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Novi Rotary and Novi Middle School teamed up to help senior citizens in Whitehall and Charter House have a Merry Christmas by performances from the band and choir and a holiday feast including turkey and all the trimmings — Page 7A

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Mutch adds name

City Council interviews seven for open seat

By RANDAL YAKEY
Staff Writer

The political season of recounts may be over in most areas of the nation, but in Novi, the political rhetoric is still filling the halls of the civic center.

Last Monday, Novi City Council Member Hugh Crawford issued his resignation thanking all the city administration and citizens for their support over the last fifteen years he has been in office. Mayor Clark issued Crawford a proclamation for his good work.

For the mayor and council, that was the easy part. Now, they have to find a replacement for Crawford from the seven candidates that came to make their pitch for the seat on Dec. 18.

The newest candidate was Planning Commissioner Andrew Mutch. Mutch, who would become the youngest council member at 28 years old said he did not want to be judged on his youth but his experience. Mutch, who applied later than the other candidates, said he needed the time to decide if this move was right for him.

"I just needed to decide and make up in my mind that this was the direction that I wanted to go," Mutch said. "The time I have spent on the planning commission has prepared me for an opportunity on city council. I can step up and fill that seat and be effective. There wouldn't be a long training period."

Mayor Richard Clark said that he could see Mutch coming to council and "hit the ground running."

"I'm familiar with the issues and I'm familiar with the process. I'm well acquainted with the council and the city administration," Mutch said. "I can be effective up there."

Mutch agreed that there was a perception that he was anti-devel-

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The Shugerman's Lebest home won recognition by the city of Novi for the holiday lights display. From left: Katherine Shugerman, John McGonagle, friend of the family who helped decorate, and Brandon Shugerman.

Light 'em up

Shugermans win city's home decorating contest

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE
Staff Writer

Community members of Novi are turning their yards into holiday masterpieces with lights and decorations for all to enjoy.

While you probably won't find any Clark Griswold's here, the city has many homes worth seeing.

As in the past, the city of Novi sponsored their annual Light Judging Awards. This year, the winners were nominated by their homeowners associations.

On Tuesday evening, December 12, the dynamic decorators each received a city of Novi holiday ornament at the Civic Center.

The homeowners associations of 20 neighborhoods each judged their own subdivision, picking the top four decorated homes.

Decorated homes can be seen at:

- Abbey Hills**
Paul and Jennifer Cook, 25800 Abbey Drive
- Abbey Drive**
Mark and Mary Hogle, 24760 Abbey Drive
- Abbey Drive**
Steve and Audrey Monaghan, 25931 Abbey Drive
- Abbey Drive**
Scott and Kathryn Piotrowski, 25571 Abbey Drive
- Addington Park**
Judy and Paul Checcobelli, 24154 Elizabeth Lane
- Addington Lane**
Mary and Steven Muller, 45460 Addington Lane
- Addington Lane**
Carol and Jeff Seelenbinder, 24023 Elizabeth Lane
- Addington Lane**
Janet and Tony Zaloga, 45439 Halston Court
- Andover Pointe I**
Sam and Jan Cole, 48253 Andover Drive
- Andover Pointe I**
Sam and Jan Cole, 48253 Andover Drive
- Barclay Estates**
Kim and Donald Cape, 21979 Barclay Drive
- Barclay Estates**
David Creedon and Linda O'Neill, 22237 Hazelton Court
- Barclay Estates**
Tom and Maureen Foerg, 22087 York Mills Circle
- Barclay Estates**
Diane and Mike Wilson, 22300 Barclay Drive
- Bradford**
Chris and Sandra Christensen, 22501 Windermere Court
- Bradford**
Renaldo and Yvonne Pace, 22491 Dartmoor Drive
- Bradford**
Bob and Nancy Raymond, 46247 Dartmoor Drive
- Brooks Williamson and Pam Cornstock**, 48113 Andover
- Burtwood Court**
Greg and Chris Sweda, 47639 Edinborough
- Burtwood Court**
Brooks Williamson and Pam Cornstock, 48113 Andover
- Chase Farms**
Karen and Bruce Anderson, 41812 Hampshire
- Chase Farms**
John and Debbie Bechtel, 43131 Westchester Court
- Chase Farms**
Ted and JoAnn Shively, 41693 Chesterfield
- Chase Farms**
Richard and Janna Hartnett, 21387 Chase Drive
- Chase Farms**
Karen and Bruce Anderson, 41812 Hampshire
- Chase Farms**
John and Debbie Bechtel, 43131 Westchester Court
- Chase Farms**
Ted and JoAnn Shively, 41693 Chesterfield
- Chase Farms**
Richard and Janna Hartnett, 21387 Chase Drive
- Deerbrook**
Dave and Diane Adams, 22215 Antler
- Deerbrook**
Rick and Marcelle Barlage, 41564 Fawn Trail
- Deerbrook**
Rick and Sue Graham, 41589 Fawn Trail
- Edinborough**
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McCusker named new DPW director

By RANDAL YAKEY
Staff Writer

It has been a year and a half of searching, including hiring a head hunter to help, but city officials didn't have to look any closer than a neighboring community for its new Department of Public Works (DPW) Director.

William "Benny" McCusker, who has been DPW Director for the city of Wixom for the past ten years, has been named the new DPW Director and is expected to take the position on Jan. 3rd, 2001.

"He has been handling the same types of responsibilities in Wixom that he will be here," Human Resources Director Tia Gronlund-

Fox said. "I've met with him several times. We think he will be a great match."

Novi City Manager Richard Helwig said earlier this month a new Department of Public Works (DPW) Director will be in place by the first of the year.

Gronlund-Fox said McCusker was interested in working in a larger community. Before Wixom, he worked for the city of Inkster from 1969-1990.

Earlier this month, the city had narrowed down the finalists to McCusker and Thomas Trice, who is Director of Public Services for the city of Royal Oak.

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Churches prepare for holiday services

Here's a rundown of what churches will be doing in the upcoming days for their religious services:

- **ST. JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH**, 46325 Ten Mile Road, Novi
Dec. 24 - Two services, 4 and 6:30 p.m.
Dec. 25 - 9:30 and 11:30 a.m.
Call (248) 347-7778 for more information.

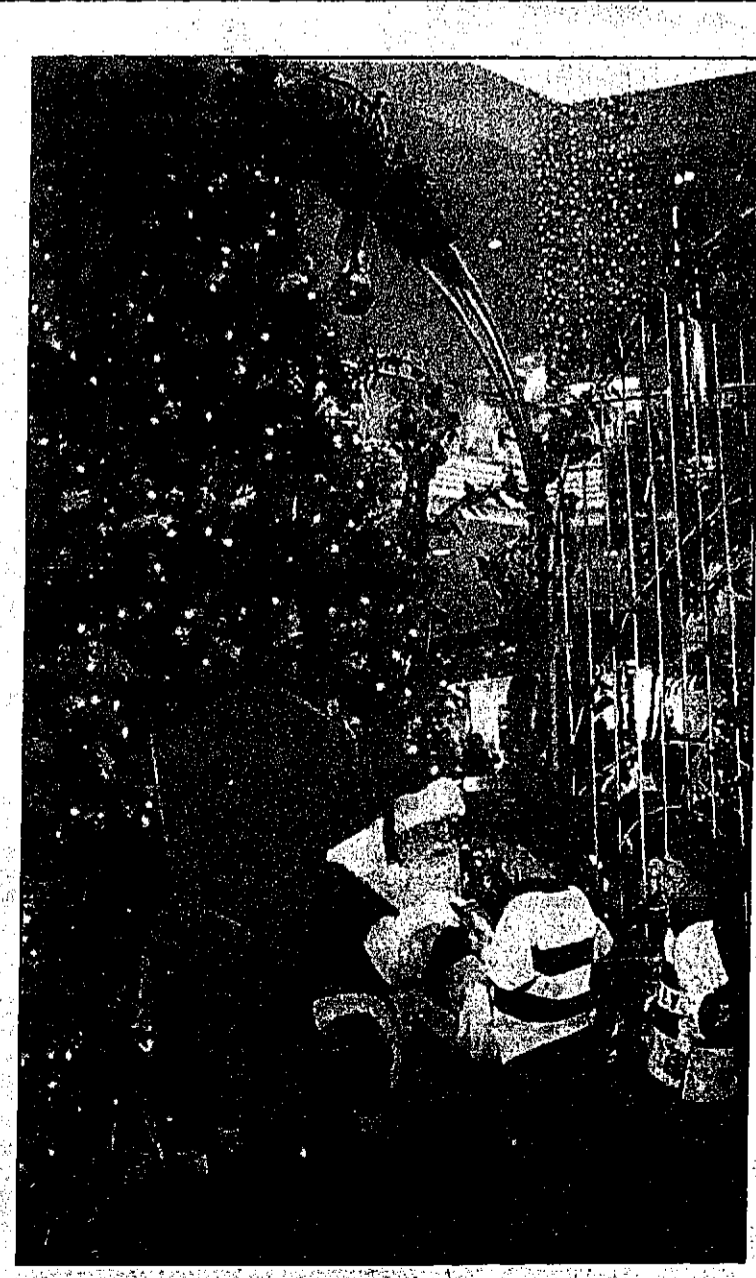
- **NOVI UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**, 41671 W. Ten Mile Road
Dec. 24
9:45 a.m. regular worship
7 p.m. Family Candlelight

- Service
11 p.m. Communion and candlelight service.
For additional information, call (248) 349-2652.

- **CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY**, 24505 Meadowbrook Road, Novi
Dec. 24, 8:45 and 10:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.
4 p.m., 6 p.m. with children's choir;

- 11:30 p.m., midnight Mass with adult choir.
Dec. 25, 8:45 and 10:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. with Harvest

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I've been really good...

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Mitch, center, and Nick Campbell meet with Santa Monday at Twelve Oaks Mall. Kids waited more than an hour to talk with the jolly old soul and tell him their Christmas wishes.



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Flirting man struck with beer bottle

Novi police responded to a call to the Novi Hilton where they found a 20-year-old white suspect who claimed he was beaten with a beer bottle but ended up being arrested for drunk and disorderly conduct.

On Thursday, December 17, police pulled up behind a white Ford pickup truck in front of the Hilton Hotel.

According to police reports, the man got out of his vehicle and began approaching the police cruiser. When police asked the man to return to his car, he refused. According to the report, police asked the man several times to return to his vehicle.

Police News

woman's boyfriend confronted the man. The suspect told the man "Yeah, so what" according to the report. Witnesses said that was when the boyfriend struck the man with the beer bottle.

Police gave the man an alcohol breath test, which he failed blowing a 0.14. According to the state of Michigan, 0.10 is legally drunk.

FUNNY MONEY FLOATING AROUND

Police are looking for two men who purchased \$1,448 worth of merchandise with counterfeit \$20 bills at the West Oaks K-mart store on Thursday, December 4.

The manager of the store checked the cash drawer and found the counterfeit bills around 9 p.m.

Police reported a similar incident in Lady Foot Locker on evening of Dec. 6.

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

The first subject is describe

BUMP AND RUN

A 35-year old Novi man told police that after another vehicle struck his on Nine Mile near I-75, he and the other driver ended up in a confrontation over the incident on a Novi side street during the evening hours of Friday, December 15.

After the two vehicles stuck each other the victim motioned for the driver to pull over. The suspect kept driving and eventually stopped the car on Heslip Drive just south of Nine Mile in Novi.

When the victim got out to talk to the man, the other driver used a flashlight to strike the victim in the face. The suspect,

who was described as a white male subject standing about 5'10" tall with a medium build and sandy brown hair and between 35 and 40 years of age.

The suspect then kicked the man in the groin and leg before fleeing in a 1996 silver Ford pickup.

GO RIGHT AHEAD

Novi police, responding to a stranded motorist, found a Clinton Township woman standing in the street talking on a cell phone around 1 p.m. on December 15.

When police approached the woman, her car was parked on the shoulder Eight Mile Road just west of Hick Road.

Police listened to the woman as she spoke on the phone. According to the police report, the woman let the officers search her car where they found 9.5 grams of cocaine.

The woman was arrested for possession of controlled substances and her car was towed away.

Novi Briefs

In the spirit of the holidays

Million Mom March chapters across Michigan are joining with another organization with its dedication to preserving life -- the American Red Cross -- to sponsor a blood drive.

The blood drives will be held simultaneously across Michigan on Friday, December 29, 2000 between 10am and 4pm. Call 1-800-GIVE LIFE to make an appointment to donate the gift of life at the Million Mom March Blood Drive at various blood centers throughout Michigan. To donate blood you must be healthy, at least 17 years of age, and weigh 110 pounds or more. The Novi Chapter of the Million Mom March will be sponsoring a local blood drive at the American Red Cross Novi Blood Center, 41160 Ten Mile Road, just east of Meadowbrook on the north side of 10 mile.

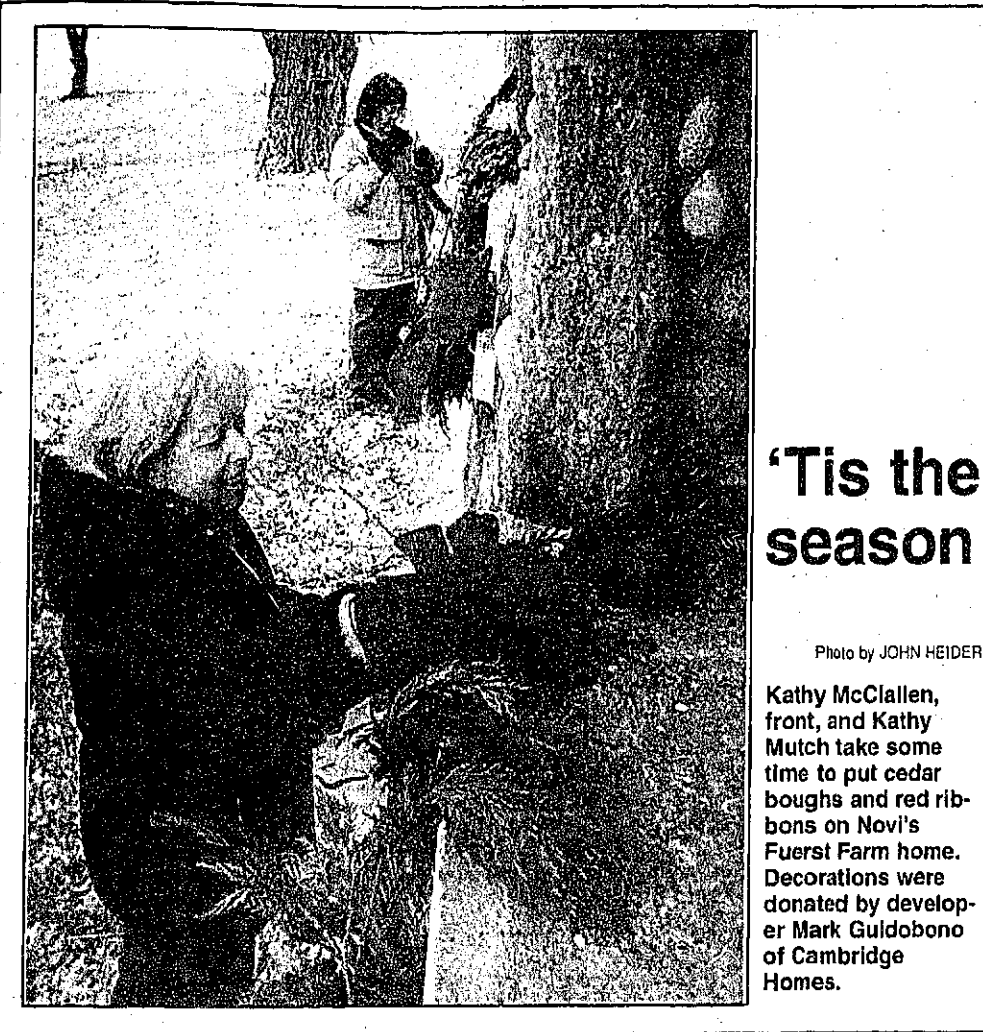
Metropolitan Single Professionals (MSP) is a social club for singles ages 25-45 who share common interests and form new friendships. The MSP covers Southeastern Michigan. Our members can participate in over 350 activities per year. All events are open to non-members.

New Year's Eve Party - Dance and Buffet

The party will be held at DoubleTree Guest Suites Hotel in Novi on Sunday, Dec. 31, from 8 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. All singles are welcome.

Many singles and singles' groups will be joining together for a New Year's Eve party and dance to remember. The party will be held in the main ballroom at The DoubleTree Guest Suites Hotel (Novi Road at I-96, exit 162). Doors open at 8 p.m.

Your evening will include an elaborate and hearty hors d'oeuvres buffet (9 p.m.), hats, noise makers, party favors, champagne toast, top 40 DJ, cash bar, door prizes and more. Cost is \$55 in advance or \$65 at the door. The ballroom is non-smoking. Attire is holiday dressy, men must wear a coat and tie. Information line is (248) 851-9909 or Web site is www.mspc.com.



'Tis the season

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Kathy McClallen, front, and Kathy Mutch take some time to put cedar boughs and red ribbons on Novi's Furthest Farm home. Decorations were donated by developer Mark Guidobono of Cambridge Homes.

Snow fallout angers officials

By RANDAL YAKY Staff Writer

What do blizzards bring besides snow drifts, icy windows, sliding vehicles, massive traffic and a run on snow blowers at the local hardware store?

Complaints. Which is exactly what happened after calls to city hall asked the question some city residents and city officials wanted to know -- where were the snow plows?

Even though city officials said the department of public works employees were "diligently doing their jobs," some officials were putting the blame on the Road Commission for Oakland County (ROC) for not getting the main road arteries throughout the city cleared.

"I pass through here every day to work," Wixom resident Ronald Walker said as he filled up for gas at the Total Station on Novi Road and Ten Mile. "It didn't even look like anybody plowed Novi Road."

Novi City Manager Richard Helwig said Novi's snow removal team was prepared, but he was disappointed in the response time of the ROC to clear county roads.

"I'm proud of our people and how they worked with the resources that they have," Helwig said. "But I think our people can do better and I think we can better support our people better."

The bigger problem, according to Helwig, was that the ROC virtually ignored Novi on its mission to clear snow covered roads in Oakland County and that was "totally unacceptable."

The Road Commission of Oakland County did not serve as well as all," Helwig said. "I think that they arrived at that conclusion late last Friday."

Helwig said at the December 15 meeting with the ROC, the suggestion was made that Novi take over plowing county roads including Novi Road, Ten Mile and Grand River Avenue. Helwig said that would mean entering into a "winter maintenance service agreement" with the ROC and be reimbursed by the county. Helwig was given the "green light" to work out a proposal with the ROC on how the agreement would be worked out and he said he would be able to provide more information about the agreement at the January 5th city council meeting.

Still, Mayor Pro-Tem Laura Spokesperson for the ROC Craig Byson said, "Other counties had the same problems."

According to Director of Public Services Tony Nowicki, some workers were sent home the night of the blizzard but only after working 16 hours straight.

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and still nothing has been done about poor snow plowing service. "I don't want to talk to the road commission any more. I don't even want to talk to Mr. Bair. I want to talk to his bosses," she said.

Lorenzo said Novi officials should put pressure on the Oakland County Board of Commissioners to ensure change and proper service is given to Novi residents.

According to Helwig, the ROC has one hundred trucks to service 2,600 miles of road in Oakland County and has not added a significant number of workers since the mid-1970s.

While the "blizzard of 2000" reigned, the ROC was only able to get a truck down Grand River nearly twenty hours later, according to Helwig. And the ROC officials acknowledged they had trouble getting trucks to Novi during the blizzard.

"This was a blizzard as defined by the National Weather Service," Spokesperson for the ROC Craig Byson said. "Other counties had the same problems."

According to Director of Public Services Tony Nowicki, some workers were sent home the night of the blizzard but only after working 16 hours straight.

Lorenzo said that council members have tried to talk the ROC until they are "blue in the face"

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Matthew Christopher
June 28, 2000
Our joyful blessing! Proud parents Ben & Christopher Kessler. All our love! Grandma & Grandpa Kessler & all.

Allen William
You are the best gift we have ever received! We love you very much! Love, Mom & Dad

Lily Emma
The blessings of the Christ child to you on your first Christmas! Love from Grandpa & Grandma Trefel

Taylor Elyse
December 7, 2000
Merry 1st Christmas and welcome to our family! Grandma & Uncle Mike

Owen Alexander
You are a blessing! Merry 1st Christmas! We love you very much! Love, Mommy, Daddy & Tori

Jennifer Ann
Merry 1st Christmas! May God bless you with health, joy & peace! Love, your cozy cottage companions

Nikki Jo
June 6, 2000
To our little Angel, you bring us so much joy. We love you. Merry 1st Christmas! Mommy & Daddy

Hadley Rose
November 14, 2000
Merry Christmas, little Angel! We love you. From all your Grandmas, Grandpa, Aunts, Uncles, Cousins & especially Mommy & Daddy

Samantha Elaine
May 27, 2000
Our beautiful blessing! Proud parents Amanda & Adam Kessler. All our love! Grandma & Grandpa Kessler & all

Nicholas Allen
Merry 1st Christmas! You have brought so much joy to our lives! Love, The Panaretos & Roman families

Breanne Christine
November 28, 2000
You're the best Christmas gift anyone could give us! Merry 1st Christmas. Love Mom, Dad, Chris & Cameron

Natalie Rose
With the arrival of Natalie Rose, we're celebrating this holiday season with joy. So Santa remember now we are three.

Aaron Anthony
You are a special blessing in our life. Happy 1st Christmas! Love, Mommy & Daddy

Looking for a home this Christmas?

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If you've found yourself without a church this Christmas season, we invite you to stop by Oak Pointe and check out "church like it oughta be". There is something more to this Christmas thing.

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Churches offer special services for the holidays

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 Guitar Group, 8:15 and 11:15 a.m.
 For more information, call (248) 349-8847.

FAITH COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
 4440 W. Ten Mile, Novi
 Dec. 24, Christmas Eve service, family oriented, 5 p.m.
 8 p.m. traditional candlelighting service, soloist and children's choir
 11 p.m. traditional candle lighting service with Communion. Soloist and children's choir.
 Dec. 25, 9 and 10:30 a.m.
 Call (248) 349-5666 for further information.

MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
 4620 Meadowbrook Road, Novi
 Dec. 24, four presentations:
 10 a.m. church choir with instrumental accompaniment;
 6 p.m., children's pageant and candlelighting;
 8:30 p.m. special choir presentation.
 Dec. 25, 9 a.m. lessons, carols and candlelighting ceremony.
 Call (248) 348-7757 for more information.

HOPPE LUTHERAN CHURCH
 39200 W. Twelve Mile Road, Farmington Hills
 Dec. 24
 Family worship, 4 p.m.
 Contemporary worship, 6 p.m.
 Traditional worship, 8 and 11 p.m.
 Dec. 25
 No worship services will be held on Christmas day.
 Regular worship services are:

Contemporary, 9:45 a.m.
 Traditional, 8:15 and 11:15 a.m.
 For more information, call the church office at (248) 553-7170.

DETROIT FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
 21260 Haggerty, Northville
 Dec. 24
 11 a.m. Family Christmas service with baby's first Christmas. Join us at 11 a.m. on Dec. 24 for a family Christmas Service, which includes celebrating baby's first Christmas. Each baby celebrating their first Christmas will receive a gift.
 6 p.m. Christmas Eve candlelight service. Share Communion and at the end of service, traditional candle lighting. This service is for the whole family.
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OUR LADY OF VICTORY CATHOLIC CHURCH
 770 Thayer, Northville
 Fourth Sunday of Advent, 7:30, 9 and 11 a.m. No 12:30 p.m. Mass.
 Dec. 24, 4:30, 7 p.m. and Midnight, carols begin at 11:30 p.m.
 Dec. 25, 9 and 11 a.m. Note: only two Masses on Christmas Day.
 * Ward Evangelical Presbyterians Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville.
 Dec. 24
 Traditional worship, 10 a.m., Contemporary Worship, 11:30 a.m.
 Christmas Eve Candlelight Services, 4, 5:30 and 11 p.m.
 Dec. 25
 New Year's Eve day services, 8:30, 8:45, 10 and 11:30 a.m.
 New Year's Eve candlelight Communion service at 11:15 p.m.

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 Dec. 24, four worship services, 10 a.m. with Holy Communion 6 p.m., 8 p.m., with Communion, and 10 p.m. with Communion
 Dec. 25, Christmas Day, 10 a.m. worship
 Dec. 31, New Year's Eve 8:30 a.m. worship
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
 10 a.m. Adult Bible Study
 11 a.m. worship.
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 Dec. 24, 10:30 a.m. morning worship in Sanctuary.
 Four Christmas Eve worship services in Sanctuary:
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 7 p.m. candlelight worship - youth choirs;
 9 p.m. candlelight worship - handbell choir;
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Dr. Michael P. Burk
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GARY S. WEINSTEIN
 GEMOLOGIST
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SCHOOL/COMMUNITY NEWS

Walled Lake Consolidated Schools Board Briefs

Golden Apple Awards

The Golden Apple Award was presented to Melinda MoeKouris, currently the principal at Clifford Smart Middle School. MoeKouris' former role as assistant principal at Sarah Banks Middle School earned her more than just a few nominations. She has been described as an individual who is patient, compassionate, selfless, positive, cheerful, supportive, understanding, flexible, dedicated, energetic, and enthusiastic. She seeks solutions to problems through the suggestions of others and sees every situation as a stepping stone to growth. Mindy can take on more than she has time for, but never complains about her long hours. She is not afraid to try a new idea or different solution to solve a problem. She has an inner strength that is always visible. She loves what she does and it shows in every aspect of her job.

Presentation: 1999 Galileo Leaders

As it was noted at our last meeting, we've been very excited about our involvement in the Galileo Project, a Kellogg-funded project involving seven school districts, two intermediate schools districts and two community colleges in Oakland and Wayne County. We're pleased to be able to offer this leadership program to teachers, who by and large, wish to remain teachers, but who also have the potential for leadership and a desire to learn more about this role and exercise it in their classrooms and their schools in our district. Reports from the second "class" of teachers who were selected in 1999 were presented.

Redistricting - New Construction in Novi

The board of education approved the redistricting of Zone 8M (new construction) from Hickory Woods Elementary to Meadowbrook Elementary, as presented.

Report: Elementary Physical Education

A report reviewing elementary physical education benchmarks and related resources was presented by Dave Yarbrough, director of athletics and K-12 physical.

Oliver/Hatcher to build business park in Wixom

Oliver/Hatcher Construction, a design/build firm in Wixom, has contracted to build Enterprise Business Park in Wixom for the owner, HEPCO of West Bloomfield.

There will be three light-commercial/office buildings of 21,000, 29,000 and 35,000 square feet, respectively, on the property located at 28400 Beck Road just north of Twelve Mile.

Construction on the \$5.6 million project will begin as soon as Oliver/Hatcher completes an extension of Enterprise Drive for the city of Wixom, providing access to the 7.8 acre site.

Architects for the project are Ron Jona Associates of Southfield. Up to 40 subcontractors and 120 workers will be used on the project, scheduled for completion by early 2002, according to Paul Hatcher, president of Oliver/Hatcher Construction.

WLTV Programming Serves Community

Walled Lake Schools' local community access channel, WLTV, airs stories and event happenings in the Walled Lake School District and our surrounding communities. Viewers can tune in to watch quality plays, football and basketball games, special event programming, and the monthly segment, "We're Making Tomorrow," a video magazine-style format designed to highlight activities happening in the district.

When programming is "off-air," WLTV keeps viewers informed via the Walled Lake Schools bulletin board. The system maintains up-to-date information on important issues, contact numbers, job opportunities, school closings, lunch menus and local activities.

If you have newsworthy happenings in your area, please contact Eric Handorf, print and video technician at (248) 956-2019.

Walled Lake Central department/club to sell Christmas trees

The Fine Arts Department and Photography Club at Walled Lake Central High School are selling Christmas trees. Trees will be sold outside near the football field of Walled Lake Central between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, now through Dec. 14.

There will be a variety of trees ranging from 6 to 10 feet in height. Buy your Christmas tree this year from Walled Lake Central and help the Photography Club raise enough money to go to Italy.

For more information, contact Adair Hinds at (248) 956-4731.

Business brief

New shop in area is now open. "Between Friends, Hair and Nails", 30710 Beck Road, between Pontiac Trail and West Road (across from The Village Apartments.) Open seven days weekly. For the holidays, please make your appointments early. Walk-ins are welcome. Please call (248) 669-3659 or (248) 669-3898 for more information.

Project impacts bus routes

By Stacy Jenkins
STAFF WRITER

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Parents of students at five Walled Lake schools should stay tuned for potential bus route changes once local roads are ripped up for a water main project.

The long-delayed construction was expected to start Wednesday on a 42-inch Detroit

Water and Sewerage Department water main that will run from the intersection of Decker and 14 Mile west to Walled Lake Drive, then to Angle Road to Maple to Beck.

The project will provide Detroit water service to Wixom, but Walled Lake residents and schools will get the brunt of the inconvenient road closures and detours.

The intermittent closures will be in short sections along the route, but residential roads will still get through.

Lloyd Cureton, director of public works for the city of Walled Lake, suggests local traffic use Leon Street as a detour.

Bus routes along 14 Mile may be moved slightly, said Marilyn Nieman, supervisor of trans-

portation for Walled Lake schools. A couple of bus stops within apartment complexes may be moved from the interior out to 14 Mile if the driveways to the complexes are blocked by construction, said Nieman.

Moving bus stops will be minimal, she added.

"The road commission has assured us in most cases we can get through and we will have access to the kids," Nieman said.

The Road Commission for Oakland County will inspect the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department project to ensure proper signage is placed along the route and that the road is restored after the water main is installed, said road commission spokesman Craig Bryson.

"Any time a (county) road has to be closed, we want to know about it," he said.

Maneuvering through the traffic backups on surrounding roads will be the tricky part, she said.

"The thing that worries me is not so much (access to the stops) but that the other roads will pick up all of that traffic from the roads you can't use," she said. "That's going to impact a lot of things. We're



going to experience backups, but we're prepared to deal with them."

Bus drivers along the 20 routes impacted by the construction will leave earlier than usual.

"Our drivers will have to leave a few minutes earlier to make sure they get the kids to school on time," Nieman said.

The bus drivers will call each parent if a bus stop is temporarily moved and will give a notice to the older students to take home. Routes affected by the project take students to Walled Lake Elementary, Hickory Woods Elementary, Loon Lake Elementary, Walled Lake Middle School and Walled Lake Western High School.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

WIXOM COMMUNITY CENTER ACTIVITIES

Kids Holiday Happenings Day Camp

Age 4-5, 9 a.m.-noon, \$15. Age 6-11, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., \$30.

This program will be held Thursday and Friday, Dec. 21 and 22 at Wixom CC.

A fun-filled day camp jam packed with games and crafts. Kids will make cool crafts to keep or give as holiday gifts. Bring your lunch/beverage. Snack provided. Instructions by Leisure Unlimited.

Pinocchio Bus Trip

For ages 4-adult. The event will be held on Friday, Dec. 29, from 1:30-4:30 p.m. at the Marquis Theater, 135 E. Main, Northville. A charge of \$10 per person includes bus, ticket and treat. Register early.

Holiday Soccer Camp

Ages 6 and up, Dec. 26-29, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Total Soccer, \$140 per person. Professional trainers will sharpen your technical skills and tactical awareness in a fun and learning environment. Each day ends with the "Total Soccer World Cup Tournament." T-shirt included.

Family and Friends Friday Night "Mr. Induction"

Everyone is welcome. Friday, Jan. 19, from 6:30-8 p.m. at Wixom CC. Cost is \$6 per person. Enjoy the balloon and comedy stylings of Mr. Induction, Ray Wojciechowski. The \$6 fee includes a hot dog dinner. Must pre-register. Limited seating.

RICHARDSON SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

Richardson Senior Center is located at 1485 Oakley Park Road across from W.L. Central High School in Commerce Township.

Reservations are necessary for noon lunches Monday through Friday. Please call (248) 669-4510.

Mondays: Bingo at 12:30 p.m.

Tuesdays: Wood-carving and crafts, 10 a.m.; Euchre, 12:30 p.m.

Wednesdays: Line Dancing - intermediate, 10 a.m.; Pinocle, 12:30 p.m.

Thursdays: Pinocle at 12:30 p.m.

Walled Lake City Library

Walled Lake City Library has purchased 43 "Steady Readers" from Recorded Books. "Steady Readers," audio tapes and an accompanying book come in a convenient durable storage case that encourages struggling readers, reluctant readers or ESL students to read and to build reading skills. The audio tapes are recorded at 10-15 percent slower speed - a conversational speed - that enables students to get the practice they need to boost their reading speed and motivate them for more independent reading. Studies have proven that using audio books

encourages reading and allows students to read above the actual reading level. A list of titles, reading grade levels, interest grade levels, and teacher's guides will be available at the circulation desk.

Memorials for Margaret (Peggy) Rech have helped fund our purchase of Steady Readers. Peggy Rech was a devoted advocate for literacy; she tutored many ESL students in the library over the years. We will truly miss this wonderful woman who gave so much of herself to so many people.

Classical music series

The library continues to feature a monthly classical music appreciation series on the first Tuesday of each month at 2 p.m. in the library meeting room.

"Fats" Kaldosky will introduce a different program of classical music each month. Come and share music, coffee and goodies with other music lovers on first Tuesdays.

Library friends

The Friends of the Walled Lake City Library meet on the second Tuesday of the month at 1 p.m. in the meeting room of the library. Join us and help support many interesting activities.

The library is always looking for "new friends" - join the Friends of Walled Lake City Library and help make a difference. Annual dues for joining friends is as follows: single membership, \$5; family, \$8; business and organization, \$25; patron, \$50; and life, \$200. Membership is tax deductible. Please make checks payable to: Friends of the Walled Lake City Library, 1499 E. West Maple Road, Walled Lake, MI 48390.

Time capsule

The Library Kids, 2000 Time Capsule (December 1999) is on display and will be opened after January 2005. Four more years to go.

Children's programs

• Preschool Story Hour, Wednesdays, 10:30-11:15 a.m. for 3- and 4-year-olds. Registration is required.

Children are invited to listen to stories. Programs include simple crafts, fingerplays, music, group activities and puppet plays. Recommended for the independent listener.



Photos by JOHN HEIDER

(Above) The Novi Middle School choir performs for visiting senior citizens in the school's annual luncheon sponsored by the Novi Rotary. (Right) Visiting Novi Middle School from Whitehall Nursing Center are Beulah Hunt, left, and Fran Simo. They were served lunch by students at the holiday luncheon.



School lunch honors seniors

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE
Staff Writer

Senior citizens began the holidays on a good "note" as the guests of honor at the Rotary Luncheon on December 7. Teaming up with Novi Middle School, the Rotary Club gave seniors a real treat on Thursday with beautiful Christmas music and a turkey dinner.

With musical performances by the Novi Middle School choir and band, the auditorium was filled with sounds of the season.

The audience was even invited to join the school in a holiday sing-a-long with traditional carols like "Silent Night," "Deck the Halls," and "Joy to the World."

"One of my seniors was so excited when she found out they were having a sing-a-long," said Charter House Activities Director Amy Lawless. "All she

"I had three children go through the Novi school system and I've been to tons of these things. But even though my kids are all grown up, I still enjoy watching these school shows."

Zinta Payton
85-year-old resident of Novi

wanted to do was sing some Christmas carols."

Spunky 85-year-old Zinta Payton said she truly enjoyed the band and choir performance and that the students did a wonderful job. "I've had three children go

through the Novi school system and I've been to tons of these things," she said.

"But even though my kids are all grown up, I still enjoy watching these school shows. The kids are just darling."

After the middle school holiday musical, the seniors packed into the cafeteria for a traditional Christmas feast served by Student Council.

The meal included turkey, mashed potatoes and cranberries.

"This is something the seniors really enjoy and look forward to," said student council member Megan Snavely. "It allows them to get out and hear some holiday songs."

Stephanie Fordyce is a staff reporter for the Novi News. She may be reached at sfordyce@tt.homecomm.net.

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Blue Ribbon to conduct surveys for options on school facilities

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE
Staff Writer

In order to give the school district some futuristic direction, the Blue Ribbon Task Force finished the first phase of their ongoing space and technology report.

Presenting their preliminary report to the Novi School Board on December 7, Blue Ribbon chair Steve Schram reviewed the committee's formation, charge, and their multiple recommendations thus far.

Schram said he hopes the community sees this issue not only as a way to preserve education for our children's future, but also in terms of the foundation and infrastructure to the city of Novi.

"This school district is the premium thing that makes Novi the place where people want to live and makes our home value worthwhile," he said. "I hope that there will be a commitment from this community in expressing the pride and excellence of this school district."

The task force, which began meeting back in August, was designed to discuss and implement the future needs of Novi schools in terms of space, population and technology, along with a timeline for completing the work.

In the past ten years, from the fall of 1989 to the fall of 1999, student growth in Novi rose 54 percent from an enrollment of 3,789 to 5,604, an equivalent of 200 new students per year.

With student population on the rise and school infrastructure aging, there is an obvious need for space and renovations throughout the district.

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

With high school enrollment growing to exceed its capacity by the 2003/2004 school year, the Blue Ribbon Task Force came up with three possible solutions. These included: building a second high school, expanding

the existing high school, and remodeling the existing high school and constructing a community facility which could hold both students and community programs.

Other school recommendations that were addressed by the task force were: upgrading technology, swimming facilities, maintenance/transportation, high school cafeteria, and other areas such as Community Education, Alternative Education, and Special Education.

Now that the task force has presented the board their preliminary report, their next step is to gather citizen input.

"The general public will be the final arbiter on whether or not we'll be successful in obtaining the millage," Schram said.

Using their recommendations, the task force looked at the future needs from a \$50, \$75, \$100, and \$125 million-dollar bond issue standpoint.

Schram said because the community is critical in providing the task force feedback on their preliminary recommendations,

they will now begin holding focus groups and conducting surveys.

Around December 14, the focus groups will meet with a public relations consultant and gather data.

Following the focus groups, a telephone coincidental survey will be performed, Schram said.

Once those results are in, the Blue Ribbon Task Force will meet again and review them. Using this input, the committee will produce a final recommendation report, which will be given to the board in February.

Once submitted, the board will consider their proposals and decide on a bond vote.

Board members commended the task force's report and said they are looking forward to viewing their final recommendations.

Stephanie Fordyce is a staff reporter for the Novi News. She may be reached at sfordyce@ttt.homecomm.net.

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oment but said that was wrong.

"A lot of people make assumptions about me but I think I am fair and pretty even-handed with developers," he said. "I ask them to adhere to the ordinances."

Mutch, who said he doesn't want to be compared to Cassis, noted that he has as much experience as Cassis.

"We're at two totally different points in our lives," Mutch said. "Victor as a business man and he's been involved in a lot of different organizations and he's been effective on planning commission. So, I'm not going to compare myself to him."

Mutch said that both he and Cassis would be effective council members but he did make distinctions.

"If you look at the time I spent on planning commission and board I have as much experience as some up on council right now and that is the truth," Mutch said. "I think I have a solid grasp of how municipalities work."

Mutch did say if he was selected to fill out the last year of Crawford's term he would run in November 2001 to retain the seat. But Mutch also said that if he was not selected then he would "weigh his options" before entering the 2001 race.

Mutch joins fellow candidates Planning Commissioner Victor Cassis, Michael Meyer, former council member Joseph Toth, Planning Commissioner Kim Capello, and Gordon Fuller.

Anthony Avdioulos, who has applied for the position has decided to look at a planning commission spot before attempting to jump to the council. Another late entry, Harvey Swartz, did not appear before council.

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.

Cassis told council that the number one priority would be the "budget" and that the city should be "mindful" of a good credit rating with bond holders. Even though he's a businessman, Cassis said he will heed the word of the people if elected. He said he understands the limits of an appointed candidate.

"They don't have a mandate

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Council looks to fill Hugh Crawford's open seat

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because they were not elected," Cassis said. "When looking at a project, they must arrive at the best decision for the city. The voice of the people is paramount and you have an obligation to the people."

When Cassis came up to the podium, council members all acknowledged the dedication he has for the city.

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, told council that he's a man that can bring a unique perspective to the council chambers.

Meyer told council that he thought the strong points for Novi were the "schools," and like Cassis, he warned the council about budgetary moves.

"We may have to bite the bullet on the budget," Meyer said. "Because the economy may not be that good."

Meyers said there were times cities could utilize the tax abatement and gave the new Novi Expo Center as an example.

Planning Commissioner Kim Capello, who has remained on the planning commission even though his term expired last summer, received a "thank you" from Council Member Lou Corsidas who acknowledged Capello's work on the planning commission and his expertise as a commissioner and lawyer.

"I've been involved with Main Street since its inception and I've been involved with the Town Center," Capello said. "I'd like to see some of those things to fruition. We have some problems on Main Street

and the Grand River corridor needs to be developed. Hopefully the Expo Center move will help."

Capello said that with his knowledge of the projects that he would be an asset to the council when re-examining the commercial area of Novi. Capello, who has been on the planning commission for over seven years, said he does see space for improvement on council.

A more recent resident, Gordon Fuller, appeared before council with impressive credentials but, admittedly, little knowledge of the city.

table because of all the council will be facing in the upcoming year.

Toth, who has spent nine years on city council and another nine years on the planning commission, has said that a major priority for the council should be the budget, any process, especially with the Sandstone Vistas Case that could cost the city millions.

**CITY OF NOVI
NOTICE OF ADOPTION
ORDINANCE NO. 2000-81-19**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Novi City Council has adopted Ordinance No. 2000-81-19 - AN ORDINANCE TO DELETE THE TRAFFIC STOP SIGN ORDER SET FORTH IN SECTION 55-774 OF THE CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES, RELATING TO THE INTERSECTION OF NEW COURT AND EAST LAKE DRIVE.

The provisions of the ordinance shall become effective fifteen (15) days after its adoption. The Ordinance was adopted by the City Council on Monday, November 27, 2000. A complete copy of the Ordinance is available for public use and inspection at the office of the City Clerk, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, during the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on the following local time.

(12-21-00 NRNN 1018527) **MARYVANNE CORNELIUS, CITY CLERK**

**NOTICE - CITY OF NOVI
REQUEST FOR BIDS
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The City of Novi will receive sealed bids for Uniform Leasing according to the specifications of the City of Novi. Bid packages are available at the Office of the Purchasing Director.

Sealed bids will be received until 3:00 p.m. prevailing eastern time, Wednesday, January 10, 2001, at which time proposals will be opened and read. Bids shall be addressed as follows:

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**CAROL J. KALINOVIC,
PURCHASING DIRECTOR
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(12-21-00 NR NN 1019230)

**THE CITY OF NOVI
RESOLUTION TO SCHEDULE
A PUBLIC HEARING
FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF THE
ISSUANCE OF AN INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES
EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE UNDER
ACT P.A. 198 OF 1974, AS AMENDED**

WHEREAS, the Novi Expo Center has submitted an application for a tax abatement with the City of Novi for the issuance of an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate under the "Piani Rehabilitation and Industrial Development District Act P.A. 198 of 1974"; and

WHEREAS, the City Council may consider the issuance of an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for the proposed project by the Expo Center, which is described as:

Concept Plan of the Proposed Project

WHEREAS, the Novi Expo Center submitted a request for the establishment of an Industrial Development District to the Novi City Council under the above noted enabling legislation on property located within an Industrial Development District boundary, being the subject property, as noted in the application; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to Section 4 (3) of said Act a hearing shall be held at 7:30 p.m. on January 8, 2001 in the Council Chambers, located at 45175 West Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48275, during which any property owner within the Industrial Development District, and any resident or taxpayer of the City of Novi may appear and be heard in relation to the consideration of the aforementioned Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk shall mail a copy of this resolution by certified mail to the owners of all real property within the Industrial Development District and to each taxing unit which levies ad valorem property taxes within the District of which the Industrial Development Facilities Exemption Certificate may be considered; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the City Clerk shall cause this resolution to be published in the Novi News not less than five (5) nor more than thirty (30) days before the date of said public hearing, as public notice of said hearing.

(12-21-00 NRNN 1019243) **MARYVANNE CORNELIUS, CITY CLERK**

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Obituaries

ELEANOR HAMMOND
Eleanor "Ellie" Hammond, 87, of Northville died Dec. 14 at Walthamwood in Novi. She was born June 10, 1913, in Buffalo, N.Y., to Royal and Julia (Pierce) Wood.

Before retiring, Mrs. Hammond held the office as a clerk for Northville Township. She lived in Northville from 1972 to 1999, at which time she moved to Cheboygan. Mrs. Hammond was a member of the Novi United Methodist Church and St. Paul's United Methodist Church of Cheboygan. She also held numerous volunteer positions in Northville, Novi and Cheboygan. Mrs. Hammond was often called the ladybug lady. According to the family, "Ellie" will be remembered for her endless energy and willingness to go the extra mile.

She is survived by her husband, Crispin; three sons, James of Wixom, Gordon of New Hampshire, and Edgar of Walled Lake; two daughters, Julia Anne of Northville, and Peggy Meyer of Northville; sister, June McChesler of California; brother, Eugene Wood of Washington; 20 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Hammond was preceded in death by a son, Crispin Nellis. Services were held on Wednesday, Dec. 20 at Novi United Methodist Church. The Rev. Louise Ott was the officiant.

Interment was at the Novi United Methodist Church Gardens. Arrangements were made by Casterline Funeral Home of Northville.

Memorials to the Hospice of Michigan would be appreciated by the family.

JEAN E. SCRIBNER
Jean E. Scribner, 72, died Dec. 17 at her daughter's home in Novi. Mrs. Scribner was a homemaker and active in many civic and community in North Fort Myers, Fla.

She is survived by sons, John H. (Candace) of Stoutsville, Ohio, Thomas R. (Sue) of Richmond, Va., and David A. (Linda) of Dublin, Ohio; two daughters, Barbara A. (Darrell) Vaughn of Toledo, Ohio, and Gale L. (David) Williams of Novi; sister, Betty (Ralph) Dunlap of North Fort Myers, Fla.; brother, Donald (Marlin) Brinker of Pittsburgh, Pa.; 15 grandchildren and one great-grandson.

Mrs. Scribner was preceded in death by her husband, John P. in 1992. Services were held on Wednesday Dec. 20 at David R. Jasin Funeral Home of Toledo, Ohio. The Rev. John H. Hecce officiated.

Interment was in Union Cemetery in Oak Harbor, Ohio.

HUGUETTE M. MCGOWAN
Huguette M. McGowan, 79, died Dec. 15 at her residence in Novi. She was born in 1921.

She is survived by four sons, Charles (Jane), Mark (Ruthy), Tommy (Maureen), and Shawn (Shella); 14 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Mrs. McGowan was preceded in death by a son, Mike. Services were held on Monday, Dec. 18 at O'Brien Chapel/Sullivan Funeral Home in Novi. Interment was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

Memorials to the Children's Hospital, 3901 Beaubien Blvd., Detroit, MI 48201 would be appreciated by the family.

WITOLD J. STACHURA
Witold John Stachura, 80, died Dec. 14 at his home in Novi. He was born April 19, 1920.

Mr. Stachura retired in 1984 from the Detroit Police Department after serving 38 years as a police officer. He worked at the 10th and 12th precinct. Mr. Stachura was Sergeant of Arms to the Detroit City Council from 1975 to 1985; served as bodyguard/chauffeur to the late Mayor Jerome Cavanaugh and city council president Edward Carey, from 1960-1961. He was a member of the Lieutenant and Sergeant Association. After his retirement, he was employed at Tanglewood Golf Course as a starter and ranger. Mr. Stachura was an avid golfer. He served in the Army Air Corp. during World War II.

Mr. Stachura is survived by his wife, Dolores; sons, Gregory (Jean), Steven (Carol), Gerald (Ann), James (Karen), and Paul (Karen); daughters, Christina Stachura and Carol Taft; 18 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was celebrated on Monday, Dec. 18 at Holy Family Catholic Church. Interment was in Fort Custer National Cemetery in Augusta, Mich.

Arrangements were made by O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home of Novi.

Memorials to the Hospice of Michigan, 16250 Northland Drive, Suite 212, Southfield, MI 48075 would be appreciated.

ANGELA M. MINOZZI
Angela Maria Minozzi, 94, died Dec. 17 in Milford. She was born

July 27, 1906.

She is survived by her grandchildren, John (Marilyn) Cibrario and Catherine (Timothy) Noble; and great-grandchildren, Jacqueline and James Noble, and Christina and Joanna Cibrario.

Mrs. Minozzi was preceded in death by her husband, Giovanni and children, Anthony J. and Frances (Aldo) Cibrario. Services were held at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 21 at O'Brien Chapel/Ted C. Sullivan Funeral Home of Novi. A 10 a.m. Mass was celebrated at Holy Family Church in Novi.

Interment was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield.

LEE RADER

Lee Rader, 55, died Dec. 17 at her residence in Novi.

She is survived by her husband, David; son, Ray; sister, Carol Elridge; two brothers, William (Ruth) Fain and John Fain; and nieces, Christine and Dawn.

Services will be held at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 21 at the First Presbyterian Church of Northville. Interment will be in Parkview Cemetery in Livonia.

Arrangements were made by O'Brien Chapel/Sullivan Funeral Home of Novi. Memorials to Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh Road, Livonia, MI 48154-5010 would be appreciated.

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Monday, Dec. 11
 Medical, 45440 Addington, 4:14 a.m., Squad 4.
 Medical, 24528 Bashian, 6:13 a.m., Squad 1.
 Medical, 31234 Springlake, 8:25 a.m., Squad 2.
 Injury accident, M-5 and Twelve Mile Road, 9:56 a.m., Squad 2.
 Injury accident, I-96 and Novi Road, 11:21 a.m., Squad 4.
 Medical, 29319 Warwick, 4:44 p.m., Squad 2.
 Medical, 45182 W. Park, 5:53 p.m., Squad 2.
 Mutual aid, Walled Lake Fire Department, 6:41 p.m., Engine 2.
 Medical, 48076 Andover Pointe, 6:43 p.m., Squad 4.
 Investigation, 30020 Montmorency, 7:03 p.m., Squad 2.
 Investigation, 1919 Weir, 8:49 p.m., Engine 2.

Tuesday, Dec. 12
 Medical, 45182 W. Park, 12:47 p.m., Squad 2.
 Medical, 27044 Arro, 3:49 p.m., Squad 1.
 Squad 1.
 Medical, 27475 Huron Circle, 5:25 p.m., Squad 1.
 Injury accident, Eight Mile and Meadowbrook, 6:08 p.m., Squad 3.
 Medical, 22725 Bertram, 11:12 p.m., Squad 4.
Wednesday, Dec. 13
 Medical, 23656 E. LeBost, 3:36 a.m., Squad 3.
 Medical, Buck and Eight Mile Road, 7:36 a.m., Squad 4.
 Medical, 44097 Marison, 8:28 a.m., Squad 1.
 Injury accident, Haggerty and Grand River, 8:43 a.m., Squad 1, Engine 1.
 Fuel spill, Novi and Crescent, 12:12 p.m., Engine 1.
 Medical, 44801 N. Hills, 1:46 p.m., Squad 3.
 Trash fire, Anna Maria Court, 2:25 p.m., Engine 3.
 Wires Down, Broquet and Meadowbrook, 4:41 p.m., Squad 3.

Thursday, Dec. 14
 Medical, 39868 Village Wood, 4:04 a.m., Squad 3.
 Investigation, 42164 Gladwin, 4:53 a.m., Squad 3.
 Wire down, 41709 Broquet, 11:12 a.m., Engine 3.
 Fire alarm, 27000 Sheraton, 12:22 p.m., Engines 1, 2.
 Investigation, 45128 Danbarton, 12:42 p.m., Squad 3.
 Injury accident, I-96 and Novi Road, 1:06 p.m., Squad 1.
 Injury accident, Novi and Crown, 1:56 p.m., Squad 1.
 Medical, 41935 Twelve Mile Road, 2:51 p.m., Squad 1.
 Medical, 27190 Novi Road, 3:01 p.m., Squad 1.
 Injury accident, I-96 and Novi

Building fire, 23543 Haggerty, 9:43 a.m., Engines 3, 1.
 Building fire, 43700 Expo Center, 11:44 a.m., Engines 1, 4.
 Investigation, 41911 Lanier, 1:10 p.m., Squad 2.
 Medical, 41550 Grand River, 6:51 p.m., Squad 1.
 Medical, 29750 Montmorency, 8:19 p.m., Squad 2.
 Medical, 46550 Eleven Mile Road, 9:41 p.m., Squad 4.
Saturday, Dec. 16
 Injury accident, Thirteen Mile and Novi Road, 2:09 a.m., Squad 2.
 Building fire, 31150 Wellington, 8:45 a.m., Engines 2, 1.
 Fire alarm, 42500 Arena Drive, 10:09 a.m., Engines 3, 1.
 Fire alarm, 25299 Taft Road, 12:14 p.m., Engines 4, 1.
 Medical, 21051 Haggerty, 5:26 p.m., Squad 3.
 Injury accident, M-5 and I-696, 7:05 p.m., Squad 1.

Injury accident, M-5 and I-275, 7:39 p.m., Squad 1.
Sunday, Dec. 17
 Investigation, 24033 Pheasant Run, 1:13 a.m., Squad 3.
 Medical, 105 Alchebaum, 3:42 a.m., Squad 4.
 Medical, 44490 Eleven Mile, 8:46 a.m., Squad 1.
 Fire alarm, 40800 Thirteen Mile, 12:11 p.m., Engines 2, 1.
 Medical, 27500 Novi Road, 12:31 p.m., Squad 1.
 Wire down, 48250 Nine Mile, 3:06 p.m., Engine 4.
 Medical, 50614 Delaware, 5:01 p.m., Squad 4.
 Medical, 24500 Meadowbrook, 5:26 p.m., Squad 1.
 Fire alarm, 25299 Taft Road, 7:40 p.m., Engines 4, 1.
 Investigation, 43688 West Oaks, 9:08 p.m., Engine 1.
 Medical, 40455 Franklin Mill, 9:24 p.m., Squad 3.
 Medical, 21050 Haggerty, 9:45 p.m., Squad 3.

Monday, Dec. 18
 Medical, 45182 W. Park, 12:47 p.m., Squad 2.
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Red ribbon campaign promotes sober driving

By MELANIE PLENDA
Staff Writer

Instead of tying one on a party and getting behind the wheel of a car, Mothers Against Drunk Drivers is asking people to get behind tying one red ribbon on their car. Instead, MADD is in the midst of its tie one on for safety campaign, during which time its members are encouraging people to get the specially-designed MADD ribbons to tie on their cars. It's a show of commitment by people to not drink and drive during the holiday season.

This is the 12th year of the program, and was one of the first awareness campaigns organized

by MADD. Oakland County MADD chapter director Michele Compton said this is one of MADD's biggest campaigns of the year. She said she hoped people took the time to observe some basic safety tips during the holidays.

"We just hope if people choose to drink, they will be responsible and not drive," Compton said. Compton said she hoped people who hosted parties know they can be held responsible for the alcohol consumption of their guests. She said in Michigan, if a party guest gets drunk at a private residence, the owner of the residence can be held liable if the guest gets into a car and drives

under the influence. She said people can prepare for arguments from guests unwilling to give up their keys or soberly ride from someone sober. Reminding people of the potential penalties for driving under the influence is often a good deterrent strategy, she said.

She also said that if guests argue that they only have a short distance to drive, the host may remind them of the statistics which say three out of four accidents happen within 25 miles of the home.

She also said the argument of having coffee or something to eat to sober up is not valid, either. "Only time can sober a person

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Michele Compton
Oakland County
MADD Chapter director

up," she said. "Nothing else — not coffee or food or a cold shower. Only time." Additionally, for those guests who admit they've driven under the influence without incident in

the past, she said a host need only say "I'd hate for this to be the one time you kill or seriously injure someone."

Compton said AAA-Michigan, as well as all MADD chapters carry a book of non-alcoholic beverages designed for the holidays and to keep people safer. It's called "The Great Pretender," she said. "They are the most luscious drinks and you really don't miss the alcohol."

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Permanent judge is better solution

Michigan Rep. Nancy Cassis (R- Novi) and Sen. Bill Bullard (R-Highland) have pushed through a bill to bring a judge to the 22nd 1st Division Court in Novi in 2003, via the 2002 election. But the bill would also move a judgeship to Clarkston in January of 2002. That seat will most likely be the seat currently occupied by the judge Michael Batchik. Also as part of the bill, Novi court will lose jurisdiction over White Lake and Rose Townships.

The result is that the Novi Court, which currently has jurisdiction over the cities of Novi, South Lyon, Walled Lake, Wixom, Commerce Township, Highland, Lyon Township, Milford, Rose, White Lake and Wolverine Lake will have an extra judge for only two years.

The Michigan Supreme Court Administrator's Office recommended earlier this year that a judge be added to the Novi Court. No where in that recommendation was there mention about adding judges to other districts or playing the "hide the ball" game. The Supreme Court's administrative officers recognized that the Novi court has the fastest growing docket in the state, bar none, even in Detroit.

According to the Novi court, there are an estimated 20,000 cases between the three judges currently seated at the Grand River site.

Leasing out a judge to Novi for a

two year term is not a solution. There needs to be more consideration made concerning this bill than just pushing it through because it is the so-called "best alternative." Novi Court Judge Michael Batchik is absolutely right when he says this legislation will do nothing for the court in the long run. What's best for this city and the townships and village the court represents is to be served in a timely manner, which means to gain a judge and keep the Novi number at three.

Cassis said the Oakland County Board of Commissioners will not pay for expansion or construction of a new court and she believes there is no room at the court for a new judge long term.

If there is room for one now, there is room for one down the road. According to 52nd 1st District Court Judge Brian MacKenzie, there is a magistrate chamber that could be available and the magistrate could then be set up in another location.

MacKenzie's suggestion makes more sense than just adding a judge and shifting the outline of the district.

It's also good to note whenever the city or court system talks about expansion again to take the future under consideration. The new court building is tiny in comparison to the needs it meets every day.

We urge the representatives and senators to reconsider this bill and keep a judge in Novi long term.

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Novi shouldn't be RCOC's guinea pig

Ho, Ho, Ho, here comes the snow. Apparently when it comes to the Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC) taking care of county roads within the city of Novi, they'd rather have the city shovel it themselves.

The RCOC is responsible for all the county roads within the city of Novi including Haggerty Road, Novi Road, Ten Mile and Grand River. According to the RCOC, the best way for Novi to get its roads plowed, including county roads, is to do it themselves.

The RCOC says they would "reimburse" the city for plowing done by the city's department of public works (DPW). Hmm, there's a suggestion, however, where do we get the manpower and time to clear the county roads when the city of Novi has its hands full with city roads?

And what exactly does reimbursement mean? Are they going to pay for DPW workers overtime? Medical expense if they get hurt? Repairs to trucks? Probably not.

Just need a map with big arrows pointing to the city of Novi.

We are perfectly aware that when it comes to the RCOC getting anything done in Novi, whether it be road repairs or slow plowing, we always seem to come in last.

Okay, maybe we have to do it ourselves. Fine. But Novi city officials should demand every penny they can get through this "reimbursement program". We suggest that City Manager Richard Helwig be a hard sell on such a program. Why? The RCOC makes it hard on us.

its snow plow force? Considering the size and age of the DPW building, maybe the RCOC and the county would consider providing a new facility for all the new trucks and equipment that would be needed to store and repair trucks and plows? We seriously doubt it.

The streets in Novi were treacherous after the heavy snow fall we received last week. But other communities got streets plowed. Farmington Hills apparently didn't have such a problem. West Bloomfield didn't have these problems. Maybe RCOC plow drivers just need a map with big arrows pointing to the city of Novi.

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Alyssa and Amanda Carmen visit with Santa Claus Monday afternoon at Novi's Twelve Oaks Mall. The Carmens live in Shanghai, China and are in the Detroit area visiting relatives.

All I want for Christmas...

and General Counsel BIA of Southeastern Michigan Farmington Hills

LETTERS

Holiday wishes from the Mayor

Let me begin by extending from our family to yours, the warmest of holiday greetings and hope for your continued health, happiness and success in the coming year. The holiday season is a time to take stock and count our blessings and we truly have much to be thankful for as the new year approaches.

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We are also fortunate to have been able to obtain the services of a new city manager in Richard Helwig, a man who is a true professional completely dedicated to the best interest of our community and who leads by positive example.

We are also fortunate to have the dedicated department heads and support staff without whom this city could not operate as efficiently and economically as it does.

We are also blessed with a community of citizens who are constantly willing to give of their time, talents and energy for the betterment of their community, and who are key components of the quality of life we enjoy in this community.

We are also blessed with a free press which, without fear or favor, tells us when we get it right but is also willing to weigh in when they feel we got it wrong.

Finally, we are blessed to have in our midst numerous veterans, men and women, without whose past sacrifices the peace, prosperity and freedoms we take for granted this holiday season would only be a faint and distant memory.

Mayor and Mrs. Richard J. Clark

Center will give Novi needed space

As you know, the Novi City Council will be meeting to determine if the Novi Expo Center should be given a tax abatement when they move to their new location.

I write this letter in support of that abatement. The Novi Expo Center has been a major contributor to the city's economy as well as providing invaluable support and assistance to local non-profit organizations such as ours. We believe this Expo Center is very important to the city of Novi and a valuable resource to those of us who conduct our business in the Novi area.

We are also excited about the new Expo Center being able to provide a large banquet facility which we believe Novi is in dire need of. This will also enable us to hold more events in this area.

Therefore, we respectfully urge you to give serious consideration to their tax abatement request. Thank you.

John W. Elherton, Executive Director Michigan Paralyzed Veterans of America Novi

Building Industry Association says yes to move

This association (Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan) has utilized the facilities of the current Novi Expo Center for the past eight years - and intends to continue as a customer when the facility occupies its new quarters.

We produce three "home improvement" shows each year - with a combined attendance of approximately 75,000 consumers. A very large number of the attendees are Novi residents - and thus the shows have a great economic impact on Novi in terms of home remodeling and equipment sales to residents of the city.

The show would create even more of an impact in the proposed structure because it is more conducive to exhibitions - offers more parking opportunities - and removes much of the traffic congestion which currently impacts the citizens living and shopping in the vicinity of Twelve Oaks Mall - and limits our attendance.

We certainly support the efforts of the Novi Expo Center in its attempts to relocate its facility to a much more feasible building.

Irvin H. Yackness Executive Vice President

Thanks for continuous support

The Novi Lions would like to thank all of the people in and out of the community, and especially the K-mart Corp. for their continuing support to local charities. Once again our annual candy cane sale has been a financial success. We continue to contribute to such projects as Leader Dog for the Blind, Penickton Center for the Blind Children, Welcome Homes for the visually impaired, EyeGlasses for the needy, scholarships, and many, many more.

Thank you Marc Giebel, Chairman and Jim Burnett, Co-Chairman.

Dick Stopinski, President Novi Lions Club

Tax abatement should succeed

As a property owner and taxpayer in the community, I heartily support the relocation and expansion of the Novi Expo Center. The facility has the potential to significantly impact the economic base of

OTHER OPINIONS

Thursday, December 21, 2000

Orderly recount reflects legacy

Neil Staebler, the man who created the modern Michigan Democratic Party, died last week after a lifetime of distinguished public service. He was a role model to me and a genuine hero to many of my generation. His engagement in politics helped create a political climate in Michigan "civil, honest, citizen-based" that has lasted to this day.

Those with long memories will remember Staebler as "Mr. Democrat."

Working with Walter Reuther, the legendary president of the UAW, G. M. Williams, and a small band of dedicated reformers, Staebler ripped the party from the corrupt grip of the Teaster bosses in the mid-1940s.

Preaching a doctrine of citizen participation, Staebler then built the Democratic Party into the powerhouse that elected Williams governor an unprecedented six straight times and spawned the likes of Senator Philip A. Hart and Congresswomen Martha Griffiths.

Staebler's argument was radical for the times: In order to win elections, a political party had to be honest and democratic. Otherwise, the thousands of citizen volunteers necessary for an effective mass political organization simply would refuse to get involved.

Good citizenship, he argued, required everybody to get involved in the political process. Whether Republican or Democrat, he didn't care just so long as people got involved. It was Neil Staebler who convinced countless Michigan citizens that politics was not necessarily ugly or corrupt and that political involvement was the highest expression of citizenship.

I was lucky enough to see this process up close from my early childhood on. Neil Staebler and his wife, Burnette, were among my parents' closest friends. It was Neil Staebler who persuaded my rock-ribbed Republican businessman father to become a Democrat, perhaps the most profound testimony to his gift of patient, stubborn persuasion.

In contrast to our era when political figures are one thing when on the public stage and entirely different in private, Staebler was identically the same at all times, whether at Staebler dinners or at a Democratic convention: Thoughtful, rational, courteous, exquisitely well informed, endlessly patient to the point of doggedness. He could go on arguing a point literally all night; in fact, he once authored a whole book, *How To Argue With A Conservative*.

More at home in the back rooms than on the bright stage, Staebler only ran for high office twice. When the Legislature and the courts couldn't get congressional redistricting right after the 1960 census, Staebler was elected in 1962 Congressman-at-large, representing all of Michigan in the U.S. House. He ran unsuccessfully for governor in 1964, largely to keep off the Democratic ticket a candidate he considered corrupt.

Staebler's contributions went far beyond Michigan. He had a hand in national politics in the days when party leaders actually knew the personal qualities of candidates contending for nomination to high office, something entirely

Staeber's legacy is still with us today. Consider, for example...the matter of fact and civilized way in which the recount between Byrum and Rogers took place.

lacking today, when nominations are bestowed largely through primary elections. He was one of the "wise men" of the Democratic Party, consulted by and listened to by a who's who of national political figures. He was an early member of the National Election Commission and would have, I think, been disappointed at its ineffectiveness today.

Staebler's legacy is still with us today. Consider, for example, the conduct of the recent recount chaos in the Florida presidential election and the matter-of-fact and civilized way in which the recount between Diane Byrum and Mike Rogers took place in the Eighth Congressional District. Much of Michigan's clear, practical law governing recounts and civilized way of conducting them is the direct product of Staebler's work.

Those who knew Neil Staebler in his heyday cannot but feel a sense of loss at what he could have contributed had we through the aftermath of the presidential election fiasco.

As for myself, I count him among the my number of truly great men I have had the good fortune to meet. I'll miss him and his gift for civic virtue more than I can say.



Phil Power

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Manipulation gets gun law passed

Hey, we all understand that a certain amount of game playing goes on in Lansing. Any legislative body has to have some preference rules and procedures if it is going to address the issues of the day in anything resembling an efficient manner.

While those rules are intended to promote fairness and insure public accountability, it's no surprise that a well-versed parliamentarian can go a long way on a skillful manipulation of the process alone.

But it ought to end at the Capitol doorstep. When technicalities are used to frustrate or inhibit the will of the voters, the "volunteers" in their collective view, it should be judged to be out of bounds.

That's what happened last week when the Legislature took up the issue of how permits to carry concealed weapons are handed out. Now at the discretion of local county gun boards.

Eventually, Sen. Phil Hoffman, R-Horton, fessed up - "it's true," he said.

Of course, they couldn't do it alone. When Rep. Gilda Jacobs, D-Huntington Woods, and Sen. Gary Peters, D-Bloomfield, challenged the allocation as a violation of legislative rules, Rep. Bruce Patterson, R-Canton, in the House and Lt. Gov. Dick Posthumus in the Senate, ruled that the spending was proper and not a violation of rules. Then 51 members of the House and 25 senators voted to uphold the rulings of their respective chairmen.

Readers should understand there are reasons why these elected officials felt it was okay to obstruct and frustrate a referendum by voters. For one, they see the threatened petition as politically motivated itself. Wayne County prosecutor-elect Mike Duggan and Attorney General Jennifer Granholm would

But the real intent of the expenditure was to frustrate any attempt at a referendum. The state constitution states that appropriation bills cannot be put to a referendum.

get a boost of their own by backing such an effort. And the issue could still go to the ballot as a constitutional amendment, even if it would take more signatures, Bullard noted.

Besides, they think they've got a pretty good bill here. Bullard and Hoffman both believe it's actually more stringent than current law. At least it isn't arbitrary, which the current system is.

"What I want is for voters to read the law," Hoffman said. "If they read the law, they'll be in favor of it."

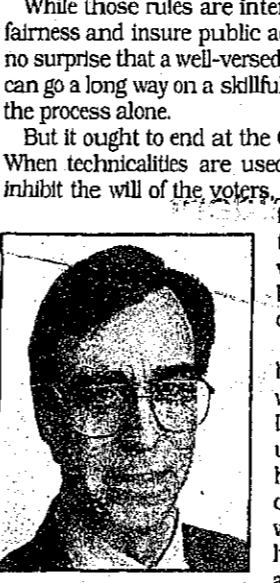
If that's truly the case, then they shouldn't worry about putting it out for a vote before the public. If it is better, they should be able to convince the electorate of it.

Even if they can't, it's still the will of the voters and Lansing lawmakers should abide by it.

In the end, it was a nasty little trick on the voting public.

The merits of the bill aside, lawmakers tried to obstruct voters' ability to express their view. What they've got now is likely to be an angry response from the electorate ... and they deserve it.

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Mike Malott

CCW permits are issued in an arbitrary manner, most Michigan lawmakers believe.

When they first took up a bill that would tell those gun boards they "shall issue" permits as long as the applicants meet certain requirements, it became quite controversial. Due to a public outcry in May 1999, the bill was set aside. Police officers and prosecutors across the state said that if the bill was passed, they would run a petition drive to put it to a referendum.

ers following right behind. This includes the requests for infrastructure money or other high-end requests which are fancy ways to ask for another abatement.

For any other company who hasn't located in Novi, the threat of not coming here should be answered with a mere, "well, fine, we didn't want you here anyway."

But for the Expo Center, the issue shades into that fuzzy gray line. You know the one, where the boundaries of good, bad and indifferent, and right and wrong tend to muddle into each other.

The center at one time was a focal point for Novi. Besides the mall, many people traveled to Novi to visit the exhibits happening there. After awhile, the city struck out on its own. It has many reasons now why people want to visit, shop, eat and hang out in the midst of Novians.

Expo Center is a foundation for Novi and that's where that line really starts to blur. Why would the city want to lose something that has been good to us, that has brought us money and that will continue to do so. The property Blair Bowman will buy isn't being used now anyway. The city will make more money, just give him the abatement.

Then comes the other side of the argument. Abatements appease people to stay for short periods of time. Take Textron, the prickly thorn in all our sides. It also seems that with the good upstanding history the Expo Center and Novi has, Bowman wouldn't ask for the abatement. Again, there goes those lines. Many could say a good businessman with upstanding values wouldn't have asked in the

Gray area suddenly draws Expo in

Welcome to Novi. That seems to be my thoughts when it comes to the tax abatement issue. Wow, are we passionate on this subject.

Actually, it makes me very happy to see people writing letters to the editor, and debating especially about the Expo Center abatement at your regular coffee shops and restaurants.

Everyone has an opinion on whether this will raise our taxes or aid to monetary relief in the city.

Here, at the Novi News, we have taken a few hits of our own on our abatement editorial. You are just opposing people. "Have the guts to take a stand one way or the other."

In a way, I can see the logic to that. But if we wanted to be pantsies about the whole issue, we could have just avoided it entirely.

This issue sticks a lot of people, including the city council, between a rock and a hard place.

None of us like idle threats, not the public and certainly not the administration. With this abatement, there will be ten million oth-

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first place.

But can you blame him? He is a good businessman. Which means, if he can get something in return for building us a great new center to bring in more money for Novi, why wouldn't he? There is nothing wrong with that line of thinking and other businesses would think he was crazy for not asking.

Again, the moral of this story comes down to lines and how we should cross them. Abatements really should come up on an individual basis and should be decided as such. Why? You may ask, because the Expo Center has history, good history with Novi and should be handled differently than if you GM decided to ask for an abatement to build a new facility when they haven't been located in Novi.

Lines do get crossed, all the time. It's our job and the public's job to make sure they get uncrossed or shade back to a color.

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IT'S BABY'S FIRST CHRISTMAS



Drake Ryan
A Star is Born! October 30, 2000!
We Love You! Grandma, Grandpa,
Mom & Dad



Matthew
Santa & surprises are awaiting you and big brother
Adam. We have been blessed. Love you, Mom & Dada



Melanie
August 11, 2000
We are blessed to have you our little sweet
& pink. Merry 1st Christmas!
Mom, Dad, Megan & Jason



Alexandra
You are special to so many. We love you.
Merry 1st Christmas.
Love, Grandpa & Grandma



Alyssa Renee
Thank you for blessing us with your presence. We all love you very much.
Love, Mommy, Daddy
& your big brother Andrew



Alyssa Irene
October 19, 2000
Merry 1st Christmas!
We love you, Mommy & Daddy



Abigail Christine
May 12, 2000
We welcome you into this world with love and
happiness. Have a wonderful First Christmas.
Love Grampa, Gramma, Troy & Garrett



Angelina Rose
Blessing us this millennium with your presence.
Love Mother Nicole, Father Michael,
Brother Anthony, Grandmothers and
Grandfathers, Johnston & Storm



Benjamin Charles
Our Christmas arrived on September 22,
2000, the day you were born.
Love, Mommy, Daddy & Grandma Dostal



Ethan Lee
November 14, 2000!
We welcome you into this world with love &
happiness. Have a wonderful First Christmas.
Love, Grampa, Gramma, Troy & Garrett



Colton John
We Love You! Merry 1st Christmas!
With much love, your family



Ashley Rose
August 21, 2000
Grandma's "Little Angel", straight from
Heaven! Love you, sweetie!
Grandma (Barb)



Alyssa Lee
July 29, 2000
To our little Princess, we all love you very
much, always & forever. Love, Mommy,
Daddy, Cody, Gramma, Grampa, & Family



Jack Remington
November 27, 2000
You are our beautiful reminder...to smile a
bunch...to count blessings often...and most
importantly...to love. Your biggest fans Dad &
Mom and big brothers Wade & Mike



Bella Rose
January 1, 2000
Although you were due Christmas Eve,
you surprised us by being the 1st
Millennium baby!
We love you, Mom & Dad



Cassidy Marie
October 22, 2000
Merry 1st Christmas! Love, Mommy, Daddy &
your big sisters- Julie, Jessica & Kayla



Rachel Mackenzie
August 18, 2000!
Our Sweetest Girl! Mommy &
Daddy Proud Grandparents, Marler's
& Kamp's



Evan Andrew
March 12, 2000
Merry Christmas! We love you very much
Mommy, Daddy & Max



Jake Mitchell
June 5, 2000
You are a precious miracle with a
tender spirit.



Emily Kimberlin
Merry 1st Christmas!
We love you! Grandma & Grandpa



Charlotte Suzanne
January 26, 2000
Her smile will melt your heart. Our Millennium
baby-she's a work of art. Love Nana



Noah James
To the love of our lives. We hope you
have a wonderful 1st Christmas, Love
Mommy & Daddy



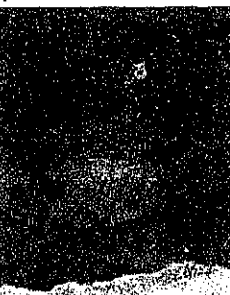
Mitchell Scott
You are our number one Christmas
blessing. Love Mommy, Daddy,
Daniel & Kate



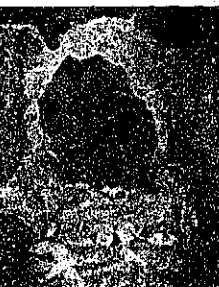
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Merry Christmas little Angel. We love
you very much!
Love, Grandma & Papa



Nathan James
Happy First Christmas! You have
blessed our lives. We love you,
Grandma, Grandpa, Mommy, Daddy,
Madeline & Steve



Taylor Marie
April 11, 2000
Thank you for making this our best Christmas ever!
Merry 1st Christmas. Love, Mommy & Daddy



Alissa Ann
Merry 1st Christmas! We love you.
Love, Mommy, Daddy, & your big sisters
Samantha & Caitlin



Megan Anne & Alexandra Lynn
I am doubly blessed to have both of you. Merry 1st Christmas my
little Angels. Love you forever, Mommy



Sophia Audrey
May 25, 2000
Thank you God for our precious
Granddaughter. We are honored and
blessed to have her in our lives.
Grandma & Grandpas



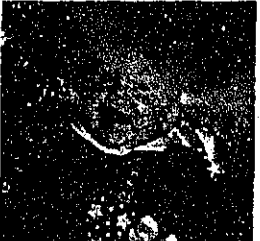
Jane Lorne
January 24, 2000
A smile that brightens the sun. Merry 1st
Christmas! Love, Mommy, Daddy & Zachary



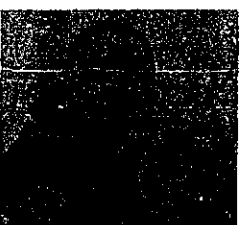
Jacob Mitchell
October 5, 2000
You are such a blessing in our lives.
We love you so much!
Love, Mommy & Daddy



Reece William
Merry 1st Christmas! Thank you for blessing
us with your presence. Love, Mom, Dad,
& your big brother Dalton



Ryan Allen
August 10, 2000
You are our bundle of joy! Merry 1st
Christmas! Love always & forever,
Mommy & Daddy



Kyle Robert
Merry 1st Christmas! We all love you
very much. Love, Mommy, Daddy &
your big brother Ryan.



Austin Jeffrey
November 2, 2000
Merry 1st Christmas to our perfect
blessing. We love you, Mommy & Daddy



Bryce Thornton
May 21, 2000
All our love to our newest little man in the
family. God bless baby burp! Mom, Dad,
Ellyn, Jack & Grant

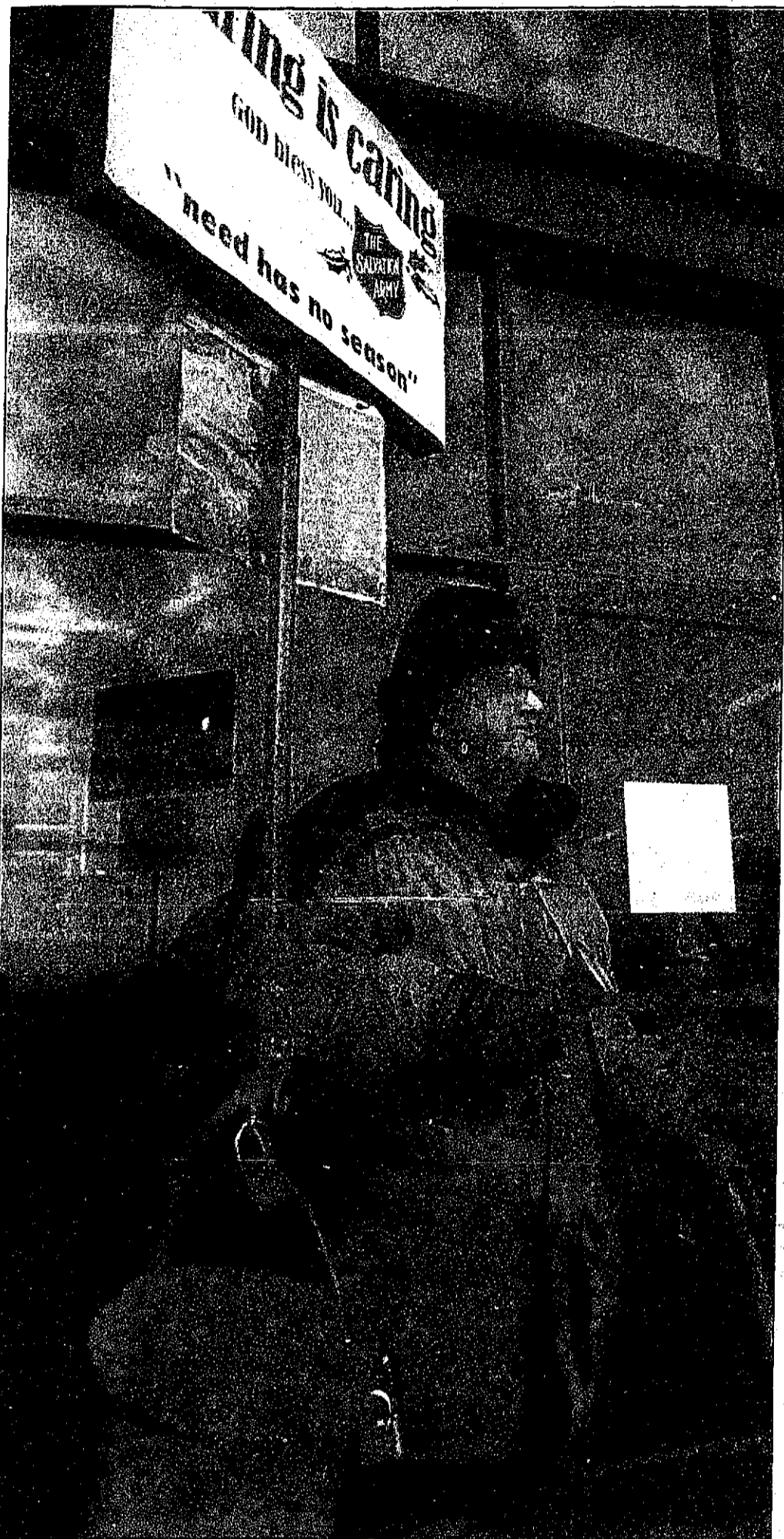


Merry Christmas Paul & Hunter
love Grandma, Aunt Angela, Uncle Jim & Alex



Katherine Anne & Elizabeth Lydia
April 13, 2000

We thank the Lord for our two little angels. We love you, Mommy & Daddy



Bob Diamond rings the bell for donations for the annual Christmas Kettle Drive for Salvation Army outside of Twelve Oaks Mall on Monday. Diamond has been ringing a bell for the drives for seven years.



A patron of Twelve Oaks Mall responds to the bell and puts a dollar in the red kettle.

Ringin' in some cheer

Bell ringers help families have a holiday through Salvation Army

In the frozen morning hours, Bob Diamond keeps vigil outside of the Hudson's Department store in the Twelve Oaks mall. A labor of love for those who have little to celebrate during the Holidays.

Bob has been out looking to secure funds for Salvation Army every holiday season for the last seven years. A retired Botsford Hospital worker, Bob and his wife Sandra donate their time to people who have little hope for a bright holiday season.

"I want to help out where I can," Bob said, working his bell and thanking the well-dressed patrons who come to do their Christmas shopping.

"Thank you," Bob says, as a lady clad in fur folds a bill and slides it into the kettle. "Merry Christmas."

Sandra works right around the corner from Bob, and since Bob has trouble communicating because of a medical condition, Sandra usually does the talking.

"We'd just be sitting around," Sandra said, trying to keep warm with a heavy down coat and a scarf tucked around her neck. "We come out here to help those who really need it."

Sandra, who will be happy to show you her watch that contains pictures of her two dogs, one Doberman and a German Shepherd.

"I could be home taking care of them," as she points to the dogs.

Sandra has seen it all in the time she and Bob have spent ringing the bell and collecting for the Army.

"Sometimes up and sometimes down," she says as a mall patron passes.

The ringers don't say anything when a person doesn't drop something into the kettle. Sandra always has a smile for

"So far with the kettle and canisters, we've brought in about \$71,920 and 88 cents."

Captain John Klammer
Farmington Hills Corp.
Salvation Army

everyone that passes.

Around the other side of Twelve Oaks Mall stands Allen Klecha. Klecha, who has had some time off work, was outside ringing the bell as well.

"I don't go inside too many times," Klecha said. "If I warm up and come back out it's too much. I just stay out here. I'll be out here about six hours. Sometimes I'll stay out the extra four hours."

Klecha said that he would rather be ice fishing, but he understands that the need for help is there.

"They (Salvation Army) needs kettles," Klecha said. "There are some employee (posts). And people don't give unless there is someone standing there."

But Captain John Klammer of the Farmington Hills Corps of the Salvation Army said that people have been giving at a steady rate.

"So far with the kettle and canisters we've brought in about \$71,920 and 88 cents," Klammer said. "As of last Friday, we were about \$6,000 ahead of last year."

Klammer said that even though people have been giving, there are people in need all year round.

Klecha said he's not worried about how much money comes in, his concern is that he is visible and people give.

"The Salvation Army has been around forever and peo-

ple know the (good) work they do," Klecha said. "I'm just here doing what I can."

And Klammer appreciates all that Klecha has done for the Farmington Hills chapter of the Salvation Army.

"I wish I had forty like him," Klammer said. "He's always out there no matter what the weather is like."

"I look at this as practice for ice fishing," Klecha said with a smile. "But while I have the time, I might as well do something to help people."

Klammer said he hopes people will not just stop after the holidays.

"We would like to see people donate all year long," Klammer said. "There is always a need. We're here 365 days a year."

This year, Klammer would like to give special thanks to the Ford Motor Company who has allowed its workers to come down and package up toys, food and clothing for those in need.

This past Monday, volunteers were packing up gift baskets. "They (recipients) will be getting these (baskets) this week," Klammer said. "We'd like to put a big kudos out to the people who helped."

The Salvation Army accepts gifts all year long and some are even tax deductible. To be eligible for the deduction on your 2001 tax return, donations should be delivered, in person to the Salvation Army the last week in December.

For more information on the Salvation Army helping hands, please call 1-(248)-477-1153. The Salvation Army Corps that serves Farmington Hills, Farmington Hills, Redford and Novi is located at 27500 Shilawasse Road.

Randal Yakey is a staff writer for the Novi News. His e-mail address is ryakey@ht.homecomm.net.

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While opening doors for shoppers and shouting "Merry Christmas," Bob Diamond rings his bell for the Salvation Army in front of Twelve Oaks Mall.

The motions of Christmas

HomeTown Authors

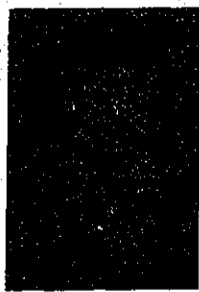
By Danny Engerer

Laughing! Laughing!
(Laughing because I am so happy)

Thinking! Thinking!
(Thinking of what to give to people)

Opening! Opening!
(Opening all of my Christmas presents)

Decorating! Decorating!
(Decorating the bright Christmas tree)



Danny Engerer

Giving! Giving!
(Giving money and presents to the poor)

These are the motions of Danny's Christmas.

Danny Engerer is a fifth grader at Moraine Elementary in Northville in Mrs. Jan Dabkowski's class.

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Novi Highlights

Novi Lessons
The club recently celebrated a combined December board and general meeting with a potluck dinner. Those who attended were requested to bring a wrapped gift item for exchange with their secret pals. Included was a discussion of recent fundraisers with information given regarding the work schedule at Kohl's.

Also on the agenda was the planning of the January Euchre Tournament during the Chili-Willi Festival on Jan. 20, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Those who attended the meeting were asked to offer suggestions for programs, fund raisers, etc.

Because the traditional Candy Cane Drive has into problems regarding locations, members are asked to raise more funds in order to continue their support of other charities.

Completion of the group's special project regarding food baskets was made. Five food baskets containing cereals, pastas, sauces, tuna, vegetables, soups, puddings, muffin mixes, sodas, paper products and toiletries were wrapped in reusable holiday tablecloths.

Other projects on the agenda include donations to the Penick Center, the Leader Dogs School, and the Michigan Eye Bank. Locally planned projects include:

Wanted: Bus Drivers
With the addition of a second bus in January, we now have immediate need for additional part-time bus drivers. This position requires a CDL driver's license. Hours are flexible, events are great to attend free, and seniors are rewarded to serve. If interested, please call the Senior Center at (248) 349-4140.

Card Playing
Join us for card playing at the center. Enjoy several hours of fun for just \$1. The schedule is as follows: Bridge, Wednesdays, 12:15-3:15 p.m.; Pinochle, Mondays and Thursdays, 12:30-3:30 p.m.; and beginning Pinochle on Tuesdays, from 12:30-3:30 p.m.

Detroit Symphony Orchestra
Northville Senior Center has reserved tickets to various concerts throughout the season. Tickets to Classical Coffee Concerts are \$28 for residents and \$35 for non-residents. Upcoming classical concerts include: The Trian and Motocity, Jan. 5; The Fantasia Symphony, Feb. 2; and Beethoven's Eroica, Feb. 23. Future Pops Concerts include: Fielder's Favorite, Feb. 8; and Debbie Reynolds, March 8. Cost for Debbie Reynolds is \$38 for residents, \$45 for non-residents, departure time is 7 p.m. Concerts are \$34 for residents, \$41 for non-residents. Departure time is 9 a.m. from MAGS for all concerts unless otherwise indicated. Registration is necessary.

Senior Fitness
Senior Drop-In Morning Volleyball (for co-ed adults 60 and up)
Do you want to look young, think young and feel young? Get rid of your old sedentary feelings. Come out and play volleyball. All levels of play are welcome. Held on most Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays at the Parks and Recreation Gym from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Cost is \$1. For more information, call the Northville Parks and Recreation Department at (248) 349-0203.

Senior Water Aerobics
Classes meet Mondays and Wednesdays from 1-2 p.m. Next seven week session begins Jan. 8. Cost is \$55 for residents. Stop by the Senior Center to register.

Healing Touch Therapy
Healing Touch is an energy-based alternative healing. It balances the human energy field: touching body, mind, emotion, and spirit. Beginning in January, Cynthia Drolshagen R.N., a Healing Touch practitioner, will be available on Fridays, 10 a.m. to noon at the Senior Center. Cost is \$10 for a 45-minute to one hour session. Please call the center at (248) 349-4140 for an appointment.

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The annual family Christmas party presented by the facility will be for the residents and their families. The program will include a light supper with gifts from the newly-formed group, "Novi Cares for Senior Citizens," a program developed by the Novi Police Department and Novi City Hall.

Meadowbrook Congregational Church
Special services are being held at the church during the season of advent.
Dec. 17 worship featured "Stranger in the Straw" performed by church school students and the children's choirs. There will be three worship services Dec. 24; The 10 a.m. service will include a sermon, the Chancel Choir, as well as

trumpets and trombones. The 8 p.m. service will include the church youth participating in a traditional Nativity Pageant and candlelighting service. The program will commence with "O Come, All Ye Faithful," with candles lit throughout the area, and concluding with everyone receiving a lighted candle. The final worship service will be held at 9 p.m., with lessons, carols and candles in addition to the telling of the Nativity story through scripture readings and carols. The Chancel Choir will sing anthems accompanied by instruments.

During this season, the church family continues their annual program of looking out for others who are not so fortunate. Donated articles of food and gifts are then delivered to Holy Family Church, the collection point of this program.

In addition, cooking/erving for COYS (Coalition of Temporary Shelter) will be held Jan. 25 and 26, 2001. There is also a tree of warmth near Fellowship Hall to encourage those attending to decorate the tree with gifts of hats, scarves,

socks, and mittens/gloves. Confirmation classes start Jan. 17 at 5:30 p.m. Please notify the church office if you are interested in attending.

The Compassionate Friends
This group recently joined among others around the world, candle lighting and national Children's Memorial Day. This is a difficult time of year for anyone who is grieving the death of a child, no matter what age. Over 130 are members from the Lake Area Chapter, which includes several families from the Novi area. These families have joined together to share in a service dedicated to love, healing and remembrance at this their eighth annual memorial service.

This service was held in conjunction with the Worldwide Candle Lighting ceremony and is on the same day as National Children's Memorial Day. This day has been proclaimed by the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives. Congressman Pat Loder, former deputy clerk of the city of Novi, and Joe Knollenberg, 11th Congressional District, were instrumental in passing this bill. Both repre-

sentatives and Mrs. Loder, executive director for Compassionate Friends, were guests at the candle lighting ceremony.

A tribute was recently presented to both Wayne and Pat Loder, who founded this local chapter over seven years ago—two years after the loss of their two children. Members of this chapter were reminded of the work they have done in helping others through this time of their life.

Meetings are held the third Tuesday of each month, from 7-9 p.m. For more information, please call (248) 684-4674.

The local candle lighting was held at Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church Dec. 10 and was a part of an international lighting ceremony from all over the world. At that lighting, the theme was "May peace fill your heart and lift you like the wings of a dove." Joanne Kascha was the violinist along with songs "Precious Child" and more sung by Denise Kurowski.

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Northville Seniors

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Newsletters
The senior newsletter is a monthly publication filled with information on senior citizen activities, trips and services. You can pick up a newsletter at the Senior Center or receive it monthly by mail for an annual contribution of \$7.

Telephone Reassurance (Telcare)
Homebound residents can receive a daily telephone call or an occasional call to check on their well being or to talk to someone, free of charge. Please call the Senior Center to register.

Blood Pressure Screening
Come get your blood pressure checked free of charge. Held at the center on the second Monday of the month, from 1:30-3 p.m. by Westland Cardiovascular Center and the fourth Monday of the month, from noon to 2 p.m. by St. Mary's Hospital. An appointment is not necessary.

Focus: HOPE
Food distribution is usually the fourth Friday of every month from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Senior Center. December distribution will be on Dec. 22.

Senior Services Directory
The Northville Senior Center has created a directory of services available to senior citizens. The directory includes information on support programs, health and medical services, available housing, organizations providing financial assistance and much more. Please stop by the Senior Center to pick up your free copy today. (Funding for this directory was provided by the Oakland County Community Development Block Grant.)

Tax Counseling Services
Free tax counseling sponsored by AARP will be available on Tuesdays, Jan. 30 through April 10. Hours are 9 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m. Volunteer tax counselors will prepare your state and local tax forms. Most forms will be on hand. Appointments are scheduled at 1 1/2 hour intervals. No charge for service, however, donations to the senior program will be gratefully accepted. You must call the Senior Center ahead of time to make an appointment, (248) 349-4140.

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Join us for a basic exercise class at the Senior Center that will improve your strength and flexibility. The four-week session begins Jan. 17 and meets Wednesdays, 10-10:45 a.m. Cost is \$20. Stop by the Senior Center to register.

• Travel Show
Come to the Senior Center on Tuesday, Jan. 23 at 10 a.m. for our next travel show. Several tour companies will present information on upcoming trips and answer any questions you may have. Refreshments will be served. Please call the center to register, (248) 349-4140.

• "The Lion in Winter" at Meadowbrook Theater
Join us for a trip to Meadowbrook Theater to see "The Lion in Winter." Before the show, we will enjoy a delicious meal at The King's Court in Canterbury Village. Cost is \$42. Departure time from MAGS is 10:30 a.m. Stop by the Senior Center to register.

SENIOR CENTER TRIPS
• Pot Luck Luncheon
Held at the Senior Center on the third Monday of every month from noon to 1 p.m. Bring your own table service, a dish to pass and \$1. The Christmas potluck will be Dec. 18. The center will provide the main entree. Bring a \$5 gift if you wish to be included in the gift exchange.

• Dinner at Baker's in Milford
Join us for dinner at Baker's in Milford on Thursday, Dec. 28. Bus will leave from MAGS at 4:30 p.m. Cost for transportation is \$4 payable to the driver. Please call the Senior Center to register.

• Shopping at Somerset Mall
Join us for a trip to Somerset Mall in Troy on Wednesday, Jan. 10. Depart from MAGS at 9:30 a.m. and enjoy the mall on your own until 2:30 p.m. Cost is \$8 for transportation payable to the bus driver. Call the Senior Center for reservations (248) 349-4140.

• Ice Cream Social
Come to the Senior Center on Tuesday, Jan. 9 at 1 p.m. for the ice cream social. This is a chance to visit with friends and have a delicious ice cream sundae. As a bonus, take a ride on our new senior bus. Cost is \$2. Call the center to register, (248) 349-4140.

• Plymouth Ice Sculpture Spectacular
The Northville bus will be heading for Plymouth on Friday, Jan. 19 for the annual International Ice Sculpture Spectacular. Gifted carvers will amaze you with their talented display of frozen art. Bus departs from MAGS at 4 p.m. Dinner is on your own at one of

the many Plymouth restaurants near the display. Cost is \$4 payable to the bus driver. Call the Senior Center to make reservations.

• Jan. 15-28, Marco Island. Cost is \$969 per person, double occupancy.

• Jan. 25, "A Sentimental Journey" at Kallowsky's in Oxford. Depart at 8:15 a.m. and return at 5:30 p.m. Cost is \$49 for residents.

• Jan. 26-Feb. 5, Fort Myers Beach. Cost is \$999 per person, double occupancy.

• Jan. 30, Greentown Casino. Cost is \$16 for residents.

• Feb. 28, Soaring Eagle Casino. Cost is \$28 for residents.

• March 10-23, Spring Training with "The Tigers." Cost is \$929 per person, double occupancy.

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Engagements

Jack Anglin and Doreen Anglin, both from Novi, announce the engagement of their daughter, Jacqueline Rose Anglin, to Shawn Christopher Bakewell, the son of Ralph and Gene Bakewell of Livonia and Harold and Elaine Mass of Plymouth.

The bride-elect graduated from Novi High School in 1994, and received her degree from Western Michigan University in 1998. She is currently employed at Electronic Data Systems.

The groom-elect is a 1991 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School. He graduated from Western Michigan University in 1998, and is currently employed at CDI.

A spring wedding is planned in 2001.

Paul and Cheryl Holmberg of Northville announce the engagement of their daughter, Megan Michelle, to Robert Bradford "Brad" Pugh, son of Bob and Geraldine Pugh of Farmington.

The bride-elect is a 1991 graduate of Northville High School. She was awarded a bachelor's degree in English from the University of Michigan in 1995, and a master's in elementary education from Wayne State University in 1997. Megan is now teaching in the Livonia Public Schools system.

The groom-elect graduated in 1992 from North Farmington High School. He received his bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Michigan in 1996, and his master's in mechanical engineering from Oakland University in 1998. Brad is currently employed as an engineer at Daimler Chrysler.

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Holmberg-Pugh



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On Campus

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One hundred fifty students received bachelor's and associate's degrees, with 107 graduates being recognized for their scholastic excellence.

John Hamann of Northville has been awarded the \$90,000 Navy Reserve Officer Training Corp (NROTC) Scholarship in recognition of outstanding ACT/SAT scores. This scholarship includes four years of full tuition, all academic or incidental fees, books and includes a substance allowance of \$200 a month. Hamann is the son of John

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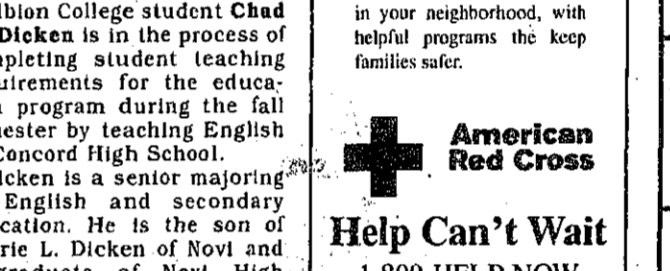
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For more information about the "Tree of Remembrance" program, call Arbor Hospice at (734) 662-5999 or visit their Web site at www.arborhospice.org.

MARQUIS ACTORS TO PERFORM PINOCCHIO

The remaining dates of "Pinocchio" at Northville's Marquis Theatre are: Saturdays, Dec. 23, 30, Jan. 6 and 13 at 2:30 p.m.; Sundays, Dec. 31, Jan. 7 and 14 at 2:30 p.m.; and Tuesday through Friday, Dec. 26, 27, 28 and 29, also at 2:30 p.m. Tickets to all performances are \$7.50.

For special school dates and

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

ROCKY'S OF NORTHVILLE TO OFFER ENTERTAINMENT

Larry Nozoro, renowned as one of the finest mainstream jazz alto saxophonists, along with the musicianship of pianist Terry Lower, bassist Ray Tini, and drummer Jim Ryan will be performing at Rocky's of Northville the following Fridays and Saturdays from 8:30 p.m. until 12:30 a.m.:

Fridays, Dec. 22, and 29, Saturdays, Dec. 23, and 30.

Larry Nozoro has performed, toured and recorded with many of the major names in jazz and pop music, including Ella Fitzgerald, Sarah Vaughn, Dizzy Gillespie, Stan Getz, Sergio Mendez, Stan Kenton, and Henry Mancini. He has recorded several albums, including "Sphere," "Time Island," "Fever," "Grand Hotel," "Kaleidoscope," "Street of Dreams," and "Warm." Nozoro received special recognition for

his outstanding quality and entertaining musical performances when he was inducted into the Legends of Jazz International Hall of Fame. He has also received the "Spirit of Detroit Award" in recognition of exceptional achievement, outstanding leadership, and dedication to improving the quality of life.

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World War II veteran Cliff Burke talks to Orchard Hills students last week about his experiences in the U.S. Army Air Corps.

Veteran shares experiences of war

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE
Staff Writer

Orchard Hills Elementary is helping students gain a deeper understanding of World War II, by bringing a piece of living history into the classroom.

On Dec. 7, the anniversary of the bombing of Pearl Harbor, the school welcomed WWII veteran Clifford Burke.

Stories of overhead battles, bad food, and the loss of loved ones painted fourth graders a vivid picture of what the war was like.

Burke, a Novi resident, said by connecting a real person with the events of the war, they develop a better understanding.

"It's something that's a little more visible than reading a book," he said.

Burke, who was a supply officer in the Air Force from 1941-1946, brought in all kinds of

interesting WWII memorabilia, including a 50 caliber bullet, Japanese battle flag, and a samurai sword that was a big hit with students Nick Brockman and Kyle Tackenberg.

Burke explained that during WWII, the Japanese battle flag was a highly desired item by American soldiers.

"I was lucky enough to meet a Japanese man who got the flag for me," Burke said, adding that most flags were stolen from dead Japanese soldiers.

The students asked an overwhelming amount of questions, which really impressed Burke.

"I've been to middle schools where no one asked questions, so this tells me the students are really interested in this part of history," Burke said.

The children asked about fighter planes, the atomic bomb, what they ate, what duties Burke performed and his feelings on the war.

"The scariest thing was not knowing when or if the war would end," Burke told them.

As a U.S. Air Force officer in the Philippines, Burke received numerous awards and recognitions, including the American Theater Ribbon, Victory Medal,

Philippine Liberation Medal, Occupation Medal, Asia/Pacific Ribbon and eight campaign medals.

"I liked hearing Mr. Burke talk because I have a grandpa who was in the war, not WWII, but in the Korean War," said 9-year-old Tyler Smith.

Fourth grade teacher Tom Timmers said because the U.S. is losing veterans at such an alarming rate, it's important to take advantage of their first hand experiences and learn from them while we still can.

"That generation is dying quickly, and I wish more veterans, like Mr. Burke, would come out and speak at schools," he said.

Stephanie Fordyce is a staff writer for the Novi News. She may be reached at sfordyce@tt.homecomm.net.

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Proof of Life found in hostage flick

People take hostages all over the world, wait for contact, make a demand and then negotiate it. For the family, it's emotional. For the kidnapers, it's just business.

While constructing a dam in Tecala, a country located in the Andes, American engineer Peter Bowman (David Morse) is captured by anti-government forces during a raid on the capital city. When rebels learn his identity, they demand \$3 million for his safe return. Peter's Houston-based employer, however, is on the verge of bankruptcy and has canceled the kidnapping insurance policy and cannot provide the money for his ransom.

Abandoned by the company, Peter's wife, Alice (Meg Ryan), must deal with it on her own. She retains the services of professional hostage negotiator Terry Thorne (Russell Crowe), an Austrian-born SAS veteran who over the past nine years has handled numerous high profile kidnappings.



Meg Ryan stars as the wife of a man kidnapped in the Andes.

using every means at his disposal.

After an encouraging start, the negotiations deteriorate into a lengthy haggling session. During these discussions, Peter is moved from one remote guerilla camp, high in the Andes down to another camp in the Amazonian jungle,

PROOF OF LIFE

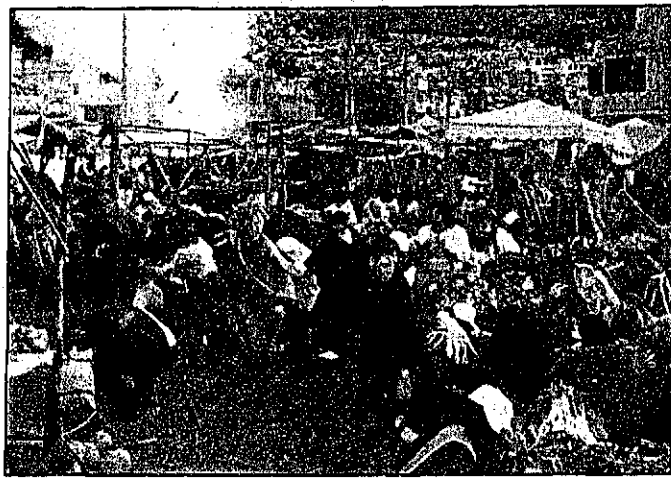
suffering the most hellish physical and mental hardships. By rediscovering his love for Alice, and focusing on that positive image, he sustains his will to survive.

Meanwhile the emotional stress of the kidnapping has taken its toll on Alice, magnifying the uneasiness that existed in their marriage before the abduction. Further complicating matters is Alice's guilty realization of a growing fondness for Terry, her protector and her husband's potential savior. Terry intuitively reciprocates and becomes frustrated and conflicted by his decidedly unprofessional feelings for her. When they

reach a breakdown in negotiations for her husband's freedom, Terry devises a daring yet desperate plan with the help of fellow negotiator Dino (David Caruso) and a trio of highly trained mercenaries, to mount a bold rescue operation. The do-or-die rescue operation could as easily result in disaster as in triumph.

Proof of Life is a production of Hackford's Anvil Films and a presentation of Castle Rock Entertainment in association with Bel-Air Entertainment. Warner Bros. Pictures released the film.

The film has been rated "R" by the Motion Picture Association of America for violence, language, and some drug material.



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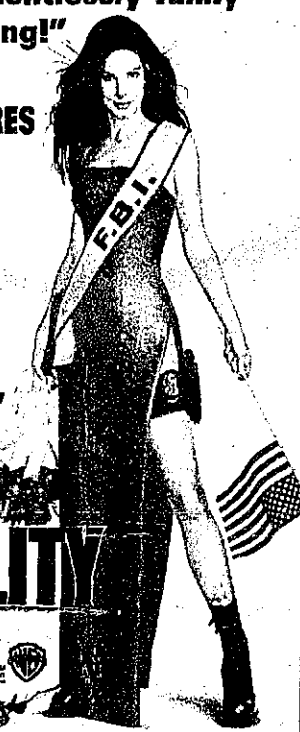
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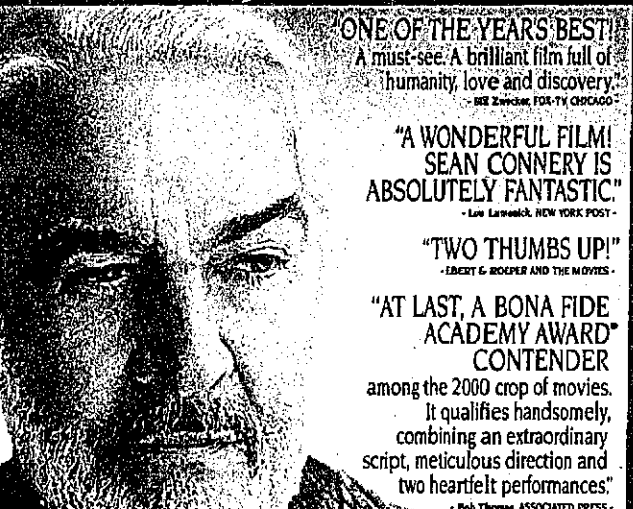
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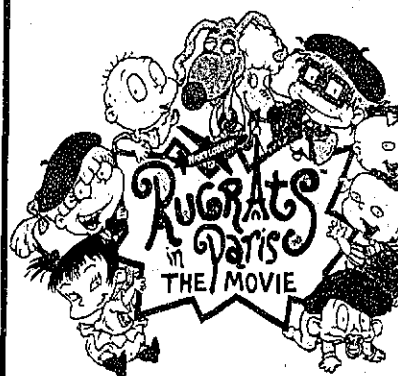
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Hawks claw Northville in volleyball

By KELLI COOLEY
Editor

Change in momentum. Novi girls volleyball seemed plagued with the change of tides as they lost against Farmington Harrison 15-8, 0-15, 7-15 on Monday.

"Obviously we lost momentum. The girls started to get down and we couldn't get back up," said varsity coach Julie Fissette.

The team played very well and started the first match leading in 11-0. "We totally dominated the game. We were playing well and together as a team. Mickie had an outstanding game," Fissette said. Rzepka ended up with five kills in the first.

After finishing the game 15-8, Fissette left the same group in girls to start the second game. That's when the trouble started as Farmington Harrison started serving well and Novi began to pass poorly.

Fissette said as the Hawks starting getting ahead, she made sub changes, but the Wildcats couldn't score.

"We missed a lot of serves. We got the ball back in the third game but missed the serves everytime. We just couldn't get the serve over the net," she said.

The Wildcats came back from a deficit in the third game to lose 7-15.

"This is the first time all season they have ever experienced a shift

DIG IT

Here's the upcoming schedule for Novi High-School's volleyball team:

Dec. 21 — at Milford
Jan. 6 — at Chelsea Invitational
Jan. 11 — Pinckney
Jan. 13 — at Brighton
Jan. 15 — at Lakeland
Jan. 20 — at Northwood
Jan. 22 — Hartland
Jan. 25 — Brighton
Jan. 27 — at Walled Lake Central Invitational
Feb. 1 — at South Lyon
Feb. 3 — at Schoolcraft
Feb. 8 — at Howell
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* home games in bold

in momentum. A couple of seniors were not playing well and they were getting down which caused the younger players to get nervous," Fissette said. "It was a tough loss. After the game we voted to stay and practice for Northville. I think they will rebound."

Mickie Rzepka had five kill attempts in the third while Carmen Simkins had two aces in the first and four attempts total.

The netters faced Northville Tuesday after the Novi News' deadline and will take on the Redskins tonight at 6:30 p.m. in Milford.

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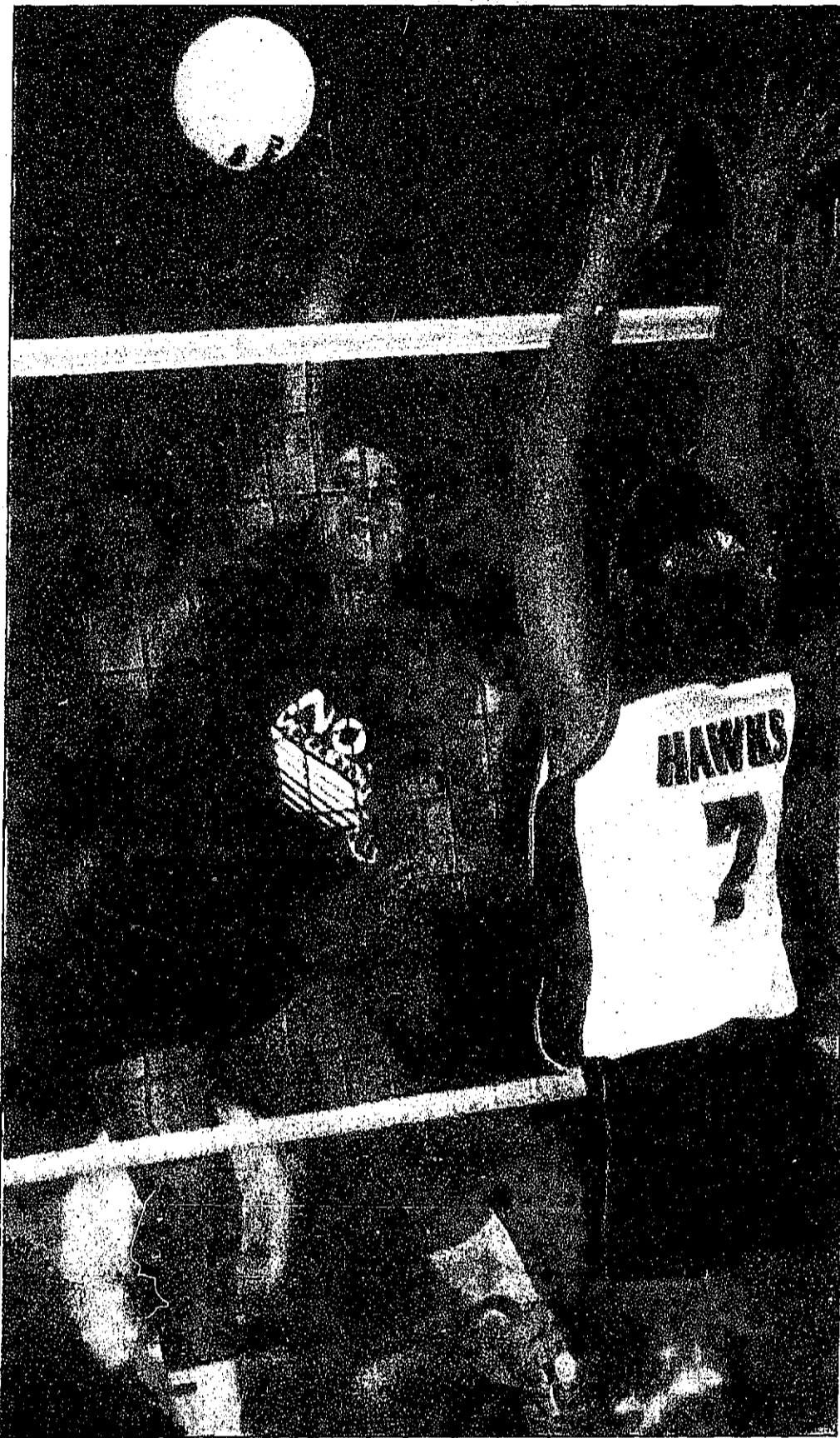


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Mickie Rzepka goes up for a shot against a Harrison defender. The Hawks were just a bit too tough for the Wildcats, and won the dual meet 15-8, 0-15, 7-15.

Tankers take 4th at EMU Relays

By CHRIS C. DAVIS
Editor

A fourth-place finish at the Eastern Michigan University relays Dec. 9 gave head coach Bill McCord a glimpse at his 2000-2001 squad, which was looking to build upon previous years' successes.

Novi hit for the cycle, in a manner of speaking, taking a first, second, third, fourth and fifth place finish in various events at the meet.

"We were definitely in this one," McCord said. "For as early as the meet was in the swimming season, I thought we showed some pretty good times out there. We need some improvement in some areas, but it was a strong first showing."

The 200 medley relay team of Michael Bliss, Taehwan Yoo, Andrew Sawmiller and Andy Capanyola touched up at the 1:47.32 mark. Bliss, Brian Schoelke, Sawmiller and Capanyola's also worked to bring a fourth-place finish for Novi in the 200 freestyle relay.

In the 400 free relay, it was Capanyola, Bliss, Sawmiller and Ian Robertson's efforts that notched a fifth place for the Wildcats, and a mark of 3:34.37.

"That was a pretty good race for our guys," McCord said. "It's always good finding out what your team's strengths are, and this meet helped answer some of those questions for us."

Taehwan Yoo, Matt Peurach, Jack Tyler and Jordan Moblo swam to a second-place finish of 4:09.75 in the 400 individual medley relay. In that event, each swimmer swam 25 yards each of butterfly, backstroke, breaststroke and freestyle.

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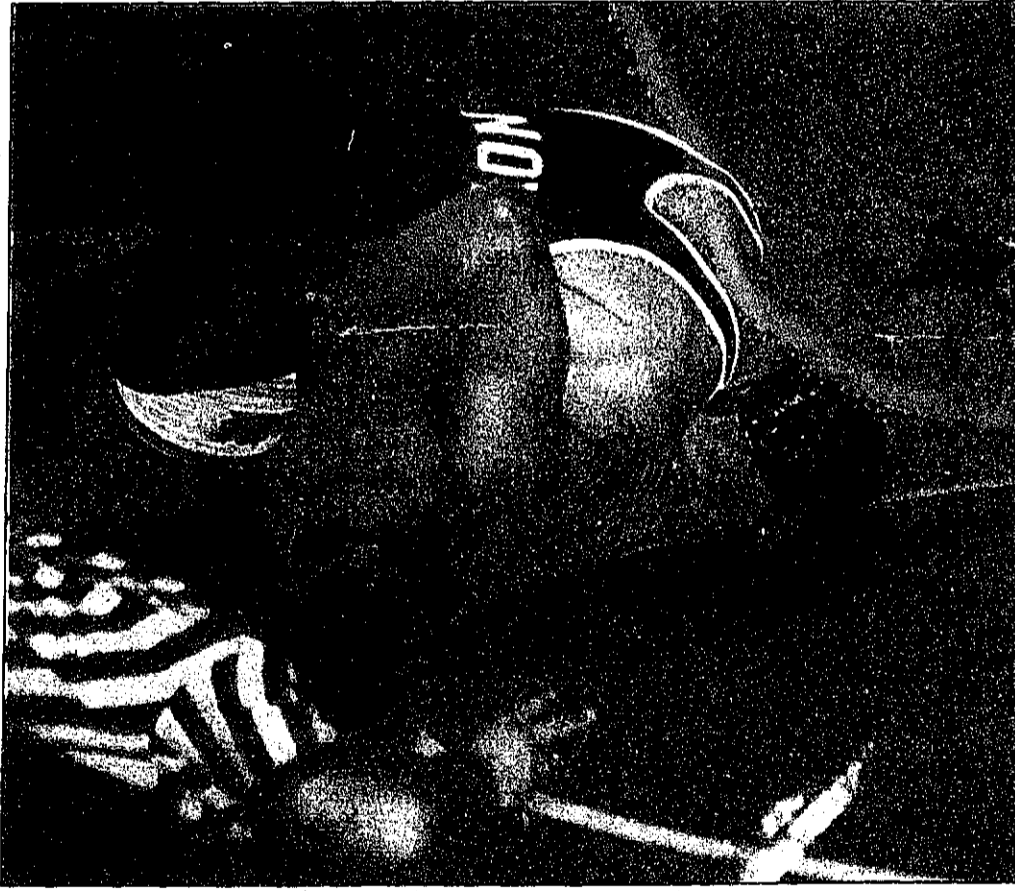


Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Novi wrestler Scott Kortlandt pins his opponent in a home meet. Kortlandt was one of several Wildcats to have a big day against Wyandotte and at the Novi Round Robin.

Novi kicks the 'Dogs out, beats Brighton on ice 5-4

By CHRIS C. DAVIS
Editor

After passing physics tests, math tests, social studies tests and English tests, the Novi hockey team took another test Friday night. They passed this one, too.

The test came in the form of Kensington Valley Conference foe Brighton High School, and though the Bulldogs brought their best game against the Wildcats, it was Novi that came out on top, 5-4.

That made head coach Dan Phelps a happy man.

"That was the showdown in Motown," Phelps said. "It was probably our best test this year."

The game was a test in every sense of the word. Novi fell behind to a fierce Brighton offensive attack, and found themselves down

"[The Brighton game] was the showdown in Motown. It was probably our best test this year."

Dan Phelps
head coach, Novi hockey team

2-1 early on.

The 'Cats seemingly had the game in control with a 5-2 lead midway through the third period, but a pair of quick power play goals by Brighton put the 'Cats backs against the wall.

Phelps credited Novi's eventual victory to solid goaltending and a fairly strict teamwork philosophy.

"I preach defense through and through," Phelps said. "Offense wins games, but defense wins championships."

Phelps said a defensive mindset was crucial to getting victories, but didn't object to offensively-minded players trying their skills, as well.

"We've got a lot of players that are certainly more offensive than defensive in terms of the style of their play," Phelps said. "Our system gives them some slack to do those things when the opportunity is there. But all in all, the guys know that if they want to win, they're going to have to do it as a team."

Grapplers roll at dual meets, Round Robin

By CHRIS C. DAVIS
Editor

Why stop now? Why quit winning when a team is already among the top highschool programs in the state?

Novi wrestling coach Brad Huss saw no reason to stop the chain of succession the mats, and did so as the Wildcats stomped Wyandotte-Roosevelt 60-12 and soundly defeated Livonia Stevenson 46-23.

Against Wyandotte, Novi scored pins in matches by Craig Hearn (103 pounds), Josh Churella (112), J.R. Muldoon (119), Andrew Becker (152), Scott Kortlandt (171) and heavyweight Tim Stefanson. The 'Cats also got decisions from Cory Nobach, Dan Cash and Vince Sloan. Chris Stallard (135) rolled up an 8-0 major decision in his match, while Ryan Churella did everything but pin his opponent in a 17-1 technical fall.

But the news wasn't all rosy for Novi. Though he was winning his match at the time, 189-pounder Matt Kolich suffered an injury that Huss said could prevent the upperclassman from seeing action again for some time.

Against Stevenson, pinfalls were recorded by Hearn, both Ryan (152) and Josh Churella, Stallard, and Nick Sloan (215). Muldoon, Eric Cook (145) and Vince Sloan (160) scored victories via decision for the green and white.

On the whole, though, Huss said he was impressed with how the meets went, but said that the lesson learned from the meets was clear: pins were the key.

"The main thing we were happy about was not getting pinned ourselves," Huss said. "On the other hand, we need to start getting pins ourselves. We had some situations in those meets where we could

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Phelps said the victory over Brighton meant Novi had beaten a team with a proven record of success. The Bulldogs had entered the Novi game as one of the top 20 teams in the state. Regardless of ranking, Phelps said Brighton was — and still is — "one of the state's upper-echelon programs."

NOVI 3, LAKELAND 2

Prior to the Brighton game, Phelps said the revamped Eagles were a good litmus test for the strength of the 'Cats skills.

Despite playing with a relatively shallow depth chart, Novi found a way to beat the improved Lakeland squad on Dec. 9.

"Our lineup has been light lately," Phelps said. "We're just now starting to get our team

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One through five: Novi takes fourth at EMU pool

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But it was the 'Cats divers — Steve Alberty, Derek Zanca, Matt Van Norwick and Scott Riechman — who gave Novi their one first-place finish on the team. Bliss, who McCard described as a "good, versatile swimmer," made it to the state meet last year in the 100-yard backstroke.

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The known talent on the boys' swim team this year rests in the captains: Sam Miller, Matt Orshah and Mike Bergeson, McCard said.

"I'll be looking for the captains to set the tempo on the team this season," he said.

In addition, McCard said senior Matt Bliss would likely be the go-to backstroke on the team. Bliss, who McCard described as a "good, versatile swimmer," made it to the state meet last year in the 100-yard backstroke.

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Wrestlers get off to quick start

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have done a lot better."

Getting pins has been made a bit more complex this season because of rule changes, altering the criteria for a wrestler to be deemed pinned. On paper, the rule change has the potential to affect outcomes. In practice, Huss said the modification has less to do with pinning an opponent than the judgment of officials.

"Some officials will give a wrestler a quick pin and others want you to be as flat as a pancake," Huss said. "It's all really up to who's calling the match."

Huss credited the Spartans for a tough performance in the meet.

"Stevenson got a nice team," he said. "Realistically, the score against them could have been a bit closer if only a couple of matches had ended differently."

Novi was scheduled to face Northville last weekend, but snowstorms postponed the showdown with the Mustangs until Jan. 4.

Next up for the 'Cats is the Oakland County meet, slated to be held at Troy High School on Friday and Clarkson High on Saturday.

NOVI ROUND ROBIN

The 'Cats made quite a week of Pinpointa Canton, Flat Rock, Lake Orion, Oxford and Williamston high schools at the Novi Round Robin last Dec. 9. Novi swept the visiting teams, 5-0.

Novi 50, Lake Orion 21

Lake Orion was the first to fall to the Wildcats, as Jeshi Churella, Muldoon, Nobach (119), Brian Ong (125), Cook, Andrew Becker (152) and Nick Sloan all won by pin, while Ryan Churella and Vince Sloan's decisiveness combined to give the Wildcats a 50-21 victory over the Dragons.

Novi 53, Williamston 16

The Hornets didn't stand much of a chance against Novi's superior firepower on the mat. Bicking up pins for the Wildcats were Cash (130), Becker (152), Kortlandt, Triston, LaChance (199), Nick,

Slovan and Stefanovic. Josh Churella, Muldoon, Ong, Ryan Churella and Vince Sloan chipped in with victories of their own.

Novi 50, Flat Rock 24

The Cats doubled up on the Rams. This time around, point-scoring for Novi included Vince Sloan and Kortlandt. Craig Hearn (112), Muldoon, Ong, and Stefanovic notched pins in the Wildcat effort.

Novi 42, Canton 34

It wasn't the prettiest of ways to get wins, but Novi still managed to get the job done against the Chiefs. Hearn, Cash, and Nick Sloan won via pins, while brother Vince and Kortlandt took care of wins in the point department.

Novi 38, Oxford 31

In the battle of Wildcats versus Wildcats, it was the guys wearing green who came out ahead. Nobach, Muldoon and the Churellas pinned their opponents. Scoring by decisions for Novi were Cash, Vince Sloan and Kortlandt.

HOLI-DAZE

Some Christmas break. The Wildcats will be taking part in the Novi-Northville Winter Classic on Dec. 27 and 28 at the Novi Ice Arena. Coach Dan Phelps said the four-team tourney, now in its second year, is an excellent test for the team's muster.

"I tell my team that it's not our job to divide up between KVC and non-league games," Phelps said. "We need to look at each of them as an opportunity to play and try to beat the teams out there."

In addition to the 'Cats and Mustangs, the Classic will also host Woodhaven and Redford Unified high schools. "Northville and Woodhaven will take the ice for the Dec. 27 5 p.m. matchup, while Phelps' team and Redford Unified will exchange greetings for the 8 p.m. encore.

A Dec. 28 consolation game is scheduled for 6 p.m. The winners of both pairings will face off at 8 p.m.

"We're billing the tournament as something that's not just a puppy dog show for Novi and Northville," Phelps said. "We're trying to strengthen the talent level. As far as I'm concerned, I'd like it to be a destination for quality teams down the road. We're improving it."

Brighton falls to Novi hockey team in key KVC game

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over Hartland was the first "completely satisfying" victory he'd seen from Novi through the season.

"I know my team, and what I'd seen through this point in the season told me that we hadn't been playing up to our potential," Phelps said. "This was the first one we played where I really thought we were playing to the status we could be."

Dan Phelps head coach, Novi hockey

NOVI v. MILFORD (Dec. 13): Canceled

A school cancellation in Milford forced Novi to reschedule its matchup with the Redskins. A make-up date would be announced later this week, Phelps said.

NOVI 4, HARTLAND 1

Despite a string of victories and a to-date season total of 17 goals for the Wildcats to opponents' six, Phelps said the Wildcats' Dec. 6 win

Sidelines

Put One in The Upper Deck is sponsoring its fourth annual indoor baseball and softball training holiday camp on Dec. 27 through Dec. 29. Softball instruction runs from 9 a.m. to noon and baseball camp from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Free batting cage time for all campers will be available from noon to 1 p.m. Those enrolling will learn proper techniques of pitching, hitting, fielding and catching. For more information, call (248) 349-0008.

Christina Ruiz of Novi won the Turkey Open for the third year in a row at the Sports Club of Novi. Ruiz won the event over Thanksgiving weekend for the girls U-12 division. Ruiz defeated opponents from Ann Arbor and Bloomfield Hills. Ruiz' final match was against Caarina Batiu from

Wildcats top Brighton in hoops

By KELLI COOLEY Editor

Novi cagers received a hard fought win on Friday when they edged out the Brighton Bulldogs, 62-57 at the NHS gymnasium.

The Wildcats got off to a slow start as Brighton's Nick Tomasek and Kyle Green stole two passes from Novi within the first minute of play. The Bulldog's full court press immediately got them the ball and the lead.

After five minutes in the first quarter, Novi got a break in guard Chase Chandler as he starts hitting one of his many 3 points in the night.

Novi cagers continued to work their game plan leaving the tall bulldogs to get into foul trouble including no. 33 Chris Grimm.

"We followed our game plan and got him (Grimm) into foul trouble. We wanted to take it at the big guy," said Novi basketball coach Pat Schluter. "MSU, Marquette and Western were

all out to watch Grimm so we felt we shut him down and shot really well."

Defense became key as both teams pushed their way around. Brighton at the half, Brighton led by one, 30-29.

Top of the third brought sophomore Eric Messink a basket which set the tone for the second half. Messink ended up with 19 points in the game and junior Brandon Davis had 19.

By the end of the third, Wildcats putted ahead, 49-47.

Chandler also came up big in the fourth with not only three pointers but two steals from the bulldogs. Novi was able to run out the clock on the Brighton cagers to win by 5.

NOVI 55, NORTHVILLE 53

Wildcats were able to keep up their momentum, follow their goals and take Northville out of the zone as they won by a basket Monday night.

The re-scheduled match at Northville High began slow but Novi's stamina prevailed as they were able to frustrate the Mustangs by hanging on to the ball and coming up big in the area of free throws.

"We had no field goals in the fourth quarter. We played really well, were able to control the tempo and were 15-15 from the free throw line in the fourth," Schluter said.

Schluter said they followed a game plan similar to Brighton where they drove to the "big guy" inside and were able to keep the ball moving.

Sophomore Matt Emmenecker had 16 points for the Wildcats while Davis and Messink each had 11.

The cagers next game is Friday against South Lyon.

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Pom pon team takes 10th spot at Mid-American championship



Members of the Novi High School pom pon team pose for a snapshot after their performance at the Mid-American High School and Collegiate dance team championship on Nov. 12.

The Novi High School junior varsity pompon team kicked their way to a first place finish at the 10th annual Mid-American High School and Collegiate Dance Team championship held Nov. 12 at Saginaw Valley State University. The Novi squad was the only team in the JV category to receive a first place standing.

The team was entered in the Junior High-Kick Division and performed a cleverly choreographed routine to "Mr. Robot". Novi is the only team to receive a first place standing every year since Mid-American started the junior kick category in 1997. High-kick routines must be four minutes long and contain at least 40 kicks. Each performance is judged on precision, formations, technique, height and

form of kicks and showmanship. The team scored 92 points out of a possible 100 points.

Coach Jeni Hubenschmidt said, "I am very proud of the performance this team. They worked towards this competition for the past eight weeks, and their efforts and enthusiasm shined through in their performance."

The 17-member team will begin performing during halftime for the JV boys' home basketball games. The next contest for the squad is the Mid-American Pompon Regional Competition in January. The state competition is scheduled for Feb. 25 in Saginaw. Coach Hubenschmidt is looking forward to these competitions, as the team won the Mid-American Pompon JV State Championship

in 1998 and 1999.

Hubenschmidt also added, "We have a team of very hard working young ladies who strive daily to be the best they can be. They continually put forth an extraordinary amount of effort, dedication, and pride in everything they do. I have coached at Novi for the past four years, and every year this team seems to surpass any previous expectations or goals we had."

Team members include Meredith Anan, Britney Bixman, Shawn Calvin, Carrie Capanyola, Ashlee Doster, Kristen Fraser, Christina Hagan, Jessica Hagan, Megan Kernick, Kristen Kern, Elizabeth Kossik, Amanda Kowalski, Gretchen Kroll, Brittaney Neville, Julie Perreca, Katie Sloan, and Christy Stewart.

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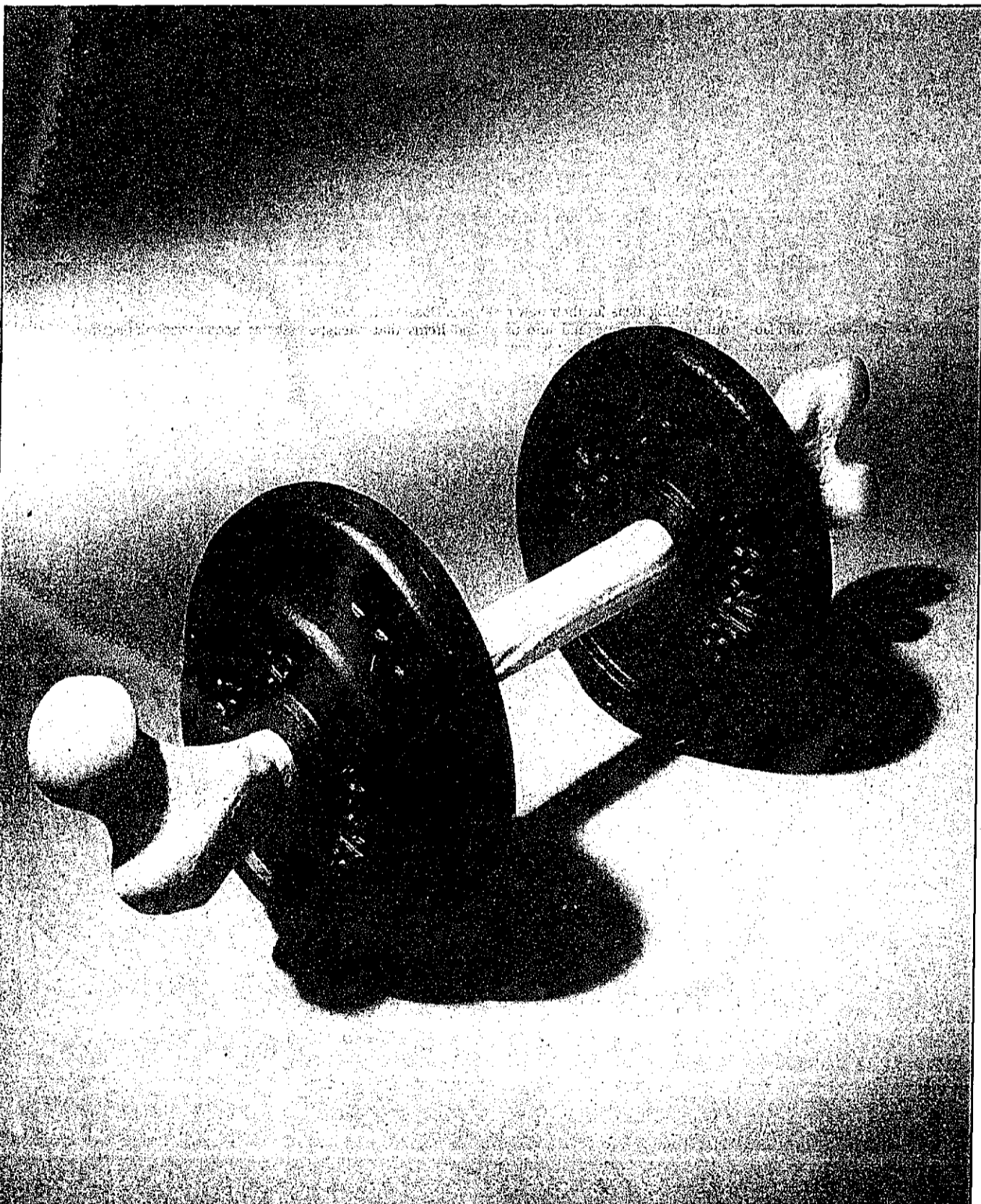
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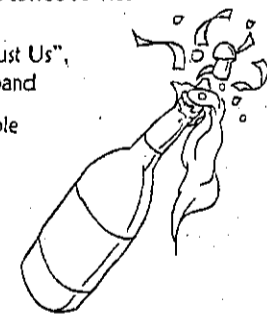
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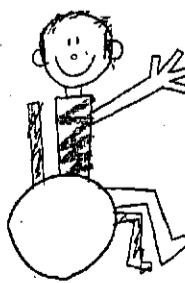
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