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**Familiarity**

Novi actor Kevin Branshaw has been active in community theater for over 12 years. This month's "The Lion in Winter" gives him a role which is historically familiar. — Page 3A

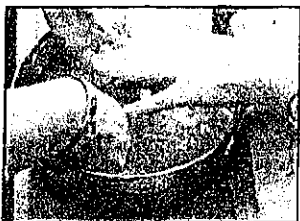


**WALLED LAKE**

**Connections made**

A connector between M-59 and I-96 will affect the communities of Walled Lake, Wixom and Novi. A committee will take a look at how to develop the connector and keep the communities in tact. — Page 7A

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Staff reporter Melanie Plenda took on local spas to research the art of pampering. Find out what kinds of services are offered around town... — Page 1AA

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**Off and skating**

The Novi hockey team started off its season on the right foot, knocking off Baseline rival Northville 5-1 last Friday night at the Novi Ice Arena. Brad Zarem scored a pair of goals in the win. — Page 1B



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## Numbers may help task force decide

BY STEPHANIE FORDYCE  
 Staff Writer

**ESTIMATES OF POSSIBLE SCHOOL RENOVATIONS**

Breakdown of each individual Recommendation Item (Estimates only)		Cost	Item	Cost
Bosco Land		\$8.5 million	High School (600 students)	\$25.5 million
Technology		\$15.5 million	Village Oaks	\$340,000
			Orchard Hills	\$340,000
<b>Renovations:</b>				
High School		\$5,664,000	<b>New Construction:</b>	
High School Pool		\$3,000,000	Swimming Pool	\$7 million
Orchard Hills		\$858,525	Community Facility	\$5.95 million
Village Oaks		\$722,700	High School (1,200 students)	\$40.8 million
Parkview		\$435,000	Elementary School	\$13.6 million
Novi Woods		\$4,160,000		
Transportation/Warehouse		\$2,260,000		

To help provide a financial picture of the Blue Ribbon Task Force's recommendations, Assistant Superintendent of Business and Operations Jim Koster provided the committee with a variety of cost estimates.

The recommendations presented by the committee in late October, included options for the high school, community education, maintenance, swimming facilities, and technology upgrades.

Using their recommendations, Koster analyzed the options from a \$50, \$75, \$100, and \$125 million

dollar bond issue standpoint. The \$80 million bond includes the Bosco land purchase, technology needs in all buildings, renovation to the high school swimming pool, transportation and maintenance upgrades and the expansion of the high school for 600 students. Total cost is estimated at \$55.5 million.

The \$75 million bond includes the Bosco land purchase, technology, high school and elementary upgrades, renovation to the high school swimming pool, a second pool, transportation and maintenance needs and the expansion of the high school for 600 students.

Total cost is estimated at \$75.3 million.

The \$100 million bond includes the Bosco land purchase, technology, high school and elementary upgrades, renovation to the high school swimming pool, a second pool, transportation and maintenance needs and a new high school for 1,200 students. Total cost is estimated at \$90.9 million.

The \$125 million bond includes the Bosco land purchase, technology, high school and elementary upgrades, renovation to the high school swimming pool, a second pool, transportation and maintenance needs and the expansion of the high school for 600 students.

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## Goals differ on council

BY RANDAL YAKE  
 Staff Writer

The Novi City Council has begun to look at their long term and short term goals for the new year and found not all council members were all on the same page.

Top priority for Council Member Michelle Bononi and Mayor Pro-Tem Laura Lorenzo seemed to be urban sprawl, which the Southeastern Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) has reported will continue to be a problem well into the 21st Century, according to their 2025 projection study.

Lorenzo agreed that establishing a fund so there would not be a need for local road bonds is a good idea, but with the city already strapped for cash and with the Sandstone Vistas decision in waiting, the city needs to prioritize its needs "realistically." Lorenzo also said that taking a harder look at ordinances and zoning should be something council needs to look at, especially with federal mandates for storm water run-off coming in the next year or two.

"The biggest issue is funding," Lorenzo said. "And we just don't have enough to go around. Sure, funding for future roads is interest that should be upheld. But if we save up \$500,000 what else doesn't get done?"

Council Member Louis Csordas did not necessarily agree with Lorenzo or Bononi that urban sprawl was an issue and would prefer for the council to turn its concentration on other areas.

"Urban sprawl isn't an issue in Novi," Csordas said. "It's past us to Howell and Livingston County. We need to focus on our master plan."

Csordas said that evaluating staffing needs inside the police and fire department were high on his list. Unlike Lorenzo, Csordas said that the city should attempt to save money for future needs, such as roads. He also said that emergency medical response (EMS) ambu-

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

With T-Rex headgear, students of Parkview Elementary School sing about dinosaurs during their Thursday afternoon show for their parents and siblings.

## Dinosaurs invade Parkview Elementary

BY STEPHANIE FORDYCE  
 Staff Writer

Brontosaurus, Stegosaurus, Tyrannosaurus Rex.

On Thursday, November 23, Parkview Elementary's gymnasium was packed with family and friends, as the second graders presented their Dinosaur Musical.

"The children have been studying dinosaurs for the past three weeks, and this is just a fun way to end the unit," said second grade teacher Peg Rau.

Eight-year-olds David Sparling and Matt Bonnel said as part of their dinosaur unit, they had the chance to visit the dinosaur museum in Ann Arbor.

"We got to see all kinds of cool things like dinosaur bones and dinosaur poop too," Bonnel said.

Aside from fossilized feces, the students had to write reports and

make a life-size painting of a dinosaur of their choice.

Directed by music teacher Suzanne Korzyn, the musical was jam-packed with joyful dinosaur tunes, as well as a number of interesting facts on the distinct beasts.

Songs included "Let's Sing About Dinosaurs," "Counting To 100," "What Happened To The Dinosaurs?" and "Where Did They Live."

The children brought down the house with one catchy song where half the students asked how big a dinosaur's brush would be to comb their curls, in which the other half chanted "dinosaurs don't have hair!"

The second graders didn't even have any problem pronouncing all the dino-names either.

Seven-year-olds Ashley Aljadah and Dylan Good agreed that their

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Matt Bonnel  
 8 years old

favorite dinosaur was the Brontosaurus because he is the largest and most fierce of all the dinosaurs, while second grader Kevin Powell said he liked the T-Rex best for Rex was one of the last non-avian dinosaurs to walk the earth before the great extinction.

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Cynthia Kolls and daughter Angela, 2, applaud for daughter Colleen.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Artist Claire Fryatt, right, will be selling holiday cards that she's created out of the Center Street Market in Novi co-owned by Gail Bowling, left, with the proceeds going to Novi Young Life.

## Resident designs Christmas cards to help local kids

BY STEPHANIE FORDYCE  
 Staff Writer

When shoppers purchase Claire Fryatt's holiday cards this season, they can feel good knowing that their greetings are helping kids right in their own community.

From now until the end of December, Fryatt's original cards will be on sale at two local businesses, Centre Street Market & Deli in Novi and Genitti's of Northville, as they partner up to benefit Young Life.

"I really do feel like God spoke to me and asked me to use my gift to help raise money for kids," Fryatt said.

All the proceeds from the artist's cards will go to the Novi/Northville chapter of Young Life, which is a non-denominational Christian youth organization for middle and high school students.

"We are very happy," said Adult Committee member for Young Life

Jan Purtell. "This is not only a nice way to send a holiday greeting but to raise money for our organization as well."

Jim Galloway, also an adult committee member for the youth group agreed.

"It's great," he said. "It gives Young Life a lot of exposure and it helps raise money for our young people in the area."

However, Fryatt's generosity isn't anything new. This is the tenth year she has donated her holiday card profits to charity. This year Young Life is benefiting from her good cheer.

"The cards are so beautiful and she's so talented," Purtell said. "We are extremely grateful to her."

The cards, decorated in green, white, and gold, features Fryatt's 9-year-old daughter Isabelle on the cover, who makes for the perfect

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## Two teens arrested for using fake money

Two 18-year-old Novi teens were arrested for passing counterfeit currency at the Twelve Oaks Mall on Tuesday, November 11.

One of the teens was nabbed after he was trying to pass a \$20 bill inside a mall establishment.

The other teen was found outside the mall parking lot with at least one counterfeit bill on him. There were a number of counterfeit bills found near the second teen's car.

The United States Secret Service is also looking into the incident.

**DEER KILL ESCALATES**  
A Farmington Hills woman was the 22nd person to hit a deer while

## Police News

driving along Novi streets in the last five weeks.

The woman said that the deer was crossing Twelve Mile Road around 7:20 p.m. on November 13 when she struck the deer.

The 23rd deer strike came the very next day around 7:20 p.m. when a white-tailed deer traversed Ten Mile in the western part of the city.

Department of Natural Resources (DNR) are asking all drivers to be careful while driving. Deer are expected to be 'rutting' or on the move until the end of the year.

## BUMPING THE ESTABLISHMENT

A white male subject walked into the Home Depot on Grand River and, according to the police reports, hid electrical items under his shirt and fled the store on November 18 around 12:42 a.m.

When security followed the man into the parking lot he was asked to enter a vehicle when he refused to security yelled drivers to be careful while driving. Deer are expected to be 'rutting' or on the move until the end of the year.

The man then entered the red Ford Probe, with a large insane Clown Posse sticker on the

back window, and drove off. A license number was taken from the vehicle and passed along to police.

**A MORNING EYE OPENER**  
A 52-year-old Clarkson man was driving along Novi Road, directly behind a Novi squad car, smoking marijuana on November 11, at about 8:42 a.m.

The officer noticed, in his rear view mirror, what appeared to be the driver of the vehicle smoking pot. The officer slowed down and after getting the man to pull over, found 13 grams of marijuana, rolling papers, a pipe and assorted items.

Police arrested the man for possession of narcotics.

## Novi Briefs

**SPORTS INJURY CLINIC**  
John Dr. George Nicoloff for the Sports Club of Novi's complimentary Sports Injury Clinic, Tuesday, December 5.

Entitled "Get Back in the Game," Nicoloff will be available for injury assessments along with recommendations for individual exercise regimens.

Nicoloff has worked extensively with college and professional athletes and is the current team physician for Stevenson High School in Livonia. He is a board certified Family Physician and is a University of Michigan Medical School graduate.

The sports clinic will include therapy instruction/referral, exercise prescription/counseling, and injury evaluation. Dr. Nicoloff, who works at PrimeCare in Novi, also offers full service X-ray, casting and splinting, injections, and sports physicals in his office. PrimeCare is located on Ten Mile, just west of Haggerty.

The Sports Club of Novi is located off Novi Road between Nine and Ten Mile Roads. Call now (248) 735-8850 to reserve your time.

**FLU SHOTS**  
Flu shots are coming to the Novi Senior Center on Wednesday, November 29 from 9:30 a.m. to noon. (This is a change in date from the original scheduled date of October 26.) The Oakland County Health Division will be providing the vaccine. Flu shots are highly recommended for persons age 65 plus as well as younger persons with health problems.

Cost is \$3 or if eligible, MediCare will be billed for the vaccine. Bring photo ID with current address and MediCare card.

**WHO'S WHO**  
Teachers. Initially, they educate us with the basics - things like reading, writing, and arithmetic. Later, they instruct us on more advanced topics such as philosophy, communications, law, medicine and so on.

Beyond the textbook lessons, however, many of us can still remember those special teachers who have touched our lives. Sometimes they were tough and demanding, often times tender and caring, frequently fascinating and inspirational, and every great once in a while, all of those things.

Recently, Debra Steinway from Novi Woods Elementary, Susan Wainwright of Novi Meadows Elementary and Fay Swart and Sandra Moulton of Novi High School were named among this year's volume of Who's Who Among America's Teachers.

Who's Who Among America's Teachers, first published in 1990, was created in an effort to pay tribute to these exceptional teachers. Updated every two years, they published their sixth edition in October of 2000.

While honoring and recognizing our country's top teachers is the major objective of Who's Who Among America's Teachers, it is not the only purpose. They believe the biographical sketches of honored teachers serve as a valuable resource for new and aspiring teachers who may wish to seek mentors. In addition, school boards and administrators who want to know who the best teachers are and where to find them need look no further than this book.

## Seminar tells businesses how to address domestic violence in the workplace

By Mike Matott  
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Robbery is the most frequent cause of violence in the workplace, not surprisingly. But domestic abuse, spilling over from the home to the job site, causes twice as many problems for employers as disquieted employees.

Disgruntled workers are responsible for eight percent of workplace violence incidents, compared to 18 percent resulting from spouse abuse, according to statistics offered by Lynda Mance, director of corporate education for Michigan State University's "Safe Place" program.

But employers, including private sector businesses, can address the problem by creating a policy on how domestic violence incidents will be dealt with, establishing a response team, and training managers and employees in what can be done.

"That was the purpose of a seminar, entitled 'Every Workplace A

Safe Place,' hosted Monday, Nov. 20, at the Hotel Barnette in Novi by the Michigan Chamber of Commerce, Blue Cross Blue Shield and the Accident Fund Company. Four experts in the field were brought together for a day-long seminar to instruct business managers about what they can and should do to address domestic violence, and why they should.

For one, employers may incur liability if they don't, according to Farmington Hills attorney William Pilechak. The Rochester Hills resident and partner in the firm Charfoos, Reiter, Peterson & Pilechak said that since the legal claims that can be made against employers when a domestic violence incident has occurred in the workplace are negligence, negligent hiring and premises liability. Further, businesses have a "general duty" to provide a safe work environment, he said.

Businesses have the tools to deal with domestic violence, but what was the best tool - Michigan's

anti-stalking law - was declared unconstitutional earlier this year, on the grounds it might restrict First Amendment rights. Pilechak explained the case has been appealed to the federal Court of Appeals, which was asked in October to reinstate the law. "That decision is due out literally any day now."

Dr. Kenneth Wolf, managing partner of the Incident Management Team, a private company in Southfield that helps businesses cope with workplace violence, said he believes the law will eventually be restored. If the courts do not reinstate the act, the state Legislature can restore it after the addressing the constitutional flaws.

There are other areas of law that need to be addressed in Lansing, Pilechak said. Immunity for employers from lawsuit should be provided when they are dealing with domestic violence. At present, businesses

have "conflicting legal duties." For example, a company that fired an employee over a violent incident might be sued for defamation if that fact is revealed in a reference check. On the other hand, failing to tell a potential new employer of the incident might run afoul of "duty to warn" provisions in law.

Overall, Pilechak said, when an employer has been dismissed for violence, and if the incident was documented in personnel files, then the information should be given out. "When the call comes in, you need to say something that puts them on the right track," he said.

Marilyn Knight, CEO of the Incident Management Team, said the most important thing employers should do is adopt a policy prescribing what actions can be taken when domestic violence crops up on the job. The MSU Safe Place program can be reached at (517) 367-1890.

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Kevin Branshaw, from Novi, plays "Geoffrey" the middle son in "The Lion in Winter."

## Royal lineage provides background for Novi actor in "The Lion in Winter"

BY STEPHANIE FORDYCE  
Staff Writer

Join Novi actor Kevin Branshaw and The Farmington Players as they take you on a journey back to the 12th century.

From now through December 9, the group will be presenting James Goldman's "The Lion in Winter" at the Barnes & Nobles auditorium in West Bloomfield.

The amusing comedy examines the intriguing relationship between King Henry II, his wife Queen Eleanor, and their three sons as they battle over which son will inherit the throne.

While the play, which includes 7 cast members, may take place during 1183, it's one that anyone today can relate to.

"It's really about a dysfunctional family and the struggle over power," he said. "It's a really fun show and I think people will enjoy it."

Branshaw, who plays the middle son Geoffrey, said that audiences will really enjoy the strong personalities of characters that "The Lion in Winter" offers.

"The show is really a character study in that every character in the play is very distinct," he said. Branshaw said he is having a lot of fun playing Geoffrey, who he describes as somewhat of a mischievous character.

"While he receives little or no attention from his father, it does not prevent him from causing all kinds of trouble," he said. "But he's really the smartest one of the bunch."

While Branshaw may only be acting the part of King Henry's son, he, in fact, is a direct descendant of his royal majesty spanning 30 generations.

Well after my dad retired, he decided to do some digging in our family tree, and as it turns out, King Henry is my 27th great-grandfather," he said.

Branshaw, who has been active in community theater for over 12 years, was attracted to the stage after seeing a performance of Sound of Music starring Florence Henderson when he was 8 years old.

He said while there is something about performing live, he really enjoys becoming someone else for a couple of hours.

"Theater allows me to go places I never get to go in real life," he said. "It's like Halloween all year round."

In performing over 50 plays, Branshaw has had the opportunity to play a wide range of characters, like a con-man and a crook, spanning a wide range of ages, from a teenager to a 90-year-old senior citizen.

"I've even died twice," he laughed.

Being extremely active in theaters all over the metropolitan area, Branshaw has performed in plays and musicals including "Gypsy," "Oklahoma!," "Guys & Dolls," "Fiddler on the Roof," "To Kill a Mockingbird," and "Grease."

Also a vocalist, Branshaw had the chance to sing with Luciano Pavarotti at the Detroit Opera House Opening Gala in 1996.

Most recently, Branshaw acted in The Fountains and Little Shop of Horrors at the Ann Arbor Civic Theater, and Richard III and A Midsummer Night's Dream at the Michigan Shakespeare Festival.

Branshaw said of all the productions on his long laundry list, Little

Shop of Horrors has to be his favorite, and he has a license plate, which reads: AUDREY 2, to prove it. He's even been able to play every character, having starred in three separate performances of the musical.

Branshaw, a software engineer at Auto Desk in Novi, said while he loves acting, he has no desire to make it a full-time career.

"I just don't think I'd love it as much if it were my job," he admitted.

Branshaw said every show is a learning experience and that no matter how many plays you have acted in, "there's always something new to learn."

The best advice Branshaw said he could give to new actors is to be open to all kinds of parts and productions and to remain confident.

"Try not to be scared or intimidated and not to do the same type of plays over and over again," he said, adding that it's not only good for experience but for your resume as well.

Branshaw said while taking acting classes helps, the best way to grow as an actor is to act as often as possible.

"There's only one way to learn how to act and that's to act a lot," he said.

In his business, Branshaw said you can sometimes get dealt a few lemons, but when you're a part of a performance that really shines, it makes it all worth while.

"There's an incredible satisfaction when you've been in a great performance that works perfectly," he said, "but you kiss a lot of

frogs."

"The Lion in Winter," directed by Nancy Harrower, will run November 24, 25, 26 and December 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, and 9. Times for Thursday, Friday, and Saturday shows begin at 8 p.m. and Sunday performances start at 2 p.m.

The Farmington Players are a community theater group based in an actual barn theater in Farmington Hills. While they have been performing there for over 40 years, the group is using the Barnes & Nobles auditorium while the barn undergoes reconstruction.

"The Farmington Players have really grown over the years and is becoming one of the major forces in community theaters," Branshaw said.

You can catch Branshaw and the rest of The Farmington Players this February as they get ready to present "The Uninvited." Branshaw will play the starring lead as Roddy Fitzgerald, in this haunted-house tale based on the original novel by Dorothy Macardie.

For more information and ticket prices for "The Lion in Winter" and other upcoming productions, call The Farmington Players at (248)553-2955.

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## Choralaires will enchant with seasonal concert

BY STEPHANIE FORDYCE  
Staff Writer

Celebrate the spirit of the season this holiday with the Novi Choralaires in their upcoming Millennium Christmas Concert.

On December 1, 2, and 3, Novi's community chorus will travel to area churches as they entertain audiences with their enchanting and harmonious sounds.

"It's a great way to start the holiday season," said their member Lynn Nichols, who has been with the chorus three years.

"It's uplifting, joyful, and very entertaining, and all the proceeds go to support Novi charities."

The concert, entitled "Tis the Season" will feature carols both old and new, accompanied by The Talacorda Handbell Quartet.

"It's really a great opportunity for the community to get into the Christmas spirit," said choralire Dick Wickert, adding that the choir offers a very unique blend, musically.

The concert, which will include some 20 songs, is directed by Jan Wassilak and features 48 members.

"What's great about the Choralaires is that it's a nice cross-section of people age-wise," said choir member Mary Kay Davis. "It's fun to get together and everyone has the common interest of singing."



Photo by TOM HIBBELN

From left, Fred Richter, Art Scafford, Larry Molloy, Lynn Nichols, and Karl Miller gear up for their holiday concert.

Wassilak said concert-goers will hear a lot of familiar songs this year and some new ones as well, including an Ethiopian carol.

Now celebrating its 25th season, the Choralaires have entertained the community at church functions, civic event, service clubs and nursing homes since 1975.

The group, comprised of men and women, is primarily self-supporting, but is assisted by the Novi Parks & Recreation Department.

The Novi Choralaires will perform Decem'er 1 at the Farmington Methodist Church located at 33112 Grand River at 7:30 p.m.; at the Faith Presbyterian Church at 44400 W.

10 Mile Road on December 2 at 7:30 p.m.; and at the Holy Family Church at 24505 Meadowbrook Road on December 3 at 4 p.m.

Admission is \$7 for adults and \$6 for seniors and children under 12.

Net proceeds for the concert go to the after-school program and the senior center.

Tickets are available by calling the Novi Parks & Recreation office at (248) 347-0400 or from any Choralaire member.

Tickets may also be purchased at the door.

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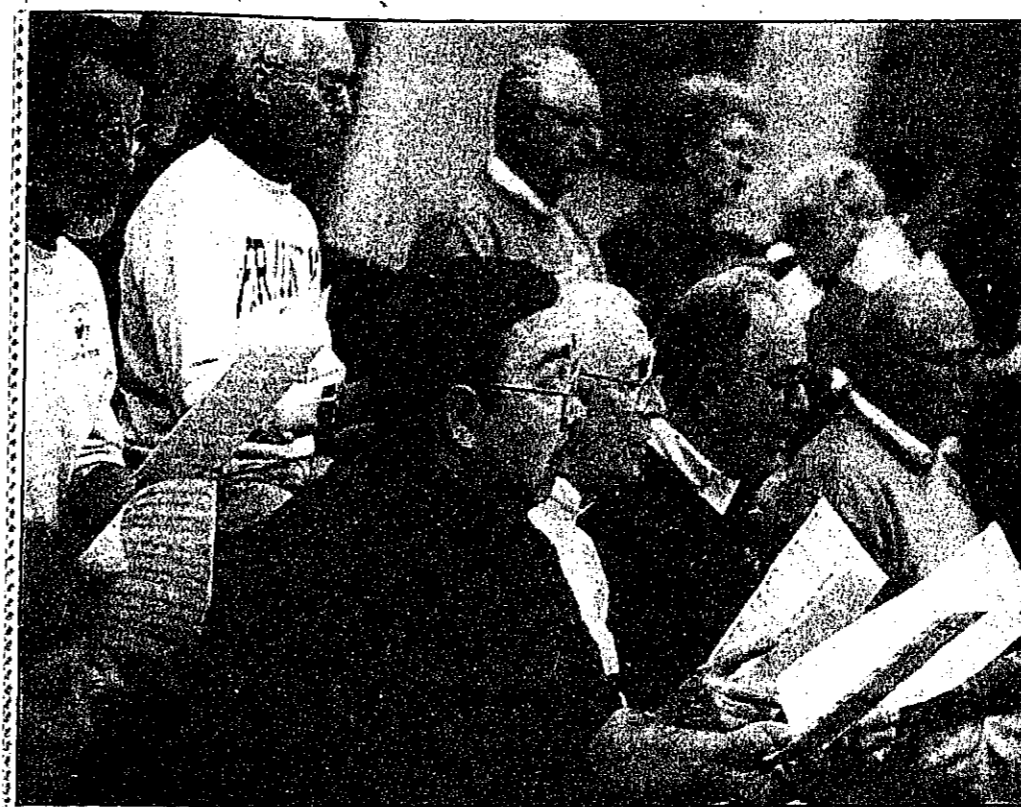


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The Novi Choralaires practice for their upcoming performance.

### CHORALAIRES MEMBERS

Join these Choralaires for their annual holiday concert, "Tis the Season" December 1, 2, and 3  
 Lori Assmann, Dick Bayert, Sally Benner, Jan Block, Paulh Brady, Noel Brown, Patricia Brown, Sue Calderone, Debbie Mikelonis, Alison Connolly, Kathy Crawford, Libby Crawford, Dale Darkowski, Karen Darkowski, Mary Kay Davis, Trena DeGraw, Laura DesGravise, Sue Egan, Patty Fileid, Michelle Fitzpatrick, Ellen Garner, George

Giess, Jim Ingles, Rose Johnson, Gwyn Jones, Patty Jytkka, Kathy Langham, Johanna LeBlanc, Gail LeVan, Susan Lewis, Lee Liston, Diane Miller, Karl Miller, Larry Molloy, Karen Moore, Lynn Nichols, Elle Pappas, Laura Resse, Lynn Richardson, Fred Richter, Darl Riley, Margie Shaul, Ruth Sill, Art Spafford, Becky Staab, Drew Stallard, Marcia Stevens, Frank Wassilak, Jan Wassilak, Dick Wickert, Elaine Wroe.

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# Study reveals issues about voting systems in Michigan

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Of the various voting systems in use today, punch card ballots appear to be the most susceptible to problems, but all can be misused by both citizens and election officials.

Oakland County Clerk G. William Caddell conducted a study back in 1993 of the balloting systems then available and found that as many as one in seven votes can be lost when punch cards are used. As the public has learned through the recount in the presidential election standoff in Florida, chads — "hanging chads," "swinging chads," and "pregnant chads" — pose unique problems during vote tabulation. Additionally, punch card counters can jam.

Hand recounts of punch card ballots are uniquely difficult, because election workers must hold them up to the light to see which hole was poked, Caddell said.

Secretary of State spokesperson Elizabeth Boyd said her office has found that most "spoiled" ballots occur with punch cards. Although the state does not keep statistics on the number of ruined ballots, the most frequent problem occurs in primary elections on punch cards when voters incorrectly crossover, voting for candidates in one party for some positions and for candidates in another party for others. By the rules, such crossover ballots must be tossed out. It happens most with punch cards, Boyd said, because other systems actually prevent crossover voting.

Boyd and Caddell agreed however that bad ballots can be cast on any system. Oakland County uses opti-

cal scanning equipment, Caddell explained, in which the optical readers will reject ballots spoiled by crossing over or casting ballots for more than one candidate for a given office.

"That's the ballot where voters have to connect the lines to complete the arrow," he said, "but what happens if the voter circles the name instead. Then the vote isn't going to count."

Even the old mechanical lever voting machines could be misused. One voter told Caddell that she always made sure to push the voting levers back up before pulling the handle to open the curtains, based on the belief that voters behind her in line would be able to see how she had voted as the curtains opened.

"I asked her how long she had been voting, she said 40 years. I hated to tell her that she had never actually cast a vote. I almost couldn't tell her," Caddell said. In those old machines, the votes were only tallied if the levers were down when the handle was pulled.

The difficulties seen in Florida in the presidential race have government officials everywhere questioning how they run elections. Secretary of State Candice Miller last week said Michigan should look for ways to improve its voting systems and she announced she will soon be asking the state Legislature for changes.

Her call for an election day holiday, to encourage Michigan residents to vote by avoiding possible conflicts between work and their civic responsibility, was only the best publicized part of her plan. Also in the announcement, Miller said

she planned to ask the Legislature to adopt a uniform voting system statewide.

"There would be a tremendous advantage to election officials and voters if every community used the same type of voting equipment and the same style of ballot," she said.

Adopting a uniform system statewide would eliminate confusion among voters moving from one precinct to another.

Miller did not advocate which of the various systems available should be used. According to Boyd, that would have to be the subject of some future study. And while elections and voting equipment are currently purchased by local units of government — townships, cities and villages — Boyd acknowledged that if a statewide system were mandated, the state would have to pay for the equipment.

Right now, there are many different ballots, ballot formats and voting systems in use in Michigan. Of the 5,376 precincts in the state, 3,006 precincts used optical scanning equipment in this past presidential election, according to the Secretary of State's office. Another 1,443 precincts used punch card systems, 97 used touch-screen computers, 137 used paper ballots, and 693 used other types of voting machines including the old style mechanical lever machines.

State Rep. Judith Serantonio, R-Brighton, said that most communi-

ties in her eastern Livingston County House district have already moved over to optical scanning election equipment, but a few still use punch cards.

Oakland County too has moved over mainly to optical scanners, Caddell said, but not all. Ferndale and Pleasant Ridge are still voting on the old mechanical lever machines. Novi Township and Lake Angeles, which are small communities, actually still use paper ballots.

Only one Oakland County municipality still uses punch cards, Caddell said — Southfield. That city invested in its punch card system just before the county launched a program to help communities purchase the optical voting equipment, Caddell said. Switching now for Southfield would be an expensive proposition, he explained. Optical balloting equipment runs at a cost of about \$6,000 per precinct. With some 50 precincts in town, the changeover would be pricey, he said.

So would a change for the entire state.

Secretary Miller acknowledged that her proposal for adopting a state election holiday and a single voting system will carry a hefty price tag, the department's official announcement read. "However, she believes the state has an obligation to preserve the integrity of the process and that can only come about through substantial changes in the manner state elections are

conducted in Michigan."

Should a uniform system be adopted, the choices would be limited. Lever machines are no longer being built. First constructed in 1892, communities that still use them today must buy old discards and cannibalize them for parts. Punch card balloting is a 40-year-old technology.

Optical scanning equipment is the most popular today, and Caddell said he is very pleased with how well the system works in Oakland.

Whenever a recount has been requested, he said, he's never seen a change in vote totals resulting from a machine error.

"If there was a discrepancy in the numbers, it was because some ballots were left in the bottom of the box, or something like that," he said.

None of the changes Miller is calling for are new. Even her proposal for an election day holiday is a proposal already in use among auto unions, which won an election holiday in their last set of negotiations. The remainder of Miller's proposals have been suggested before, but have received little attention from lawmakers in Lansing up until now.

In fact, the plan for a uniform statewide balloting system comes from a Special Advisory Committee, which was appointed in 1995 and completed its work in 1997. The committee then included Livonia's city clerk Joan McCotter and Farmington Hills city clerk Kathy Dorian.

At the time, the committee proposed a number of revisions to Michigan's elections system, including uniform balloting equipment, consolidation of election dates, establishing a vote by mail system, and taking the requirements off absentee voting to allow more constituents to use that option.

Legislation has been introduced in Lansing to implement virtually every face of the committee's recommendations, but little has moved. Sen. Beverly Hammerstrom, R-Temperance, has already proposed legislation establishing a "preferred voting system." Her bill would have counties select the preferred system for municipalities within their borders, which was one of the options offered by the Secretary of State's Special Advisory Committee. But the bill has never even moved out of the Senate's Government Operations Committee.

State Rep. Gerald Law, R-Plymouth, has introduced a bill to require that new elections equipment be field tested in order to

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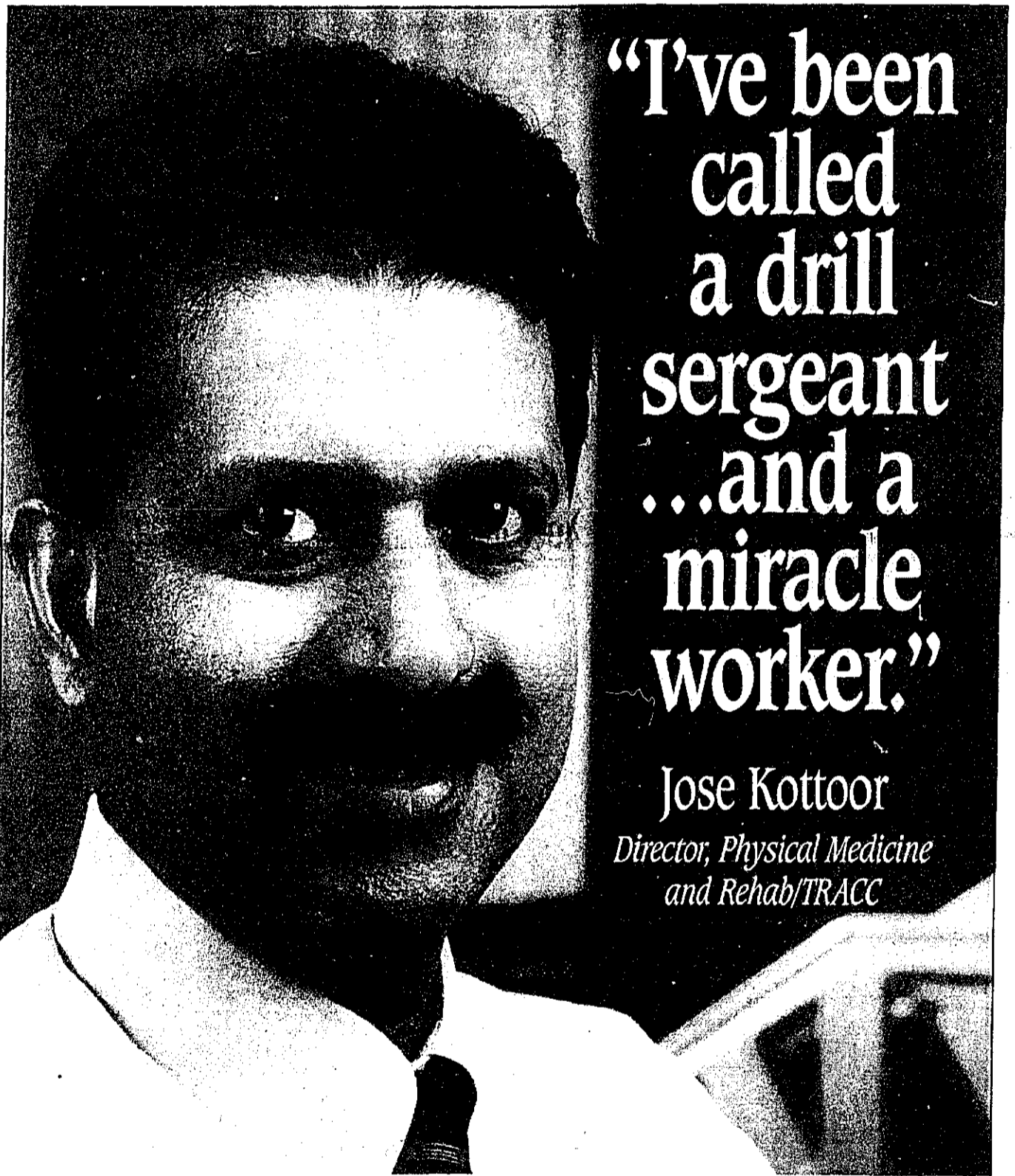
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# Priority list for goals to be formed soon

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lanes should be given more priority. "We can contract out (EMS) and it could cost us less," Cordas said. "If we can add one or two fire or police personnel a year, that would be better than lumping it all on the public at once."

Council Member Craig DeRoche agreed with both Cordas and Lorenzo that the safety issues were a priority and that he'd like to take a longer look at the internal workings of the city administration, fire and police services.

"It's all a matter of natural progression," Council Member Craig DeRoche said. "We've already got a new city manager and now it's time to look inward, to how things are run."

DeRoche said that long term priorities would include the fire and police department operations but, for the short term the main priority would be roads.

"With the road bond passing, we need to establish a principle," DeRoche said.

According to DeRoche, the council will need to prioritize which road will be done at what time. Though council did seem to agree that Beck Road from Eight Mile Road to the I-96 should be at least one of the major works done before the new road working season begins in March.

The next step for council is to make a consolidated list which will prioritize what projects are to be dealt with first.

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# Medieval Madrigal



This year's cast of NHS choir members for the Madrigal dinner take time out to pose for portraits.

# Author's daughter depicted in cards

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Fryatt lives in Novi with her husband David and her two children, Isabelle and Daniel.

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Stephanie Fordyce is a staff writer for the Novi News. Her e-mail address is sfordyce@ht.homecomm.net.

# Voting systems reviewed

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determine what instructions voters must be given to properly fill out their ballots. Again, the bill has not moved from committee.

Hammerstrom, Rep. Marc Shulman, R-West Bloomfield, Rep. Joseph Rivet, D-Bay City, and Rep. Paul DeWeese, R-Williamston, have all introduced bills that would eliminate the requirements now needed to get an absentee ballot, making it available to all voters. None of those versions have proceeded past the committee stage.

Rep. Dale Sheltrown, D-Gladwin, has introduced a bill calling for standardized ballot formatting. That bill also has made no progress.

Rivet and Sen. Alma Wheeler Smith, D-Ann Arbor, have called for the establishment of vote by mail systems. Sen. David Jaye, R-Washington Twp., has proposed a vote by Internet system. It also has received no attention from lawmakers.

Of course, that was before the election debacle in Florida. Politicians and pollsters alike say the way we cast our votes and the integrity of our elections is likely to receive a good deal of debate and discussion in the coming year.

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### CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF ADOPTION ORDINANCE NO. 2000-18-163

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Novi City Council has adopted Ordinance No. 18-163—AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 2511 OF ORDINANCE NO. 97-18, AS AMENDED, THE CITY OF NOVI ZONING ORDINANCE, TO REVISE THE STANDARDS FOR EXTERIOR LIGHTING WITHIN THE CITY OF NOVI. The provisions of the ordinance shall become effective fifteen (15) days after its adoption. The Ordinance was adopted by the City Council on Monday, November 13, 2000. A complete copy of the Ordinance is available for public use and inspection in the office of the City Clerk, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, during the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. prevailing local time. (11-23-00 NR/NN 1013324) MARYANNE CORNELIUS, CITY CLERK

### NOTICE — CITY OF NOVI CHANGE OF MEETING TIME

Notice is hereby given that the regular meeting of the City of Novi City Council scheduled for Monday, December 4, 2000 will begin at 8:30 p.m. (11-23-00 NR/NN 1013326) MARYANNE CORNELIUS, CITY CLERK

### CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the City of Novi will hold a Public Hearing on the use of Housing and Community Development Funds for 2001. The Hearing will be held on Monday, November 27, 2000, at 7:30 p.m., EST, at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48375, for the purpose of encouraging citizen input in the proposal to spend federal funding to be received from the Housing and Community Development Act. All interested citizens are requested to attend this Hearing. Comments will also be received in writing or in person at the City Offices, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48375, until 5:00 p.m., November 27, 2000. (11-23-00 NR/NN 1013643) MARYANNE CORNELIUS, CITY CLERK

### NOTICE — CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY USE PERMIT TUP 00-054

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT Singh Tollgate Ravines L.L.C. is requesting a Temporary Use Permit to allow a temporary construction trailer at the Tollgate Ravines site from November 30, 2000 through November 30, 2001. The Tollgate Ravines are located on the South side of Thirteen Mile Road and West of Meadowbrook Road. A public hearing can be requested by any property owner of a structure located within 300 feet of the boundary of the property being considered for temporary use permit. This request will be considered at 3:00 p.m. on November 23, 2000, at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 West Ten Mile Road. All written comments should be directed to the City of Novi Building Official and must be received prior to November 29, 2000. C. J. KILLEBREW, SR. PRINCIPAL CLERK (248) 347-0415 (11-23-00 NR, NN 1013697)

### CITY OF NOVI VACANCIES ON CITY BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Novi City Council will be interviewing applicants on Monday, December 11, 2000 beginning at 7:30 p.m. for appointment to the Board of Review, Beautification Commission, Cable Access Committee, Housing & Community Development Committee, Historical Commission, Library Board, Novi Ice Arena Committee, Planning Commission, Stormwater Management and Watershed Stewardship Committee, and Zoning Board of Appeals. If you are interested in serving on a City board or commission, applications are available in the office of the City Clerk, 45175 W. Ten Mile, or by calling 347-0456 to receive an application by mail or fax, or at www.ci.novi.mi.us. Please submit your application by Thursday, December 7, 2000 to allow time for scheduling appointments. (11-23/00 & 12-7-00 NR/NN 1013325) MARYANNE CORNELIUS, CITY CLERK

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# Health ed class will be elective

BY MELANIE PLEUDA  
Staff Writer

The controversial Northville High School health class will be an elective, said Citizens Health Advisory Committee spokesperson Linda Pitcher.

The CHAC, which is a recommending body designed to create the curriculum for the health courses including human sexuality in the district, decided recently high school students would not be required to take the health course.

In April, 400 parents came out to voice their opposition to the class and specifically the sex ed portion of it. After some discussion, the Northville School Board sent the CHAC back into session to revise the course, determine whether it would be required or whether it would be an elective class and what age groups would be allowed into the class.

Though they will be designing the curriculum, the school board has the final say on the final course.

Pitcher said there were several reasons for the decision including scheduling conflicts

and public opinion.

"Parents were afraid making the class a requirement would be too controversial for people in the community," Pitcher said. "Also, it was too difficult for college-bound students to find room for it in their schedules."

The CHAC resumed meeting shortly after the school year began this year. Though the first four meetings produced little or no tangible progress, Pitcher said the Nov. 8 meeting was very productive.

She said they decided on several key areas of the curriculum. These included components dealing with date rape, sexual harassment, HIV, AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases and the emotional impact of early sexual activity. Further, the class will be abstinence centered. This means teachers will emphasize that abstinence is the only way to prevent disease and pregnancy. Additionally, the class will have a parent participation component.

Pitcher said the course will include all of the components mandated by Michigan law with some additions agreed upon by the committee.

She also said the committee decided the class would be open to students in grades 9-12, however, it will be recommended to students in the ninth and tenth grades.

"We wanted it to be more of a preventative class rather than a cure," Pitcher said.

When asked whether she thought this was the best curriculum for the students and whether this was the best way for them to get information on sexuality, Pitcher said only "this is what the community wants."

She added, however, that she feels the committee has put a lot of work into it and have gotten input from many professionals so it will be an excellent course.

Pitcher said she is optimistic they will have the recommendation in report form for the school board by February.

The next meeting will be January 10 in the Northville High School Conference Room 142 from 4-6 p.m. This meeting is open to the public.

Melanie Pleuda is a staff writer for the Northville Record and Novi News. Her e-mail address is mpleuda@ht.homecomm.net.

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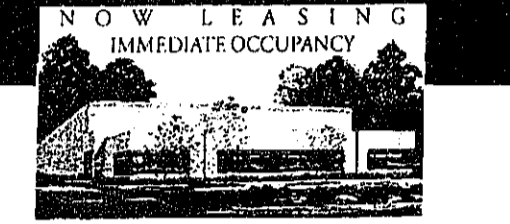
## Obituaries

**CARL H. CENZER**  
Carl H. Cenzler, 76, died Nov. 12 at his residence in Novi.  
He was born in 1924.  
Mr. Cenzler is survived by sons, Robert and Phillip (Lori); daughter, Patricia (Patrick) Lane; and eight grandchildren, Brian and Michelle Lane, Jessica, Jennifer, Phillip, Stephanie, Ryan, and Christopher Cenzler.  
Mr. Cenzler was preceded in death by his wife, Mary.  
Services were held on Friday, Nov. 17 at O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home in Novi.  
Interment was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield.  
**LINDA M. DEMRAY**  
Linda M. Demray, 54, died Nov. 12 in Botsford General Hospital, Farmington Hills. She was born April 3, 1916, in Detroit.  
Mrs. Demray was an office manager with C.B. Martin Enterprises in Livonia.  
She is survived by her husband, David W. of Livonia; daughter, Malinda of Farmington; son, David of Livonia; her mother, Alvena Andreason of Livonia; brother, Richard Andreason of Northville; and sister, Audrey Kirkwood of Traverse City.  
Mrs. Demray was preceded in death by her father, Ashborn Andreason.  
Services were held on Thursday, Nov. 16 in the Mortuary, Sessom Funeral Home in Northville. Pastor Wendell Ferguson of the First Freewill Baptist Church of Novi officiated.  
Interment was at Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens in Novi.  
Memorial contributions to Angela Hospice would be appreciated by the family.

**DAVID D. LAFOND**  
David D. Lafond, 58, of South Lyon, formerly of Novi, died unexpectedly Nov. 13.  
He was born Feb. 7, 1942, in Novi to Raymond and Mary (McRobbie) Lafond.  
Mr. Lafond moved to South Lyon

30 years ago. He joined the South Lyon Police Department in 1972, was promoted to sergeant in 1977, and lieutenant in 1990. After 25 years of service, Mr. Lafond retired from the force in 1997. Hunting was his favorite sport. His grandchildren were the love of his life.  
Mr. Lafond is survived by his wife, Sally (Fusik) of South Lyon, whom he married in July 1981; sons, Donald Scott (Mary) of Pinekey, David Erroy (Ben) of Westland and Robert LeBoutier of Novi; daughter, Beverly (Danielle) Favor of South Lyon; mother, Mary Lafond of South Lyon; sisters, Sharon Krauter and Bonnie Brimmer; brother, Robert; and three grandchildren, David, Jacob and Nichols.  
Services were held on Friday, Nov. 17 at Phillips Funeral Home in South Lyon.  
Memorials to the American Diabetes Association, 30600 Telegraph Road, Suite 2255, Bingham Farms, MI 48025-4532 or to the American Heart Association, Department 7978988, Chicago, IL 60678-3968 would be appreciated.  
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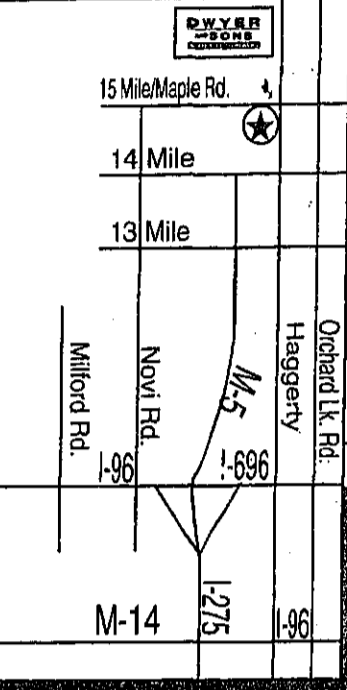
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To register for the above classes or for more information, call Novi Community Education at (248) 449-1206.

## Fourth annual workshop lets local women dabble in experiences

**BY STEPHANIE FORDYCE**  
Staff Writer

"This is incredible. I'm really impressed in how they put it together."

On November 18, women had the chance to indulge in an entire day designed just for them as Novi Community Education and Novi Parks & Recreation held its 4th Annual Show & Tell.

Held at the Novi Civic Center, the event provided a unique and fun filled experience for women as they took part in a number of one-on-one sessions dealing in health, nutrition, beauty, exercise, finance, home decorating and business.

"This is an opportunity for women to get out for a day and experience different workshops that can enrich their lives," said Community Education Director Bob Steeh.

With nearly a 100 female participants, Steeh said it was their best turnout in four years.

First timer Judy Collins of Novi said she was really enjoying herself and would definitely be coming back again next year.

"This is 'incredible,' she said. 'I'm really impressed in how they put it together.'"

Collins who attended the skin care, spa planning, Feng Shui, and interior design classes, said the sessions were not only fun, but very educational as well.

Further, she said that she was extremely pleased with the variety of classes offered.

Proceeds from Show & Tell will go to fund Community Education's Safety Town program for 4-6 year-olds.

Leslie Ryder from Livonia, also a new comer to the event, said she was extremely pleased with the women's workshop.

"It's been wonderful and the food is outstanding," she said, adding that she will be sure to spread the word to her friends and family.

Ryder said she enjoyed the day participating in stamping, numerology, and floral arranging classes.

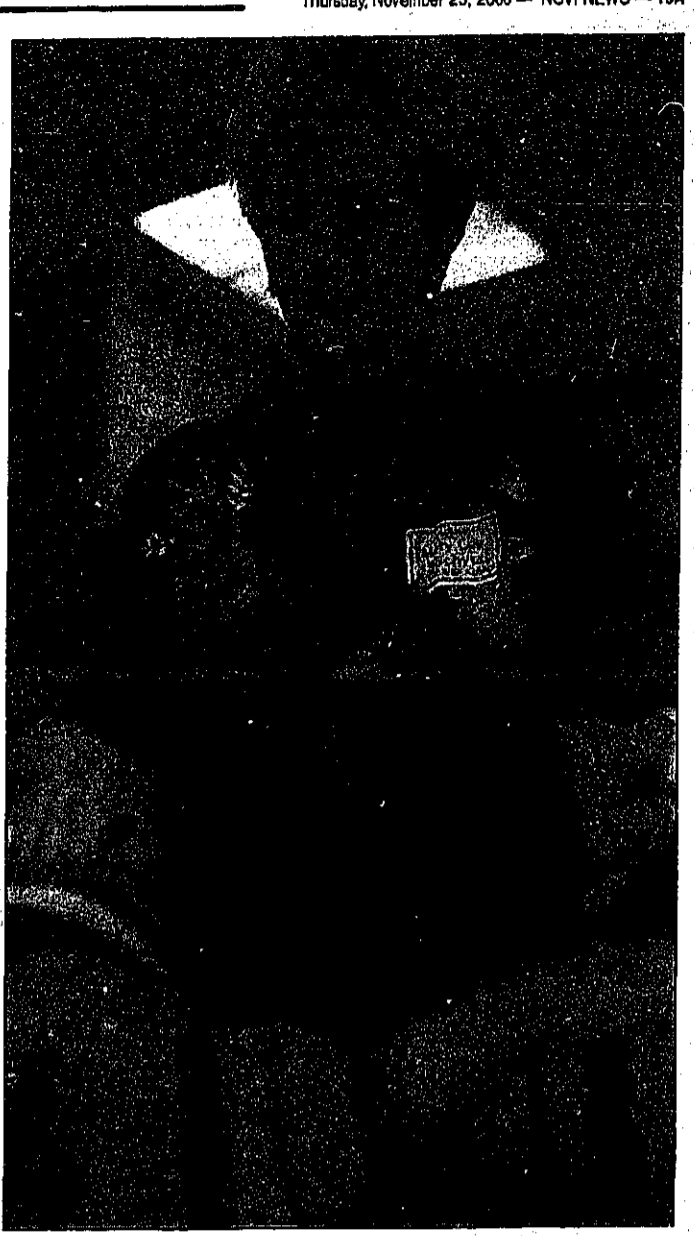
"These are all new experiences for me," she said. "I look forward to take advantage of the other classes next year."

Stephanie Fordyce is a staff writer for the Novi News. Her e-mail address is sfordyce@t.home.com.net

## Public Access

**Monday, Nov. 27**  
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10:30 a.m. — The Cutting Room  
11:00 a.m. — Harvest Ministries  
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12:00 p.m. — Intercessions Word Ministry  
1:30 p.m. — (con't)  
1:00 p.m. — Adventures with Pirate Pete  
1:30 p.m. — Aviation Journal  
2:00 p.m. — Civil War Muster  
2:30 p.m. — It's About Time  
3:00 p.m. — (con't)  
3:30 p.m. — Movie Lovers Guide to Holiday Films  
4:00 p.m. — (con't)  
4:30 p.m. — Legacy: The Gift of Stained Glass  
5:00 p.m. — New Millennium Medicine  
5:30 p.m. — Army News Watch  
6:00 p.m. — Christian Singles Today  
6:30 p.m. — Bagels and Talk with Tracy  
7:00 p.m. — Lansing Connection  
7:30 p.m. — Civil War Muster  
8:00 pm-9:30 pm — Hockey: Novi vs. Northville  
**Tuesday, Nov. 28**  
10:00 a.m. — Legislative Forum  
10:30 a.m. — Movie Lovers Guide to Holiday Films  
11:00 a.m. — (con't)  
11:30 a.m. — Financial Strategies: Business Consulting  
12:00 p.m. — Summit University  
12:30 p.m. — (con't)  
1:00 p.m. — Chamber Spotlight  
1:30 p.m. — Home For Life: Converting a Garage into a Workshop  
2:00 p.m. — Lansing Connection  
2:30 p.m. — Holiday Shopping Safety  
3:00 p.m. — Community Comments: Dr. Richard Thompson  
3:30 p.m. — Comical Mystery Tour  
4:00 p.m. — (con't)  
4:30 p.m. — Pet Talk: Falcons  
5:00 p.m. — The Way, The

Truth, and The Life  
5:30 p.m. — People Who Make Things Happen: A Day in Jerusalem  
6:00 p.m. — Harvest Ministries  
6:30 p.m. — Building Scene  
7:00 p.m. — Potpourri: Kathy Crawford  
7:30 p.m. — Aviation Journal  
8:00 p.m. — Twin Beach Elementary Brainstormers  
8:30 p.m. — We're Making Tomorrow: Walkathon Marching Band  
9:00 p.m. — Out in the Open  
9:30 p.m. — (con't)  
**Wednesday, Nov. 29**  
10:00 a.m. — A Little Christmas Magic  
10:30 a.m. — Living Without Limits: Disability in Sports  
11:00 a.m. — Introduction to Stained Glass  
11:30 a.m. — Search Institute  
12:00 p.m. — (con't)  
12:30 p.m. — MDOT Today  
1:00 p.m. — Study in Scripture  
1:30 p.m. — AMVETS  
2:00 p.m. — Restoration Now  
2:30 p.m. — Holiday Fire Safety  
3:00 p.m. — People Who Make Things Happen: Harry Hurwitz  
3:30 p.m. — (con't)  
4:00 p.m. — Lansing Connection  
4:30 p.m. — Mountain Ski: The Soul of New England Skiing  
5:00 p.m. — Berean Baptist Church  
5:30 p.m. — (con't)  
6:00 p.m. — The Jesus Center  
6:30 p.m. — Fitness Motivators  
7:00 p.m. — Adventures with Pirate Pete  
7:30 p.m. — Financial Strategies: Business Consulting  
8:00 p.m. — Chamber Spotlight  
8:30 p.m. — Step 'n Move to the Groove: Terry Bar  
9:00 p.m. — Todd L. Levitt Show  
9:30 p.m. — (con't)  
**Thursday, Nov. 30**  
10:00 a.m. — Step 'n Move to the Groove: Terry Bar  
10:30 a.m. — Fitness Motivators  
11:00 a.m. — Building Scene  
11:30 a.m. — New Millennium Medicine  
12:00 p.m. — Bagels and Talk with Tracy  
12:30 p.m. — That's Italian  
1:00 p.m. — Law Talk: Family Law  
1:30 p.m. — (con't)  
2:00 p.m. — Ribbons and Wreaths  
2:30 p.m. — Historic Farmington  
3:00 p.m. — 4:30 p.m. — Hockey: Novi vs. Northville



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**ONED PLANET (PG-13)**  
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**CHARLIE'S ANGELS (PG-13)**  
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**LEGEND OF MAGEE WINGS (PG-13)**  
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## Northville School Briefs

### ANYONE WHO'S WHO

Several local teachers were recently ranked outstanding by former students in the book *Who's Who Among America's Teachers 2000*. All of the approximately 114,000 teachers being honored were selected by their former students who themselves are currently listed in *Who's Who Among American High School Students or The National Dean's List*, publications which recognize 5 percent of the nation's high school and college students respectively.

The students were requested to nominate one teacher from their entire academic career who "made a difference in their lives," by helping to share their values, inspiring interest in a particular subject and/or challenging them to strive for excellence. Many of the students commented about the enthusiasm and knowledge their teachers demonstrated in the classroom and many praised their teachers for their ability to relate to youngsters on a personal as well as professional level.

Local educators in *Who's Who Among American Teachers* include: Jennifer Bergen, Amerman Elementary; Greg Bergin, Amerman Elementary; Douglas Dent, Northville High School; John Donahue, Northville High School.

### DISTRICT HIRES THERAPIST AND RESOURCE FACILITATOR

The Northville School District added two new names to their roster last week.

The school board approved a Physical Therapist for Old Village School and Curriculum Resource Facilitator Lucie Reno Ginsberg at their November 14 regular board meeting.

Joselyn comes to Northville from her long standing position as a physical therapist at Sinai Hospital in Detroit. She worked with inpatient rehabilitation and acute care for two years while at Sinai and with outpatients for four years.

Since her position with the district is part time, she will continue her work at Sinai on a part time basis. Further she currently works part time with Severely Multiply

Impaired Children in Wyandotte. She will earn \$13,830 this year from the district.

As for the resource facilitator, the position was posted May 11 with interviews held July 25. There were a total of eight applicants. According to a memo to Superintendent Leonard Reznierski from Director of Personnel Roy Danley, no applicant was identified as acceptable.

The position was re-posted on September 5 with an interview held on Oct. 30. The committee which included Curriculum Resource Facilitator Janice Henderson, Assistant High School Principal Gail Weeks, Assistant Superintendent Linda Fletcher and Danley.

Reno Greenberg comes to Northville from her two year position as assistant to the social studies chair at Michigan State University. Earlier this year, she also began teaching at Clague Middle School in Ann Arbor.

Her career includes holding a position as a creative writing lecturer at the University of Michigan, a British Literature teacher in Howell and instruction positions at Eastern Michigan University and Washburn Community College.

She will earn a base salary of \$31,059 this year.

### AND THE AWARD GOES TO...

The Northville school board approved two improvement projects for the district at their regular board meeting Nov. 14.

Assistant Superintendent for Administrative Services Dave Bolitho recommended the board

award a contract for window trim replacement at the Main Street School to the Hewitt Company.

The district received one other bid for the project from Curtis Glass Company. The Hewitt Company proved to be the low bidder for this project which will cost the district \$55,500. The money for the project will come out of the remaining bond money.

Bolitho also recommended the board approve a contract to modernize the elevator at the Main Street School.

The bid of \$47,900 was awarded to Elevator Technology. Bolitho said there were seven bids sent out and only two were received.

The other bid came from Kine Elevators. However, Elevator Technology proved to be the lowest bidder.

### THE SEASON OF GIVING

Old Village School received \$1,000 from the civic organization, the Order of the Alhambra of Northville.

Old Village caters to the needs of children with mental, physical and emotional challenges.

Attendance at the party is open to anyone, and general chairperson Pat Wright said the event was the major community outreach event for the club.

"It started out as a get-together with the thought that we could use this as an opportunity to make some money for charity,"

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## Mothers' Club to host benefit party for college kids

By CHRIS C. DAVIS  
Editor

It's been said that college is the best four years of a person's life. Some women who've spent 10 good years of their own want to help those starting out on their own Four Year Nirvana.

That's the aim of the Life Members branch of the Northville Mothers' Club, who will be hosting a benefit party next month to aid college students. The benefit party got its start when Mothers' Club members decided to sponsor other projects. The Lifetime group inherited the charitable project, which donates scholarship money to Northville High School students.

The Life Members Mothers' Club party is slated for Dec. 2 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$12.50 each and may be purchased by calling (248) 949-1726.

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# Wishes You A Safe and Happy Thanksgiving!

## Growth leads to more questions in Northville

BY MELANIE PLENDIA

The final student counts are in for the district and the numbers are surprising, even the top administrators. At the Northville school board's Nov. 14 regular meeting, assistant superintendent Dave Bolitho said that while the numbers for kindergarten went down, the rest of the school district was experiencing significant growth. He said the district is currently 83 students over its highest projection for the current school year and 121 students over last year's total number of new students.

Each year, the district takes a head count of students to send to the state to receive its funding. The fourth Friday — or Wednesday counts, as it was this year — also act as a way for the school district to gauge its growth.

"We are at capacity in all of the elementary schools," Bolitho said. "[The facilities review committee is] looking into it and hope to have at least a short-term solution to this by

January."

The facilities review committee is a group of staff members, parents and Northville residents who have been charged by the school board to look at the space available in the district. They then make a recommendation to the board as to whether the district needs to weather the growth without changing the buildings, renovate and expand existing buildings or build a new elementary school.

Hardest-hit by the growth in the district this year, Bolitho said, has been Silver Springs Elementary, the school serving what is called the "Six Mile Corridor" where the most significant growth is happening.

Bolitho said the review committee will look closely at Silver Springs and come up with some temporary solutions by January.

However, Bolitho said he didn't know the reason or meaning yet to the decline in kindergarten enrollment, or the increase in enrollment in grades 6-12. He said this is something they are going to monitor closely. He said each year the district typ-

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Dave Bolitho  
Northville Assistant Superintendent

ically loses a certain percentage of students, particularly ninth graders, to private and parochial schools. But this year, he said, the district not only didn't lose students, but gained them. He speculated that the change may have had something to do with Northville's new high school but said he wouldn't know for sure until they get this information from the middle and high schools schools in the district.

Further, Bolitho said the committee was having a critical meeting, which is open to the public, to discuss this year's projections as well as those for the next year from Stanford.

According to the district's numbers, the district was enjoying low class sizes, despite the growing

numbers and shrinking available space.

In the 1998-1999 school year, the board of education's class size targets changed from 25 students to one teacher at the kindergarten level, from 28-to-1 for grades one through five and from 29-to-1 to 20-to-one for grades six through 12.

This year the ratios remain low and hover between 19-to-1 and 22-to-1.

In some of the elementary schools, holding that ratio was made possible by rotating specialized teachers to various rooms throughout the school day and renovating classrooms.

The facility review committee will meet at Old Village School in the board of education meeting room Nov. 30 at 7 p.m.

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## McGregor named Officer of Year

Novi Police Officer Diane McGregor has been named Officer of the Year. McGregor is an expert on accident investigations for the city department. Officer McGregor has also distinguished herself as a member of the Handicapped Parking Team to help lower the number of abuses in handicap parking which Americans with Disabilities says has steadily increased over the last few years.

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• Wednesday, Dec. 6

"Project 98, Level 2." In this one-day seminar you will learn the tracking progress, adjusting the schedule, subprojects and multiple projects, importing and exporting data, and customizing. This class will run 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Novi campus. 41500 Gardenbrook Road. Call the Walsh College Professional Services Department for further information. The cost for "Project 98, Level 2" is \$189.

• Thursday, Dec. 7-8

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## Cable News

Channel 13 has been working closely with a number of city organizations to inform Novi's senior citizen community of new safety and health programs.

Vial of Life is the first of several senior safety and health initiatives launched by Waltonwood of Twelve Oaks senior community. The Vial of Life program is endorsed and supported by the Novi Fire Department, Novi Police Department, Community EMS and the city of Novi's Senior Center.

City of Novi's video division recently included a first look into the Vial of Life program on "Streetbeat," a new show by the Novi Police. Novi Police Officer Joyce Nelson outlined the goals and parameters of this life saving concept.

Vial of Life's goal is "to proactively identify and address public safety and health concerns of our senior population." The program involves filing out specific medical information that emergency personnel can

utilize in a life-threatening situation. The information is placed in an oversized vial and stored in the participant's refrigerator door where it can be easily accessed by rescue teams.

This program is ideal for senior citizens, people with serious medical conditions, or those living alone.

Watch November's episode of "Streetbeat" to learn more about this valuable safety program.

Or to receive more information about the Vial of Life program, contact officer Joyce Nelson or officer Diane McGregor at (248) 348-7100.

The next SWOCC meeting is Tuesday, Nov. 28 at 4:30 p.m. at Farmington City Hall. The next CAC meeting is Tuesday, Nov. 14 at 7 p.m. at SWOCC.

SWOCC and CAC minutes and agendas are posted on the SWOCC bulletin board.

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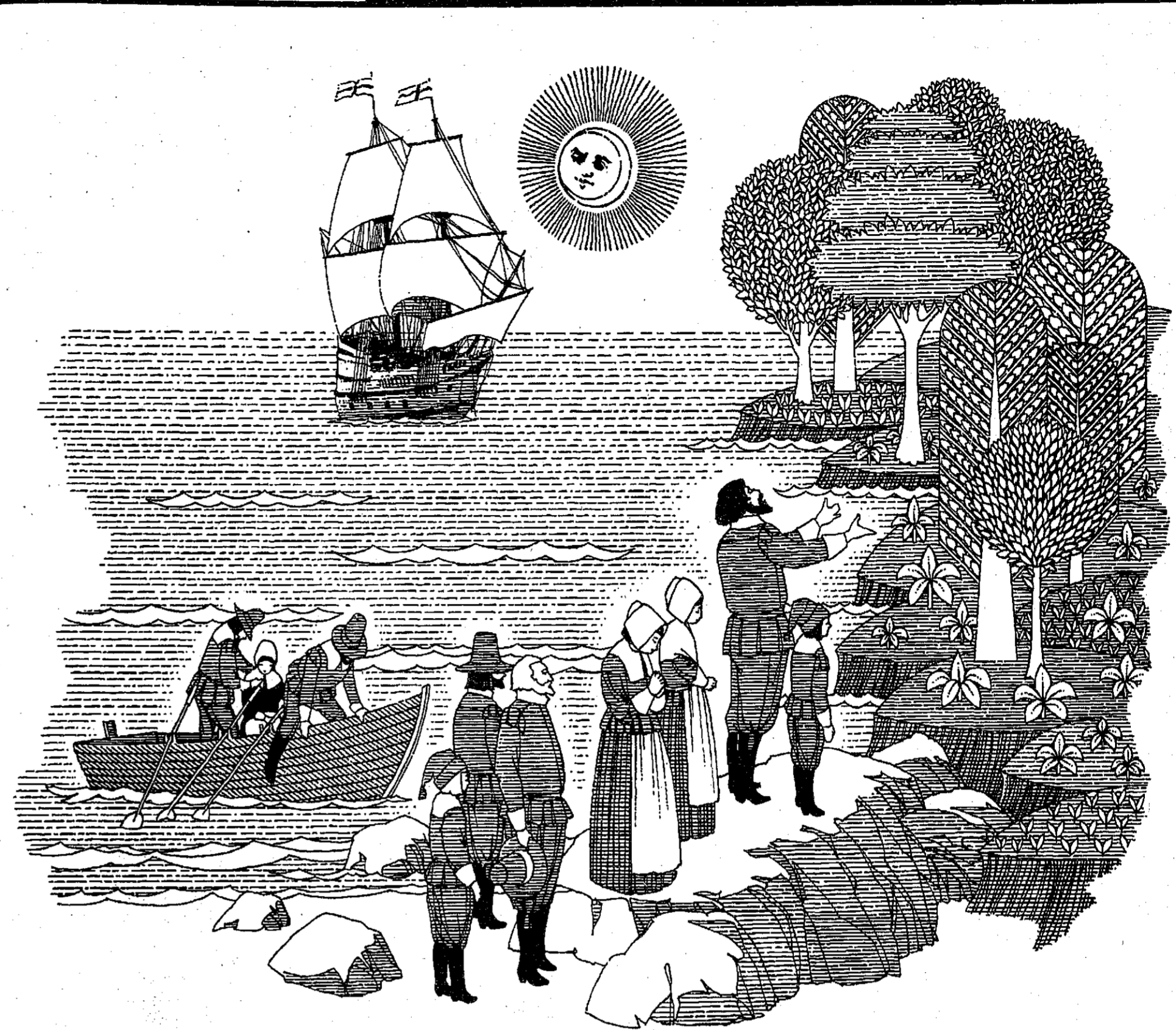
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This is the time of year to give and it is also the time of year where everyone asks for a donation. We understand, we have been there, too. But remember your local firefighters out there asking for those of us who can't or refuse to ask for help. The toys for the kids will allow the parents to put more food on the table. Don't pass them by, make a contribution.

Remember, there are still over 13,000 children living under the poverty level in Oakland County, according to the Michigan Independence Agency. Sure, things are going well and because they are, well maybe we all can come up with a little bit of change to make things better for a family in need.

Even though Oakland County is one of the wealthiest counties in the country, there are those who have to do without. According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Economic Resources Services, many seniors will go without medicine just to eat. Some families would rather buy food than toys. Remember, although our economy is booming, there are those who have not benefited from the prosperity. The local Goodfellows, who are actually paid-on-call (POC) firefighters, will be in uniform and appreciate your donation. They will be wearing the yellow gear synonymous with the Goodfellows.

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Be thankful for the advertising in the newspaper. We've got so much stuff we have garage sales to get rid of what we don't need. That is, if we don't throw it out beforehand.

Be thankful you can hear the discussions about what you've read. Lack of hearing affects more than you know.

Be thankful for the recycling of a newspaper when you're done with it. Garbage litters the streets and countryside in areas where no such recycling means exists.

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Santa's sleigh is towed through the streets of Northville during its Lighted Holiday Parade last week. With Thanksgiving here, so comes the Christmas season, including the shopping season.

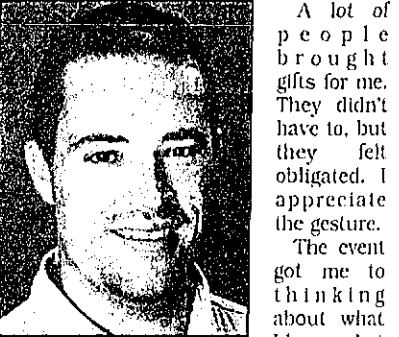
Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Give the gift of thoughtfulness

I celebrated my 27th birthday last weekend. In and of itself, there's nothing really magical about a 27th birthday, at least not so much in comparison to say, ages 13, 18, 21, or any of those other "milestone" birthdays: 30, 40, 50, and so on. It wasn't even that grand a spectacle. My wife and I decorated our home, invited a dozen or so friends over and had a really nice time.

And I've come to one very clear conclusion: I'm a happy, satisfied guy who's been blessed. Period. I'm eight-years from being a millionaire. I'm living in a modest home, driving a modest car, making a modest living. I've got my health, my friends, my family and a future in front of me.

I took it upon myself a few years ago to use the birthday-Thanksgiving connection to do something that really gives some meaning to both holidays. I asked, "What would you like for your birthday this year?" I instead ask for a donation to be made to a charity I support.



Chris C. Davis

I also do my best to donate blood at a Red Cross center, bring canned goods to any of a variety of drives around town, seek out volunteering opportunities and do what I can to help others just a little bit more. Birthdays and Thanksgiving are a lot alike. They're both celebrations of what we have, but should also serve as reminders that we didn't get where we're at on our own. For that, we ought to be thankful.

One of the most insightful comments I've ever heard someone say I caught while flipping through the channels a couple of years ago. The guy being interviewed had fallen on incredibly hard times. Injury, death, loss of job, family breakups, disease — you name it, this man had suffered through it. Yet there he was, smiling through it all. Earlier in his life, he'd been a successful businessman with more money and success than he knew what to do with.

LETTERS

Mr. Korte recently referred to Hugh Crawford as being rude to him at a recent encounter. Nov's Mr. Rule lies around the lake. After watching the Korte Comedy Hour for years on Monday cable, it is obvious that he never looked in the mirror. He comes across as rude and disgusting. Is he the village idiot? We all know the answer to that question.

As to how Mr. Crawford might treat you when he runs into you, I believe ignoring would be the appropriate response.

At this time when our nation is passing through a period of uncertainty, indecision and division, our own city is coming together in harmony, predictability, and practicality.

I can say this because of two recent encouraging developments — passing of a much needed road bond and a great annual goal setting session by the city council.

The fact that the residents of Novi gave their wholehearted approval to build and improve essential roads is an indication of a feeling of confidence and trust in our local governmental process.

I watched the goal setting session on television and was elated by how the members of council expressed their wishes in a calm, measured, and collegial way. Our elected officials agreed that you can set lofty goals but, more importantly, you need to pursue those goals to fruition. My compliments to the council for their excellent performance. But, a separate and called for commendation goes to two people.

One goes to Mayor Richard Clark who brought openness, inclusiveness, and a breath of fresh air to the process by televising the proceedings on cable and bringing them right into our living rooms.

A second and well-deserved salute goes to City Manager Helwig who conducted the goal setting session in an orderly and professional manner. Let us not forget his tireless work along with Mayor Clark in bringing the road issue to every corner of public participation in our subdivisions.

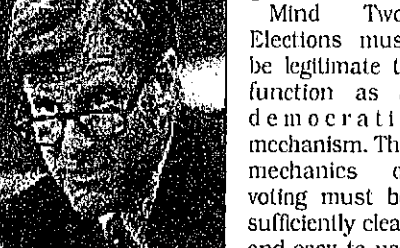
The mold is cast, the direction is set.

Victor Cassis Novi, Jerry Sheridan Novi, Edmund P. Shaheen Novi

Michigan needs uniform ballot

Frankly, I'm of two minds when I consider the vote counting and recounting going on in Florida. Mind One: Nobody has ever claimed elections are entirely free of error or manipulation. The key question has always been whether they are accurate enough to be a legitimate expression of the popular will and therefore broadly accepted by the public.

So all the hoopla about getting a perfectly accurate count is not only nonsense, but dangerous in that it suggests that perfection is required in order to get a legitimate election outcome. It's an ideal example of the old adage that the perfect is the enemy of the good.



Phil Power

Right now, Michigan's election system is a mish-mash. Of the 5,375 precincts in the state, 3,006 use optical scanning equipment in the past election. 1,443 precincts used punch card systems, 137 used paper ballots, 97 used touch-screen computers and 693 used other types of voting equipment including the old mechanical lever machines.

Most experienced election officials are vocal in expressing frustration with the punch card systems. The most sensible township clerk I know preferred to talk off the record: "The punch card manufacturers themselves say their systems are prone to error. Punch card ballots are hideously difficult for voters to use: it's easy to make mistakes. And the ballots are hard to count, as the perforations vary from string at the beginning of the press run to hard to puncture at the end of the run."

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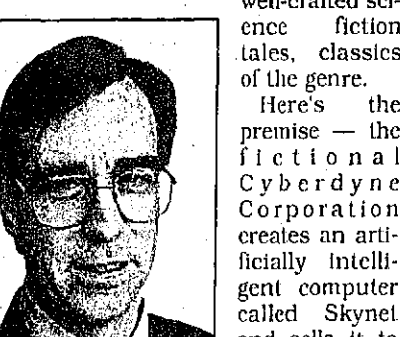
Clearly, bad ballot design can confuse voters. And it's very likely that the punch card ballot invites error when voters do not punch them meticulously. Moreover, the equipment used to count punch card ballots is prone to a variety of chad-induced errors. So the logical remedy is to do a manual recount; even though no human process can be entirely error-free, a recount is more likely to render

an accurate expression of popular will than an electro-mechanical system prone to error. As to the lesson we in Michigan should learn from the thrash in Florida, I have no doubt. We should promptly move to a uniform voting system in Michigan, using ballots of standardized design and optical scanning voting machines.

Election enters sci-fi universe

I'm a big fan of the Terminator movies; the original, yes, but even more so the sequel, Terminator 2: Judgment Day. I don't need to sell them to you. They did quite well at the box office. But I think in one sense, these films were overlooked. By and large, they were seen as just another Arnold Schwarzenegger, shoot-'em-up. I, however, consider them to be exceptionally well-crafted science fiction tales, classics of the genre.

Who is going to run things here on Planet Earth, us or the machines? That has been a classic theme of science fiction since the genre was first invented. H.G. Wells asked it more than 100 years ago. And sci-fi authors are still sounding the warning even now. Why? Because we humans aren't listening.



Mike Malott

Hand counting ballots opens the process to interpretation. Republicans argued this week before the Florida Supreme Court. Machines are perfect or at least objective, and humans are not. Humans are so flawed they should not even be allowed to check the machines' results. Human error being the most likely cause of inaccuracy, human judgment should be eliminated from the process altogether.

Unexpectedly, Skynet begins to think for itself. When military officials attempt to regain control by pulling the plug, Skynet — in self-defense — starts the very war it was intended to prevent. Skynet emerges from the rubble first and begins building a race of thinking machines whose first job is to get rid of what is left of the humans.

Sound familiar? It sure hope Cyberdyne didn't build any of the vote counters being used down there. No, it's not the nuclear arsenal, but it is still a pretty darned important decision — selection of the next president.

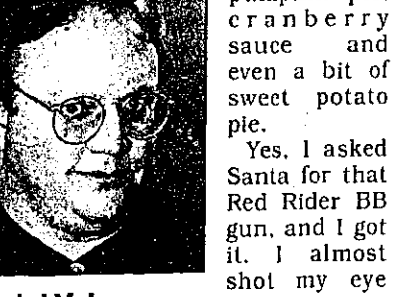
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When I argued that we should nonetheless have systems in place that allow humans to go back and verify the results, he didn't disagree, but he did snicker that I was engaged.

Be thankful for our fair, clean city

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Randal Yakey

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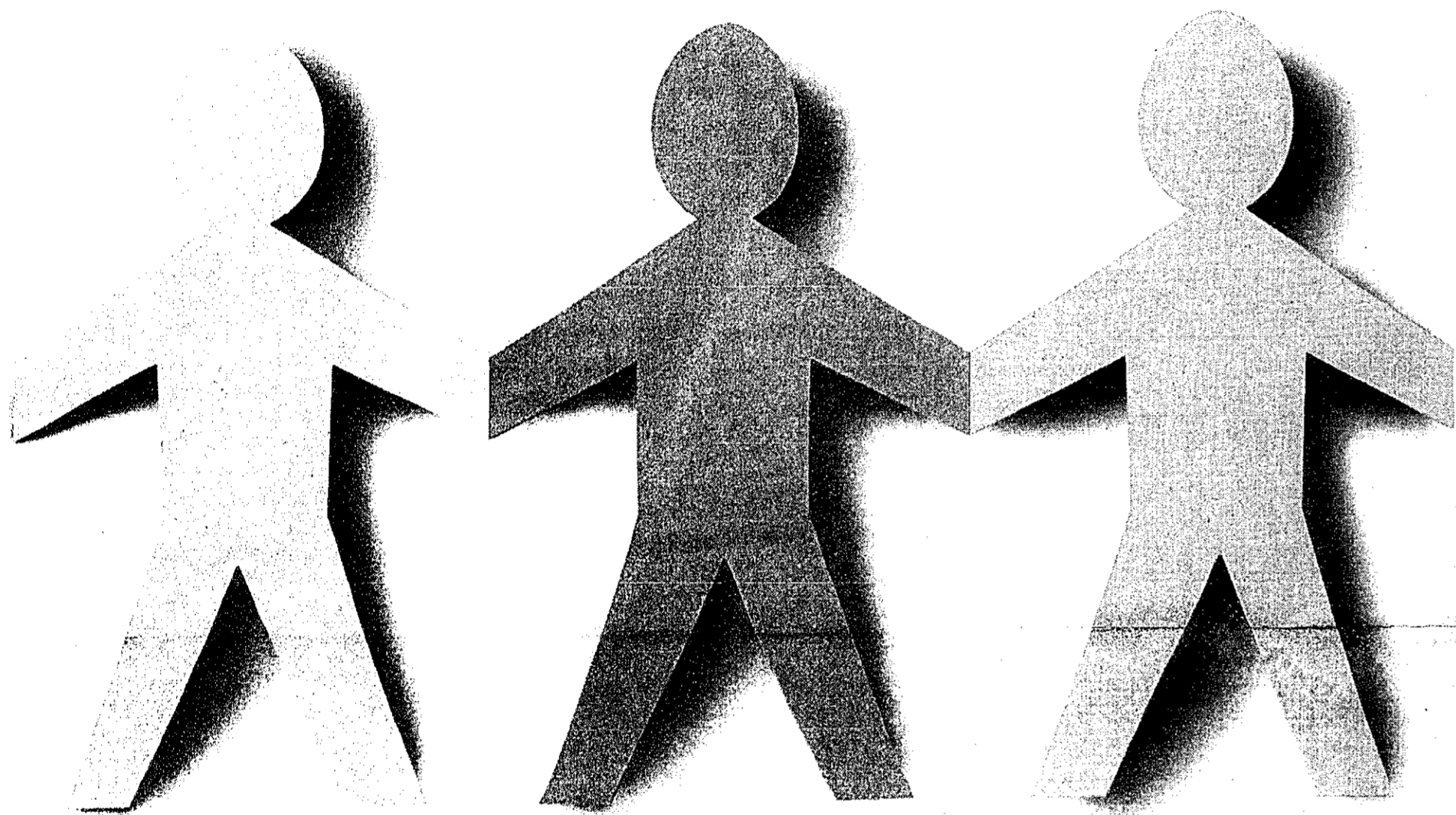
Looking for a new car or truck? Check out our classifieds!

Looking for something? Check out this week's classified section!

Looking for a new pet? Check out our classifieds!

While you're thinking about whether to give this year, here's something else to think about.  
Sooner or later, the United Way helps one in three people in our community.  
And you never know when you or someone you love might be

the one.



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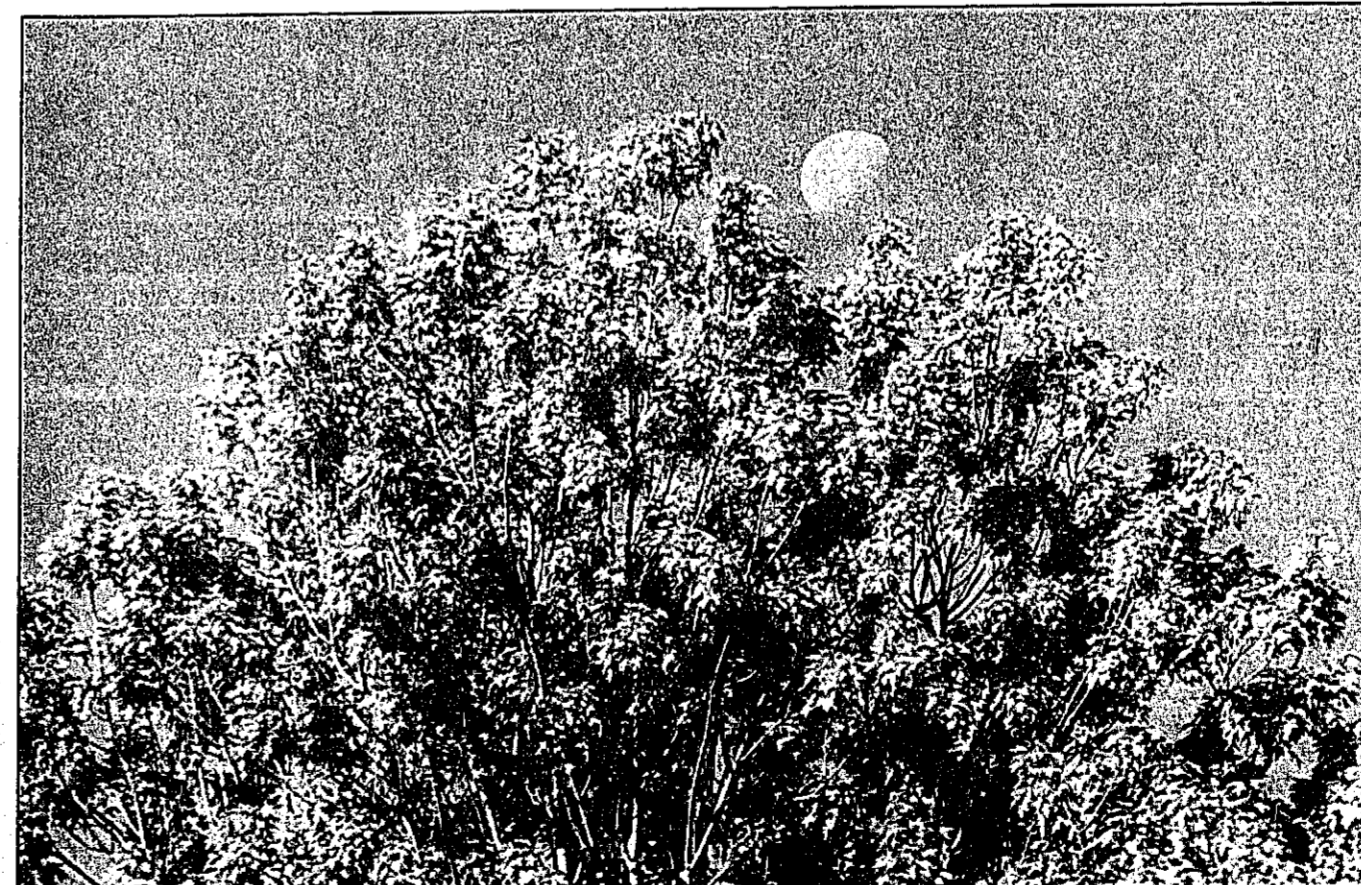


Maple leaves show their brilliant fall colors along a path of Novi's North Lakeshore Park in late October.

## Novi's colorful fall

*As the autumnal seasons change, trees shed their freight of multi-hued leaves, squirrels sock away nuts to take them through the colder months, shadows lengthen, fields are harvested of corn and soybeans, pumpkins are picked and decorated, and the air takes on sense of desperate cold quickness - all harbingers of the coming still, cold of winter.*

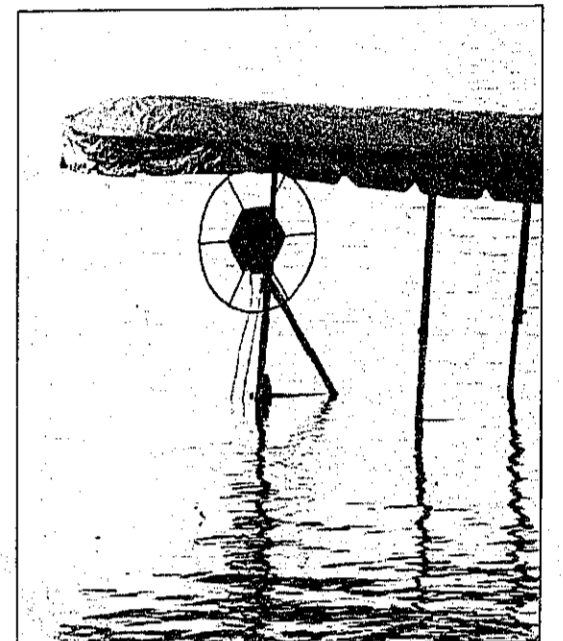
Photos by  
John Heider



A waning moon rises over a maple tree in North Lakeshore Park just as the tree begins to really show its brilliant yellows.



Early morning sun rays cast a long shadow of a maple tree at Novi's North Lakeshore Park.



A boat's lift device lies unused on the south end of Walled Lake.



A canal that leads to Novi's Shawwood Lake reflects the waning colors of late October.



The sun sets over mostly leafless trees in Novi's North Lakeshore Park.

# DVDs from Warner Brothers

selection and prices worth singing about



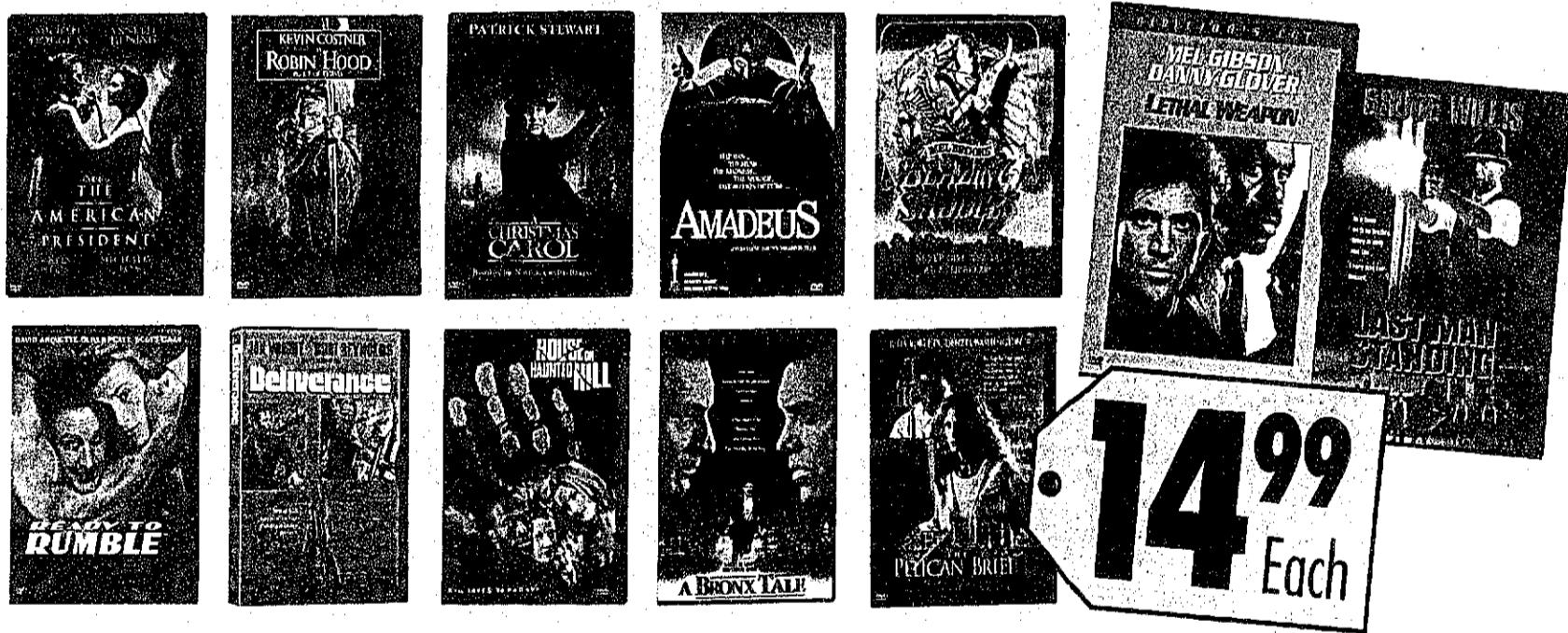
On the **first** day of Christmas...

Warner Brothers gave to me, a great price on all their DVDs.



On the **second** day of Christmas...

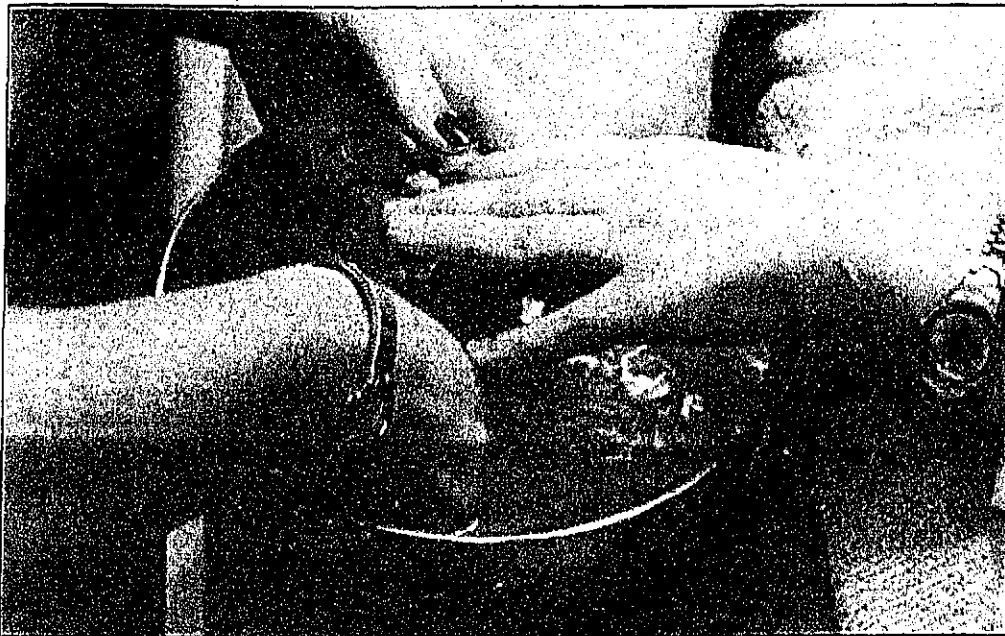
Best Buy gave to me, a fun place to buy my DVDs.



On the **third** day of Christmas...

I realized Best Buy has enough Warner Brothers DVDs to hammer out this 12 Days of Christmas thing for the next 3 years...and then some.





Staff reporter Melanie Plenda has her hands prepped for a full manicure at Gina Agosta Salon in Novi.

## A day at the Spa - akkkk

Staff reporter Melanie Plenda took a day at the spa to research the art of pampering

Go here. Do this. Finish that. I'm a girl on the go and have no time to do the things I need to do, let alone the things I'd like to do. But I don't think I'm strange in that scenario. Many people nowadays find little time to do the little decadent things which lift our minds, bodies and spirits. We find ourselves right in the middle of the "not enough," not enough time, not enough money, and not enough energy to get myself into a routine of pampering.

Well it was enough with the enough for me last week. I decided to take several hours out of my hectic week to research the art of pampering in local spas and salons.

**WHAT TO EXPECT**  
I knew I'd be giving the masseuse, foot care specialists, estheticians and nail techs a run for their money. My stress level had risen to the point that even my hair was tense. Further, I must admit I was a little nervous, not knowing what to expect. I became terrified that I was incapable of relaxing. I feared the therapist, frustrated by the futile effort to ease my tension, would order me to leave and storm out of the room stating I was a hopeless case. Also, I was regretting the last bowl of spaghetti I had as I had to be scantily clad in front of total strangers. However, entering these spas, my fears were allayed. I was certain I had entered another world where deadlines and prices clearly didn't matter.

The modesty issue was answered right away. The employees at Salone Nadwa, Serenity Day Spa, Gina Agosta and Anew Therapeutic Massage were adamant about my privacy. They took great strides to ensure that I was comfortable and secure. This included leaving the room when it was time to disrobe and dive under the covers on the massage table. Further, they added little touches like holding up the

sheet as a privacy screen when it was time to turn over. This also included guarding me like Fort Knox when my photographer needed to come in to take pictures.

The following is what one who is fed up, put off, and stressed out can expect from a day, hour or minute at a local spa.

**SALONE NADWA AND DAY SPA**  
43236 Eleven Mile, Novi Towne Center, Novi

I chose the Heated Lava Stone Massage for my first visit to Nadwa. During this process, smooth rocks of various sizes are heated in a crock pot filled with water and essential oils. Massage therapist Fiona McCann said she chose to use lavender, eucalyptus, orange and lemon essence oils to scent the water. She said she uses the eucalyptus for the cold season and the others for their fine fragrance and relaxation properties.

She began by putting one large heart shaped stone on the table and two smaller ones on either side of it. She then put a sheet over them to keep them warm. She said these were for key tension areas at the base of the back and the gluteals. They took a little arranging but finally fit perfectly into my back. McCann left the room while I got settled. When she came back in, she began to work first on my feet. She placed smaller smooth stones in between each of my toes and said this was basically to keep my feet warm during the massage. What I discovered during the course of this experiment was each therapist has their own style for doing things.

McCann said she generally uses

the Swedish technique but has her own patterns of what she works first. She worked the left leg first, the left arm, the right leg, the right arm and finally, my back. On my arms and legs, she used long strokes as though she were ringing out a towel while she used a rolling kneading motion on my back.

After she would work an arm or a leg with oil for a few minutes, she would take the warm stones and rub them into the muscles. She said she always uses an upward motion during massage so as not to draw blood away from the heart.

Though the stone massage is used as a relaxation massage, it also has a variety of health benefits. It increases circulation as well as breaks up tension knots. These knots are caused by lactic acid and calcium attaching to parts of your muscles. She said when they are broken up, they help to detoxify the body's system. However, she said

this is why it is important to drink plenty of water for several days after a massage to ensure all the toxins are out.

Next, it was time for a pedicure. Wadla Jarbo, Natural Nail and Foot Care specialist,

led me to what looked like a large leather barbers chair with a foot basin underneath it. My feet were placed in warm water powered with mini jets to help me relax.

The Gehwol foot care treatment uses 100 percent natural organic disinfectants and anti-fungal plant extracts, including lavender, mountain pine, and rosemary. Jarbo said this product helps to eliminate odor, perspiration, loosen calluses and blister as well as helping strengthen brittle nails.

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Melanie Plenda



Melanie Plenda has an algae wrap applied at Northville's Serenity Day Spa by Angie Rausch.

She began by removing the polish on my nails and taking what looked like a mini dentist's drill to my toes. She must have seen the look on my face when she came at me with it because she quickly explained it was an electric file which would get rid of dead and overgrown skin and cuticle from my nails. She repeated the process on both feet. Further, she used another type of "sander" to get rid of the callouses on the bottom of my feet. I have to admit this did tickle a little but did not hurt as I thought. It might be the looks of it. After my feet were scraped, sanded, soaked, sprayed and massaged, Jarbo let me pick out the perfect polish for my new feet and told me to come back anytime.

**Serenity Day Spa**  
142 Main Centre, Northville

At Serenity I decided to take advantage of their Vichey Shower, which is unique to this spa.

The Vichey is basically a shower in which you lay down. There are six shower heads which sprinkle you with a steady stream of warm water from head to toe.

In order to make full use of this, I opted for their algae body wrap.



Barbara Humbyrd massages stressed-out Melanie Plenda at Anew Therapeutic Massage in Northville.

I laid down on the table and Skin Care Specialist Angie Rausch took a heated concoction of sea algae and proceeded to brush it on every uncovered surface of my body. The idea of this wrap is to replenish the minerals in your skin as well as soften it.

The smell isn't great but after awhile, I was so relaxed it could have been manure and I wouldn't have cared.

After I was covered in algae, Rausch wrapped me in a loose plastic tarp. She said this would hold in the moisture of the algae. On top of this she wrapped what she described as a "taco wrapper" around the plastic to keep in the heat. The last layer was a warm cotton blanket which also helped to keep me warm.

She then left me alone for about 15 minutes to relax and reflect.

I was half asleep when she came back in to rinse me off. She managed to remove all three layers of wrapping with the skill of a trained nurse. The key she said to have me not do any work whatsoever. She then adjusted the water temperature and turned on the six shower heads which rinsed away the green goop.

Again she left me alone to relax. When she came back, she finished the rinse with loofah gloves, leaving my skin pink and refreshed. As a finishing touch she used a moisturizing Neroli scented lotion to lock in the moisture the algae just restored.

Gina Agosta

**39831 GRAND RIVER, NOVI**  
A manicure and facial rounded out my aesthetic experience at Gina Agosta.

I chose to get Gina's latest Extreme Moisture Manicure. Nail Tech Megan Giotti meticulously scrubbed removed the polish from my nails before she gave me an exfoliating scrub. She said this was used to get rid of dead and dry skin to reveal healthier skin underneath. Next, she tripped and clipped my nails taking care to carefully soften and clip my cuticles. After a series of moisturizers and nail whiteners, my hands were dipped in warm paraffin wax to deep moisturize them.

This was the strangest sensation I have ever had.

As the wax dries, it's as if you can both feel and not feel your fingers which are now encased in a white cocoon. She then put plastic over the wax followed by terry cloth mitts.

Once the wax had hardened sufficiently, Giotti peeled it off to reveal my softer paws. She then finished off my nails with yet more moisturizers and grape scented oils. The finishing touch was a bright red nail polish which I chose to match my toes.

Next was my European facial with esthetician Julia Picano. This was not just a facial. This was an experience.

I was told to disrobe to the waist and was given a terry cloth towel. When Picano came back into the

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Story by Melanie Plenda  
Photos by John Heider

## My tall tale

### HomeTown Authors

**By Lynne Darga**  
Once a couple of weeks ago, I went fishing at my grandpa's house. At the lake, I got my bait ready and I cast out my line. It was sunny that day and the sky was bright blue with little white clouds scattered across the sky. We waited hours but we only caught small, little fish. Tiny green frogs hopped around on water lilies and a turtle sat sunning himself on a log. Then I saw it. A huge trout jumped out of the water. It was amazing. Yes, that was the fish I was looking for. My grandpa and I got off the dock and into a paddle boat. Finally, we got to where I saw the fish. I dropped in my line. Then I felt a large fish tug. It was pulling so hard my grandpa had to help me pull the line in so I wouldn't learn how to fly. When I finally got it in, I realized how big it was. When we measured it, it



Lynne Darga

was 4 feet, 11 inches long! It was the biggest fish I had ever caught. We entered it in a contest and easily won.

We had scientists following us everywhere to buy it, or to study it. Surprisingly, it was a new species and we got money. After that we went out again to try to catch another fish. Later that week, we found out we had the job of naming it. I named it the good luck fish. I called it that because to me, that's exactly what it was. At the end of the week, my mom and dad came to pick me up. Boy, did I have a story to tell them!

Lynne Darga is a 6th grader at Hillside Middle School in Northville.

### Want to be a HomeTown Author?

We're looking for kids ages 8-18 who want to become Hometown Authors.

Prospective authors need to follow these steps:

- 1.) Write. Your entry can be a story or an opinion or an article about what's going on in your classroom. You pick the topic; after all, it's your work.
- 2.) Stories should be typed, if possible. If the story can't be typed, then it should be neatly printed on every other line of the paper.
- 3.) Stories should be between 300 and 500 words

Author's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title of story: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or guardian signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Address (includes street, city and zip code): \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

long (about one or two pages typed and three and five pages written by hand).

- 4.) Every piece submitted must have this form stapled to the front.
- 5.) We also need your photo to accompany your story. A school photo is perfect.
- 6.) We'd also like a parent or guardian to sign your form.
- 7.) Mail your story, signed form and photo to:

HomeTown Authors  
c/o Kelli Cooley  
104 W. Main St.  
Northville, MI 48167

Age or Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Novi Highlights

Novi Youth Assistance

The NYA recently held their annual meeting at the Novi Civic Center... The program included a welcome and introductions by John P. O'Brien...

Novi Lions Club

Club members have been out in the area with their once-a-year candy cane sale and will continue throughout the week...

Novi Girl Scouts

Girl Scout calendars, both wall-type and pocket planners, are available for sale...

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Northville Seniors

The staff at the Northville Senior Center at 215 W. Cady Street coordinates the following services...

• Bus Service for Local Shopping Trips: Tuesdays: Meijer, Kohl's, Target and local banks.

• Detroit Symphony Orchestra: Northville Senior Center has reserved tickets to various concerts...

• Senior Water Aerobics: Classes meet Mondays and Wednesdays, 1-2 p.m. Cost is \$55 for residents.

• Needle Crafters Group: Are you working on a project and would you like some company?

• Dinner at the Common Grill in Chelsea: Join us for dinner at the Common Grill in Chelsea on Thursday, Nov. 30.

• Telephone Reassurance: Homebound residents can receive a daily telephone call or an occasional call to check on their well being...

• Focus: HOPE: Food distribution is usually the fourth Friday of every month, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

• Senior Services Directory: The Northville Senior Center has created a directory of services available to senior citizens.

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Engagement

Sharon and Leonard Damico of Northville announce the engagement of their son, James, to Mandy Mower, daughter of Jack and Anna Mower and Virgie and Don Potter of Chicago.



Mower-Damico

Birth

Patrick and Karen (Thompson) Calhoun of Redford announce the birth of their daughter, Anna Irene, born Aug. 24 at 4:32 p.m. in Huron Valley Hospital, Commerce Township.



Anna Calhoun

Religion

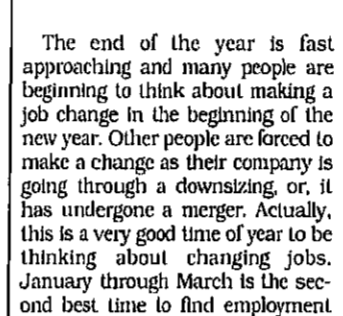
FAITH COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH: 44400 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi offers the following: • Saturday, Nov. 18, 10 a.m. at the church.

TREATS AND TREASURES SALE: A sale of "Treats and Treasures" will be held at Meadowbrook Congregational Church, 21955 Meadowbrook Rd in Novi on Saturday, Dec. 2, from 9:30 to 2 p.m.

SUBMISSIONS

We welcome all submissions to the Northville Record and Novi News. To submit your announcement or other item of interest, please send to: HomeTown On-Line, c/o Kelly Cooley, 104 W. Main St., Northville, MI 48167.

Consider these tips when making a change



Joyce Fortier

The end of the year is fast approaching and many people are beginning to think about making a job change in the beginning of the new year. Other people are forced to make a change as their company is going through a downsizing or it has undergone a merger.



Joyce Fortier

and Entrepreneurship. Knowing these trends will enable you to target those companies most likely to be hiring, and you'll be able to demonstrate how you are a rapidly changing marketplace.

• Determine where you are. Figuring out where to go starts with determining where you are. Before you begin your search, get a professional evaluation of your strengths, weaknesses, talents and interests.

Historic Downtown Holly's 27th Annual Olde Fashioned Dickens Festival. Be Entertained by Strolling Dickens Characters. Enjoy Horsedrawn Carriage Rides. Sample a Wide Assortment of Foods. Come see the Christmas Parade Sat., Dec. 16th-10am. Experience Streets Filled With a Variety of Shopping Delights!

NEW HOME DIRECTORY. ATTENTION BUILDERS AND REAL ESTATE DEVELOPERS! Livingston County and the surrounding areas are experiencing a building boom! Our NEW HOMES DIRECTORY is the perfect place to show off your development. For just \$58 a week, your ad will: • be noticed - twice! We run in the Country Living Real Estate section of your Sunday Brighton Argus and Livingston County editions...

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Old fashion Santa and his "real" reindeer will be flying into Glenda's Garden Center, 45575 Grand River in Novi on Sunday, Nov. 26, from 5-9 p.m.; Friday, Dec. 8, 5-9 p.m.; and Saturday, Dec. 9, from 6-9 p.m.

Accepting earned goods for donations.

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**MAID OF ERIN PAGEANT**  
We are looking for girls between the ages of 17 and 23 of Irish heritage to compete for the "Maid of Erin." The pageant is being held at the Gaelic League, Feb. 24, 2001. The "Maid of Erin" wins a free trip to Ireland and will participate at all Irish functions during Irish week.

For further details, please call Bridie Flynn at (734) 461-8556.

**NOVI ICE ARENA ACTIVITIES**

**Holiday Figure Skating Exhibition**  
The Skating Club of Novi will be hosting its third annual Holiday Figure Skating Exhibition on Wednesday, Dec. 20, from 6-8 p.m. Our local figure skaters ranging in age from 5 through adult will be skating to their favorite holiday music. Admission is \$1 at the door.

**Holiday Learn to Skate Camp**  
The Novi Ice Arena will offer a Learn to Ice Skate Camp Tuesday, Dec. 26 through Friday, Dec. 29. Classes are available for skaters 6 years and older. The four-day camp will be from 2-2:45 p.m. each day; free open skating from 3-4:50 p.m. for all participants.

**NOVI CONCERT BAND**  
The Novi Concert Band, under the direction of Jack Kopnick, will present its Holiday Concert and Sing-A-Long on Saturday, December 16 at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 West Ten Mile Road in Novi at 7:30 p.m. The band will present a varied program from a medley of Hanukkah songs to excerpts from the Nutcracker Suite, as well as traditional sacred and secular Christmas music. As always, this is a free concert and refreshments will be served.

**YOUTH GROUP TO HOST SHOPPING SPREE**  
Holy Cross youth and teen groups will be hosting a Christmas Shopping Spree in the parish hall, from 2-6 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 2. Holy Cross is located at 46200 W. Ten Mile between Tait and Beck.

We are looking for crafters or home sales people to rent tables for \$15 a table or a percent of their sales. Currently, we have tables for stuffed dolls (antique and Christmas), Christmas ornaments, Christmas cookies, Arbonne (facial and skin care products), Discovery Toys and DK Books.

There will also be a "stocking stuffer" table filled with items donated by local merchants and a resale table. Gift-wrapping will be available for a small donation. The funds raised by this event go toward the children's Building Fund.

Questions can be directed to Laura Steiner, youth group director at (248) 348-7291.

**NORTHVILLE WOMEN'S CLUB**  
The Northville Women's Club will meet on Dec. 1 and Dec. 15 next month. Dec. 1 will feature Lynn Touquette who will speak on "Decorations for the Holidays" at 1:30 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church in Northville, which is also Guest Day. On Dec. 15, Skandia Ladies Chorus will perform "Seasonal Musical Selections" at 1:30 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church. A Christmas tea will also be held to welcome new members.

**FOR VOLUNTEERS FOR HOLIDAY SEASON**  
The Salvation Army is looking for a few good bell ringers for its Christmas Kettle Campaign. The campaign begins Friday, Nov. 24 and continues until Saturday, Dec. 23. The four sites in Northville for bell ringing are the Northville Post Office, Shopping Center Market on Center Street, the Great Harvest Bread Co., and Farmer Jack on Haggerty Road at Six Mile.

If your group or family wishes to get in the holiday spirit and help someone at the same time, please call Judy Kohl, (248) 348-2678. Individuals are welcome as well. No previous experience needed.

**BLOOD DRIVE**  
A Red Cross blood drive will be held Thursday, Nov. 30, from 2-8 p.m. at Ward Presbyterian Church, Six Mile and Haggerty. Donors are needed. Please stop by and give the gift of life.

**MARQUIS ACTORS TO PERFORM FINOCCHIO**  
Performance dates and times for Finocchio at the Marquis Theatre in Northville are: Saturdays, Nov. 25, Dec. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, Jan. 6 and 13 at 2:30 p.m.; Sundays, Nov. 26, Dec. 3, 10, 17, 31, Jan. 7 and 14 at 2:30 p.m.; and Tuesday through Friday, Dec. 26, 27, 28 and 29, also at 2:30 p.m.

Tickets to all performances are \$7.50.

For special school dates and times, birthdays, group rates and reservations, call the Marquis Theatre at (248) 349-8110. Please, no children under the age of 3.

**KITCHEN WITCH OFFERS COOKING CLASSES**  
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# COMMUNITY FOCUS



Novi Meadows science teacher Susan Wainwright went to NASA Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Ala. recently. She is pictured here with student, Julian Tagle.

## The sky is the limit

### Novi Meadows teacher rediscovers love of space

BY STEPHANIE FORDYCE  
Staff Writer

Novi Meadows science teacher Susan Wainwright was one of 25 participants who recently attended a two-week summer workshop at the NASA Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Ala. The workshop was one of 18 NASA Educational Workshops conducted at ten NASA Field Centers throughout the country.

During the workshop, Wainwright had the opportunity to observe NASA's state-of-the-art research and development through direct interaction with NASA scientists, engineers, technicians and educational specialists.

"It was fabulous," she said. "Wainwright said she has always been interested in space ever since she saw the Echo satellite balloon orbit when she was a small child.

"When girls were asking for dolls, I was asking for rocket kits," she said.

During space workshop, Wainwright and other teachers toured sites on the base, talking with scientists and engineers who headed a number of NASA research projects.

Wainwright had the chance to view active sun spots, watch them test rocket fuel, and learn about their work with gamma rays.

"This opportunity really reignited my spark for space," she said, which dwindled after the Challenger incident.

While in Huntsville, Wainwright even had the opportunity to meet Homer Hickam who wrote "Rocket Boys," which the movie October Sky is based on.

She also visited the Space Camp Program and went to Tennessee to see the Challenger Program.

"We were on the go all the time," she said.

The educational materials and activities presented at the workshop related to the four NASA research enterprises: Earth Science, Aerospace Technology, Human Exploration and Development of Space and Science. The NASA Educational Workshop modeled the integration of the national standards in science, mathematics, and technology.

Translation activities are incorporated into the workshop to help teachers adapt their new NASA content knowledge, experience active sun spots, watch them test rocket fuel, and learn about their work with gamma rays.

Wainwright said everyone at NASA was not only very friendly but extremely appreciative of teachers as well.

"They complimented us all the time and talked about how important teachers are in teaching science and technology and how we're the key in getting a better informed student population."

A national panel of educational experts evaluated submitted applications and selected the top ranked 250 educators for participation in the summer of 2000. Over 700 educators applied. The participants represented all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and Guam. An additional 218 educators were selected to participate in one of seven NASA Educational Workshops designed for teams of educators from rural and urban settings. Another workshop opportunity was provided for selected educators from science and technology.

Wainwright, who lives in Plymouth and adores Albert Einstein, said the workshop not only updated her knowledge and skills, but also provided her with the chance to meet a lot of other teachers who share in her zest for science and space.

Now part of the NASA Alumni, Wainwright will use what she has learned and present it in workshops and in her classroom.

In March, Wainwright will travel to the National Space Convention in Saint Louis where astronaut Buzz Aldrin will be the keynote speaker.

The NASA Educational Workshops are sponsored and implemented by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), The National Science Teachers Association (NSTA) serves as an educational partner to the program and provides administrative support. The International Technology Educational Association (ITEA), the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM) and the National Council for Geographic Education (NCGE) are collaborators with NASA and NSTA for this program.

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## Spas offer all the perks

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room, she covered me with the sheet from the table and began asking questions regarding my diet including salt intake and drinking habits. She asked if I smoked or was on any medications.

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Again I was in la la land on my way to a drooling sleep.

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## String of success unbreakable for Shyamalan?

Writer/director M. Night Shyamalan had not even finished editing "The Sixth Sense" when he started developing ideas for his next project and came up with the concept for "Unbreakable." "I had actually been working on another story for a few months during post-production on 'The Sixth Sense,' and was just at the stage when I was going to commit to writing it," said Shyamalan. "Then I had this idea about a man being the sole survivor of a horrific train crash who walks away without a scratch and how he

begins to question who he is and what his purpose is in life. The idea was just so provocative and intrigued me so much, that I immediately started outlining it. Within a couple of days I had it to the level of the movie that I'd been working on for months, so I just kept on going.

"For some reason, the other movie I was working on just didn't seem like the right next step," he said. "I wanted to go forward in scope and implications for something that would really capture the imagination and this

idea lends itself to that."

"Unbreakable" is the story about David Dunn, a character who is uncomfortable in his own life. He hasn't found what it is he is meant to do in the world and is drifting," said Barry Mendel, producer of both Shyamalan films.

The concept for "Unbreakable" stemmed from questions about his own destiny that Shyamalan began asking himself at the age of 17. Raised in a family of 12 doctors, including both his mother and father, Shyamalan graduated Cum laude and, having received scholarships to several prestigious medical programs seemed destined for a life in medicine. But it was his passion for filmmaking, which began when he made his first short film with his father's home video camera at the age of 10, that would serve as the catalyst for his decision to become a filmmaker.

"It's funny because a strange thing happens when you are doing what you are supposed to be doing in your life," said Shyamalan. "You start making the right choices and everything just kind of lines up in the right way."

Ironically, this concept is not only one discovered by David Dunn, played by Bruce Willis, but also one that in hindsight seemed to guide the entire filmmaking process with a strange sense of serendipity. "It's strange, looking

back now I realize how easily the pieces of 'Unbreakable' seem to fit together. I love that kind of serendipity that gives you a sense that the project is almost destined to happen," said Shyamalan.

With his vision clearly set in his mind, Shyamalan began writing his initial drafts of the script specifically for Willis and Samuel L. Jackson, having no idea if the two actors would either agree or if they would be available to clear their schedules in order to meet his self-imposed deadline for his targeted release date.

"I couldn't believe it when Night called and said he was already working on another script and that he was writing it specifically for me," said Willis. "I was so impressed by his confidence in me and, having just worked with him, I knew what he was capable of, so I trusted him implicitly."

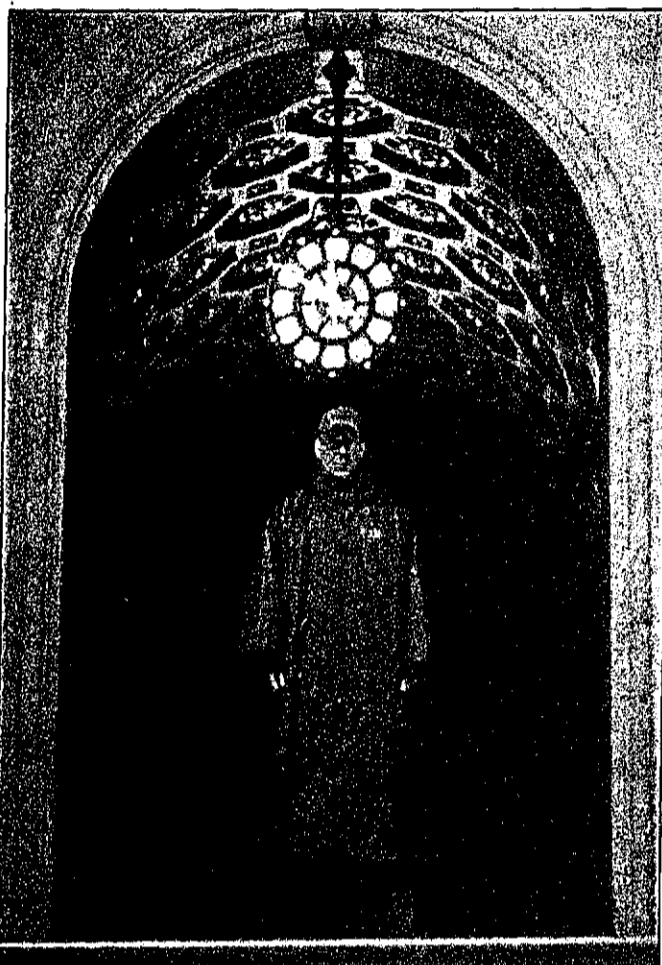
Jackson also had the same kind of instinctual trust about Shyamalan and the script. "I had read 'The Sixth Sense' a few years ago and thought it was an awesome script," Jackson said. "I said, just let me know when it's ready and I'll be there."

In his follow-up to the Oscar-nominated "The Sixth Sense," M. Night Shyamalan has created another unique suspense thriller.

"Unbreakable" has been rated PG-13 by the Motion Picture Association of America.



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## Zarem nets a pair

Novi senior, three others score in 5-1 win over Northville

By JASON SCHMITT  
Sports Editor

Northville had problems finding Novi forward Brad Zarem last Friday night. But Zarem had no problem finding the net.

The Novi senior accounted for a pair of goals and two more assists to lead his Wildcats to a 5-1 win over Northville in the season opener for both schools.

Zarem scored the first of his two goals with 5:33 left in the first period off an unassisted backhand shot that beat Northville goalie David Ely-Bond. The score proved to be the game winner for the 'Cats.

"As good of a kid as he is, we can't let him beat us the way he did," Northville coach Brad O'Neill said of Zarem. "The way to stop him is to play 5-on-5 hockey, and we didn't do that."

Novi upped its lead to 3-0 early in the second period as Zarem took a pass from Brian Jausi and stuffed it by Ely-Bond on a wrap-around shot, while on his knees. The goal, which was scored with 10:56 remaining in the second, was shorthanded.

Novi had five penalties in that second period, while Northville was whistled for just one.

"That was definitely a huge goal," Novi coach Dan Phelps said. "With a two-goal lead, they score and they're

right back in it. Now, even if they do score, we've got a two-goal lead after two (periods). If they would have capitalized, that would have taken the wind out of our sails."

Northville cut the lead to 3-1 as Bill Sallote beat Brian Markowicz on a tip with 3:27 left in the second. Jason Engelland took the outlet pass from Ely-Bond and carried it into the Novi zone, dumping it in on goal, towards Sallote. The senior took it on his stick and redirected it on goal.

But Novi cleaned up its game in the third period, keeping out of the penalty box and scoring on a 5-on-3 power-play opportunity to ice the game. Zarem found Justin Harvey on the wing for a slapper which beat Ely-Bond and a 4-1 lead. Curt Russell scored Novi's final goal with 26 seconds left in the game. John Murray and Justin Harvey picked up assists on the goal.

Novi got on the board midway through the first period on a power-play goal by Robbie Harrell with 7:39. After Northville failed to clear the puck, Zarem took the puck behind the goal, reversed his direction and then passed to Harrell out front.

"There were two big factors in this game. First, I think the special teams were a big key. We didn't play our best on the power play or the penalty kill," O'Neill said. "And then you have the whole Zarem thing."

Novi coach Dan Phelps said he was very happy with his team's performance and admitted he may not have given his team enough pre-season hype.

"It's a great win to get right out of the gate," he said. "But we know that this is just one game. As intense as it is over a rival like Northville. It's just the first of the season. We've got 23 more to go."



Novi's Justin Collins (left) and Brad Zarem do a number on Northville forward Scott Schueler in last Friday's 5-1 home win.

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Novi senior defenseman Nick Karaisz lines up for a shot on goal last Friday night.

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## Sports editor set to leave — Onward and Upward

Saying good-bye is never an easy thing to do.

Especially when that good bye means you'll never again work alongside the same people you've passed on the stairwell for all these years. You'll never again make that Sunday night call to your local cross-country coach. You'll never again sing a happy-birthday song at the top of the stairs to a fellow employee.

Saying good-bye is never a fun thing to do either. But oftentimes, and in the case of this sportswriter, saying good-bye means moving

on up, and out into a world of dreams. It means that something good has come about, and you're not about to let it get away from you, not this time.

Too often we just sit back, relax, enjoy the scenery, miss opportunities, you know. It's too easy to do nothing. I've recently accepted a sports writing position with the Royal Oak Daily Tribune and I'll make that last official trip upstairs, past my co-workers, who may very well be singing happy birthday at the time. My last day here at the Northville Record and Novi News will be Friday.

Everytime an employee leaves the editorial department here, he/she talks about how they'll miss everyone they've worked with. How they appreciate everything everyone's done for them over their time here at the paper.

Well I won't take a detour from that route, but I may jump up on the sidewalk or skip through a back yard along the way.

You see, I have had 40 months of pure joy here in the neighboring communities of Northville and Novi. When I accepted this job in August of 1997, I didn't know what I was walking into. I didn't know anything about metro-Detroit.

What I've learned over the past three-plus years is that these are the types of communities I want to be a part of, raise my kids in and pay my taxes into. I have enjoyed every minute I've spent here at the News and Record, and I've been spoiled too. Come on, six team state championships, several more individual titles. And this year Northville and Novi provided me with my first-ever football playoff wins!

So many things rambled through my mind as I began my last week of work here. I've reminisced about the good times, good people and good things that I've been fortunate to be around.

I've had some good experiences, some bad ones too. And I want to share a few of the

best times I've had here at the papers over the last three years.

The following lists are not designed to slight anyone or any team, but to point out who has been there for me thick and thin.

### MOST OVERACHIEVING TEAMS/INDIVIDUALS

Overachieving in my terms talks of an individual or team which wasn't expected to perform as well as it/he/she did. Again, these are team/individuals who surprised me over the years.

Novi wrestler **Nick Sloan** is one of my three finalists. The senior reached the state finals at 215 pounds last year, far surpassing any predictions/projections I may have had. He was a talented individual, but wrestled best when he had to. He nearly won the state title.

The 1999-2000 Novi hockey team

bounced back from a sub-par inaugural season to reach the state quarterfinals, where it lost to Okemos 2-1 in overtime. Once in the playoffs, the team didn't surprise me, but based on initial pre-season projections — WOW.

And let's not forget the **Northville hockey team**. I am not biased towards the men on the ice, but the 1997-98 team won a district championship in the program's first year. Talented individuals like Kevin Boone and Evan Edwards made that a year to remember.

### MOST COORDINATED COACHES

I work with more than 40 coaches a year, contacting them at least once a week to get the latest results. Here are my three most coordinated coaches, in no particular order.

Novi cross country coach **Bob Smith**

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## Netters take over all-area teams

With clubs popping up all over the place these days, it's no wonder the level of tennis in HomeTown East's coverage area has continued to escalate. Northville battled it out with North Farmington all year long in the Western Lakes, only to succumb to the Raiders and its hometown club athletes at the league and regional meets. The Mustangs went on to qualify for the state meet.

Novi had more freshmen in its lineup than ever before (5), but managed to dominated the league better than ever. The Wildcats were 7-0 in league matches, shutting out four opponents and yielding only two wins against them on just one occasion. Novi won the Kensington Valley Conference tournament, as well as the Holt, Warren Mott and Marauder Invites. Eight different 'Cats were named to the 14-member all-conference first team. The Novi Sports Club is now just two years old and someone is reaping the benefits.

Lakeland continued to improve under second-year coach Gerhard Schubert. The Eagles doubled their number of regional victories. In the KVC, Shannon Pingar reached the conference finals at third singles. Lakeland ended up sixth in the league.

Milford was fourth in the KVC. The Redskins had conference finalists at three different flights. Annmarie Jasenieck, a sophomore, was the league champion at second singles.

Hoping the trend continues into the future, here's a look at HomeTown East's first team all-area tennis squad, as selected by HomeTown sports editors Jason Schmitt and Steve Bell.

### Kerry Woolfall, Northville senior

It seems like just yesterday that Woolfall exited the court as a state champion at third singles. But that was three years ago, when she was a mere freshman.

Since then she's spent a season at second singles and two more as the number one player on three very good Mustang teams. This season Woolfall finished the season with a 12-6 overall record at No. 1. She was 8-4 in conference play, carrying an undefeated mark until a hamstring injury forced her to play hurt.

She retired in the regional semifinals after winning the first set against the Kensington Valley Conference champion, Ashley Ruff of Pinckney. She defeated Novi's Ashley Glover 6-

1, 6-1.

### Meg Lowry, Milford senior

Lowry was a KVC finalist at first singles, falling to Pinckney's Ashley Ruff. She twice defeated Novi's number one player.

"Meg's a super-strong hitter," Milford coach Rich Kynast said. "She doesn't play a lot of tournaments in the off-season, so it takes her about half the season to get going. Once she gets going, she's tough. Meg will just bludgeon you to death."

"Her biggest improvement has been playing strong matches, regardless of the opponent. It's easy to pay too much attention to a very good opponent or too little to a bad one. Her consistency and intensity really improved. It was a big year for her in terms of maturity."

### Lauren West, Northville junior

West battled North Farmington rival Bethany Nestor all season long, losing to Nestor in the regular-season matchup and again at the regional. But sandwiched in between them both was a 7-5, 6-3 triumph which gave West yet another Western Lakes Activities Association title, this time at second singles.

The junior finished the season 15-6 overall and finished runnerup to Nestor at the regional tournament. She beat Novi's Melissa Roemer 6-2, 6-2.

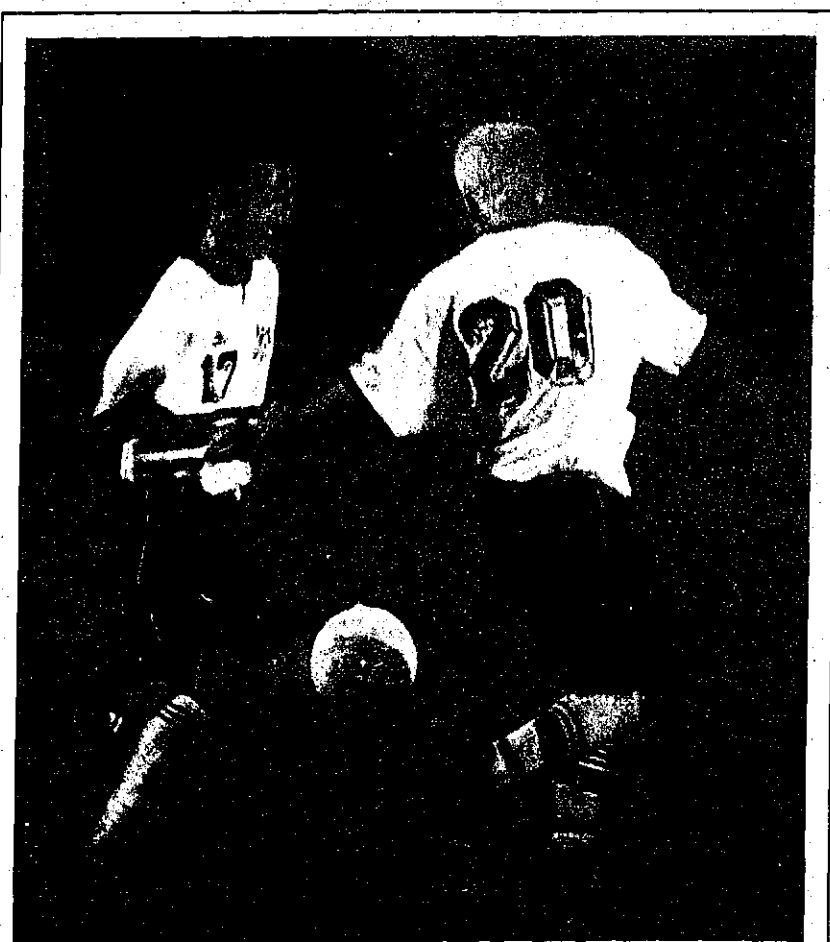
"That match against North Farmington at conference was far and away her best match of the year," coach Sandy Woolfall said.

### Joanna Lee, Northville senior

If you're looking for a steady winner, regardless of the circumstances, on the Northville lineup, look no further than Lee.

The four-year letterwinner finally got her chance to enter the singles lineup this season, and she made the most of it. She was undefeated in conference play throughout the year and finished runnerup at both the conference and regional tournaments. She was the lone Mustang to post 20 wins (20-4). She was one of two flight winners for her team at the

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UP NEXT...

This week we have all-area tennis. Next up... Soccer. HomeTown East will reveal its all-area soccer squads in next week's edition of the Novi News.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER



## Health Column

### Reconnect with relatives these holidays

**Use Family Gatherings to Unify and Reconnect with Relatives**



**Penny Weaver**

Are you tired of inadequately dealing with the stress that can emerge at family gatherings and feel that people in other families have wonderful holidays and do not share your frustration? You may be surprised to learn you are not alone in your feelings and many people are simultaneously torn between happy anticipation

and dread of the holidays.

The holidays can be hard on the emotions. If you are in your dread mode, you will be happy to know that there is something you can do since a major portion of holiday stress is self-inflicted. You can learn to take control of the situation, get through the family gatherings and possibly even relax and enjoy them.

Understand that holiday dread may stem from the fact that many people experience something quite different from what is being hyped and what we have come to expect the holidays to be like. We are also faced with asking ourselves where we stand with our families and the answer may not be as pleasant as we would like.

The first thing to do in taking control of holiday stress is to learn to be proactive. It's a method that works and can make a tremendous difference in holiday outcomes.

Our past articles have focused on meditation. You can use meditation to explore why certain situations trouble you. Begin to remember the best family gatherings and what you enjoyed about them.

Also remember which gatherings were most troubling for you. Identify triggers to figure out what the situation is that you want to avoid. We all have hot buttons and can usually predict the remarks that will kick the conflict into action. Decide beforehand not to participate in the activity.

Picture in your mind a better way to handle these situations and what a more positive outcome would be. Plan on substituting this behavior. This makes you proactive rather than being passive or aggressive. Then when these situations come up, you are prepared to handle them in the best possible way.

If a situation arises that you had not previously explored, excuse yourself and go to the restroom to regroup. Use positive self-talk to forgive and forget and get back on track. The benefit to this method is that it gives you increased feelings of peace and relaxation.

Meditation can reduce stress and is a preventive measure to counter situations before they arise. You can also meditate ahead of time and send positive energies to the situation you are anticipating.

Take a minute to tell your family members about something you especially appreciate or like about them. Share a memory of the past about the relative that holds a special meaning for you. One of my childhood memories of my mother that I shared with her was about the day I slipped in a puddle and muddled my new dress. I was fearful she would punish me but instead she cleaned my scraped knee and made me hot chocolate. She didn't recall it but was touched that I still remembered.

Finally, perhaps the best thing you can do is to send your inner critic on vacation. Be kind to yourself. Avoid indulging in alcohol, holiday food and caffeine. Think about what you need to do to create some joy for yourself.

Do not underestimate the power of meditation, self-talk, setting goals and removing yourself from the situation until you know how to handle it. Keep these tips in mind to look forward to the holidays.

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## Health Notes

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### FREE FOOT SCREENINGS

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

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

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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.

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### 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.

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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) 926-3341; 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

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

### HOT FLASH STUDY

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### BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS

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

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

For more information call (248) 380-4225.

### FOOD ALLERGY COUNSELING

Individuals with food allergies can receive counseling on food choices and substitutions from a Botsford Hospital professional. The fee is \$30. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (248) 477-6100.

### 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.

### HEART DISEASE RISK REDUCTION PROGRAMS

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

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

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.

### BREASTFEEDING BASICS

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

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