. 20**  
 Medical, 3901 24602 Hampton Court, 2:29 a.m., Squad 1.  
 Medical, 27855 Laramie, 7:11 a.m., Squad 4.  
 Wire down, Novi Road, West Oaks, 11:25 a.m., Engine 1.  
 Fire alarm, 42760 Eleven Mile Road, 12:55 p.m., Engines 1, 2.  
 Fuel spill, 31275 Haggerty, 1:23 p.m., Engine 2.  
 Injury accident, Twelve Mile and Novi Road, 3:48 p.m., Squad 1.  
 Medical, 43224 Eastmanway, 8:10 p.m., Squad 3.

**TUESDAY, DEC. 21**

Medical, 24645 Meadowbrook, 12:54 a.m., Squad 3.  
 Fire alarm, 47091 Grand River Avenue, 3:51 a.m., Engines 1, 4.  
 Medical, 42995 Twelve Mile Road, 9:25 a.m., Squad 1.  
 Medical, 42577 Capitol, 11:55 a.m., Squad 1.  
 Injury accident, Novi Road and Grand River Avenue, 12:07 p.m., Squad 1.  
 Fire alarm, 27550 Novi Road, 12:26 p.m., Engine 1, 2.  
 Building fire, 25125 Trans X, 1:21 p.m., Engines 1, 2.  
 Medical, 42434 West Oaks, 2:24 p.m., Squad 1.  
 Building fire, 22831 Heslip, 3:47 p.m., Engines 1, 3.  
 Car fire, 196 and Novi Road, 4:35 p.m., Engine 1.  
 Medical, Novi Road and Nine Mile Road, 6:41 p.m., Squad 3.  
 Injury accident, 1-96 and Novi Road, 7:40 p.m., Squad 1.

Gas leak, 24603 Elizabeth, 9:44 p.m., Engine 4.  
**WEDNESDAY, DEC. 22**  
 Medical, 43700 Gen Mar, 4:34 a.m., Squad 1.  
 Medical, 41103 McMahon, 8 a.m., Squad 3.  
 Medical, 30153 Joliet, 9:25 a.m., Squad 2.  
 Medical, 42577 Capitol, 11:55 a.m., Squad 1.  
 Car fire, 1-96 and Beek Road, 12:56 p.m., Engine 1.  
 Service, 45182 West Road, 1:39 p.m., Squad 2.  
 Investigate, 42525 Eleven Mile Road, 2:17 p.m., Engine 1.  
 Fuel spill, 39471 Twelve Mile Road, 2:18 p.m., Engine 2.  
 Electrical fire, 39618 Ronayton, 3:29 p.m., Engine 1.  
 Medical, 41735 Carousel, 3:40 p.m., Squad 2.  
 Injury accident, Ten Mile Road and Taft Road, 4:03 p.m., Squad 1.

Injury accident, Meadowbrook and Nine Mile Road, 4:09 p.m., Squad 3.  
 Injury accident, Twelve Mile Road and Novi Road, 6:31 p.m., Squad 1.  
 Medical, Hudsons at Twelve Oaks, 8:26 p.m., Squad 1.  
 Medical, Novi Road at West Oaks, 9:49 p.m., Squad 1.  
 Gas leak, 29609 Montmorency, 10:02 p.m., Engine 2.  
 Medical, 23116 Heatherwood, 11:35 p.m., Squad 4.

**THURSDAY, DEC. 23**  
 Medical, 41711 Borchart, 2:10 a.m., Squad 3.  
 Medical, 21057 Glen Haven, 3:42 a.m., Squad 3.  
 Medical, 24500 Meadowbrook, 6:42 a.m., Squad 1.  
 Medical, 48150 Grand River Avenue, 9:54 a.m., Squad 4.  
 Medical, 22891 Summer House, 10:06 a.m., Squad 3.

Medical, 48433 Ten Mile Road, 4:57 p.m., Squad 4.  
 Gas leak, 29701 Lilly Trail, 5:08 p.m., Engine 2.  
 Medical, 25536 Clark Street, 7:08 p.m., Engine 2.  
 Medical, Grand River Avenue and Market, 8:05 p.m., Squad 1.  
 Medical, 45182 West Road, 10:18 p.m., Squad 2.

**FRIDAY, DEC. 24**  
 Medical, 22891 Summer House, 3:42 a.m., Squad 3.  
 Medical, 24634 Naples, 8:27 a.m., Squad 4.  
 Medical, 41833, Lamier, 9:38 a.m., Squad 2.  
 Building fire, 24131 Pheasant Run, 11:34 a.m., Engines 1, 3.  
 Investigation, 23346 Mystic Forest, 9:16 p.m., Engine 3.

**SATURDAY, DEC. 25**  
 Medical, 22257 Hazelton Court, 3:03 a.m., Squad 4.  
 Medical, 22024 Siegal Court, 2:43 p.m., Squad 3.  
 Fire alarm, 1155 South Lake Drive, 5:14 p.m., Engines 1, 2.  
 House fire, 45928 Crestview, 7:57 p.m., Engines 1, 4.

**SUNDAY, DEC. 26**  
 Fire alarm, 43550 West Oaks, 6:06 a.m., Engines 1, 2.  
 Fire alarm, 42600 Eleven Mile Road, 8:32 a.m., Engines 1, 3.  
 Injury accident, Ten Mile Road and Haggerty Road, 11:35 a.m., Squad 3.  
 Medical, 24505 Meadowbrook Road, 12:56 p.m., Squad 1.  
 Medical, 25931 Abbey, 6:08 p.m., Squad 4.

Medical, 40150 Jefferson, 7:41 p.m., Squad 1.  
 Injury accident, 1-96 and Novi Road, 10:04 p.m., Squad 1.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

### For the birds

The Orchard Hills fourth-grade classroom of Tom Timmer, at bottom, left this evergreen on school grounds festooned with food for birds and other animals before holiday break.

The students decorated the tree with bagels with peanut butter, oranges, bird seed and marshmallows. Home room mom Sue Harrington helped with the nature nurturing project.

**CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, January 5, 2000 at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider **NOVI POLICE DEPARTMENT ADDITION SP 99-51**, located on the south side of Ten Mile Road between Taft and Novi Roads, seeking **PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN AND SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVALS.**

All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments will be heard at the public hearing and any written comments must be received by the Planning & Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375, until 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 5, 2000.

NOVI PLANNING COMMISSION  
 ROBERT CHURELLA, SECRETARY,  
 TONNI L. BARTHOLOMEW, CITY CLERK  
 (12-30-99 NR/NN 944122)

**CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF ADOPTION ORDINANCE NO. 99-124.12**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Novi City Council has adopted Ordinance No. 99-124.12 - AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SUBPART 11-194(b)(19) OF THE NOVI CODE OF ORDINANCES TO CROSS REFERENCE THE REQUIREMENT FOR SECONDARY ACCESS WITH SECTION 15-25.

The provisions of the ordinance shall become effective fifteen (15) days after its adoption. The Ordinance was adopted by the City Council on Monday, December 20, 1999. A complete copy of the Ordinance is available for public use and inspection at the office of the City Clerk, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, during the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. prevailing local time.

TONNI L. BARTHOLOMEW, CITY CLERK  
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**CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF ADOPTION ORDINANCE NO. 99-18.156**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Novi City Council has adopted Ordinance No. 99-18.156 - An Ordinance to add the definitions of "Floor Area, Gross, Floor Area, Gross Leasable and Scenic Drive" to Section 201 of Ordinance No. 97-18, the City of Novi Zoning Ordinance; to amend the definition of "Floor Area, Usable" contained within Section 201 of said Ordinance; to amend Subsections 402.1 and 2505.12 and 2507.3 of said Ordinance; to amend Subpart 1905e of said Ordinance; to amend footnote (B) of Section 2400 of said Ordinance; to delete excess verbiage; permit hospice care facilities as a special land use in the RM-1 and NCC Districts; delete the PD-2 and PD-4 options; amend land area requirements for child care centers; allow the waiver of the zoning requirements in the I-1 District and provide new loading space requirements.

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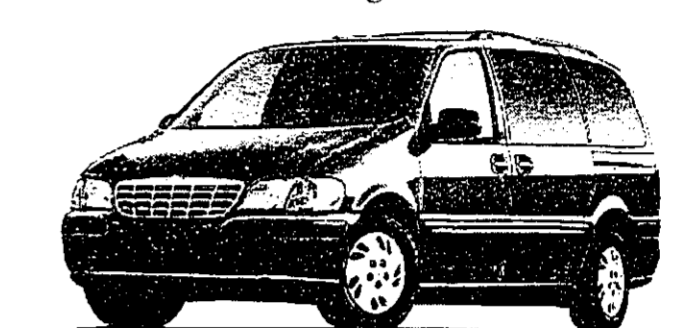
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# Scouts give Washington a mock funeral

By MELANIE PLENDA Staff Writer

Former President George Washington was laid to rest at Mill Race Village on Dec. 14 — again.

Kathy Peltier and Cub Scout Troops 4 and arranged the mock funeral of the first U.S. president, 200 years to the day of his death.

"This really helped show the boys that Washington was a real person that existed, and not just a name in a book," Peltier said.

The funeral was part of a project to carry the Scouts a national bicentennial commemorative path for their troops. It will also earn Northville recognition as a bicentennial city, Peltier, whose son Evan Ambrose is a scout, coordinated the project and helped the boys do the research and gather participants.

For the final portion of the project, they will send videotaped copies and the preparation materials to the Mt. Vernon Society for judging. Additionally, they may be eligible to enter a national contest hosted by the society. If they win, the Scouts could receive a trip to Mt. Vernon.

Peltier said they got the idea from a Daughters of the American Revolution center her son entered. For the competition, he had to write a eulogy for Washington. While he and his mother were researching that project, they discovered many interesting facts about the first president. Among them: the many accounts of mock funerals all over

the country on the day of his funeral.

"This hit the American people very hard and those who could not be at the funeral wanted to be able to say goodbye," she said.

This gave them the idea to try to turn this in to an opportunity to earn a patch for the whole troupe.

Although Peltier said she enjoyed working on the project, she does not plan to make it an annual affair. Aside from the usual scheduling problems accompanying any event of this nature, she had to contend with crashing computers and uncooperative weather.

"It was really inconsiderate of George to die in mid-December," Peltier said.

However, Peltier said once the event was underway it went off without a hitch and brought out many curious Northville residents. Among the mock mourners were Northville City Manager Gary Word, Northville Mayor Chris Johnson, Northville Township Supervisor Karen Woodside, as well as clergy members from Our Lady of Victory.

Johnson, took time out of his busy schedule to attend he said to show the boys what they were doing was important and worthwhile.

"I was impressed by the amount of work the scouts did to prepare me, and I just wanted them to know it was appreciated and that I care about what they do," Johnson said.

Some of the Cub Scouts lowered the flag to half-mast as members of



Cub Scouts from Pack 721 donned Revolutionary War-era costumes to take part in a mock funeral celebrating the 200th anniversary of the death of United States President George Washington. The kids performed at Mill Race Village last week.

the procession braved the icy rain to make their way over Mill Race Bridge to the church.

Peltier said the weather made her nervous.

"We were hoping no one would slip on the bridge and we'd end up having to bury someone with George," Peltier joked.

"But the day he died was a nasty day too, so we were historically correct."

Peltier was happy to report to

one did slip as the procession wound its way into Mill Race Church and filled every pew. Two flutists from Northville High School played "Amazing Grace" and "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" as two Colonial re-enactors fired minute guns into the sky.

Inside the church, young pall bearers Gerard Powell, Stephen Brant, Max Moxlan, and Travis Kiersturz, gently laid the president's coffin in front of the congregation. Scouts from both troops proceeded to give first-hand accounts of Washington's death, as well as three eulogies written by fifth graders Ambrose, Patrick Pylis, and Andrew Vance.

"This was definitely a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for everyone," Peltier said. "It really helped to make that day in history more meaningful for the boys."

to seek other presidents to commemorate.

"We're sticking with George and since I don't think I'll be around for the next bicentennial this will be the last one," she said.

She did say, however, with all the George Washington material she had around her house that her family may be getting some artifacts for Christmas.

"I think they are all getting wooden teeth this year," she said.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

# Naturally here

## Bath store comes to Novi

By JENNIFER NORRIS Staff Writer

Pleasant aromas, fine decor and friendly faces are in store for shoppers at Naturally Home & Bath Essentials, one of Novi's newest retail offerings.

Located in the Novi Town Center, Naturally features a wide range of lotions, soaps, shower gels, candles and home accessories.

Naturally opened at its new location in April 1999, moving from Plymouth.

Owner Susan MacGonigal said transferring the store to this area has had wonderful effects.

"We've had a good response in Novi and a lot of our Plymouth customers come here too," she explained.

Naturally also has many bath products available that are designed for customers with sensitive skin.

"We stick with lines that have a natural base, meaning our products consist of natural ingredients instead of chemicals," MacGonigal said.

In addition to bath products, Naturally carries willow wood furniture, chairs, loveseats and shelving. Decorative baskets and pictures for the home are also available.

One of Naturally's specialties is their soap-by-the-slice. MacGonigal explained that this line of soap comes in a loaf form and is then cut and sold in slices. Customers can select from over 65 different kinds of soap, including ones designed for special events including weddings, birthdays, baby showers or anniversaries.

"Most of the soaps are glycerine or a vegetable oil base," said MacGonigal. "They're very moisturizing."

MacGonigal also said customers

seem pleased with the store's merchandise. "We've had a lot of customers excited to see something different come into the Novi Town Center and we've developed regular customers. Customers that come in are almost always in a good mood," she added.

Personalized gift baskets and packages are also available at Naturally, which come in handy for the holidays, said MacGonigal. She explained that the gift arrangements can include most items and typically contain a soap plate, soap product and other items wrapped with a decorative ribbon. For spring glass lollipops will be placed in the gift baskets.

The gift baskets start at approximately \$15-20 and make great teacher and housewarming gifts, said MacGonigal.

Naturally currently has 13 employees to assist shoppers in making their selections. "They're very knowledgeable about the products," said MacGonigal.

"Their personalities come through and I think everyone works together well."

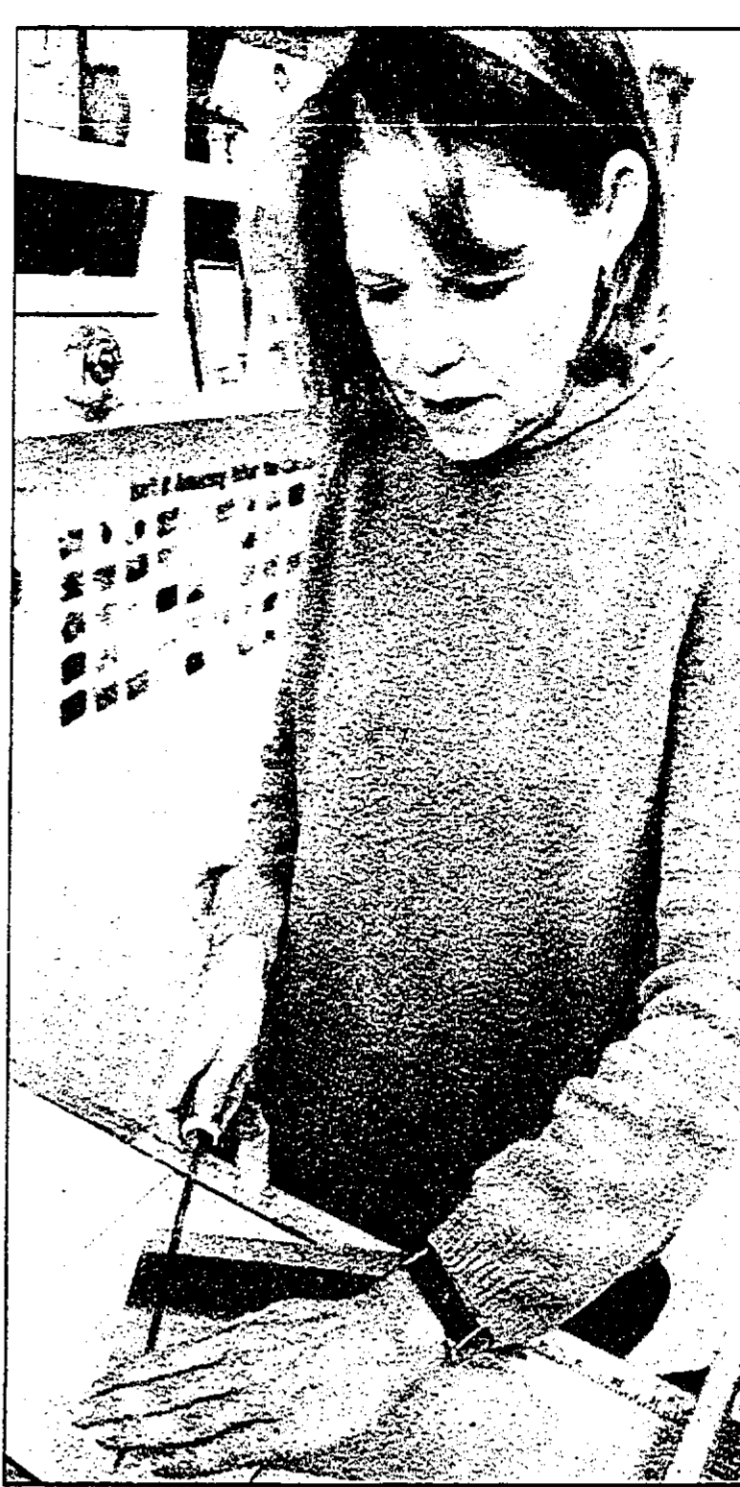
After January 1, 2000, MacGonigal plans to begin soap-making classes. Students will be working with glycerine melt-and-pour soap, she said.

"There's been a lot of requests for it," said MacGonigal.

"It's fun and it's not difficult." She also explained that students can add essential oils or herbs to their soap for fragrance, appearance or to enhance aromatherapy properties.

"There's been a good response," she said. "It's definitely encouraging."

Naturally is open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday hours are noon to 6 p.m.



Susan MacGonigal, owner of Novi Town Center's "Naturally" features soap by the slice by makers Primal and Royal.

# Doubletree employees collect gifts for Toys for Tots project

Employees of a Novi hotel had plenty of room in their hearts for disadvantaged kids.

The staff at The Doubletree Hotel hoped to collect at least 50 gifts for the Toys for Tots drive, which ran Dec. 16 through Dec. 22.

Instead, they collected 98, reports Jacquelyn Guisti, the hotel's director of human resources.

"Thanks to all the employees who donated toys, some children in southeastern Michigan will be having a very special Christmas," Guisti said.

Not long after World War II, the Toys for Tots campaign was started by Bill Hendricks and a handful of Marine reserves, who delivered 5,000 toys to needy Los Angeles children on Dec. 25, 1947. Annually, thousands of toys are collected throughout southeastern Michigan.

"I'm very proud of everyone who donated toys to help underprivileged and needy children in Michigan. Thanks again to everyone who participated this year," said Paul Gjerpen, Doubletree general manager.

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Mothers Against Drunk Driving is once again working with local businesses to offer safe cab rides to intoxicated persons celebrators on New Year's Eve.

Restaurants, lodging and bars along with hosts of private parties in Macomb, Oakland and Wayne counties will be able to arrange a cab ride for drinking impaired guests by calling the MADD/Oldies 104.3 WJCM lifeline at 1-877-428-MADD from 9 p.m. New Year's Eve until 5 a.m. the next morning.

This is the 17th Annual Project LifeRide. MADD hopes to focus public attention on the problem posed by drinking drivers and provide solutions.

Based on the volume of calls last year and the high demand expected due to the new millennium celebrations, there may be a wait for a cab.

Overall, MADD encourages celebrators to arrange in advance a safe ride home from family or friends or simply remember if you are driving home, don't drink.

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# Library Lines

**LIBRARY HOURS**  
The Novi Public Library is open Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. The library is located at 49245 W. Ten Mile Road, just east of Taft Road. For more information, call (248) 949-0720.

**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.

**ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP**  
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 welcome.

**LIBRARY BOARD MEETING**  
The Novi Library Board of Directors meets Monday, Jan. 10, at 7 p.m. in the library meeting room. Community members are welcome to attend.

**AFTER SCHOOL STORY TIME**  
Join Novi High School students and our Youth Librarians for an adventure in reading on Wednesday, Jan. 12. The 30-minute program for ages four to seven, begins at 4 p.m. No registration is necessary.

**SENIOR BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP**  
The January selection is "The Piano" by Anita Shreve. The senior group meets Thursday, Jan. 13 at 12:30 p.m. in the library meeting room.

**KIDS ONLINE: SEARCHING, SAFETY AND SITES**  
This child-oriented introduction to the Internet focuses on kids' search engines, the importance of online safety and sites that kids love.

The class, which includes hands-on practice, meets Thursday, Jan. 13 at 4 p.m.

For children ages eight to 12; parents are welcome. Please register in advance by calling the library at (248) 949-0720.

**USING THE ACCESS MICHIGAN MAGAZINE DATABASES**  
Internet whiz Richard Trussell explains the fine points of searching the online magazine databases, some of which you can access at home.

This session is highly recommended for students and others interested in doing in-depth research on the Internet. The program will be held Tuesday, Jan. 25 at 7 p.m.

**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 calling the library.

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## New Year's will be a hot night in Novi

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 River Avenue and Novi Road. Reservations are required as soon as the event is assigned. (248) 348-5556.

The Novi Hilton Hotel will again be hosting their New Year's Eve party. For this one, being a date as to who is being sold at \$225 per couple. The event includes a five-course dinner, a 16 drink ticket per couple, a New Year's toast and party favors. Tickets are being sold by advanced purchase only and only on a first-come, first-served basis. Reservations aren't required but optional. (248) 348-6000.

*B.J. Hammerstein is going out on New Year's Eve 1999. His email is hammerstein@home.com.net.*



Donna Hauser, wine department manager at Vic's World Class Market, and store manager Drew Rodgers, toast a glass of bubbly. Cristallino a CAVA, an import from Spain. Hauser says champagnes and sparkling white are flying off the shelves.

## Widening in cards for Twelve Mile Road

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...for citizens. Hands tied — I am not willing to force citizens to subsidize the needs for development."

Sharing the same concerns with Lorenzo, Clark said he too did not want to be the citizens down and would rather see this as a separate issue residents could vote upon in the future.

"We are talking about potentially spending over a million dollars of taxpayers money," Clark said.

In an effort to move along the seven-step resolution process for the SAD, CEO Mike Ward of the Southfield-based Ramco-Gershenson, presented the city council with a revised proposal. Ward said the involved parties have given the okay to drop the 15-year contract with the city down to five years.

Also, Ward said the proposed SAD will be done in two elements, one is the initial \$7 million Ramco-Gershenson will pay for it and the second element will be the \$1.2 million the city has to pay. As discussed, Novi would only be obligated to repay the \$1.2 million if a road bond is passed including Beck Road, Novi Road and Grand River Avenue during the next five years.

But, in order to have city council move forward, the resolution was voted on with no language stating the city is obligated to pay the \$1.2 million.

"We have a lot of concerns about this project," Council Member Craig DeRoche said.

"We don't want to leave Twelve Mile alone, everyone wants to get this road done. But it is clear the residents don't want to pay for this. How do you get it fixed without paying for it?"

With the adoption of the SAD resolution, the city assessor is now directed to:

- prepare a special assessment roll including all lots and parcels of land within the special assessment district and to assess each such lot or parcel of land the proportionate amount of the road costs.
- Also, as resolution number five will approve the road plan, a number of design and construction standard waivers also need to be considered by city council.

- Included in these variances were:
  - creating the east-west extension of
  - Donelson Drive in an easement, rather than a right-of-way
  - provide a two-lane collector road, rather than a three-lane road within the easement
  - provide the east half of the required right-of-way for the new north-south collector with easement
  - provide the east half of the required right-of-way for the new north-south collector, with the other half provided in an easement (when the property to the west is developed, the easement will be converted to the right-of-way)
  - and the provision of two lanes instead of three lanes within the easement/right-of-way of the north-south road, with the third lane being added when the property to the west develops.

The negotiation process is still moving forward with a 30-day time period between the needed resolutions number six and seven.

During the Nov. 22 city council meeting, Resolution No. 4 was passed, establishing the special assessment district, establishing the necessity of the improvements and costs, and the appropriation of costs — \$7 million to SAD and \$1.2 million to Novi.

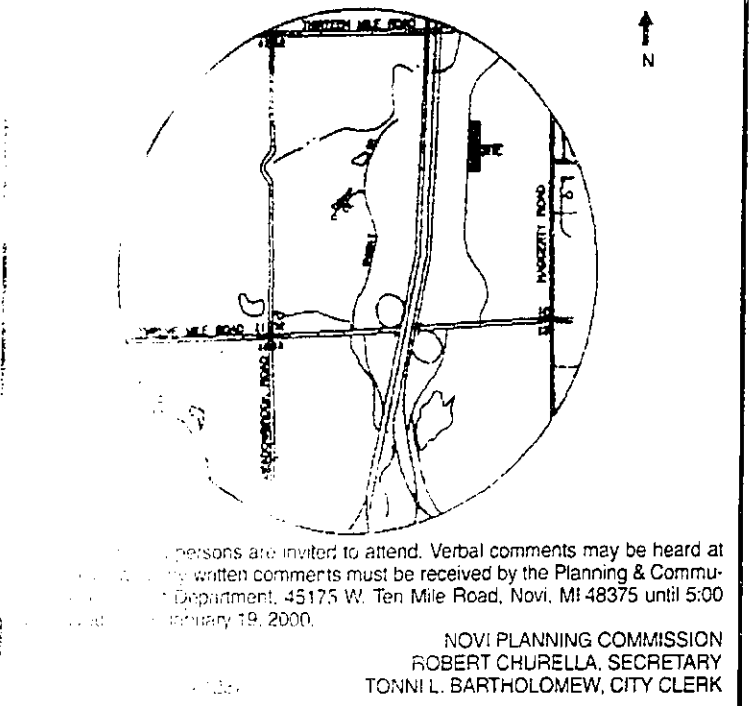
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## Novi man killed in Detroit shooting

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 ...of Daniel, his fiancée, and his three children. The shooting occurred at the home of Daniel and Dora in Detroit. The Detroit Police are still searching for the subjects involved. Anyone with additional information is urged to contact the Detroit Police Department at (313) 267-4600.

**CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**  
 WHEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi is meeting on Wednesday, January 19, 2000 at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi City Council Chamber, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 to consider **CABOT TECHNOLOGY CENTRE SP 99-68**, located west of Haggerty Road and north of Twelve Mile Road. **PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN AND WOODLANDS PERMIT**



Persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the public hearing. Written comments must be received by the Planning & Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 until 5:00 p.m. on January 19, 2000.

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## Hey, Scotty, didn't you forget to beam us up? The year 2000 isn't quite what we imagined it would be

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 they thought of the new century as the far-off future. By their standards then, today looks pretty, well, tame.

**Douglas Shaeffer, Novi Police chief:**  
 "I remember at the time thinking 'am I still going to be alive? I'm going to be so old, I'm going to be dead.'"

"Robots and things like space travel would be common. We could go from here to Europe in an hour and a half."

**Richard Clark, mayor:**  
 "I remember as a kid reading Dick Tracy comics with a two-way radio transmitter watch, and Buck Rogers comics with space travel and different elements of science fiction — lo and behold, a lot of it's now a reality."

"I think as we advance there is going to be even more technological breakthroughs, things moving faster and faster and advances in transportation, especially in rail transportation."

**Jennifer Cheal, Novi High School principal:**  
 "I grew up in the Sputnik era where there was a lot of space exploration. I thought we might be living out on the moon or in a space city."

**Ed Kriewall, Novi city manager:**  
 "I think it's a milestone to be alive and see the year 2000. I was wondering if I would make it this far."

**Lisa Willard, Novi Chamber of Commerce executive director:**  
 "I live in the present. I really didn't think that far ahead. When I was younger, I really didn't think too much about the year 2000 — I

didn't think it was all that relevant to me.  
 "Now the changes don't seem real significant — if we were removed from the advances, we would be able to see the changes more."

**Jim Fry, director of technology programs for Novi schools:**  
 "I knew I was going to turn 50 at the turn of the century, so I thought about it, but I wouldn't have imagined that we would be working with the different kinds of things we have."

"I did think we would be going to the moon more and possibly be colonizing the moon or other planets. There was talk about that in the sixties, but there isn't as much space exploration as I thought."

**Steve Cash, real estate agent and local comedian:**  
 "When I was a kid I thought in the year 2000 that I would be famous. My dreams haven't come true, as I'm being quoted in *The Novi News*."

**Craig DeRoche, Novi City Council member:**  
 "I remember a math class assignment when I was seven years old, asking us to figure out how old we would be in the year 2000. All I remember was thinking at how shocked I would be being the age of 30 — an adult."

"My first impression about thinking about 2000 was figuring out the significance of me being 30."

**Dennis Watson, city attorney:**  
 "Back when I was growing up, the year 1984 was a benchmark because of Orwell's book — it seemed so far into the future. Back in 1967, when I was 15 and 16, I looked at 2000 and thought I would be 46, 47 and it just seemed ridiculous to me."

**George Kortlandt, Novi school board president:**  
 "When the year 2000 rolled around I was thinking I was going to be 50, and now that it's here and it is not really that old."  
 "I am still waiting for the car that flies."

**Jessie Schenk, Novi Public Library librarian:**  
 "I thought we'd be doing more space travel. I thought it would be a more commonplace activity."

**Chris Davis, Novi News copy editor who grew up in Novi:**  
 "I thought it would be a lot like 'Star Trek.' We'd be living on different planets. Computers would do everything."  
 "I also thought the Lions would probably not win the Super Bowl."

by then."  
**Nancy Hendricks, Novi Inter-school Council chairperson:**  
 "I see things as a lot more normal than what I thought they would be. However, I thought there would be more studies in environmentalism and more progress on a worldwide and certainly national basis."

**Cathy Reilly, P.T.O. President of Parkview Elementary:**  
 "I thought there would be a cure for cancer and other diseases, as well as more advances in world peace. The world would be more equal."

"I thought that all countries would have nuclear capabilities that would serve as a deterrent, so that other nations would not attack one another and we would have peace."

"I never thought we'd be buying things over the internet and being able to work out of our homes."

**Jan Jeffers, editor of The Novi News:**  
 "I thought we'd be wearing aluminum foil mini-skirt dresses and all the rich people would fly to the moon for a vacation. I was sure we'd be zipping through the air with those packs strapped on our backs, like in 'The Jetsons.'"

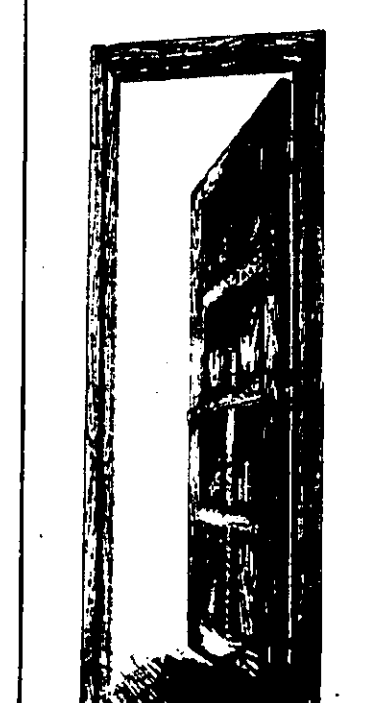
"I was dreading the telephones with TV screens. I didn't want people to call me at home and see me in my ratty old bathrobe."

*— By staff writer B.J. Hammerstein and special writer Jennifer Norris.*



The Laski triplets of Novi, from left, Bobby, Bradley and Kirsten, play with outer space toys.

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## As We See It

### Now we see our society caught with its pants down

So, have we learned any lessons from this Y2K thing? "What's this newspaper talking about?" some readers will surely say. "Civilization is on the verge of collapse, the universe may wink out of existence, and they're talking about learning lessons from it. Get it straight, there will be no one left to learn any lessons."

Well, we're not usually prognosticators, but we're willing to make this prediction about the coming New Year — the world will not end. Civilization will not come to a standstill. The Earth will not stop spinning in its orbit. Come Jan. 3, 2000, the vast majority of us will return to the same old boring jobs and the same old boring lives and carry on much as we have before... as much as we may dislike that idea.

So perhaps we can learn something. Maybe the lesson is this: if a mere computer glitch can cause such an uproar, then as a society we are letting our technologists lead us down the wrong path.

Larry Yost, CEO and Chairman of Meritor Automotive, eluded to this when he spoke to the Detroit Economic Club recently. Rather than being the big disaster Y2K has generally been predicted to be, Yost said Meritor had carried away many lessons from its Y2K preparedness efforts — like how to keep the business running should the computers fail.

Gene Roddenberry understood this way back in the 1960s when he premiered the Star Trek television series. Did he ever let an episode go by without having Captain James T. Kirk utter the phrase, "Go to manual override."

Yet in real life, our society has allowed technocrats over the past 30 years to install vast amounts of computer equipment and computer-controlled equipment without anticipating what would happen if they fail. I can't find a single "manual override" button on any electronically-controlled appliance that I own.

Perhaps the worst example comes from the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department, which services most of southeastern Michigan. Folks there say they're ready, but just in case customers should store enough water — one gallon per person per day, plus an extra bathtub full — for a three-day outage.

Considering that water delivery systems date back to the Roman aqueducts, there is no excuse for this. How did we allow the engineers in just the last few decades to make that system so dependent on computers that they can't guarantee delivery of water with 100 percent certainty, at 12:02 a.m. January 1.

Michigan government is in a similar position. The state has had to spend \$55.6 million to make sure its computers all run correctly and that, for example, all the prisoners in Michigan correctional facilities won't be released at the stroke of midnight. How ridiculous is that? Who would design a prison so reliant on electronic controls that it might free murderers and endanger guards should the computer hiccup?

They all do, you know. Soon or later, every computer has a problem. If we are going to live in a technological age, we are going to have to learn that the first rule of technology is, "it breaks down." Eventually, all equipment malfunctions. If we have no backup plan when it does, we're in trouble.

Yet our entire nation got caught off guard. Amritech, Edison and Consumers Power — every utility — has had to conduct Y2K preparedness programs. So have our governments and most businesses.

A senate legislative analysis estimated that nationally we have spent \$1 trillion to address this one little computer glitch. We should have never allowed all this equipment to be installed in the first place without one of those "manual override" buttons on each and every device.

But no, we have not learned the lesson. Even today a debate rages before the Federal Aviation Administration about proposals to require computerized crash prevention systems in airliners. Such systems could eliminate the most frequent cause of crashes, pilot error, by overriding them when they make a dangerous mistake.

Pilots want a manual override, just in case in an emergency they absolutely need to make a maneuver the computer concludes is too risky. And technocrats are reluctant to give it to them. It makes you wonder how a species as slow on the uptake as ours ever invented computers in the first place.

## By all means, don't have fun



Jan Jeffres

When the dreaded day Dec. 31, 1999 rolled around, people throughout Europe huddled in their hovels and shuddered in their castles, prepared for the forthcoming end of the world. Clerics preached that the year 1000 would unleash Satan upon the land, and with him plagues, horrors and doom. To the best of our knowledge, Satan never arrived and plagues, horrors and doom were really just business as usual in the Dark Ages.

But once again, a strange malaise is upon the land. We fear not Satan, but the Satanic collapse of the fragile network of technology that weaves our society together.

So unmoved are most of us, that instead of celebrating the biggest New Year's Eve of our lifetimes, we're shuddering in our suburban castles, afraid to venture out. No one I know is doing much of anything for New Year's Eve.

I asked a friend what her plans were for the big night. "I'm staying home," she said. "In case my pipes freeze." I wanted to ask her if she meant the pipes in her residence or her personal plumbing but reigned myself in.

My brother-in-law is another one who sees no reason to wave 1999 out with a bang of a party. He's convinced the millennium doesn't happen until next year. But this is also the guy who, when at the Louvre, stood in front of the painting of Mona Lisa and sang the full lyrics to the song "Mona Lisa, Mona Lisa."

These days I've been brooding because I won't be at the Great Pyramid for New Year's Eve or Paris or even Times Square.

Several months ago, I thought I was being prudent when I decided to do my final fling of the 20th century on my vacation. I was afraid that at year's end, all the computers that control air traffic might go haywire and I'd be on some jet zipping madly out of control.

Instead, I went to India in November and rounded it off with five days in Paris, arriving home just 29 days before the dreaded Dec. 31.

I thought I was seeing the year out adequately by riding an elephant, sleeping in the desert under canvas, visiting the Pushkar Camel Festival and strolling up the Champs Elysee while it was decked out for the holidays.

Wrong. Now that the big day is finally here, I feel very, very sorry for myself because I can't take advantage of the \$199 airline to Tokyo on Dec. 31, as advertised recently. Or that I'm not one of the crowd who'll follow the New Year around the world, heading out from the South Pacific.

And I also feel an odd sense of disappointment because not a single person I know is doing something really fabulous, totally original, for the final fleeting moments of 1999. There's no one I can live vicariously through.

I want to be out there. I want to go wild. I want to break away. I'll probably clean my closet.

But if we all survive the dreaded Y2K, there's no reason the millennium party can't continue throughout the year, or at least for the rest of January.

However, since I'm a creature of suburban Michigan, over the next few days, I'll probably do something typical of my species. I'll express my restlessness through shopping. Maybe I'll buy a pair of leopard-print shoes. Now that would be truly wild.

Jan Jeffres is editor of The Novi News.

Setting resolutions for Novi

Did you make your New Year's resolutions? If a city government jots down that kind of list, a few things belong on Novi's.

- Get the bathrooms up and running in the Community Sports Park.
- All those soccer and softball teams, with their taxpaying soccer and softball moms and dads, deserve a clean place to take care of their personal necessities.
- Plan the future of the North Novi Park, drawing members of the community into the process.
- We'd like to see leaders of PARKS and those who supported the November charter amendment pitch in on this project. We'd also like to see a scheme for volunteer effort to build park infrastructure such as hiking trails.

This has been done successfully in other communities.

- Be very wary about encouraging developments that will compete with Main Street and dilute the new downtown core by moving it further down along Grand River Avenue.
- Main Street, after all, was the brainchild of Novi officials. Counting other mini-downtown developments at a time when Main Street is far from completion is counter-productive.
- Take a hard look at the city's road needs.
- The city council is already doing this, but now may be the time to ask residents who live on existing dirt roads if they'd like to see them paved.
- As the new council begins to find its feet, avoid spitting off into factions.
- Hire the best new city manager Novi can find, one with the skill to raise above the political frenzy of the moment.

## In Focus

By John Heider



Novi Lions Club member Jo Young pours chardonnay for Kari Ziegler during last month's "Taste of Vic's" Market.

## An old art now goes high-tech



John Heider

As the last official columnist for The Novi News for 1999, as the person charged with the not-so-technical final musings of the END OF THE TWENTIETH CENTURY, I thought I'd pick an auspicious subject matter.

I searched my tiny little brain for a truly inspirational subject matter that would appeal to the majority of humanity suffering from the garden-variety fin-de-siècle ennui: what, if anything, should we be doing to improve and ameliorate those "middle years" of spiritual dearth and what — ultimately — is the meaning of this temporal existence on earth and Egead's? Is that gray hair in my beard?

But this is a column and one that should and will for now remain focused on matters that I truly have understanding or at least a modicum of appreciation for: photojournalism.

It could be said that in the last 10 years I've gone from the Darkroom) ages to the Digital. The journey has been, well, a trip.

To say that I have seen many advances and changes in my last 10 years in photojournalism would be the understatement of the millennium.

Beginning in 1989, at the Ann Arbor News, and then soon thereafter at the Ypsilanti Press, as a staff photographer, I processed my 35mm film by hand and made black and white prints in a darkroom. Talk about old-school.

A reduced or enlarged half-tone image was then shot for each photo, and... (hold onto your rocking chairs) was then pasted onto "camera-ready" sheets that also held text, advertisements and wood-block carvings made by simple peasant folk.

Fast-forward, if you will, to the offices of HomeTown East, December, 1999: I still utilize 35mm film for my assignments, but, as it's color film now, I have it processed by a professional laboratory. I then take my edited color-negative film to my Power Macintosh computer system. I scan it in, essentially creating a press-ready photo document that's either CMYK (four layers of info in cyan, magenta, yellow and black) or a "grayscale" or black and white image.

The incorporation of computers now allows me to digitally touch-up and work on tone, sharpness and minor imperfections that were heretofore unattainable through conventional darkrooms.

I still need to take more than a passing fancy in things like composition, exposure, timing and focus, but if needs be, I can make images look a lot better at times than they deserve to, deftly enhancing a photo's best feature and without compromising journalistic ethics minimize its weaknesses.

The photo-documents are then "plucked" by one of HomeTown's editors and placed onto a QuarkPress layout page, cutlines and all, then sent over a high-speed modem line to our composition and printing plant in Howell. No more image-fuzzing, unreliable half-tone images.

"Sure," you say, "but what has this meant to us the newspapers readers?"

The photos are only as reliable and as easy to "read" as the photographer who takes them, no matter what technological breakthroughs occur.

I'll keep that in mind, as this newspaper photographer may soon make the next "leap of (photographic) faith": taking photos using a digital camera. That's right: no more film.

Hang on to your seats. This could get interesting.

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## Letters

NO TO E-RETAIL TAX

To the Editor:

Your editorial in favor (Editor's note: not in favor) of collecting use tax on purchases from out-of-state Internet retailers (Dec. 9) left out some important points. First, the state should not pay sales tax because they do not benefit from Michigan government, the packages and their delivery service (UPS) does pay taxes on that use (gas tax and license fees.)

Out-of-state retailers pay taxes where they are based, directly in property and business taxes and indirectly via income tax on employee earnings. Michigan similarly benefits from the out-of-state revenues of Internet retailers based here. Purchases from "e-tailers" may not yield sales or use tax, but states benefit enormously from the

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State Representative  
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## What to do if cable's out in Y2K



Melanie Young

Clip and save this article — it may save you some headaches later! It is almost that time, the time that all of the prognosticators have been talking about for the past year. What will happen when the clock strikes midnight on December 31, 1999?

According to Time Warner cable, your cable television will continue to work as usual. But what do you do if it doesn't?

Well, the first thing to do is to call Time Warner. That number is the 24-hour service number on your bill: (248) 553-7307.

If that number is busy, you can also call the Livonia office repair line at (734) 422-3410 or the Redford repair line at (313) 538-5115. These numbers are not on your bill.

When you call these numbers, you will get an automated attendant that will offer you a choice of three options: to report a cable outage, to check on a service call or to order repair service, you would press 1.

Then you are provided with a choice of two things: to hear a list of outages and to report an outage. Even if you hear that your area is out, it is important for you to report that your house has no cable, because the cable company has no way of knowing if specific addresses are out. They can only track outages by area, not by address.

And what if you get a busy signal? The cities' customer service standards ordinance requires that: "Under normal operating conditions, the customers may receive a busy signal less than three percent of the time." However, normal operating conditions means those service conditions that are within the control of the cable operator and place the blame on the customer to speak, in the case of a large power outage, severe weather conditions and other uncontrollable situations. Your best bet is to keep trying.

Repair representatives answer calls from 8:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 8:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. (These are more hours than are required under the cities' customer service standards ordinance.) After that, all calls are answered by an answering service.

If you experience an outage after hours, you can still call, but a technician won't be sent out that evening unless they have received at least three reports from the same area. That is why you need to report your Y2K outage as soon as possible.

Remember, you are entitled to a refund of your cable bill for any time your service was out, so call the customer service line on the next business day to tell them how long your cable was out. That number is (248) 553-7300. Time Warner has no way of knowing how long your cable was out unless you tell them.

And don't forget, for complete Y2K information from your city, watch Novi Channel 13.

Melanie Young is the Community Relations Specialist of the Southwestern Oakland Cable Commission. The next CAC meeting is Jan. 11, 2000, at 7 p.m. at SWOCC.

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- Vacuum over and around detectors to keep them free from dust and debris.

**When it comes to smoke detectors, a little change makes all the difference.**

United States Fire Administration  
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<http://www.usfa.fema.gov>

## Mayor Clark thanks his supporters

To the Editor:

The campaign is over, the signs have been collected and the process of going from candidate to public servant has begun. At this time, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many supporters from all segments of the community who worked on my campaign and without whose tireless efforts we would not have been successful in November.

I would also like to thank the citizens of Novi for the support, confidence and trust expressed in electing me as your mayor. I will use my best efforts from this point forward to always be worthy of that expression of support, trust and confidence.

In the coming months, together with our new city council, I will be directing my energies towards solutions to the problems and challenges we face as a dynamic, vibrant, energetic and growing community on the brink of the 21st century.

Above all, I want to thank my most ardent supporter without whose encouragement, caring, understanding, commitment and love I would never have been successful in this endeavor, my wife Diane.

Finally, to all the residents of Novi as we enter a new millennium and a new year, I want to wish each of you and your families peace, happiness, health and prosperity.

Richard J. Clark  
Mayor

**COUNCIL VOTE QUESTIONED**

To the Editor:

At the December 20th Novi council meeting, it became apparent that the message sent by the voters in November was the continuation of a proposal that could ultimately spend \$1.2 million of the taxpayers money, in the form of a repayment to a developer for improvements to roads around a proposed mall.

It wasn't enough that five residents spoke against this at the public hearing. Even the developer, properly sensing that he asked for too much, made verbal concessions and suggested rewording of the proposal. The ensuing discussion even revealed that perhaps the city had not gone far enough to determine if county funds were available for this.

What was most comical were the actions of some council members to push forward on this, despite the advice of the city attorney to table the matter, reward the tax-payers and vote on an agreement that had received the proper scrutiny.

Mayor Clark urged the same action, but a motion by Council Member Lorenzo to do just that fell on deaf ears for lack of a second.

Council Member Kramer suggested that because Novi residents use these roads, they should be more than willing to pay for these improvements, even if they are not the cause of all the gridlock in the Twelve Oaks Mall area.

In the end, it was Council Members Crawford, Csordas, DeRoche and Kramer making the score Developers - 1, Residents - 0.

## Opening the door to hope

prosperity brought by a technology boom, of which growing Internet retail sales are one aspect.

And the states certainly don't need the money a new tax source would bring. Michigan is already flirting with the maximum tax limits imposed by the Headlee amendment. Last year saw a taxpayer overcharge (a.k.a. "surplus") of more than \$600 million used to boost state spending eight percent above 1998 levels. Nationwide, states' share of GDP has more than doubled since 1960, from six percent to almost 14 percent. In 1998, states had a \$95 billion surplus, despite huge increases in spending. If per capita spending had remained constant since 1992, the overcharge would be \$75 billion.

Malls will not disappear because of Internet competition. Consumers may benefit from more competitive prices on some products, but the desire to touch the merchandise, try it on and enjoy the experience of shopping in public will ensure that "brick and mortar" retail shops will stay strong.

The current technology-driven prosperity is already overstuffing state coffers. We risk killing the golden goose by seeking to create the infrastructure for a national sales tax as the Internet tax proposal of the National Governor's Association would do. This is not good public policy. In Michigan, any scheme to increase government's claim on the wealth of its citizens by the Internet sales will have to pass without the support of this legislator.

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## Detroit, state need to make friends



Mike Malott

It has been a long difficult year for relations between the City of Detroit and the State of Michigan.

State lawmakers have often targeted the state's largest city for some of the most onerous reforms. Folks who live there have been none too pleased with the results.

On any one of the given issues, you could say, "Well, lawmakers have a point." Agree or disagree, you can at least grant that Lansing lawmakers have a legitimate issue.

Put together, however, and it can only be seen as a pattern.

It's worth noting that this pattern comes at a time when relations between the City of Detroit and the suburbs have been on the mend. Led by Mayor Dennis Archer, the city has indeed extended an olive branch to surrounding communities. And much has been accomplished. Suburbanites seem to be strongly receptive to Archer, and it's a relief considering the confrontational nature of his predecessor.

Businesses too have a restored level of confidence in the city, as is evident by the amount of investment they are now placing in Detroit. Economic development there has reached a level unimaginable only a few years ago.

For all of the progress, we still have a long way to go in the Detroit area. The social forces that led to suburban flight in the 1960s, 70s and 80s hit southeast

Michigan particularly hard. We have been left with one of the most segregated metropolitan areas in the country. If we envision ourselves to be tolerant and diverse state, you certainly couldn't tell it by our neighborhoods.

So there is a lot of city/suburb rift to mend.

Then, along comes the state legislature this past year.

- Sponsoring a takeover of the Detroit school system. Initially, Gov. John Engler planned takeovers for a number of distressed school districts in urban areas. Included were troubled districts in Grand Rapids and Lansing.
- Eventually, the list was narrowed down to one — Detroit.
- As I said, you could argue it was needed in a given case. But when it happens repeatedly it becomes a pattern.
- At year's end, lawmakers were considering a bill to make it illegal for school principals to join unions. As first devised, the bill would have affected all school districts in the state. Needless to say, it was controversial.
- As a compromise, lawmakers proposed to limit the prohibition to distressed school districts.
- Again, eventually, all schools were dropped... except those in the City of Detroit.
- There was the long drawn out debate over House Bill 4777, which would override local controls in certain areas of law. Obviously, this bill would have affected many other communities in Michigan. Local officials, virtually by the truck load, headed off to Lansing to express their objections.
- But it is quite clear what set it all off, Detroit's Living Wage Ordinance. That local

law said that if a company contracts with the city, it must pay its employees at 125 percent of the federal poverty level.

Frankly, I think that's bad policy and would not want to see it spread to other municipalities in Michigan. But as I said, you may agree or disagree on any one of these issues, it's the pattern that disturbs.

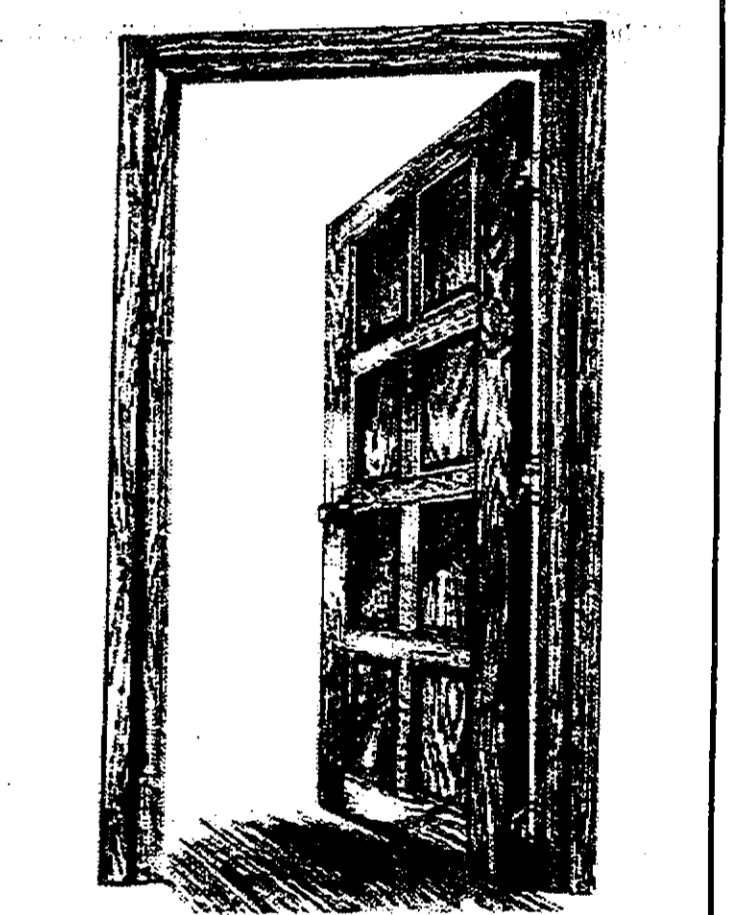
Then there was the issue of residency rules. Some 90 municipalities in Michigan make rules about where their employees can live, requiring city workers to live within their city limits. Eventually, the legislature concluded it would override those local rules, allowing city workers to move up to 20 miles away.

Obviously, many communities were involved. But again, it is also obvious what the source of the concern was... Detroit. It is Michigan's largest city with residency rules, and has more employees than any other community falling under those guidelines. It was also expected to take the hardest hit — costing Detroit an estimated \$20 million — if the state banned residency rules.

Lawmaker seemed genuinely chagrined when they were accused of "racism" as a result these actions. But when the City of Detroit is repeatedly singled out — specifically or effectively — it ought not come as a surprise.

And Michigan lawmakers should be forewarned, continuing the pattern into the coming year could set city/suburb relations back 20, 30 years.

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# High school combined choirs sing at Disney World

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Staab explained that the students were dressed in red robes and holding candles and the performers from Epcot and Walt Disney World were dressed in green.

After a brief rehearsal with the Disney crew, the choir students were ready to perform.

"What amazed me was that our kids learned all these songs," said Staab.

"The groups sounded like they had been singing together all their lives. I don't think there was a dry eye there."

Joyner-Clinard also said people were really into the performance. "The choir was emotionally charged and because it was thrilling to watch the kids perform on stage at Walt Disney World."

"From a mom's point of view, it's the chance of a lifetime to watch kids perform on a major stage."

Becky Staab, Parent of NHS choir member

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She added that wherever the students went they were well-behaved and were "ready to put on a show."

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# Man charged with fraud for not building backyard deck

BY ANDREW DIETDERICH Staff Writer

A 42-year-old Canton man faces up to a \$5,000 fine and/or five years in prison after being charged with contractor fraud in Northville Township.

Ray Mason was arrested by township police Dec. 22 after he allegedly bid on a Northville Township resident out of \$4,000 in April for a deck he never built. He was charged with construction fraud and operating under false pretenses and arraigned in 35th district court.

Mason had felony warrants for his arrest out of Third Circuit Court and Novi, Wildt said.

"There were similar fraud complaints against the suspect in Canton and Plymouth," he said. "He did show a pattern of this type of behavior."

Wildt said he couldn't be certain if the Northville Township woman could have avoided getting ripped off, but offered several suggestions for prevention.

The Better Business Bureau offers several tips on hiring independent contractors including:

- Compare costs before making a financial commitment toward any home improvement project.
- Ask the contractor for local references and finds out if customers were actually satisfied with the contractor's work.
- Check with building and zoning authorities to determine what permits are needed for a project.
- Include all terms, conditions, warranties and oral promises concerning the project in a written contract.
- Don't sign the agreement until all provisions have been read and understood.
- Don't submit to high pressure sales tactics by a contractor or sales representative.
- Don't sign a completion certificate for the job before it has been inspected and properly completed as agreed in the contract.
- Don't pay for the entire job in advance or pay cash to the salesperson or contractor.
- Contact the local or state government consumer affairs office and/or local Better Business Bureau if you are unable to resolve a dispute with your contractor.
- The number of the Better Business Bureau locally is (248) 644-9100.

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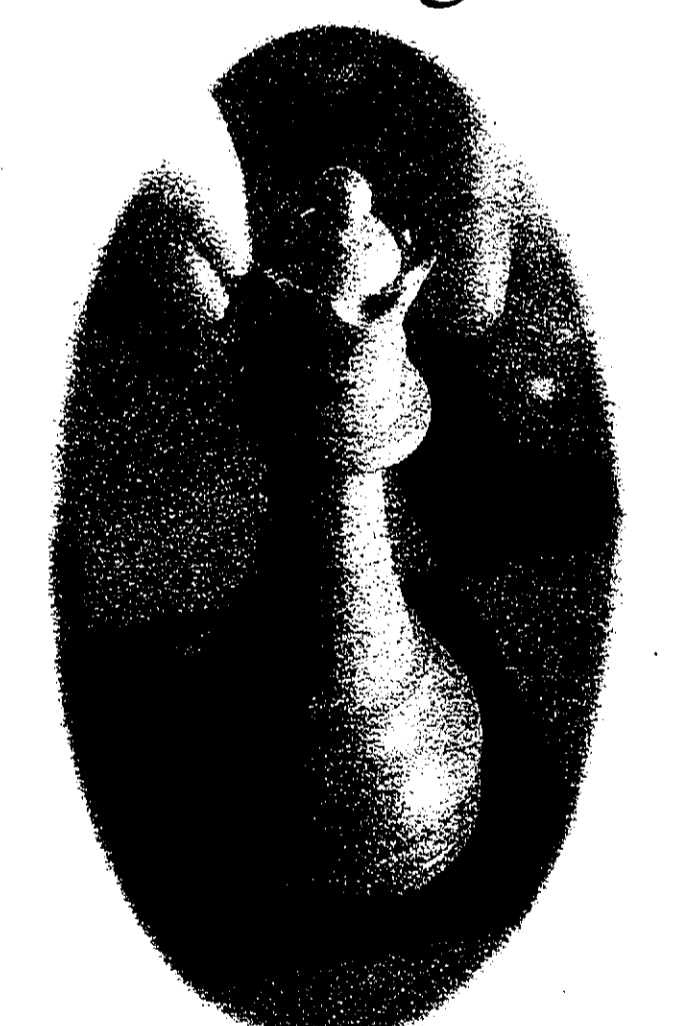
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# Silver Springs Elementary kids share future visions

By MELANIE PLENDA Staff Writer

Imagine flying to an underwater home in a hover craft, vacationing in the tropical gasses of Jupiter with an imaginary friend or buying "jewels" for the low, low price of \$1.

The unimaginable to stuffy adults is what Silver Springs Elementary students see for our future. A few of the students shared their vision of the future last week.

"I think people will be able to fly up to the clouds where their imaginary friends would come alive so they could play with them," said seven-year-old Brittany Snively.

Not bound by earthly conventions, or gravity, the students have conjured a future of infinite possibilities with visions as unique as they are.

Bobby Kruse, 8, had a practical take on the future, although he does plan to summer on the rings of Saturn. However, he was a little dismayed when Snively told him there was no way he could drive his car as the rings are gaseous and he would fall right through. After further consideration he decided he would like falling through the rings of Saturn better than his original plans.

As for the rest of the year Kruse said he would spend it living quite comfortably in his underwater house. Kruse said he'd prefer to live underwater because, he said simply, "I like to swim."

And he had no trouble envisioning life for land faring folk either. "People would drive in cars that had wings called 'Thingamajigs' and they'd have wings because it's made by Chrysler," he said.

Kruse also had a plan for how he was going to get his thingamajig into his underwater garage.

"Well, it can fly or drive. But when it goes underwater it'll have to go through this underwater transformer thing. Oh and it can become invisible," he said.

Sue Ann Shiah, 7, had a similar impression of transportation in the future. She said people would have capsules they could get into and zip like lightning to wherever they wanted to go. She said personally she is looking forward to visiting other galaxies or Kansas in this manner.

Shiah said the face of our planet will be different also. She predicts in the future all of the states will break apart and become their own islands.

There is a colorful future in store for seven-year-old Stephanie Curran.

"People will have wings that are yellow, 'cause it's pretty, and houses will be made out of red bread and the sky will be any color we want 'cause we can throw paint up in the air and it'll stick," she said.

Curran also had good news for future shoppers.

"Cars will come filled with jewels and they will only cost a nickel," she said.

Curran also believes people will have robots to do all of their work and teachers only teach the song styles of Britney Spears.

Kruse said none of this would matter, he said he heard from an unnamed but reliable source the sun was probably going to blow up anyway.

However, luckily Snively quickly put him at ease with a bit of reason.

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the voices  
and faces  
of a new

# generation

how youths see themselves and how others see them

**D**r. Benjamin Spock had all the answers when it came to babies. He could tell a parent the best formula, the best way to get them to stop crying and how to hold them.

But then they grew up. They have problems too big for Band-Aids, a kiss doesn't make it all better and Spock has left us.

"I have no relationship with my parents. I wish I did. I think every kid does, but it seems impossible."

T.J. Grech, 17, said. Each generation of parents experiences a time when it seems they lose their children to the teenage years, local parents said. In part, they attribute the loss to the age-old generation gap. Kids today don't know what's best for them.

Parents, of course, have never been young.

The *Northville Record* went to local senior citizens, parents and teens and asked them to shed some light on issues teens face today.

### TALKIN' 'BOUT OUR GENERATION

The line is drawn and communication stops, according to Vasile Vincent, 18.

"I think if we could learn to effectively communicate, I probably could learn a lot from my parents," he said. As it stands, Vincent said he rarely listens to them.

Parents are often afraid of what their kids are going to tell them, said 18-year-old Sean Corcoran. Though Corcoran said he had a good relationship with his parents, in general parents punish first and ask questions later.

Part-time medical transcriptionist and parent Cindi Ashby, 43, agreed with Corcoran's suggestion.

"Our boys have come to me more than once with issues that had to be dealt with delicately and I knew that if I jumped down their throats, the next time they would think again before opening up to me," she said.

This reaction is a far cry from the way the baby boomer generation was handled according to Eileen Bolin, 72.

"I told my girls 'Don't have sex, and God forbid, if you do and you get pregnant, you can tell me, I'll kill you, but I want you to tell me,'" she said.

However, when it comes to sex, drugs, and other controversial issues, parents feel they are dealing with a double-edged sword. With sex for instance, parents said if they don't tell their kids about birth control,

they could have an unwanted pregnancy or much worse. On the other hand, at times that same approach might sound as if such behavior is being condoned.

The message between the generations is very similar: Don't do it, but if you do be careful. The difference, said Anita Aigus, 64, is parents today discuss the topic more openly.

Parent Marcia Thompson, 52 agreed. "Sex is taught to be a sacred act to be saved for marriage. Sex is as easily discussed as the weather in our home. We never want our children to fear coming to us for any reason. We recognize that we are not perfect and neither are they. It's inevitable that we will make mistakes in life," she said.

### TRY A LITTLE TENDERNESS

It is understanding most teens said they are missing, said Ron Doering, 17, said.

"My parents just look at the bad things," he said. "It's like I could do everything right for weeks and hear nothing about it, but I do one wrong thing and then I hear about every wrong thing I've ever done."

While Doering may feel this way, Ashby, who has four children, said there is another side to that story.

Ashby said she and her hus-



julia williams



t.j. grech



sean corcoran

band had a very difficult time with their 18-year-old son, Ben. At one point, he ran away from home for a week.

"It was the longest week of my life, but we had to be strong. He was verbally abusive and we were tired of it, he was testing every limit we had in place. Rather than apologizing, he packed his bags and left. I cried every day he was gone. It was a learning experience for all of us," she said.

Parents and teens agree lack of communication was the crux of the problem. Neither side seems to be willing or able to listen to the other, said 14-year-old Kelly Harrison.

In her experience, she said whenever she and her father sit down to talk, it ends up in an argument.

"He tells me I'm just a kid, so what do I know?" she said. "So I yell back. It's the only way he

hears me." Harrison admitted having a bad temper but felt her parents should make more of an effort not to yell at her if they want her to listen and to take her opinions

into consideration.

Working mother Andrea Watson, 43, presented her take on the issue of yelling matches between parents and kids.

"I sometimes lose my cool and yell back at my kids or say things I later regret," she said.

However, Watson said she tried to focus on the real issues and put things in perspective.

"If my daughters do well in school and are not involved in unhealthy behaviors and are kind and considerate to others, I have to remind myself that a smart attitude towards their parents is not the end of the world," Watson said.

Most seniors believed that sort of *laissez faire* attitude was not healthy for children today.

"When I was younger, we showed respect for our elders, we stood up when they came in. We taught our kids that. Now, my grandchildren don't move when you come in and you barely get a 'hi' out of them," Cholakian said.

### SHE WORKS HARD FOR THE MONEY

Cholakian and many other seniors said the lack of discipline is directly related to the number of hours parents spend outside of the house. Bolin said she understood in many households both parents had to work in order to keep the family going financially.

However, she said too often parents work to provide luxuries for themselves and their children they probably don't need. She believed that was detrimental to teens.

"They're in school all day, latchkey at night. If they are lucky they get two hours of their parents time and then it's bedtime. What kind of life is that?" Eileen Bolin, 72, said.

She said no one is there to show an interest or to be involved in their children's lives. Bolin believed that was necessary to understand where the negative attitude may be coming from.

Surprisingly, most working parents, including Kathy Babin who works 35 hours a week, agreed — at least in part — with that assessment.

"I think if it is at all possible, one parent should be home with the children for the preschool years. I know this means sacrifices but it's worth it," Babin said.

However, most of the teens said they not only don't mind their parents working and wished they worked more. They said they felt that way so they could have more time to do what they wanted without their parents watching every move they made.

### JUST TRUST ME

That could be why most teens also said it was difficult to talk to their parents because of a mutual lack of trust.

"I've never taken a drink or drug in my life. And I don't intend to. It doesn't interest me. But my parents don't believe me. They still think I do all that stuff. Even if I tell them that, they say I'll probably be pressured into it. They don't trust me, so I just gave up trying," Grech said.

Most teens agreed they wanted the freedom to make their own mistakes. They felt they have been well-educated and were capable of making their own decisions. Vincent said teens wanted to feel as though their parents knew them well enough to trust them.

However, Jenny Carr, 14, said she knows parents need to set ground rules and has some advice for them.

"Don't lecture, don't tell me a story, get to the point of what your trying to tell me. I am much more likely to listen."

Ultimately, Elizabeth Engels, 14, as everyone else surveyed, said, it is her friends she relies on for advice.

"They don't judge me. They just know me better than my parents."

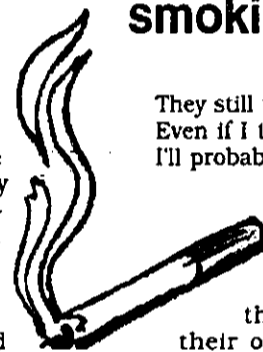
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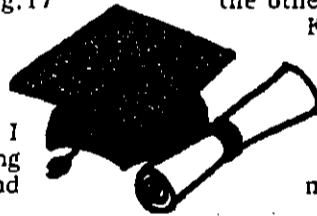
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## Reviewing the century means freezing our history

One of the *Record's* exchanges thus mildly (upset) a contemporary last week, and yet seemed to expect that the offender would be alive at the time of the next issue.

"Of all the base, mean, contemptible, despicable, abject beings that ever trod the terra firma of God's green earth, the lowest of the low is a printer who will borrow stationery from a fellow laborer with the intention of never returning the same. Such a man exists and tries to edit a little soap wrapper in a county south of here."

We have dunned him stationery or pay for the same, but have received no reply. If we do not hear from him before the next issue, we must feel compelled to publish the account for the education of his patrons and his local contemporaries.

-final words that appeared in the *Northville Record* Dec. 30, 1899

Ouch. A "soap wrapper?" Is that how we were viewed 100 years ago?

Apparently so. If the account taken from that last paragraph of the last page of the last issue of the *Northville Record* of the 1800s are right, then we weren't exactly closing out the century on a high note.



Chris C. Davis

My curiosity in that entry came from my working on the "Century In Review" project, a periodic re-telling of stories from Novi and Northville over the last 100 years.

In that time, I looked at almost everything, from historic buildings to famous people to Interstate highways to the Normandy invasion.

It's been a fascinating year for me. Since I approached my editors back in early January about this project, I've been intrigued by the possibility that by regularly examining the people, places and events that shaped our community, we could learn a bit about why we are the way we are.

This much I know for certain: I feel like I understand Novi and Northville 100 years better than I did before.

Sometimes, in the midst of one of those late-night philosophical discussions with fellow staff writers, I throw out a line that inevitably gets me strange looks.

"When you think about — when you really think about it — we don't 'create' anything," I say, describing the work we do in newspapers. "All we do is freeze history."

Freezing history. Sounds weird, but it's true. People will gawk at framed copies of *The Washington Post* on the day Nixon resigned or *The New York Times* when the Japanese surrendered. For me, I know people snatch up multiple copies of the paper when their son or daughter's name crops up in the pages, or when there's a photo that catches their fancy.

People feel some connection to the past with a newspaper. There's something reassuring about knowing where you came from and being able to hold on to a moment. Sure, time moves on. But those yellowed sheets of newsprint give us a link to yesterday, last week, last year.

Or, last century. I decided in mid-December to take a

peek at what was written by my former-former-former co-workers 100 years ago. I'm frankly a little embarrassed that my ex-ex-ex boss would be as vindictive as he apparently was, so let me apologize on his behalf.

Having gotten that out of the way, let me also say that this newspaper, like the world around it, has become infinitely more complex through the years.

On Dec. 30, 1899, it apparently was considered quite legitimate that the proper response of an editor who received a nasty letter was to hint at his premature death. I dare say that probably wouldn't fly today.

In 1925, we ran advertisements for stores, which were framed with miniature swastikas. Again — not good by 1999 standards.

In the 1940s, the paper was about 10 columns wide, almost entirely text. Today, a front page without photographs or graphics has all the visual appeal of a used tissue.

In the 1970s, hard news was the name of the game. Bob Jackson and Jan Jeffries — the current editors of the *Record* and *Novi News* — both want something a little feature-y to grace page 1-A.

There's no telling exactly how this newspaper will change and evolve in the next 100 years. By 2099, people may be reading the paper with virtual reality goggles and looking at holographic images.

The *Record* may be writing for the metropolis of Northville, the population of which crested the 1 million mark in 2048. The *News* may be delivered by hovercar to residents living in homes that float in the air.

We'll be writing on the local implications of major events, like President Schwarzenegger's visit to Twelve Oaks Mall or the Bosnia-Herzegovina-Austria-Czech Republic-Slovakia accords signed at Northville Community Park.

(Even so, I'll bet that by Super Bowl CXXXIV, the Lions still wouldn't have made an appearance in the big game.)

Just the same, I make this promise to whoever reads this paper today, tomorrow, next year, or in the next century: Keep making history, Northville and Novi. We'll keep freezing it for you.

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### Senior Center Briefs

The staff at the Northville Senior Center at 215 W. Gable St. provides the following services and activities for seniors 60 and older. For more information or to register for an activity, please call (248) 349-4140.

**• Newsletter**  
The senior newsletter is a monthly publication filled with information on senior citizen activities, trips and services. Copies are available at Northville 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 contribution.

**• Telephone Reassurance (Telecare)**  
Homebound residents can receive a daily telephone call to check on your well-being, or just to hear a friendly voice. This program is sponsored by Northville Township at no charge to the community through the use of their Community Development Block Grant funds. To register, contact the Telecare office at (248) 348-1312, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Monday through Friday.

**• Nutrition**  
Hot, nutritious meals are provided Monday through Friday at Allen Terrace. A donation of \$1.50 is requested. Meals can be delivered to your home through 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 of every month, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Senior Center.

**• Blood Pressure Screening**  
Come get your blood pressure checked by a nurse. There is no charge. Held at the Senior Center on the fourth Monday of the month, from noon to 2 p.m. No appointment is necessary. Due to the holiday, blood pressure screening will not be available in December. This service will resume in January.

**• MEPPS (Michigan Emergency Pharmaceutical Program for Seniors)**  
Northville and Northville Township senior citizens age 65 and over are eligible to receive two months worth of prescriptions through the MEPPS program. Monthly income eligibility for a single person is \$1,030 (from all sources of income) and for a couple, is \$1,283 (from all sources of income). Total monthly prescription cost must be 10 percent of your monthly income. Please call 349-4140 for more information.

**• Tax Counseling Service**  
Volunteer tax counselors are available to prepare your state and local tax 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 a.m.-noon and 1 p.m.-4 p.m. Most necessary forms are on hand. Appointments 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 this service, donations to the senior program would be greatly appreciated.

**TRANSPORTATION**  
**• Bus Service for Local Shopping Trips**  
Tuesdays: Meijer's (Eight Mile and Hagerty)  
Fridays: Farmer Jack's/Hillers or Shopping Center Market/Busch's (alternating Fridays)  
Bus begins pickup at 9:30 a.m. from your home. Cost is \$2. Riders must make a reservation 24 hours in advance. Call (248) 349-4140.

**• Bus Service for Movies, Lunch and Shopping at the Mall Twice a Month**  
The senior bus heads out to Twelve Oaks Mall and the United Artists Theaters for an afternoon (noon-4 p.m.) of movies, lunch and shopping. The days scheduled vary each month. This month the bus will go Monday, Jan. 10 and Monday, Jan. 24. Pick up will begin from your home (11 a.m.) or the MAGS Building (11:30 a.m.). One fee at the mall, you will be on your own to enjoy your afternoon. Cost is \$4. Please call to make reservations.

**• Detroit Symphony Orchestra**  
Northville Senior Center has reserved tickets to various concerts throughout the season. Departure time is 9 a.m. from MAGS. Please call to register.

**• Body Workout Exercise Class**  
This class meets every Wednesday at 9:45 a.m. at Allen Terrace. Cost is \$3 per class. No registration is necessary.

**• Pot Luck Luncheons**  
Held on the third Monday of every month at the Senior Center. This is a great way to visit with friends. Meet at noon. Bring your own table service, a dish to pass, and \$1.

**• Dinner Out at Various Restaurants**  
Come with us for a once-a-month trip to a local restaurant. On Thursday, Jan. 20 we will be going to the famous Chuck Mue's Restaurant in Southfield for good food with good friends. Cost for round trip transportation is \$4, payable to the bus driver. The bus

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**• Pamela Stewart Speaks on Patient's Rights**  
On Tuesday, Jan. 11 Pamela Stewart from Michigan Peer Review will be at the Senior Center to discuss "Patient's Rights" under Medicare Guidelines. Please arrive by 11 a.m. with your questions and concerns. Don't be left in the dark about your rights. Cost is \$2. Reserve your spot today.

**• Bus Service for Shopping at Somerset Mall**  
The senior bus heads out to Somerset Mall for shopping and lunch on Wednesday, 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 holiday crowds. Departure time from the mall is approximately 2:30 p.m. Cost is \$7.50 payable to the bus driver. Call for reservations.

**SPECIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY**  
**• Bus Service for Shopping at Westland Mall**  
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up from your home begins at 9:30 a.m. Once at the mall you will be on your own to enjoy the day. Departure time from the mall is approximately 2:30 p.m. Cost is \$4. Call to make reservations.

**• Casino Windsor**  
Rybicki Tours is offering a trip to Casino Windsor on Tuesday, Jan. 11. The motorcoach departs at 8:30 a.m. and returns 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 Center to make reservations.

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### Community Events

The Whistle Stop Players will hold auditions for "The Adventures of Beatrix Potter and Her Friends" on Jan. 9 and 10, from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Auditions are open to ages 5 and up. For more information, call (734) 416-4278.

Two nature programs will be held at the Nature Center of Kensington Metropark near Milford/Brighton: "Winter Wildlife," Jan. 15 at 10 a.m. Bring binoculars. Pre-registration required. Also "Winter Birding for Beginners," Jan. 16 at 2 p.m. Bring binoculars. Pre-registration required. For more information/registration, contact Kensington Nature Center, (248) 685-0603 or (800) 477-5178.

The Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan has opened a new Resource Room at its Southfield office, where books, videotapes and audio recordings can provide information to children and parents about fighting the disease and dealing with leukemia treatment. For more information, call (800) 823-2536.



Winchester Elementary School's Brownie Troop No. 55 collected items for PetSmart to donate to the Michigan Animal Rescue League. Back row: Kelly Turner, Becky Pokrandt, Sarah Mundy, Connie Vlahakis and Jillian Pacion. Front Row: Lauren Crabbill, tia Luhtanen, Jamie Farquhar, Michelle West, Kate Pankowski, Jacyn Bell and Sara Bernardi.

### Weddings

Sara Ellen King and Brandon Christopher Hughes were married July 17 at Our Lady of Victory in Northville. Ernest Pacari officiated the ceremony. The bride is the daughter of Lisa and Dennis Rossow of South Lyon. The groom is the son of Robert and Barbara Langton of Waterford. The maid of honor was Amy Drury. Bridesmaids were Cari Calder and the flower girl was Teri Katterson. The best man was Bobby Langton. The groomsmen were Jeff Ferrell and Steven Bowling served as usher.

The bride is a 1991 graduate of Northville High School and of Schoolcraft College. She is employed as a secretary in the Waterford School District. The groom is a 1992 graduate of Eastern Michigan University and is a teacher in the Waterford School District.

A reception was held at Embassy Suites in Livonia. The



King-Hughes couple honeymooned to Sandals Dunn's River Falls in Jamaica. They make their home in Waterford.

### In Service

Marine Staff Sgt. Primitivo R. Sapla, son of Opren and Rosa Sapla of Northville, received the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal. Sapla was recognized for his outstanding achievement while serving as combat engineer with Marine Wing Support Squadron 374, Marine Wing Group 37,

3rd Marine Aircraft Wing, Pacific. Sapla was singled out for the award because of his initiative and contribution in helping the command fulfill its mission. Sapla is a 1983 graduate of Northville High School. He joined the U.S. Marine Corps in 1987.

### First Baby of New Year Could Win Contest

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- The exact date and time of the birth must be verified by the attending physician.
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### Religion

**Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church** in Northville offers many monthly programs. For more information, call (248) 374-5920.

**Single Place Activities for the month at First Presbyterian Church of Northville** includes cross country skiing (weather permitting), Dec. 26 at 1:30 p.m. at Kensington Metropark. Also at Single Place, brunch is held every Sunday at 12:30 p.m. at Northville Crossing Restaurant, 18900 Northville Road. For more information on either event, call (248) 348-6980.

**The Catholic Alumni Club of Detroit** has the following events slated for singles during the

remainder of December:

- Dec. 24, 11:30 p.m. Christmas Concert and Midnight Mass. St. Barbara's Church, 13554 Colman.
- Dec. 27, TBD IMAX Theater movie viewing, cost \$7.50.
- Dec. 29, 6 p.m. Dinner and Movie Night. Dinner location to be determined.

For more information on any of these events, call (248) 347-6142.

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

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<b>CHURCH OF TODAY WEST (Unity)</b> New Location: Meadowbrook Elementary School - Walled Lake (South of 13 Mile on Meadowbrook Road) (248) 449-9000 Services at 10 AM Children's Church: 10 AM Minister: Barbara Clevenger	<b>OUR LADY OF VICTORY CATHOLIC CHURCH</b> WEEKEND LITURGIES Sunday 9:00 am, 11:00 am, 12:30 pm Church School: 9:00 am Religious Education: 349-2569
<b>NOVI UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b> 4107 N. W. Hwy. 16 Windsor 349-2652 (24 hrs.) Sunday Worship 9:45 am Nursery Care Available Louise R. Ott, Pastor	<b>ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN MISSOURI SYNOD</b> High & Elm Streets Lutheran Pastor Church School: 349-3146 Sunday Worship: 8:30 am, 11:00 am Sunday School: 8:30 am, 9:45 am Wednesday Worship: 7:30 pm
<b>MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH</b> 2155 Meadowbrook E. (at 9th Mile) Morrisville Church School: 10 am Church School: 10 am Minister: Rev. E. Neil Hunt Minister of Music: Roy Ferguson	<b>FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE</b> 349-1144 8 Mile & Tott Roads Worship: 8:30 am, 11:00 am Sunday School: 9:30 am, 11:00 am Sunday School: 9:30 am, 11:00 am Dr. Douglas W. Vernon, Rev. Thomas M. Beagan Pastor: Rev. E. Neil Hunt
<b>WARD EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH</b> 4000 26 Mile Road - Northville, MI (248) 374-7400 Worship: 8:30 am, 11:00 am Sunday School: 9:30 am Contemporary Services: 4:45 am Contemporary Services: 4:45 am Live Broadcast: 8:30 am, 11:00 am, 11:30 am	<b>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH NOVI</b> 4530 11 Mile at Fort Rd. Daycare: 7:30 am - 11:30 am Preschool: 7:30 am - 11:30 am Day School: K-12, Nursery Provided Worship: 8:30 am, 11:00 am Prayer Meeting: Wed. 7:00 pm Dr. Gary Esher, Pastor
<b>ST. JAMES ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH NOVI</b> 4232 10 Mile Rd. Novi, MI 48274 Worship: 8:30 am, 11:00 am Sunday School: 9:30 am, 11:00 am Reverend: James J. Dore, Pastor Phone: (248) 347-7778	<b>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE</b> 217 N. Wing Sunday Worship, 10:45 am, 6:30 pm Week. Youth Meetings: 7:00 pm Boys Brigade: 7 pm, Pioneer Girls: 7 pm Sunday School: 9:30 am
<b>CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY</b> 2455 Meadowbrook Rd., Novi, MI 48275 Worship: 8:30 am, 11:00 am Sunday School: 9:30 am, 11:00 am Morning Worship: 11:00 am Discipline Service: 6:00 pm (Sunday morning) Dr. Carl M. Leth, Pastor	<b>FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE</b> 21200 Haggerty, Northville 48070 (between 6 & 7 Mile Rd. next New return) Worship: 8:30 am, 11:00 am Morning Worship: 11:00 am Discipline Service: 6:00 pm Dr. Carl M. Leth, Pastor
<b>WORLDWIDE HARVEST CHURCH</b> "A Place to Grow" Sunday Worship: 11:00 AM Led by Pastor: Beth & Mike The Center: 1st - Music Room 4th - Office, 5th - Fellowship Hall For more info, call: (248) 724-4155 anytime	<b>SPIRIT OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH E.L.C.A.</b> Ten Mile between Haggerty and Meadowbrook Worship Sat. 5:30 pm, Sun. 10:30 am Worship: 8:30 am, 11:00 am Pastor: Matthew M. McClendon - (248) 477-6296
<b>FAITH COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH</b> 4400 W. 10 Mile Rd., Novi 48240 Sunday Worship: 10:00 AM Home Study Groups: 6:00 PM Meeting: Thursday 7:00 PM 21240 Haggerty Road - Nazarene Church Youth: 7:00 pm, 8:00 pm, 9:00 pm (734) 216-7454 Ron Schubert, Pastor	<b>OAK POINTE CHURCH</b> Northville High School Auditorium 8 Mile & Center St. Sunday 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Casual contemporary live band (248) 615-7000
<b>OAKLAND BAPTIST CHURCH</b> 23993 Back Rd., Novi - S. of 10 Mile Adult Bible Study: Sunday School: 10:00 am Morning Worship: 11:00 AM Sunday Evening Church Service: 6:00 PM Worship: 8:30 am, 11:00 am PASTOR: TRACY WHITE (248) 346-2746 We're One Big happy Family!	<b>CONNERSTONE COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH</b> AMC-20 on Haggerty N. of 7 Mile Sunday 10:00 am Casual, Innovative & Real (248) 888-1188
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## The party is on!

Recreation Center hosts family night on Dec. 31

BY ANDREW DIETDERICH Staff Writer

Northville Parks and Recreation plans to make sure many Northville families are Y2K compliant when it comes to having a great New Year's Eve.

The department has organized the third annual Northville Nite for the last evening and tickets are available.

Daniel McGuire Jr., recreation program supervisor for Northville Parks and Recreation, said this year's Northville Nite should be bigger than ever.

"The first year we had 400 people and last year we had 600," he said. "This year we should have at least 800."

The event will be 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Northville High School. McGuire said there will be so many events at this year's party, it would be impossible to get to every single thing.

For example, there will be inflatable Twister, inflatable Operation, two moon walks, a Vero wall, face painting, family pictures, a craft workshop, an open gym and open swimming pool equipped with a lifeguard.

Additionally, dinner will be served with grilled chicken breast, rice pilaf, salad bar and vegetable for parents and hot

dogs, macaroni and cheese, salad bar and desert for children.

The event is presented by the Northville Parks and Recreation department, Northville Youth Assistance and Oak Pointe Church. It's sponsored by Oak Pointe Church, Northville High School SAHD, the Northville Drug-Free Grant Fund, and Century 21 Town and Country.

A seven-member committee put the program together. McGuire said the event gives families a great opportunity to have a fun year's eve without a lot of hassle.

"Families can go out, have a good time and be home by midnight," McGuire said.

Tickets for Northville Nite 1999 are on sale at the Northville Parks and Recreation, 303 W. Main St. Monday through Friday 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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The cost is \$13 for adults and \$8 for children with the cost of the tickets going towards the cost of this year's event. Any excess funds will go toward next year's event, McGuire said.

More information may be obtained by calling Northville Parks and Recreation at (248) 349-0203.

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There will be plenty to do for people of all ages at the annual Northville Nite, Dec. 31, at the Northville Recreation Center.

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# Movies



Coach Tony D'Amato (Al Pacino, center) breaks up a fight between team players Willie Beamen (Jamie Foxx) and "J Man" Jilian Washington (LL Cool J, right) in "Any Given Sunday."

Warner Bros' "Any Given Sunday" is Academy Award-winning filmmaker Oliver Stone's look at contemporary sports through the dynamic prism of professional sports.

Stone assembled a huge ensemble of players to portray the characters inhabiting this dramatic, and often humorous universe: players, coaches, management, agents, sports writers, announcers, media figures, team doctors, politicians and party girls. No matter who you are, no matter what you do for a living, there's always somebody younger, faster and stronger coming right up

behind you. At the crossroads of his life, Tony D'Amato (Al Pacino) has finally come to that realization.

Four years ago, D'Amato's Miami Sharks had nailed two AFPA (Associated Football Franchises of America) championships in a row, but in pro years, that's a lifetime.

Now, his team is struggling with three consecutive losses, sliding attendance, and aging heroes, particularly 39-year-old quarterback Jack "Cap" Rooney (Dennis Quaid), who's desperately clinging to what's left for him as a player.

Off the field, D'Amato is struggling with a failed marriage and

## Football provides backdrop for action-packed 'Sunday'

estranged children, and is on a collision course with Christina Paganacci (Cameron Diaz), the young president/co-owner of the Sharks organization.

Unlike her late father, an old-school proponent of the sport's sanctity, Christina maintains a take-no-prisoners style of management. She knows that the harsh realities of the modern game means that profitable portions must be parceled out to the highest bidders from the world of media, marketing and merchandising... and a losing team means a losing investment.

Although she may start off as a novice, she evolves more and more as the crisis escalates, and eventually becomes a force of nature of the modern world of professional sports.

Cap Rooney is a quarterback who symbolizes the great recent past of the Sharks: he's football royalty. But he's getting older and fighting to hold onto his own legend. When a devastating hit knocks Rooney and the second-string quarterback out of the game, the Sharks' third-string seventh-round draft pick, Willie Beamen (Jamie Foxx), is called onto the field.

After a shaky start, and against all expectations, Beamen begins to start both fans and management with his spectacular gridiron performance, throwing the great Cap Rooney's future into doubt and forcing D'Amato to grapple with his long-cherished ideals of personal and professional loyalty.

Whereas D'Amato firmly believes

that the game "has got to be about something more than winning," the only goal that the pragmatic "Steamin' Beamen" has is winning — with all of the material perks that he can acquire during the short life span of a pro football player.

With Beamen pushing from one side, Christina Paganacci pressuring from the other, and his old quarterback Cap trying hard to get back onto the field, Tony D'Amato

sees the Sharks coming apart at the seams. Pressured and disillusioned, he wonders if he's losing his edge, his team and his very reason to wake up in the morning.

Although professional football provides the action-packed backdrop of "Any Given Sunday," the film takes a simultaneously epic and intimate look at a cross-section of contemporary Americans.

"Any Given Sunday" is rated "R."

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## Entertainment

**DEC. 30**  
What: Illinois-Chicago vs. Eastern Michigan women's basketball  
Where: EMU Convocation Center  
When: 5:15 p.m.  
Phone: (734) 487-2282

What: Detroit vs. Eastern Michigan men's basketball  
Where: EMU Convocation Center  
When: 7:30 p.m.  
Phone: (734) 487-2282

What: Atlanta Hawks vs. Detroit Pistons Basketball  
Where: Palace of Auburn Hills (2 Championship Drive, Auburn Hills)  
When: 7:30 p.m.  
Phone: (248) 377-0100

What: The Terstin Tarentulas  
Where: 5th Avenue Ballroom (25750 Novi Road, Novi)  
When: Evening  
Phone: (248) 735-4011

What: Michigan State University vs. University of Michigan women's basketball  
Where: Crisler Arena, Ann Arbor  
When: 7 p.m.  
Phone: (734) 764-0247

What: Plymouth Whalers vs. Kitchener  
Where: Compuware Sports Arena (14900 Beck Road, Plymouth)  
When: 7:30 p.m.  
Phone: (734) 453-8400

**DEC. 30 - MARCH 26**  
What: "Escanaba in da Moonlight" stage performance  
Where: Gem Theater (333 Madison Ave., Detroit)  
When: Various times  
Phone: (313) 963-9800

What: "Northville Night"  
Where: Northville High School  
When: Evening  
Phone: (248) 349-0203

What: "Strolling Through the Century" stage performance  
Where: Gem Theater (333 Madison Ave., Detroit)  
When: 7:30 p.m.  
Phone: (313) 963-9800

What: "Early-To-Bed" New Year's Eve Celebration  
Where: Gem Theater (333 Madison Ave., Detroit)  
When: 2-6 p.m.  
Phone: (313) 963-9800

What: Bats: Masters of the Night Exhibit  
Where: Sloan Museum, Flint  
When: Various times  
Phone: (810) 760-1169



Robert Morgan, left, John Biedenbach and Tracey Copeland perform in Meadowbrook Theatre's thriller "Dangerous Obsession," from Jan. 5 through Jan. 30.

What: Kristin Smythe, New Year's Eve Bash  
Where: Bogey's Bar & Grill (142 E. Walled Lake Drive, Walled Lake)  
When: Evening  
Phone: (248) 669-1441

What: Jo Nab with a Coupla Fat Guys  
Where: 5th Avenue Ballroom (25750 Novi Road, Novi)  
When: Evening  
Phone: (248) 735-4011

What: Metallica, Ted Nugent, Kid Rock  
Where: Pontiac Silverdome (1200 Featherstone, Pontiac)  
When: 6 p.m.  
Phone: (248) 456-1600

What: Chicago Blackhawks vs. Detroit Red Wings hockey  
Where: Joe Louis Arena (600 Civic Center, Detroit)  
When: 7 p.m.  
Phone: (313) 983-6606

What: Traditions of the Season - Greenfield Village and Henry Ford Museum  
Where: 20900 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn  
When: Various times  
Phone: (313) 271-1620

What: Phoenix vs. Detroit Red Wings hockey  
Where: Joe Louis Arena (600 Civic Center, Detroit)  
When: 7:30 p.m.  
Phone: (313) 983-6606

What: Buffalo vs. Eastern Michigan men's basketball  
Where: Crisler Arena, U-M  
When: 8 p.m.  
Phone: (734) 764-0247

What: Utah Grizzlies vs. Detroit Vipers hockey  
Where: Palace of Auburn Hills (2 Championship Drive, Auburn Hills)  
When: 7:30 p.m.  
Phone: (248) 377-0100

What: Guelph Storm vs. Plymouth Whalers hockey  
Where: Compuware Sports Arena (14900 Beck Road, Plymouth)  
When: 7:30 p.m.  
Phone: (734) 453-8400

What: Colorado State vs. University of Michigan men's basketball  
Where: Crisler Arena, U-M  
When: 8 p.m.  
Phone: (734) 764-0247

What: Ohio State vs. Michigan State University women's basketball  
Where: Breslin Center, MSU  
When: 7 p.m.  
Phone: (517) 355-1610

What: Orlando Solar Bears vs. Detroit Vipers hockey  
Where: Palace of Auburn Hills (2 Championship Drive, Auburn Hills)  
When: 7:30 p.m.  
Phone: (248) 377-0100

What: Chicago Blackhawk vs. Detroit Red Wings hockey  
Where: Joe Louis Arena (600 Civic Center, Detroit)  
When: 7 p.m.  
Phone: (313) 983-6606

What: Chorus Line Auditions (High School and up)  
Where: Scottish Rite Cathedral Theater (Masonic Temple, 500 Temple, Detroit)  
When: 7 p.m.  
Phone: (313) 535-8982

What: "Forbidden Broadway Strikes Back"  
Where: Century Theater (333 Madison Ave., Detroit)  
When: 7 p.m.  
Phone: (313) 963-9800

What: "Dangerous Obsession" stage performance  
Where: Meadowbrook Theatre, Oakland University  
When: Various times  
Phone: (248) 377-3300

What: "Forbidden Broadway Strikes Back"  
Where: Century Theater (333 Madison Ave., Detroit)  
When: 7 p.m.  
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What: Penn State vs. Michigan State University men's basketball  
Where: Breslin Center, MSU  
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**FUN AND SERIOUS**

Kind and loving, this employed SWP mom of two, 47, 5'2", who loves the Lord and enjoys summer and winter activities, is seeking a caring, loving, kind SWCM, 40-55, for friendship and maybe more. Ad# 1234

**THE NEXT STEP**

This SWCF, 19, 5'10", is known to be an outgoing and friendly college student who enjoys participating in sports, animals, great conversations and more. Could you be the honest SWM, 18-23, she's seeking? Ad# 1116

**ALL WE NEED**

This outgoing DWCF, 52, who enjoys dining out, dancing, going to the movies and more, is looking for a sincere SWCM, 50-60, a N/S, for a possible long-term relationship. Ad# 1947

**HEAVEN SENT**

This friendly, outgoing SWF, 47, 5'4", whose interests include good conversation, going to the movies and taking long walks, is looking for a SM, under 55, for friendship first. Ad# 8869

**MOVE QUICKLY**

Here's a versatile, active SWF, 41, 5'5", with blonde hair and blue-green eyes, who enjoys movies, taking walks, and camping. Are you the energetic, handsome SWM, 38+, she's hoping to hear from? Ad# 2124

**GOOD COMPANY**

Say hello to this attractive DWCF, 48, 5'4", with blonde hair and blue eyes, who enjoys dancing, playing cards and movies, hopes to meet a considerate, caring DWCM, over 45, with similar interests. Ad# 6982

**SHARE HER WORLD**

This outgoing DW mom, 38, 5'5", who enjoys spending time with her children, traveling, going to the movies and music, is seeking a SWM, 36-45, to share life's ups and downs with. Ad# 4770

**LET'S GET ACQUAINTED**

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

**ENERGETIC**

This SW mom of one, 34, 5'9", full-figured, with blonde hair and blue eyes, who enjoys fishing, camping and hunting, is seeking a secure, friendly SWM, 25-45, to go out and have a good time with. Ad# 1444

**START RIGHT HERE**

Active SWF, 71, who enjoys dancing, traveling and playing cards, is in search of an outgoing, friendly SWM, 68-75, to share similar interests with. Ad# 2434

**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

**WISHING UPON A STAR**

Kind, honest SWCF, 37, 5'3", who enjoys attending church, long walks in the park and camping, is ISO a God-fearing, intelligent SWCM, under 45, who shares similar interests. Ad# 1212

**GREAT EXPECTATIONS**

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

**FAMILY FIRST**

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

**SET UP A TIME & DAY**

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

**UNTIL NOW**

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

**OUT OF THE SOUTH**

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

**PLEASANT**

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

**LOVES ATTENTION**

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

**IS IT FATE?**

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

**MAKE THE MOVE**

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

**THE PRIME OF LIFE**

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

**LIVE IT UP**

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

**YOUR SERVE**

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

**BEST THERE IS**

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

**GIVE ME A CALL**

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

**MELODY OF LOVE**

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

**VALUES AND LOVE**

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

**LOOKING FOR LOVE**

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

**HEAVEN SENT**

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

**NOTEWORTHY**

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

**DESTINY**

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

**SWEET THINGS**

Friendly SWF, 45, seeks a SWM, for friendship first, 5'3", 129lbs., with blonde hair, and green eyes, who enjoys the outdoors, travel, the theater, and spending time with family, is looking for an honest SWCM, 55-67, who shares similar interests. Ad# 6999

**SONG BIRD**

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



**CHANGE OF PACE**

DWM, 45, 6'3", 230lbs., with dark hair and brown eyes, who loves traveling, movies, dining out and spending time with friends, is seeking friendship first, with an honest, sweet and kind SWF, 38-48. Ad# 2020

**KNOWS WHAT HE WANTS**

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

**A BEST FRIEND**

Give a chance to this SWCM, 30, 6'2", with brown hair/eyes, a homeowner, who loves video games and old movies. He's looking for a smart, down-to-earth SCF, N/S, non-drinker, to spend time with. Ad# 2001

**FIRST TIME AD**

Friendly, professional, handsome SWM, 29, 6'1", 170lbs., who enjoys traveling, having fun and more, is seeking a romantic, spiritual SWF, 24-36, for a possible relationship. Ad# 3212

**ROMANCE**

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

**NO DISAPPOINTMENT**

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

**WANTS TO BE HAPPY**

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

**SHORT BUT SWEET**

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

**LET'S GET ACQUAINTED**

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

**DREAMS COME TRUE**

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

**SINCERELY**

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

**NEW TO THE AREA**

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

**A RARE GEM**

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

**LIFE IS GOOD**

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

**TRUE BLUE**

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

**GREAT EXPECTATIONS**

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

**NOTEWORTHY**

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

**AFFECTIONATE**

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

**SECURITY**

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

**STOP HERE**

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

**GREAT CATCH**

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# Novi wins Oakland County title

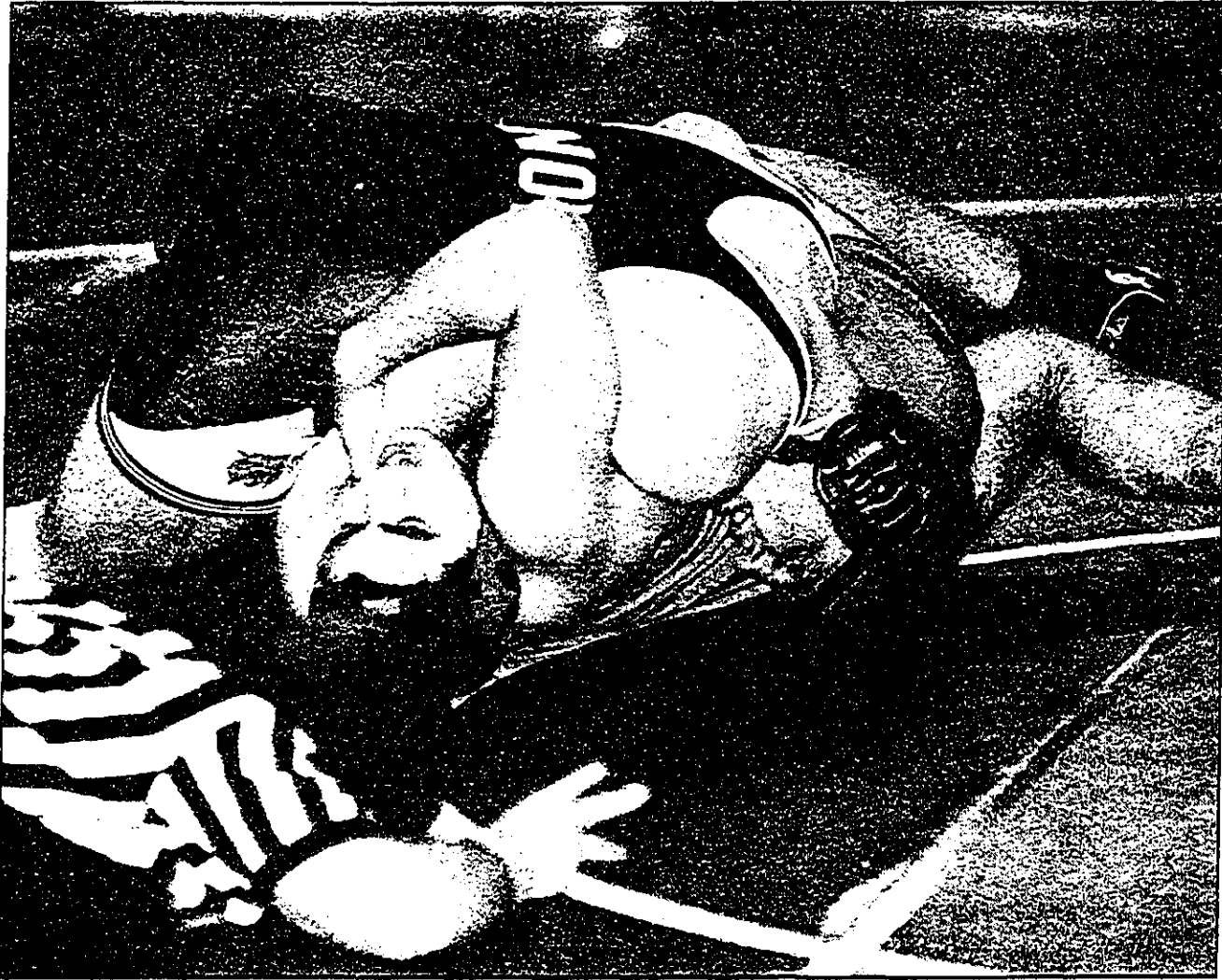


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Novi sophomore Scott Kortlandt pins his Williamston opponent in a match earlier this year. He was one of eight Wildcats to place at the Oakland County meet, won by Novi. It was the school's first-ever wrestling county title.

## Eight individual placers lead to first-ever county team title

By JASON SCHMITT  
Sports Editor

Receiving its biggest Christmas present a week early, the Novi wrestling team took home its first-ever Oakland County Championship back on Dec. 17 and 18 at Lake Orion and Oxford high schools.

Both Dan Jilg (at 119) and Ryan Churella (at 130) captured their first individual championships to lead the team, which had eight of its 14 wrestlers place in the top six. The tournament, which included 41 teams, is believed to be the biggest high school wrestling tournament in the United States.

"This was not some average run-of-the-mill tournament, this was Oakland County," an elated Novi coach Brad Huss said.

"It's a big deal. It not only takes talent, but you have to have a little luck as well."

Novi scored 265 points in the tournament, knocking off one of the pre-meet favorites, Troy, by 17 points. The Wildcats led the Colts by just seven points heading into the championship round and Novi had three wrestlers in the finals to Troy's four.

"I thought we'd have a good chance because I felt we had a couple of guys who could win championships and I knew they had two guys who were up against other great wrestlers and probably wouldn't win," Huss said.

In the end Troy was swept in its four chances and Novi took two of its three title matches to extend its lead. Alongside Churella and Jilg, junior 112-pounder Cory Nobach placed second in his first

### Wrestling

Oakland County meet.

In his final attempt as a high-school wrestler, Jilg breezed to the championship by crushing Harry Durbin of Royal Oak 12-0 in the finals. He lost to Clarkston's Ryan L'Amoreaux in the championship a year ago.

Churella lost in the semifinals last year, but as he has done many times over the last two years, he found a way to get better and improve.

Novi had four other wrestlers compete in the consolation finals for third and fourth place. Josh Churella, Nick Slovan and Adam Borashko all placed third, while Scott Kortlandt grabbed fourth in his first county meet.

Also placing for the Wildcats was Jason Moore (6th) in the heavyweight division. Although undersized compared to many other heavyweights, Moore has amassed an impressive 13-4 record this season.

Winning the Oakland County meet was one of the team's four main goals this season, according to Huss.

"This is a big deal. It really means a lot to have Novi's name put on that trophy," the coach said.

"I bet that you could count on one hand the number of teams that have won this tournament in the past 30 years."

As if winning the county championship

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## Novi gets its chance for revenge

Over the past few years, the Northville/Novi wrestling rivalry has become one of the most heated among all sports played between the two schools.

Much of the rivalry is fueled by the fact that both schools have strong programs, two of the best in the state. Northville has reached the Division I semifinals each of the last two years, with Novi qualifying for the state tournament back in 1997.

Unfortunately both teams are always pitted against each other come district time. So one of them has to lose early in the state tournament.

Last year Northville pummeled Novi 38-22 on its home mat in their regular-season dual.

Novi jumped out to a 12-6 lead early, thanks in part to consecutive wins by Ryan Churella, Dan Jilg and Nate Mitchell. But Northville's strength came from 130-145, and the Mustangs won four-consecutive matches to take a 20-12 lead. After a Novi win at 152, Northville picked up a big pin at 160 to give itself a 26-16 lead. With Ryan McCracken, Ryan Giles and Ted Bowersox at the bottom of the lineup, the win was secured.

At the district tournament, the result was much of the same as Northville had Kevin Arbuckle in the lineup at 125. He won his match over Mitchell and Northville cruised to a 36-23 win.

But that was all in 1998-99.

Novi's team is the best its had, possibly ever, and Northville suffered a tragic loss to graduation. Six top-notch wrestlers moved on from last year's team, leaving Northville coaches Garnett Potter and Bob Townsend scrambling to find replacements.

Novi has already won its own Novi Invitational and more impressively than that, it won its first-ever Oakland County Championship on Dec. 18.

The Wildcats match up very well with Northville in the lower weights. Depending on last-minute lineup changes, the best matchup of the day could come at 103 pounds. Northville's Ravi Saran has impressed coaches early on, and Novi's Josh Churella has wrestled extremely well in his first year on the team. Churella was third in his weight class at the 41-team county meet.

At 112 Jeremy Carter will take on Novi's newcomer Cory Nobach, who finished runnerup at the county meet. Last year Carter had Sarb



Jason Schmitt

Rohatgi's number, but Nobach is better and will provide a boost to Novi's early lineup.

After that, it's up to the coaches to decide the winners. Novi has defending state runnerups Dan Jilg at 119 and Ryan Churella at 125. If he chooses to keep his wrestlers at these weights, Novi should win both. Northville's Jason D'Anna and Matt Doyle have wrestled well at those weights early on, but they won't face any better wrestlers than those two this year.

Mitchell has moved up to 130 this year, as has Northville's Brian Ashby. Mitchell has the advantage here, but this is an uncertain matchup with Northville's strengths coming up.

If the Mustangs keep Reggie Torrence at 135, he may face an improved Brent Frey. Last year Torrence had little troubles in his matches with Frey.

If Northville finds itself in major trouble after 130, don't be surprised to see some lineup adjustments. Northville's got one of the best back-to-back-to-back trios in the state with Torrence, Chad Neumann (140) and Dan Scappaticci (145). All three can move and may if Northville needs points. Novi will counter with Frey, Eric Cook and Yusaf Gamruzzaman or Vince Slovan.

As Novi coaches Brad Huss and Tom Fritz always say, "we have to stay off our backs."

Neumann is a pinner this year and Scappaticci is a returning state placer. Oh, and Torrence finished third at the state meet last year.

If Slovan goes 152, he may face Jeremy Herndon or Josh Pettijohn. That should be a good match that could go any way.

Frank Kava was pinned at 160 last year, but is one of the most improved wrestlers Novi has

this season. He may square off against Anton Paljusevic.

Northville's thin at 171, while Novi has sophomore Scott Kortlandt (4th at Oakland Co.), a strong addition to the lineup, going for them.

Novi finishes up about as strong as Northville did last year. Adam Borashko (189), Nick Slovan (215) and Jason Moore (heavyweight) have wrestled well this year and all placed at Oakland County. Northville counters with Joe Rumbley (189), and Brian Tran and Valentino Paljusevic at 215 and heavyweight.

**Keys to Novi winning the match:** They must perform well both at the bottom of their lineup as well as at the top. If Josh Churella and Nobach both score points for the 'Cats, the match could be over early. Jilg and Churella won't be beat and could push up the lead early.

Also, if their 135-152 wrestlers can stay off their backs and give Northville's studs a challenge, the team will be in good shape.

**Keys to Northville winning the match:** They must stay off their backs at several key weights (112-125 and 189-Hwt.) while keeping Novi on theirs. Torrence, Neumann and Scappaticci will need to get a couple pins or technical falls to keep their team in it.

**Overall prediction:** Well over the past two years I've been here, Northville has had Novi's number. And it's gotten ugly. It's kind of like watching the little brother grow up and get his chance to beat up the older brother. Novi should win this match, but anyone who has ever been associated with Northville wrestling knows that this program is one of the best in the state. And their coaching staff really knows what it takes to win.

If the match were determined on heart and guts alone, it would end tied 28-28. But that's not the case, and Novi's got too much talent for Northville to handle this year.

**My prediction: Novi 34, Northville 25**

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## Cagers take 3rd at Christmas tourney

By JASON SCHMITT  
Sports Editor

It wasn't exactly the way the Novi basketball wanted to celebrate Christmas, but when you're 0-4 a win is much better than a loss.

The Wildcats bounced back from a first-round loss in the Northville/Novi Christmas Tournament to pick up its first win of the season on Dec. 21. Novi pounded an undermanned Harper Woods Lutheran East squad 71-30 at Northville High School.

The game was ugly through-

### Basketball

out for the Eagles, who fell behind by 40 points at halftime, 58-18. Officials actually had to go to a continuously-running clock in the second half, a rule the Michigan High School Athletic Association administered two years ago. When a team is trailing by more than 40 points in the second half, the clock shall run continuously until

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Novi's Chad Naddor scores over Chad Naddor in a matchup back on Dec. 14. 45-46 Mustangs

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## Win turns ugly against Howell

End of game fight leaves a total of four icers suspended

By JASON SCHMITT  
Sports Editor

It wasn't supposed to be a rough game. But in the end a melee broke out and Novi's hard-fought 5-2 win over Howell was a distant second thought to all the players, coaches and fans at the Grand Oaks Arena.

Thirty-five penalties and four disqualifications overshadowed what Novi Coach Dan Phelps called "a marvelous win" for his team.

"It was a chippy game," the coach said. "As a coach I understand the sport of hockey and I understand that as a player, eventually enough is enough. But we need to work on that part of our game. We want the game to

### Hockey

be decided on the ice. We want to be the team that stays composed, because composure is the key."

Novi's Brian Jaussi and Nick Karaisz each received disqualifications for their part in the post-game festivities and will miss the next two games. Howell also had two players disqualified in the game.

The 35 penalties handed out are believed to be a Grand Oaks record for a regulation hockey game.

As for the game on the ice, Novi rallied from a 2-0 deficit to get their second win in Kensington Valley Conference play. Jared Genso netted his first goal of the game with 10:44 remaining in the second period. He took a pass from Travis Malott and beat Highlander goalie Derek Shaw to make it 2-1.

Just five minutes later, Ryan Layton scored his first goal of the season to tie the game at 2-2. Erad Zarem picked up the lone assist.

Jaussi scored the game winner with 2:38

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## Novi picks up second KVC win

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...in the second period. Robbie Hatfield and Matti pulled up assists on the play. ...the third were ...and ...making the score 5-2 as ...started to heat up.

"You have to give our kids 100 percent of the credit for rising to the occasion," Phelps said.

"They showed a lot of heart, a lot of drive and intensity out there. They had a purpose."

Novi had a few guys step it up in a game that found the Wildcats short-handed coming into the contest. Brian Markowicz filled in for the sick Beau Braithorn and limited Howell's tough offense to just two goals. Lutton also earned praise from his coach after playing one of his best games of the season.

"He's really coming into his own this year," Phelps said of Lutton.

"It was hard for much of last year, and I think he's really found his game early on this season. With him we're getting another player out there who can be a force for us."

With four players scoring goals for Novi, none of which were tamed Zarem or Malot, Phelps is pleased to see his team spreading the wealth.

"That's going to be key down the stretch," the coach said of his team spreading the scoring around.

"Now we're getting down to the nitty gritty. We're going past Christmas and every game is going to count. We're going to need other guys to step it up for us and score," he said.

Novi's record in the league stands at 2-0-3, which hands the team in third place. Brighton (4-0-1) and Milford (3-0-2) have a leg up on the Cats.



Jared Genso (5) stands alongside a Howell captain as the referee explains his call.

Due to the holidays, coverage of Tuesday and Wednesday's Novi/Northville Christmas tournament will be included in next week's edition of The Novi News.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Novi guard Brendan Hadley brings the ball up court in Novi's 49-46 loss to Northville in the two teams meeting Dec. 14.

## Novi falls to Rogers, knocks off East team

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that team closes to within 30 points.

"We shot the ball really well," Novi Coach Pat Schluter said.

"I think we took a lot of our frustrations out on them."

Frustrations that stemmed from an 0-4 start, the Indiana on 0-2 mark in the Kearsarge Valley Conference.

Every Wildcat played in the first half of the win the coach said should pay k his team up.

"I think this win is gonna give us some momentum," he said.

"Our confidence was down, especially after the South Lyon loss. So it was good to get a win before Christmas."

Sensors Chad Nadolny and Dan Navrot led the way for Novi (1-5), with 18 and 15 points, Alex Kivler led Lutheran East (1-3) with 14.

The team is now off until it travels to Walled Lake Central on Jan. 4 to take on the Vikings. The Cats return to conference play that next Friday (Jan. 7) at home against Hartland.

help to the Brighton game 10 days earlier, the outcome was nearly the same as well.

Novi fell behind Rogers early, closed to within a point at 20-19, but then gave up a late first-half run which ended all hopes of a win.

The Rangers pressed the Wildcats the entire game. Still without point guard Brandon Davis in the lineup due to an ankle sprain, Novi struggled against a quicker Rogers' team.

"That press took us out of our offense," Schluter said.

"We didn't move the ball too well all night long."

Nadolny again led Novi with 10 points. Sophomore guard Ricardo Billinas had 17 points for Rogers (6-1).

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**DETROIT ROGERS 61, NOVI 40**

In a game that was played sim-



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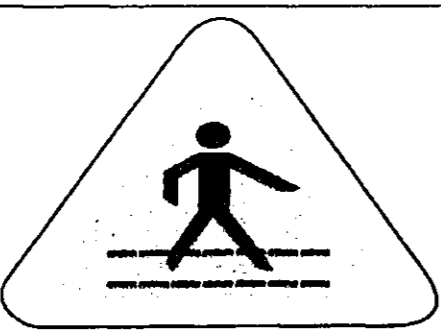
## Jags win fall championship...

Despite playing up in the 13-year old division, the U-12 Jaguars finished the 1999 Fall outdoor season with a perfect record and the division championship.

The team consists of (front row left to right) Lauren Troher, Erin Eddy, Megan Miller, Morgan Daul, Ashley Kline and Brittany Safford. In the second row (l-r) are Lisa Harden, Kara

Rose, Julie Langenhorst, Meredith Farrugia, Kristen Hayes, Lindsay Williams, Sarah Carr and Dina Nakhleh.

The last row consists of (l-r) Shannon Steffen, and trainers Christina Sansell and Alaina Woloszyn. Missing from the picture are coach Tom Marchioni and trainer Leah Hutko.



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## Wrestlers continue hot streak

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was not enough, Jigg also took home the most valuable wrestler award for the 135-pound and under weight classes. South Lyon's Mike Chandler was the most-valuable wrestler for the 140 and up classes.

South Lyon finished sixth and Milford seventh to give the Kearsarge Valley Conference three of the top seven teams at the meet. The win marked the fourth consecutive year Novi has finished among the top four teams. Last year the team was third and it was fourth in 1996 and 1997.

### NOVI 2ND AT PINCKNEY

Feeding off of the excess of emotions brought about by their championship at the county meet, Novi went on to finish second at the Pinckney Invitational last Tuesday afternoon.

Novi finished 3-1 in its seven team pool and topped Saine 51-22 in the crossover match at the end of the day.

The Wildcats' only loss of the day came in its first match, against Lapeer West. West edged out Novi 38-36.

But Novi came back to beat Richmond 44-23, Battle Creek Central 38-20 and Pinckney 66-6 in its final three pool matches.

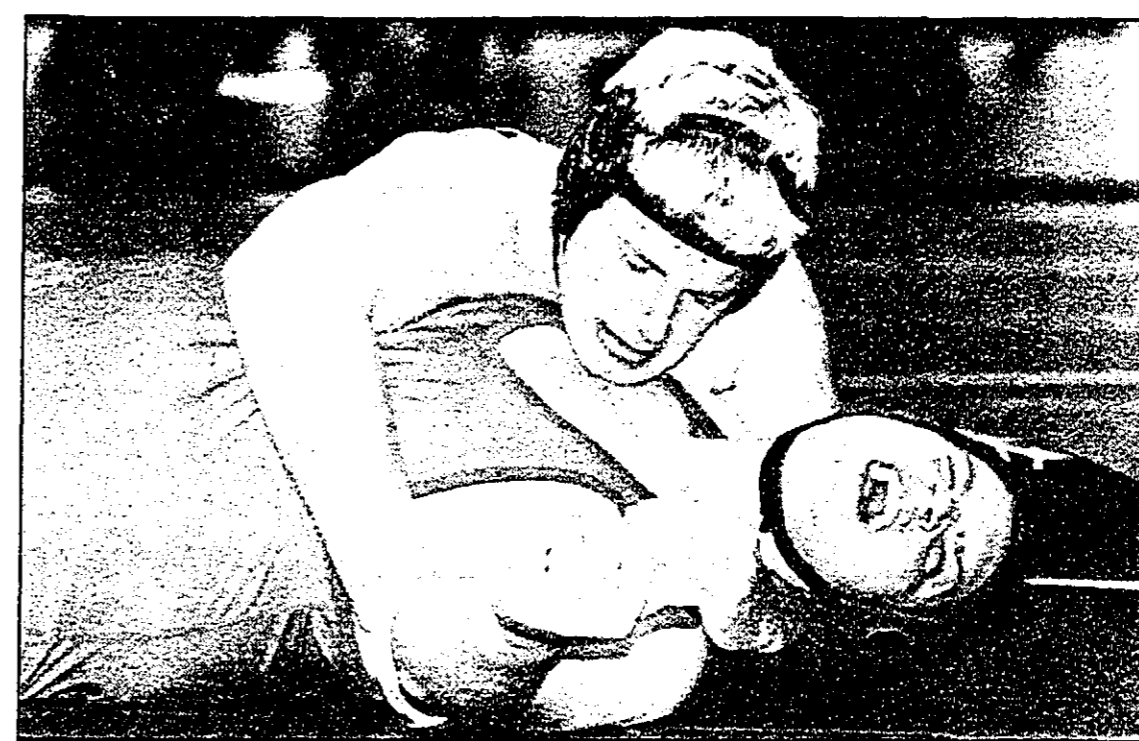


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Senior heavyweight Jason Moore (above) was one of eight Wildcats to place at Oakland County.

"They try to match up the best everyone in this tournament, but they were not up to the task," he said. "We had no problem with it, but it was something for our kids to see. I think it woke them up to lose so early."

Novi wrestled today (Thursday) at the Plymouth Salem Invitational and will look to get some revenge on Baseline rival Northville Tuesday at Novi High School. That match is scheduled to begin immediately after the junior varsity match concludes. The JV match will begin at 5:30 p.m.

## Scoreboard

BASKETBALL KVC STANDINGS		HOCKEY KVC STANDINGS	
Milford	2-0-3-0	Brighton	5-0-15-2-2
Brighton	2-0-3-1	Milford	3-0-2NA
Lakeland	1-0-3-1	Novi	2-0-3-1-5
South Lyon	1-1-3-2	Hartland	1-2-2-5-2-2
Hartland	0-1-2-1	Howell	2-3-0-2-7-0
Howell	0-2-1-4	South Lyon	1-1-4-4
Novi	0-2-1-5	Lakeland	1-5-3-1

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## Junior varsity cagers win Christmas tourney

The Novi JV Basketball Team won the Novi-Northville JV Basketball Tournament for the second consecutive year by beating Northville 47-40 in overtime on Dec. 21.

Coach Bill Kemp's team won the closely-matched contest despite missing three players who were sick.

The game was tied 36-36 at the end of regu-

lation play. Novi outscored Northville 11-4 in the four-minute overtime period to secure the victory. Trey Simpson scored four points in the overtime period to spark Novi's victory.

Shawn Dickens led all Novi scorers with 11 points. Chase Chandler added eight points and Simpson scored seven as the Wildcats improved their overall record to 5-1 for the sea-

son.

In the first-round of the tournament, Novi JV Basketball defeated previously-unbeaten Detroit Rogers 55-32. Novi jumped out to an early lead and never looked back. All the Novi players saw action. Novi was led by Shawn Dickens with 10 points and by Mike Crawford and Matt Emmenecker with 7 points each.

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## Health Column

### Now comes the real test...Christmas

With Christmas and New Year's day coming up, the real test begins for Jason

Jason has completed four more sessions since our last column, bringing his total sessions to nine. If you are just joining us with this column, allow me to briefly update you.

By now all of us are fully into the holiday season. I am sure with Christmas behind us you can relate to all the extra good food available, as well as the many extra sweets and treats. For many, weight gain is inevitable, and for many the New Year brings renewed desire to lose weight and get in better shape.

We wanted to help our readers through the thought process of how to get this done and keep it done. In an effort to do so, we are walking you through step by step of Jason's Journey to reach those exact goals.

Jason has been our volunteer, an average person when it comes to exercise, with a typical busy lifestyle. The last two columns have been his journey so far, which we have entitled "Jason's Journey." The ultimate goal...help Jason learn about his body, give him the true tools to make the changes he wants and the ability to maintain those changes for life.

Many people do not think of a health club as a tool to reach weight loss. They think of a health club as just a place to lift weights or run on a treadmill. Today's health club industry offers many choices for the consumer. Our club, as well as some others, offer a full, individual system that removes the guesswork on how to really make the changes in your lifestyle and maintain them for a happy, healthy life.

The following are the excerpts from Jason's sessions, contributed by Jason's coach, trainer, and by now friend, Lesley Pagnucco.

**Session six:** I continue to work with Jason on his weight training, one of the five components we focus on. Many people do not realize how important this component is to losing weight. That valuable lean muscle is where you burn the body fat. We call lean muscle your fat burning machinery.

We start to lose 2-4 pounds of it a year around our thirties. We need it back to maintain tone, keep your bones strong and burn the fat. Jason continues to get stronger. His form and control have really improved and we increase his intensity accordingly today. He is keeping up his other component, cardiovascular training and finally we discuss the nutrition component.

Jason is learning about and making healthier food choices daily. However, his continued success depends heavily on (and a stumbling block for many) planning. Learning and consistently planning your food intake is vital. Lack of planning usually results in waiting to feel hungry, and then satisfying that with what is avail-

able at the time with the time one has available. The result of this usually is not a healthy one. Planning includes for many taking some food and snacks as you head out for the day. This allows you to control the situation much better. Planning prompts good things to happen like eating small amounts every 2-4 hours to allow plenty of energy, decrease hunger and spare that valuable lean muscle while allowing the body to burn body fat.

We realize this goes against the standard, which is to grab a donut and coffee on the way to work or if you get hungry before lunch grab a candy bar from the vending machine, head to the nearest fast-food place for lunch before heading home for a big dinner. So we work with our clients for easy and livable solutions.

For example, having a nutrition bar in your desk is a much better choice than those empty calories in that candy bar. We really work on assuring the proper fuel for the body. As Jason has mentioned, the increase in energy and overall well being you will feel with the proper fuel is amazing, but it does not happen easily on its own. We must plan.

**Session seven:** Because most Americans eat at least one out of every three meals away from home, today we discussed how to do this more responsibly. It really boils down to understanding and applying better, smaller daily food choices. For instance, choose a grilled chicken sandwich with minimal sauces versus a loaded cheeseburger. Two less cookies a day over a month can lead to 2,800 less calories. Once you make these small changes, your body will adapt and you will not miss the other poorer food choices as much.

**Session eight:** We changed Jason's weight training program today, varying the order he completes the exercises, the amount of weight and the repetitions. Jason continued to improve in this area and seems highly motivated and focused. After completing his workout, we discussed nutrient supplementation, a highly-sensitive area today. Unfortunately, the deregulated nutrient supplement market has, in my opinion, become a little out of control. A person can take a pill to cure everything from a bad mood to losing 25 pounds without doing anything further. We as a society naturally look for the easiest way to reach a desired goal. This alone is not the answer to overall health. (I don't care what the celebrity said on the infomercial!)

See my last column dated 12-16-99 for more on this subject. Supplementing your diet is particularly important when attempting to make physical changes. The exercise and other components we instill increase the need for nutrients while the food intake compo-



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Water Wheel trainer Lesley Pagnucco talks with Jason Schmitt as he gets a cardiovascular workout in.

nent requires the nutrients without adding extra calories. It is a fact that the American diet falls short of even the recommended daily allowance (RDA).

A study completed by the U.S. Dietetics Association (USDA) showed that not one of the 21,500 people surveyed consumed 100 percent of the RDA of just 10 different nutrients. Who is eating five servings of fruits and vegetables each day?

After careful review of Jason's food intake and health history, we recommended that Jason begin consuming two multi vitamins and mineral supplements, one antioxidant and something called Lipotropic and Transport daily which will help Jason in his effort to lose body fat and maintain overall health.

No, the supplements will not magically make Jason reach his goals. But these nutrients combined with the other components (resistance training, cardiovascular training, proper food intake and professional guidance and support) will help.

**Session nine:** On this day, Jason and I discussed how to overcome and avoid plateauing. Plateauing is where the body adapts to the changes we've made and progress is stalled or stopped. This is a common occurrence, and without proper professional guidance can lead to lack of changes which leads to no motivation. This may lead to one dropping out of the program, which is a loss to everyone.

This occurrence is complicated by the fact that the human body does

not like to lose weight. Our bodies have a regulator mechanism that works to keep the amount of energy we consume in balance with the amount of energy we use. This is a situation commonly called an exercise/weight loss paradox, meaning the very efforts made to increase metabolism (burning calories) may eventually slow it down. Jason and I discussed the different ways to prevent this. Things like manipulating his exercises, avoiding over-training and getting rest are examples. In order for Jason to reach and maintain his fitness goal he needs to address plateauing on his own.

We hope you are enjoying Jason's Journey and learning a little as you consider your options to reach your goals. The main message we hope each of you pick up is, "wow, there is a little more to this long-term weight loss and get in shape than just walking and eating less fat."

The more people we educate on this, the more people will number one, stop wasting time and money on some short-cut path, and two, help you realize if a health club is something you want to consider.

We really do not want you to end up with the majority of the well-intentioned souls who set their goals and resolutions Jan. 1 (well we don't really start until Jan. 3rd) to have given up on them by Jan. 30.

Chris Klebba wrote this column. He is the owner and operator of the Water Wheel Health Club, Inc. and a certified personal fitness instructor. For more information, call (248) 449-7634.

### It's hard to overcome every day obstacles

If you think just because I'm taking part in the APEX Weight Training System that I'm going to be perfect in my food choices, well you're wrong.

I'm human and I had my first two road-blocks over the past two weeks. Fortunately, I didn't cave in completely.

The weekend before Christmas, I went on a three-day vacation to Michigan City and Chicago, just to get away.

Knowing that I didn't want to pack food for just two full days, I had it in my mind that I was going to try and select menu items that reflected the one Lesley prepared for me.

It's not always easy to order fruits instead of fries, or grilled chicken over fried chicken. I'd have to say that I did a pretty good job, however, I did break down twice and ate french fries with my meals, but didn't have any red meat nor any appetizers.

Overall, I could have done better, but considering the circumstances, I'm happy with how it all went. I even enjoyed the pool at the Holiday Inn, hoping to get a small cardiovascular workout in.

The next stumbling block came this past weekend, on a little-ol' holiday called Christmas. I knew that after complaining on



Jason Schmitt

Thanksgiving that my mom didn't make me any of my favorites (ham and cream cheese roll ups or seven-layer bean dip) that it wouldn't happen again.

I'd have to say she failed me.

Because not only were the above two on the holiday menu, so was a cheese ball, chipped beef spread and an assortment of Christmas cookies.

All I could hear in the back of my head was Lesley's voice saying "Oh, it's Christmas!" I blocked out the other half of her suggestion, which was, "go ahead and eat those things. Just eat in moderation and

put in five extra minutes (in your cardiovascular workout) so you can help offset what you'll be eating."

Yeah, right.

I had been a good boy for six weeks, but for one day I broke all the rules and was bad. I really was.

But in my defense, I got back on track Sunday. I ate in moderation and it continued into Monday, when I wrote this column.

As far as my cardio and resistance training is concerned, I've been pretty consistent. I haven't missed taking any of my supplements, so that's going well.

Overall, I feel that I can see a difference in my appearance, and even my mother said she noticed something different about me. And for her to notice something like that is remarkable. The program must be working.

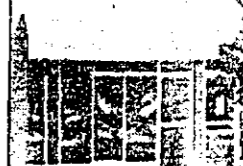
By the time we next update my journey in the Jan. 13 paper, we will have taken more measurements. And if all goes well, we will have some more good news to report.

Until then, don't give up. Giving up is too easy.

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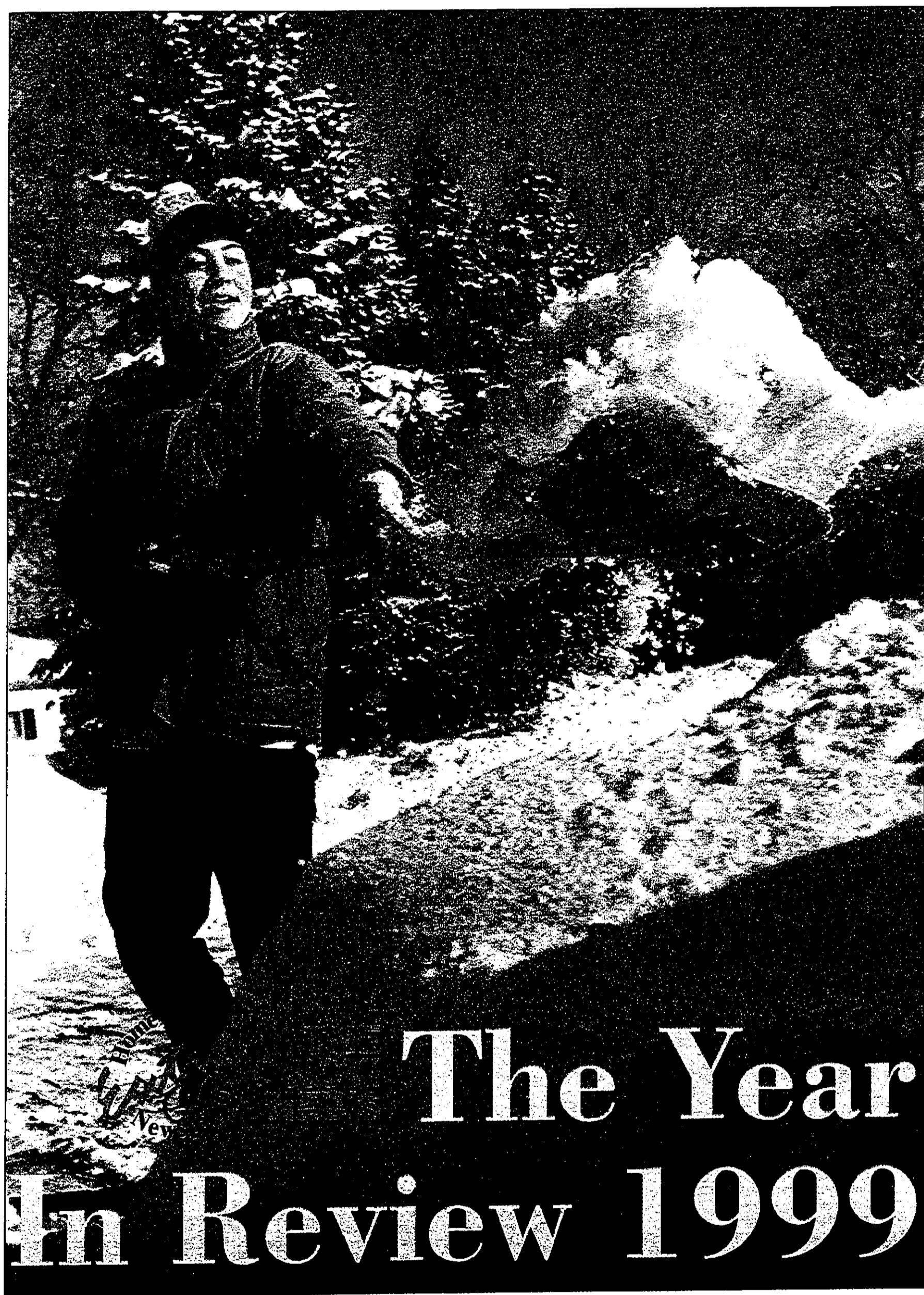
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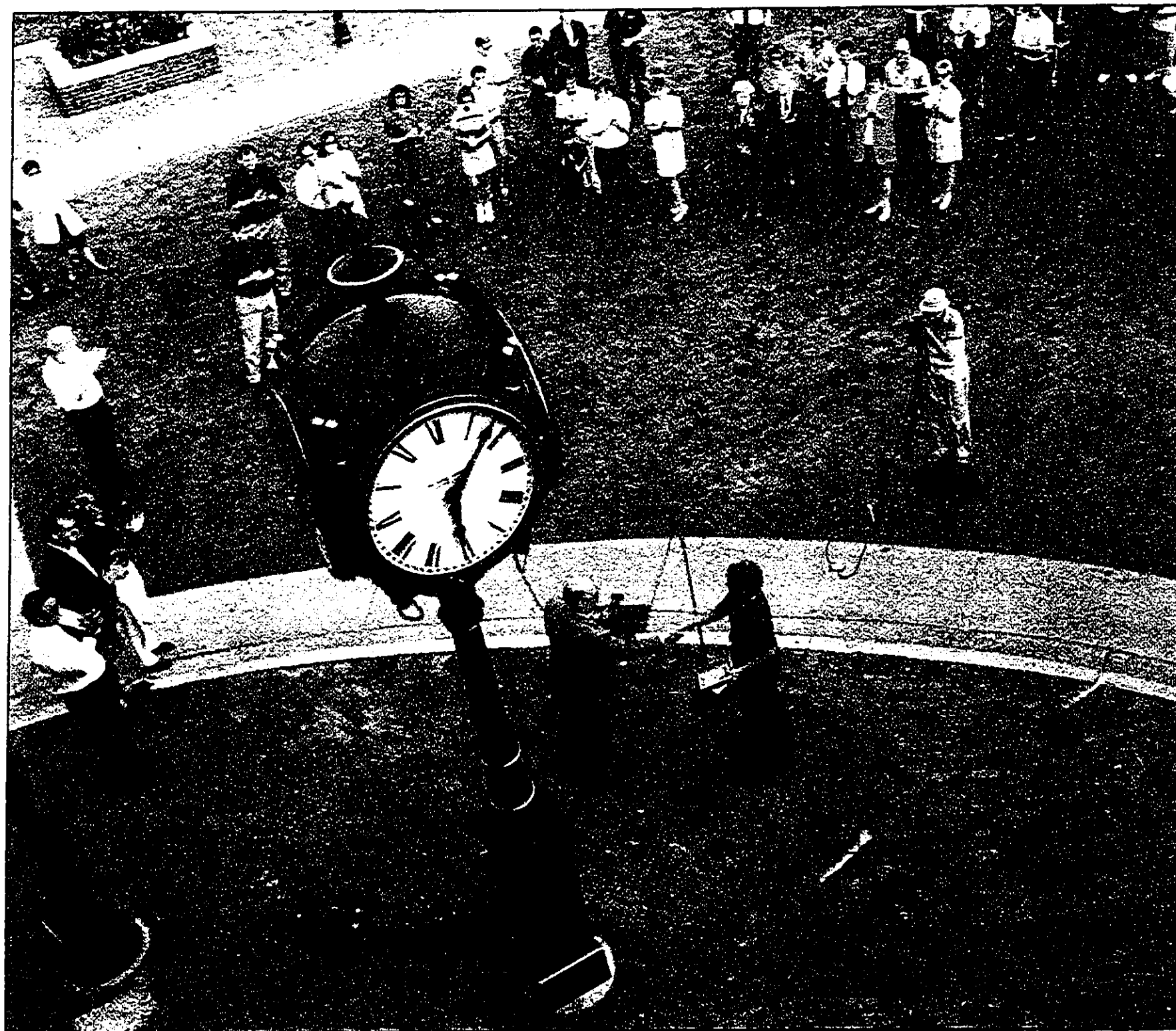


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### A new local landmark

Like any downtown, Main Street Novi needed a bit of public art, an icon people could identify with the address. In June, this \$25,000 clock was

installed by the Novi Chamber of Commerce and other donors. Ground was also broken for a bandshell, donated by the Michigan 50s Festival.



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Above, from right former Mayor Kathy McLallen and council members Bob Schmid, Craig DeRoche and Hugh Crawford re-created The Beatles "Abbey Road" album in honor of the city's 30th anniversary. Both debuted in 1969.

## For Novi, 1999 was one wild ride

As seen on our cover, student Connie Shea is digging out of some of the 15 inches of snow that slammed into this area on Jan. 2-3, 1999.

By any standard, Novi did not start out the New Year right. Everything hit the fan in January, with a \$40 million legal judgment slapped against the city in the Sandstone lawsuit. This was not an easy 12 months to be an official, elected or otherwise, here.

Voters had their say in July and November, when they changed Novi's leadership at the polls, as well as the destiny of the North Novi Park. But if politics got interesting, so did the local business community. Main Street is on the upswing, as is Novi's night life with such new additions as Red, Hot and Blues, Mongolian Barbeque and Fifth Avenue Billiards.

We asked local historian Barbara Loute to select the local events she found most significant in the past 100 years. See if you agree with her.

Now, the 20th century's ending and who knows what the future holds for this growing town. A safe bet is that the year 2000 will be exciting in Novi. May we all have a safe, happy and fun introduction to the new century.

—Jan Jeffres, editor, *The Novi News*

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## He said, she said, they said it here

They said it, we printed it. Here's the most quotable quotes of 1999.

**"I have no life."**  
— Novi City Manager Ed Kriewall. After announcing his retirement in September, he described the effect 30 years of night meetings have had on him.

**"If that's not political, I'm 20-years-old and good-looking."**  
— Former Novi Council Member Robert Schmid about Council Member Craig DeRoche's desire to go out for bids for city attorneys. (DeRoche insisted it wasn't a political move.)

**"So, the building department believes us old people should be warehoused?"**  
— Novi Planning Commissioner Robert Churella in a January story on the Novi senior housing project.

**"If it was a popularity contest, who am I going to cross? Two developers or 50,000 to 60,000 residents? I have nothing to gain other than doing my job."**  
— Oakland Circuit Court Judge Barry Howard in a February interview explaining why he ruled against Novi in the \$40 million lawsuit. The lawsuit was filed by the development company Sandstone Associates.

**"We have high standards and tough ordinances. We don't sit around and say, 'gee, how could we make the developer go out of business?'"** — City Council Member Hugh Crawford said, regarding the Sandstone judgment.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

City Manager Ed Kriewall will retire in 2000.

**"Around here, the mom network was in hyper-drive."** — former mayor Kathleen McLallen referring to the July arrest of a suspected child stalker.

**"On Saturday, I almost felt like it was a mutiny. We**

**had customers complaining that it took too long and here we had a foot and a half of snow."** — George Hoover, owner of Cottage Inn Pizza, discussing delivery service challenges during January's big snowstorm.

**"None of those frogs say ribbet."** — Orchard Ridge resident Karen Christlieb, who volunteered for the Rouge River Watershed Frog and Toad Survey.

**"Nobody told me what my job was or what I was supposed to do. I said to one of the employees, 'Leroy (Wixom) why aren't you working?' He said none of the equipment works."** — City Manager Ed Kriewall at Novi's anniversary party, recalling when he was hired in 1969 as the Department of Public Works superintendent.

**"I thought, if only I could live in a wonderful place like Taylor where they have sidewalks and paved roads. I wouldn't have to smell manure every day."** — Also at the anniversary party, Kathy Crawford recalling earlier times here.

**"Everyone was at the beach. I guess I underestimated Mr. Meyer."** — Former mayor Kathleen McLallen, after losing in the July primary to Michael Meyer and Richard Clark.

**"It will be a gentlemen's race."** — Mayoral candidate Michael Meyer, after his July win.

**"I think we have got a lot of work cut out for us."** — Richard Clark, after his November election as mayor of Novi.

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## Novi Newsmakers

### Here's who grabbed the headlines in 1999

Novi residents determined in the summer primary and the November election who several of our top newsmakers would be. Others took the lead due to force of circumstances — or force of lawsuit.

#### Circuit Court Judge Barry Howard

Oakland County Circuit Judge Barry Howard heads this year's top 10 newsmakers list as the man who handed down a \$40 million judgment against the City of Novi in late January.

The lawsuit was filed by developers Sandstone Associates, who charged that city administrators caused their Vistas project to fail. The developer insisted Novi destroyed their dream project, which would have recreated a traditional urban neighborhood, complete with parks and a quaint downtown.

Filed in 1995, the lawsuit contended that when the city barricaded the Decker Road extension — built as a \$3 million special assessment district on land donated by the developers — potential buyers were not able to find their way into the new subdivision.

Howard strongly agreed in his opinion, finding that: "Perhaps Novi's course of conduct began as a way of delaying plaintiff's development so that the Novi Road project could be undertaken without pressure to open Decker Road. The situation ultimately became what this court can only describe as a vindictive struggle by defendant Novi to 'beat' plaintiff."

The original award issued by Howard was \$40 million. He later lowered that amount to about \$33 million when it was discovered that Sandstone had made money by selling a portion of the land.

Howard later added on another \$20 million to the award for interest and attorney's fees. The city is appealing.

#### Ed Kriewall

City Manager Ed Kriewall announced his retirement in September after a 30-year career with the City of Novi.

His announcement was not without some controversy, though. If he retired by March, Novi City Council approved of a plan that would give Kriewall an additional \$20,000 per year on his pension for the rest of his life.

This will bring his yearly pension to around \$90,000. Kriewall plans to leave in February. Even though he will be out of the city government spotlight, he promises he will remain active in local civic organizations, such as the Michigan 50s Festival and the Novi Chamber of Commerce.

At year's end, the Novi City Council was busy interviewing applicants for the post of city manager.

#### Mayor Kathleen McLallen

Kathleen McLallen's try for a fourth term as mayor came to a surprise stop after she lost to Michael Meyer and Richard Clark in the August primary.

Out of four candidates in the primary, McLallen came in third. Nine percent of Novi's voting public turned out for the election.

She attributed her loss to her underestimation of Meyer and the low voter turnout.

During last term as mayor, McLallen faced some tough criticism from residents over the Novi Ice Arena's deficit, the Sandstone lawsuit and the way residents felt they were treated by city officials.

Her years as mayor saw one of the biggest periods in Novi's history for development, which included the construction of a downtown and the creation of a new zoning for Officer Service and Technology businesses.



Above, well-wisher shakes hands with Mayor Kathleen McLallen at her farewell to office party. Photo by JOHN HEIDER

#### Mayor Richard Clark

A former planning commissioner and city council member, Novi's new mayor Richard Clark will certainly be in the spotlight as he leads the city into the year 2000.

With Novi about to hire a new city manager, Novi Expo Center difficulties, concerns with the Novi Ice Arena, traffic and other problems facing the city, Clark says he has his work cut out for him.

Clark has promised to hold open office hours at city hall for three hours every Saturday.

#### Chuck Tindall and PARKS

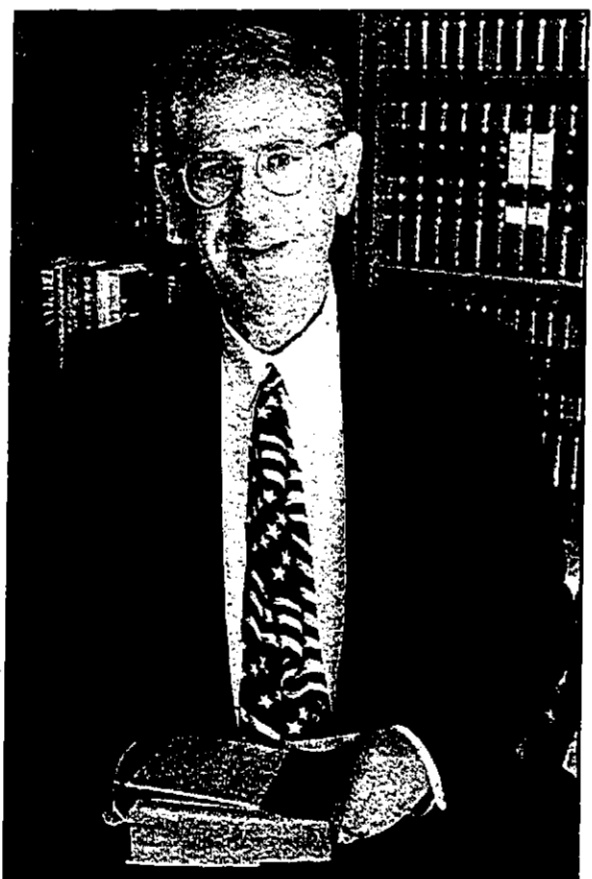
Chuck Tindall and People About Reserving Kids Space members can look back at 1999 as a year when a grass-roots movement sprouted and bloomed.

With the goal of keeping the 440-plus acre North Novi Park from becoming a golf course, the group collected signatures to place a proposed charter amendment on the Nov. 2 ballot.

Operating a shoe-string campaign, PARKS and Tindall got the message out to the Novi residents and the charter amendment passed. The city is barred from construction a golf course and/or banquet facility on land already under municipal ownership. If a city golf course is desired, voter approval is now needed first.

#### Terry Seyler

Under his management of the Novi Ice Arena, the facility was about \$300,000 in the hole, instead of making a profit, as his business plans predicted.



Above, Dick Clark is Novi's millennium mayor. Photo by JOHN HEIDER

## Plaintiffs and judges figured big in Novi

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Director of Parks and Recreation Dan Davis blamed the deficit on Seyler's inability to effectively run the arena. Community Clubs of Novi and the Novi City Council agreed and terminated Seyler's contract to manage the arena in June.

Seyler shot back, saying the deficit was not his fault. He charged that the Community Clubs and Davis caused the loss of money by attempting to micro-manage the facility. The arena was caught in the cross-fire as Seyler charged that the Novi Youth Hockey Association was given all of the prime ice times at a too low cost and Davis said Seyler was following his own business plan.

#### Tom Anastos

With Seyler gone, the city selected Suburban Hockey President Tom Anastos to take over at the Novi Ice Arena.

Anastos and Suburban Hockey have a tough task ahead, but he was cautiously optimistic. While he was confident his company could turn the failing arena around, he reminded the public it would take time and a lot of hard work.

#### Adell Brothers Children's Trust

Objecting to the condemnation of their land at the Novi Expo Center (the trust owns the property and building, not the business), the children of Frank Adell managed to block the building of a ring road at the northwest corner

of Novi Road and Grand River Avenue — as well as the reconstruction of the old Grand River bridge.

This further led to loss of a state grant awarded to the city for construction of the ring road.

However, it's not the ring road the Adells say they object to, but the building of an industrial spur road on their property as an access route for General Filters and Progressive Tool.

An Oakland County Circuit Court judge agreed with them and ruled Novi's condemnation of their land was unconstitutional.

The city may appeal the case.

— By staff writers B.J. Hammerstein and Jeremy McBain.

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### The lawsuit

It is so infamous in Novi it is referred to simply as "the lawsuit" in conversation. This is the \$53 million lawsuit awarded to Sandstone Associates against the City of Novi. The verdict was issued in January, when Oakland County Circuit Court Judge Barry Howard awarded Sandstone \$40 million. Howard ruled that the City of Novi kept potential buyers out of the development when it barricaded Decker Road during the Novi Road construction. Novi countered that this was a safety decision. The judge lowered the award to \$33 million, after Sandstone made money when it sold off parts of its land to other developers, then tacked on another \$20 million in attorney's fees and interest.

Meanwhile, the lawsuit has city politicians and Novi citizens reeling. Voters even referred to the lawsuit this summer and fall when they voted in a new mayor and two new council members. The city has filed an appeal.

### Novi Ice Arena in red

When the Novi Ice Arena was first proposed people lined up on both sides for it and against it. Some said it was a great facility that the community needed, others said the city simply should not get in the ice arena business.

The arena continues to draw debate, especially when it was revealed last May the facility lost around \$300,000 in its first year of business. As a result of this deficit, the city terminated the management contract of Terry Seyler. In response, Seyler argued the loss of money was due to micro-managing tactics by Community Clubs and Novi Parks and Recreation Director Dan Davis.

However, the city went forward with its search for a new management firm to run the ice arena and hired Suburban Hockey out of Farmington Hills in September.

Suburban President Tom Anastas immediately went to work installing a new management team and upgrading the facility.

### City manager moves on

After 30 years working with the City of Novi, City Manager Ed Kriewall announced he would be retiring in February.

Kriewall had been thinking of retiring for some time and made his final decision to leave when he was in court this summer over the Adell Children's lawsuit, a case he called the "dumbest" piece of litigation to ever face Novi. He also attributes his decision to leave public service to the many night meetings he had to attend as a city manager.

Kriewall began his career with the city in 1969, when he was hired as Novi's Department of Public Works superintendent. In 1974, he was promoted to city manager.

### Election shake-up

Following an eight-year tenure as Novi mayor, Kathleen McLallen lost the summer primary election. Running for mayor were college student Craig Kortlandt, former school board member Michael Meyer and former council member Richard Clark.

Meyer and Clark led the primary, but Clark took the election. He handily beat Meyer in the November election, but complimented him on a worthy and honest race. But McLallen wasn't the only incumbent unseated. Longtime council member Bob Schmid and one-term member Kathy Mutch were voted out of office. Now on council are former planning commissioners Lou Csordas and Michelle Bononi. However, Council Member Craig DeRoche was sent back for a second term.

### Nix to North Novi golf

Following the Novi City Council's decision to study



From right, PARKS members Bob Wilkins, Angie Bruder and Chuck Tindall hike the north end park. Photo by JOHN HEIDER

plans for a golf course at the North Novi Park, residents voted to cancel these plans by passing a charter amendment in November. A drive to get the amendment on the ballot was started by the grassroots group People About Reserving Kids Space. At first the group, led by Chuck Tindall, asked the Novi City Council to put the question on the November ballot. The council refused and PARKS collected signatures from more than 1,500 registered voters by July 31 to get the amendment on the ballot themselves.

In November, 73 percent of the voters passed the charter change, which forbids the city from building a golf course or banquet facility on any currently-owned city property.

### Barricade for road bond

On Nov. 2, the \$28.5 million road bond was nixed by 53 percent of the 7,261 voters who turned up at the polls. What would have cost about \$70 a year for the average homeowner in Novi would have paid for 12 road projects, including road widenings, pavings, new construction and intersection improvements. Big ticket items included the creation of a ring road near the Town Center and the reconstruction of the Beck Road/I-96 interchange.

While some backed the bond issue, saying it would solve traffic congestion, others argued the money was benefiting developers by creating new roadways to access vacant land.

The city had in its hands \$71 million in matching

grants from state and federal programs. According to the Michigan Department of Transportation, state funding for the interchange project would be unaffected by a negative vote on the proposal.

At year's end, the city council was looking at alternative road bond packages to place on a future ballot.

### Library shelves stuffed

The Novi Public Library needs more room, library officials say. According to officials constructing a new building could be the answer.

The City of Novi and the library board began exploring a way to build a new library on property behind Novi High School. The current library building would be used as additional city offices.

The existing library was built in 1976. Between 1987 and 1990 the library was renovated. The building is currently 23,190 square feet. A recent report indicates there is little room for growth, especially for new books, reader seating and public computer terminals. Library officials say the need will only increase as the community grows to its estimated 63,000 population by 2020.

— By staff writers B.J. Hammerstein, Jeremy McBain and Wendy Mitzel.

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## Novi Community School District



### "Constructing the Future"

In 1999, the continued priority of Novi Community School District was to ensure a quality education for every student. Enrichment experiences, which combine elements of several academic subject areas, promote competency and creativity. The focus is on preparing students for the world beyond the classroom.

Several building projects made possible by the 1995 and 1998 bond issues were completed during the past few months. In addition to the opening of Novi Middle School, upgrading was completed on athletic/activity fields, parking lots, lighting, and roadways, and elementary school playgrounds. Projects in progress include the renovation of Novi Meadows and the building of Deerfield Elementary School. Both are expected to be completed for the school year of 2000.

Novi Community School District approaches the new millennium with thanks to the Novi community for its support and dedication during the past year.

### 1999 Points of Pride

- All seven schools in the district were awarded "Outcome Endorsement Status" by the Michigan North Central Accreditation State Committee.
- Novi Community School District was designated a "Gold Medal District" by *Expansion Management* magazine.
- Novi Community School District was selected by SchoolMatch, Inc. for the "What Parents Want" award.
- Novi High School was selected as a "Michigan Blue Ribbon School" by the Michigan Department of Education.
- The new Novi Middle School opened its doors to students this fall. An opening celebration and dedication was held on October 17.
- Thirty-two Novi High School students were named AP Scholars by the College Board in recognition of their exceptional achievement on college-level AP Examinations.
- Class of 1999
- Novi High School graduated 12 valedictorians and 8 salutatorians in 1999.
- Ninety graduates received the Presidential Award for Educational Excellence.
- Three students were named National Merit Scholarship finalists.
- *U.S. News and World Report* named Novi High School one of the top 96 high schools in the United States.







At left, two 1999 Novi High graduates celebrate during commencement in June. Above, Orchard Hills first grader Ryan Wood enjoys the elementary school's annual Kite Day.

## Novi schools are in expansion mode

### Novi Middle School

With construction crews working until crunch time, the new Novi Middle School was ready to begin operations at the start of the school year.

The \$33.4 million building was designed and constructed according to the instructional initiatives of team teaching and the long-range planning goals of the Novi Community School District.

A total of 924 seventh and eighth grade students attend classes this year. Principal Milan Obrenovich and his staff say they have enjoyed learning about and teaching in the new school.

### Deerfield Elementary School

The new Deerfield Elementary School and is expected to be ready for students next fall. At approximately \$11 million, the \$7,000 square-foot learning facility will be a school of choice/magnet school for children from kindergarten to grade four.

Principal Richard Njus explained that the school of choice concept means that a school is open for all the students within the district's boundaries. The school will have four full-day kindergarten classes and eight classes with students from both the first and second grades and eight classes with students from both the third and fourth grades.

### Construction wrap-up

With renovations to Novi Meadows, the Novi school district is keeping up with the community's growth. Further work has been done at the Novi High School football field including new turf, new concession stands and the press box.

But construction won't stop there either, as many of the

schools are constantly improving their existing facilities to provide an improved learning environment for the children.

### Novi High School's Wall of Honor

Built to enhance the existing trophy case at Novi High and add a greater sense of tradition, history and recognition to student and team achievements, the Wall of Honor has enough space to honor recipients for 10 years.

Novi Athletic Director John Fundukian said the \$34,000 Wall of Honor was purchased with Novi Athletic Booster Club and state tournament funds collected over the last decade by the athletic department.

A committee of seven coaches, seven parents and seven students met to establish the qualifications of who can make it on the wall. With 30 years of history, old banners, memorabilia and trophies will line the case in recognition of great athletic accomplishments.

### Going high tech

As technology rapidly changes, the Novi Community School District positioned themselves to keep pace. Jim Fry, director of technology programs, said he feels the district has been pro-active in the world of computers and technology.

With all of the schools connected by fiber optics for high speed transfer of information between the schools, the district and the community — the district isn't stopping there.

With 2000 ONE, an Oakland Schools initiative, all 28 schools in the district and the Oakland County government will be connected by a state-of-the-art fiberoptic network that linking students, educators and residents. ps

### David Langham

On Aug. 6, David Langham, 1999's Novi High School co-valetictorian, died of cardiac arrest. Langham's friends and family described him as a passionate young man who loved entertaining people. With performances in 39 dramatic and musical productions and four years as a trombone player with the Novi High School Marching Band, Langham never slowed down during his life.

Diagnosed with an incurable kidney disease when he was seven years old, Langham never and chronic sickness slow his passion for living.

### MEAP scores high

While many students in neighboring school districts opted to skip out of the MEAP test last April, students at Novi High School showed up and scored well. Last year, 70.3 percent of 11th grade students took the test with results ranking above the state average in all categories.

### Class of 1999

The valetictorians of Novi High School's last class of the century were Elizabeth Ann Burek, Yuta Ito, Phillip Kadaj, Albert Kim, David Langham, Matthew Maier, Lauren Parkins, Laura Pitcher, Lindsey Root, Ann Superfisky, Mark Szwast and Geoffrey Wang. Salutatorians were Glenn Gabriel, Shoshana Glielk, Kristen Kearney, Jerry Lin, Alan Lyskawa, Sarah Pipas, Nicholas Thornton and Kimberly Tuller.

—By staff writer B.J. Hammerstein.

## The economy remains on a roll in Novi

Novi kept growing and growing throughout 1999. Here's a look at some new developments.

### Husky

Husky Injection Molding Systems Inc. officially opened its 100,000 square foot Detroit Technical Center on Twelve Mile Road. Containing the world's largest injection molding machine, Husky, DaimlerChrysler and Decoma International Inc. are all working towards revolutionizing the automotive industry.

As part of the low-impact, high-tax base business the OST District is trying to attract, the \$28 million facility is taking an active role with the other two companies in production of a lightweight, low cost, recyclable thermoplastic for automobiles.

### Economic Summit

The Novi Chamber of Commerce presented Economic Summit III in September with the major topics including road construction, business development and the city's future.

With 1,200 acres of rezoned acres in Novi, Novi Economic Development Coordinator Greg Capote said the city hopes to bring in more businesses into the OST district. Concerns were raised by audience members about the lack of affordable housing and the lack of technical services offered by the current work force, but overall the summit, an off-shoot of an earlier chamber economic report, showed promise as Novi continues to move forward in growth and development.

### FATA Automation

A member of the worldwide FATA Group organization, FATA Automation, Inc., a major supplier of automated material handling systems, broke ground on its 60,000 square foot facility on Haggerty Road.

Founded in 1936 in Turin, Italy, FATA Group consists of companies in the fields of engineering, contracting and manufacturing. FATA Automation is expecting a May 2000 completion date for the Novi location.

### Main Street

In 1999, Main Street Novi bounced back from last year's slowdown as many new businesses moved in, with more on the horizon for the new year.

BD's Mongolian Barbeque, Main Street Tennis and Larson Jewelry and Red Hot and Blue were among those opening doors in 1999.

Leasing agent John Bernard has signed Peking Novi, Quiznos, Novi Jewelers, Coffee Trader, Designers Choice, Lazy Lizard Cantina, Salon Agape, Peter Maly DDS and Bibimbab during the past year.

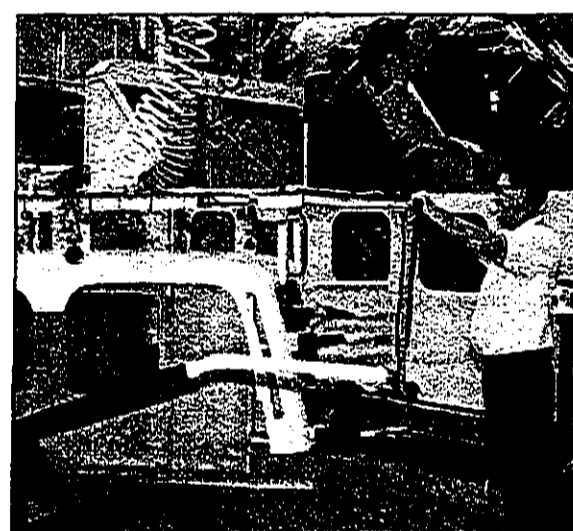
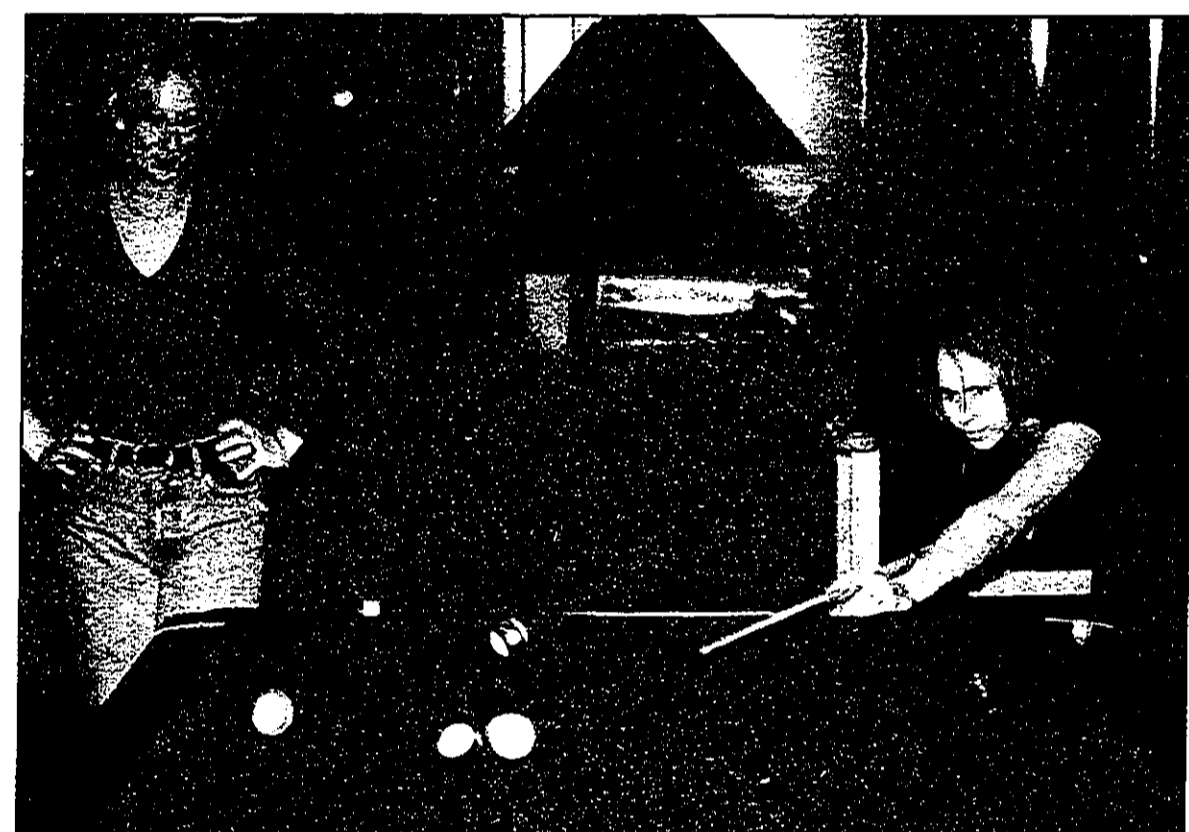
Developer James Chen and Bernard said each of the businesses have been hand-picked in order to "complement" each other, rather than compete against one another. The development was shooting for 100 percent occupancy by the end of next year.

### Landmark gone

The delectable smell of grilled onions and grease is no longer permeating the intersection of Grand River Avenue and Novi Road as the 1960s-era Bates Hamburgers was razed in October. Bates will make way for the new Novi Crossings project, constructed by the Rem-Tech Co. The center will be an approximate 6,800 square-foot commercial building housing several tenants.

### Lifetime Fitness

Something big came to Novi in the form of a sports, health and fitness club. Lifetime Fitness opened its doors to their \$16.5 million fitness extravaganza in October.



Top, Fifth Avenue Ball Room waitresses Lisa Thompson, left and Emily Henderson, take a break. Above, Husky employee Jim Moran demonstrates the equipment at the Twelve Mile facility's grand opening. At right, a show car is lovingly polished at the Novi event formerly known as the Michigan 50s Festival.

Stressing family friendly services, the 100,000 square foot facility has practically everything in the health encyclopedia. With already more than 4,000 members registered, the 24-hour fitness powerhouse is a paradise of healthy living and active lifestyles.

### 50s Festival making changes

This year marked the last year for the Michigan 50s Festival in its original format, as organizers began looking at reworking the entertainment lineup as well as the title of the summer bash. Festival Manager Jane Thomas said the event will still have the carnival and the Omni-Point Grand Prix, but will bring in a broader range of entertainment acts.

### Michael and Rose Assarian Cancer Center

Located at the Providence Medical Center, the partnership of Providence Hospital and the University of Michigan Health System opened a new medical center offering cancer patients an opportunity for quality care treatment. The \$16 million, 33,500 square-foot facility was designed to offer patients the latest technologies for treatment and information, as well as providing a uniquely

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## Novi Year In Review 1999



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

### History was ablaze, but it was too late for Novi firefighters to save the old Furst barn, which preservationists hoped to renovate at the city-owned site. 1999 saw a barn fire and a hot crime story

Local public safety officials found plenty to keep them busy in 1999, but Novi was much in the national media with the arrest of an East Lake Drive man.

#### Police chief fights cancer

Novi Police Chief Doug Shaeffer spent half of 1999 fighting a deadly form of cancer. However, following extensive treatments, Shaeffer discovered he was cancer-free during a check-up in May.

"I was always confident I would beat this," he said. But, the fight to beat the cancer was not an easy one. Every day he went through radiation treatments and had to carry around a portable chemotherapy device that would inject medicine into him at various times during the day.

The process took his strength and burned his throat so severely that he had to go on a liquid diet. The treatments even burned away his salivary glands, limiting his meals to only moist foods for the rest of his life. Even now that it is over, Shaeffer said the memory of the battle haunts him.

"Everyday I wake up scared to death. I think of it two dozen times a day," he said.

#### Fire department finds land for new station

City officials found a perfect site on Wixom Road to build a new fire station, but that would have required condemnation of land owned by the Dinsler family. As luck would have it, the property across the street was for sale. Forgoing the condemnation, city officials bought this alternative location. In addition to keeping both parties out of court, the deal also cost the city about \$200,000 less than what it would have paid for the Dinsler's property. The Wixom Road property will be the site of a new fire station and a training facility.

#### Furst Barn burns

Around 9 a.m. April 23, Novi lost a bit of its history to an act of arson. Novi firefighters fought to save a 123-year-old barn on the Furst Farm property near the intersection of Ten Mile and Taft Roads, but the entire barn was turned into a pile of charred wood and ashes.

The city-owned Furst Farm property is a place both city officials and residents have been trying to restore for several years.

In a historical and architectural building assessment commissioned by the organization Preservation Novi, the 1876 barn was determined to be in the worst condition of the three barns on the property. However, historical architect Dane Archer Johnson noted in his report to the commission — THE YEAR IN REVIEW — Thursday, December 30, 1999

mission that the old barn "should be retained to whatever extent possible."

No one was charged with setting the fire.

#### Liquor store drug dealer

In a surprise raid Oct. 8, Novi police and the South Oakland Narcotics Intelligence Consortium found a large amount of illegal narcotics at a local business.

After being tipped off, police raided the Food and Wine Bazaar on Ten Mile Road and allegedly found 59 tablets of Ecstasy in the vehicle of employee Robert Tank Dehko, a 23-year-old Bloomfield Hills resident. Police also allegedly found a bag of marijuana and half of an Ecstasy pill in Dehko's pocket.

The employee was arrested and arraigned for one count of intent to deliver a narcotic and one count of possession of marijuana. If convicted, he could get seven years in jail and/or a \$5,000 fine.

#### Novi man possible link in O'Hair mystery

Novi resident Gary Karr was arrested March 25 by FBI agents and deputies from the Oakland County Sheriff's Department for a gun violation, but law enforcement agencies say he may be the missing link in the search for atheist Madalyn Murray O'Hair. Three years ago, O'Hair, her son and her granddaughter disappeared from their Texas home. According to FBI testimony, Karr may know where their bodies are.

Karr previously spent 20 years in prison with a cellmate named David Waters. The FBI had been investigating Waters as a suspect in the disappearance of O'Hair. To learn more about Waters and the disappearance of O'Hair, the FBI went to Karr's East Lake Drive home, where a loaded handgun was found. Since it is illegal for a convicted felon to possess a gun, Karr was arrested and taken to the Oakland County jail.

While at the jail, Karr was interrogated for three hours, during which time he allegedly admitted to being an accessory to the murders and knowledge of where the bodies are. Police and FBI agents searched a ranch in Texas, but did not find anything. Karr was recently indicted by a Texas grand jury on being an accessory to the kidnapping of O'Hair. The case is still pending.

#### Excessive force case settled out of court

Novi officials settled a lawsuit for an undisclosed sum out-of-court in April. The suit alleged Novi Detective John Nelson used excessive force and arrested a woman without probable cause. The lawsuit revolved around an incident in 1994 that ended with the arrest of Tracey and

#### Eleanor Thompson.

Nelson was called to the Thompson's home to check on a report of domestic violence in progress. Eleanor's two daughters, Tracey and Michelle, had allegedly been fighting. When Nelson arrived at the scene, Tracey was gone. She later returned while Nelson was conducting his investigation and she allegedly became hostile towards the officer.

Nelson allegedly grabbed Tracey and in doing so, fell through a screen door. As Nelson was arresting Tracey for her behavior, Eleanor intervened and was also arrested for obstructing an officer. Both the mother and daughter sued the police, the city and Nelson.

To save money on a court trial, the city's insurance company suggested the case be settled out of court.

Upon hearing it was settled out of court to save money, Nelson said he was extremely disappointed and was looking for his day in court. He stressed he was not guilty of any wrong-doing.

#### City settles harassment lawsuit

The Novi City Council agreed in July to settle out of court the third of three sexual harassment lawsuits filed by female Novi police officers in the 1990s.

The case revolved around charges of sexual harassment and wage discrimination made by former Novi Police Officer June Mullinix, who worked in the canine unit from 1988 to 1997. Mullinix was paid \$162,550 by Novi. Her award was the largest any of the three female officers have received. The lawsuit stated she was "subjected to unwelcome comments and conduct of an offensive and sexual nature by supervisory personnel."

#### Suspected child-stalker arrested

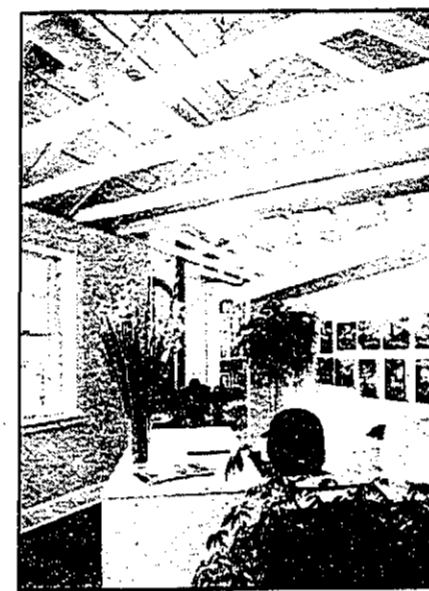
Kenneth Stefanski of Livonia was arrested July 10 in Novi for indecent exposure and attempting to accost children in several Oakland County and Wayne County communities. Police in Novi and elsewhere had been looking for a man fitting Stefanski's description since June 20. The suspect allegedly chased several children in these communities.

He was picked up by police after witnesses saw him watching children play. Police say the 28-year-old Stefanski admitted to masturbating while trying to call little girls over to his truck. Law enforcement officers also allege that he said he could have kidnapped several young girls "if he wanted to."

— By staff writer Jeremy McBain.

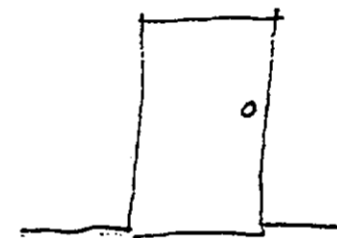
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## Novi's residents make the city memorable

It was a busy year in Novi. We profiled dozens of people in the community this year representing all walks of life. Some of their stories made us laugh, others made us reflect, but all of them left a lasting impression.

### Jane Brown

Librarian Jane Brown retired after 20 years of encouraging young readers to pick up a good book. The woman who started at the library in 1967 as a volunteer for children's story hours rose to be the head of children's services and assistant library director.

Her goal was to get young children involved in reading and library in order to create a new generation of library users. Her most enjoyable challenges involved finding books for the pickiest readers.

Reading a good book will never go out of style, she said.

"You can't sit up at night and read the computer in bed. There isn't that close cuddly feeling with the computer," she explained.

### Romaine Roethel

The first woman to serve as the mayor of the City of Novi passed away at age 74 in her Las Vegas home. Remembered as a dynamic woman, she joined Novi politics when development crept near her Village Oaks neighborhood in the early 1970s.

She was served as mayor from 1977-1981. She is considered by some to be the mayor who saw Novi move into the modern era.

### Novi Rotary Club

Sept. 29 marked the 40th anniversary of the oldest service club in Novi. From humble beginnings of 16 members and fruitcake sales, the Novi Rotary Club has grown to 68 members and the vintage car raffle held in conjunction with the Michigan 30s Festival.

The service-oriented club is composed of business and professional people within the community and has many different fundraising events including collecting monies for senior citizens, Polio Plus, scholastic scholarships and other organizations.

### Craig Kortlandt

This Novi High School senior made the news when he put in his bid to run for mayor of Novi.

"Don't look at my youth," he said. "Look at my ideas on the issues."

The 18-year-old shared school classes with the son of one of his opponents, Mayor Kathleen McLallen, and is the son of Novi Community School Board President George Kortlandt.

While he didn't make it past the primary against three other candidates, Kortlandt told voters he was concerned about runaway growth in the community which led to overcrowded roads and understaffed city services and he also wanted to diversify the city's tax base.

### Tom Fry

Former Novi Rotary president Tom Fry passed away from a fatal lung disease June 2 after waiting two years on a transplant list without finding a donor. He would have been 55 on June 12.

Fry was president of the club in 1998 and was also a Realtor.

Fry had been diagnosed with pulmonary fibrosis, a disease which destroys the lungs' ability to circulate air, in 1994 and remained optimistic until the very end that a transplant would save his life. His fiancée, Kay Zeleznik said he would be remembered for never giving up hope for his kindness and his work toward promoting organ donation. He donated his own corneas after his death to help someone else see.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Also in the news this year, East Lake Drive resident Mary Ridenour, left, and her daughter Michelle, raise and exhibit their champion Pomeranians nationwide, including at the Novi Expo Center show.

### Joe and Melissa Jancevski

Yes, the Border Cantina serves Tex-Mex food. But the restaurant's name could take on a double meaning as it sits almost right on the city limits between Novi and Northville.

Whatever the reason, the Novi Road eatery was named by readers as the best restaurant in the area, beating out Charley's Deli Grille and MacKinnon's of Northville for the title. The couple opened the Border Cantina in 1993 and expanded its seating to 180 in the autumn.

The Border Cantina not only won best overall restaurant, but also took first place for best ethnic food and best waitress.

### Kate MacKenzie

Novi High School graduate Kate MacKenzie made the community she grew up in proud by being asked to join a rowing group training to qualify for the Olympics.

The 24-year-old woman was voted "Female Athlete of the Year" during her senior year of high school and she is currently the fourth-fastest woman in the nation in the 2,000 meter row.

After joining the University of Michigan rowing team her sophomore year, MacKenzie was given a scholarship that enabled her to stay a fifth year at college to compete in rowing. She competed in time trials at an event attended by coaches for the national Olympic team and was contacted soon after by a national coach.

She jumped at the chance and now spends most of her waking hours in Georgia training with the group for the Olympic trials next summer.

### Honored for services rendered

Winning the Novi Jaycees Distinguished Service Award this year was Beth Belter. Belter wrote the grant for the Community That Cares Coalition, then became the first program coordinator for the innovative non-profit organization. CTC runs an after-school program for middle school students, the age group most at risk for drug and alcohol abuse. The idea is to steer their energies into more productive channels, including fun at the Soccer Zone and help with homework at the Novi Township Hall.

The Novi News Lifetime Achievement Award went to Russell Button, who passed away in 1995 at the age of

87. An inventor and businessman, Button was on the Novi township board and village council and was instrumental in the push to incorporate as a city. Other award winners at the Jaycees brunch were Ryan Rettman, Novi Youth Assistance Outstanding Youth; Andrew Pless, Firefighter of the Year; Aaron Power, Law Enforcement Officer of the Year; and Tim Zylka, City Employee of the Year.

### Dorothy Flattery

From 1963 to 1985 for many people, Dorothy Flattery was the Novi Library. She started as a librarian when the facility was only three years old and was there for the move to the current location. Flattery was instrumental in building one of the city's most popular places up to the level of service residents enjoy today.

In November, Flattery died at age 84. Her funeral procession drove through the parking lot of the library she loved so well.

### Novi's 30th B-day

Okay, this was an event, not an individual person. But the celebration brought out a crowd of 550 to the Novi Civic Center, including a gaggle of past mayors and city council members, to honor their community. They ate birthday cake, listened to speeches, looked at old photos of Novi and had an all-around good time. In 1969, Novi voters agreed to create a city out of what had been a township. And so on Feb. 27, 1999, here for an afternoon to mark that anniversary was a collection of people united by one common bond. They love calling Novi home.

### Chocolate dreams

Novi Middle School seventh grader Kyle Mangan had his candy wishes come true in September when he was selected as one of seven "WONKAmaginatons" to be part of the first-ever tour for the Willy Wonka Candy Factory in Illinois. Mangan's candy concoction selected by the Wonka factory was "Ooey Goey Chocolate Chewies," which he described as hollow, marble-size chocolate balls with chocolate sauce on the inside.

—By staff writers B.J. Hammerstein and Wendy Mitzel.

## Novi's top stories of the 20th century



Above is the bath house that once greeted swimmers in Walled Lake and at right is a scene from the Walled Lake Amusement Park, complete with 1920s merry-makers.



## A local historian picks the biggest events of the 1900s

The Novi News asked local historian Barbara Louie to select the events of the 20th century that had the greatest impact on the history of Novi. Here's her view of one small town's evolution.

### By Barbara Louie

Special Writer

For much of the first half of the 20th century, Novi was content to doze peacefully as a quiet farming community in the shadow of Detroit's ever-extending suburbs. Though the town was largely dependent on agriculture as its main enterprise, small industries gradually began to supplement Novi's economy.

Following World War II the number of small industrial plants in Novi more than doubled, from five in the 1930s to 12 a decade later. The end of the war marked the end of Novi's role as a farming center. The small war plants took over not only the land, but many of the people who had previously worked on the farms.

By the late 1950s, Interstate 96 was built, cutting right through Novi and the small, sleepy farm community was never to be the same again. When Novi became a village in 1958, it was the largest of its kind in Michigan. Eleven years later, the largest village in the state became a city, and phenomenal growth was in its future.

The 1970s saw the beginning of that growth, with subdivisions replacing farms and orchards all over town. Shopping centers added to the activity and within the next 10 years there was a 129 percent increase in Novi's population.

The action continued in the 1980s, with more new shopping centers and housing developments. The 1990s did not see any diminished activity in either case, and the city — which once had a somewhat forlorn, rustic look to it — has taken on a sophisticated, urban flair.

Looking back on the eve of the new millennium, here are some of Novi's most notable headlines of the 20th century:

### Lightning Causes Fire at Novi

It was the night of July 14, 1913, when a devastating electrical storm caused major damage in Novi. Among the casualties were the old town hall built in 1876, and the adjacent Baptist church.

According to a newspaper account of the disaster, "The Baptist church steeple was struck by lightning and the fire which followed completely destroyed the edifice. The town hall which stood just north of the church was also

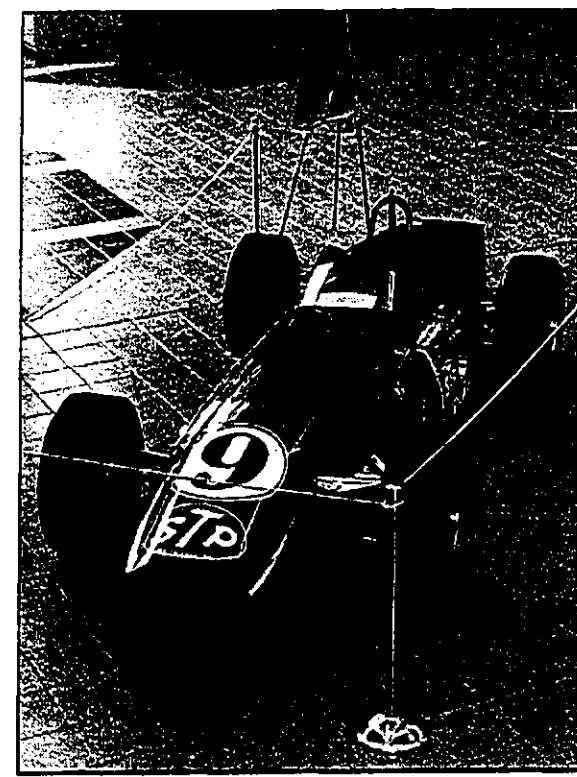


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In 1988, the Novi Special was parked in city hall.

wiped out..."

A year later a new town hall was built, which today sits proudly on Novi Public Library property. It is maintained by the Novi Historical Society and has been restored to serve as their headquarters and a historical museum for the city.

### Walled Lake Amusement Parks Open

Shortly after World War I, an enterprising man named Judd Taylor built a huge dance casino across Novi Road on the southern shore of Walled Lake. Thus began a phase that would make the name "Walled Lake" synonymous with music and fun for the next five decades.

For nearly half a century, Walled Lake was the name known for what was Novi's splendid amusement park complex.

### Novi Special Wins Over the Crowds

What Novi City Manager Ed Kriewall once referred to as "the most historic item in the community" is the shiny red Novi Special race car.

The innovative winning car was created in 1941 by inventor Ed Winfield. Although it was built in California, it was funded by the owner of the Novi Equipment Co., Lewis Welch. The car became known as "the Novi Special" and became Novi's symbol of success.

Though the car never won any Indianapolis 500 races, it set numerous records during its 20-year life span, including time for the fastest field and fastest qualification. It currently resides in a place of honor at Novi's Motorsports Hall of Fame.

### Expressway Opens

Possibly the one event in Novi's history that would make the biggest impact on its future was the construction of Interstate Highway 96. Cutting right through the town, the freeway brought isolated, rural Novi within quick and easy access to all parts of southeastern Michigan.

With the opening of the freeway in 1957, people who worked in downtown Detroit, for instance, could now move further west and commute to work with little difficulty. This access led to increased population, more housing subdivisions and, in turn, to the shopping centers which really put Novi on the map.

The added population also helped develop large, modern library and police department facilities in 1977, and a new city hall ten years later.

### Novi OK's City Charter

The growth that began in the late 1950s eventually led to Novi becoming a city in 1969. Incorporated as a township in 1834, Novi remained as such for more than a century. In an attempt to maintain its borders, Novi became a village in 1958.

Several attempts to become a city between 1959 and 1967 failed. But finally in 1968, Novi voters approved incorporation as a city.

Novi officially became a city in February 1969. The growth that some had feared from obtaining city status became a reality and it appears that future expansion of Novi will continue well into the 21st century.

Barbara Louie is the author of the book "No. VI on the Trail" as well as other local history books.

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## NHS sports had moments of glory

It was another spectacular year in the world of Novi sports. Very difficult to duplicate what happened to the high school community last year, what with four state championships in the same calendar year, this past year was filled with special events of its own.

The high school won a couple more state titles, and a combined six Kensington Valley Conference championships. Off the playing field, Novi businessman Mark Churella was honored with his induction into the National Wrestling Hall of Fame, and long-time Novi football coach John Osborne announced his retirement from teaching and coaching.

Here's a look back at some of the biggest stories to hit the Novi News Sports pages this past year.

### Sweet repeat

The Novi boys' cross country team won its second-consecutive state championship on Oct. 8, repeating the efforts of the 1998 squad.

The title was the fifth-straight for the KVC, which is clearly the undisputed cross country championship conference in the state.

Individually, sophomore Tim Moore placed third and was joined on the all-state team by Chris Toloff (7th), Mark Avenius (17th) and Eric Wallie (22nd).

### Pom Pon Team takes title again

Being the best there is in any given year is special, but to do it two consecutive years is extra special.

The Novi varsity (and JV) pom pon teams won their second-consecutive state titles on Feb. 28. Novi scored 344 out of a possible 360 points, edging out Saginaw Heritage and seven other schools at Saginaw Valley State University.



Coach John Osborne worked with his varsity football players during the summer of 1999.

Over the last few years, Novi's pom pon program has excelled under the guidance of Julie Hobbs to become the

premiere program in the State of Michigan.

### Churella voted to Hall of Fame

On June 5, Mark Churella was one of four men elected to enter The National Wrestling Hall of Fame in Stillwater, Okla.

He joined Olympic champion Jeff Blatnick, Sunkist Kids' founder Art Martori and legendary Wilkes University coach John G. Reese as the four 1999 inductees to join the 112-member Hall.

The Novi resident earned his way to the Hall after an illustrious career that included state and national high schools championships, three NCAA championships and a junior world championship.

"It's a wonderful honor, and it's one of those experiences that you'll most definitely remember the rest of your life," the inductee said.

### Girl Cagers win KVC title

Novi wrapped up a share of their first KVC title in seven years and just their second all time with a win over Howell on Nov. 4.

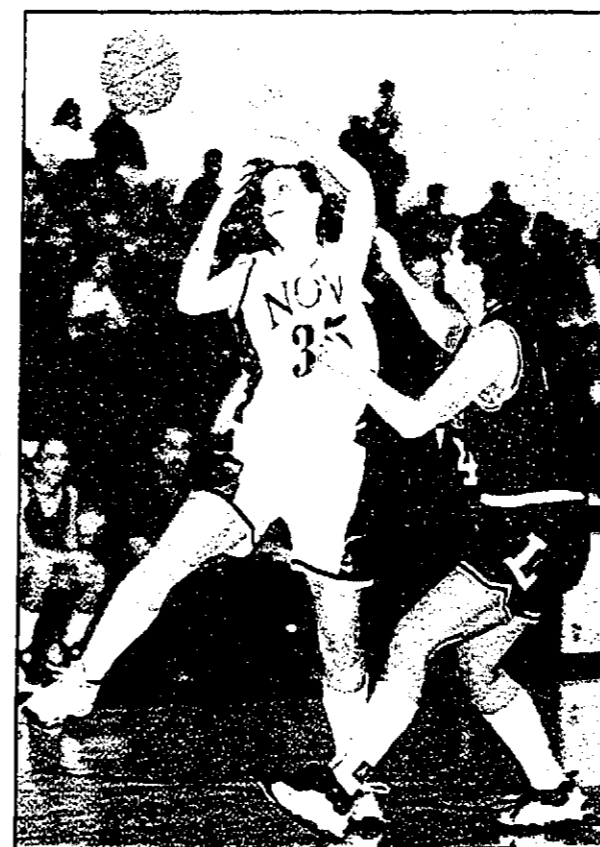
The team went on to win their last two games and finish with the school's best record ever, at 20-2. Four Wildcats earned all-conference honors, including first-team appearances by Beth Rice and Kelly Bendernagel.

### Football team makes play-offs

Accomplishing what no other Novi football team in the 1990s has, the 'Cats reached the state play-offs after winning seven regular-season games.

The team lost that playoff game, to Farmington, but

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Above at left Erin Quinn, of the Wildcats' KVC champion line-up, goes for the ball. Right, Mitch Maier helped NHS make it to the play-offs.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

## NHS teams took the lead state play-offs

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still finished with their best record this decade. It was also the last game for long-time skipper John Osborne.

### Osborne resigns

After leading his team to the school's fourth playoff appearance ever, the only coach Novi has ever had resigned effectively immediately from his position.

The resignation came alongside his retirement from teaching, which will come after this school year. Osborne started the Novi football program back in the late 1960s, and has been the head coach ever since. He has a career record of 178-123 in those 33 years on the sideline.

### Pinckney joins KVC

On March 18, the KVC's Board of Direc-

tors — comprised of the seven principals in the conference — unanimously voted to admit Pinckney into the KVC. Pinckney's membership will begin in the 1999-2000 school year; its full participation in athletics will begin in the 2000-2001 school year.

### Boys Relay Team is second place

The Novi boys' 3,200 meter relay team finished runnerup at the state meet to Milford. Novi finished second in a time of 7:55.16, a school record by over four seconds. But Milford's time of 7:52.18 was too much to overcome for the Wildcat foursome of Dan Christopherson, Chris Toloff Mike Burns and Kevin Avenius.

### Jilg, Churella are runners-up

Both junior Dan Jilg and sophomore Ryan

Churella finished runnerup at the Division I state finals held at the Joe Louis Arena in March.

For Jilg, it was the third-straight time he's placed at the state meet. For Churella, it was a first-time experience.

### Softball wins KVC

KVC championships don't come along too often. Just ask the girls softball team.

This past year's team went 20-4 in league play to capture their first-ever conference title. The team beat Brighton three out of four regular-season meetings, but fell to the Bulldogs in the district championship game.

— By Sports Editor Jason Schmitt.

## "SOFT TOUCH" CHIROPRACTIC

Kathy Duncan had a satisfying full time career as a registered nurse in critical care when she decided to pursue a degree as a Doctor of Chiropractic. The career move came when Dr. Duncan found relief from her migraine headaches after being treated by a Doctor of Chiropractic. In chiropractic treatment, Dr. Duncan found her problem resolved when other methods of treatment failed.

This prompted Dr. Duncan to become a chiropractor. She graduated from Life Chiropractic College in 1986, where she was presi-

dent of her class. In 1990, Dr. Duncan opened Soft Touch Chiropractic in Novi.

Dr. Duncan practices a soft, gentle, non-invasive pressure point treatment for all types of pain or discomfort in the back, neck, head or legs. With the spine as the focal point, muscles are relaxed by using pressure on points along the muscles in conjunction with the spine. With the muscles relaxed, the spine can re-adjust itself naturally.

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Dr. Kathy Duncan

can produce many types of pain or discomfort in the body. Located at 23895 Novi Road, Suite 400 in Novi, Soft Touch Chiropractic is open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 9:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. The phone number is (248) 348-2000.

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comforting place for patients to heal. The out-patient cancer center is equipped with an art gallery and studio, library, patient advisory board, reflection space and science gallery.

### Senior housing project

Meadowbrook Commons, Novi's first senior housing complex, broke ground in late August. The \$16 million independent living complex is finally being built after the senior housing committee first planned the project 13 years ago.

The city will manage all aspects of construction on the 16-acre, 175-unit complex, which will take about two years to construct. Amenities will include a home theater area, exercise room, lounges and recreation rooms.

### More inns with room

In October, Marriott opened the 95-suite TownePlace

Suites on Eleven Mile Road near Novi Town Center, offering extended-stay travelers an option as low as \$59 per night. The suites include a kitchen, work space, living room and bedroom. But wait, there's more. In December, Courtyards By Marriott, the chain's moderately-priced offering, opened a four-story, 122-room hotel on Eleven Mile Road in downtown Novi.

### Twelve Oaks updates

Twelve Oaks Mall continues with interior and exterior renovations of the 1970s-vintage shopping center. Perhaps the most visible change was the painting of the mall's water tower in July. Formerly white with orange lettering and oak trees, the local landmark is now copper-toned with green leaves and text.

Inside, shoppers will find they can relax in new comfortable seating arrangements that bring to mind the look of an Art Deco hotel lobby.

### 5th Avenue Ballroom

One of Novi's hottest night spots, 5th Avenue Ballroom opened in March, offering a place to eat, drink, socialize and shoot sick. Owner Tom Brady has outfitted his business with 16 billiard tables; two full-service bars; 17 televisions; live music; dancing and a rooftop deck.

### Expo Center moving?

Currently looking at all options, Novi Expo Center President Blair Bowman said it is still too early to say if the facility is moving or not. But in September, the City of Novi and Chamber of Commerce officials formed a committee to keep the Expo Center in Novi. The Expo Center offers 204,000 square feet of exhibition halls and houses major trade shows and other events.

"Who knows what the future holds? I don't have a crystal ball," said Bowman.

— By staff writers B.J. Hammerstein and Jeremy McBain.



**Mayor Richard J. Clark and the Novi City Council  
Would Like to Extend Best Wishes for a  
Happy and Healthy New Year  
to all Citizens of Novi.**



Pictured Left to Right: Council Members Hugh D. Crawford, Michelle J. Bononi, Craig M. DeRoche, Mayor Richard J. Clark (center), Louis Csordas, Mayor Pro Tem Laura J. Lorenzo, Edward G. Kramer.

As the new year begins, you may want to consider volunteer activities in your community. Novi Boards, Commissions, and Committees provide an opportunity for Novi residents to participate in local government. This participation ensures that the Novi City Council receives a broad spectrum of input directly from the community, and therefore keeps the city responsive to citizens' needs. If you are interested in applying for membership to one of the groups listed below, please call the City Clerks' office at 347-0456 for an application, or print your application from Novi's web site at [www.ci.novi.mi.us](http://www.ci.novi.mi.us).

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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS	CABLE ACCESS COMMITTEE	PLANNING COMMISSION
	ELECTION COMMISSION	

There are also many volunteer activities available for residents coordinated through the Novi Parks & Recreation Department. Activities range from volunteering as a coach or senior usher, working on a nutrition program, or being part of one of the many special events that take place throughout the year. If you are interested, call the Novi Parks & Recreation Department at (248) 347-0400.