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HAPPY YEAR 2000!



Residents pose for a 'family portrait'

Almost on the eve of the new millennium, Dec. 6 to be precise, we asked Novi residents gathered at the city's annual Light Up The Holidays event to pose for a group portrait, a look at our city as it was in the very last year of the 20th century. And here they all are, in the atrium of the Novi Civic Center. This is a moment frozen in time of people who appear well-fed, well-dressed

and quite content with their lot in life. Of course, with the arrival of Santa Claus in a fire engine imminent, who wouldn't be happy? Unlike national politicians, who love to thrust themselves into front row, center, hiding in the back in this shot are the city's elected officials. Because, in Novi, it's clearly kids (including Girl Scouts) in front!

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Y2K? Everything was A-OK

What really happened

By MELANIE FLEUDA
Staff Writer

There was no talk of bombs or bugs at midnight among the revelers at Fifth Avenue Ballroom in Novi.

As they stood and watched Dick Clark (the other one, not the mayor of Novi) bring in the new century on TV, they seemed to forget the past, ignore the future and enjoy the moment. They knew there would never be another night like this in their lifetimes.

"Today will probably be the most memorable day of the century," said Northville resident Mar-

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER
All dressed up, nowhere to go are Robert Kennaley, left and Lt. Don Dominick, at the fire department on New Year's Eve.

And what really didn't

By B.J. HAMMERSTEIN
Staff Writer

The world was watching, the City of Novi was ready and many people are still scratching their heads wondering.

But Dec. 31, 1999 transformed into Jan. 1, 2000 with nothing of major consequence happening in the city.

"There is absolutely nothing to report on," Novi City Manager Ed Kriewall said.

"I must commend all of the city's departments. We were well-prepared early on, each department was compliant and every-

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Community Calendar

Thursday, Jan. 6

Novi Rotary
The Novi Rotary Club meets at 7:30 a.m. at the Novi United Methodist Church, 41671 Ten Mile Road. For more information, call 380-6500.

Novi School Board
The Novi School Board meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room, 15475 W. Ten Mile Road. For more information, call 380-6500.

TOPS
Take Out 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, Jan. 7

Expo Show
Fashion, Health, Beauty, Fitness and Lifestyle Show runs at the Novi Expo Center. For more information, call 348-9999.

Monday, Jan. 10
The Novi City Council will meet at 7:30 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center, 15475 W. Ten Mile Road.

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

Tuesday, Jan. 11

Civil Air Patrol
The Sixteen Composite Squadron, Civil Air Patrol, meets at Novi Middle School, 25220 Fair Hill, from 7:30-9 p.m. Adults and youths who have completed the sixth grade are welcome. For additional information call 348-2659.

Northville School Board

The Northville School Board meets at 7:30 p.m. in the third floor Conference Room, 600 Village School. For information, call 349-3460.

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 Sawinaker, 344-4268 evenings after 6 p.m.

Optimist Club

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

Novi Concert Band

The Novi Concert Band rehearses at Novi High School at 7:30 p.m. For further information, call (248) 932-9244.

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 Raring 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.

Thursday, Jan. 13

Parks meeting

The Novi Parks and Recreation Commission will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center.

Youth baseball

Novi Youth Baseball meets at 7:00 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center. The meeting is open to the public.

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Saturday, Jan. 15

Expo Show

Today and Sunday, the Bridal Show runs at the Novi Expo Center. For information, call 348-9999.

Expo Show

Today and Sunday, the Great American Train Show runs at the Novi Expo Center. For information, call 348-9999.

Monday, Jan. 17

Martin Luther King Day.
City of Novi offices and the Novi library are closed today for Martin Luther King Day.

ABWA

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

Cholesterol Screening

Total cholesterol screening by fingerstick method, will be offered 1-4 p.m., at the Botsford Center for Health Improvement-Health Development Network, 39750 Grand River Ave. Call 477-6100.

Ready, set, create

Store features paint-your-own ceramics

By JENNIFER NORRIS Staff Writer

Creating art and owning a business have always been appealing to Kristin Ashare and now her interests have been combined at Ready, Set, Paint.

Located in the Novi Town Center, Ready Set Paint is a contemporary art studio that allows customers to experiment with painting pottery and testing their creativity.

"You don't have to be an artist, you just have to be creative," said Ashare.

She explained the first step to creating your personalized project is to select your piece. Customers can choose from over 300 items, including plates, candlestick holders, vases, figurines, flower pots and even spacemen. Next, visitors can personalize their project with the help of a variety of stamps, sponges, stencils and over 60 colors of glazes. Idea books are also available for illustrations.

"There's not much to it," said Ashare.

"I was hooked after doing my first piece."

Ready, Set, Paint which opened in November, offers an ideal work environment, including large wooden tables and plenty of natural light. In addition, several finished pieces are on display as samples.

Ashare said it takes about 60 to 90 minutes to complete a project, depending on its size and level of elaborateness.

"People love to be creative," said Ashare, "and people love to get and give gifts with a personal touch."

After customers have finished with painting their masterpiece, Ashare explained it is then set out to dry and is available for pick-up in a few days. During that time a clear, non-toxic, food-safe glaze is applied and the piece is fired a second time.

The Ready, Set, Paint studio also offers activities for special events such as birthday parties, family gatherings, holiday parties, bridal showers, and corporate outings. A private party room, set-up, clean-up, glazing and firing are included. Party packages are also available, complete with invitations, decorations, pizza, beverage, cake and ice cream.

Ashare recently helped members of the Boy and Girl Scouts organization with a special project at her studio.

"They did such a good job," she said.

"It's fun to have the kids here and I'm glad that artistic talent and creativity is being encouraged in young kids."

Ashare, who earned her master's degree in business from Wayne State University, said she enjoys being able to mix her hobbies with her education.

"I enjoy putting to use what I've studied. It's been a thrill for me to take an idea and see it become a reality," she said.

Studio rates include the price of the pottery piece plus a \$7.00 per hour fee for studio time, all supplies, glazing and firing.

Store hours are noon to 9 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Sunday hours are noon to 5 p.m.



Kristin Asher, co-owner of Novi's Ready Set Paint! shows a few prospective clients patterns they can use to paint their ceramic pieces. Customers purchase pottery, then pay \$7 to paint it.

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Steve Kovacs victim's uncle

Teens held in Novi man's murder

By JENNIFER NORRIS Staff Writer

Three Detroit teenagers were charged Monday with the murder of Jeffrey Burda, a Novi resident who was shot while delivering ice cream to a distributor on Dec. 23.

James Jett, 18, Lacey Adrow, 18, and Eugene Brown, 19, were arraigned on charges of first degree felony murder, felony firearm and assault with intent to murder by Magistrate Margaret E. Baylor of the 36th District Court. If convicted, the teenagers face mandatory life in prison, officials said.

"We're extremely thankful the police got them as quick as they did," said Steve Kovacs, Burda's uncle.

"If there's any satisfaction that can come out of this at this moment it's that they were caught quickly, but nothing good can come from this."

Kovacs also said he is angered by the actions of the suspects.

"They are totally ignorant people with no brains," he said.

"There was no reason for this. They had no reason to kill him because he didn't have a weapon."

Jett and Brown are also being charged with felony firearm, said Judy Burton, clerical services supervisor for the criminal division of the 36th District Court.

The three men, who were remanded without bond, are currently in Wayne County jail and is scheduled for Jan. 14, said Baylor.

Burton added that both Jett and Adrow have pending cases at the 3rd judicial circuit court house in Detroit. Investigator Terrill Shaw of the Detroit Police said that this case was a robbery of opportunity and believes the three teenagers were simply looking for someone to rob.

"It was unfortunate that Mr. Burda was at the right place at the wrong time," said Shaw.

"They were going to rob money from anyone."

Shaw also said that one of the three teenagers was driving a stolen mini van.

Police said Burda, an employee of Hershey Creamery in Brighton, was approached by the suspects at approximately 8 a.m. in a BP gas station parking lot, located at 11535 Morang St. One of the subjects shot Burda twice in the chest and a 15-year-old boy was also injured, officials said.

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, police said.

The funeral was at the Swartz Funeral Home in Flint Dec. 28. 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 and was engaged to be married.

Although the family is relieved that the police have found the suspects, family members are still struggling with their loss.

"I'm so thankful they've caught them," said Brenda Burda, Jeffrey's mother. "I hope they are put away forever."

She remembered her son as being attractive and well-mannered with a competitor's spirit. Burda was a body-builder, he also loved animals and children and won many trophies from his various competitions, she said.

"People were impressed with him," said his mother. "He was not a quitter."

Deerfield Elementary School meeting to be held Jan. 11

A meeting has been scheduled for all community members who want to learn about Novi Community School District's new Deerfield Elementary School which will open in August 2000. Deerfield is scheduled to be a school of choice within the district.

The informational meeting will be held Tuesday, Jan. 11, at 7 p.m. at the Instructional Technology Center, located on Taft Road near the educational services building.

Deerfield's Principal Richard Njus will present information about the design of the building and programs which will be offered to students.

Questions will be answered by Njus and the school district's Assistant Superintendent Rita Traylor.

Student registration will be Feb. 28 through March 15, 2000. For more information call Njus at (248) 449-1702.

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Mother/daughter team caught

Police News

A law enforcement officer at Lord & Taylor's in Twelve Oaks Mall State St. on Dec. 27, about 4:30 p.m., saw a mother/daughter team enter the mens department and steal several items of clothing. The mother, who was wearing a red coat, carried the clothing to the main level apparel department and entered the fitting rooms.

While following the subjects, the officer saw the daughter place a pair of clothing underneath her jacket and into the handbag she was carrying while the mother watched on.

After observing the merchandise, the officer said the mother/daughter team went to the fitting rooms and walked past several cash registers without attempting to pay for the merchandise. While exiting Lord & Taylor, the loss prevention officer approached the mother and noticed the Novi Police Department.

While waiting on the arrival of Novi police, the two confessed to the crime with all property being recovered to the store.

NO PICTURES PLEASE

An employee of a security company, watching property on the 21600 block of Turin, stated she was working at the site on Dec. 22, when a green Ford drove on to the property.

Passing two no trespassing signs, the employee caught up to the two males in the Ford and advised them they were indeed trespassing and would have to leave the premises.

The subjects ignored the warnings and drove past her towards the residence. Following the subjects, the woman said one of the males jumped out of the vehicle with a camera and attempted to take pictures of the house.

She told the subjects she would contact police if they were going to take pictures of the residence. The males left the residence but not before the woman wrote down the license plate. The plates were registered to an Am Arise company that no longer had an existing phone number.

IMPRESSIVE MANEUVERS

A 22-year-old Novi man was arrested Jan. 1, for operating a vehicle under the influence of an

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An employee who was recently fired from a father-son establishment in Novi came back to his former place of employment on Dec. 27 requesting his last paycheck. The son stated he turned the check over and the former employer asked him if he still had his old job.

The son left to his ask his father, and returned notifying he is no longer employed by the company.

Upon notification of this, the ex-employee became enraged, started yelling, moved around the desk and threw the son into the wall.

Another employee jumped between the two men and broke up the skirmish. After being separated from the son, the ex-employee began moving through the premises looking for the father. The suspect, who was screaming obscenities, found the owner, jumped across a work bench and struck the owner with a closed fist to the left side of the owner's face. A fight broke out between the two men until the employee who broke up

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Novi Briefs

Correction

An article on the Teach For Tomorrow program that appeared in the Dec. 16 edition of The Novi News listed an incorrect web address for the poster. The address does not have a www. It is <http://tfm.merit.edu>

Poster contest begins

Students in grades seven through 12 can submit entries for the Arson Awareness Poster Contest now through March 15.

Posters must emphasize the negative aspects of arson such as death, injury, community decay, moral decay or property destruction.

Prizes will be awarded in each of two categories: grades 7-9 and 10-12. In each category the first place winner will receive \$250; second place is \$150; and third place will receive \$100. Each winner's school will receive a matching cash award.

Posters must be approximately 15 inches by 20 inches and submitted on quality poster or illustration board.

Work must be original and may be in any media with the exception of pencil, chalk, charcoal or glitter. No computer-generated artwork is accepted.

Please include on the back of the poster the child's name, age, grade, home address and phone number along with the name, address and phone number of the student's school.

Send posters wrapped flat to Michigan Arson Prevention Committee, 404 Kalamazoo Plaza, Suite 100, Lansing, Mich. 48933.

For more information call Lori White at (517) 482-1643.

The contest is sponsored by the Michigan Arson Prevention Committee and the Michigan Chapter of the International Association of Arson Investigators.

Citizens with information about the above incidents are urged to call the Novi Police Department at (248) 348-7100.

Much ado about not much for Y2K at city hall

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Without a substantial number of operating under the influence of an intoxicating liquor violations, Shaefer said the only thing out of the ordinary were some reports of gunshots and fireworks.

"Our biggest fear was the possibility of telephones going down... There were no glitches whatsoever," Douglas Shaefer, Novi police chief

"It was just like a regular night with nothing exceptional happening," Police Chief Doug Shaefer said.

Shaefer said in preparation for New Year's Eve, he had two extra staff in dispatch, three additional patrol officers and managers on duty for an evening that left every body wondering about what to expect.

Novi retail hopped at Xmastime

By JENNIFER NORRIS

The holiday season has come and gone, the presents have been unwrapped, the decorations taken down and the credit card bills are on the way.

Where did all the money go? Right here to Novi businesses, officials said. Several local stores are reporting a significant increase in sales from holiday spending compared to previous years.

Jennifer Johnson, a corporate and institutional sales representative for Borders Books and Music in Novi, said people have been buying more, partly due to the arrival of the year 2000.

She explained that many customers have been purchasing books about the turn of the millennium. Pokemon books have also been popular items this year, she said.

For special purchases at the beginning of the year or to return merchandise, Johnson said Borders' employees are ready to assist customers with their selections.

"Our staff is excellent and very well trained," said Johnson.

Twelve Oaks Mall has also experienced a very good holiday season, said Marketing Director Peggy Hayes.

She explained that there has been an increase of shoppers in the mall, as well as an increase in sales over last year.

"We're very happy with that," said Hayes.

Hayes said one of the major contributions to this season's level of business has been a strong economy and low unemployment levels.

"Overall the economy has been good and that showed in people's holiday giving this year," she said.

Hayes also said that the return lines at Twelve Oaks stores did not appear to be overwhelming.

"Most of the people were snapping up bargains and using their gift certificates," she said.

Gift certificates were quite popular this year, allowing the recipients to pick exactly what they would like.

"There was a huge increase in gift certificate sales before Christmas and these sales will take us well into January," said Hayes.

Stores within the Novi Town Center have also experienced an increase in profits due to holiday shoppers.

"Based on what we've seen so far this holiday season, double digit increases compared to 1998 are fairly common," said Ernie Reno, spokesman for the Linder Company, a management company that handles Novi Town Center.

He said that most of the tenants have seen increases in their level of sales compared to last year. In particular, Old Navy had an exceptional holiday season, said Reno.

"Our expectations were met in terms of projected sales," he said.

Reno also said one of the Town Center's special promotional items had tremendous success. Customers were able to receive a Santa Claus plate for every minimum purchase of \$100, by bringing in receipts to one of six selected stores. Reno said that the original supply of 700 plates for the Town Center sold out in a few weeks during the beginning of December. An additional 200 plates were ordered and also sold out.

"That's \$90,000 in sales tied to plate redemptions," explained Reno.

He believed that part of the Town Center's success is due to the wide variety and quality of merchants available.

Although greater numbers of people are purchasing merchandise via the Internet, there was not been a drop in store sales, said Reno.

"People like getting out and shopping," Reno said.

In addition, he said traditional shopping alleviates communication and distribution problems with e-commerce.

"Novi is an exceptional retail market," he said. "Its success is a reflection of the location and the market in general."

"Our biggest fear was the possibility of telephones going down... There were no glitches whatsoever."

Douglas Shaefer, Novi police chief

"We had the proper administrative and support staff. There were no glitches whatsoever."

Fire Chief Arthur Lenaghan said in preparation for Y2K compliancy, a series of checklists were set up in order to make sure all the equipment would be working after midnight.

Lenaghan said he had two people at each station from about 11 p.m.

to 2 a.m. to go through the checks of the station's equipment.

"There were a lot of things that could've happened, lots of predictions were made," Lenaghan said.

"Everything checked out well. We had it covered."

Public Services Director Tony Nowicki said the Department of Public Works had two employees

on the job through the midnight hours, with two employees from the Detroit Water and Sewer Department working as well.

The New Year's shift, which went from midnight to 8 a.m., had the DPW employees working on street signs and the scheduling of the installation of water meters, while waiting to see if anything would go wrong.

Also, the Novi Community School District was ready for Y2K and hasn't seen any major problems with its system.

Director of Technology Jim Fry said the district has seen some

problems with some of the old software, including some of the DOS programs, but nothing major to the network.

Fry said the district was prepared and confident nothing major would happen to its network as New Year's approached.

"In a few weeks or months down the road, something may still happen," Fry said. "Right now there isn't any real problems. Everything rolled over real smooth."

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The following is a complete list of the emergency calls for the Miami Police Department for the week ending Jan. 2. Each incident is listed with the date, time and the name and squad number which responded to the call.

MONDAY, DEC. 27
 Medical, 42501 Capital, 1:00 a.m., Squad 1.
 Medical, 24500 Meadowbrook, 1:00 a.m., Squad 1.
 Medical, 31100 Shalcrest, 3:51 p.m., Squad 2.
 Medical, 41840 Ten Mile Road, 7:44 a.m., Squad 1.
 Medical, 25500 Dinsler, 9:29 a.m., Squad 1.
 Injury accident, Fourteen Mile and Hagerly, 10:06 a.m., Squad 2.
 Injury accident, Novi and 196, 12:10 p.m., Squad 1.
 Injury accident, 24340 Broomfield, 12:21 p.m., Squad 3.
 Medical, 29410 West Oaks, 12:34 p.m., Squad 1.
 Investigation, 23300 Emswore, 1:17 p.m., Engine 3.

TUESDAY, DEC. 28
 Wires down, Grand River and Tat, 10:49 a.m., Engine 1.
 Medical, 41935 Twelve Mile, 2:40 p.m., Squad 1.
 Medical, 41935 Lathrop, 3:39 p.m., Squad 2.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 29
 Medical, Police Department, 3:53 a.m., Squad 3.

THURSDAY, DEC. 30

Medical, 29410 Harbor Court, 3:23 p.m., Squad 2.
 Medical, 43220 West Oaks, 3:50 p.m., Squad 1.
 Injury accident, 45550 West Park, 5:05 p.m., Squad 2.
 Injury accident, Twelve Mile and Meadowbrook, 5:19 p.m., Squad 1.
 Fire alarm, 30654 Rousseau, 5:49 p.m., Engine 2.
 Medical, 24500 Meadowbrook, 5:08 p.m., Squad 1.
 Medical, 22970 Edgewater, 11:18 p.m., Squad 2.
 Medical, 41669 Juniper, 11:22 p.m., Squad 2.

TUESDAY, DEC. 28
 Wires down, Grand River and Tat, 10:49 a.m., Engine 1.
 Medical, 41935 Twelve Mile, 2:40 p.m., Squad 1.
 Medical, 41935 Lathrop, 3:39 p.m., Squad 2.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 29
 Medical, Police Department, 3:53 a.m., Squad 3.

THURSDAY, DEC. 30

Medical, 24500 Meadowbrook, 6:36 a.m., Squad 1.
 Medical, Twelve Oaks and Novi Road, 11:49 a.m., Squad 1.
 Medical, 40451 Mill Pond Ct., 1:58 p.m., Squad 3.
 Medical, 22675 Pavilion, 2:36 p.m., Squad 3.
 Injury accident, Thirteen Mile and Novi Road, 6:15 p.m., Squad 2.
 Assist police, Grand River and Novi Road, 6:30 p.m., Squad 1.
 Medical, 40519 Parsley, 6:58 p.m., Squad 2.
 Medical, 24935 Portsmouth, 7:35 p.m., Squad 4.
 Medical, 22622 Rotunda, 8:40 p.m., Squad 3.
 Medical, 29523 English Way, 9:07 p.m., Squad 2.

FRIDAY, DEC. 31
 Medical, Novi Road and Twelve Oaks, 12:23 p.m., Squad 1.
 Medical, 11 Ferhodie, 4:11 p.m., Squad 4.
 Medical, 1426 Nardeer, 4:12 p.m., Squad 4.
 Medical, 24500 Meadowbrook, 5:31 p.m., Squad 1.
 Medical, 24209 Novi Road, 8:23 p.m., Squad 1.
 Medical, 29961 Montgomery, 10:31 p.m., Squad 2.
 Detail/standby, 42975 Grand River, 11 p.m. 510, 20, 30, 40.

SATURDAY, JAN. 1
 Car fire, 39586 Grand River, 6:17 a.m., Engine 1.
 Medical, 43455 Ten Mile, 11:46 a.m., Squad 3.
 Medical, 45125 Ten Mile, 2:39 p.m., Squad 3.
 Medical, 29970 Micellon Court, 3:11 p.m., Squad 2.
 Medical, 27402 Novi Road, 3:44 p.m., Squad 1.
 Car fire, 196 and Novi Road, 3:44 p.m., Engine 4.
 Medical, 30047 Rousseau, 7:23 p.m., Squad 2.
 Investigation, Grand River and Meadowbrook, 10:53 p.m., Engine 1.

SUNDAY, JAN. 2
 Investigation, 22385 Worcester, 12:47 a.m., Squad 3.
 Medical, 41134 McMahon, 2:45 a.m., Squad 3.
 Medical, 45182 West Road, 7:59 a.m., Squad 2.
 Medical, 40744 Mill Road, 8:43 a.m., Squad 3.
 Medical, 48801 Eleven Mile, 11:05 a.m., Squad 4.
 Medical, 48443 Nine Mile, 12:33 p.m., Squad 4.
 Medical, 1536 Ocher, 3:47 p.m., Squad 4.
 Medical, 27500 Novi Road, 4:11 p.m., Squad 1.
 Medical, 39555 Orchard Hill, 4:12 p.m., Squad 3.
 Medical, 30125 Clarinette, 5:30 p.m., Squad 2.
 Investigation, 25651 Monroe, 7:06 p.m., Squad 1.
 Medical, 1536 Ocher, 7:23 p.m., Squad 4.
 Medical, 44827 North Hills, 8:04 p.m., Squad 3.
 Medical, 31240 Porside, 10:46 p.m., Squad 2.
 Medical, 44532 Midway, 11:09 p.m., Squad 3.

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Obituaries

HAROLD L. CAMPBELL

Harold L. Campbell, Sr., age 69, died Dec. 31, 1999 in University Hospital in Ann Arbor. Mr. Campbell was born on September 19, 1930 in Plymouth to the late William Campbell and Betsy McClellan. Mr. Campbell was a resident of South Lyon at the time of his death. He was a Quality Control Supervisor with Ford Motor Company and retired in 1995 after 40 years of service. He also served with the U.S. Army in Korea.

Mr. Campbell was a volunteer firefighter in Farmington Hills and Novi. He was a captain of a station with the Novi Fire Department. He was a member of the Northville Christian Assembly and was a head usher there for years. Visitation for Mr. Campbell was at the Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Home in Northville on Jan. 3. Services were held Tuesday in the funeral home. The Rev. Dan Vandervelde from the Northville Christian Assembly officiated at the funeral home. Interment was in Oakland Hills Cemetery in Novi.

JAMES HAMILTON CASH, SR.

James Hamilton Cash, Sr., 82, passed away Dec. 28, 1999. He was born in Wixom on June 17, 1917 to Charles T. and Zella (Edmundson) Cash.

Mr. Cash, a lifelong resident of Lyon Township, served in the U.S. Army as a Technician 3rd Grade for the 261st Ordnance Company. He was honorably discharged on Oct. 6, 1945. He married Elaine Haack on Feb. 22, 1946. He is survived by his wife, daughter Suzanne (Robert) Weaver of Novi and sons James H. (Judely) Cash of Brighton and Gary G. (Nancy) Cash of South Lyon. He is also survived by two sisters, one brother, seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Four brothers and three sisters preceded him in death.

Lenore Marie Goshorn

Lenore Marie (Swan) Goshorn died Dec. 31 at her home in Northville. Mrs. Goshorn taught for 31 years in public and private schools in Garden City, Dearborn, and Plymouth. She was especially recognized as a teacher in programs for gifted and talented students. During Mrs. Goshorn's 12 year struggle with breast cancer, one of many former students who visited her, summed up the feelings of all. "She seemed to understand us and care about us as if we were her own kids. She was just the best ever."

RUTH LANNING

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CONCETTA CASTIGLIONE

Concetta Castiglione, formerly of Northville, died Dec. 10 in Louisiana. She was 95. Mrs. Castiglione was born Sept. 4, 1904 in Italy to Vito Ruggiero and Frances Scala. She married Vito Castiglione, who preceded her in death on Jan. 17, 1975. Mrs. Castiglione moved to Northville in 1975 from Los Angeles, California. She was a member of Our Lady of Victory with Fr. James Keen officiating. Interment was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield. Arrangements were made by Castlerine Funeral Home of Northville.

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LUCILLE M. MATTSOON

Lucille M. Mattsson, 81, died Dec. 29 at Providence Hospital in Southfield. Mrs. Mattsson was born in 1918. She was preceded in death by her husband, Leonard Mattsson. Mrs. Mattsson is survived by her children Anne Siemen, Barbara Mattsson and Leonard (Laura) Mattsson, as well as ten grandchildren. In addition, she is survived by eight great-grandchildren. She was also well-loved by her friends at Baptist Manor in Farmington.

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MARGARET REINKE

Margaret Rosalie Reinke, 91, died Jan. 2 in the Martin Luther Convalescent Center of South Lyon. Mrs. Reinke, a Novi resident, was preceded in death by her husband, Erwin P. Reinke. She is survived by her children Gerald (Karen) Reinke and Kay (Paul) McKough; grandchildren Craig (Jenne), Jennifer, Meg (John) and Zachary, as well as great-grandchildren Michael, Steven, Peter and Catherine. She is also survived by a sister, Margaret (Peggy) Reinke.

RICHARD EUGENE NICHOLS

Richard Eugene Nichols, 55, died Dec. 20 at Providence Medical Center in Novi. Mr. Nichols, a Novi resident, was born May 22, 1943 in Warren, Ohio. He is survived by his wife, Lynn Marie Nichols of Novi and children Michael (Susan) Nichols, Andrea Gansner and Christina (Kevin) Bargner, as well as by his step-children.

PAUL ANDERSON AND DEBBIE ANDERSON

Paul Anderson and Debbie Anderson. He is also survived by his brother, William Nichols and sister Brenda Hawn and four grandchildren. Mr. Nichols enjoyed golf and was looking forward to his retirement. He was active with his church as an usher and counter and also volunteered for causes such as the Red Cross Blood Drive and fund raising for the Salvation Army, South Oakland Shelter. Mr. Nichols was graduated from LeVittsburg High School in LeVittsburg, Ohio in 1961. He and the former Lynn Marie Rudgust were married in St. Joseph, Michigan on May 21, 1993. The funeral service was on Dec. 23 at St. John Lutheran Church in Farmington, with Rev. Daniel Cave presiding. Interment was in Oakwood Cemetery, Farmington. Arrangements were made by the Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home in Farmington. The family would appreciate memorial contributions to the American Heart Association.

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HELEN J. TESHKA

Helen Teshka passed away Jan. 4. She was born June 8, 1906 in Linden, N.J. to Edward E. Hess and Ida Marie Hess.

Mrs. Teshka graduated from Northville High School and attended Northwestern College in DeKalb, Ill.

She was the beloved wife of the late Arnold Teshka, and mother of Gene O. (Irene Herrick) and Santa Barbara, Calif.; Sharon E. Darwin, Jr. (Teshka) (Dorothy), and the late Dolores M. Teshka.

Mrs. Teshka was also survived by seven grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren, and was preceded in death by brothers Sherman and Elmer Hess, sister Cora Bassett, step-sisters Evelyn, Marjorie E. and Margaret Marie Beck Rice.

Mrs. Teshka worked with her husband Arnold in the retail field from 1942 to 1962. She lived 53 years as a dispenser for the

pharmaceutical

Mrs. Teshka's funeral was held Jan. 5 at the St. Peter's Funeral Home in Grosse Pointe Woods. Burial was in Rural Hills Cemetery.

MARILYN TOPPER

Marilyn Topper, a former Novi resident, died Dec. 27 at the Hospice of Farmington Hills.

She was 59.

Topper, a homemaker, was born in New York, N.Y. on Sept. 16, 1943.

She was married to the late Edmund Russell Topper and is the mother of Dana Topper of South Lyon and Matthew Topper. She is also survived by many loving friends.

Services were held Dec. 29 at the St. Kattman Chapel with interment at Beth El Memorial Park. Arrangements were handled by The St. Kattman Chapel in Southfield.

Memorials to the Muscular Dystrophy Association or to any other charity will be appreciated by the

family

VIRGINIA MARY ZASUWA

Virginia Mary Zasuiwa, 82, died at her residence in Northville on Dec. 29.

Mrs. Zasuiwa was born Dec. 18, 1917 in Deerfield, Michigan to the late Frank J. Karpp and Bernadette Poole.

She was preceded in death by her first husband Carroll Richardson and her second husband Stanley Zasuiwa.

Mrs. Zasuiwa is survived by eight children: Carol (Rod) Milne of Huntington Woods; Jon (Nancy) Richardson of New Salisbury, Indiana; Bernadette (Rick) Malesko of Evergreen, Colorado; Christine (Mike) Watson of Arcadia, Florida; Janet (Mike) McCann of Bauli, Colorado; Mary Jo (Mike) Susalla of Redford; Joe (Lisa) Richardson of New Hudson and Gerry (Mike) Garriety of New Hudson. She is also survived by 23 grandchildren and

14 great-grandchildren.

Visitation for Mrs. Zasuiwa was in the Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Home in Northville. The mass was Dec. 31 at Our Lady of Victory Church in Northville. Fr. James Keam officiated. Interment was at Grand Lawn Cemetery in Detroit.

Memorial contributions to Right To Life of Michigan would be appreciated by the family.

Csordas launches customer service cards for city hall

By B.J. HAMMERSTEIN Staff Writer

When he was a candidate he campaigned for it.

Now Council Member Lou Csordas recently introduced his council members to the initial draft of his proposed City of Novi reply card.

Passing the proposed card unanimously, council listened as Csordas said the new opportunity for communication will be the foundation of improved feedback to the city as it responds to citizens' needs.

The card will work as a tool to provide anyone that does business with the city a chance for automatic contact as to the level of customer service they receive on the front-lines," Csordas said at the Dec. 19 session.

"It will also be an on-going tool which evaluates the city consultants and other city employees."

Csordas said he envisioned the City of Novi reply card being displayed in plain view at the reception area of each department at city hall.

Recommending the cards be addressed to the city manager, Csordas said he would like to see monthly reports with responses and other information on the card forwarded to department heads through a spreadsheet type of program.

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

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At the Oxford Inn Tavern's New Year's Eve bash, George Anderson of Detroit's Impact Seven serenades Novi Building Department employee Cindy Uglov, with champagne at the party.

Forget the prophets of doom, these folks had a good time

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"I mean, today is the day everyone is wondering what tomorrow will be like and what will happen. And no one knows what that will be. And none of us will ever know the feeling of the turn of a century again."

Kisses were as plentiful at midnight as the champagne. Suddenly decorum and prudence were things best saved for another day. Very few seemed to care. They were all a part of a once-in-a-thousand-year event.

But for many the festivities began much earlier in the night at places like MacKinnon's Restaurant in Northville.

There, several couples sat sipping wine among silver and black streamers from balloons hung from the ceiling. Classical music delicately accented the \$135-a-person meal which entailed a guest to appetizer and a choice of lobster tail, Beef Wellington, duck or cedar salmon.

"Their dinner conversations buzzed with talk of the new century and of the past."

"We were talking on the way here about everyday things we take for granted that were invented in this (20th) century—the ball point pen, paved roads—we take those things for granted but our life would be so different without them," said McKinnon's customer Gina Nelke.

She said she and her husband Jesse, who is a computer network engineer, were not too worried about the Y2K bug. However, they did have a supply of bottled water and had filled their bathtub, just to be on the safe side.

"I think at midnight corks will pop and cheers will sound," she said.

"Other than that, not much will happen," Jesse Nelke added.

Across town at Northville High School, Northville Parks and Recreation put together Northville Night for parents and their kids.

Several stations were set up with activities for kids including bench making kits and a nail polishing

table. The gym was transformed into a carnival complete with a moon walk, a musician and a remote control car track.

The event, which went from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., gave parents and children a fun and safe way to celebrate the holiday.

Livonia resident Mary Sikorski said she was glad she was able to spend the holiday with her kids and arrived home before the bars closed and traffic worsened.

Additionally, she said the new year was especially poignant for her because of the death of her father a week earlier.

"It really has me hoping for health, love and family for everyone in the coming year," she said.

The children at the event seemed to be unfazed by the changing century.

"It's just a new year," 8-year-old Alexander Cook said.

He said he didn't believe the hype surrounding New Year's Eve.

However, he had heard some things about the water "getting all dirty," but he had reason to believe that was not going to happen.

His 5-year-old brother Phillip agreed. When asked what he thought would happen at midnight he said, "I'm going to watch TV and then go to bed."

Still, most of the merrymakers were waxing nostalgic New Year's Eve remembering their childhood visions of the future.

They spoke of lying cars and Jetson-like buildings. Many said they remembered figuring out how old they would be by the year 2000 and marveling at how old that was.

However, some of the holiday partiers were worried about what the future may hold.

Sitting at the eclectic family style dinner at Genitti's Hole-in-the-Wall Restaurant, Ronnie and Ken Candre said though technology is good, it may prove to have more drawbacks than anticipated.

"People are going to be more introverted, I think. Everything is done by computer. Now you still need people skills to get through a day but in the future all that will be lost," he said.

Library Briefs

LIBRARY HOURS

The Novi Public Library is open Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sundays, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. The library is located at 45245 W. Ten Mile Road, just east of Taft Road. For more information, call (248) 349-0720.

STORYTIME NOTES

Winter Story Times begin Jan. 10. Please call for information on the day and time of your child's session.

LIBRARY BOARD MEETING

The Novi Library Board of Directors meets 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 Jan. 12. The 30-minute program for children ages 4 to 7 begins at 4 p.m. No registration is necessary.

through 12. Parents are welcome! Please register in advance for all internet program in person or by calling the library.

SENIOR BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP
The January selection is "The Pilot's Wife" by Anita Shreve. The group meets Jan. 13 at 12:30 p.m. in the library meeting room.

LIBRARY CLOSED MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY
The library will be closed Jan. 17, for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

KIDS ONLINE: SEARCHING, SAFETY & 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 Jan. 13 at 4 p.m. For children ages 8

USING THE ACCESS MICHIGAN MAGAZINE DATABASES
Internet whiz Richard Truxall 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 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.

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The Century In Review (In Review)

A final look at the people, places and things that shaped Novi and Northville throughout the 1990s



Bruce Casterline, flanked by daughters Courtney Ross, left, and Linsey Casterline, have taken over the Northville funeral home business their father and grandfather began in the 1930s.

Casterline Funeral Home gave comfort in times of need

Inspired by a Jan. 28, 1938 Northville Record story
Century In Review story ran Jan. 28

Ask a lifelong local, and they'll tell you the name "Casterline" is to Northville what "Ford" is to Detroit or "Rockefeller" is to New York. In each case, they're family names that helped to shape what the community eventually became.

"This is a business that's dedicated to giving people the chance they need to heal during the loss of a loved one," said Ray "Butch" Casterline, current director of the funeral home. "We really work towards giving that personal touch for people. That's been our goal as long as this place has been operating."

Casterline Funeral Home was opened this week 61 years ago by Ray J. Casterline. Prior to its opening, Ray J. Casterline was working for the Schrader Funeral Home in Plymouth. The Schrader Funeral Home was also a furniture store.

The business worked well in its infancy, and eventually the torch was passed to the second generation, this time to Fred Casterline.

With both Ray J. and Fred Casterline, the philosophy was about making funerals meaningful and special in each individual case.

"You treat other people as you'd want to be treated," he said. "That's what we're all about."



Had it not been for Cliff Turnbull, father of Northville historian Bruce Turnbull (above), Northville could have been without electrical service in the early 1920s.

Turnbull family wired city in electricity's earliest days

Inspired by an April 26, 1962 Northville Record story
Century In Review story ran March 29

Education completed, Cliff Turnbull returned to his roots in Delhi, (Ontario). It wasn't long before farmers in the area sought the experience of their local electrical expert.

There still wasn't any phone service in the outlying areas of Delhi, which was where the majority farmers lived and worked, Bruce Turnbull said.

"There were phones in town, but not in the outskirts," Bruce Turnbull said. "Dad decided to hook up the farms."

Cliff Turnbull gradually brought electricity to the homes of Northville, but the entrepreneur in him convinced him that he should go at business on his own. In 1920, the Northville Electric Shop was born on West Main Street.

The business was primarily focused on doing electrical contracting work and wiring.

In the grand scheme of things, Cliff Turnbull probably won't hold the kind of legacy as Benjamin Franklin or Thomas Edison.

In Northville, though, memories of the late founder of the Northville Electric Shop still glow as brightly as the homes he helped to light up.

"Dad's shop had quite a history around Northville," said (local historian and son of Cliff Turnbull) Bruce Turnbull.

The Northville Electric Shop story really took its roots after Cliff Turnbull graduate from Delhi High School in 1908. Interested in pursuing a career in the rapidly-expanding field of telephone service, Turnbull went off the Hawley School of Engineering in Boston.



Novi city manager Ed Kriewall as seen in a 1994 Novi function. Kriewall will retire in February.

Kriewall lead Novi through tollgate city's early period

Inspired by a Nov. 18, 1974 Novi News story
Century In Review story ran Nov. 18

By his own admission, Ed Kriewall wasn't particularly enthused about the idea of becoming city manager of Novi back in 1974, even though he'd stepped into the job on an interim basis several times previous.

After all, the Bay City native's professional history was rich in road construction and public works but not in urban management.

Kriewall took over as (Novi's) public works director in September of 1969. After only working in that capacity for a year or so, Kriewall was beckoned to step in as interim city manager as the infant city councils juggled managers to help run the fledgling community.

"We really didn't have a lot of stuff to work with back then," Kriewall said.

Finally, in 1974, Kriewall was taken in as full-time city manager. With that appointment came the nerves of a new job.

"You'd seen three or four city managers come in and out of their offices in five years," Kriewall said. "I definitely had that in the back of my mind."

Kriewall survived, though, and has been Novi's chief executive since November of 1974. (In late fall of 1999), he announced he would be retiring in February of 2000.

Four-sided clock finished Northville's downtown renovation

Inspired by a March 18, 1981 Northville Record story
Century In Review story ran March 18

Toronto has the CN Tower. San Francisco has the Golden Gate Bridge.

St. Louis has The Arch. And Northville has The Clock. Northville's four-sided timepiece in the median of Main Street has been a fixture of the city for almost 20 years now, but for those who helped bring the clock to town, it's like it was installed yesterday.

Former mayor Paul Vernon, now retired and living in the northern Lower Peninsula, said the clock was part of the original Main Street 1978 project, but took some extra time in bringing to the community because of safety concerns over the placement of the clock in the median.

"The clock had always been a part of the restoration of downtown Northville, but it was originally going to be two-sided," Vernon said.

But Vernon's wife, Norma, a member of the Northville Beautification Commission, wasn't happy with having a clock face on only two sides.

"She really deserves most of the credit for the clock," Vernon said, adding that stories which ran in



The Northville clock has been a fixture of the city of Northville since its installation in the early 1980s. An driving accident in the late summer of 1999 forced the city to pay for the clock's replacement, as the original clock was damaged beyond repair.

the Northville Record about the clock made few mentions of her work in helping bring the timepiece into being.

"The clock was one of those things that we thought was the nucleus of the downtown," he said.



Northville resident Jim Lapham has been a big fan of flying legend Eddie Stinson. He's shown above with a working replica of the Stinson Black Widow.

Legendary Eddie Stinson gave Northville a reputation in the sky

Inspired by a May 6, 1927 Northville Record story
Century In Review story ran May 6

With a name like "Eddie," you're either destined to be a pool hustler, a rock n' roll guitarist or a pilot. In the case of Northville's Eddie Stinson, the sky was his calling.

Stinson, a renowned barn-stormer and savvy businessman for his time, was Northville's claim to fame in the air when he organized the Stinson Aircraft Corporation in May of 1926. The company has gone the way of the biplane, but the Stinson name lives on — particularly in the mind of Northville aviation buff Jim Lapham.

"Eddie Stinson just built a good, solid airplane," Lapham said. "He did some things that no one did to that point in time. Planes were just

coming of age back then." There's not a lot known about Stinson in his pre-flying years. Records about the local legend in aviation have disappeared over time.

Lapham said Northville might not have been the home of the Stinson Aircraft Company had it not been that one of Stinson Aircraft's corporate directors owned an old building which had been sitting vacant for a number of years.

That structure, Lapham said, was the building now occupied by Belanger, Inc., within the village limits. Planes were constructed in the building and were then hauled by Model T out to the airfield at Six Mile and Beck roads. Lapham's grandfather, Charles Ponsford, owned the land that Stinson used to test his new creations.

Charter House busy in December

"Millennium Madness" is the title of the program held by the youth and adult members of the Charter House on Dec. 19 from 6 to 9 p.m. when they had lunch, sang Christmas carols at a nursing home, played games and celebrated Jesus' birthday.

The 5 p.m. Christmas Eve service included lessons, carols and candlelight with a children's story service as meditation. Several families were invited to share a unique Christmas tradition in their family. There was also an 8 p.m. and 11 p.m. service at the church.

A reminder to senior high and junior highs: the youth planning council will meet once a month and those serving in the volunteer capacity can use the hours toward National Honor Society or confirmation volunteer hours.

Members of **Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church** are seeking to collect men's hockey equipment which will be donated as part of an outreach program to youth in Russian prisons. Both used and new equipment is being collected. For more information, call (248) 374-5909.

Also at Ward — a class designed to ward atheists, agnostics and others a safe place to explore the basic tenets of the Christian faith will begin meeting

on Jan. 6. The course is designed to teach people who are not part of the church what Christianity teaches and to respect honest questions about the religion. For more information, call (248) 374-5937.

A workshop for persons dealing with grief is being hosted by members of **First Presbyterian Church of Northville** and will begin on Jan. 13, meeting each Thursday thereafter. The workshop will deal with all facets of the grieving process. A \$20 fee covers books and materials.

Also at First Presbyterian — the church's annual progressive dinner is slated for Jan. 15 at 5 p.m. Hors d'oeuvres will be served at one member's house, with several other stops during the evening providing other courses of the meal. The deadline for sign-up is Jan. 9. For more information on either event, call (248) 349-0911.

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Novi Highlights

A bridge tournament will begin at 11 a.m. at the Civic Center with advance registration required for the 18 chairs available. There is a \$2 entry fee.

Another contest is the Score-O and Super Score-O contest from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Registration for this event is on-site. For youths, imagination stories will be open from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., and balloons and coloring opportunities will be made available, as well.

Open skating will take place at the Novi Ice Arena from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. with 50 percent-off coupons available to the first 75 children. Snow and ice skating for sponsors will be available by calling (248) 347-0400.

Many other programs are also available through the parks and recreation department, including Novi Theaters, teen ski trips, creative studios, health and special services, day and long-term trips, and athletic leagues.

The book discussion group will be meeting at the Novi Public Library from noon to 1:30 p.m. on Jan. 13.

FAITH COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
The youth of the church played a very important part in the Christmas season programs, starting with the advent workshop that included more than 35 children who were responsible for the creation of a new "Hanging of the Greens" tradition. The senior highs, junior highs and fourth grade children participated.

In addition, the senior highs led a Sunday evening service entitled "Christ The King" with the young people reciting scripture and presenting performances as Biblical characters through song and dance. The pianists were Sara Beth O'Connor and Emily Cross, special vocal were performed by Anita Sulo and Sara Beth O'Connor, and a drama was presented by Jameson Shroyer, All Kazoos, Jody, Shively and Jim Benton. Fifteen other youths participated in the worship program.

The children's musical "Oh, My Stars...It's Christmas" was presented under the direction of

Novi Highlights is written by Jeanne Clarke. She can be reached at (248) 624-0173.

Novi resident **Nathan Pietrowski** received his bachelor's degree from Northwood University in the school's December commencement exercises.

Novi resident **Gail Sikkink** was honored by Washenaw Community College on Dec. 16 for earning a cumulative grade point average of 3.7 for three consecutive semesters.

Novi resident **Eric J. Aldstadt** was awarded a bachelor of science degree from Baker University in Baldwin City, Kan. at the school's Dec. 16 commencement exercises.

Students can register now for winter semester classes at Walsh College in Novi. Winter 2000 semester classes begin for 11- and 14-week semesters on Friday, Jan. 7.

Albion College student **Kelly M. Janowski** is a new initiate to Alpha Lambda Delta's Albion College chapter. The honorary is given to students who have earned a 3.5 out

of 4.0 grade point average at the end of their first semester or have an accumulative 3.5 at the end of their freshman year, based on at least three units of graded courses per semester.

Janowski is a junior majoring in psychology. She is the daughter of Diane L. Leyda of Brighton and David R. Janowski of Livonia and a graduate of Northville High School.

Madonna University biology senior **LeAnn Horne** of Novi was recently initiated into Kappa Delta Pi, an international honor society in education. To be a member of this honor society, a student must have an overall grade point average of 3.0 or better; 12 or more semester hours of course work in education; worthy education ideals, leadership potential, commitment to education and desirable personal qualities.

Miami University-Olio recently held commencement exercises. Both **Alison Michelle Machacek** of Northville and **Megan Claire Hadley** of Novi received a bachelor of science degree in education.

Religion

The **Family Roman Catholic Church** will return to regular hours of accepting donated clothing on Jan. 6 at 9 a.m. For more information, call (248) 349-8847.

Also at Holy Family — the movie discussion group will be talking about the film "The Green Mile" on Jan. 9 at the church library. For more information, call (248) 349-7614.

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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

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

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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

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

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

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

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

LOOKING FOR LOVE

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

SET UP A TIME & DAY

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

OUT OF THE SOUTH

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

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

LOVES ATTENTION

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

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

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

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

MELODY OF LOVE

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

WILL GET BACK TO YOU

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

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

HEAVEN SENT

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

NOTEWORTHY

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

DESTINY

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

SWEET THINGS

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

SONG BIRD

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

Males Seeking Females

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

WORTH A TRY

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

WORTH A TRY

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

PHONE ME NOW

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

SERIOUS REPLIES ONLY
 Fun-loving, sincere and thoughtful describes this SWPM, 40, 6'1", 195lbs., who enjoys outdoor activities, romantic evenings, movies and more, is interested in meeting an athletic, independent and sincere SF, for a monogamous relationship. Ad#.4443

FOLLOW YOUR HEART
 Sincere, fit, active, romantic DWPM, 59, 5'10", 165lbs., who enjoys golf, dancing, and nature walks, seeks an intelligent, slender SWF, 40-55, with similar interests and a positive attitude. Ad#.3792

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

NEVER ENDING ROMANCE

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

SECURITY

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

STOP HERE

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

GREAT CATCH

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

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

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 DWF, under 46, for a possible relationship. Ad#.1313

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

DREAMS COME TRUE

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

COUNTRY LIFESTYLE

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

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

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

HAVE A HEART

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

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

INNER BEAUTY...

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

LOVE, LIFE & LAUGHTER

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

MUSIC LOVER

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

ANSWERED PRAYERS

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

LEAVE A MESSAGE

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

HOPE YOU TRY ME

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

GO PLACES...

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

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

PARTNER IN LIFE

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

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

QUIET TIMES

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

GOOD ATTITUDE

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

MANY OPTIONS

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

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

BE THE ONE

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

ROMANCE

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

ONE ON ONE

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

HE'S THE ONE

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

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Merry Christmas

Malott nets two goals in Classic championship win

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

Call it revenge, call it retribution, call it what you want.

But when the Novi hockey team walked off the ice last Wednesday night, there's no questioning who was the best team at Novi Ice Arena.

The Wildcats roared to their first-ever championship of any kind, knocking off a previously unbeatable Northville squad 6-2 in the title game of the Northville/Novi Christmas Classic. Backed by a five-goal outburst in the second period, the 'Cats beat Northville for the first time in four meetings.

"I hate to call our guys a bunch of junkyard dogs, but when we're in a corner, we fight," Novi coach Dan Phelps said of coming back from a 1-0 first-intermission deficit. "We fight to the finish."

The comeback sparked the team's second win in two days, which also included a 4-1 domination of West Bloomfield.

Novi tied the Mustangs 2-2 in their only other meeting this year. But Northville beat Novi 7-2 and 6-1 in their two encounters last year.

"When something is done, it's done," Phelps said of last year's games. "They were able to push that aside. I didn't see any intimidation."

As the first period came to a close, it looked as if the game was going to go Northville's way once again. Jason Engelland scored the only goal of the period, on the power play, with 6:15 left to play.

But Phelps' club came out inspired in the second. Kyle Major tied the game up just 1:05 into the period. Both Fred Napier and Brad Zarem picked up assists on the goal.

It didn't take the team long to strike again. Just 30 seconds later, senior captain Travis Malott took a pass from Jared Perras and broke in from the right side to beat Northville's Josh Block near post to give Novi the lead at 2-1.

The game stayed that way until Angelo Barduca took a nice feed from Jared Gensio to give Novi a two-goal cushion with 7:32 remaining in the second. Ryan Layton also picked up an assist on the goal.

Just 1:18 later, Robbie Harrell found himself the recipient of a beautiful pass from Malott. He scored from out front to make it 4-1. But the 'Cats weren't done quite yet. Malott picked up his second goal of the night at the 11:51 mark of the period, off a pass from Layton. Gensio also had an assist on the goal, which forced Northville coaches to pull Block from goal.

"We've had our spurts this year where we play to our opponent's level," Phelps said. "But good teams

play up to a certain level, and they stay there. We're trying to find the level of consistency that we're able to play. And then we want to stay there. We don't want to be dropping downwards."

Novi added another goal just 4:20 into the third as Brad Zarem avoided defenders and beat Northville's backup to make it 6-1. Northville added a goal with 19.6 seconds remaining.

Brian Markowicz picked up the win in goal for Novi, which is still missing Beau Brandau due to a case of mononucleosis for the senior.

"Both Brian and Jeremy (Goodman) have played tremendously in filling his shoes," the coach said. "It sounds like a problem, but it's a nice problem to have. I'm really proud of both of those guys."

After the game, both Novi players and coaches stayed on the ice to celebrate their first-ever championship.

"They always say winning isn't everything, but winning sure is fun," the Novi coach said. "For a team that was stricken by injuries and DQs, we possess a lot of character. We stepped up when the time was right."

Although the tournament doesn't officially give out a most valuable player award, Phelps said he couldn't help but think Malott would have earned it with his play in the two games.

"As far as I'm concerned, Travis Malott was number one out there," Phelps said. "The way that he played — it's not only his on-ice qualities that were great, but he sucked it up and took charge of this team."

The win upped Novi's record to 7-1-5 heading into the "second half" of the season. The team played Lakeland last night (after *The Novi News'* deadline) in the last game of the team's first loop through the Kensington Valley Conference season. The team is 2-0-3 in league play, trailing Milford (3-0-2) by two points and Brighton (4-0-1) by three.

NOVI 4, W. BLOOMFIELD 1

Despite falling behind 1-0 early, Novi came right back to score four unanswered goals to get the win in the second semifinal game Dec. 28.

"We were both missing players and it was really a battle of the infirmaries," Phelps joked. "But they played a hard game and it shows you how important it is to come out of the gate like we did. You never know when your team is going to play flat."

Goodman allowed just one goal in picking up his first win of the season.

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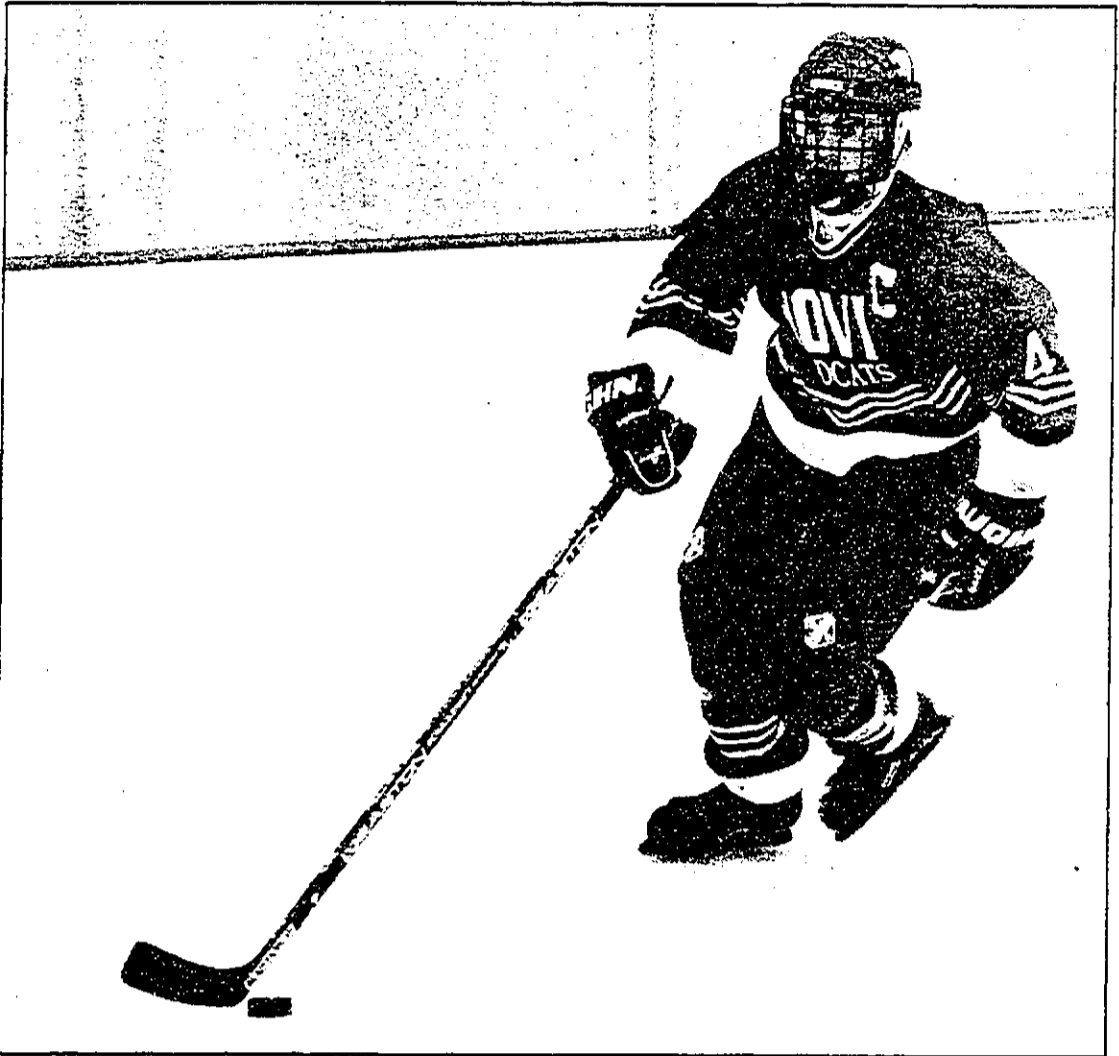


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Novi senior Travis Malott (above) skates in on goal in Novi's 6-2 win over Northville.

Icers impress this writer



Jason Schmitt

If there is such a thing as a monkey in sports, then the Novi hockey team has knocked it clear off its back.

Since the school's hockey program began a year ago, the team has seen its share of ups and downs. It's seen the lows of starting off its inaugural year at 0-9. It's seen the highs of a six-game winning streak after that sluggish start.

And this year it's seen

its record soar to 7-1-5 after the first 13 games of the year.

But until last Wednesday night (Dec. 29), it hadn't seen a win over its biggest rival Northville. Novi's 6-2 thrashing of the Mustangs sent a message to both communities, the entire Kensington Valley Conference and upcoming district opponents. It sent a message which quite frankly states, "THIS IS NO ORDINARY SECOND-YEAR TEAM."

The Wildcats have finally started coming together under the direction of head coach Dan Phelps. This team has the talent, the coaching, and now it has found a very important ingredient called confidence.

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Novi wins at Salem

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

Just when you think you've seen the best out of the Novi wrestling team, things get better.

The Wildcats were very close to perfect last Thursday, winning the Plymouth Salem invitational by a commanding 70 points over runnerup Greenville. Novi dominated the 18-team invite by placing 10 of its 14 wrestlers in the top three.

"It was probably the best we've looked all year, and it was really fun to be involved with," Novi coach Brad Huss said.

Three 'Cats brought home championships, including Dan Jilg (119 pounds), Ryan Churella (130) and Jason Moore (275). For Jilg and Churella, it follows up their Oakland County championships of three weeks ago.

Along with those three, three others reached the championship match. Brent Frey (135), Adam Borashko (189) and Nick Slovan (215) all took second place at the tourney.

Picking up big points for their team, Josh Churella (103), Brian Dodds (125) and Scott Kortlandt (171) all won their third-place matches for Novi. Vince Slovan (152) took fourth.

Although some of the top finishes were expected from his experienced wrestlers, a few were pleasing to Huss.

"With Dodds taking third at 125, that was fantastic for him," the coach said. "He's got that kind of ability, but we've just got Danny (Jilg) at 119."

"And Brent (Frey) has been wrestling well this year. He's just gone unnoticed because of how well everyone else is doing."

Huss said the addition of Vince Slovan back into the lineup should give his team stability at 152.

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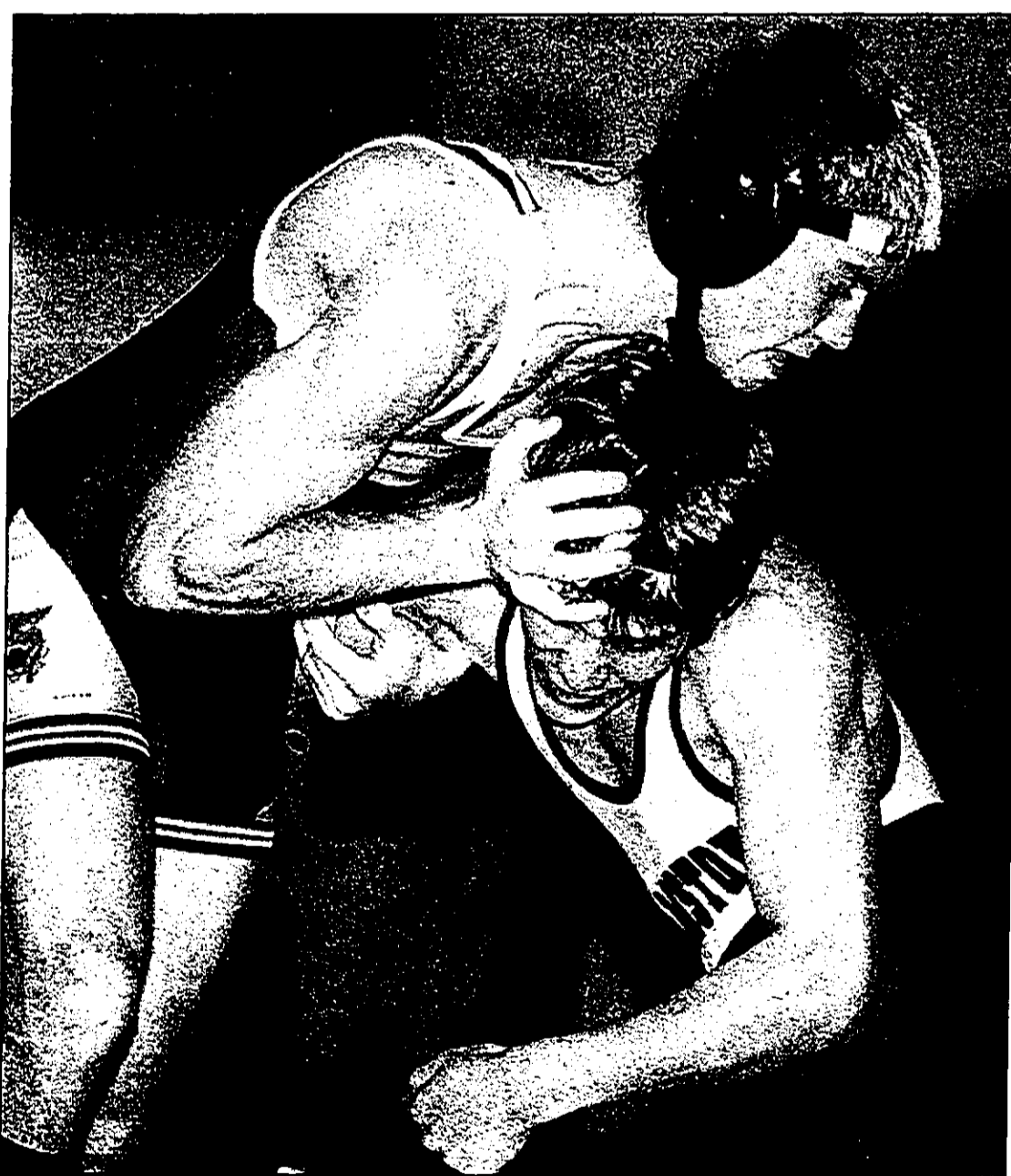


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Novi senior Dan Jilg broke Taka Watanabe's school record of 156 wins Tuesday night.

Jilg breaks school record in win

Going into Novi's matchup with Northville Tuesday night, Novi coach Brad Huss preached to his team to stay off their backs and they'd have a shot to break a four-match losing streak to Northville.

So as he walked off the mat following the match, the first words out of his mouth were, "We stayed off our backs, even against their big studs."

That Novi did, and in the process, the Wildcats came away with five pins of their own in a 47-18 pounding of the Mustangs.

Not only did the team win big, but senior Dan Jilg

broke the school record for wins in a career by pinning his way to his 157th triumph. He now has a 157-18 record in his four years on varsity.

Jilg, Ryan Churella (130), Cory Nobach (112), Frank Kava (160) and Nick Slovan (215) all won by sticking their Northville opponents.

Brian Dodds (dec. 4-2), Vince Slovan (tech. fall 18-1), Adam Borashko (dec. 9-2) and Jason Moore (void) also picked up wins.

Novi built an early 21-3 lead before Northville got as close as 21-15. But Novi won five of the last six matches.

Athletes share some resolutions

As the New Year passes us by each Jan. 1, so do all the New Year's resolutions we pay about two weeks' attention to.

We say them, think about them for a short while, then bury them into our memory tank, which usually runs out of fuel a few short days later when no one is looking.

As it states in the American Heritage Dictionary, a resolution is "a course of action determined and decided upon." Nowhere in that definition are the words "carried out."

Many times we do toss our resolutions out the door, either because they're too lofty to live up to, or we're too lazy to see them through. Either way, resolutions are just a bunch of false promises we make to ourselves in the presence of a few others to make them legit.

With all that aside, I decided to ask a few area athletes from Northville and Novi high schools what they felt were some of their New Year's resolutions for the upcoming year. What do they want to see happen, both for their teams and individually, in the year 2000?

Some wanted individual numbers and achievements, but each and every one of them started things off with team-oriented goals.

For instance, Northville junior David Gregor wants his team to make a trip to the district basketball finals, something the team did two years ago but was unable to do last season.

"I don't think anyone has ever made it past regionals, so that would be cool," he said.

Individually, the 6-foot-4 forward wants to put up good numbers, but to help the team. "Basketball is a team sport, so I really want the team to do well. But I would also like to average double digits in points and rebounds," he added.

Novi hockey sensation Brad Zarem has put up tremendous offensive numbers this season, but all of his focus was on the

team. "We'd like to stay undefeated in the Kensington Valley Conference, and if we can do that we could stay undefeated the rest of the way because the KVC is a pretty tough league," he said.

Also a lacrosse player, Zarem feels some of this year's younger talent should make the team a contender in the state playoffs this spring. "We still got big Pat Muston and we should be pretty good," he noted.

Having been a part of a state championship gymnastics squad in the past, Northville/Novi gymnast Monica Fink resolves to work hard to make it happen again.

"I want us to get motivated and to work hard so we can have a chance to win states again. I'd like to qualify for the state meet myself, and place in as many events as possible," she said.

Northville volleyball players Beth Gillis and Julie Bozyk have different resolutions, but both relate to the team's continued success.

"The thing I'm most looking forward to is to bond with my teammates, and through that it should produce a winning season," said Gillis. "I've got such a good feeling about this year's team with the start we've had."

Bozyk added, "I'd like for us to be division champs, and for us to beat Salem. I think we totally have a shot. That would be amazing."

David Whitbeck, a vital part of the Northville swim team, said he'd like to see his team beat Canton.

"Our team is hoping we can beat Canton and win the (Western) division," he said. "Individually I'm hoping to qualify in the 200 and 500 freestyle and maybe even help the 200 and 400 freestyle relay teams qualify."

Having won a state championship as a member of the 1998 Novi soccer team, Nick Slovan has both team and individual

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Elders with back pain get back to life

Getting older can be a pretty spine-tingling experience - and not always in a good way. As wrinkles, balding and menopause weren't enough, most people find that their backs hurt more often as they age, sometimes enough to interfere with their daily life.

But unlike younger people's back problems, which often have a fixable cause, the back pain of older Americans isn't as easy to relieve. Whether it's osteoporosis, arthritis, shrinking padding between backbones or just the normal changes that come with aging, the elderly face some of the most difficult causes of chronic back pain.

That's why the University of Michigan Health System has launched a first of its kind program for people over 60 with chronic back problems. Called the Geriatric Spine Program, it offers one-stop shopping for treatment by a variety of specialists.

"Back pain in the elderly usually causes a decrease in function, much more so than in the younger population, so that they're not able to do the basic things like get around, be independent in the community, and do the things they used to do," Anne Christopher M.D., director of the program, said.

"What's more, it can be more difficult to get elderly people back on their feet after a back pain

episode because their pain tends to be more chronic."

Christopher and her colleagues hope their new program will be a model for others. That way, they hope to help the nearly six million Americans over 65 who, the National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases estimates, suffer frequent lower back pain. And with our country's average age inching ever higher, and 12 percent of Michigan's population expected to be over 65 by next year, more of us than ever will be saying "Oh, my aching back!" soon.

The eight-week U-M course starts with a half-day individual assessment, followed by solo and group meetings with a team of experts in physical therapy, occupational therapy, psychology, nursing, case management and exercise physiology. The team pays special attention to what kind of home activities the patients can't do because of their back pain and tries to find ways to restore some of that function safely.

"The geriatric population has very specific needs because the patients aren't going back to a workplace and because they often have so many other health issues affecting their function," Christopher said.

"They really need a program designed to suit their individual

needs, and that's what we do."

Often, the first step toward recovering some of the lost ability is getting into better shape, Christopher said.

"We work with our patients to increase their flexibility and strength, as well as cardiovascular conditioning, flexibility and endurance," she explained.

"We also address issues of biomechanics, to help them understand the best and easiest possible way to do things, so that they're not injuring their back more."

Individual therapists work on each patient's gait, posture, and balance - three areas often worsened by general weakness due to lack of exercise. And they constantly work within the constraints of each patient's other health conditions.

Besides building a model for others to copy, Christopher and her colleagues hope to generate much-needed research results on what works - and what doesn't - to

improve strength and function and relieve back pain among the elderly.

"Our goals are really to see how we can keep this population independent and not at risk for falling and having further functional decline," she said.

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UM-FACTS

Facts About the Elderly and Back Pain:
According to the National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases:

- About one-half of adults have low back pain in any given year.
- Approximately 15 percent of U.S. adults report frequent back pain or pain lasting more than two weeks annually.
- More than 26 million Americans ages 20 to 64, and almost 6 million ages 65 and older, have frequent low back pain.

According to the Michigan Aging Services System:

- The older population - persons 65 years of age or older - numbered about 1.1 million in Michigan in 1990. They represented 11.9 percent of the state population, about one in every eight Michiganians.
- People 65 and over are projected to represent 12 percent of the population in the year 2000 but will be 16.6 percent by 2020. If these projections hold, more than one in six Michiganians will be over 65 in 2020.

Health Notes

RUNNING FIT OFFERS CLASSES

Starting in January of 2000, Running 101, a series of classes for non or beginning runners interested in learning the "how to's" and the "how far's" as well as the skill of having fun while running will be offered at the Running Fit store in Novi and Ann Arbor. For more information, please call (248) 347-4949.

HEALTH RISK APPRAISAL

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

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

INTERMEDIATE WATER AEROBICS

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

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

CHILD CLINIC

Oakland County Health Division's Child Health Clinics provide free ongoing well care for children from birth to school entry. Families who do not have an HMO or Medicaid may be eligible. Clinics are held at 14 locations throughout Oakland County.

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

Appointments are required.

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

ABC'S OF WEIGHT LOSS

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

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

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

ASTHMA EDUCATION

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

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

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

BREASTFEEDING BASICS

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

The fee is \$20, and the classes are held at Botsford's Health Development Network in Novi.

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

CIRCUIT TRAINING

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

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

The fee is \$70 and preregistration is required.

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

MARTIAL ARTS FOR CHILDREN

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

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

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

PANIC ATTACK AND AGORAPHOBIA SUPPORT GROUP

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

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

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

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

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

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

DIABETES EDUCATION

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

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

Call (248) 424-3903 to register.

SURGICAL PREPARATION

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

Admission to the program is by appointment only. There is no charge. Call the Providence Medical Center-Providence Park at (248) 380-4170 to register.

WEIGHT ON THE RUN

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

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

CHILD HEALTH CLINICS

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

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

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

HEALTHY SOLUTIONS SEMINARS

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

STEPPING STONES

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

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

HOT FLASH STUDY

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

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS

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

Area residents are invited to visit Providence Medical Center-Providence Park, 47601 Grand River Ave., to obtain the service. Screening will take place in Providence's Emergency Care Center located within the center. For more information call (248) 380-4225.

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