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Son will do time for dad's death

By RANDAL YAKEY
 Staff Writer

By the time William Olsen, 39, leaves prison he could be as old as his stepfather, who police say he killed four days before Christmas in 1999.

Olsen, who pleaded guilty on November 14 to involuntary manslaughter, was sentenced on Dec. 6 to 10 to 30 years in prison for the death of his stepfather, Thomas J. Tuttle.

"He's just not meant to be out among us," Novi Detective Ron Roy said. "We chased him around as a (youth). He was involved in drugs and burglaries. He's been in and out of prison most of his adult life."

On December 21, 1999, Olsen and Tuttle apparently fought about Olsen's refusal to leave the residence. The attack happened during

the early morning hours and Olsen apparently did not call police until about 7:30 a.m.

According to Novi police, the father asked his stepson to leave the residence in mid-December. After the son missed a bus that would have taken him to Phoenix, Ariz., the father became angry. The two fought on December 20 about the missed bus trip.

Olsen first told police that the night of his father's death, the elderly man dropped him off at the Rustic Pub in Farmington Hills and his father then went on to a local bowling alley.

Roy said that Olsen allegedly admitted to lying about his story and that Olsen told him another story about "using heroin and consorting with a prostitute" and that

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Minor disputes solved quickly

■ New mediation board will ease 52-1 District Court's case load and help solve community problems

By RANDAL YAKEY
 Staff Writer

Everyone has heard of two neighbors who seem to have the Hatfields and McCoys syndrome, fighting over some small, mundane incident that has stretched into a 50-year feud.

Novi Mayor Richard Clark has seen such scenarios play out in court. Now, the mayor hopes a new program will help solve community problems before they erupt into family feuds.

In conjunction with the 52nd 1st District Court in Novi, the

city will be setting up a mediation board to handle community problems sometime next year, Clark said. All those involved will be volunteers.

"It will be a program that is voluntary that will try to solve problems in the community," Clark said.

Clark, who has 32 years of experience as a lawyer, is well aware of the enormous docket the Novi court has. Clark feels that the new program can elevate neighbor or commercial disputes or even conflicts within city departments. This will also help alleviate civil cases at 52-1.

"Ninety-nine times out of a hundred, this is the best way of resolving problems," Clark said. "It saves time and cost to the (Novi) court."

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Pummeled



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Brothers Brad and Brian Justersson shovel out their Kilrush Street driveway in Novi late Monday afternoon as the snow continued to fall. On average, the metro Detroit area received 8-12 inches of snow according to the National Weather Service out of White Lake.

Korean restaurant entices Novi diners

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE
 Staff Writer

The first thing you'll probably notice at Bi Bim Bab is the silver circular plate in the middle of your table.

If you haven't been to Main Street's new Korean restaurant, get ready for a new experience in dining.

The plates are actually small built-in grills which allow you to cook at your table. Using raw meat and vegetables, you and your guests can have fun trying all sorts of tasty combinations.

Try ordering the Bul Ko Ki or Kal Bi for example, and your table will be filled with a multitude of little side dishes to try, ranging from bean paste and soy oil to thinly sliced radishes and

sesame seasoned broccoli.

"We like you to mix as many vegetables, seasonings and meats as you can," said employee Sunny Hutchins.

Hutchins demonstrated how the large leaves of lettuce can be used to create a sandwich type burrito, which you can garnish with the side vegetables and seasonings.

Bul Ko Ki and Kal Bi are barbecued entrees, served with sliced beef and boneless short ribs, but entrees can also come with jumbo shrimp, pork, chicken and liver.

With over ten different side garnishes to mix and match from, it's easy to not know where to start.

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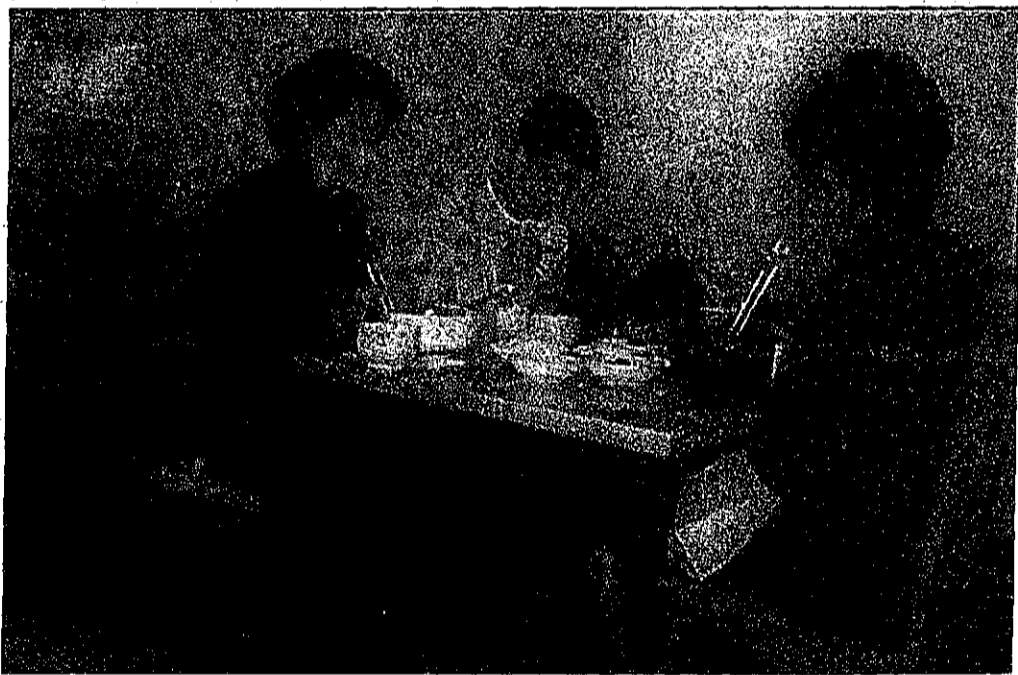


Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Enjoying a lunch at Novi's new Bi Bim Bab are diners Kay Cho, left, Elizabeth Kim, center and Joan Park.

Ten kids will travel to State Honors

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE
 Staff Writer

Novi High School has a lot to sing about as ten of their students recently made State Honors Choir.

On December 2, the students attended the Regional competition held at South Lyon High School.

NHS Choral Director Don Daniels explained that advancing at the state level, is one of the highest choir

honors a singer can receive. "This is a particularly high accomplishment for these singers," he said. "Participation at this level requires a tremendous amount of discipline and internal motivation on the part of each student to succeed at such a high level musical."

Amazingly, all ten of the students who auditioned, made it to the state level.



Photo by STEPHANIE FORDYCE

Novi High choir students that will be attending State Honors Choir, the top event for choirs throughout the state.

"I am so proud of them," said Daniels. "They made an outstanding commitment to this competition and I'm very impressed with the hard work they put into this."

Over 550 high school students from southeastern Michigan auditioned to be accepted, with 200 advancing to Regionals and only 80 selected to attend State Honors Choir.

"Everyone there is talented, but what separates people is their work ethic," said 16-year-old Ashwinin Hardkar. "You can have all the talent in the world, but what it really comes down to is how much time and effort you put forth."

The students felt honored to receive this level of accomplishment and were really supportive of their fellow classmates. "It's awesome that all of us who tried out, made it into states," said tenor Jim Benton. "It's pretty

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Copy editor named Novi News editor

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE
 Staff Writer

Novi News has a new editor, former copy editor Kelli Cooley.

Cooley replaced former editor Jan Jeffres, who left in November. "Kelli will do a fine job for the readers of the Novi News," said managing editor of Hometown Newspapers Oakland Division Bob Jackson. "She has good news judgment and has already become a part of the community."

Cooley began her career in journalism in 1999 at the *Miford Times* as an education reporter. In April, she was promoted to copy editor and Hometown Life editor for the *Novi News* and *Northville Record*. Since Jeffres' departure in early November, Cooley has served as interim editor of the *Novi News*.

Cooley, a Wixom resident, said she is elated about her new position. "I'm really looking forward to continuing the tradition of good work the *Novi News* has done," she said.

Cooley earned her bachelors degree in journalism with a news editorial concentration at Central

Michigan University in 1999.

It seems she has a history of advancing quickly, as she began her job at the *Miford Times* the Monday after graduation. "I got the job on Friday, graduated Saturday, and started work on Monday," she said.

Cooley, who went to Western High School in Jackson, said she is excited and looking forward to meeting the residents and city officials of Novi.

She said anyone who wishes, may feel free to stop by and say "hello."

Jackson said Cooley has a real passion for community journalism and that she is committed to the ideal of a local newspaper. "I think she'll surprise a lot of people," he said.



Kelli Cooley

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Man pushes woman over marriage

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After inquiring if a male subject was going to marry her friend, the woman was pushed by the suspect and fell onto a coffee table during the evening hours of Dec. 7.

The victim, a 24-year-old Novi woman, was visiting a friend at the Spring Lake Apartments on Pontiac Trail when the incident occurred.

According to police reports, the man was allegedly asked if he wanted to get married and replied "yes." But when asked if he wanted to marry his girlfriend, he apparently said "no." The result was an evening of "razing" at the hands of the two women.

When the harassment became too much for the man, he attempted to grab the victim and ended up pushing her down resulting in the woman striking her head on a coffee table. As the

Police News

man was leaving the apartment, the male subject called her "white trash."

SEVERANCE PACKAGE NOT NEEDED
The General Manager of Tri-State Equipment Company asked police to call on an employee that supposedly rang up \$10,000 in merchandise on a company credit card, according to the police report filed on December 5.

The suspect apparently had been using the credit card and a cell phone for personal use after assuming that he was going to be fired by the company, the general manager told police. He said he believed the suspect was using the phone for making

"drug deals."

The suspect told management that he would return the cell phone and credit card after he received his last check. The company said the suspect is continuing to use the credit card, according to the police report.

The case was forwarded for further review.

SINGING THE UNION JINGLE
Those weren't carolers out in front of the Kohls store on Dec. 9 singing — they were protesters. According to police, about ten protesters showed up at the West Oaks Kohls to protest "unfair labor practices" around 1:30 p.m. Protesters passed out anti-

Kohls literature and sang union songs, according to Novi police. Police asked the protesters to move to the sidewalk along Novi Road, which they did without incident.

STORE TAKES IN FUNNY MONEY
Police would like to talk to two individuals Lady Foot Locker claims bought footwear with twelve counterfeit 20 dollar bills on the evening of Dec. 6.

Management filed the police report around 8 p.m. after two male subjects came in and purchased footwear with the counterfeit bills.

The first male subject was described as being approximately 5'-7" and wearing a black leather jacket. The other was only described as a "tall" male.

Police forwarded the bills to the U.S. Secret Service for further investigation.

Epicure owner takes charge over burglar

By RANDAL YAKY
The owner of Country Epicure, Karen Anglesante, went out to get something from her car and found a woman sitting in her driver's seat rummaging through her car. "It was crazy," Anglesante said. "I mean it's like parking at my home here. This time, I went there and this woman was in my car."

Anglesante, who had parked her car behind the restaurant, said she went out to the car around 5:15 p.m. to retrieve an item from it but when she opened the passenger door, she did drop some of the restaurant owner's property. Police continue to investigate the incident.

Novi Police Detective Tom Lindberg said it's best not to confront a would-be robber in the act.

"You don't want to put them in a fight scenario - back away," Lindberg said. Officers recommend calling police rather than confronting anyone who may break into your vehicle.

Novi's robotics team ready to compete

By JULIE WUERHT
Special Writer

Within 10 years, the United States will graduate only 50 percent of the engineers needed to operate today's market.

That's why in 1992, engineer Dean Kamen founded the robotics competition. For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology (FIRST). Eight years later, this program has come to Novi High School.

"We have offered so many clubs to our curriculum, this one will hopefully connect with more people," said assistant principal John Lawrence.

Jan. 6 will mark the beginning of the six week national competition. Each team will receive a box of parts, called a kit, containing wiring, controls, metal pieces, and other supplies for constructing the robot, along with a directive explaining what task the robot must perform.

In those six weeks, the team will design, build, and test their robot at the next round — but with the opponents' points.

"You don't try to beat the team 50-0," Kelly said.

Although this fall marked the beginning of the competition at Novi High, the program began four years ago with Jennifer Harvey, an art teacher at Parkview Elementary School. Harvey attended the Regional competition at Eastern

Michigan, with her husband, Daniel Gece, Milford's HotBots teacher sponsor.

Looking into the arena filled with high school students alongside engineers, heads of corporations, and parents working together, Harvey said she could envision the program coming to Novi.

"There were people using their minds, problem solving with the support of the community and school," Harvey said.

A demonstration was held last May at Husky Detroit Technical Center to promote the competition in Novi. Local corporations, students, members of the school board and community gathered to witness a mock competition between four teams. At the end of the night, MAGNA general manager Joe Gablitzewicz approached Harvey to become Novi's sponsor.

Since then, many other people and businesses have helped to lend support to Novi's robotics club, including the Novi Expo Center, LOC Federal Credit Union, Novi assistant schools superintendent Jim Koster, attorney Kim Capello, and other members of the Novi

Novi Briefs

NOVI ICE ARENA
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. The local figure skaters range in age from 5 through adult and they 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 on 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, an includes free open skating from 3-4:50 p.m. for all participants. Classes will be limited to 6 skaters per class and are held for 45 minutes. Registration will begin Dec. 4. Registration is \$60 per skater. Skate rental is available for an additional fee.

Learn to Ice Skate - 7 Week Session
The Novi Ice Arena will be accepting registrations for the Winter session of Learn to Skate classes Dec. 18-22. Classes are available for skaters 3 years of age through adult. Registrations will be accepted Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Classes begin the week of January 2. Classes are available Wednesday afternoons and Saturday mornings for school-aged children and adults. Tuesday and Thursday mornings as well as Friday afternoon classes are available for home schooled children, teens and adults. Classes are 30 minutes long and include 15 minutes of practice ice.

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STORYTIME NOTES
Registration for Winter Storytime begins Dec. 18 and runs until Jan. 6. Winter Storytimes starts Jan. 22.

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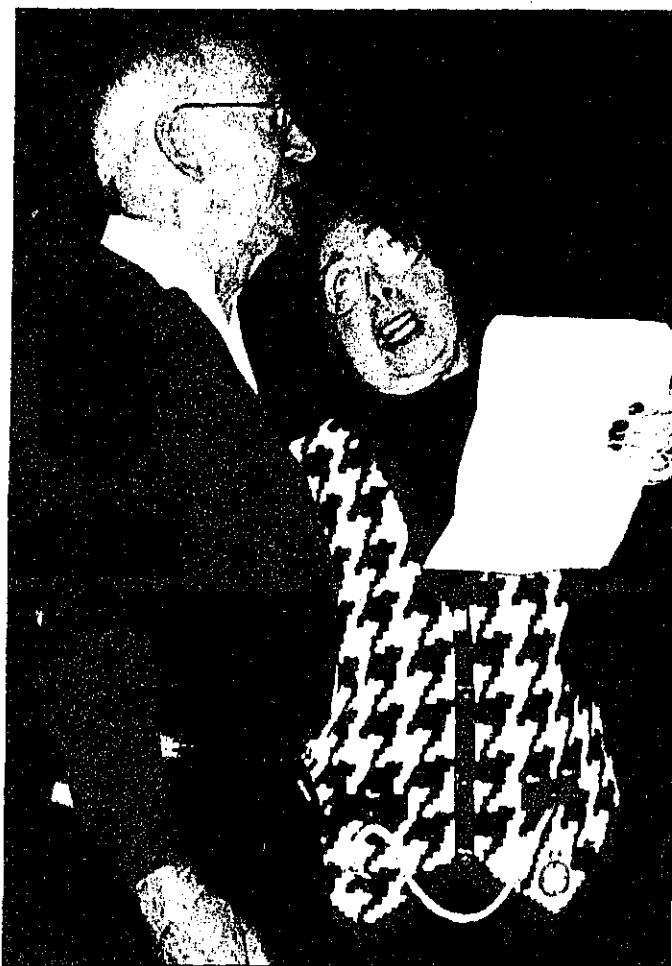


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George Giese and Helene Mackris practice "Let It Snow" for the upcoming senior concert "Silver Belles and Beaus."

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'Silver Belles and Beaus' brings seniors to the Christmas spotlight

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE
Staff Writer

Join the Novi Theatres' Senior Variety Series for a sleigh full of a good time as they host their Silver Belles & Beaus Concert, December 17.

With over 30 comedy skits, songs and dance numbers, the show is filled with holiday cheer, the concert will surely get everyone into the Christmas spirit.

"This is a great way to start the holidays," said Director Linda Wickert. "We have worked extremely hard and the seniors have really put their heart and soul into this performance."

With the December 15 show already sold out, concert goers need to put their retniders into high gear if they don't want to miss Sunday's matinee.

Highlighting the show will be a "Rockin' Around The Christmas Tree" dance routine, "The Magic Kingdom of Claus

skit and "Grandma Got Run Over By A Reindeer" medley.

The concert will also feature holiday favorites like "Silver Bells," "Let It Snow," "Twelve Days of Christmas," "Little Drummer Boy," and much more.

With 59 members, the show includes both solo and chorus numbers, with George Giese leading the group as conductor. Sheri Sarson is the accompanist, with costumes by Laurie Thompson and choreography by Carrie Wickert.

"I think this is a great way for the community to see just how much we seniors like to act, sing and dance," said performer Caroline Giese. "And we're good!"

Caroline said audiences will thoroughly enjoy "Christmas in Killarney" and their big "Toy Soldier" finale.

Tickets cost \$10. The Silver

Deck the Halls with these talented seniors, December 17, at Novi Middle School. Show starts at 2 p.m.

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Belles & Beaus Concert will be held at the Novi Middle School Auditorium, Sunday, December 17 at 2 p.m.

For tickets and additional information, call the Novi Parks & Recreation Department at (248) 347-0400.

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City council candidates narrowed down to six

By RANDAL YAKYE
Staff Writer

If you thought the only political race still undecided was the one for president, you'd be wrong.

There is still a vacancy on the Novi City Council that needs to be filled.

With just over two weeks before council member Hugh Crawford takes his position on the Oakland County Board of Commissioners, council will be interviewing six candidates to fill Crawford's seat.

Those who have applied as of Dec. 12 are former council member Joseph Toth, Planning Commissioner Kim Capello, Planning Commissioner Vic Cassis, Gordon Fuller, Anthony Avdiouls and Michael Meyer. Meyer was

Mayor Richard Clark's challenger in the 1999 election.

Meyer, who spent 12 years on Novi Schools Board of Education and was a member of the Novi Zoning Board of Appeals from 1996 until this year, feels he can bring a different perspective to the council.

"I'm not doing this because I have nothing to do," Meyer said. "I would bring knowledge and wisdom to the council. I've done my research on the city when I went up against Mr. Clark for Mayor."

A resident of Novi for twenty years, Meyer said his "historical perspective" on the city is something that is needed. But there are a number of candidates that are claiming they have the historical perspective needed. Joseph Toth is

another one of those candidates.

Toth, who has been a resident of Novi for the past 31 years, said he is best qualified for the position because of his knowledge of the city. Toth also feels that the city needs an experienced council member at the table because of all the council will be facing in the upcoming year.

"We have the Sandstone problem and budgetary issues and you have to have somebody that knows the issues," Toth said. "I've served nine years on the council and nine years on the planning commission."

Toth also said that the council should take a hard look at the full time fire department issue.

In October, Cassis' name had been bantered about as a possible

replacement for Crawford. At the time, Cassis wasn't willing to confirm he had been asked to sit at the council table. This week, he confirmed that "yes" he would be looking to fill the vacancy.

"I've been here in this community for 25 years."

I've practically staked all I have in this community."

By Cassis on why he will run for city council

practically staked all I have in this community. I have the time, experience and dedication to service that this community needs."

Cassis, whose wife is State Rep. Nancy Cassis (R-Now), said he understands being on council means putting aside your own agenda for the betterment of the city.

"You need to be reflective of the needs of the city," Cassis said. "I think I can do that."

Planning Commissioner Kim Capello has decided to go before council but said he understands getting on council is a long shot.

Capello is one of two planning commissioners (Brent Canup is the other) whose commission terms

expired last June 30. No replacements have yet been named and both men still sit on the commission.

"Mayor Dick Clark isn't going to appoint me to the planning commission," Capello said. "I probably don't have a chance of getting on council. I think I only have three votes. I know Dick, Laura (Lorenz) and Michelle won't vote for me. I'm really just going up there to be heard."

Novi City Council will begin the interview process for council candidates on Dec. 18 beginning at 6 p.m.

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Olsen will serve 10-30 for crime

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he did not make it back to the McMahn Circle residence until 4 a.m.

"The story kept changing," Roy said. "And he seemed to be acting a little strange."

Roy said the autopsy conducted by Dr. Ruben Ortiz-Reyes helped formulate their case against Olsen. Ortiz-Reyes, a forensic pathologist for the Oakland County Medical Examiner's Office, reported that Tuttle suffered a heart attack as a result of the physical altercation. Ortiz-Reyes testified at Olsen

preliminary hearing that there was "extensive hemorrhaging" in the abdominal wall, resulting in strain on Tuttle's heart that led to his death. Ortiz-Reyes also found that Tuttle's heart was in poor condition and at least one coronary artery was fully blocked.

Olsen's Defense Attorney Michael McCarthy called the case an "incident of passion and hot blood."

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Holiday Happenings

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Tickets cost \$10. The Silver Belles & Beaus Concert will be held at the Novi Middle School Auditorium, Sunday, December 17 at 2 p.m.

For tickets and additional information, call the Novi Parks & Recreation Department at (248) 347-0400.

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On December 15, join local band 9miles2go with acts First Come Second and Recess Rejects for their Holiday Sing-A-Long upstairs at Vie's Market in Novi. Show starts runs from 9 p.m. and runs through midnight. Cost is \$3. Seating is limited. For tickets, visit www.9miles2go.com.

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The event, centered for ages 3-8, is limited to 40 participants. Cost is \$25 for residents and \$30 for non-residents. Package includes all materials, beverage, and a snack.

Novi Community Band Holiday Concert
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Web site allows kids to explore

By RANDAL YAKEY
Staff Writer

They have management meetings, brainstorming conferences and discuss their product at length.

No, they are not professionals but they could be.

They are a group of sixth and seventh graders at Walled Lake Middle School who are the second group of students working on a newly created 52nd 1st Division Court Web site in Novi. The Web site, launched earlier this year, is an ongoing project which is a joint venture between Sequoia Diversified Products, the Walled Lake Schools and the court.

Sequoia provided the expertise in teaching the children and the court provided subject matter and a civics lesson in court operations.

"I see this as being constantly updated and if you look at the Web site of the district courts in Michigan, none of them are as good as ours," Novi's 52nd 1st Division Court Judge Brian MacKenzie said.

Nishi Shah, 12, and Reva Berman, 12, are holdovers from the last group. The students are doing the same work professional project managers would be doing at a Web site creation business.

"We like the mentors," Shah said. "We like the project managers. And we have two really good computer people like James

(Robinson) and Drew (Okla). They have the application development. We're more professional."

"We oversee the graphics people and when they have a problem, they come to us," Berman said.

Walled Lake Middle School teacher Bob Starr has been with the program since its inception. Starr said that the students are getting an inside look at how a Web site creator puts together a product.

"We're applying what Sequoia does at their business," Starr said. "Each student has been assigned a position from project manager to quality assurance and project director. They selected those positions based on their own qualifications."

Starr said students are using their qualification just as businesses would. From quality control to management, the students are the ones steering the project.

"It's a business," Starr said. "It's a big team building skills where they are able to work with a group of people and manage it. That means micro-managing it too. It is going to work with a given modern speed? Is it going to be viewable by anyone in the world and what do we want or not want on this Web site? We've been working closely so the students have been acquiring a lot of those business skills."

The project grew out of a courts



From left, Jim Robertson, Adam Brenner, Gene Simon, Nishi Shah, 52nd 1st Division Court Judge Brian MacKenzie, Mick Linkous, and Reva Berman work on updating the 52-1 Web site. Not shown: Drew Okla.

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WOVI radio pulls all-nighter to help Toys for Tots

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE
Staff Writer

Threeless Novi High School disc jockeys held a WOVI-FM (89.5) radio marathon last Friday to help benefit the Toys For Tots program, December 18.

From 6 a.m. to midnight, student broadcaster Jon Muchi hosted the 18-hour marathon in hopes of bringing underprivileged children a bright and happy Christmas.

"I'm all about helping unfortunate children whose families can't afford toys and ensure them a nice Christmas," Muchi said.

Muchi said after the success of last year's WOVI marathon for the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life, he wanted to continue the trend toward goodwill.

Former Novi High School student Jon Gibson, who volunteered his time to help out, said ultimately the goal is to get people involved and raise awareness.

Shows which ran over the course of the marathon included Muchi's Geeks & Freaks, Power Punk Hour with P.J. Claudio, Big 80s and The Hippo Hip Hop Hour.

"I wanted to give listeners a taste kind of a Baskin Robins of music with 31 flavors," Muchi said.

The marathon also featured special guest Sam Perna, a NHS faculty member, who provided insightful

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"We wanted to give listeners a Baskin Robins of music with 31 flavors."

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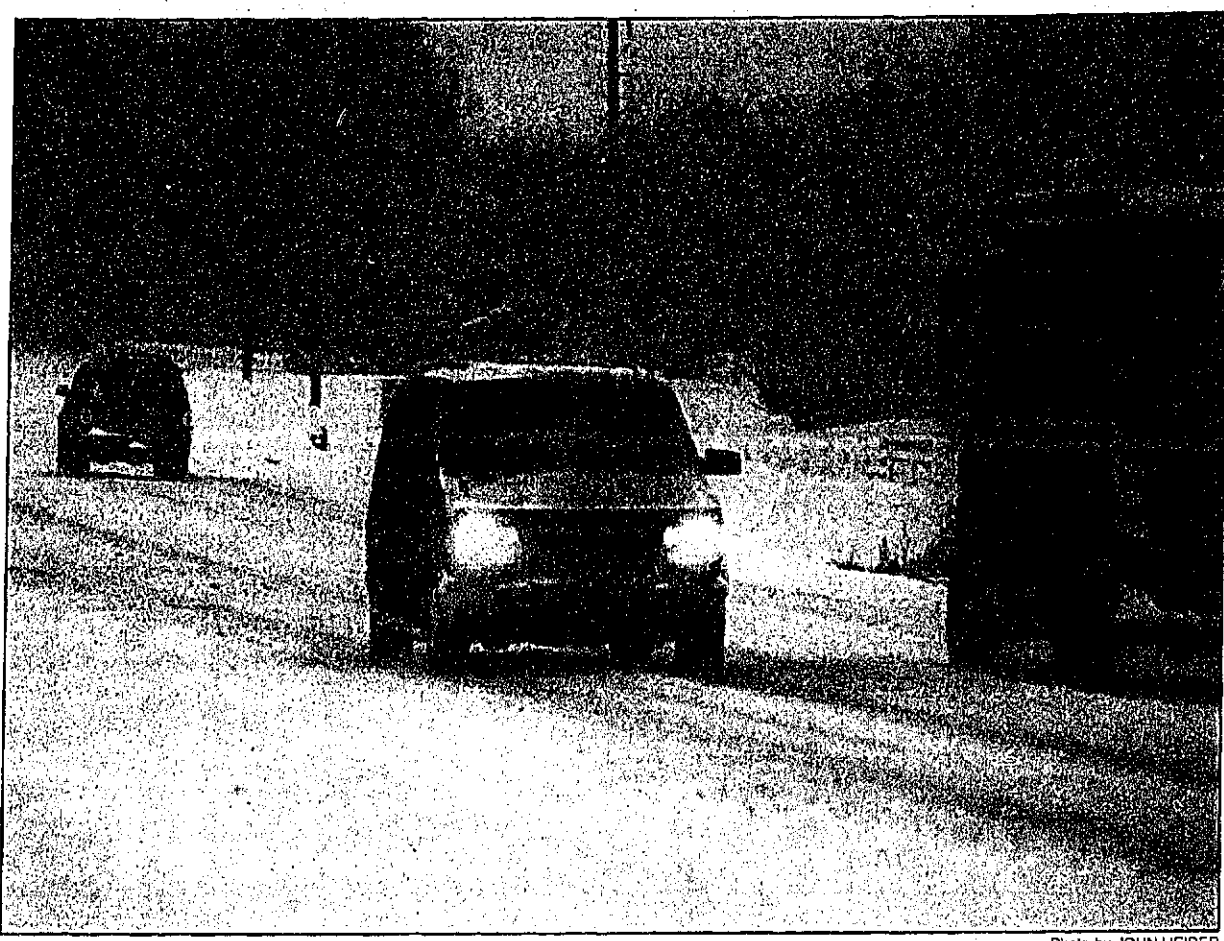
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Mediation board gives alternatives to court process

Mayor Richard Clark had a great idea that we are now seeing in fruition of setting up a mediation board of citizens that would look into solving community problems with volunteer arbitrators. The project, that would be done in conjunction with the 52nd 1st District Court in Novi, could become a reality some time next year. Clark, who has been a lawyer for 32 years, has come up with a winning idea in the "mediation board" for citizens. Currently, disputes between neighbors, whether they be business or residential, end up in the 52nd 1st District Court in Novi. Some of these cases sit unresolved for months before they are eventually ruled on. According to Novi's court administration, Novi judges have approximately 20,000 cases per docket. The Michigan Supreme Court Administration considers that the highest number of cases per judge in the state. Because of the large number of cases at the Novi Court, the Michigan Supreme Court administration has recommended adding a fourth judge to the Novi court. Granted, the "mediation board" may not be enough to significantly cut the number of cases on the Novi court docket, but it will alleviate some of the burden on the judges. The Honorable Brian MacKenzie of the 52nd 1st Division Court in Novi has given his blessing to the "mediation board". MacKenzie agrees with Clark that the best way to end disputes between neighbors is not to let them simmer till a boiling point is inevitable. Why is all this necessary? Well, besides the overloaded dockets each Novi judge has, the citizens are unable to solve disputes that may start out as minor and then explode with time. If a neighbor stole a snowblower and wouldn't return it, by the time the court could get to the case, the other neighbor may have decided to take action on his or her own. The mediation board is something that will benefit our community and in the end, reduce tensions and possibly even crime.

Don't take Mother Nature for granted

An open letter to the Northville-Novi community... Dear Michigan residents: Remember me? I'm the Ghost of Winters past. It may have been a long time since we bumped into each other, but I'm still around. People still talk about me, usually on those February "evenings when it's cold but snow is nowhere to be found. They reminisce about days when they were younger and it seemed as if every Christmas-New Year's week was celebrated under a blanket of powder. When it's high and dry, scientific-types debate about global warming and how the lack of snow is a direct result of "INSERT ENVIRONMENTAL CATASTROPHE HERE". Well, I'm here to tell you that I'm still alive and kicking. And speaking of kicking, sorry about that rude entrance I made this week. I know, I know... you probably would have liked enough snow to make things pretty but not so much that it makes getting out of your driveway a chore. But you know what? Deal with it! This is Michigan, after all. This is the place where we profess our love for the Four Seasons. And while I admit that I'm probably the least favorite of the bunch, I've got just as much a right to be here as my brothers and sisters do. Think about it. No one gripes when Spring gets to put the buds on the trees and sends the daffodils through the ground. No one stewes when Summer gives us days at the beach and warm nights. No one gives a hoot when Autumn puts color all around and puts pumpkins front-and-center. But oh, do people get wound up



Traffic moves slowly along the Novi portion of Taft Road between Eight and Nine Mile Road late Monday afternoon during the snow storm which many are claiming to be the Blizzard of 2000.

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'Appalled' by awful cable contract

I have been following the cable television franchise issue for some time as both a resident and a former Cable Access Committee member. On Monday, Dec. 4, council voted in favor of the flawed contract that we must settle for. I am appalled that we cannot get a better contract. I believe the negotiating committee could have done more, although they didn't have a lot to work with as they insist. Particularly the schools. No equipment funding at all and the agreement states that there will be "joint-use" of the channels. That term is ambiguous. To SWOCC it means that there will be narrowcasting 24/7, but it is not clear in the agreement exactly what that is and which districts do not have 24/7 access. Also, you do not mention in your article (Thursday, Nov. 30) about the 1 percent additional fee for community access operations which "may" be passed through to subscribers. That's what chessed off Laura Lorenzo at that meeting. As far as I can determine, we will be losing Time Warner's staff access people and possibly their studio. Further, SWOCC has yet to develop a "public" plan to find staff to replace Time Warner staff; find additional space for the new cablecasting, editing, producing, conferencing, offices for staff and workshops necessary to fill the void; and get paid back an \$18,000 loan to Farmington Hills for a Broadcast Betacam. And basically, rebuild a studio, production van and portable backdrops, which Time Warner not replaced since the original agreement over 18 years ago. In the short term, community access users stand to lose a good deal of personal service, a studio and all that goes along with it. With some good planning and thought, the long term might work out, however, there is a lot to this that SWOCC would just as soon keep quiet so that they can maintain control and put window dressing out instead of real change. I am all for change and we are overdue. Mark Adler Novi

Novi News/OPEC share same strategies

The Novi News begrudgingly supporting tax abatement for Novi Expo is like OPEC refusing a price hike. Mayor Clark, who I sadly supported in the last election, has proven himself typical of what happens to people in politics. Both the News and the mayor rail against abatements in public forums then support them in "individual instances". Simply put, it's the "say one thing, do another" syndrome that plagues our society from every quarter. The only "individual instances" that won't rate a tax abatement are the ones too small to rate the mayor's attention. There's nothing individual about it. Look around our town and our society... "money talks and bulls-t walks." The Novi News says we should not be blackmailed into giving tax abatements by businesses that threaten to leave but then support a tax abatement for the Expo which threatens to leave if they don't get what they want. Being against tax abatement is a very simple issue. You either have the courage to be against it or you don't. One exception is all exceptions. Unfortunately, the majority of the people in this town can afford the already too high taxes but can't, don't and won't see beyond themselves. The tax burden is squarely on the shoulders of the residents as wealthy businesses and developers grow wealthier at our expense. Further, where does it say that the town

Balking at Bally's service

Editor's note: this is a letter that was written to Bally Fitness and was forwarded to the Novi News. I am currently a premier member of Bally Total Fitness and have been since Sept. 5 of 1999. I would like to emphasize what extremely poor service I have received from your employees within this town. In many of the instances that I have attempted to use your club, I am turned away due to improper identification. Depending upon which sales associate is working, my membership card is only necessary while others require other identification instead. I find it very difficult to be a member of such a club when the regulations are altered on a daily basis. A guest interested in joining your club had recently accompanied me to take advantage of the club's facilities. Within three months prior to our current visit, he had attempted to use your club and was quickly turned away due to improper identification. However, his name remained in your records as a Bally Total Fitness guest. When he accompanied me recently to attempt to use the club's facilities, he was only permitted after an extremely rude and argumentative employee checked with the manager. She argued that he had been a guest within the prior three months and should not "be allowed" to use your equipment. Moreover, when we had finished taking advantage of the club's facilities, we were stunned to learn that the same rude sales associate had given my guest's driver's license to the wrong person. I had kindly asked another sales associate for assistance in locating my guest's identification and there "was nothing he could do." After many phone calls, only on my behalf, I was disgusted to receive the driver's license the next day. I can assure you that, as

Memorial marred by disrespect

Even as we commemorate the 1941 entrance of America into World War II this month, a few malcontents are keeping this country from saying a long-overdue thank you to the World War II generation. On Nov. 11, even as Americans gathered to break ground for the much-anticipated National World War II Memorial on The Mall in our nation's Capitol, some ungrateful people made plans to disrupt work on the project. They sued to delay construction well after seven years of thought and planning for the memorial. The decision-making process encompassed 18 public hearings over the last five years - more than enough time for a good decision on the design and location. Opponents of the site and design were heard at every step. The process was fair. It's ungrateful to ask the courts to undo what a fair, open and lengthy process has determined - that there is no better place than The Mall to honor the generation that preserved our freedom. When completed, the memorial will be a lasting tribute to an entire generation, which drew strength from the very same values that inspired the colonial citizen-soldiers. The cause of democracy prevailed as a result of the unflinching courage of 16 million World War II GIs - 400,000 of whom

Money is flowing for officials

Ho, ho, ho! Santa Claus came a couple of weeks early for our masters in Lansing. Last Thursday, the State Officers Compensation Commission recommended salary and expense account increases for legislators, justices of the Michigan Supreme Court, governor and lieutenant governor. The amounts recommended were, well, enormous. (Alert readers will realize that not only are the salary increases colossal, but also they will have a very long expense list, as pensions for state office holders are determined by the last salary level.) For the state's 148 legislators (both Senate and House of

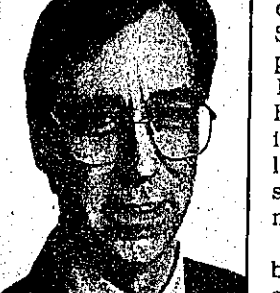


Phil Power

Representatives), salaries would go from the current \$56,981 to \$77,400 in 2001, a 35.8 percent increase. Supreme Court justices would get \$159,960, up 13.5 percent from \$140,816. Governor Engler's paycheck would go from \$151,245 to \$172,000, an increase of 13.7 percent, while Lt. Gov. Dick Posthumus' salary would increase 19.5 percent, from \$100,671 to \$120,400. Created to avoid putting office holders in the difficult situation of voting for their own pay increases, the State Officers Compensation Commission periodically recommends pay changes for state officers. The recommendations take effect automatically unless voted down by one of the legislative chambers. Assuming the SOCC recommendations go into effect, Michigan lawmakers would become the third highest paid in the country, behind California (\$99,000) and New York (\$79,500). Governor Engler's salary would be the second-highest in the country, behind only New York Governor George Pataki (\$179,000). Members of the seven-member SOCC argued the extraordinary increases were justified by the skills and experience required of office holders. They also contended that capable legislators would become increasingly hard to recruit in an era of term limits, when they have to sacrifice "prime earning years" for an interlude of public service. The audacity of this last argument is breathtaking. In 1992, Michigan voters passed a constitutional amendment limiting service in the House of Representatives to three 2-year terms and governor, secretary of state, attorney general and state senators to two 4-year terms. The argument back then was that term limits would do away with careerist politicians, who would be ordinary folks who might serve the public for six or eight years before going back to their regular jobs in their home towns. Of course, what happened was precisely the reverse. Careerism merely adjusted itself to a shortened time frame, as those newly elected to the House of Representatives promptly started scheming on how to get elected next to the (more prestigious) Senate before they finished their first term. Term limits produced a massive turnover in the House following the 1998 election, with disastrous results. Members from both parties, lacking institutional memory and experience in legislating, flailed here and there for two years with little noticeable legislative output. The Speaker, Chuck

Lame duck leads to more lame bills

Lame duck session is supposed to be about wrapping up loose ends. We all understand that 148 Senators and Representatives, proposing and amending law, are bound to leave some things undone at election time. It would be a shame to let someone's work over the course of the last two years go obsolete when the session ends Dec. 31. But why then have lawmakers introduced no less than 111 new bills since election day? Senators had produced just 11 new bills. For them, it isn't mid-term. House members, on the other hand, produced 100 new bills between the time of the election and the start of this week, which is actually an extension of the legislative session. Even on what had been scheduled to be the last day, new bills were going into the hopper. The explanation given by many lawmakers is that they don't intend to set action on the bills in these final days of session. For example, when Reps. Nancy Cassis, R-Novi, and Bruce Patterson, R-Canton, and several others lawmakers introduced a bill intended to speed up the repeal of the Single Business Tax, they made it clear they did not expect action until next year. Now that it is drafted, they will have to reintroduce it in the coming session after they return to work in mid-January. Rep. John Jellema, R-Grand Haven, made it clear when he introduced a package of anti-sprawl initiatives that he also didn't intend to see action this year. Proponents of the bills said they were essentially floating "trial balloons." They wanted to get the ideas out there so other lawmakers, others in the planning committee, and the public could take a look and provide some feedback. When the bills are re-introduced next year, they'll incorporate some of the changes suggested. So there are legitimate uses of the lame duck session. And then there are bills like House Bill 6147, introduced by Rep. Susan Tabor, R-Washington Township, put forward an identical bill in his chamber. Both were introduced after the election, and raised a new topic for the 1999-2000 session, mourning dove hunting. This isn't exactly a new issue in Michigan. Hunters and the Michigan Humane Society have been jousting over it for about 20 years. But it had received no discussion for all in the two years of session ending this month. Suddenly, the bills are introduced and rushed through the process in hopes of winning passage before legislators go home for Christmas. Where's the emergency? Why do we have to have mourning doves on the state game bird list by Dec. 31? What negative consequence would come from holding the issue over until the next year when it could be fully debated and the public could have some input? I frankly don't have strong feelings



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Continued from 12 must "grow"? It feels overcrowded now, and what exactly is the benefit of this growth... traffic jams, bad roads, higher taxes, another mall, more crime, and more half-million dollar homes on postage stamp lots? Boy, I can't wait. Novi has been mismanaged, badly planned, blindly grown, and badly misled (paid intended) for far too many years. The question the mayor and the News should be asking themselves on any public issue... How will this benefit the people of Novi? I submit that any tax abatements, including the Expo one, will benefit only the owners of the businesses involved and a few other associated businesses. As residents, our questions to the mayor and the News should be: What are you doing to better this community? Why should I pay greater taxes while successful businesses and developers get tax breaks? Why should my business be eligible for tax abatement while another is not? And... Where is your courage to do the right thing? And make no mistake, there is a right thing, despite what our over-liberalized society would have us believe. Giving tax abatements to businesses is bad news. Like some pension plans over the last 20 years, those businesses will disappear when it suits them, abatement or not. Ted Sidelho Novi Liberal slant shows through in Power's column We all know we're getting the Liberal slant when we read your weekly newspaper. What if Gore goes beyond rationally and really believes he won Florida, and demoralizes and sees everyone in sight, including fellow democrats to overturn the certification of Governor Bush's election. What does Phil Power do (12/7) He dumps on Bush and Gore without identifying the despicable deeds done by Bush in response to Gore's antics. "Both presidential candidates fully deserve the contemptuous judgments of history that they surely will receive." Well, Mr. Liberal member of the media, that reads as just another cheap shot to taint the Bush presidency. Congratulations on doing your liberal best. That is rather contemptuous! You'll just have to get over the shock of seeing Republicans fight back when Democrats blatantly try to steal another presidential election. I'm in shock that the vote thieves from Chicago didn't get away with it, again. Ken Lane Novi Abatement is positive for Novi Novi generally doesn't provide tax abatements. However, in the case of the Novi Expo Center, the abatement is warranted. The Novi Expo Center is one of the few private self supported convention centers in the United States. It is a real benefit to the community to have this unique facility in our city. The Novi Expo Center houses the National Motorsports Museum and provides a home for community festivals. Not to mention the tremendous spin-off benefit of business for hotels and restaurants. It also provides a badly needed entertainment venue for the community. The antique shows, comic book shows and the many events that annually provide the residents with an activity outlet is a value that can not be measured. We are extremely fortunate to have this facility in our town. The Novi City Council should be encouraged to help this facility survive. The tax abatement should be granted. Joseph Lack Novi

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Margaret E. O'Reilly, 98, died at the Whitehall Nursing Home in Novi on Dec. 9 after a long illness. She was born in Elkhart to Joseph and Anna (Block) Glazer on January 3, 1902. She was a former employee of the Pierre Marquette Railroad in the clerical department. She is survived by four daughters, Mary Lou Persha of Novi; Pat Casciani of Howell; Jane Thompson and Peg Wheeler, both of Inverness, Fla.; 16 grandchildren and 28 great grandchildren. Joseph, her husband of 54 years, passed away in 1981. Visitation was held at the Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Home on Dec. 13 and Mass fol-

lowed at the Holy Family Church of Novi with Father John Hudde officiating. Interment was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery of Southfield. **GEORGE PADOVICH**
George Padovich, 81, died on Dec. 4 at Charter House of Novi. He was born on June 18, 1919 in Fair Hope, Penn. to Thomas and Theresa (Kizlin) Padovich. He was a Northville Township resident and lived in the area for 25 years, including Livonia. George was retired from General Motors Corporation and Bulding Electric. He was a member of St. Kenneth Church in Plymouth and served in the United States Army from 1941 to 1945. Survivors include wife,

Florence; son, Frank (Margaret Susan) of Northville; two sisters; two brothers; two grandchildren and six great grandchildren. Services were Dec. 8 at St. Kenneth, 14951 North Haggerty Road, Plymouth, at 11:30 a.m. with Father Joseph Millia officiating. Arrangements were made by Costerline Funeral Home. The family would appreciate memorial contributions to the American Heart Association, West Metro Region, P.O. Box 721129, Berkeley, MI. 48072-0129.

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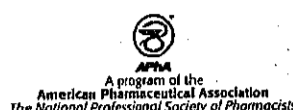


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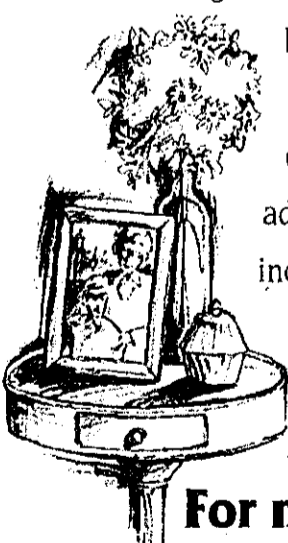
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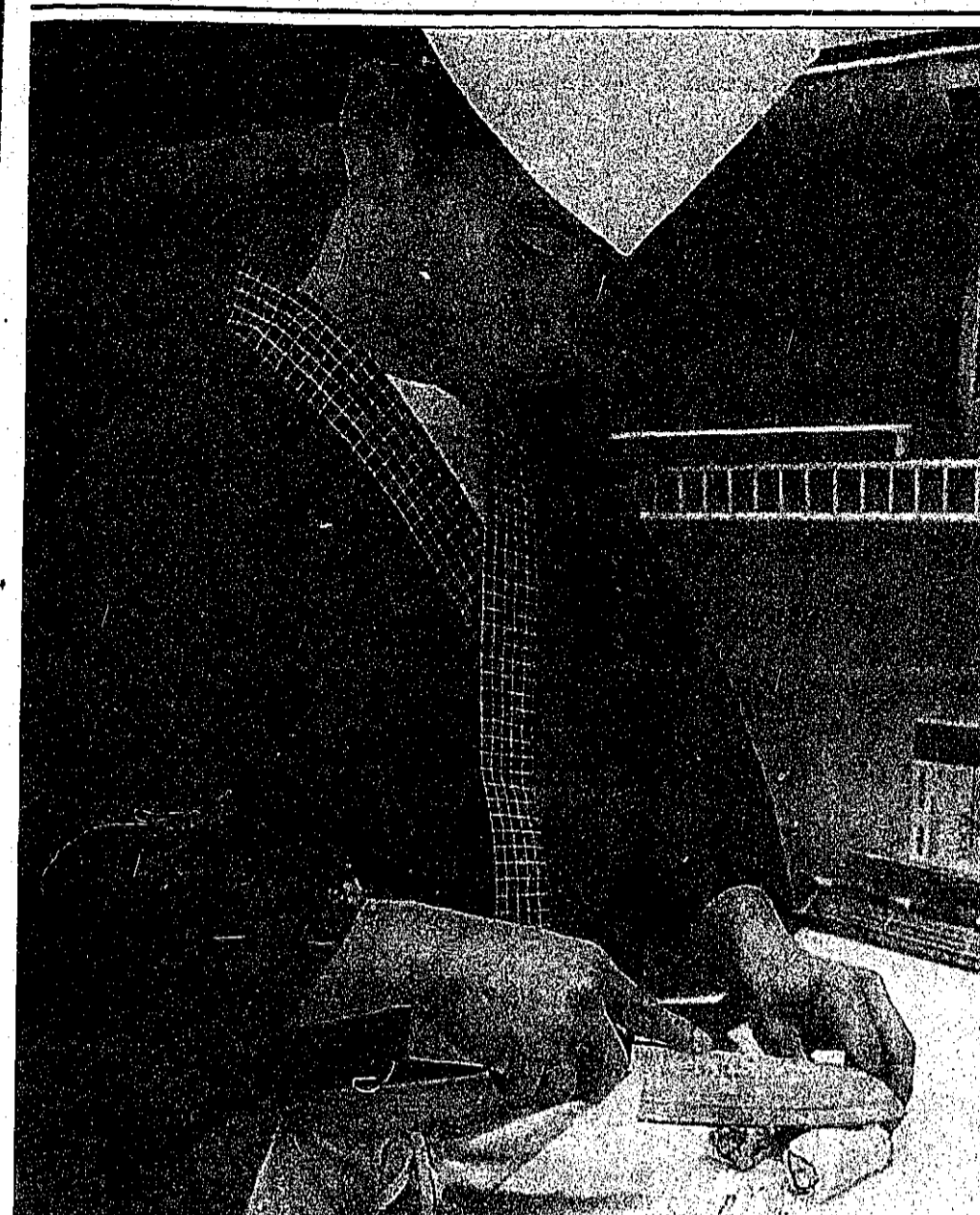


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Bi Bim Bab cooks food directly at customer's table

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(Above) A California Roll sushi was prepared at Novi's Bi Bim Bab Korean restaurant in the Novi Main Street development.
(Right) Mr. Kim, a sushi chef at Bi Bim Bab, prepares a California Roll for lunchtime diners.

and very healthy," said Younsuk Choi, who co-owns the restaurant with his brother Jai Park. Choi, who moved from Korea to Novi four years ago, said the food caters to both meat eaters and vegetarians and that everything is served fresh.

All the meals begin with hot tea, and they have Korean ice cream in bean and ginger flavors for dessert. Being a Novi resident, Choi said he thought the city was a great spot to open his first business, especially with its booming Asian population. The menus come in both Korean and English.

Bi Bim Bab has a very modern and cultural atmosphere, decorated with bright colors and unique light fixtures, and includes private areas for banquets or large parties. Prices for lunch run from \$6-\$12 and dinners range from \$12 to \$18 a plate.

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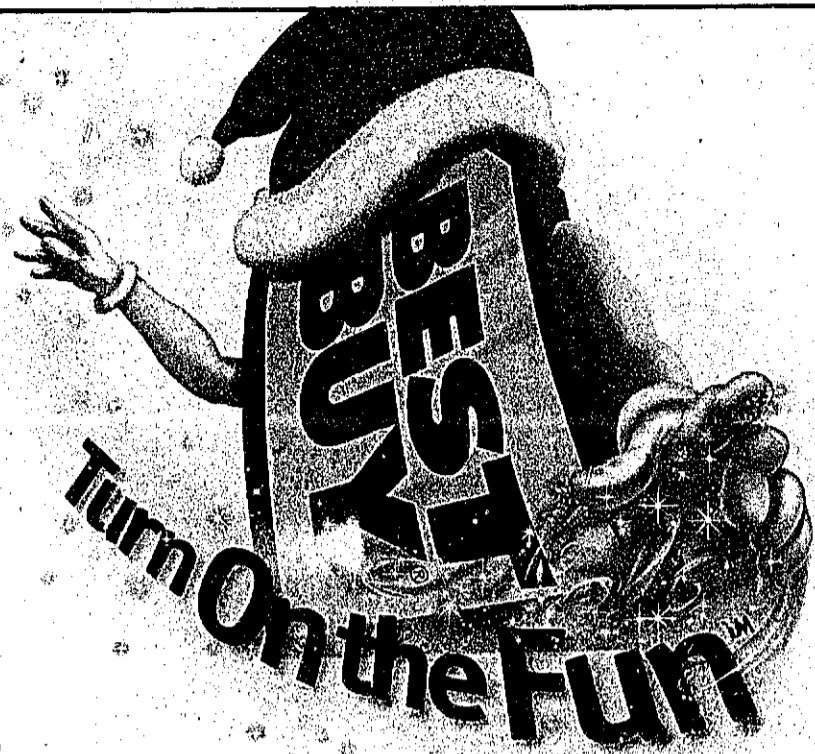
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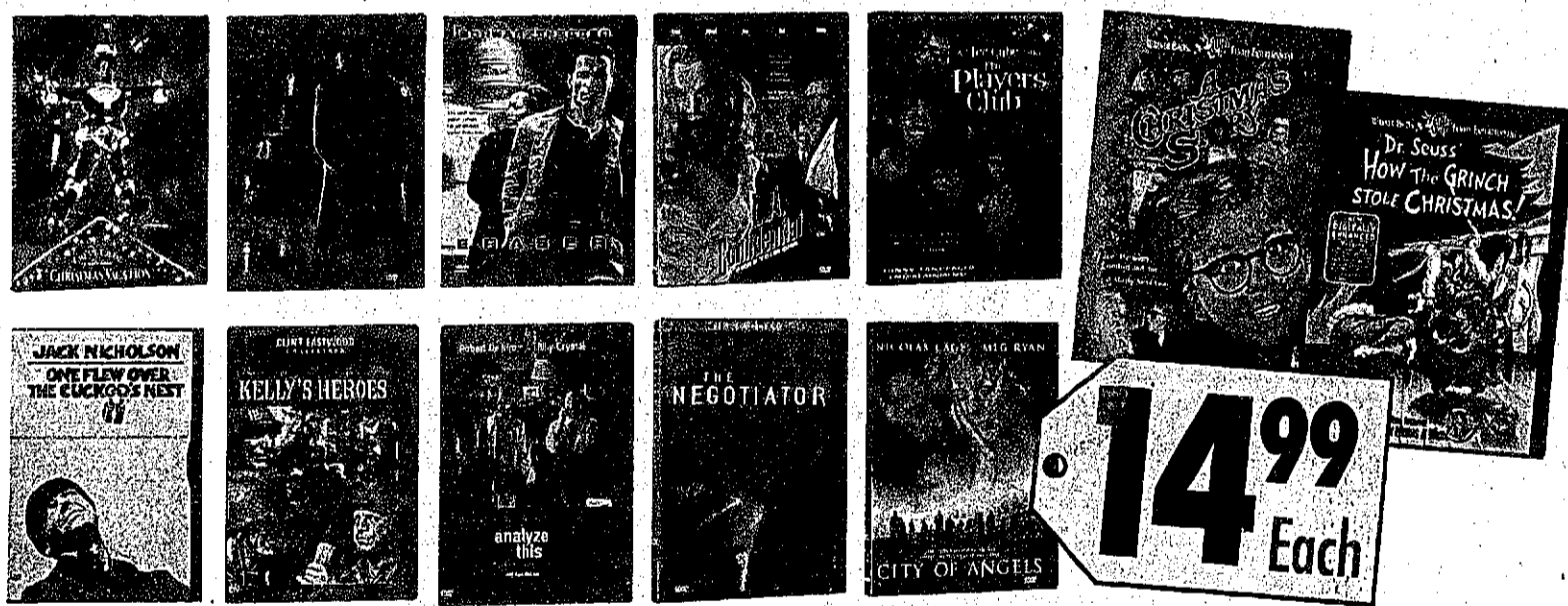
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Nothing says holidays like champagne

Millennium celebrations last year created a lot of enthusiasm for champagne," said Mireille Guiliano, President and CEO of Clicquot, Inc., the U.S. arm of the French champagne house

Champagne picks

In addition to champagnes spotlighted in the column, the following scored at the top of our recent champagne taste-off. Mumm Cordon Rouge \$30
Deutz Brut Classic \$39
Louis Roederer Brut Premier \$42
1995 Piper-Heidsieck Brut Vintage \$50
1995 Deutz Champagne Brut \$52
Gosset Grande Reserve \$52
1990 Piper-Heidsieck Rare \$70
Gosset Grande Rose \$70 - best pink champagne
1995 Perrier-Jouet Fleur de Champagne \$120

"Clicquot Brut (Yellow Label) \$47 and 1995 La Grande Dame \$130 are fuller bodied and made to complement food. Clicquot champagnes have popular sales throughout the year, but it does increase for the holidays."

So, now you want to know who's number one. At 30 percent of the market, that's Moët & Chandon. Our favorites from the 'champagne big house' are 1995 Moët & Chandon Brut Imperial \$53 and 1995 Moët & Chandon Brut Imperial Rose \$53.

Get to know a little house

Prior to the holidays for the last several years, we've featured a different, small, limited production, artisan champagne house. Champagne Philipponnat gets the 2000 spotlight because not only is the bubbly great, but by Champagne region standards, Philipponnat is a small house, producing only a half million bottles for the whole world. Yet, it is found in restaurants and the homes of avid consumers in major world capitals.

Located in the heart of the Champagne region, not far from Epernay, the classical facade, grand courtyard, and monumental portal bearing the Philipponnat coat of arms offers clues that there's something special here.

In the 18th century cellars where Philipponnat champagnes age slowly in a calming silence, we found early clues fulfilled under the management of family member Charles Philipponnat.

Philipponnat is one of the most prestigious owners of top-rated vineyards covering 43 acres, of which the famous Clos des Goisses is the jewel. This exceptional vineyard is entirely made up of south-facing sites, unparalleled in the Champagne region. The vineyard is worked completely by hand. Workers use small footladders to reach the various walled-in plots, and due to the splendid exposure, bathed in sunshine for long hours each day.

Standing atop Clos des Goisses vineyard, we viewed the entire wine-producing region of the Champagne district — a breathtaking vista with the Clos des Goisses vineyard reflected in the Marne River. Philipponnat Le Reflet du Millénaire \$52 is christened both for this and a celebration of the new millennium. Pinot noir in the blend comes principally from Clos des Goisses with a percentage of chardonnay from the renowned Cote des Blancs area.

Except for the Grand Blanc which is made exclusively from chardonnay, Philipponnat champagnes are characterized by blends with a majority of pinot noir, the famed red grape of the champagne region. The wines are simultaneously well-rounded with a solid and powerful structure, yet delicate finish.

Philipponnat Royale Reserve \$44 is a blend of 25 different vineyards from diverse areas of the Champagne region and from several vintage years. Fresh, fruity and delicate, it scores as an aperitif pour.

Zangoola



Fresh, hot and delicious: After glazing in a heated sugar and water mixture, the zangoola is ready to enjoy.

By NICOLE STAFFORD
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Oil bubbles in a sauce pan in the dimly lit kitchen where the Nativ family has gathered.

They'll cook together for just an hour, a pause in the Huntington Woods family's hectic schedule; the youngest has karate class in 30 minutes and 13-year-old Danielle is not yet home from her basketball

game. Taking the time is celebratory; it's how the family abides a holiday food tradition, the making of zangoola.

The recipe is humble, calls for only a handful of ingredients. The simplicity, though, speaks to the food's symbolic meaning for Jews during Hanukkah. "The dish shows that family is special even through hard times," says father Yair, whose zangoola recipe was passed down by mother, grandmother, great grandmother and great-great grandmother.

Zangoola, which is similar to a donut, cooked in hot oil and made of flour, yeast, water and salt, was a solution to a historic lack of resources.

In earlier times, the Jews were at war with the Greeks, who had taken control of their temple in Jerusalem. In about 166 B.C., the Jews triumphed and regained control of the temple, the event that Hanukkah commemorates.

Wanting to give their children something special to eat but impoverished, they made zangoola.

That the simple, but sweet, crisp and warm, pastry is prepared in oil only enhances its symbolic meaning. When the Jews recovered their temple from the Greeks, they found only enough oil to last them one day. Miraculously, they were able to burn the oil for eight days, thus the symbolism of the Menorah's eight candles.

A family affair

Yair stands near the stovetop, mixing the contents of a stainless steel bowl with tremendous vigor. Bags



Fry time: Yair Nativ cleans his hands after mixing the zangoola dough and prepares to deep fry.

Hanukkah pastry abides family and cultural tradition

of flour and sugar sit nearby on the counter. Wife Shelley and sons Yoni, 10, and Ami, 4, stand by watching, ready to assist.

"It has to be three people working together. It is designed for the family. It's a tradition," says Yair, adding, "Of course my mother never let us near the oil. We would do the sugar."

Yair does exactly the same with his children. After preparing the dough, he squeezes out

portions with his hands then drops each piece into the pan of oil. He turns each one and then uses a strainer to remove them and shake off the oil. A sweet smell, similar to cornbread, fills the kitchen, and Yair calls to his sons for help. Dad's hands are sticky with dough, so Yoni and Ami must finish each piece of zangoola. Traditionally, the pastry is dipped in a warm glaze, a simple sugar and water mixture, for sweetness, although powdered sugar may be added to the outside or jelly injected in to the pastry center.

Making zangoola was a grand affair for Yair as a child growing up in Israel with a mother who loved to cook. "She would wake up at five o'clock in the morning on the first day of Hanukkah and she would make the dough. We would wake up at six or seven to the smell of the oil. You would walk into the kitchen and every surface, literally, was covered with trays of zangoola and other pastries to give to the neighborhood. We had such an incredible time as kids waking up to what she had made."

Later, neighbors, friends and family would come by the home to sip coffee and snack on zangoola, recalls Yair.

When the Nadir family finishes cooking, they decide, they will treat Shelley's cousin to an impromptu visit and batch of zangoola.

Something sweet, something old

Middle Eastern markets do sell zangoola, typically in the shape of a figure eight, says Yair. "Still, not a lot of people know about these. These are really from the old-timers. Not a lot of people would make them."

Today, most Jews buy ordinary donuts from a market or bakery for Hanukkah, he says. Since zangoola is so simple to make and served warm from the pan, it's well worth the effort, says Yair. "This gives you warmth — and Hanukkah is the holiday of light, too — so when you combine this with the light of the Menorah, it's wonderful." Besides, adds Shelley, making



Family affair: Making and eating zangoola requires more than one chef, so Shelley and Yair Nativ (from left) employ sons Yoni, 10 and Ami, 4, to help.

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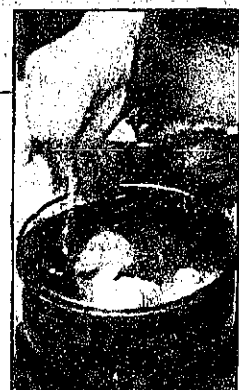
ZANGOOOLA

Dough:

4 1/2 cups flour
3 packets yeast
2 cups warm water,
more as needed
Touch of salt
Oil

Glaze:

1 cup sugar
2 cups water



Sizzling hot: Zangoola is cooked in oil, which is one of the symbols of Hanukkah.

Combine yeast and 2 cups warm water in mixing bowl and let sit for 5 minutes. Add flour and salt. Mix vigorously, eliminating lumps. Add warm water as needed to reach an even consistency. Dough should be sticky like glue but thicker than glue.

Put oil in a deep pan or fryer and heat for deep-frying. In a sauce pan, combine 1 cup sugar and 2 cups water and bring to a boil. Let simmer for 10 minutes or until thickened.

When oil and glaze are ready, zangoola dough can be cooked. Over mixing bowl, scoop up a handful of dough with one hand and squeeze. Let spoon-sized portion of dough fall into other hand (the technique aids in separating the sticky dough). Drop dough pieces into hot oil one at a time. Repeat, turning pieces in oil.

Remove with a strainer when golden brown, shaking off oil. Drop zangoola one at a time into glaze, a few seconds for each. Remove and place in paper towel-lined dish or bowl.

Best when served immediately. For additional sweetness, roll in powdered sugar or inject jelly.

the zangoola brings together family, both the individual one in the home and the larger cultural family in history.

"Through this, you have a link of generations from the past, the present and the future," says Yair. "Food represents the continuity of family."

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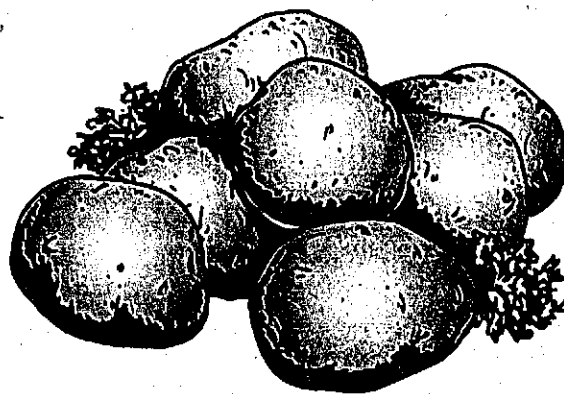
3 yellow peppers
2 green peppers
6 medium red potatoes
2 medium onions, peeled
4 cloves garlic, minced
1 teaspoon red pepper flakes
2 tablespoons olive oil
1/4 cup capers, drained
1 1/2 cup fresh parsley
4 tablespoons Parmesan cheese, grated
3 cups leftover cooked turkey, cut into strips (optional)

Wash peppers and potatoes. Dry. Do not peel potatoes. Cut peppers, potatoes and onions in 1-inch chunks. Place in 2-inch

deep roasting pan.

Sprinkle with garlic, pepper flakes and oil. Toss well to blend. Place uncovered in 425°F oven for 25 minutes or until potatoes are tender. Gently stir in capers, parsley and turkey (if used). Bake until heated through (about 10 minutes). Sprinkle with Parmesan. Bake 2 more minutes to melt cheese. Serves 6.

Nutritional information per serving: Calories, 175; total fat, 5.5 g; sat. fat, 0.6 g; cholesterol, 9 mg; sodium, 180 mg. Food Exchanges: 2 vegetables, 1 starch, 1 fat.



MOVIES

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Thursday, December 14, 2000

'Nightmare' is a treat for Christmas



Jack Skellington and Sally share a moment in "Tim Burton's The Nightmare Before Christmas".

Returning to big screen haunts for the first time in seven years, Halloween town's celebrated Pumpkin King, Jack Skellington, and a colorful cast of assorted ghosts, ghouls, and goblins, are back to scare up plenty of tricks and treats as holidays collide with chaotic and comical consequences in Touchstone Pictures' stop-motion animated musical fantasy, "Tim Burton's The Nightmare Before Christmas."

A landmark film in its genre, the film combines the power, enchantment and artistry of stop-motion animation with technological wizardry to create a unique and entertaining moviegoing experience.

Critics and moviegoers alike hailed "The Nightmare Before Christmas" as a macabre masterpiece at the time of its release in 1993. Reflecting on the film, Thomas Schumacher, president of Walt Disney Feature Animation, noted, "The Nightmare Before Christmas" is an exquisite film that demonstrates the versatility and

excitement of animation. The combination of Tim Burton's fantastic vision and designs, Henry Selick's inspired direction and the talents of some of the best stop-motion animators in the world resulted in a bold and original journey to a magical place. Building an animation studio from scratch to meet the needs of this production was an ambitious undertaking that proved to be well worth the effort."

Ambitious in its scope and meticulous in its execution, "The Nightmare Before Christmas" creates a magical realm where fantastic characters come convincingly to life and set into "stop-motion" a charming and fanciful tale that captures the imaginations and hearts of all moviegoers. Stunning art direction and amazing animated characters along with the extraordinary efforts of some top filmmaking talents add to the film's visual excitement while 10 original songs by renowned composer/songwriter Danny Elfman provide musical delights.

Set in a world where every holiday has its own special land, "The Nightmare Before Christmas" follows the misguided passion of Jack Skellington, Halloween town's beloved Pumpkin King, who oversees the creation of all the ghoulish delights, frights and surprises that his holiday traditionally exports to the "real world." Bored with the same annual routine, Jack finds a new purpose in life when he accidentally stumbles upon the entryway to Christmastown and becomes instantly enraptured with the bright colors, joys, decorations and warm spirit that he discovers there. He returns home obsessed with bringing Christmas under his control and enlists his loyal townspeople to help him become a substitute Santa and create a "new and improved" version of the holiday. But even the best laid plans of

mice and skeleton men can go seriously astray as Jack discovers all too soon.

For Burton, "The Nightmare Before Christmas" was always a very special project and seeing it realized in such a spectacular manner appears to have been well worth the wait.

"To me, Halloween has always been the most fun night of the year," Burton says. "It's a night where rules are dropped and you can be somebody else or anything at all. It's where fantasy rules. It's all very fun and only scary in a humorous way. Nobody's out to scare anybody to death; they're out to delight each other with their scariness. That to me is the spirit of Halloween and this movie."

"The Nightmare Before Christmas" is rated PG by the Motion Picture Association.

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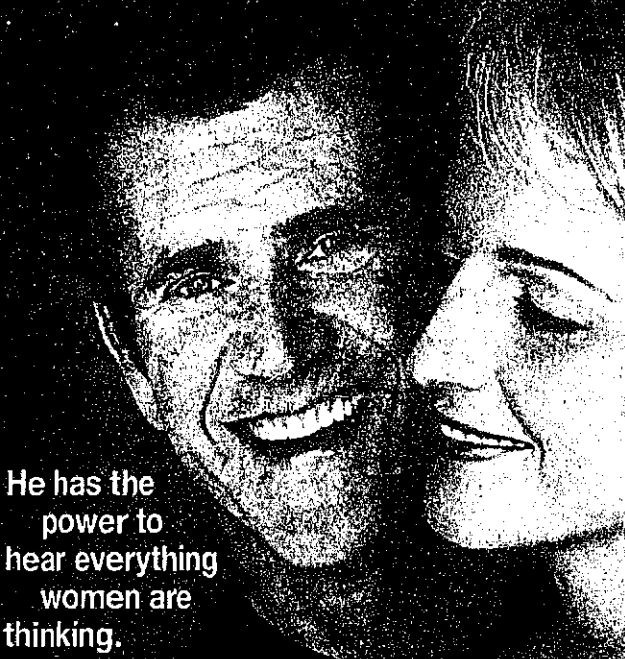
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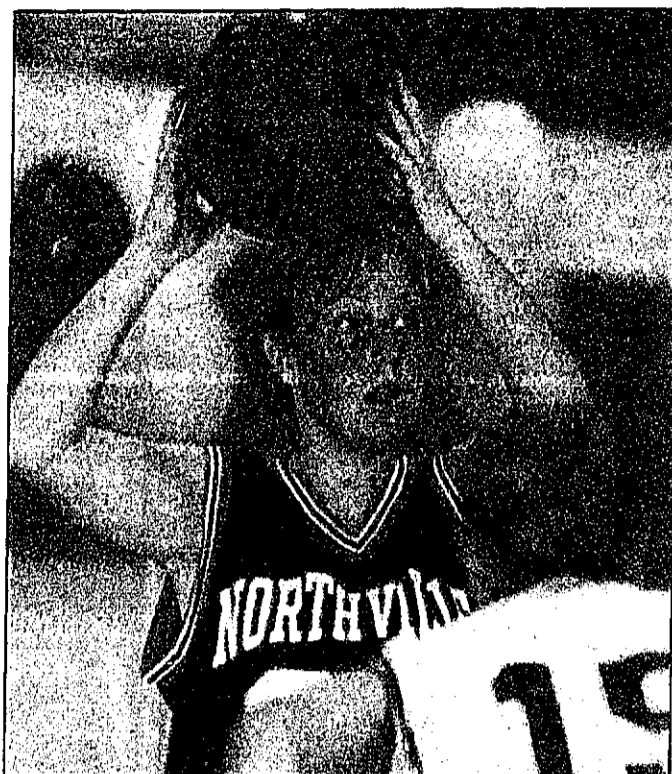


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All-Area girls b-ball



Emily Carbott looks to pass against a Livonia Stevenson player earlier in the season.

Edwards named to All-Area girls second team

The era of the superstar is over. Long live the team. After the name Christie Schumacher dominated HomeTown East's all-area basketball team the past four seasons, 2000 marks the dawn of a new era. No 50-point games. No outrageous stats. No crazy gimmic defenses. No major college recruiting battles. Just plain ol' basketball from plain ol' basketball players. And there's nothing wrong with that.

FIRST TEAM

Mary Tanski Northville senior

When Northville lost both Meredith and Janel Hasse, along with Kate Hammond to graduation this past spring, some expected the team to suffer a letdown, especially down on the blocks.

In comes Mary Tanski, who dominated the low post all season long for the Western Lakes champion Mustangs. The senior averaged a team-leading 12.5 points and 7.0 rebounds per game. She was also tops on the team with 2.4 steals and 1.8 blocked shots per contest. All this while committing just 32 turnovers the entire season.

She was a first-team all-conference selection and was the team's scholar-athlete award winner with a GPA of 3.7.

"She stepped right into a natural scoring position for us," her coach Pete Wright said. "She's an extremely strong player who can jump very well."

Emily Carbott Northville senior

For three years, Carbott was relied upon for just about anything the team needed from her. This season, the point guard shifted over to the off-guard position quite often with the emergence of teammate Nicole Cauzillo. This allowed her to score more while continuing to create scoring opportunities for her teammates.

Carbott, a four-year starter at Northville, led the team with 15 three pointers while dishing out a team-leading 4.6 assists per game. Her 6.6 points per game was fourth-best on the team. She also averaged 2.3 steals per game. "She was able to do more creative things from the shooting guard position that really helped us as a group," Wright said.

"She was our leader at practice and off the court as well. She always seemed to get the team rallied around her."

Dennis Cichonski
Novi coach
on Karen Edwards' leadership

Carbott was an honorable-mention all-league selection.

Stephanie Anderson Milford junior

In her third year on the varsity, Anderson was Milford's most experienced player. Add that to the responsibilities of the point guard position, and her burden was significant. But it was in able hands.

"Stephanie quarterbacked the club," Milford coach Don Palmer said. "She was responsible for getting everyone in position."

Anderson was also a dangerous scorer, capable of knocking down the three-pointer or driving to the hoop. She was second on the team at nine points per game.

Anderson was voted first-team All-IKVC by the league's coaches.

Connie Mallinson Milford junior

"Connie and Stephanie were interchangeable," Palmer said. "They know how to play off of each other."

Anderson was the point guard, Mallinson the shooting guard.

Mallinson was the Redskins' leading scorer at 9.3 points per game and also had the most three-point field goals on the team with 36. Those offensive talents alone would make her a noteworthy player. Then consider that Mallinson was Milford's best perimeter defender, and what you had was one of the best all-around players in the IKVC.

Mallinson was a second-team all-conference selection.

Jenny Weiss Lakeland junior

Last season, as a sophomore on a veteran squad, Weiss was able to develop slowly, as a complimentary player. A year later, no such luxury, as Weiss, a junior center,

was the Eagles' only experienced player. She was the team's leading scorer, rebounder, field goal shooter and free throw shooter.

Weiss was a second-team All-IKVC pick.

SECOND TEAM

Karen Edwards Novi senior

Having lost its top six players from 1999's IKVC championship team, Novi coach Dennis Cichonski needed some players to step it up in 2000.

Karen Edwards was one of the key players for her coach.

Edwards averaged just 5.0 points per game, but led her team off the court and in the huddles.

"She was our leader at practice and off the court as well," Cichonski said. "She always seemed to get the team rallied around her. She was also a good rebounder for her size."

She averaged 3.0 rebounds per game and was voted the most-improved player on the Novi team.

Sara Cox Northville senior

A three-year starter, Cox was the player no one heard about, but everyone knew about. The unsung player on the WLAA's best team, Cox moved inside for the sake of the team this year and performed brilliantly.

She averaged 7.1 points per game, third on the team, and snagged 4.5 rebounds per contest. Cox also averaged 2.0 steals and 1.3 assists this season.

"Sara does all the little things you need done during a game," her coach Pete Wright said. "She had been a perimeter player in the past and she sacrificed her scoring with the change this year."

Cox was an all-division selection in the WLAA.

Kelly Anderson Northville junior

The quickest of Northville's three starting guards, Anderson was a slasher and creator on the court. She started for the third-consecutive year and came back from an ACL injury midway through last season.

"She came back without missing a hitch," Wright said. "She always drew the toughest defensive assignment every game. We were able to utilize her speed on the break. She has the best hands I've

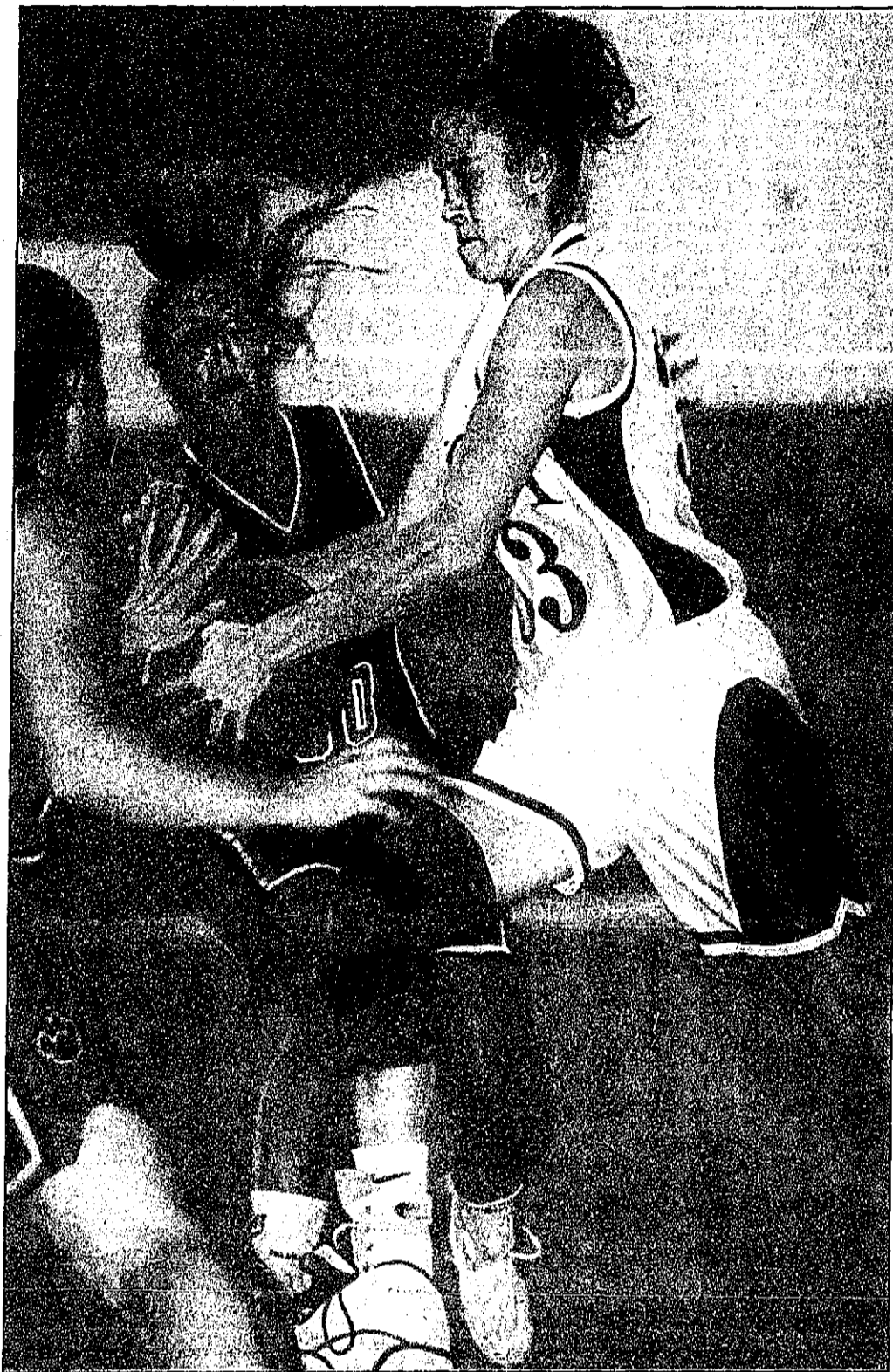


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Novi's Jamie Jo Sabol was an honorable mention to the All-Area girls basketball team.

ever seen as a coach."

Anderson was second on the team with 8.2 points per game. She had 2.1 steals per game and committed just 27 turnovers the entire season (22 games). She was an all-division selection in the WLAA.

Annie Charles Milford senior

No one played harder, regardless of the matchup.

"After Ashley Orier was hurt, Annie was our tallest player and had to defend all of the big kids," Palmer said. "She did a very good job."

Charles was Milford's leading rebounder, averaging 5.9 boards per game. She was the team's third-leading scorer at 6.3 points per game.

Dawn Mannarino South Lyon junior

South Lyon had easily the youngest team in the IKVC. As the point guard, it was Mannarino's task to shepherd the youth. When it worked, the Lions could play with anyone in the league. Mannarino was adept at handling pressure, then turning around and giving opponents a taste of their own medicine.

Mannarino led South Lyon in assists while scoring 6.4 points per game.

HONORABLE MENTION:

Novi — Kate Rose, Megan Colligan, Jaime Sabol

Northville — Nicole Cauzillo, Emily Oit, Maggie Ossola



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Northville's Sara Cox drives against Livonia Stevenson in an early season match up.

Moore places eighth in first national championship race

Sometimes it's easy to take for granted the accolades of the Novi cross country team and its individuals. Two state championships, a runnerup finish and nine all-state individual performances in the last three years makes it easy.

But Tim Moore added to that dynasty by finishing eighth at the Foot Locker National Cross Country Championships this past Saturday in Orlando, Fla. The meet is the pinnacle of cross-country running, pitting 32 of the best high school cross country athletes against each other. Footlocker is the major sponsor and flew each of the competitors down to Orlando for the weekend. It was Moore's first appearance at the

national final.

"I had no clue going in what was going to happen," Moore said. "I had some lofty goals to finish in the top 15 or maybe the top 10. I still don't think I can comprehend what happened."

His coach Bob Smith, who flew down to Florida along with Tim's mother and aunt, said Tim's preparation for the race was thought out carefully, trying not to disturb his usual routines.

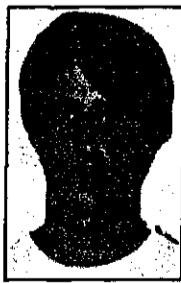
"Our plan was for Tim to develop his speed and stamina concurrently, Smith said. "It held him back from super fast times at the beginning, but I think it ultimately worked to perfection."

"We took the opportunity to do a workout that was familiar to him — getting his mind and body ready for a race just like we have done all year."

It seemed to work.

Moore finished less than a second out of 7th place in a time of 15:13.

Rockford's Dathan Ritzenhein, who beat out Moore and teammate



Tim Moore

Chris Toloff at the Michigan state finals, dominated the nationals for the second-straight year, winning in a time of 14:35. The meet consisted of eight runners from four different regionals. Moore finished second to Ritzenhein in the Midwest regional and he held his position, finishing second to Ritzenhein among Midwest runners in Orlando.

Traditionally, the runners from the Midwest fare well at nationals, but this was the year of the West. That region had five of the top nine runners and won the team competition with 30 points. The South was second with 48 points and the Midwest totaled 56. Northeast was fourth with 96 points.

"We would have been stronger," Moore said of his Midwest team. "But Chris (Toloff) was hurt and there was also a runner from Minnesota who couldn't run. He was really good."

Toloff strained a groin the week after the state final and couldn't run at the regional meet.

The atmosphere was like no other Moore had ever encountered in his running career. Thirty-two of the nation's best runners competing in sunny Orlando in early December.

"I really didn't feel intimidated," he said. "I knew coming in how my times matched up against the other regions. I knew that if I ran my own race, I'd be up there."

Moore said he felt even more comfortable because there were fewer spectators than he saw at the Michigan state finals.

What should also make Moore feel good is that he was the top-finishing underclassman at the race, setting the stage for what could be a tremendous senior season next fall.

"I knew when I was a freshman that my goal was to win a state title, if I worked really hard," he said. "But I know there were a pack of three guys right behind me in this race that I know will be hungry next year."

The race was televised and will be shown on ESPN today (Dec. 14) at 1 p.m. and again this Sunday at 1:30 a.m.

SWIMMING/VOLLEYBALL PREVIEWS 2000-2001

Teamwork defines 2000 Novi volleyball

By KELLI COOLEY

Unity could be the call word for Novi varsity volleyball this year as they tackle another season with 7 returning members.

"We're real cohesive. They play well and practice well together. They get along great," said Novi coach Julie Fisette.

Coming from a .500 season last year, working out the kinks is the focus of the upcoming matches.

"We had some major flaws in the scrimmage we played on Wednesday. Saturday we played hard and together. We took some tough breaks but it's going to be good despite," Fisette said.

Fisette said her seniors will be showing tremendous leadership and working to bring everyone together.

The five returning seniors are Mickie Rzepka, Allison Tingwell, Melissa Clark, Katty Zankara and Christina Cypher. Rzepka and Tingwell are the co-captains.

"In years past we have been blessed with 1 or 2 good athletes. This year, there are no huge standouts. Which is working out nicely because they all share in the glory and the heartaches," Fisette said.

Rounding out the team are four sophomores, three 6-foot or taller and an "outstanding freshman," she said.

Setting for Novi is junior Carmen Simkins.

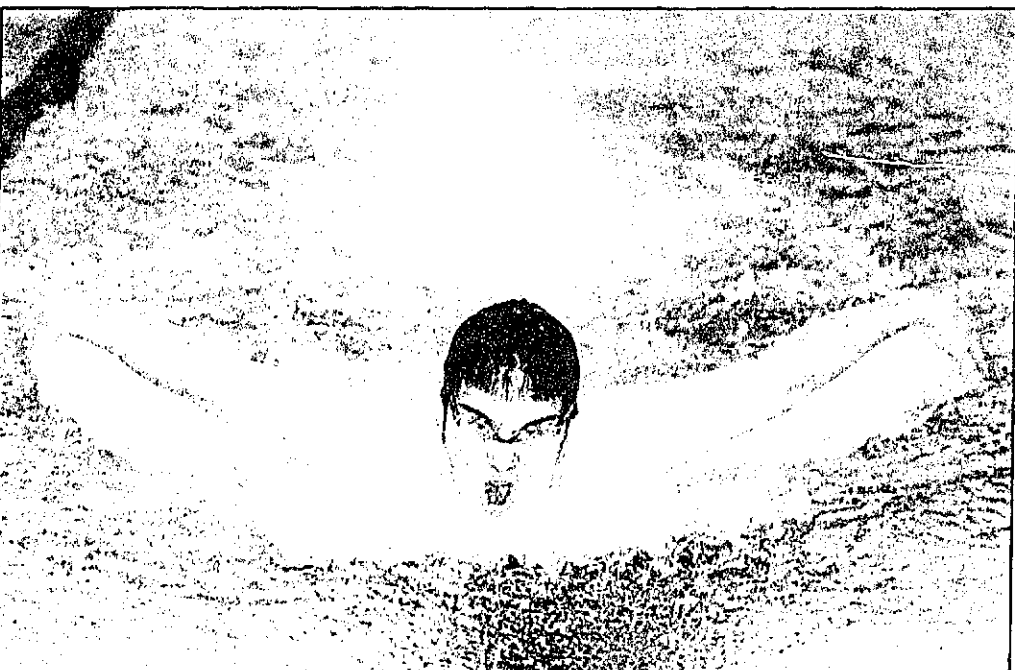
"She is an excellent setter and a true blessing. You can make things happen when you have a good setter," Fisette said.

The coach added setting is the team's strong point with Simkins

2000 ALL-AREA BASKETBALL

First Team		
Name	School	Grade
Mary Tanski	Northville	Senior
Emily Cadeott	Northville	Senior
Stephanie Anderson	Millford	Junior
Connie Malinson	Millford	Junior
Jenny Weiss	Lakeland	Junior
Second Team		
Name	School	Grade
Sara Cox	Northville	Senior
Kelly Anderson	Northville	Junior
Karen Edwards	Novi	Senior
Annie Charles	Millford	Senior
Dawn Mannanno	South Lyon	Junior

Honorable mention
 South Lyon - Megan Thomsberry, Ashley Jarmusevich
 Milford - Sarah Hill
 Novi - Kate Rose, Megan Colligan, Jaime Sabol
 Northville - Nicole Cauzillo, Emily Ott, Maggie Ossola
 Lakeland - Maria Dinverno, Whitney Innes



Northville boys swimmer Ben Maxim specializes in the butterfly. Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Northville tankers have great depth

By CHRIS C. DAVIS

Rich Bennetts' plea sounded strikingly similar to a personal ad: "I'm desperately searching for a backstroker," said the Northville High School boys' swim coach.

He might be looking for a backstroke specialist, but he won't be looking for help in the senior leadership department. Despite the loss of last year's standout Mustang swimmers Scott and Dave Whitbeck, Bennetts said he has plenty of experience to get the team through this year.

"The Mustang tankers will field a team of 21 swimmers and three divers. Including eight seniors. Those veterans, Bennetts said, were the essence of a program he was hoping would continue to succeed.

"I'm going to lean on my seniors," Bennetts said. "They're the ones that have to lead this group and get us back in the Western Lakes Conference hunt. Last year's squad won the Western Division title, and placed fourth at the WLC league meet. Bennetts said the team has its eyes set on finishing in one of the top three spots this time around.

Leading the Mustangs into their first season in a new pool will be captains Dan Myers, Mike Mueller and Anthony Sarge. Bennetts said the tri-caps would need to set the standard on the team throughout the winter season.

Bennetts was also high on several other team members, including:

- Joe Lunn (sophomore) — Bennetts said Lunn would be competing in the "Slings distance events, including the 200 freestyle, the dreaded 500 yard freestyle and the 200 individual medley.
- Mike Yutzy (sophomore) — "Mike's someone we're going to be looking to fill the IM slot and take some breaststroke for us," Bennetts said.
- John Moors (junior) — A freestyle specialist, Bennetts said Moors would be a go-to swimmer for anything in the freestyle realm.
- Aaron Florio (freshman) — New to the Northville swimming program, Bennetts said Florio showed promise in the early going. "He'll be doing some freestyle for us, and we're trying to turn him into a butterflyer, too," he said.
- Derek Ohlgren (senior) — A stroke swimmer familiar with the water, Bennetts said Ohlgren would be used as a butterfly swimmer and backstroker.
- On the diving boards, the word of the day was "youth."
- Lance Dehne (freshman) — "Lance is looking good on the board so far," Bennetts said. "We're going to be working with him to get him in stride for the season."
- Jason Albosta (sophomore) — The returning Mustangs into their first season in a new pool will be captains Dan Myers, Mike Mueller and Anthony Sarge. Bennetts said the tri-caps would need to set the standard on the team throughout the winter season.
- John Campbell (sophomore) — Bennetts said Campbell helped out in dual meets during the 1999-

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Sports shorts

Northville volleyball will count on more defense

By KELLI COOLEY

Defense is the name of the game for this year's Northville varsity volleyball team as they come from a 30-9 record last year.

"Last year's team was tall. We blocked a lot. This year we are going to have to play more defense. More digging, setting it up and keep playing," said Nikki McEvers, Northville volleyball coach.

McEvers said the team's strengths come from their passing skills and their competent setters.

Junior Cynthia Jaskot and sophomore Lauren Temple are well rounded setters. Jaskot comes from playing varsity as a

sophomore.

Northville has five returning seniors in Kathleen Ochmanski and Maria LeBeau, both back row hitters; Sarah Hesse, right side hitter; Erin May, middle hitter; and Lisa Tellish, outside hitter. Tellish and Ochmanski are this year's co-captains.

Another name fans could see a lot of is junior Emily Ott. "I brought her up from JV late last year. She's a middle hitter and I can see her coming alive," McEvers said.

McEvers said Walled Lake Central always has a strong team and Livonia Churchill has a chance to be on top of the Western Lakes Athletic Association conference. She said her team will hopefully place in the top five.

"Last year was my first year as coach. Now I know their strengths better. I can see them play and put things together," McEvers said.

Last Saturday, Northville made it to the quarterfinals of the South Lyon Invitational. Monday's game against Novi was canceled due to the weather. Northville varsity volleyball's next match is Dec. 15 at the Airport Invitational starting at 9 a.m.

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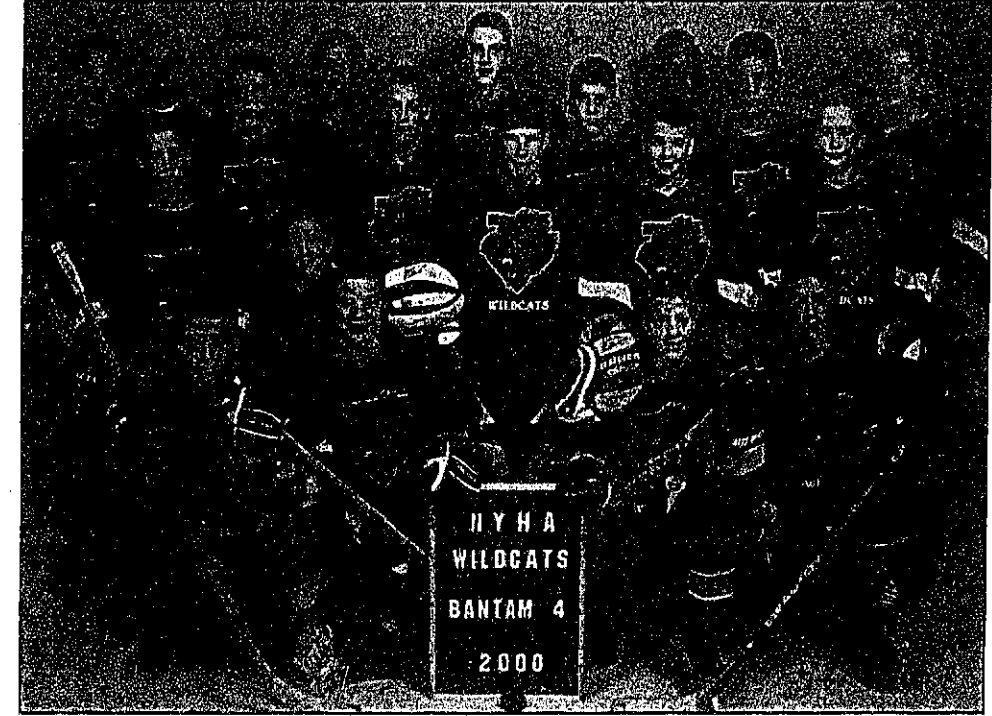
Junior champions

The Novi "Junior" Wildcats Banquet Hockey Team recently participated in the 19th Annual Little Caesar's Amateur Hockey League Thanksgiving Tournament.

Most of the Wildcats players and all the coaches reside in either Novi or South Lyon. They are part of the Novi Youth Hockey Association, participate in the Little Caesar's Amateur Hockey League's Bantam Division and their home ice is the beautiful Novi Ice Arena.

The Wildcats began the tournament on the morning of Friday, November 24th playing against a tough St. Clair Shores team. Unfortunately the Wildcats lost 6 to 3. Game 2 was also on Friday against Redford. The return of two missing players bolstered the squad and the Wildcats won by a decisive score of 7 to 1. Game 3 was on Saturday (November 25th) versus the Navajo and the Wildcats won again, this time by a 4 to 1 score. Game 4 was Sunday (November 26th) morning against the Southfield Dakota who had not yet lost in the tournament nor all season long. The Wildcats not only had to win, but had to win by 3 or more goals to qualify for the championship game. Playing aggressive "in-your-face" hockey, the Wildcats played their best game of the year and won handily 5 to 2.

The championship game was played at the Southfield Civic Arena that same afternoon. The



Members and coaches of the NYHA Wildcats Bantam 4 2000.

Novi Wildcats had to play the same Southfield Dakota team whose only loss had come earlier in the day at the hands of the Wildcats.

In the championship game, the Wildcats again played hard and stuck to their game plan from beginning to end. However, Southfield did the same and away with a 2 to 0 lead by the end of the first period. The Wildcats fought back tying the score at 2 to 2, then 3 to 3 on two goals by Bill Heebsh (Pinckney) and a goal by Keven Gee (Novi). Both teams played great and had chances, but both goalies came up big. Alex Berry (South Lyon), the Wildcats goalie made some spectacular saves to keep the Wildcats in it. The game continued into the first 5-minute sudden death overtime period and the score remained at 3 to 3. With only 7.7 seconds left in the second 5 minute sudden death overtime, Southfield led the puck giving the Wildcats a face-off deep in Southfield's zone. Novi finally won the game when Brett "Scooter" Curtis (South Lyon) took a pass from Keven Gee (Novi) and slammed the puck past the Southfield goalie with only 2.2 seconds left on the clock. It was truly a total team effort by the Novi Wildcats in winning the tournament.

The Novi "Junior" Wildcats include Goalie Alex Berry (South Lyon); Defensemen Jeff Berry (South Lyon), Sean Hogan (Novi), Mike Brenner (Northville), Bobby Watson (South Lyon), and Steve Snopkowski (Wixom); Centers Brett "Scooter" Curtis (South Lyon), Keven Gee (Novi), and Steve Ross (Livonia); and Wings Jesse Lachman (Novi), Anthony Darke (South Lyon), Joe Williams (Northville), Matt Jensen (Novi), Geoff Perrin (Northville) and Justin Misaras (South Lyon). The Wildcats are coached by Head Coach Craig Berry (South Lyon); Assistant Defense Coach: Willie Curtis (South Lyon); and Assistant Forwards Coach Doug Gee (Novi).

Northville icers lose to spartans

By CHRIS C. DAVIS

There was no recount needed for the Northville hockey team last week. The winner was clearly determined, and it wasn't the Mustangs.

Livonia Stevenson skated away to an easy 6-1 victory Dec. 6. Stevenson jumped out to an early 3-0 first period lead and never looked back. Northville head coach Brad O'Neill said falling behind early was not only a mental setback to the team in the Stevenson game, but also the storyline of the Mustangs' 1-3 overall record, and an 0-2 record in Western Lakes action.

"We allowed teams to come out and dictate play to us," O'Neill said. "We had some really strong third periods, but our problem has been in getting behind the 6-ball early. We don't seem to play as well as we're capable of in the first period."

Northville's lone goal against Stevenson came in the third stanza of the sick of Brandon Szakowski. He was assisted in the 15-foot blast by teammate Jason Engelland.

The loss was frustrating for O'Neill largely because he said the Mustangs had a talented team that had the potential to play much stronger.

"We have enough talent on this team to make good things happen," O'Neill said. "We just haven't put everything together yet. We need to start getting ourselves some better scoring opportunities."

The lack of offensive firepower was on the mind of O'Neill, who said that a combination of defensive breakdowns and not creating quality shots on net were compounding the problems.

And, O'Neill said, the team's goal-tending duties had been handled by David Ely Bonham, not Jamie Lasias, who had been out of commission for two weeks' time.

Also not seeing ice time were Tim Hillebrand and Jason Wilchowski. O'Neill said Wilchowski was recovering from a long-term injury substantial enough where it drew into question the likelihood of his returning to the ice this season.

"His health is our main concern right now," O'Neill said. "When you're in a situation like his, hockey tends to take a back seat."

On the upside, Northville will finally get back to home ice for two games against Ann Arbor Huron (last night, after the Northville Record's deadline) and Saturday for an 8 p.m. game against Farmington. Two road games against Livonia Franklin and Brighton follow that, but the "Slings will be home on Dec. 27, and 28 for the Holiday Tourney."

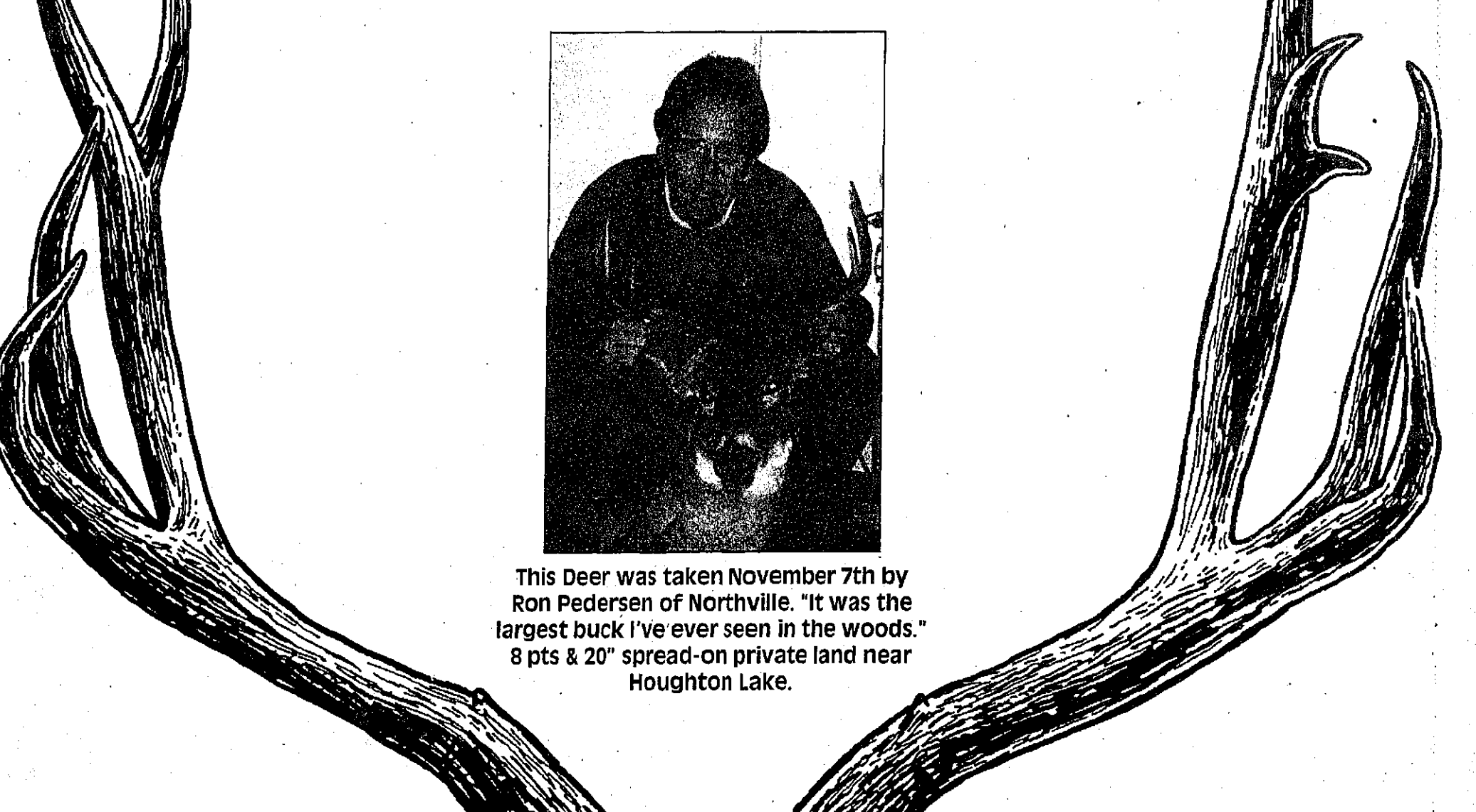
"We're definitely looking forward to getting home," O'Neill said. "We wanted a tough schedule this season to test us, but certainly getting back to our own place will be a help to us."

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Hark! The herald trainer speaks

Are you ready for the holiday season? Decorations, shopping, parties, cooking, family and friends, hustle and bustle, and a seven- to 10-pound weight gain? At the risk of being viewed as "The Grinch," I hate to inform you, but that is the average weight gain we all face from Halloween to New Year's Day. What does this unfortunate situation lead to? We struggle into our favorite outfit for the New Year's party and soon after, we join the many who set their annual New Year's resolution to — you got it — lose weight.



Chris Klebba
Health & Fitness

While I certainly do not want to delouse you from setting that noble resolution in 2001, I have laid out in the traditional "Twelve Days of Christmas style," 10 steps you can consider to head off that major weight gain this holiday season.

On the first day of Christmas... I decided to mentally prepare to do battle in my fight against stress. There is no doubt, like it or not, the holiday season can be one of the most stressful times of the year. Fighting traffic, shoppers, having parties can all lead to stress, which can trigger a lot of negative behaviors, if we let it.

Many of us when we get stressed find comfort in food, and usually too much of it. We have been conditioned for this from childhood. Remember — "Get through that stressful school test, or event, and we will go out for a pizza," or "Finish that project and I will take you out for ice cream." See the pattern? Stress equals reward which equals food. Be on the lookout for this reaction this season and realize you may not be feeling hunger when you think you do. You may be feeling a reaction to stress. When you feel this, if you can do something else physical for a few minutes (gather the laundry, collect the trash, whatever) the feeling may disappear.

On the second day of Christmas... I decided to eat what I want, but use portion control. Do not deny yourself some of those tasty treats, that will only lead to a denial overload, which will trig-

ger a binge at some point. Eat drink and be merry, only have a little of each and stop. Again if you can stop eating for a while instead of going and going like the energizer bunny, the feeling of being full usually sets in and satisfies us.

On the third day of Christmas... I decided to watch the licks and bites. You know a taste of this, a few of these little morsels, one or two or three cookies. This is where the sneak-up attack of weight gain can really take hold. A little cookie or typical hors d'oeuvre can average between 80 to 150 calories each. Five or 10 of these goodies before the meal is an additional 1,000 calories. At the risk of depressing you further let me put it another way: that's about two or three hours on the treadmill to burn that off. Have a couple of your favorites, or a small taste of a few, but watch out for these sneaky fat gainers.

On the fourth day of Christmas... I decided to not totally abandon physical activity. I know how difficult exercise is in the normal course of the year. I also know it is the first activity to go during the holiday season. I also know you are thinking you will pick it up after the first of the year but the fact is that this is the most critical time to get at least a couple days of exercise in a week.

It will do more than any single activity I can think of to help you in so many ways. Even a little exercise will help relieve stress and keep your metabolism going. If you do not have a solid 30-minute cardiovascular and resist-

ance program, call us, or the many fitness options you have available in this area. We have designed a very popular 30-minute program called "Fit and Fun with Bands." The program utilizes fitness bands, which acts as the resistance, and is set to fun music. You can do this program at home. Take a class, swim, whatever it is keep it up, or start it now. Don't wait until you are seven to 10 pounds heavier to start. It will just make it tougher to do so.

On the fifth day of Christmas... I decided to not waste my money on the many miracle weight loss and exercise equipment options available today. Avoid quick result, no effort options like the... "Take this pill, go to sleep, and wake up slimmer and toned" option, or the "Spend five easy minutes a day on this Super Shaper and have a new shaped bottom or hips" option.

These are basically a waste of time and money. I have been involved in this industry for 20 years and these options, if they do at all, work temporarily and are not healthy. Our whole theme is health and quality of life. I hope you agree — to look like a model at the risk of health is not worth it. There is no miracle cure. If there were, we would not have the dramatically rising statistics with obesity and heart problems we do today. Save your money.

On the sixth day of Christmas... I decided to not get into the "eat too much / don't eat at all" cycle. Too many of us after a night of eating too much decide, "That's it, I am not eating all day." We think this will counter the ill effects of the prior night. This is a huge mistake and could be the start of a dangerous cycle. Let's play it out... you do this and by 8 p.m., you are starved and your blood sugar is low. What do you do? Binge, and the next day the cycle starts over again. Don't skip meals. If you over ate the night before, start the day with a light, healthy breakfast such as oatmeal, or raisin bran, but don't skip meals all day.

On the seventh day of Christmas... I decided to drink a lot of water. How many times have you heard this, but it is relatively easy to do and can have a very positive result. Most of us are walking around dehydrated and don't even know it. This leads to a negative feeling or lack of energy, and sometimes a false feeling of hunger. Drink plenty of water, the old eight to 10 glasses a day will do — and the water in your drink coffee, or pop does not count.

On the eighth day of Christmas... I decided to eat more fruits and vegetables this holiday season. Not only do these fill you up but the valuable fiber and nutrients will keep your body functioning properly. Nothing worse than that bloated, over-full feeling all holiday season.

On the ninth day of Christmas... I decided to drink alcohol in moderation. Alcohol does a variety of things to our blood sugar and metabolism, all not healthy long term.

On the tenth day of Christmas... I decided to forgive myself and have fun. Life is a journey, and by no means is this column and its suggestions meant to make life and your holiday season boring and a drag for you. If you fall off your wagon, forget it, and pick it up the next day. On the same token, find a balance that works for you. Somewhere between throwing all health to the wind versus being a stick in the mud and not enjoying ourselves is the perfect, healthy holiday season. Remember good health and a full, quality life is a series of small steps, not one giant one.

Happy holidays and a healthy new year.

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Immunizations for meningitis on top of list

The Young, the Old and College Students at Higher Risk for Meningitis.

"As college students return for the spring or winter semester, at the top of their checklists should be up-to-date immunizations — including one that helps prevent meningitis, a rare but deadly disease that flourishes in close quarters such as dormitories.

After recent isolated outbreaks of bacterial meningitis on college campuses, the Center for Disease Control and the University of Michigan Health System are recommending students consider getting the meningitis vaccine.

Bacterial meningitis strikes about 3,000 Americans each year — including about 125 college students — and kills about 300 people annually.

"Meningitis is an inflammation and infection of the lining surrounding the brain and spinal cord," said Cary Engleberg M.D., professor and chief of the Infectious Diseases Division of the University of Michigan health System. "Viral meningitis is relatively mild with fever and headache but bacterial meningitis is a very dangerous disease because the immune system cannot effectively remove bacteria from spinal fluid. If untreated, bacterial meningitis is usually fatal."

Along with fever and headache, other symptoms (of both kinds of meningitis) often include a stiff

neck, particularly in adults. "In children, meningitis may present with a change in behavior, inconsolable crying and irritability," Engleberg said. The infection may also affect consciousness — the ability to think clearly or stay awake, he said.

The problem, Engleberg said, is distinguishing between viral and bacterial meningitis. Anyone experiencing the symptoms described earlier should go to the emergency room as quickly as possible to be evaluated, he said.

The disease is spread through person-to-person contact and most cases are in young children or the elderly, Engleberg said. And although college students don't fit the usual age profile, they might increase their risk three to five-fold by living in a dormitory, he said. Typically, people living in close quarters, such as dormitories, military barracks and institutions are especially vulnerable to infection. Still, he notes, the risk is minimal. "The likelihood that an incoming freshmen class is going to have even one case of (bacterial) meningitis is very small," he said.

There are probably many more cases of viral meningitis, he said, but they haven't been counted.

When bacterial meningitis is diagnosed, it is vital to receive immediate medical attention. "It also requires immediate public health attention because it tends

FACTS ABOUT MENINGITIS

- Bacterial Meningitis infects approximately 3,000 Americans annually, killing about 10 percent.
- Meningitis is spread person-to-person, especially in close quarters such as dormitories, military barracks and institutions.
- There are two types: Viral and bacterial, the latter is most often fatal if left untreated.
- The vaccine will protect against about 80 percent of the meningococcal strains.
- Not all bacterial meningitis is caused by *Neisseria meningitidis* (meningococcus). The vaccine is only protective against meningococcus.

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to occur in outbreaks," Engleberg said. The patient's contacts must be identified so they can begin treatment with antibiotics. Some people don't become infected, he said, but can be carriers.

Vaccination for meningitis affords some degree of protection against about 80 percent of the meningococcus strains. It takes about two weeks for the immunization to become active, he said. "So if you're trying to prevent secondary cases from an initial case, the appropriate thing is to give the antibiotic, which acts immediately," Engleberg said.

He recommends that college students who are going to live in dormitories receive information about meningitis and its risks.

They can decide for themselves whether to receive the vaccination. The cost runs from \$60 to \$80.

"The most important thing for college students is to review their vaccination status for the normally required vaccines and make sure they are up to date," Engleberg said. "If they have incomplete immunization to Hepatitis B, that might be considered. They should have had a second immunization against measles-mumps and rubella before they enter college. These are things that should be considered seriously," he said.

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