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First Christmas

There is an age for everything, and from the look of 11 month old Shannon Setser she is not at the age when a trip to Santa results in smiles. Although mom, Kathleen Setser was within arms reach,

little Shannon registered some disapproval for the traditional sitting on Santa's lap. No doubt Santa will overlook the tears and answer Shannon's wishes anyway.

Novi News/CHRIS BOYD

Lesser guilty verdict given

By ANN E. WILLIS
staff writer

The verdict is in and the Korte family feels cheated. A second-degree murder verdict was handed down last week for the killer of Aloysius "Al" Korte III. Korte was killed in a case of mistaken identity last May 20 in Novi on Ten Mile, west of Beck Road.

Dennis Clark Runner, 29, was found guilty of second-degree murder after a bench trial before Oakland County Circuit Judge David Beck. "It was the wrong verdict," Al Korte, Sr. of Novi said. "If I read the decision right, if he (Runner) would have killed the boyfriend (the

supposed intended victim) — it would have been first degree murder. It was second degree because he had no intent of killing my son. This is wrong."

"They're treating our son like his life was nothing," Korte Sr. said. According to the court's opinion, Runner killed Korte after mistaking him for a man he believed was having an affair with his estranged wife. The opinion states that the facts of the trial showed that Runner waited outside of his wife's home. He observed a pick-up truck leaving his wife's house and followed it, believing it to be someone who had visited his wife.

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Pump is primed for Novi oil well

By ANN E. WILLIS
staff writer

"It looks like a good producer," Somoco Oil President Michael Harris said about the oil well recently tapped in Section 17 of Novi. "We think it could produce 200 barrels a day." No production is underway at this time.

The well is located on the grounds of the Corp Iron Works, east of Wixom Road just north of Eleven Mile. Somoco received a permit to drill a test well on the site to explore for oil or natural gas. The test well, drilled in July, was analyzed and found to contain a good supply of usable oil.

The Somoco Company was back before the city council on Dec. 7 requesting a Phase II drilling permit. The permanent drilling operation requires a new permit under the city's Oil Drilling Ordinance. In addition, the company needed a variance from the ordinance's requirements for the location of their oil and brine tanks.

The tanks are required to be placed on land zoned for heavy industrial use, I-2. The land on which the actual drilling operation occurred is zoned I-2. However the land surrounding that operation, also leased by Somoco, is zoned I-1 for light industrial use. Conflicting ordinances involving necessary setback requirements made the I-1 location the only probable location for the tanks, Somoco officials told the council.

Council members unanimously approved a variance for the I-1 location. The storage tanks are above-ground tanks which will include a state-of-the-art vapor recovery system. The recovery system was a part of the council motion approving the test drilling, Phase I permit. The vapor recovery system will prevent odors from escaping into the air during the drilling operation and storage phase, according to Harris.

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City offices closed during move

This is the month that city hall services close up shop in the library building and move across the way to the new Civic Center building. To facilitate the massive move City Hall will be closed Monday — Wednesday, Dec. 21-23. Essential services only will be handled during that time, according to Assistant City Manager Craig Klaver.

City Hall will be closed for the holidays on Thursday, Dec. 24 and

Friday, Dec. 25. The building will also be closed on Thursday, Dec. 31 and Friday, Jan. 1.

The actual move will occur on the weekend of Dec. 19-20 with City Hall staffers reporting for work in the new building on Monday, Dec. 21. Klaver said the closing of the building for the three days was seen as a necessary move to allow time to unpack and refile essential city papers, ordinances and the thousands of forms that pass

through the city on a regular basis.

All regular city services will be suspended during the three-day period of Dec. 21-23 for the moving and unpacking, Klaver said. Essential services, such as tax payments, will be the only services open for business. Residents in need of help for other matters will be asked to fill out a service request form. As soon as the information can be compiled they will be called

or mailed the information, Klaver said.

The three-day closing should help the city get organized faster, Klaver said.

City services will be back in operation at their full service levels on Monday, Dec. 28, Klaver noted.

The new Civic Center will be opened for a public open house on Sunday, Jan. 10 from 2-5 p.m. A formal dedication ceremony will take place that day from 2-3 p.m.

Discover new holiday recipes from your neighbors

In the **Holiday Cookbook**
An insert in today's Novi News

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Child care needs in Novi

Are daytime needs being met?

By ANN E. WILLIS
staff writer



Children climb on ladders and play with blocks. Little girls holding hands run from the chalkboards to the art table. A little boy, fingers in his mouth, sits on a cushion flipping through a picture book. It's a typical day in a day care center in Novi.

Day care. The words themselves create different visions for different people. For some parents day care can be the perfect answer to their search for quality care for their children while they work.

For some children it can be a wonderful opportunity to socialize and learn — a combination preschool and play group which allows the child to develop at his or her own pace.

But day care conjures up negative visions as well. For some working parents there are no facilities for their very young children. For others, the costs of placing a child in day care negate the benefits of working. For both sides the day care issue continues to be a highly personal one.

National statistics point out the need for increased numbers of day care facilities and increased ways of funding that care.

The National Commission on Working Women (NCWW) recently estimated that there are 5.5 million



A typical day at Little Hornbook Day School means learning letters for Jamie Christiansen, 4½, as Jenny McCracken, 4, writes on the board. Helping teach is Suzanne Larabell.

children in the U.S. served by family day care professionals and 1.5 million enrolled in family day care centers. However, the group also estimated that as many as 17 million children are cared for by relatives and friends of the family — or take care of themselves.

Members of the U.S. House and Senate are currently considering a child care program which would increase the number of child-care facilities in America, improve training and pay for child-care workers and help low and middle income families pay for child care.

According to one of the program's sponsors, Rep. Dale Kildee, D-Mich., there is space for fewer than

3 million children in all the licensed child-care facilities in the country while there are 21.6 million children under age six with two-thirds of the mothers working outside the home.

While those statistics may show a tremendous need for child-care facilities throughout the country, Novi residents who drive down Ten Mile on any given day may take issue with the statistics. Day care and pre-school facility signs appear with regularity from Haggerty Road to Wixom Road. According to Oakland County records, 11 day care facilities exist within Novi currently.

Is there a day care crisis in Novi?

Competition among the facilities within the city remains high, directors said, with different programs appealing to different parents. At most of the facilities openings remain, showing that demand has not yet caught up with supply — at least in Novi.

Day care has changed over the years in the city, with the business of taking care of children growing steadily with the city. Ruth Pawlowski, owner of the River Road Nursery on Grand River, has gone from being the first — and only — day care center in the city to being one of the crowd.

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1,500 homes lose electricity in Novi

About 1,500 electric customers in southeast Novi lost power for three and a half hours Tuesday morning when a wire went down, a Detroit Edison spokesperson said.

A downed power line near 10 Mile and Haggerty roads caused the outage, which affected residents in an area roughly bordered by I-96, Nine Mile Road, I-275, and Meadowbrook Road, Edison Director of Customer and Marketing Services Ralph Mertz said.

The Novi outage was the worst of

about 45 separate power losses caused by the storm which swept through the Detroit area Tuesday, Mertz said.

"We did have some severe damage. Trees iced up (and fell on power lines). We had a number of broken poles in addition to a number of wires down," Mertz said.

The problem with the wire in Novi was fixed at 10:35 Tuesday morning, he said. Customers were without power beginning at about 7 a.m.



Tree hunt

It's time to deck the halls with holly and that means a trip to the local Christmas tree lot in search of the perfect fir. Above, Maurice Haezebrouck of Farmington Hills checks out the trees for sale at the nursery at Grand River west of Meadowbrook. Local tree

sellers braved the dropping temperatures for this seasonal job, helping families pick out trees, carrying them to cars and tying them on for the trip home.

Novi News/CHRIS BORD

Commission OKs county's budget

After months of work by the Board of Commissioners and 10 Democratic amendments offered at the last minute, Oakland County's 1988 budget was adopted pretty much the way Oakland County Executive Daniel Murphy proposed it.

The county board of commissioners Thursday passed it on almost a party-line vote.

"Where were you the last 90 to 120 days?" said commissioner Robert Page, R-Birmingham, taunting Democrats for their last-minute amendment offerings. "I don't think these (Democrats') ideas are practical at this late date."

"The budget is up \$20 million, half due to an increased property tax base," said Democratic caucus chairperson Larry Pernick of Southfield. "But services are not up proportionately. We use up all the money available. The taxpayers want a little relief."

In the end, the 18-9 Republican county board majority tossed out seven Democratic amendments but sent three to committee for study. Democrats, accustomed to losing everything, felt they had accomplished a little.

The 1988 spending plan calls for \$264 million going out, up \$20 million or 8 percent from the current year. The property tax rate will remain at 4.6 mills, where it has been since 1981, and bring in one-third of the revenue.

Biggest changes will be in law enforcement.

Murphy's budget allocated some \$3 million for jail expansion this year and raised Sheriff John Nichols' staff from 522 to 540 positions. Prosecutor L. Brooks Patterson will see his staff rise from the current 125 to 135. Some of the increase will be due to federal grants for drug law prosecutions.

Most county employees and elected officials will see their salaries rise 4.5 percent.

Judges did better, getting 10.6 percent increases in both the state- and county-funded portions of their salaries. Circuit judges will go to \$92,000 from \$86,480; probate and district judges to \$88,000 from \$82,780.

The county pays about 40 percent of circuit judges' salaries, half of probate judges' and 44 percent of district judges'.

At \$264 million, Oakland County's general fund budget is larger than debt-ridden Wayne County's, at \$217 million. Murphy noted, although Wayne has about double the population.

The longest debate was over a Democratic proposal to freeze all county departmental spending except the sheriff's at 1987 levels plus 2 percent.

Republicans usually simply vote down the Democratic floor amendments with little comment, but Page ripped into the opposition's blanket approach.

"We've said yes to the prosecutor on bringing his people into the retirement system. We've said yes to the prosecutor for more people. We've said yes to the sheriff on drug programs. We've said yes to the clerk because of the 1988 elections," Page said.

But Republicans sent three Democratic proposals to committee for further study.

One calls for extending the existing, county-funded 52nd district court computer system to all district courts. A second, already under study for several months, would set up a countywide in-car computer system for all law enforcement agencies. A third would eliminate an administration newsletter.

Shot down were these Democratic amendments:

- Eliminating the salary of Patrick Nowak, one of two deputy county executives.

- Setting up a satellite office of the county clerk in the "south end" of the county to handle such paperwork matters as marriage licenses.

- Democrats argued people in the populous southern communities shouldn't have to travel all the way to Pontiac for such routine matters.

- Countering Page: "The other side started on an economy kick. Where do you get the money?"

- Setting up a "millage reduction fund" for any budget surplus. Republicans said surpluses are being used for the following year's budget.

- Transferring part of the executive's public safety division to the sheriff's department.

- Deleting the job of the manager for employment and training.

Police get tough on pranksters

The Novi Police Department takes false alarms seriously. Pulling a fire alarm in the city is no laughing matter according to detectives with the department, and anyone caught in such an act will be prosecuted.

Proof of that was given last week when Brent Thomas Daniels was arrested on charges of pulling a false fire alarm at Twelve Oaks Mall. He convicted Daniels faces up to 90 days in prison or a \$500 maximum fine.

Detective Jack Grubb of the Novi Police mail detail tracked Daniels down after witnesses observed the pulling of the alarm. Daniels was released on \$100 personal bond.

"Anyone pulling a false alarm will be prosecuted," Grubb said. "It ties up manpower and equipment. What if a serious fire occurs while the engines are out answering a false alarm?"

Winter festival sponsored

Novi will have its first ever winter festival on Saturday, Jan. 16 at Power Park. The Novi Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring the first "Chilly Willy Festival" for Novi residents.

The festival will offer many events starting at 9 a.m. and running through the afternoon. A snowball tournament, chili cook-off, snow sculpture contest, youth coloring contest, broomball, hayrides, tug-of-war, Little Ms. Iceicle contest, Ms. Chilly Willy contest, Old Man Winter contest and more will be held.

All day events will include ice skating, bonfire, sledding, cross country skiing, refreshments and cartoons (featuring Chilly Willy in Clash and Carry and Fish Hooked).

Individuals or organizations interested in participating in any of the events should contact the Novi Parks and Recreation Department for entry forms. Call 349-1700 or write Novi Parks and Recreation, 48315 Sixth Gate, Novi, 48050 for more information.



Bell ringer

Novi News/CHRIS BORD

Team takes aim at auto thieves

By CHRISTOPHER J. KOZLOWSKI staff writer

Car thieves beware — the Novi Police Department is participating in a coordinated effort to reduce car thefts and stolen part sales in southwestern Oakland County.

The Southwest Oakland Auto Theft Team is the first-ever coordinated effort by policing authorities in the county. It involves police officials in Novi, Farmington Hills, Farmington, Southfield and the Oakland County Sheriff's Department.

If anyone has information on an automotive theft or the operation of a chop shop, an anonymous tip line and reward program has been set up. To reach the tip line, call 249-6887. Oakland County Sheriff Det. Sgt. Mark Goodrich said the program is receiving funding through the Automotive Theft Prevention Authority (ATPA), which is a committee created by Gov. James Blanchard commissioned to study the state's auto theft problem. The ATPA receives its funding through a percentage of fees charged for state automotive license plates.

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Wetlands OK given in Northville

NORTHVILLE — The state Department of Natural Resources and the developer of the Pheasant Hills subdivision have reached an agreement with less wetlands filling proposed.

"We probably will be issuing a permit, but that's not necessarily the final answer," DNR Water Quality Specialist Brooks Williamson said Monday.

The Singh Development Company applied to the DNR earlier this year to fill in wetlands in "phase two" of

the Pheasant Hills site northwest of Tait and Eight Mile roads. This fall Singh proposed filling about an acre and a half of wetlands and creating new wetlands at a standard rate of one and a half times the amount filled.

Williamson said Monday that the DNR and Singh have basically agreed on a new plan, and just about all that remains is paperwork.

The new, modified plan makes several changes to the last Singh plan, Williamson said. Among the

most significant changes, Williamson said, are:

- A reduced proposal for wetlands filling and mitigation, with less than an acre now to be filled.

- At least half of a disturbed wetlands — filled when the city installed a sewer line through the area — will be restored.

- A second small area will be filled and a small amount of mitigation added.

- Redesign of "some significant portions of the site," particularly at

the southeast corner (near Lexington Condominiums), where half of a planned road will be moved.

"Of the 83 acres which make up the Pheasant Hills site, about ten and a half are considered wetlands.

Construction of the Pheasant Hills development's second phase, which did not require a wetlands permit, is well underway. The site has a long history of attempts to build a subdivision there under several different names.

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'Cat burglar' uses pet's entrance during break-in

Police are searching for a Nov. burglar who used a pet porthole in a garage door in order to gain access to the residence.

According to a police report, the burglar reached through a pet entrance in a garage door, unlocked the garage door, and then forced open the side door to the residence on Dec. 10.

Among the items stolen from the house were: a Sony Beta VCR, two television sets, a microwave oven, a telephone/radio machine, a Sony video camera and several canned and frozen food products.

Police officials' only clue at this point is a gray scarf which was found in one of the hallways in the home. The homeowner said the scarf does not belong to anyone in the residence. A can of Miller beer, which was apparently taken from the refrigerator, was also found lying on the garage floor.

Police Beat

POLICE OFFICERS apprehended a mentally disturbed woman in the A & P on Meadowbrook Road after a store employee saw the woman allegedly place unpaid-for goods into her purse Dec. 10.

Store officials declined to press charges against the woman because of her mental condition, but they did ask police officials to prohibit her from shopping at the store in the future.

The woman allegedly pocketed two cigarette lighters, three "Post-it" notepads and one box of "Fiddle Faddle," valued at \$4.23 before being stopped by the store clerk.

Before taking action, police officers at the scene consulted with the woman's psychiatrist.

TWO LEVELS were reported missing from the construction site at the Village Oaks Elementary School Dec. 11.

The levels, a \$1200 Transit Level and a \$50 American level, were last seen Dec. 10 inside a storage trailer at the site. According to a filed police report, no signs of forced entry were found on the trailer.

A 1987 Ford Mustang GLX was reported stolen from the Blue Lot at Twelve Oaks Mall Dec. 11. The car was last seen by its owner at approximately 4:30 p.m.

According to a police report, no physical signs of evidence were discovered at the scene.

UNKNOWN SUSPECTS kicked in the side door of a home on Nine Mile Road Dec. 11 during a reported burglary.

According to the police report, the home was not ransacked, but numerous items were reported stolen, including: an IBM computer system, color monitor and printer; a jewelry box containing costume jewelry, a Catholic Central High School class ring and two Franklin mint gold medallions; and a 13-inch color television set.

GAS & GO - CRIMINAL STYLE, was reported by an attendant at the Union 76 gas station on Grand River Avenue Dec. 12.

The attendant reported that a 50-year-old man entered the station seeking \$10 worth of regular gasoline. He said the man asked to charge the gasoline on his credit card, but that he had left the card inside his car. The attendant said he allowed the man to pump the gas, after the suspect signed a charge slip.

The attendant copied the suspect's license plate number, and submitted it to the police.

An Arbor woman shopping at the mall reported that her 1987 Toyota Celica was severely damaged on the driver-side door by a sharp metal object.

According to a police report, the woman said she exchanged in a heated argument with an angered male driver immediately after parking her car in the parking space.

JUVENILES ARE believed to be responsible for 32 broken windows in new homes in the Timber Ridge subdivision Dec. 7.

"Unknown suspects" broke out the 32 windows and caused \$3,200 in damage, according to a police report.

FARMINGTON HILLS man came out of the movies at Twelve Oaks Dec. 3 and found two men beating on the car he borrowed from his friend.

He said the two men were kicking and beating on the car, and yelled obscenities as he tried to enter the vehicle. According to the police report, the suspects fled in a green Cadillac, after damaging the car's sides, sideview mirrors and windshield wipers.

A 1984 MERCURY MARQUIS was stolen from the Town Center parking lot Dec. 8. The car, valued at \$6,000, also contained a baby seat and numerous Christmas gifts, according to the police report.

A 1986 PONTIAC STE was reported stolen Dec. 13 from the south lot of the Novi Hilton.

The car was last seen at 8:30 p.m. Dec. 12, and reported missing at 1:30 a.m.

AN \$18,000 converted Chevy Astrovan was reported stolen from the rear lot at the Sheraton Oaks Dec. 13. There were no witnesses to the theft.

A TWO-DAY-OLD Dodge Colt was reported stolen from the driveway of its new owner last week.

According to a police report, the 1980 model car was purchased from an undisclosed Chicago, Ill., car dealer Dec. 11, before it was stolen Dec. 13.

According to an official police report, the paperwork on the automotive transaction were inside the car at the time of the theft. The car was valued at \$1,500.

Vets say pets need new shots

Pet owners are being advised to re-vaccinate their dogs or cats for rabies if the animal received a rabies vaccination since July 1985 with either Endurall-K or Rabguard-TC by the subcutaneous (under the skin) method.

Dr. Michael Chaddock of the State Veterinarian's Office said dog and cat owners should check with their veterinarians to see if Endurall-K or Rabguard-TC was used, and, if it was used, how it was administered.

"If the pet did receive an injection of one of these vaccines subcutaneously, it is considered a non-vaccinate and should be re-vaccinated," said Chaddock.

Chaddock said the Michigan Department of Agriculture supports the U.S. Department of Agriculture's withdrawal of approval for subcutaneous administration of Endurall-K and Rabguard-TC, which are manufactured by Norden Laboratories of Lincoln, Nebraska.

The vaccines should only be administered intramuscularly to provide dogs and cats effective protection against rabies, Chaddock said.

The USDA withdrew its approval of the subcutaneous administration of the Norden drugs effective Aug. 17, 1987. Studies indicated the vaccines did not provide adequate protection three years after injected under the skin.

More information is available from Chaddock, the state veterinarian, at 317-373-1077.



Big bite

Santa came to breakfast in Novi last week, courtesy of the Novi Jaycees and Brett Daniels, 7, didn't let the excitement ruin his appetite. Brett and other Novi youngsters were treated to a pancake

breakfast and the best treat of all — a chance to sit on Santa's lap and give the merry gentleman their Christmas wish lists.

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Council beefs-up facade ordinance

The city will have additional safeguards to prevent developers from using the wrong materials on building facades.

The city council, in a narrow 4-3 vote, passed an amendment to the facade ordinance requiring an on-site conference to verify that the approved materials are actually being used on the building.

The amendment was introduced by the planning commission following the incident with the Pine Ridge commercial development at Novi Road and Ten Mile. The wrong facade material was placed on the building and the error was not discovered until most of the facade was in place. The planning commission is currently considering various options to correct the Pine Ridge problem.

The facade amendment was discussed as a means to add provisions safeguarding the facades of nonresidential buildings in residential districts.

The on-site conference will be held once facade materials have been delivered to the development site, but before the facade materials are incorporated into the structure. The conference will be attended by representatives of the city planning department, building department and representatives of the developer.

In discussing the proposed amendment Council Member Martha Hoyer asked "Are we reacting to one problem and involving the expense of staff to go on site for one problem?"

Hoyer said she was in favor of strictly enforcing the current facade ordinance and in taking any developers who ignored the ordinance — to court. "If you tell the first one he must tear it all out and replace it with the right stuff," it will make future developers pay closer attention to the ordinance, Hoyer said.

James Wahl, director of community development, said the city's facade ordinance could be difficult to understand for some developers. "Descriptions in the facade ordinance are at least open to interpretation," Wahl said. He suggested passage of the amendment in an effort to prevent errors and necessary fixing after the fact.

"It is an enforcement issue," Council Member Nancy Covert said in agreeing with Hoyer. "If a builder proceeds without asking questions, he proceeds at his own risk."

"It is cheaper to enforce beforehand than after," Mayor Matthew Quinn said in favor of the amendment. "The cost comes in with meetings and litigations afterwards." City Manager Edward Kriewall said the cost of the inspection would be paid by the developer. Planning Commission Chairperson Judith Johnson said the amendment was drafted as a protection for the facade ordinance. "Our facade ordinance is not that common. I would hate to have it challenged and thrown out. This will protect it."

"I have no problem in strengthening the facade ordinance," Council Member Edward Leininger replied, "but this is still doing it after the fact." Leininger suggested that the developer or builder be required to bring in samples of the facade.

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Residents set for church fight

By CHRISTOPHER J. KOZLOWSKI
staff writer

Planning commissioners will not re-hear a proposal for a new church school complex without residents voicing their protests to the plan once more.

Planning commissioners rejected the plans for the six-building church school at their Nov. 18 meeting, reasoning that the project would negatively affect its residential neighbors. The decision was made following numerous testimonies by residents of the Echo Valley subdivision in opposition to the plans.

The church school project would be located on the south side of Ten Mile Road, west of Beck Road, adjacent to the Echo Valley subdivision.

The lawyer representing the St. Plus X Corp. formally requested Dec. 2 that the commission re-hear the church's proposal if new information could be presented which may change the commission's previous ruling.

Numerous residents turned out during the Nov. 18 public hearing to discuss St. Plus, and many were present two weeks earlier to express their opposition to planning commissioners.

And according to Frank Brennan, president of the Echo Valley Homeowners Association, city planning commissioners can count on hearing from the residents again if plans for the St. Plus complex will be re-heard Jan. 6.

"We were a bit surprised (by last week's news), because we had talked with Father Donald Sanborn after

the first planning commission meeting," said Brennan. "He indicated that even though he had spent \$3000-\$4000 in various fees already, and that it did not look too promising, he was going to put the property up for sale again.

"But I guess he must have reconsidered with time," Brennan added.

Although most of the residents who live on land directly adjacent to the proposed St. Plus site say they are not opposed to a church near their homes, they contend the St. Plus project is more than just a church.

And it is.

The St. Plus planned complex call for a chapel, a church school, a rectory, a convent, garage, secondary chapel and a future main church on the 5.9 acre lot.

Resident Larry Christoff said he was initially thrilled when it was announced that a new church would be located next to his property line.

To say that Christoff was disappointed when he heard of the expansion of the plans, would be an understatement. Christoff has been a vocal opponent of the plan, almost from the start.

"It is ironic that here I am with a lot of other people fighting churches and hospitals; two of the things I think we should be very glad to have as a city," Christoff said this week.

"(But) when you are talking about a complex like that, and with that many people, it is definitely going to have some (negative) effect.

"Frankly, I could not have ever wanted anything more than a church in that area," Christoff said. "But

when this thing was discovered to be a total complex, obviously that concerned us very much."

Like the goals previously stated by numerous city officials, Christoff said Echo Valley residents are hoping that residential densities and commercially-generated traffic in the western half of the city will be reduced.

Christoff contends that the St. Plus project would bring with it too much traffic for existing roads to handle, and that it would over-burden the existing water supply and sewer system. Christoff also contends that no one from the church, or the city, has ever approached Echo Valley residents to gauge the adverse effects the church complex may have on residents in the area.

"We finally have gotten fed up and we want to take a stand," Christoff said. "We want to cut down on the density. We have some very obvious concerns. Everybody seems to know what is best for us, but nobody comes to ask us. That is my definition of an expert."

"I am absolutely suspicious of any 'experts,' like the people who gave us the Edsel and the Zilwaukee Bridge. They are people who make some very quick and immediate decisions, without looking to what will be happening 30-40 years from now.

"(If the experts) can guarantee me that the project will not have any adverse effect, and that they are willing to pay the cost of me having to do what I have to do to maintain what I have, I will go along with the plan. But no one will stand up and do that," Christoff added.

"I guess we are tired of having all these experts tell us what is best for us, but never bothering to ask us."

Christoff and Brennan said that they would be willing to consider any alternative plans that St. Plus would offer, provided that the project would be scaled-down to primarily a church.

"I told (church officials), 'If you go into the next planning commission, and you have got Echo Valley behind you rather than against you, you may find that it would slide through real quick.' But I have not heard from (church officials) since then," Brennan said.

Christoff even kidding said this week that he would consider joining the church, if the project were to be significantly scaled-down.

"Without a question (I would give my support)," Christoff said. "I would definitely and totally support the plan."

But Christoff said he would never consider lending his approval to the plan as it was previously presented.

"God bless them," Christoff said. "They have to go somplace. But like the old saying goes, 'We were there first.'"

"We are not naive to think that this area is going to stay undeveloped," Christoff added. "But if you are going to develop it, develop it sensibly. Develop it the way in which it was intended to be developed. In one hand the city is down-scaling right now, and in another hand they want to build hospitals. It just doesn't make any sense."

Novi Briefs

Goodfellows campaign: The Novi Goodfellows are already busy at work on their goal of making sure everyone in Novi has a happy Christmas, but they're looking for help from community residents. Specifically, the Goodfellows would like to hear from families which could use a little assistance during the holiday season or anyone who knows of a family which could use some help, said Jeff Littleton of the Novi Firefighters, chairman of this year's campaign.

Anyone who needs some help or knows of someone who needs help can contact the Goodfellows at Novi Fire Station No. 1 on Grand River Avenue. The address is 42975 Grand River, Novi, Michigan 48068. The phone number is 349-2162.

Christmas is coming... and the Novi students are getting ready for winter break.

Vacation begins after school tomorrow, Friday, Dec. 18. During the recess there is no open gym or swim, and no adult and community education classes.

Classes resume at the regular time Monday, Jan. 4.

Christmas contest: Residents of the Orchard Ridge Estates are invited to participate in the subdivision's third annual Christmas decorating contest Dec. 21. Subdivision newsletter editor Chris Heffernan said a \$25 gift certificate from Hudsons will be awarded to this year's winner.

Heffernan said judging of the entries in this year's contest will take place beginning at 7 p.m. She said all homes in the subdivision are qualified to enter the subdivision. Heffernan said registration is not necessary, and that all you have to do to enter the contest is flip the switch on your Christmas lights.

Environmental meeting: Members of the city's Environmental Advisory Committee will meet with members of the business community on Thursday, Jan. 7, at the Red Timbers Restaurant on Grand River to go over the city's new Hazardous Chemical Ordinance. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m.

The new ordinance directly affects Novi business people as it requires them to register all hazardous chemicals with the fire department.

Arts and culture calendar: Members of the Novi Arts and Culture Committee will begin keeping a calendar of local events in January. Interested Novi organizations or residents with dates or information on upcoming arts or cultural events in the city are encouraged to call Craig Strain at 344-8300 to register their event.

Believe it or not: We have received several calls from people in response to the article we published about Bat Conservation International in the Oct. 29 edition.

The article debunked many myths about bats and said the little creatures make good neighbors for people who have mosquito problems. It seems that each bat is capable of catching 500 or more mosquito-sized insects per hour. So, if any of you are interested in buying a bat house for your own backyard, here's how to do it. Each bat house costs \$34.95. Include \$4.50 for shipping and handling and mail your orders to Bat Conservation International at Post Office Box 162803, Austin, Texas 78716. If the cost seems a little high, remember that it's charity — proceeds support Bat Conservation International.

Senior citizen passes: The Novi Community School District is again offering event passes to senior citizens.

The passes, given free to any senior citizen who wants one, allow free admission to school district events such as athletic events, concerts, plays, high school completion classes and open swimming. The cards are also good for discounts on community education classes.

Passes may be picked up in School Administration and Community Education offices at 5575 Taft Road, just south of Eleven Mile. For more information call 348-1200.

Looking for a place to drop off your waste oil? There are two locations in Novi and another in Northville that will accept used oil, according to the East Michigan Environmental Action Council (EMEAC).

Rogers touts Novi's potential

By CHRISTOPHER J. KOZLOWSKI
staff writer

For the same reasons that Novi has become a major retail and housing center in southeastern Michigan, the city has the potential of becoming the industrial center of Oakland County, according to a new report issued by city Planning Consultant Brandon Rogers.

The Industrial Areas Plan, part of the city's Master Plan updating process, was released by Rogers at the Dec. 2 planning commission meeting, and details the amount of industrial land designated in the city of Novi.

The report reaffirms the city's commitment to locate all industrial developments along the railroad, along Grand River Avenue and near all of the highways which enter the city.

Although Rogers' report recommends no new changes for the amount of industrial land in the city, it reinforces the fact that the city has the potential to be an Oakland County giant in terms of available industrial space.

According to the report, exactly 202.3 acres of land in Novi is designated for industrial use. Of that acreage, only 965 acres are currently being used for industrial purposes, leaving 115.3 acres available for future development.

Novi's industrial designations rank it first among all Oakland County communities, with the next closest

Rogers: 'I think we have a strong industrial base, but I see it changing into a type of industry that is compatible with residential, and will provide a high-scale of jobs and wages.'

comparable city being Troy, which has designated 171.2 acres for industrial industry."

"In number of large size vacant industrially zoned parcels, Novi has nearly twice as many parcels five acres or larger than any other community in the county," the report says.

"We still remain a leader, if not the leader in vacant industrial land in the county," Rogers said.

Rogers added that Novi's potential for future industrial growth is very optimistic, especially considering the diversified types of businesses which can qualify for construction under the city's industrial ordinance.

In fact, Rogers said the traditional definition of industrial businesses will have to change as more and more "clean businesses" replace what has been traditionally thought of as "heavy industry."

"I see regionally, and in the state, a movement from heavy production steel furnace industries to the service

and a lot of it is of an office character.

"I think we have a strong industrial base, but I see it changing into a type of industry that is compatible with residential, and will provide a high-scale of jobs and wages. And it sort of merges into the office flavor. And in some of these industrial it merges a bit with commercial. It is not a clean-cut definition that we used to have."

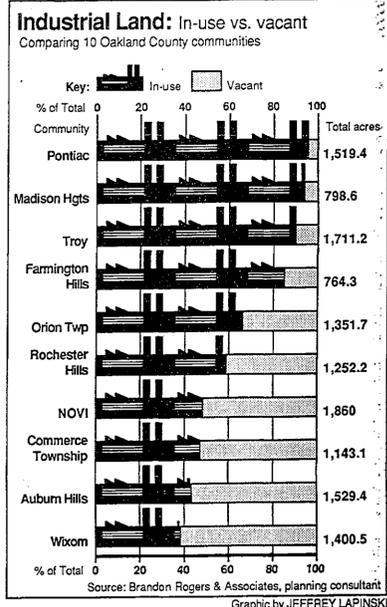
Although the city does not currently differentiate between types of industrial development, Rogers said if current trends continue such segregation may become a reality.

"It could be in the future we will re-think further the industrial zones, or planning areas, and tie them down closer to how they are actually being developed," Rogers said. "But right now, the industrial planning and industrial zoning requires a reality check."

"You get over into Macomb County and you have got a horse of a different color," Rogers said. "You have got the city of Warren and the city of Sterling Heights, and they have got (heavy) industry coming out of their ears."

"But in Oakland County, that is not the case."

"We are getting industry that is not all that conventional industry people think of when they think of industry," Rogers said. "We are getting high-tech, office development, we are getting research and development. We are getting clean industry,



Novi well ready to roll out the barrels

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Larry Richardson a resident of the nearby Birchwood subdivision had asked council members previously how many trucks would be using the Corvo road and subsequently Wixom Road, to transport the oil from the site.

Peter Zirnheit, attorney for the Sdmoco Company, told the council that two trucks would transport the oil every three days. Zirnheit said the weight of the trucks would cause no difference to the state of Wixom Road. "The trucks will be multi-axled and will go north on Wixom Road to Old Grand River to the expressway," Zirnheit said. He noted that the road already handles heavy truck traffic from the Corvo company.

In considering the request for a Phase II drilling permit for the site, Council Member Hugh Crawford questioned the vapor recovery

Harris: 'It looks like a good producer. We think it could produce 200 barrels a day.'

system's workability. "We were supposed to see a vapor recovery system in action before going to Phase II," Crawford said.

Harris said his offer to show council members a working recovery system still held, but that the nearest system was 40 miles away. He suggested that the council pass the permit with the condition that no production take place at the site until the recovery system was set up and working.

Harris asked the council to consider passing the necessary approvals for the site plan for the buildings needed in the drilling pro-

duction at the well. Site plan approval is the state-mandated domain of the planning commission.

"We don't see in the drilling ordinance where the planning commission comes into play," Zirnheit said. "All approvals lie within the council. It was never our understanding that we would have to go through the planning commission."

Assistant City Attorney Dennis Watson told the council "Like any other land use, any changes or improvements to the site must go through the site plan process — no exceptions are offered." Planning Consultant Brandon Rogers added

"Structures of this size cannot be done administratively," referring to a possible administrative review instead of planning commission review.

City council members passed the Phase II drilling permit approval in a unanimous vote, with the condition that no drilling take place until the vapor recovery system is in place and working. The council also made the approval conditional to site plan approval by the planning commission.

"I don't want to usurp the authority of the planning commission," Council Member Edward Leininger said. "I understand the importance of time, but if there are site plan criteria to be met, I look at it differently than planning commissioners, he said.

"The (site plan) process should be utilized. We should use the expertise of the planning commission," Council Member Ron Watson agreed.

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Novi day care centers meeting current needs

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Pawloski started in the business 17 years ago "when day care was unheard of in Novi," she said. Her first year in business she had 15 children enrolled. Today she is licensed to handle 35 children. Like all the centers contacted in the city, Pawloski's roster is full — but not completely. "I have never had a waiting list," she said.

She has seen the city change over the years and the needs of the day care business change with it. "There were more two-parent families bringing in their children then," she said. Parents brought their children in more for a nursery school experience of a few hours a few days a week. Now she has a lot of single parents and "mostly all-day children," she said.

Today the biggest problem facing parents is finding day care for infants or children under 2½ years and finding a way to pay for the care, Pawloski said.

Although weekly rates for day care in Novi facilities are highly competitive and within the \$65-\$70 per week range, Pawloski said single parents often find it out of their reach. "Every place I go in Novi I see help wanted signs," she said, "but the jobs pay about \$4 an hour and the single parents cannot afford child care on these salaries, so there is a lot of care done at home."

But the day care business is growing despite that. Pawloski admits, saying she has been more prosperous in the last three years than in the previous 14.

Andrea Lenzi, director of Little Hornbook Day School on Ten Mile, recently moved her facility from its former church home to a specially designed facility — in her home. Actually the school occupies a completely separate structure which she had built "for the children." Lenzi said she saw the growth in the Novi area and believes that with growth comes a need for child-care.

Lenzi said she is not yet making a profit on her business, but believes there is room in Novi for quality child-care. Lenzi is state-licensed for 48 children; she currently enrolls 29 children.

Little Hornbook will be adding a much-in-demand infant care program to its services in the near future, Lenzi said. Most of the Novi facilities accept children at age 2½ or older, leaving parents of infants in

the care of relatives or unlicensed homes. Lenzi has built an infant care area into her new facility which she will use for a "limited group" of infants aged two weeks and older.

The infant program will be the first such in Novi, Lenzi said she will have three teachers working just with the infants and that each child will follow its own schedule as determined by the parents.

Lenzi said the need for day care has grown in Novi and the rest of the country as more and more women enter the work force and families are further and further apart. "There's no comfortable grandmas to leave the children with — and day care is not a horrible place," she said referring to many people's bad impressions of child-care facilities. "We're not replacing mom, we're just helping her out," she said. "Somebody has to be there."

The growing need for infant care is apparent. Pawloski said she receives an average of three calls a week from parents looking for day care for their infants because they must return to work.

Nancy Cotter, director of The Children's Ark child care facility on Ten Mile, said her enrollment has been "pretty much the same every year, with an increase in recent years in younger children." The Children's Ark takes children 2½ years through elementary school age.

"Here in Novi, with the growth you'd think we'd have more children. There are no more coming than ever, although the grouping has changed," she said. There is a greater and greater need for child care for younger children, she said.

"The hardest area to find is care for infants and toddlers." Novi is lucky in some respects, Cotter said, in that the school system provides before and after-school programs for school-age children who otherwise would be candidates for day care.

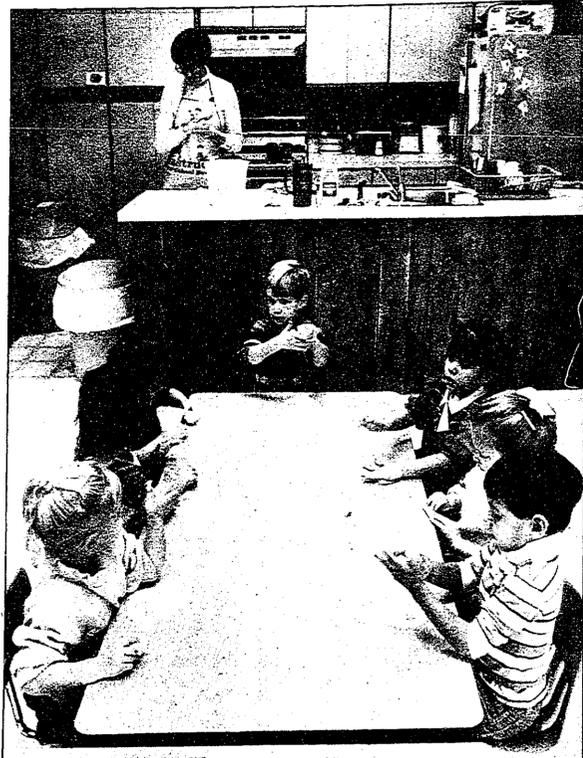
The community school program is open to children registered in the school system only, however. Novi is seeing increasing numbers of parents who work in the city and would like to find affordable day care for their children in a facility close to their jobs.

"Parents want a center that is close to their jobs," Cotter explained, in case there is an accident or illness they want to minimize the time it takes to be on the spot. She sees the biggest growth area in the day care business in Novi coming when employers realize the increasing need for day care and when they begin providing it.

"There will be something coming in the future with the number of businesses located here," she said. She foresees a time when business will reimburse parents for day care costs at an outside facility — or provide one on-site.

For now, Cotter said she sees a need for more help to single parents who need child care, but don't have sufficient income to pay for it. Cotter said her facility provides a social service program for families which is based on the parent's income. Cotter said it can pay up to two-thirds the cost of day care in some instances.

"The paperwork is really very minimal," she said but very few facilities in Novi make use of the program.



Activities at the Little Hornbook Day School often include group activities. Above, Sher Watkins mixes dough at the school's kitchen center while a group of children rolls the dough into pretzels. At right, Hornbook Director Andrea Lenzi. Lenzi began the school in facilities at Church of the Holy Cross but recently finished work on a new facility at Ten Mile and Wixom Road. The new school building was built specifically with children in mind, Lenzi said. Many of the Novi area day care centers are located in churches.



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Home gets office OK from the city

An existing home will be allowed to become an office site thanks to a rezoning request recently approved by the Novi City Council.

Walter Cykiert requested a rezoning of his property on the south side of 14 Mile, west of Haggerty Road. The property was zoned R-1, residential and Cykiert requested the zoning be changed to OS-1, or office district.

"Property adjacent to the home had been rezoned within the last year to OS-1. As the maps show this small parcel is a notch out of the larger OS-1 area," Brandon Rogers, city planning consultant told the council in recommending the rezoning.

"To rezone the parcel to OS-1 has merit, and would create a more uniform boundary for OS-1 development," Rogers said. He also recom-

ended an amendment to the Master Plan showing a change of office zoning.

A Security Bank exists on the corner near the rezoned property with a commercially zoned gas station nearby as well, Rogers pointed out. "The rezoning is one step in an updated Master Plan," Rogers said. "I wholeheartedly support this amendment. For the transition to residential in this area low profile office is the best use."

Council Member Nancy Covert said she approved of the rezoning but wanted to be on record as making that area the boundary for office zoning. "It protects the corner but further zoning should not go further west," Covert said.

The rezoning request passed unanimously.

Borders bookstore is coming to Novi

Borders Books is coming to the Novi Town Center — and it's moving into a newly designed building.

City council members approved design changes to Building 1 — the tower building fronting Novi Road, which will fill in a proposed mid-building walkway and create room for the bookstore's eventual expansion.

The bookstore will initially occupy 12,000 square feet of retail space in the center of the building. Plans call for an eventual expansion of Borders to 16,000 square feet.

To replace the designated "public space" of the corridor, Trammell Crow, developers of the Town Center complex, offered to provide benches and a small plaza on the opposite side of the building. The developer will also place art work on the plaza.

"I have a real problem with granting any site plan revision," Council Member Hugh Crawford said during the Dec. 7 council meeting. "When we approved the overall site plan this was to be a pedestrian oriented area. I envisioned the passageway of a pedestrian variety opening into Town Center," he said.

"In terms of what ultimately was constructed," Council Member Nancy Covert added, "the pedestrian nature was lost at the onset."

Council Member Martha Hofer disagreed saying "I really don't have a problem with eliminating the passageway. No one will walk it, the nature of people today is to get in the car, drive and park."

The amended site plan was passed by the council 6-1 with Crawford dissenting.

Science group offers camps for children

The Living Science Foundation has come up with a creative child care program for children ages 5-11 years old during the hectic holiday time.

The Living Science Foundation visits area schools with hands-on science programs using live animals. The group is offering Science Day Camps through the Novi Community Education Department. Camp hours are 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

The Novi camp runs Dec. 21-23 and Dec. 28-30 at Novi Woods Elementary School. Registration must be made by Friday, Dec. 18. For more information contact the Novi Community Education Department at 343-1200.

Parents in the Plymouth/Canton area can also take advantage of a camp. Camps there run from Dec. 21-23 at the Gallimore Elementary

School. For information call the Plymouth/Canton Community Education Department at 451-6660.

Each day will highlight a different area of discovery. Foundation officials said. Daily adventures will include surveys into areas of biology with the Living Science Foundation animals; air and space with rockets, flying paper and simulated shuttle missions; dinosaurs with fossils, models and living relatives of a past age.

Campers should wear comfortable indoor and outdoor clothing and bring a sack lunch. Snacks will be provided. The cost of the camp is \$40 per day or \$100 per week. For further information contact Bonnie Neff, camp director at the Living Science Foundation, 478-1999.

State trees for sale during the holiday

Michiganians pining for the "perfect" tree to spruce up their homes for the Christmas holidays can select and cut their own by visiting a state tree farm.

More than 589,000 evergreens are available for sale at 73 farms listed in AAA Michigan's 1987 Cut-Your-Own Christmas Tree Guide.

Buyers will find tree prices slightly from last year, with Scotch pine running from \$5 (1 more than in 1986). Bigger trees, such as a Douglas fir or blue spruce, may reach up to \$60. All farms charging by height, per-foot prices vary from \$2 to \$4.

Those who choose to leave their walking shoes and saws at home will find they can still bring home a forest-fresh tree. Thirty farms offer wagon rides throughout the grounds while 47 have pre-cut trees available. Wreathes and other evergreen items are for sale at 34 tree farms.

Some farms have gift shops, entertainment and visits with Santa Claus. To help buyers select top quality trees, the Michigan Christmas Tree Association has initiated the first Michigan Snowfresh Christmas Tree Program.

Thirteen Snowfresh farms are listed in AAA Michigan's guide, with more expected to join the program next year. The Snowfresh growers — recognized by a tag tied to trees — guarantee high quality care, including soil management, disease protection and continual trimming and shaping throughout the growing process.

Michigan Snowfresh trees meet or exceed the guidelines for U.S. No. 1 Grade. They are mechanically cleaned and have reasonably straight trunks.

AAA Michigan offers these tips for persons visiting a cut-your-own farm:

- Bring a hand saw. Most tree farms provide saws, but supplies may be limited during peak cutting times. Axes are not allowed.
- Saw the trunk close to the ground and shake the tree in the field to remove old needles.
- Norway, white and black spruce and balsam fir trees should be cut when temperatures are above 40 degrees to help hold their needles. Colder temperatures could cause those trees to drop their needles more easily than pines or Douglas, Concolor and Fraser firs.
- Bring some twine. Forty-four farms wrap trees, but it is advisable to have some twine for transporting trees home. Secure the tree base to the front of the car to help the tree withstand wind during transport.
- If the tree is not placed in water immediately and is outside for a few days, be sure to cut an inch or two off the base before putting it into a water stand. With a freshly cut stem, the tree will easily absorb needed water. Check the stand's water level daily.
- Place the tree in a cool area, preferably away from open flames and heating ducts. Inspect all electrical wiring to be placed on the tree for frayed cords, damaged lights or bare spots. Never overload electrical outlets.

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Business offers help with 3-Rs

Almost as long as there have been schools, it seems, there have been tutors to help students who want to do a little better in those schools.

However, those are generally thought of as one-on-one arrangements between students, often an older student tutoring a younger. But that isn't always the case any more. In fact, one nationwide company with an office in Novi has turned the idea of tutoring into a successful full-time business.

It's called "supplemental education," and it goes beyond tutoring to include all sorts of academic assistance for school-age students as well as adults.

Lou Porretta, director of the Sylvan Learning Center in Peachtree Plaza on Meadowbrook Road, explained that the basic focuses of the company are reading and math skills.

"If you can't read, if you have difficulty reading, you'll have trouble in school," Porretta said.

He explained that Sylvan tries to provide a wide range of services beyond those available in traditional public or private schools. Much of the company's business is tutoring students who are having trouble in a specific area or two.

But in addition, the company also offers "enrichment programs" for students functioning at or above their grade level, programs to prepare high schoolers for standardized college admissions tests, and study skills programs for any age.

The common thread running through the offerings at Sylvan is that the programs are supposed to enhance the regular school curriculum. "We see ourselves as supplementing and complementing the school system," Porretta said.

The Sylvan approach is to begin with diagnostic testing. Porretta explained, to identify the problem. From there, a program is developed to suit the individual student's needs. The company uses plenty of visual aids, computers and similar techniques to keep up students' interest, Porretta said.

"All the programs are individualized and, by policy, we will never have more than three students to a staff member," he added. "It's a very positive program. We focus on being very supportive and very encouraging. Usually when students get behind they start to feel down about themselves."

The Novi center draws students from throughout the area and as far away as Westland and even Grand Blanc, Porretta said. The Novi location has been open for about a year,



Novi News/CHRIS BOYD
Above, Sylvan Learning Center Director Lou Porretta confers with assistant director Jennifer Bullock

and serves about 65 or 70 students.

"There is definitely a need for it. The school districts do the best they can, and when you're dealing with large numbers of students... it's difficult (to offer individual help),"

Porretta said. "If you stop for someone, then someone else is going to be unhappy."

He added that Sylvan workers will even, at a client's request, approach a teacher on a student's behalf. He said that most teachers do not see

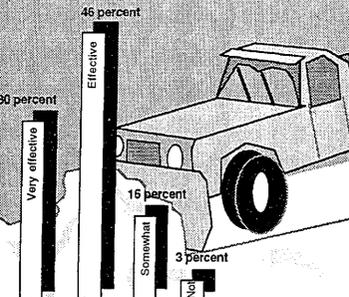
this as interference in their work.

"In general, I think they've been very supportive and very positive," he said. "We get a lot of referrals from teachers and counselors and school principals."

Looking at Novi

Snow satisfaction

46 percent of all Novi residents believe the snow and ice removal services provided by the city are effective at meeting their needs.



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Area Briefs

Cluster housing changes: Changes in the cluster option ordinance have been recommended for approval by the West Bloomfield Township planning commission. The proposed amendments reinforce the commission's discretionary power in granting the cluster option for developers of single family homes.

The new wording emphasizes that the cluster option is not granted automatically even if the necessary site characteristics are there — natural assets, unusual topography, flood plain and wetlands worth preserving, too small or unusually shaped parcels bordering a major thoroughfare.

The action comes in response to mounting anti-development sentiment among township residents. John Cartwright, a township resident who worked on the amendment committee, claimed the cluster option has outlived its usefulness, claiming that the woodlands and wetlands ordinances are sufficient.

Restrictions on noise: The Livonia City Council is considering an ordinance which will clamp down on noisy people and noisy machines. The new law spells out how much noise is acceptable in residential, commercial and industrial areas. Violation of the proposed ordinance is punishable by a fine of up to \$500.

The proposed ordinance bans "loud, raucous, jarring or disturbing noises" from horns, whistles and signaling devices on vehicles; radios, televisions, phonographs or musical instruments; loud speakers and amplifiers, either stationary or on a mobile truck; yells, shouts, hoots, whistling or loud singing; and howls, barks, meows and squawks from animals and birds.

Also covered are non-emergency signal devices such as bells, chimes, sirens and whistles; engine exhaust systems; the testing of vehicles and motorboats; and emergency signaling devices such as fire and burglar alarms except for emergency purposes or testing.

I-696 expansion plans receive favorable reception

FARMINGTON HILLS — Despite complaints about a lack of noise barriers, the Michigan Department of Transportation's plan to widen I-696 is meeting with considerable support.

Most of the Farmington Hills and Southfield residents and city leaders who spoke at an MDOT public hearing Wednesday appeared excited and supportive of the proposed improvements, which include widening the freeway to eight lanes between I-275 and Telegraph Road.

MDOT public hearings officer Philip Chisholm began the two-hour public hearing with a description of the proposed \$34 million freeway project. The federal government is expected to finance 90 percent and the state to pay for the rest.

Transcripts of the public hearing are expected to be available to the public within 30 days at the Farmington Community Library on Twelve Mile Road.

"Congestion is the main reason why this freeway needs to be improved," Chisholm said.

In addition to poor conditions along the roadway, delayed speeds and unstable movement characterizes the freeway, which carries an average 33,000 vehicles each day in each direction, Chisholm said.

The freeway would not be closed during the proposed construction.

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The project would include: widening the interstate freeway to eight lanes, four in each direction. All construction would take place in state-owned rights of way, within the current median area. Each of the lanes will be 11 feet with a median barrier.

Loop ramps will be built at the northeast and southwest corners of the Orchard Lake Road interchange. The ramps will provide for dual left and right turns.

Bridges along the freeway will require improvement to accommodate the eight-lane cross section. Bridges to be improved include those over the freeway at Drake and Orchard Lake roads in Farmington Hills and Inxter in Southfield.

Other work includes bridges on southbound Northwestern Highway over the Rouge River, I-696 over the Rouge, I-696 over northbound Northwestern, and northbound Telegraph to eastbound I-696 over southbound Northwestern.

The widening of Inxter from 1 Mile to Northwestern is included in Southfield's capital improvement program for 1987-1993.

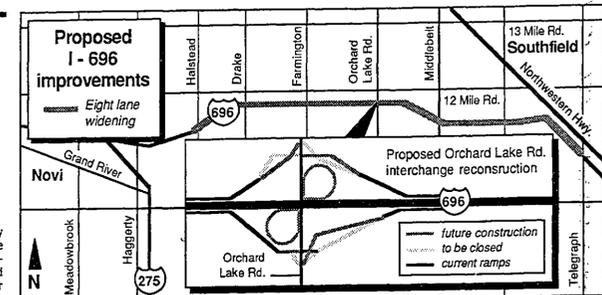
Chisholm told residents and officials in the Farmington Hills city council chambers that some base flood plains and fisheries will be encroached on by the improvements. "The losses are not considered significant," Chisholm said.

Despite support of the proposed improvements, suggestions were offered:

Several residents objected to the

three lanes from 12 Mile to Beck Road. U-turn crossovers will also be added.

Southfield's public services director, Roger Smith, urged MDOT officials to move swiftly on the improvements in light of the continuing construction of I-696 to the east, connecting the freeway's two segments.



fact that the plan does not include any noise control. According to an MDOT pamphlet, a study found that nearby areas would not experience a substantial increase above existing traffic noise.

Southfield's public services director, Roger Smith, urged MDOT officials to move swiftly on the improvements in light of the continuing construction of I-696 to the east, connecting the freeway's two segments.

Smith also called proposed improvements at the Orchard Lake

Road interchange "stopgap measures." Others complained that the planned "loop ramps at Orchard Lake Road are inappropriate for the amount and direction of traffic. Most motorists, residents said, turn right (toward 1 Mile) off the freeway."

Residents and city officials also said there is a need for additional interchange at Telegraph and Haggerty. Even with the widening plans, traffic will continue to empty onto Orchard Lake Road without other interchanges, residents said.

The 'write' stuff

Lawrence leads new program aimed to improve writing skills



Novi Community Schools writing teacher Jackie Lawrence

Not surprisingly, the basic element of the writing program in the Novi Community School District is writing.

For the first time this school year, the district has assigned a specific person — Novi High School English teacher Jackie Lawrence — to lead the writing instruction in the district.

And she does that, in large part, by having the students write.

In a recent progress report to the Novi school board, Lawrence said her visits to classes this year have been pretty successful.

"I only go into the rooms I'm invited into. However, I'm invited into almost every room," she said.

In addition to her special writing duties she has continued to teach two high school English classes. Most of her work this year has been at Novi Meadows, Orchard Hills and Novi

Woods, she said, but she soon expects to spend more time at other schools in the district.

She explained the process she uses: A teacher interested in having her student contacts the school principal. She then comes to the class in one of two roles: model or evaluator.

Most often, she said, she leads students in writing exercises while the classroom teacher steps aside. But sometimes, teachers ask her to sit at the back of the room and evaluate things they are already doing.

Lawrence described several techniques she uses in classrooms to interest students in writing. One example was an assignment for students to use each letter of their names as the start of a phrase, "just to get them started," she said.

"Another thinking activity is working with idioms... We talk in idioms all the time," Lawrence said. In this assignment, the students are asked to take a common idiom and illustrate it.

Lawrence said she asks the students to get them talking. "They start sharing, and then I turn around and say, 'Write it down,'" she said.

The ideas in her sessions are based on research which shows that when a child brainstorms or works with his or her hands, the student will write a better story, she explained.

"Once the kids have written, the next part is to share," Lawrence concluded. "They love to listen to each others' stories very much."

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As We See It

Too many questions to condemn land now

Last week's "informal public hearing" before the council concerning the possibility of condemnation proceedings against the Sugden property raised more questions than it answered.

City Manager Edward Kriewall introduced the subject of the city beginning condemnation proceedings against a small five-acre industrial zoned parcel of land. The Sugden Company currently operates a legally non-conforming construction company from the site.

Kriewall showed the council and public sides of the Sugden property. A city official had taken the pictures from various points outside of the property and from windows in the top floor of the neighboring Trammell Crow office building, the LakePointe office center. Kriewall's point to the council was that the current use is an eyesore to the neighboring Town Center area. "The current use is a severe detriment to leasing space in that building (the LakePointe building)," Kriewall told the council. Kriewall said it was difficult in not feeling that the Sugden property was a "junk yard."

Furthermore, Kriewall suggested that the condemnation proceedings proceed by engaging the Trammell Crow company, developers of the adjacent Town Center, in a contract. Trammell Crow would pay for the condemnation proceedings and the cost of the land and receive the property in exchange.

Serious questions arose which were not answered by the council during that meeting. First — does the city have a right to exercise its privilege of eminent domain over property it feels is unsightly? Kriewall mentioned that the Sugden parcel had always been planned for a "higher use". One supposes by that he means a use more physically appealing to the city's sense of aesthetics. Does the city have a right to decide whose property (when that property is legal) is nice enough looking to belong in the city?

Second — the city, when exercising its right of eminent domain in powers of condemnation must do so for the public good. In the past public good condemnations have primarily



Government

been for road right-of-ways. In explaining what public benefit would be derived from the condemnation of a working, legal use, Kriewall said the higher use would increase the city's tax yield. Wouldn't the condemnation also increase Trammell Crow's profit yield, if the contract Kriewall espoused was signed?

Council members gave their approval to the city administration for talks to begin with the Trammell Crow company on the proposed condemnation agreement. Council member Martha Hoyer later expressed serious hesitations over the proposed proceedings. We agree.

Realizing that the condemnation process is a long one and that the council has made no formal acceptance of such a condemnation, council members allowed the proceedings to continue. That was unfortunate.

Although the matter will be brought up again and at that time we hope council members with questions will make sure that answers are provided, the council should not have allowed the city administration to go ahead with talks with Trammell Crow.

Developer Michael Horowitz attended last week's meeting. Upon hearing the idea of an exclusive contract for the property between the city and the Trammell Crow company he asked an obvious question. Why then? If a contract agreement is to be pursued shouldn't the opportunity be given for other development firms to vie for it? Absolutely.

In other words the city has gone ahead with preliminary work on a possible condemnation with some very crucial questions still unanswered. Before the Sugden property is condemned, and certainly before an agreement is drafted between the city and the Trammell Crow Company — these questions must be answered.

Artful committee

Novi has an Arts and Cultural Committee and they are doing a terrific job.

The committee began its work last March and has, in the space of less than a year done more than many committees do in several years of work.

One of the best things that the committee did was to start with an idea. That idea was that Novi needed a body of citizens who would coordinate and work on bringing to the city cultural events of interest to the community. And more than that, the committee had the idea that there are some pretty talented people living right here in Novi. The committee realized that artists of all shapes, sizes and talents were going to other communities to hold concerts and to display their work. Likewise most Novi residents were going to other communities to hear those concerts and to view that work. The next step became obvious.

The committee began looking for volunteers. And it found them. Then the committee set up some preliminary goals. One of those goals was to do a city-wide survey to determine what exactly Novi residents want in the way of art and cultural

activities. The survey was completed and the committee is using the data to do what it set out to do. Bring interesting activities to Novi and utilizing the talent that is here.

Novi is certainly a lot more than the sum of its government bodies. The community is made up of 28,000 people. There certainly is room for an active, citizen staffed committee working to bring exciting art and cultural events to Novi.

The committee's future goals which include concerts in the new Civic Center, art shows and more, deserve the cooperation and continued involvement of the entire community. The city's Parks and Recreation department should also receive a pat on the back for its efforts with this committee.

Too often residents forget that the city in which they live does not happen by magic. Resident involvement is particularly necessary for Novi to keep its small-town charm amidst ever-growing development. The Arts and Culture Committee is an excellent way for everyone to get involved, artist and non-artist alike. The success of the committee will strengthen everyone in the community's lives.

The week that wasn't



Bob Needham

It started out bad, and got worse.

Just about everything that could go wrong at the Novi News this week, did. I forgot what touched it all off, but we hit rock bottom of a very tough couple of weeks.

One of our two editors is on vacation, and the other is out sick. Time to have a little fun, you think? Huh. Call it karma, or fate, or whatever; so many things went wrong that we didn't even have time to think about bringing a beer keg into the office.

A reporter and a typist were sick, too, but came to work anyway. Machines stopped working throughout our whole company. We had all kinds of problems with our computer system.

And then, of course, there was the storm. I got drenched coming in to work and didn't dry out all day. Our power went off for a few seconds, ruining the stories we had on our computer screens.

I couldn't get ahold of people I needed to talk to. And if I could, I was unable to write at all (so what else is new). I don't even remember everything that went wrong; I think I repressed it.

To aggravate all these problems, I had to pick this week to give up caffeine. So I suffered through all this with headaches and toothpicks to prop my eyelids open.

The final blow came when, because of illness and schedule conflicts, we had to call off our holiday lunch — which the boss was going to pay for — at MacKinnon's in Northville. Like I said, rock bottom.

I felt pretty disgusted and discouraged Tuesday night as I slogged home through the rain and sleet. It was all too much. I mumbled to myself, "I wish I'd never been born."

Then something magical happened. My guardian angel appeared in front of me and said I'd been given a tremendous gift — the chance to see what the world would be like without me.

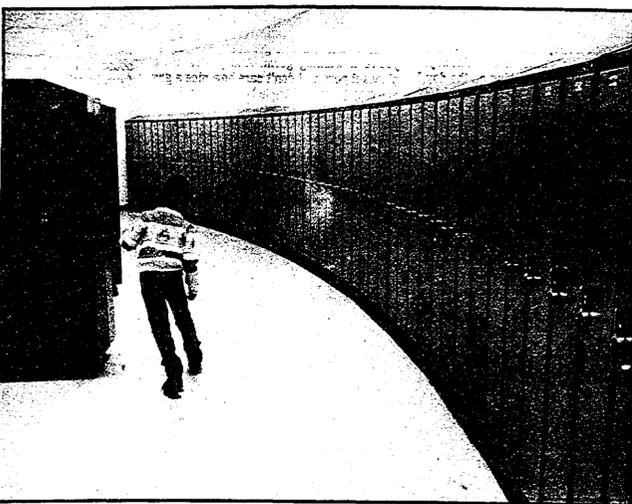
Well, it wasn't very different. The machines still broke down, the power still went out, and everybody still got sick. Lunch still got cancelled.

But in a warped kind of way, seeing all this made me feel a little better. If all these problems happened without me, at least they weren't my fault, right?

I know, I know, that's not much of an inspirational holiday thought. But after this week, it's the best I can do. I hope you all have a nice holiday — and a wonderful life.

Forum

By Chris Boyd



Runnin' around

Winning isn't everything



Phil Jerome

don't you?" she said. It was half question, half accusation. As if I had done something wrong.

"You bet," I said triumphantly. "We whipped 'em. Beat 'em bad. Left 'em muttering about how lucky we were. You know you've whipped somebody when they start muttering about luck."

We had been at a nice little party over at Sam and Eula's house when Jean pulled out a Trivia Pursuit game and everybody decided to play. We chose up teams... sort-of, putting half the room on one team and the other half on the other team.

By the time it was over, the team on my side of the room had won. And there aren't many things I like more than winning. Even if it's a friendly little game of Trivia Pursuit.

Unfortunately, she perceives my love of victory as a personality flaw and does her best to deflate my ego whenever she thinks I'm gloating.

"Sam was better than you were," she said finally.

"You've got to be kidding," I

roared, wounded to the quick. "Sam Hanley? Better 'n me? You're joking, right? You can't be serious, suggesting Sam is better at Trivia Pursuit than I am."

"He was," she replied simply. "Didn't you hear the way he answered all those questions? He was awesome. Sam is pretty knowledgeable about a lot of things. I think everybody was impressed by how much he knew."

"Well, if Sam Hanley is such a smart guy, how come his team didn't win? If Sam was so impressive out there, how come his team came in second and my team came in first? Answer that one if you can, Ms. Trivial Pursuit expert."

"No problem," she replied smugly. "You had me on your team."

Resident favors lower densities

Letters

To the Editor: Perhaps I was too strong with Mr. Horowitz concerning his concept for our fair city on rezoning!

I like his comment on what rezoning will do for Novi i.e., require construction of \$300,000 plus residential homes — it's exactly what we want along with no four lane roads on all major thoroughfares, increased safety/fire/police protection, increased city government, more schools, more medical facilities and all the other trials and tribulations that come with an "out of control" so called "progress" community.

Right now we have all the ingredients of a fine, progressive, high quality life community. We want to keep it that way — we won't be able to if we listen to these developers who have only one primary interest and make no mistake about it, that is money profit, money profit, money profit — period.

All plans are subject to change, in itself that is progress and in keeping with what "the people want". We don't want to shut down the development of Novi, we want to keep it at the highest level of quality of life community possible for those who know what that means is:

We don't have to take threats of court action by a few people who are only interested in corporate trends/profits. Let's put them out of business in Novi — after all we have laws that can be enforced.

I know for a fact about several of those developers/builders who have made a mess in several of our subdivisions; like, destroyed the natural beauty of the landscape (when we didn't have a tree ordinance); built same type elevation homes (until forced by ordinance to change); built less than acceptable quality of construction and placed the stress and responsibility on home owners to obtain recourse.

We should take a hard look at the developers/builders in our community; perhaps we need a change in requirements and standards; especially when they threaten court action — who needs that type of cooperation.

Again, I like the comment of \$300,000 homes; it sounds like Birmingham, West Bloomfield, Grosse Pointe and all the other fine communities with the highest standard of quality of life. Perhaps those million dollar residents will bring along the business and prosperity we can all enjoy!

Why don't these complaining developers try it the way we want it? Develop the land for three, four, five

hundred thousand dollar homes or more — the market is there — it requires harder work on everyone's part. Or is it possible they know or suspect that Novi cannot become a Birmingham or Grosse Pointe and don't want to be caught "holding the bag" in a let down — like Kaufman and Broad and Pulte who pulled out and left the communities "holding the bag" in several cases.

I hope and pray, and for the present know, our city council has a strong body of administration that shall persevere — God Bless Them — lets get on with low density controlled development of this fine community of ours.

L.A. Takasy

'No' on hospital

To the Editor: Your position on the Providence Hospital plan is commendable. It may be more blunt — we don't need it now — regardless of when, certainly not in a prime choice residential location of our city. Take

The charity aspect is one that was significant and most beneficial many, many years ago. It does not prevail in the same aspect today. Providence claims to be non-profit organization — so does Blue Cross/Blue Shield — take a look at the balance sheets; find out where the money goes — especially executive salary levels and benefits.

Charity — what charity is provided — free medical care? Are you kidding? Be more specific Mr. Connolly — lets see some numbers.

Another very important element in hospital operation is employees — where are they going to come from — certainly not Novi (at least for now or the immediate future) what does that mean in terms of Novi advantage? "Nothing".

Do non-profit organizations pay taxes? I suggest Providence expand at 10 Mile and Haggerty if they want to do something for themselves and the community. Also, if we haven't, we should include medical facilities planning in our Master Plan (good point Mr. Connolly).

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'Tis the season for colds, too

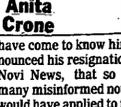


Ann Willis

Having a cold is not a good time. I know, I've got a doozy and I'm not laughing a lot about it.

Everyone thinks about getting a cold. Sometimes on grey winter mornings I sit at work and look out the window and think "If I were sick I could be at home right now. I could be lying on the couch in my fuzzy pjamas drinking tea and watching stupid people tell their darkest sexual secrets to talk show hosts." In real life my occasional bouts with the flu never work out that well.

I never get sick at the right time. I get the flu on Christmas Eve when I have no shopping done and three parties to attend. Or I get a cold, like this time, on deadline day. I wake up sneezing and hacking on the day I have to be at work at dawn to write 3000 stories. And I can't call in sick. Because like the rest of the world I have been taught to persevere through my pain and to think that without me life would not go on.



Anita Crone

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"I have to go to work," I hoarsely shout as I struggle to put on three layers of sweaters 'cause I'm freezing to death. "I must get the paper out," I say between sneezes while packing every tissue in the house into my purse. "I have news that just won't wait," I tell my mother who wisely says nothing as I dash to my car in the rain. She knows it's a no win situation. To tell me that I should stay home would be to tell me that I don't really carry the fate of the free world in my notes from last night's city council meeting. And if I don't believe that, then I will get sick.

And let's face it, having a cold is not a pretty thing. Once you get to work you treat your co-workers to a red nose and dripping eyes. If you answer the phone no one can understand you because you can't pronounce words with an elephant up your nose. And all the sneezing and the coughing really cuts into the easy banter of office conversations. No one wants to get near you because you're a walking germ. And you're not a pleasant person. I don't care how nice a guy you may be around the holidays normally, if you come down with a cold you are likely to dump a waste basket over the first person to sing White Christmas at work. If you don't feel good — then they shouldn't be happy.

Where once I had had the cough all to myself I was now sharing it with my sister and the dog. Where once people had run to fetch things for me — I was now searching on hands and knees for the location of the Vick's vapor rub (it worked when I was a kid so I was willing to give it another shot). In the middle of the night (let's face it, if you've got a cold you're not sleeping. Unless you take some of that cold medication that will put you to sleep for three weeks — which is okay except if you're a fool who is going to work the next day!) I was up searching the house for liquids. Anything to stop the throat from burning and to keep the mouth from drying up and blowing away. And in the morning — I took the dog for a walk.

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For the first two hours of my current cold I got a great deal of sympathy at home. People ran and fetched blankets. People fixed me hot toddies. People left my fevered brow and asked me if I needed more aspirin. People took the dog for a walk so I wouldn't have to. It was two hours of a made-for-TV movie. But then Bill Cosby left my home and the sympathy disappeared.

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The Republicans have a plan. The Democrats have a plan. The State Board of Education has a plan. But no one, it seems, has a plan that will allow the school districts, like Novi, that are doing a good job to continue to do that job. Instead, it seems, the people who will make decisions as to which school districts get an increase in funding and which will be decreased, even though individual voters are willing to sup-

port those districts, are more concerned with parity and equal opportunity than they are with performance.

Pardon me for being an elitist, but I fail to see how cutting the funding opportunities in out-of-formula school districts will help those districts that are in formula and struggling.

I fail to see how giving school districts which have not been able to provide books for their students despite massive expenditures, will be able to provide those books with more money from the state. And I fail to see how districts which fail to achieve minimum levels of achievement for the fourth-, seventh- and 10-grade students as measured by the Michigan Educational Assessment Program testing will do so with additional money if there are no teachers willing to work in those districts.

It seems logical that one way to increase the test scores and thus the learning opportunities in school districts that are below the state norm would be to provide an infusion of capitol into those districts while maintaining levels that exist in the districts that are successful.

The state has seldom provided its school districts with the full appropriations promised. It would seem that now is a good time to start. See what happens if all promised funds are given and then look, if necessary, at changes. It all goes back to the notion that if it isn't broken, don't fix it.

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Judy Bradley, left, and Judy Gulian, owners of Judy's Curtains, have moved upstairs from their previous location.

Judy's Curtains moves up from basement-level start

By MELODY ARNDT

Many entrepreneurs may joke that their business began in a basement, but for the "Judy's" behind Judy's Curtains, a basement beginning was no stretch of the truth.

Judy Bradley, co-owner of the business with partner, Judy Gulian, remembers her initial inquiry about the basement space below Green's Decorating Center, five short years ago.

"It was just a horrible basement when I asked about the downstairs space," Bradley recalls. "We were friends who knew nothing about opening a business," she confesses, "but we both liked curtains and made our own."

The shared interest and a touch of fate led to the opening of Judy's Curtains in 1982. As fate would have it, the downstairs location took on a certain charm that appealed to customers, as did the personal service provided by the owners. "We hoped that the paint and wallpaper business upstairs would help draw a people for us," Judy Gulian explains.

As it turned out, Judy's Curtains developed a following of its own, relying largely on word of mouth for advertising.

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— Judy Bradley

A short five years later, Judy's Curtains has "come up" in the business world, quite literally. When it became apparent that Green's would be vacating the upstairs space, Gulian and Bradley saw an opportunity to expand. "We felt that there would be a void after Green's left," explains Bradley, who admits that the transition to new space was a "little scary".

If it seemed that one day Green's was gone and the next day Judy's opened upstairs, the transition did indeed take place in a very short space of time. It was only a matter of a month between the time that Gulian and Bradley decided to expand into the new space and the day that they opened upstairs. During the entire time, Judy's Curtains remained open

for business. The transformation of the upstairs space has been a major undertaking for the partners, and they are anxious to give credit where credit is due. "Our husbands came out every night to help out," Bradley emphasizes. "They were great support."

The goal of the partners was to be ready for the Christmas Walk, a goal which they accomplished to the oohs and aahs of the admiring public that crowded their store. "Feedback has been great," Gulian explains. "Downstairs had a certain charm but everyone seems to like it up here much better."

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Business Briefs

FRAZER W. STAMAN INSURANCE AGENCY in Novi offers information on home safety as part of a public service campaign conducted by Citizens Insurance Company. Citizens has enlisted the help of independent insurance agents representing the company in Michigan to implement the loss prevention program for home owners.

The public service campaign includes a number of brochures that focus on different aspects of home safety and a 15-minute video presentation titled "Stepping Up Home Safety." Citizens is promoting the availability of the home safety material from its agents in its television and magazine advertising this fall.

Frazer W. Staman Insurance Agency has copies of the brochures on home safety, cold weather loss prevention, and wood stove safety which are available free of charge to the general public. The agency is located at 25339 Novi Road in Novi.

The "Stepping Up Home Safety" video is an informational, non-commercial presentation offering preventative measures which can be taken in the home to avoid personal injury and fires. It is available on VHS tape or 16mm film for presentation to social groups or professional organizations.

LEO BUFFA of Novi has received the District Governor's Award for service in 1986-87 with Right of Way.

Right of Way is an international, non-profit professional association, headquartered in Inglewood, Calif., of members engaged in the right of way field. Its members are involved in the acquisition, management or disposal of real estate for public agencies or investor-owned companies.

Buffa will be serving as district president and has been district parliamentarian.



DAVID LARUE of Wilcox is one of seven Ford Motor Company employees to be named recipients of the 1987 Service Engineering Office (SEO) Technical Award. LaRue (right) is shown in the picture at right receiving the award from Joseph A. Kordick, vice president and general manager of Ford Parts and Service Division.

A Methods and Systems Analyst in the Ford Parts and Service Division, LaRue developed a computer system to help Ford engineers throughout the company access up-to-date feedback from Ford and Lincoln-Mercury dealerships on service problems and improve the quality of the company's cars and light trucks.

LaRue earned a bachelor of general studies degree at the University of Michigan in 1983.

KAREN K. HEID has joined DeMattia Development as general ledger clerk. DeMattia Development is the real estate and land development affiliate of the R.A. DeMattia Company, design/build construction firm headed by Robert DeMattia of Northville.

Heid is responsible for the maintenance of financial accounting records through general ledger. She currently is studying general business at Schoolcraft College in Livonia. She has nine years of experience in the accounting field.

CHANGE, a national anxiety treatment organization headquartered in Charlotte, N.C., announces its affiliation with Steve Stocker, ACSW, of Psychotherapy and Counseling Services Inc. in Northville. Stocker now is offering therapy for agoraphobic men and women using the structured 15-session process designed by Change.

Change explains that agoraphobia is from the Greek "fear of the open marketplace" and is a condition that has been misunderstood, frequently misdiagnosed, and often dismissed by doctors as untreatable.

Change began treating the condition in 1973 after the founders developed structured techniques for working with individuals suffering in this manner. Agoraphobia is viewed by Change as a learned condition in which the individual develops avoidance patterns in an attempt to deal with fears of becoming out of control, going crazy, fainting, Stocker said the treatment is a combination of education, relaxation, cognitive and behavioral therapy. The treatment takes four months.

Agoraphobia is considered a stress-related condition and is estimated to affect 13.1 million adults, about 80 percent of whom are women. For a free information packet and free audio cassette tape write Change, 2915 Piedmont Road, Charlotte, N.C., 28211. For local information call 348-1100.

BOB STEINER, manager of the Chateau Estates Mobile Home Park in Novi, has been named a "gold award" winner by the Chateau Land Development Company.

Gold, silver and bronze awards are presented annually to the highest-ranking communities and their administrators. Scores are based on the overall physical appearance of the community and its facilities. The award was presented by John A. Boll, chairman of the board and chief executive officer of the company.

Founded in 1966 by John A. Boll and Pete Ministrilli, Chateau Land Development Company has become one of the largest networks of manufactured home communities in the Midwest with a subsidiary in Florida. Chateau's other developments include single-family subdivision developments in Michigan and California as well as industrial and commercial parks, shopping centers and an apartment complex.

Judy's Curtains grows to fill upstairs rooms

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Witch" has taken up Judy's old haunt downstairs, offering a selection of kitchen accessories for the home.

The expansion has not only been a matter of increasing square footage, but also of expanding upon what Judy's offers. The cozy downstairs store was well known for antiques, decorating items, knickknacks and, of course, curtains. The move upstairs has added a commitment to carry paint, wallpaper and other accessories. With over 400 wallpaper books to select from, the partners are excited about the connection between window treatments and wall decor.

"People feel comfortable here," Gulian emphasizes, "and we all like decorating. Our help here is terrific, and they are experienced in paint and wallpaper as well as curtain selection." Personalized service remains a major priority in the minds of the partners.

Expansion and change are a visible reality on every street in Northville. Judy's is just one of many businesses experiencing change and challenge. That same challenge is being felt by the lower itself. "Northville is a great place to do business," Judy Bradley and Judy Gulian agree. "We just hope that it doesn't lose its charm as a small town."

Pollution booklet available

A new booklet on state pollution control and hazardous waste management programs and services for state businesses is now available, according to State Commerce Director Doug Ross.

Entitled "Pollution Control and Hazardous Waste Management: State Assistance for Michigan Business," the booklet outlines services and incentives available to Michigan businesses to help them meet regulatory requirements and reduce the related costs, Ross said. Sources of financing, tax incentives and technical assistance services for financing pollution control and hazardous waste management equipment are covered in the booklet's three sections.

The booklet also outlines specific programs and services of the Michigan Strategic Fund.

The booklet is free and may be obtained by writing to: Ms. Cindy Cooper, Librarian; Communication Services; Department of Commerce; P.O. Box 30004; Lansing, Michigan 48909.



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Engagements



KARL REAUME and LINDA PIOTROWICZ

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Piotrowicz of Balcombe in Novi announce the engagement of their daughter, Linda Jean, to Karl Robert Reaume of Southgate High School and currently a senior at Western Michigan University where he is majoring in engineering technology while working as a machinist. A May 1988 wedding date has been set.

Gift ideas add a different angle

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Historic date keepers would appreciate the 1988 calendar being offered by the Historical Society of Michigan. Featuring pen and ink drawings by artist Leo Kuschel, the

calendar draws attention to the colorful maritime history of the Great Lakes and the lonely sentinels that have marked the routes for sailors since the early 18th century. The calendar is available for \$7.44 directly from the historical society by writing to: 2117 Washtenaw, Ann Ar-

bor, Mich., 48104. Wildlife lovers on your list may appreciate the 1988 Out-of-Doors magazine wildlife calendar being offered by the Michigan United Conservation Clubs (MUCC). The calendar features wildlife paintings by top artists from Michigan, Pennsylvania

and Ontario, Canada, and are available for \$8.95 each. The 21-inch-by-8-inch calendar features a variety of wild mammals, birds and fish found in North America. Copies of the calendar can be obtained by mail by writing: MUCC, P.O. Box 30235, Lansing, Mich., 48906.

People

E. RACHEL PLETCHER of Novi has been awarded Honorary status by Schoolcraft College. The status is reserved for individuals who have demonstrated a record of contribution to the college. They are nominated by their colleagues, and the nominations are reviewed by a committee and approved by the Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees. Mrs. Fletcher retired from the college in 1983 as a payroll clerk. She joined Schoolcraft in 1989.

Two Novi residents have been awarded academic scholarships by the Scholarship Committee of Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge campus for the 1988 winter semester. **KATHLEEN DIGIROLAMO** was awarded a James A. Lewis Scholarship and **KRISTINA REINHARDT** was awarded an Orchard Ridge Scholarship.

KEN BREEN of Walled Lake is president of the Central Michigan University chapter of Beta Theta Pi fraternity. Breen is a junior at Central Michigan. Beta Theta Pi stresses academic achievement, leadership and community involvement among its members. The fraternity is recognized for its contributions to CMU and the Mt. Pleasant community. A graduate of Walled Lake Western High School, Breen is the son of Larry and Gwen Breen. He is studying management at CMU.

Three Novi residents have been named to the Dean's Honor Roll for the fall day term at Lawrence Institute of Technology. Named to the honor roll were **ERIK BALK**, **MARLA MCKENNEY** and **DANIEL MOOTE**. To be named to the honor roll a student must maintain at least a 3.5 grade point average and be a full-time student.

DENNIS KORNAX of Novi has been inducted into the Schoolcraft College chapter of Phi Theta Kappa. Schoolcraft College President Richard McDowell said Phi Theta Kappa is an organization that recognizes quality and leadership.

Diane Abrams of Ripple Creek in Novi has earned an Associate of Applied Science degree in medical laboratory technology from Schoolcraft College. She is continuing her studies at Eastern Michigan University.

Health Notes

Bereavement support group: "Coping with the Holidays" will be the topic at the next meeting of the Bereavement Support Group at the Providence Hospital/Novi Center on Friday, Dec. 18, at 7:30 p.m. The group is headed by Dr. Michael Meyer, a bereavement counselor affiliated with the O'Brien Chapel of the Ted C. Sullivan Funeral Home. The Providence/Novi Center is located on Ten Mile at Haggerty Road.

Free immunization clinic: The Oakland County Health Department will offer an immunization clinic at the Walled Lake United Methodist Church on Tuesday, Jan. 5, from 9:30 a.m. to noon. The church is located at 313 Northport in Walled Lake. Immunizations will be available for measles, German measles, mumps, polio, diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough and Haemophilus influenzae Type B (HIB). A parent or legal guardian must accompany children under 16 years old and should bring any previous immunization records, including notices sent home from the schools pertaining to immunizations. Call 424-7042 for more information.

AIDS information: The Oakland County Health Division offers free printed information about AIDS and how to protect against it. The information can be obtained by calling the Oakland County Health Division at 658-1286.

Weight Watchers weight reduction classes are offered at Botsford General Hospital every Tuesday from 4:30 to 6 p.m. in the Administration and Education Center at 2050 Grand River in Farmington Hills. The classes are offered in conjunction with Weight Watchers, Inc. For more information call 471-8090.

Holiday help available for problems

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patients each month, a total of 288 patients each year. Counting the number of pre-adult patients treated at Huron Oaks, Clark estimated that nearly 500 people are treated annually for drug and alcohol addiction.

It is said that the most difficult part of treating an individual with an addiction is getting the person to admit they have a problem. Clark admits that convincing a person that they need help is a difficult obstacle to overcome.

"That major symptom of alcoholism and drug addiction is denial," Clark said. "What that means, in terms of the person who has the disease, is it tells them they are not sick. In other words, frequently people do not deny that there are problems, but they are unable to relate those problems to the use of alcohol or drugs. In other words, it becomes other people's fault, and other people's problems."

"Literally, it is an inability to see how the facts all go together. And

that is what makes getting treatment difficult. Sometimes it takes something quite dramatic to happen for the denial to be broken. A person usually has to hit bottom."

But as society has realized that chemical dependency is indeed a disease that cannot be dismissed on moral grounds, Clark said more help has become available in treating the disorders.

"People are looking more and more at this as a disease and less of a moral issue," Clark said. "It is a

disease, and we have known that for a long time. It is just that people in the general public are looking at it more that way too.

"It is important for people to know that this is a tremendous system that has evolved for people to get help. There is a whole spectrum of services available to people" and it has become perfectly acceptable to call out for help, Clark said.

"If you had cancer, you certainly would not sit home. You would be on the phone and call someone. It is the same thing."

Novi vet believes in dental aid

When the dog has breath that could kill a moose or the cat won't eat, a serious dental problem could be the culprit, warns a Novi veterinarian.

"A dental problem often acts as a catalyst for other possibly fatal illnesses in pets," said Dr. Thomas H. Kavanagh, one of a handful of Michigan veterinarians who specializes in animal dentistry.

"Once an infection from a sore tooth enters your pet's bloodstream, it has free access to all the organs in their body, including the heart, kidneys and liver."

Kavanagh, who operates Village Animal Clinic in Farmington and Country Ridge Animal Hospital in Farmington Hills, offers these tips to pet owners.

□ Hard dry dog food is the best food for dogs. The worst is canned dog food, even worse than table scraps, because of the tartar that accumulates on teeth, he said.

□ Bones and dog biscuits aren't good for dogs. Bones cause constipation and could cause choking. Dog biscuits do as much for a dog's teeth

Kavanagh: 'A dental problem often acts as a catalyst for other possibly fatal illnesses in pets'

as a piece of cheesecake does for humans.

"A 15-pound dog eating a 32 calorie dog biscuit is similar to a 150 pound human eating a 320 calorie piece of cheesecake," Kavanagh said.

□ A dog or a cat's teeth should be brushed. Starting with a wet cotton ball, eventually work your way up to a soft toothbrush. Use baking powder or pet toothpaste.

□ Dogs and cats over the age of 6 should have their teeth checked once a year," Kavanagh said. "After age 10 (teeth) should be checked more often. Tartar and periodontal disease is present in over 50 percent of dogs and cats over age 6 and in over 50 percent of pets over age 10."

Kavanagh uses ultrasound equip-

ment to check for irregularities below the gum line. Tooth polishing and fluoride treatment is part of a general oral checkup and is done under anesthesia.

"Periodontal disease is a major cause of aging in pets," he said. "Bacteria goes through the bloodstream and can cause heart, liver or kidney problems. It's rare to find these (problems in) pets with normal teeth."

Just like with humans, abscesses and tartar buildup are common dental problems found in animals. Root canals and extractions are common procedures.

Kavanagh displayed the X-ray of one canine patient suffering from a large tooth imbedded in his skull,

puncturing the sinuses. The excruciating pain made it impossible for the dog to eat, he said. Kavanagh displayed the culprit tooth, which he extracted, and reported the dog is doing fine.

While general tooth care for pets is relatively inexpensive, the cost can skyrocket with special procedures.

Although pet health insurance is available through various organizations, Kavanagh doesn't favor such policies.

"Primarily when there is a third party carrier, they need to make a profit," he said. "So they use gimmicks — qualifiers and exclusions, co-pays and limits. A premium system is set up charging frequent users more money."

"If we're asked about insurance, we tell the customer what's available. We haven't had a taker in two years. It's really not a good benefit. We don't like to try to fool people into thinking they're going to get something for nothing."

Flu shot available

Flu season is coming and the Oakland County Health Division is offering flu shots to help people prepare themselves against illness this winter.

Flu shots will be given at the health division offices in Southfield and Pontiac during regular clinic hours. The offices are located at 2725 Greenfield Road in Southfield (424-7003) and 1200 North Telegraph in Pontiac (859-1286).

Office hours at both locations are Mondays (noon to 4:30 p.m. and 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.) and Tuesday through Friday (8:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 1-4:30 p.m.).

Influenza immunizations also will be available at many of the Oakland County Senior Citizen Nutrition sites. Interested persons can call their local center for specific information.

This year's vaccine protects against three viral strains — A/Taiwan, A/Leningrad and B/Ann Arbor. Flu shots are recommended for adults and children with chronic illnesses such as diabetes, heart, lung or kidney conditions.

Any adult, particularly those 65 and older, interested in reducing their chances of getting the flu also can get a flu shot.

Persons will have an opportunity to read and sign an "informed consent form." There is a charge of \$2 per shot, but no one will be turned away because of inability to pay.

The Oakland County Health Division urges residents to take advantage of this worthwhile and convenient program for their health's sake.

Lamaze classes offered

The Lamaze Childbirth Education Association of Livonia is offering several classes in January, including two in Novi.

It suggests that classes should be started two or three months before the baby's due date. Weekday classes are held from 7-9:30 p.m. Saturday classes are from 9-11:30 a.m.

Class starting dates are: Jan. 6- Feb. 10, Wednesdays, Novi High School. Jan. 18- Feb. 22, Mondays, Faith Community Presbyterian Church. Jan. 20 - Feb. 24, Wednesdays, Garden City Health and Education Center.

Classes offer information about pregnancy, labor, delivery, breathing and relaxation techniques and exercises. Instructors are RNs and mothers themselves.

A sibling preparation class, "Creative Fun with Big Brothers and Big Sisters," for children of preschool age and older will be held Jan. 9 from 10-11:30 a.m. at Memorial Church of Christ on Five Mile in Livonia.

It is to help prepare children for changes that will occur when "their" new baby joins the family. The class is taught by a master's degree in social science.

To register, or for additional information about classes, call 592-8618.

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VCRs offer new features

Americans are buying more videocassette recorders (VCRs) than any other electronic gadget on the market today, which has forced prices down and has made even the most deluxe features standard equipment on many new models.

According to the Electronic Sales Industries Association, VCR sales surpassed the 50 million units sold mark in September, making it the fastest-growing electronics product in history.

VCR sales topped the 50 million mark four years faster than the time it took the color TV to hit the same mark.

The increased demand for the units, as well as competitive prices, have made the VCR more affordable for everyone. And with each year, and the latest technological innovations, even the bottom of the line VCRs sport features once only available on higher priced models.

The following is a list of some of the more popular features available on most VCRs out for sale during the holidays. And good luck on your hunt for the best price in town:

Bar Code Programmability: Just in time for the holiday, this is the latest in VCR technology. It works much like the computerized bar code you find on all products in the grocery store, and allows you to program your VCR very easily. According to one area retailer, operating the programming is easy with the bar code laser system, but the said programming your VCR with a good old-fashioned programming deck is pretty fool-proof also.

HQ Circuitry: You cannot see how this works, because the magic takes place inside the VCR. But what you can see is a highly improved video image if you're using a VCR with HQ Circuitry. In fact, if you record something with your HQ machine, you can expect to notice a 20 percent improvement in picture quality over

non-HQ VCRs. According to one area retailer, there are different degrees of HQ machines. To be true HQ you need a white clip filter and one of three other types of video enhancement. Most of the lower-priced decks only have the two. But the upper-priced decks have

all of the HQ features. HQ makes a negligible difference, however, on the playback of pre-recorded movies. But if you do a lot of your own recording, HQ will be an improvement.

MTS: Multichannel sound is a must if

VCR Popularity Mass-market sales in America

The home VCR passed the 50-million mark in United States sales this past September, according to the Electronic Industries Association. That makes the VCR the fastest-growing electronics product in history.

The EIA figures reveal that, by cracking the 50-million mark in just 10 years of mass-market sales, VCR's clobbered the sales record of color TV's, which took 14 years to reach that level. In fact, the phenomenal growth of the VCR has meant a boost in related products as well. Color TV sales didn't exceed 10 million per year until they were boosted by rising VCR sales in '83, 26 years after the sets first hit the market. VCR sales passed the 10-million-per-year mark only eight years after they hit the main stream in '78.



Source: Video Review magazine

Group shows holiday 'Miracle'

The Actors Alliance Theatre Company presents the Christmas favorite *Miracle on 34th Street* at 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 19 and 20 at the Music Hall. Tickets are \$15.50 and \$12.50, with half price tickets available for children 12 and under, and are available at the box office (963-7880) or any Ticketmaster outlets. The Music Hall is at 350 Madison in downtown Detroit, near the Detroit Athletic Club.

Plymouth Symphony: The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra, with several musicians from Eastern Michigan University, will present a holiday concert at 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 18, at Plymouth-Salem High School. Tickets are available at Betner's Jewelers, 904 W. Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth, or Arnold Williams Music, 5702 N. Canton Center Road in Canton. Prices are \$6 for adults, \$5 for college students and senior citizens, and \$4 for students K-12.

Art exhibit: A fine art and commercial art exhibit by G. Panzard will be on display at Madonna College, 156 and Levan Roads in Livonia, Dec. 20 through Jan. 18 in the library wing's Exhibit Gallery. There is no charge. Hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. For more information call 591-7548.

Hanukkah celebration: The Farmington Community Center will hold its annual Hanukkah celebration from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 17. Activities will include making decorations, singing songs, the telling of the Hanukkah story, traditional foods and the lighting of the menorah. Cost is \$2 per person and \$6 per family. For more information, call the center at 377-9404. The center is at 24705 Farmington Road.

Weavers Guild: The Oakland County Cultural Council presents the Michigan Weavers Guild 40th anniversary exhibition and sale Dec. 17 through Jan. 29, at 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. The show, featuring fiber artists from Michigan and Ontario, is at the County

Nearby

Galleria, 1200 N. Telegraph Road in Pontiac in the Oakland County complex.

"A Christmas Carol": Meadow Brook Theatre's annual presentation of Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* is open for a four-week run. Tickets can be reserved by calling the box office, 377-3390; for group sales call 370-2316.

"Promises, Promises": The Neil Simon - Burt Bacharach - Hal David musical *Promises, Promises*, based on the 1960 film *The Apartment*, opens a five-week engagement Dec. 30 at the Birmingham Theatre. The show ran for three years on Broadway and almost two years in London. Tickets, at prices from \$15.50 to \$29.50, are now on sale at the theater box office and all Ticketmaster outlets. Special discounts for students and for groups of 20 or more are available at 644-3576. For information or to charge by phone call the Birmingham Theatre box office at 644-3553.

Toy train appraisals: The Detroit Historical Museum is holding a toy train appraisal from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 27. The session is conducted by the Bluewater Michigan chapter of the National Railway Historical Society. There will be a \$1 donation per item and a limit of three items per person. The donations will go to the Historical Museum's Glancy Train exhibit fund. The museum is at 340 Woodward at Kirby in the cultural center and is open from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday.

Victorian Christmas: The Plymouth Historical Museum is showing "A Very Victorian Christmas" — a special presentation with a variety of related exhibits — through Jan. 15. The

museum's halls are decked in greens, the trees are decorated in themes ranging from posies to antique die-cuts, and the men and women are dressed in holiday finery. Special exhibits include hand-painted and ceramic Santa Claus figures. The Plymouth Historical Museum, located at 155 S. Main Street in Plymouth, is open to the public Thursday, Saturday and Sunday from 1-4 p.m. Admission is \$1 for adults, 50 cents for youth (11-17) and 25 cents for children (5-10). For more information call 455-8340.

OCC jazz: The Oakland Community College Jazz Band will perform in concert Thursday, Dec. 17, at 8 p.m. The program will feature vocalist Julie Fitzpatrick, along with instrumental selections of contemporary, big band, jazz and holiday music. Admission is \$3. The concert is set for the Wallace F. Smith Performing Arts Theatre on OCC's Orchard Ridge Campus at 1-696 and Orchard Lake Road in Farmington Hills. For tickets or information call 471-7700.

"Auntie Mame": The Hilberry Theatre continues its silver anniversary celebration with the popular comedy *Auntie Mame*, running in repertory through Jan. 30. Written by Jerome Lawrence (who will be a visiting artist at the Hilberry) and Robert E. Lee, the play is directed by Anthony Schmitt. The show is running in repertory with Howard Burman's *Whistler's Tickets*, and joined later by Moliere's *Tartuffe*. Tickets can be reserved by calling 577-2972.

"Liberty's Legacy": An exhibit of over 200 documents on the role of the Constitution and the Northwest Ordinance are on display at the University of Michigan Clements Library through the end of the year. The library is open weekdays from 10:30 a.m. to noon and 1-5 p.m.; Saturdays from 10 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m.; and Dec. 22, 23, 29, and 30 from 1-4 p.m.

"Biloxi Blues" by Neil Simon will run through Dec. 20 at the Birmingham Theatre.

Top Ten

- The following videos were the most popular ones rented last week at TSV Video, 2405 Meadowbrook Road in Novi:
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 2. Tin Men
 3. Outrageous Fortune
 4. Lethal Weapon
 5. Extreme Prejudice
 6. Project X
 7. Harry and the Hendersons
 8. Deadline
 9. Death Before Dishonor
 10. Blind Date

Domino's Farms celebrates

A benefit Christmas tree sale, visits from Santa, and about 75,000 lights are some of the attractions at the Domino's Farms Christmas display outside Ann Arbor.

The lights are displayed on trees, tunnels, Christmas scenes, fences and the Domino's Pizza world headquarters building, from 6 p.m. to midnight through Jan. 31.

In addition, fresh Christmas trees can be purchased at the Domino's Farms Festival of Trees, a benefit for C.S. Mott Children's Hospital. Tree prices start at \$15 and trees range in

height from three to 20 feet. Decorated and undecorated wreaths and garlands will also be sold. Tree purchases are tax deductible and will continue through Dec. 23 or until all trees are sold.

Santa Claus will be on hand each weekend, along with local school and church groups providing music and entertainment. The Huron Valley Live Steamers will run a Christmas train at the Domino's Farm. Festival of Trees rides will be given from noon to 5 p.m. Dec. 19 and 20. Holiday hours at the petting farm are 10 a.m. to 7

p.m. Monday through Saturday, and 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday, through Dec. 20. The public can also stop in the world headquarters building to see about 30 artificial trees on display in the ground floor corridor. Decorated by local businesses, the trees can be seen on Fridays from 5 to 9 p.m., and Saturdays and Sundays from 12 to 6 p.m.

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Tankers split in 2 meets

By NEIL GEOGHEGAN staff writer

In Novi's first two swim meets of the 1987-88 season, the tankers found out that even though Farmington and Livonia Stevenson are members of the same league (Western Lakes Activities Association), they are in different leagues as far as talent goes.

The Wildcats trounced the underdog Falcons on Dec. 8, 1:17:54 but then had the tables turned on Dec. 10 as the Spartans pinned Novi with a 100-72 defeat. With mighty North Farmington next on the schedule (Dec. 15, after News' deadline), Coach Larry Teahan's squad faces the very real possibility that they will have two losses before Christmas break — the total number of dual meet losses Novi suffered all of last season.

"Our line-up doesn't seem to fall together as well as it did last year, and that, combined with the fact that a lot of our swimmers didn't report to the team in as good a shape as they were at the start of last season is causing us trouble," Teahan said. "So we are going to have to work harder on conditioning this season."

"I think we may have a little more depth than we did a year ago, but we don't seem to have the ability to get as many firsts either."

In the win over Farmington, the 'Cats accounted for all 11 firsts and all 11 seconds. As expected Jon and Steve Cohen paced the way, each notching two individual wins and combining with teammates to grab another relay victory. Jon tied his own existing school and pool record in the 200-yard freestyle (1:45.83) and added a win in the 100 backstroke with a new school and pool record time of 58.76. Steve notched a pair of victories in the 500 freestyle (4:58.93) and the 200 IM (2:07.32).

The rest of the Novi firsts came from Steve Warthman in the 50 (23.66) and the 100 freestyle races (32.88), Joe Jablonski in diving (24.20 point total), Jeff Leahy in the 100 butterfly (1:04.67), Dave Suchya in the 100 breast stroke (1:10.07) and the 200 medley relay team of Rudy Speersneider, Suchya, Leahy and Steve Strausberg (1:57.25). Speersneider paced the second place finishers with a 24.60 in the 500 freestyle and a 53.84 in the 100 freestyle while Marc Mootie (1:08.35 points) and Doug Justus (96.15) were second and third respectively to give Novi a 1-2-3 sweep in diving.

"I was pleased for our first meet of the season," Teahan said. "We still have a long way to go and I think the boys know that. The competition wasn't there from Farmington, but it was there and it made the score a little bit more lopsided."

However, the competition may have been more than the Wildcat tankers bargained for two days later in the loss to Stevenson. Jablonski paced the season's outstanding performance of the season by grabbing first place in diving with a new school record 220.35 point total, and it proved to be the highlight of the meet for Novi. The senior has exceeded all expectations and has been very consistent in the process.

"It's an excellent start for Joe," Teahan pointed out. "He has't missed any of his dives. He really did a nice job against Stevenson."

The rest of the Novi firsts came from Jon Cohen in the 200 IM (1:59.45) and the 100 breast stroke (new Stevenson pool record of 1:07.72). Steve Cohen in the 200 freestyle (1:32.16) and the 500 freestyle (5:02.33) and the 400 freestyle relay team of Warthman, Jon Cohen, Steve Cohen and Speersneider.

Warthman added the team's only individual seconds in the 50 freestyle (23.64) and the 100 freestyle (51.13) while the 200 medley relay combo of Josh Matta, Suchya, Leahy and Strausberg also placed second (1:56.10). Speersneider paced the third place finishers with a 1:57.59 in the 200 freestyle and a 514.73 in the 500 freestyle.

"Stevenson was strong," Teahan said. "They didn't have any superstars but they were a good solid team with depth. It was one of those meets where we had some good performances and some not-so-good performances."



Novi guard Eric Bergman looks to pass the ball in prior action this season. Novi News/CHRIS BOYD

Cagers hand Brighton win

By NEIL GEOGHEGAN staff writer

Novi cagers played quite well in one of two games last week — unfortunately, the good performance came in a non-conference game with Livonia Franklin instead of the key Kensington Valley Conference clash with Brighton.

On Dec. 8, the Wildcats methodically disposed of the Patriots 58-47 to notch the team's second win in as many games, but three days later it was a different story. In a nip-and-tuck affair at Brighton, Novi threw away numerous chances down the stretch and handed the host Bulldogs a 52-51 victory on Dec. 11.

"It was a tough pill to swallow," Novi Coach John Cicchelli admitted. "We had our chances but we didn't make the best of it. Honestly don't think (Brighton) is any better than we are. We just beat ourselves with silly mistakes. The mistakes cost us dearly."

The entire first half was about as close as a basketball game can get. Brighton had a slim 19-17 advantage after one quarter but the 'Cats pulled in from 29-28 at halftime by outscoring the Bulldogs 12-9 in the second quarter.

In the third, it appeared Novi was ready to take control as Brighton quickly fell behind by five, but a late surge evened the score at 43-43 leading into the final eight minutes. In the fourth, Brighton pulled out to a seven-point lead, the largest margin of the game, but in the final four minutes the Wildcats closed the gap once again.

"We went right down to the wire and it was decided in the last minute of play," Cicchelli said. "Neither team rose to the occasion but (Brighton) didn't turn the ball over as much as we did."

Novi trailed by two with 90 seconds left and missed three rather easy shots that would have

tied the score. The cold shooting forced Cicchelli to begin fouling the Bulldogs which the 'Cats did five times down the stretch. Ironically, two of the five were ruled intentional fouls, which gave Brighton the free throws and possession of the ball — but Novi got a few breaks as the Bulldogs hit just two of seven free throws.

"In the final 30 seconds, we had the ball three times and we were down by three and each time we threw the ball away without even getting off a shot," Cicchelli said. "I thought it was just poor execution and for some reason we hurried things when we really didn't need to."

Junior Ed Cote called a three-point shot with 17 seconds left to narrow the gap to 52-51, but it took the 'Cats 15 seconds to get a foul on the Bulldogs and stop the clock. A Brighton player missed the front end of the 15 free throw opportunity with two seconds left but by the time Novi grabbed the rebound, the buzzer sounded.

For the game, the Wildcats committed 20 turnovers and were outscored 12-9 at the point guard position — two key factors in the loss. Center Brian Schram paced the team with 15 points while forward Dave Skown added 13 points and 12 rebounds. Shooting guard Eric Bergman continues to provide some backcourt offense — he hit 4 for 11 points and chipped in five assists.

Novi played with much more poise in the win over Franklin. Cicchelli's troops established a five point lead after eight minutes of play, steadily increased it to 33-24 at intermission and then settled the issue in the third quarter by outscoring the Patriots 17-7.

"The kids played well," Cicchelli said. "It was a good offensive game for us and we played most of it

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Wrestlers crush first league foe, 52-15

By NEIL GEOGHEGAN staff writer

Even with a weakened lineup, the Novi grapplers crushed Brighton 52-15 in the Kensington Valley Conference opener for both teams on Dec. 10.

Such a win would normally send a clear message to all league coaches of Novi's strength this season, but that's hardly necessary. KVC coaches have already mentioned the 'Cats as the prime favorites in the battle for the league title.

"We handled them easily," Novi Coach Tom Fritz said. "I figured it would go about the way it did and we had some back-up people in there for us — it could have been worse."

With regulars Dan Richelder and Andy Price out of action with knee injuries, Fritz had to patch up the middle of his line-up, but it hardly mattered as Novi took nine of 13 bouts, including eight pins. Freshman Brian Paquette continues to impress at 88 by pinning the Bulldog's Ray Adams in just 21 seconds. Senior standout Ron Nutt remained unbeaten at 112 by pinning Damien Greven at 3:32 and Scott Brown did the same to Craig Rowley in the 126 bout in 3:19.

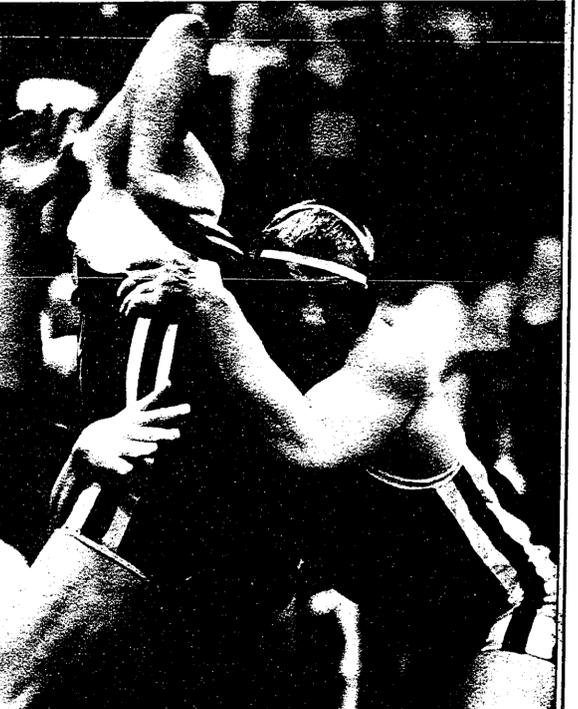
In the middle weights, twin brothers Dave and Dan Brogan have been solid so far this season and against Brighton it was no different. Nicknamed "Zip and Zap" by Fritz, the Brogans added two more pins with Dave (Zip) putting Chad Clark away in 1:30 at 132 and Dan (Zap) downing Bob Lage in 1:43 at 138.

Matt Brinker pinned Shamer Browne at 128 in 1:15. Ron Fritz by Fritz, the Brogans added two more pins with Dave (Zip) putting Chad Clark away in 1:30 at 132 and Dan (Zap) downing Bob Lage in 1:43 at 138.

"Zap did extremely well for us in this tournament," Fritz said. "He lost a heartbreaker in the finals and I thought it was very questionable officiating. Needless to say, it was very close match and I thought he did an outstanding job."

The other Novi runner-up finishes came from Brinker at 167 and Keith at 198. Brinker advanced to the finals before losing to two-time state champion Roy Hall of Davison on the technical fall while Keith fell to Lake and he would have won it at 135 and Ron Fritz would have done the same at 185," Fritz said. "Andy

Fritz: We're really tough this season and if we can keep everybody healthy, we'll be in good shape.



Wildcat heavyweight Bob Ahrens (right) tries to take down his opponent at the Ypsilanti Invite. Novi News/CHRIS BOYD

Departure in 4:28 in the consolation finals at 98 to grab third place and Ahrens settled for fourth after losing to Notre Dame's Shawn Thomas 8-3 in the heavyweight consolation finals.

Novi's final wrestling action before the holiday break will be this weekend (Dec. 18-19) at the Oakland County Championships at Oakland Community College. As usual, Fritz is very optimistic and believes his team can make some

waves, but a lot of it depends on the injury situation. "We're looking forward to it," he said. "I pray we'll be healthy for it because I'd like to think we could win it if we're healthy."

"I look for Nutt and Brown to be big factors. I think Fritz will be in the finals along with Keith and I think we have another four or five who can place. I'm expecting big things from our team."

Pistons offer aid to students

For the eighth consecutive year, the Detroit Pistons will award two \$1,000 scholarships to local high school seniors.

The local winners will be among 50 seniors throughout the nation who will be awarded scholarships by the National Basketball Association and its 23 teams as part of the league's "scholarship program."

"A college education is more important than ever before," Piston Jack McCloskey said. "We recognize the importance of education and are most pleased that, for the eighth consecutive year, we will be able to help two local students achieve their goal of higher education."

To apply for the Detroit Pistons scholarship, a senior must submit an official application form, his or her high school transcript, SAT scores, a letter of recommendation from a faculty member and an essay of under 500 words on the subject: "The Importance of a College Education."

Applications must be received by Feb. 28, 1988 and scholarship winners will be announced by March 25, 1988.

The scholarship can be used at any accredited four-year college or two-year junior college or community college. Applications and information can be obtained from high school guidance counselors or by writing Scholarships, Detroit Pistons, 1200 Featherstone Rd., Pontiac, MI 48057.



Speerschneider's marathon dream becomes reality

By KATHLEEN MUTCH, special writer

It is mid-morning in Novi. On a tree-lined stretch of rural roadway, a figure advances, a silhouette on the eastern horizon.

The rhythmic sound of footfalls echo in the air as the runner approaches. She runs at a steady pace, her arms and legs, heart and lungs working together, turning energy into fluid motion.

As she turns into Novi's Orchard Ridge subdivision heading for home, only Lynn Speerschneider's face, flushed and glistening in the sun, reveals the effort it takes to make suburban roads are training grounds for many runners. Despite traffic, weather and barking dogs, many people choose to run to keep in shape. Along the way some runners develop goals beyond fitness and break out of the pack of the occasional runners and weekend joggers.

Lynn Speerschneider was in her thirties when she discovered running. For eight years she made time to run consistently — eight to 10 miles per week. The miles were run over the course of each week, never more than six miles in a single run. Running became routine.

Two years ago, Speerschneider began to consider the challenge of the marathon. She had the base she needed. She was physically fit and well disciplined to run the miles needed for training. But, as the mother of four active sons, she knew the disrupting effect of marathon training could have on her family's schedule.

When she finally made the decision to try a marathon run, she waited three months before she told anyone. When she did, everyone — family and friends — were encouraging and supportive.

Speerschneider entered the Detroit Free Press marathon on Oct. 18, an annual event that draws thousands of runners in all classes each year and included this year's overall winner, Doug Kurtis, who resides in nearby Northville.

From its origins in ancient Greece to the present day, the marathon has been the ultimate challenge for runners. Many attempt the run — and many cannot complete it. Marathon running demands mental and physical conditioning, stamina and

determination beyond that encountered in most sports. A marathon is a race in which being able to cross the finish line is often more important to the runner than the time on the clock when the race is finished.

Lynn Speerschneider credits the Novi Trackers, a group of local running enthusiasts, for their advice and support. Some, like Larry Mallory and Mike Everett, ran training miles with her.

During the marathon itself, others ran alongside Speerschneider, offering encouragement and conversation. Jim and Elaine Wroe split the distance, each running 13 miles with Speerschneider. Elaine Wroe was able to achieve her own personal best as she ran the second half of the race with Speerschneider. She says that the support of the family and friends was critical.

"They were so pumped up — they got me pumped," Speerschneider said.

When there were still miles to go, she heard that the first runners were in. "It was exciting to know that Doug Kurtis had won," Speerschneider said.

Weeks after the race her voice still carries the excitement of that day. "I am still on a high from this," she explained.

When she saw the Belle Isle Bridge, she knew the end of the race was in sight. "I was overcome with so much emotion," she said. "There was the dream."

At the finish line, race officials were ready with a blanket a soft drink and a medal.

"It was so neat to see (my sons) rooting for me," Speerschneider acknowledged. "What a switch in roles!"

Her husband Skip and her sons Rudy, Derek, Michael and Curtis were waiting — the reception of family and friends was a celebration of her efforts and accomplishments.

Speerschneider said that she hopes her efforts will inspire others to set their own goals, in whatever area, then work to achieve them.

"People may think, 'If she can do it, so can I,' she said.

After some thought, Speerschneider said she will probably run a marathon again.

"But," she insists, "nothing will ever top the first marathon!"

Novi's Lynn Speerschneider achieved her dream of finishing a marathon on the first try

KVC's Hartland moving up to Class A status on Jan. 1

By RICK BYRNE, staff writer

Question: When a high school gets reclassified, do you extend congratulations or condolences?

Answer: It depends on the situation, but in Hartland's case, condolences are in order.

The Michigan High School Athletic Association announced last week that Hartland is one of 21 schools in the state moving up to a higher classification on the basis of enrollment.

Hartland is a member of the Kensington Valley Conference and its reclassification to a Class A school could affect all KVC schools, including Novi.

The Eagles will be competing in Class A as of Jan. 1, 1988, after many seasons in Class B. This year's fourth Friday count showed Hartland with 1,097 students — just three students over the Class A cutoff mark of 1,094. Hartland is now one of the smallest Class A schools in the state.

"It's going to be very difficult," said Hartland High Athletic Director Tom Barbieri. "We're going to be overmatched in some sports in districts or regionals."

"It will hurt us in golf and tennis. In fact, in all fall sports, it'll hurt us. We actually may be better off in wrestling and maybe in softball, but in baseball and track, we're better off being B."

In hockey, Barbieri was uncertain of the effect. Although the change takes the Eagles out of competition with hockey powerhouses like Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook and Birmingham Detroit Country Day School, it puts them in competition with Ann Arbor Pioneer and Trenton, both perennial powers.

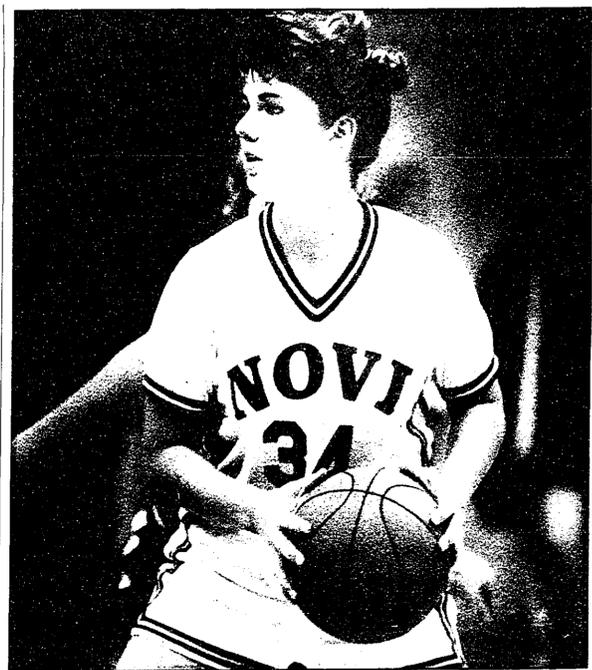
"In basketball, it will hurt us for sure," said Barbieri. "What I'm worried about is that we'll get in districts with the Flint schools. On the other hand, there might be an all KVC district — which isn't good, either, because you like to play different teams in post-season."

Of course, in football, where the computer-ranking system awards bonus points for playing schools of a higher classification, the Eagles will not enjoy the same benefits they previously had as a Class B school with a predominantly Class A schedule.

As the only Class B school in the Kensington Valley Conference, Hartland could have made the post-season playoffs even in seasons when the team lost one or two games.

"But," she insists, "nothing will ever top the first marathon!"

| MOVING UP | | |
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| Class B to A | Class C to B | Class D to C |
| Charlotte | Buchanan | Allendale |
| Detroit Northern | Graying | Brigman |
| U. of Detroit High | Kalkaska | Concord |
| Flint Kearsley | Onsted | Hantracck St. Florian |
| Greenville | Stockbridge | Harper Woods |
| Hartland | Vassar | Kingsley |
| | | Middleton-Fulton |
| | | Springport |
| | | White Cloud |
| MOVING DOWN | | |
| Class A to B | Class B to C | Class C to D |
| Oak Park | Battle Cr. Penfield | A.A. Gabriel Richard |
| Bishop Borgess | | Pontiac Catholic |
| | | Trav. City St. Francis |
| | | Waterford Our Lady |
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Novi guard Lisa McCarthy, who averaged over 20 points a game during the 1987 season, was selected to the All-Kensington Valley Conference girls' basketball team by the league's coaches.

The Wildcat star is joined on the first team by Julie Howell and Natalie Peterlin of South Lyon, Pam Stanley of Brighton, Sandy Smith of Hartland and Lori Montante of Milford.

Brighton hands 'Cats 52-51 loss

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without Brian Schram.

Midway through the second quarter, the 6-foot Schram twisted an ankle and never returned to the game. But 6-4 sophomore Mark Fisher came off the bench and filled in very well — especially on the offensive boards.

"Franklin went inside on us early in the game and had some success, but we made some adjustments and from that point we started to steadily pull away," Cicchelli explained.

In the third quarter, Fisher, Skown and George Arnold controlled the boards and Franklin started to miss everything from the outside. Fisher scored 12 points in the third quarter alone while the whole Patriot team managed just seven. In the fourth, with a 20-point lead, Cicchelli emptied his bench.

Bass anglers to get early start

Over the next five years, anglers will be able to cast their lines for bass on six southern Michigan lakes during the catch and release period, which will be extended to the water and may not be kept in live wells, baskets or on stringers. Signs explaining the catch and release rules will be posted on public access sites at each of the lakes.

"One of the department's goals is to provide optimum use of our state's recreational resources without hurting the resource," said DNR Fisheries Biologist Don Reynolds. "The catch and release ruling promises to provide bass anglers that additional recreational opportunity without harm to the reservoir in Genesee County."

Bass taken from the six lakes during the catch and release period must be returned immediately to the water and may not be kept in live wells, baskets or on stringers. Signs explaining the catch and release rules will be posted on public access sites at each of the lakes.

"The Natural Resources Commission approved a proposal for a five-year test of catch and release or no-kill bass fishing on Dec. 3. The proposal will go into effect from April 1 to the Friday before Memorial Day weekend on the following lakes: Kent Lake, Pontiac Lake and Cass Lake in Oakland County; Muskegon Lake in Muskegon County; Hardy Pond in Newaygo County and Holloway Reservoir in Genesee County."

DNR Fisheries Division personnel will conduct a creel census on each of the lakes from April 1 through the regular bass season at intervals during the five-year study period. Biologists will check what anglers are catching, how many fish are caught, length/weight measurements and how many hours anglers spend fishing.

Additionally, the DNR will conduct general fish population surveys during the first year of the study and again in the third and fifth years to get a representative sample of the bass population in each of the lakes.

CITY OF NOVI NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, January 8, 1988 at 7:30 P.M. in Lecture Room A of the Novi High School, 24062 Tait Rd., Novi, MI to consider AN UPDATE TO THE WETLANDS & WATERCOURSE MAP.

All interested persons are invited to attend. Comments concerning the matter will be heard at the public hearing and written comments may be sent to the Planning Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Rd., Novi, MI 48050 until 5:00 P.M. Wednesday, January 6, 1988.

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Rec Briefs

Youth floor hockey: Boys and girls in grades 3-8 are eligible to sign up for the Youth Floor Hockey League sponsored by the Novi Parks and Recreation Department. The league is sponsored by the Novi Lions Club. Registration deadline is Friday, Dec. 18, at 5 p.m. The registration fee of \$17 per player includes shirts and awards.

Floor hockey is a non-contact sport which stresses physical fitness, team work and fair play. Practices times and locations are subject to coach availability. Teams are co-ed. Call 349-1976 for more information.

7-8th grade basketball: The Novi Parks and Recreation Department offers a 7th & 8th Grade Basketball League with separate divisions for boys and girls. The league will meet on Tuesdays and Fridays from 3:45 to 5:45 p.m. in the Novi Meadows gym beginning Jan. 5 and running through Feb. 5.

There's a registration fee of \$15 per player and registration deadline is Monday, Jan. 4, at 5 p.m. There will be a mandatory meeting for all players on Tuesday, Jan. 5, at 2:40 p.m. For more information call 349-1976.

Officiating classes: Officiating classes in basketball, soccer, softball, baseball and volleyball are being offered through the Walled Lake Community Education Department. Participants who complete the class can be state certified and registered.

Each class runs two hours per night for three weeks. Call Walled Lake Community Education at 624-0202 for more information or registration.

Swimming instructors: The Walled Lake Community Education Department is looking for swimming instructors for its winter program. The rate of pay is \$7 per hour, and applicants must be WSI certified. Call 624-0202 for more information or an application.

T-Ball Committee: The Novi Parks and Recreation Department is looking for individuals interested in serving on a T-Ball Committee. Contact Kelley Simpson at 349-1976 for more information.

Coaches Needed: The Novi Parks and Recreation Department is in search of coaches for the 1987 Youth Soccer League. For more information, call 349-1976.

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| COED VOLLEYBALL DIVISION I | | MEN'S VOLLEYBALL DIVISION I | |
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| Farm Pumpers | 22 | No Stars | 20 |
| The A Team | 17 | Farm Jokers | 26 |
| Amantea Spikers | 14 | Traci/Farm | 28 |
| W.C. Withers | 12 | Farm Rookies | 17 |
| Goat Farm | 11 | K.S.S. | 10 |
| Hawk Tool | 11 | Hewlett Packard | 10 |
| Marcus Glass | 2 | Harwoods | 27 |
| | | Farm Originals | 28 |

| COED VOLLEYBALL DIVISION II | | MEN'S VOLLEYBALL DIVISION II | |
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| Goat Farm II | 22 | Goat Farm Gold | 22 |
| Baker's Best | 20 | El Niño Nook | 19 |
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| Guardian Slammers | 14 | Unknowns | 15 |
| O'Brien Celtics | 11 | United Paint | 11 |
| Leaping Lizards | 9 | Unknowns | 10 |
| Evans Mechanical | 4 | Farm | 22 |



Gary Bohr checks the water and fuel hoses of the "Boolegger 3787" prior to a race this fall. Novi News/MARK HAMMOND

Brothers rev up for drag racing

By NEIL GEOGHEGAN
staff writer

Gary and Jeff Bohr are living proof that life in the fast lane has room for two brothers. The two Northville Township residents have been involved in quarter-mile drag racing for more than six years now and have steadily moved up from class to class while competing in National Hot Rod Association-sanctioned circuit. For the Bohrs, drag racing is a team effort. Gary, 25, is the head mechanic and Jeff, 24, the driver.

"After our first year in racing, we learned fast that you need to specialize to be good at it," Gary pointed out. "Jeff seemed to really enjoy driving so I turned it over to him and I took charge of the mechanical end of it. That's the way it's been ever since. We really enjoy it the way it is and we'll move up together as a team. We get along real well."

The Bohrs currently compete in the NHRA Super Gas classification, and started their own company, Bohr Racing Enterprises, several years ago. Their current racer is sponsored by Boolegger's and is a 1976 Camaro stock with a big block Chevrolet engine that produces from 650-700 horsepower.

"This is actually our second car since we joined the NHRA circuit six years ago," Gary said. "Our first car had a top speed of 115 miles per hour but we've progressed since then and moved up class by class. We have now moved up four classes

to Super Gas."

The Super Gas class features dragsters that are required to resemble a factory-production car. They must have doors, a hood etc. The Boolegger's 3787 has a top speed of about 140 MPH and has recorded an elapsed time of 8.6 seconds in the quarter-mile on a number of occasions.

"It's a fiberglass body and it's built strictly for drag racing," Gary explained. "The only pieces that are actually factory production are a couple engine parts. The car has a tube chassis that is welded together with the body parts hung on it."

The total cost of the car exceeds \$20,000, so the Bohrs have had to rely more and more on sponsorship funding to pay some of the outlandish costs. The Bohr's racing company gets the majority of its income from people and companies who advertise on the car and the trailer.

"I'd say two-thirds of all our funding comes from sponsors," Gary admitted. "We still have to work our normal 40-hour jobs in addition to all the work we put into racing, so it gets hectic some times. We work on it six days a week, 11 months a year, so it takes up a lot of time."

"Right now we're in a transition period between racing being just a hobby and being a full-time thing. If we continue to progress like we have been, and we can continue to get the backing, it's (full-time) a good possibility."

The Bohrs attended Plymouth Canton High School but quickly got involved in drag racing after graduation. The fact that their father, Gary

St., was an avid drag-boat racer helped them make the decision.

"Our father had experience in quarter-mile drag boat racing for 10 or 15 years," Gary pointed out. "He got out of it around the time we graduated from high school, so it was a natural progression for us to get into racing of some sort."

The 1987 season has been the Bohrs best ever. The Boolegger 3787 has had a number of top 10 finishes and 10 top five finishes. In a 12-race, 210-car series in Cincinnati, Ohio, the Bohrs were fifth in the point standings with just three races to go.

"We hold our own," Gary said. "We have finished in the top five more than ever before this season. But we are never happy where we are at and we're always trying to improve the consistency of the car and the consistency of the driver. We go through ups and downs just like everybody else."

The Bohrs compete in Michigan two weekends a month and travel outside the other two. They generally race at the US 131 Dragway in Kalamazoo and the Central Michigan Dragway in Mount Pleasant while in Michigan from April through November.

The next step up in competition would be the Super Comp class, in which dragsters regularly reach speeds up to 160 MPH, and that is the Bohrs next goal.

Wildcats of the Week



DAN BROGAN

Senior wrestler Dan Brogan has provided the Novi matmen with stability at the middle weights along with his twin brother Dave. For his outstanding efforts last week, Dan has been honored as one of our "Wildcats of the Week." In a 52-12 win over Brighton on Dec. 10, Brogan pinned Bob Lage in just 1:43 in a bout at 130-pounds. On Dec. 12th, Brogan advanced all the way to the 138 finals at the Ypsilanti Invite before dropping a close and controversial 4-3 decision to Belleville's Mike Braswell. Novi Coach Tom Fritz was impressed and he has been all season. "Dan did extremely well for us in this tournament," Fritz said. "It was very close match and I thought he did an outstanding job."



JOE JABLONSKI

Senior diver Joe Jablonski started the new swimming season with a bang, and consequently has been named a "Wildcat of the Week." In a 117-54 victory over Farmington on Dec. 8, Jablonski grabbed first place with a point total of 214.20. Then, two days later in a 100-72 defeat to Livonia Stevenson, Jablonski won the diving event and set a new school record with 220.35 points.

Novi Coach Larry Teahan said he hoped Jablonski would be able to challenge the school record by the end of the season, and was pleasantly surprised when he topped the old mark in only the second meet of the season.

"It's an excellent start for Joe," Teahan remarked. "He has been diving very well - he hasn't missed any of his dives. He really did a nice job against Stevenson."

Local sportswriter now author

By NEIL GEOGHEGAN
staff writer

Not too many people consider Northville the gateway to the west, but that's exactly the reason Lynn Henning moved to this area with his wife Sandy.

Henning, one of the country's premier sportswriters, decided to make Northville his home for two reasons - location and environment.

Part of his job at *The Detroit News* requires frequent trips to points west (most frequently East Lansing and Ann Arbor) as well as daily trips to the *News'* offices in downtown Detroit. For that reason, his residence in the Northville/Novi area was the perfect choice.

"One of the main reasons I moved to Northville is because it is very convenient," Henning said. "My parents live in St. Johns (north of Lansing), and I'm in East Lansing and Ann Arbor often. Northville/Novi fits the profile perfectly because I have quick access to Detroit as well."

Henning moved to Northville in July of 1985, just three days before his marriage. It's been a decision he's never regretted.

"Northville is a great community - we couldn't be happier," he said.

"We've been here over 15 months, and we've enjoyed it. We'd like to make a permanent home here."

Since jumping aboard as a staffer at the *Detroit News* in 1979, Henning has been gaining respect and accolades from his peers. In 1985, he was named the Michigan Sportswriter of the Year and last summer he authored his first book: *Spartan Seasons - The Triumphs and Turmoil of Michigan State Sports*. The book was published by Momentum Publishing of Union Lake (\$17.95).

Henning is a 1974 MSU graduate, wrote for the school newspaper, *The State News* and then covered the Spartans in the late 1970s for the *Lansing State Journal*. Since joining *The News*, Henning has specialized in major league baseball and the Big Ten scene, particularly Michigan State and Michigan.

"Lynn Henning is highly regarded for his insightful and penetrating reporting of MSU athletics," said Stan Stein of Momentum Publishing.

"In his research, he sought out the (persons) who know what really happened during the turbulent times as well as the bad," Henning explained. "I didn't want to try and gloss over anything - I wanted to try to explain everything - from the championships to probation. I felt I needed to

deal with both ends of the spectrum."

As a result, Henning discloses information never before made public, some of which is startling to even hard-core Spartan fans. Henning provides fascinating insights into one of the nation's most celebrated and controversial athletic programs with colorful flair and uncanny accuracy.

Henning interviewed practically every important figure in MSU's modern era and the result is in-depth and penetrating stories about Magic Johnson, George Perles, Kirk Gibson, Jud Heathcote, Duffy Daugherty, Biggie Munn, Ron Mason and Steve Garvey among others. Until Henning's book, the facts and insights behind the infamous basketball player walkout of 1975, the NCAA investigation that led to probation and the resurgence of MSU hockey were relatively unknown. The often-times sour and volatile relationship between Daugherty and Munn is also chronicled.

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Eagle hoopsters raise record to 7-1

Novi Christian's varsity basketball team took on two schools with much larger enrollments last week, but you certainly couldn't tell it from the scores.

On Dec. 8, visiting Rochester Hills Christian found seniors Paul Walker and Eric Jacobs too much to handle as the Eagles cruised to an easy 63-49 triumph. On Dec. 11, Novi Christian trounced visiting Light and Life Christian of Taylor 56-24 in the league opener of the newly formed Metro Christian Conference (MCC).

Against Rochester, Walker and Jacobs combined to score 26 first half points and pace the Eagles to a comfortable 30-20 lead at halftime. Coach Dick Burgess then emptied his bench early in the second half after the lead grew to 22 and the Eagles coasted in with the win. Jacobs, the team's point guard, led the way with 17 points while Walker added 13 points. Senior center Mark Burgess led all scorers with 21 for Rochester Hills. Burgess used his reserves for half the game, but Novi Christian still romped to a very lopsided 72-point victory against Light and Life three days later. The Eagles led 47-8 at halftime and when it was all over, had received 42 points from players coming off the bench. Sophomore guard Dennis Leach paced the reserves with 15 points and senior guard Gerald Orchard added 10.

Jacobs, Novi Christian's leading scorer is averaging 19.7 points a game and has hit 17-of-33 from three point range on the season. Jacobs and Walker tied for scoring honors in the game with 19 points each in only 16 minutes of play.

Novi Christian's record is now 7-1 overall, 1-0 in the MCC.

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Pet obesity can be combatted

Okay, you've finally done it. After years of procrastination you've finally begun a fitness program guaranteed to put you in top notch shape by the time swim suit season rolls around again. But on your way out the door to the gym for your session of power aerobics you almost trip over the cat. The fat cat lying in the pool of sunlight on the living room floor.

While you stare at the round belly of the contented kitty, your five year old golden retriever wanders into the room. He's movin' kinda slow and you notice it's not because he's tired. It's because he's fat. Really fat.

That's right. While red blooded American humans alternate between fitness and obesity — man's best friend is still living in the lap of luxury and he's got the spare tire to prove it.

Pet obesity is not the stuff of late night comedy routines. For veterinarians it's an unfortunate fact of every day life. Americans have a tendency to overfeed their dogs and cats and that is leading to obesity. According to Dr. Richard Slatling of the Millstream Animal Clinic in Northville, pet obesity is a clear and present danger to many pets in this area and getting your pet back into shape "is important for the same reason it's important for people," Slatling said.

Just as people suffer from problems brought on by obesity, so too do dogs and cats, Slatling said. "They have more back problems and leg problems. They overtax the heart muscle by carrying too much weight as well," he said. Obesity in pets leads to a broad range of digestive problems as well, Slatling said. "Obese dogs just have more medical problems."

Slatling recommends a "common sense" program to bring the obese dog back in line. When it comes to exercising a pet for fitness the owner must take into account the dog's shape — not his or her own fitness level. Many pet owners choose to take their dogs running with them in an effort to trim two stomachs with one trip. Unfortunately, many do not take into account the dog side of the coin.

"Most dogs will run in pain just to be next to their owners," Slatling said. Most humans would stop long before they suffered that degree of pain, he said. The key is to use common sense when it comes to running with a dog, according to the veterinarian. Take into account what kind of shape the dog is in. Older or obese dogs should be taken for long walks and not run at all.

Dogs with bone problems should not run either as the exercise aggravates those problems and leads to exercise related injuries. Dogs with bad hips and backs have more problems with too strenuous an exercise program, Slatling said. An owner can find out if his or her pet has these problems usually with an exam at the

vet's office, he said. Questions should be asked before the fitness program begins.

"The number one problem with running with a dog is bruised pads," Slatling said. Owners do not realize that the dog's feet suffer the equivalent pressure as a human running barefoot on concrete. Any size dog can suffer from the ailment.

Slatling also cautioned pet owners to beware of frostbite on dogs when running in winter. Ice gets jammed into the pads of the dogs' feet and can cause frostbite if not dug out immediately.

Slatling does not advocate running a dog next to a bicycle as the dog must strain all the harder to keep up. Although pet owners should

beware of the problems that can accompany vigorous exercise with their pets, Slatling believes in the benefits of exercise. Walking is "the natural thing," he noted. Pets not only benefit physically but receive a psychological boost from regular walks, he said.

"Most puppies are like young children. With a proper diet they don't get obese. They're like a young child in that they are very active and burn up a lot of calories," he noted.

The best way to control obesity in dogs and cats according to Slatling, is a combination of proper diet and proper exercise. Careful nutritional dietary control is really the best way for weight reduction in pets, Slatling said, considering the inactivity of

most animals. Cats in particular are hard to get moving, he said. If you can get them to chase a ball or yarn, so much the better.

A dog is considered obese by Slatling if it reaches these figures. On a small dog — 10 pounds overweight; on a medium dog — 20 pounds overweight; and on a large dog, the size of a german shepherd — 30 pounds overweight.

If a dog is really working out — say jogging four or five miles each day, the owner should increase the calories fed to the dog. Although Slatling does not advocate that much exercise for any pet, if a dog is truly working that hard he suggests a diet of at least 1900 calories per pound of food.

Ann E. Willis

Swim and fitness program offered

The Actors Alliance Theatre Company presents the Christmas favorite *Miracle on 34th Street* at 7 p.m. Thursday and Sunday, Dec. 19 and 20 at the Music Hall. Tickets are \$15.50 and \$12.50, with half price tickets available for children 12 and under, and are available at the box office (963-7680) or any Ticketmaster outlets. The Music Hall is at 320 Madison in downtown Detroit, near the Detroit Athletic Club.

Plymouth Symphony: The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra, with several musicians from Eastern Michigan University, will present a holiday concert at 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 18, at Plymouth-Salem High School. Tickets are available at Betner's Jewelers, 904 W. Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth, or Arnold Williams Music, 5702 N. Canton Center Road in Canton. Prices are \$6 for adults, \$5 for college students and senior citizens, and \$4 for students K-12.

Fitness notes

Art exhibit: A fine art and commercial art exhibit by G. Panyard will be on display at Madonna College, 1-96 and Levan Roads in Livonia, Dec. 20 through Jan. 16 in the library wing's Exhibit Gallery. There is no charge. Hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. For more information call 591-7548.

Hanukkah celebration: The Farmington Community Center will hold its annual Hanukkah celebration from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 17. Activities will include making decorations, singing songs, the telling of the

Hanukkah story, traditional foods and the lighting of the menorah. Cost is \$2 per person and \$6 per family. For more information, call the center at 477-6404. The center is at 24705 Farmington Road.

Weavers Guild: The Oakland County Cultural Council presents the Michigan Weavers Guild 40th anniversary exhibition and sale Dec. 17 through Jan. 29, at 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. The show, featuring fiber artists from Michigan and Ontario, is at the County Galleria, 1200 N. Telegraph Road in Pontiac in the Oakland County complex.

"A Christmas Carol": Meadow Brook Theatre's annual presentation of Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* is open for a four-week run. Tickets can be reserved by calling the box office, 377-3300; for group sales call 379-3316.

Fitness Tips

Make ill child more comfortable

By Param Kochhar, M.D., special writer

Gastrointestinal upset in children is most often due to a viral illness. Sometimes it is called "stomach flu," even though it is not influenza. Symptoms of vomiting, diarrhea and stomach ache may be present in various combinations.

The following suggestions can help make the sick child feel more comfortable. Give the child clear liquids, like apple juice, flattened carbonated beverages, jello water, chicken broth and poppicles for 24 to 48 hours. Breast fed babies may, however, continue to breastfeed. Flattened 7-Up or Vernors have a soothing effect on the stomach and at the same time provide fluid and

calories.

If the child is vomiting frequently, the clear fluids may be given to him or her in small quantities every 15 to 20 minutes, or even in sips. Poppicles do wonders for a vomiting child. While this diet does not cure the problem, it does give rest to the intestine and prevents dehydration. Usually, diarrhea and vomiting will subside in one to two days. Then bland foods, such as dry toast, crackers, rice and applesauce may be introduced into the child's diet.

Parents should call their physician if: a) continued vomiting is accompanied by severe stomach ache and high fever; b) the child shows any signs of dehydration such as dryness of the mouth, no tears, sunken eyes, or the child has not passed urine for eight hours; c)

there is blood in the vomitus or stool; d) there are any additional symptoms that concern the parent.

The *Novi News* is working in conjunction with medical authorities at the University of Michigan Medical Center (M-Care) in Northville and M-Sport to provide up-to-date information on a variety of health-related topics.

The series of articles is being coordinated by Peg Campbell of the M-Care staff.

In coming weeks, *Fitness Tips* will include articles on such topics as cholesterol, nutrition, winter exercise, heart disease, aerobics and many more.

This week's article is written by Param Kochhar, M.D., Pediatrician at the M-Care facility in Northville.



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DESSERTS
English Plum Pudding
I. Sift together:
One cup sifted flour
Two cups brown sugar
One teaspoon salt
One teaspoon nutmeg
Three-quarters teaspoon mace
One and one-half cups coarse soft bread crumbs
II. Mix in:
One cup whole wheat flour
Two cups white flour
One-half cup sugar
One teaspoon baking soda
One teaspoon baking powder
Two cups buttermilk
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Two tablespoons cocoa
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Chicken Paprika
 One-half cup chopped onion
 One-quarter cup shortening
 Salt to taste
 One tablespoon paprika
 One-half teaspoon black pepper
 Three to four pounds cut-up chicken
 One and one-half cup water
 One cup sour cream

Saute onions in shortening until tender, but not brown. Add salt, paprika and black pepper. Add chicken, fry until chicken is coated with onion-paprika mixture. Add water and cover. Cook slowly over low heat for 90 minutes or until chicken is tender. Remove chicken and then blend sour cream with liquid in pan. Add dumplings to sauce, and serve hot with chicken. Serves 6-8.

Dumplings:
 Three eggs, well beaten
 One-half cup water
 Two and one-half cups sifted flour
 Two teaspoons salt

Combine and beat until batter is smooth. Bring six cups of water and one teaspoon salt to boil and drop batter by teaspoons into boiling water. Cook 10 minutes. Drain and rinse.

*James M. Halasz
 Manager, Village of Milford*



SIDE DISHES

Sweet Potatoes with Bourbon and Walnuts
 10-12 (four and one-half pounds) sweet potatoes, baked until soft, or three cans (18 ounces each) sweet potatoes, drained
 Three-quarter cup plus two tablespoons butter or margarine
 One-third cup bourbon
 One-half teaspoon salt
 One-half cup chopped walnuts or pecans

Put sweet potato pulp or drained canned potatoes in a bowl. Beat at medium speed until smooth. In a saucepan, heat three-quarters cup butter, bourbon and salt over low heat, add to potatoes and beat until blended. Turn into six cup baking dish, dot with remaining butter, sprinkle with nuts. Bake in preheated 350 oven for 20 minutes.

*Gerry Stipp
 Novi City Clerk*

*Camille M. Bloomburg
 President, Country Girls Board
 of the Woman's National Farm and
 Garden Association,
 Northville*

Broccoli Supreme

Two 10-ounce packages frozen chopped broccoli
 One can cream of mushroom soup
 One cup mayonnaise
 Two eggs
 One medium onion, chopped
 One cup grated cheddar cheese
 One-quarter cup margarine
 One and one-half cups seasoned bread

*Barbara O'Brien
 Northville Township
 Beautification Worker*

crumbs
 Salt and pepper

Cook broccoli according to package directions, drain. Combine soup, mayonnaise, eggs and onion. Blend in broccoli. Pour in buttered 9x13 baking dish. Sprinkle with cheese. Melt margarine, add to bread crumbs, mix well. Sprinkle bread crumbs over the cheese. Bake at 350 for 35-45 minutes. Serves 6-8.

Green Rice Casserole

Two cups cooked Minute rice
 One cup shredded cheddar cheese
 One-half cup melted butter
 One cup milk
 Two tablespoons minced onion
 One cup chopped parsley
 One cup chopped green pepper
 Two eggs, separated
 One can mushroom soup
 One-half cup water

Mix cheese, butter, onion, green pepper, parsley, eggs yolks and milk with rice. Fold in frothy beaten egg whites. Dilute soup with water and pour over mixture. Bake at 350 for one hour. Serves 8.

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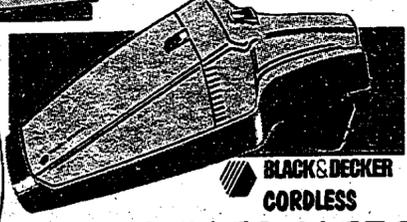
- A must for any shop or utility area
- Grounded cord
- Bulbs not included



HUGE ASSORTMENT

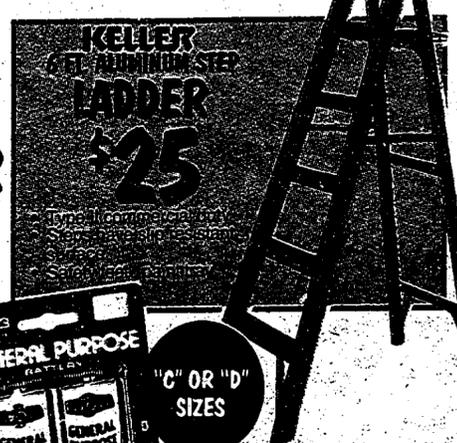
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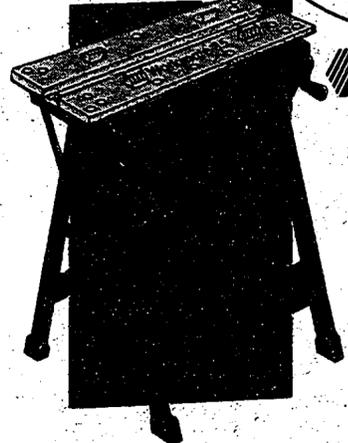


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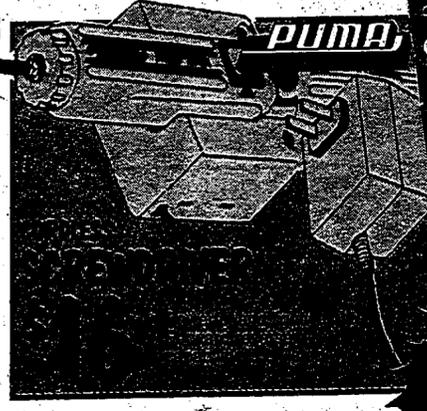


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- Heavy-gauge steel construction supports up to 350 lbs.
- 23-5/8" work surface.



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• Oak veneered finish.
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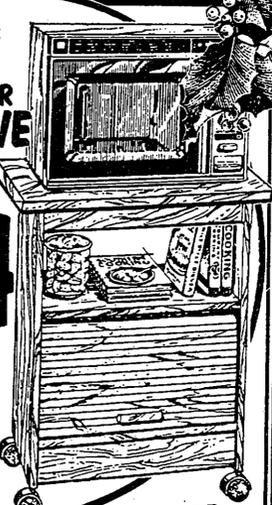
TV OR MICROWAVE UTILITY CART \$59
#72725

• Plenty of storage space.
• Nordica Pine finish.
• Rugged solid-core construction
• Ready to assemble with easy-to-follow instructions



TAMBOUR DOOR MICROWAVE CART \$34
#93241

• Has tambour door and cuisine shelf
• 28-1/2" Hx23-5/8" Wx17-1/2" D
• Classic Oak finish
• Twin wheel casters for mobility
• Ready to assemble



30-INCH BAR STOOL 888
#4-383

• Dark wood finished legs
• Black or russet vinyl padded seat

24-INCH CAPTAIN'S BAR STOOL \$57

• Warm country oak finish
• Assembled



APPLIANCES AND ACCESSORIES NOT INCLUDED

WHY PAY FURNITURE STORE PRICES?

STUDENT DESK \$39
#66519

• Hinged door storage area
• Timberland finish
• 29" Hx36-7/8" Wx15-5/8" D
• For study or home office
• Tough stain and scuff resistant finish
• Ready to assemble

COMPUTER STATION \$99
#96441

• 3-piece, ready to assemble unit
• Includes printer stand, corner unit and desk with hutch top
• Unit tops have scratch-resistant finish
• Oak finish
• Ready to assemble

VIDEO ENTERTAINMENT CENTER \$99
#A362

• Handsome library oak finish
• Hidden dual wheel casters
• 44-1/2" Hx28-1/4" Wx17-3/4" D
• Ready to assemble

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3" x 21" BELT SANDER

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- 13 amp, heavy duty motor
- Heavy gauge aluminum wrap around base assures stable support at any angle
- Ball and bearing construction

RECIPRO SAW

\$115

- Variable speed, 6.0 amp, 2300SPM
- Length of stroke 1-3/16"

ORBITAL VARIABLE SPEED JIG SAW

\$125

- Powerful 3.5 amp hi-tech motor

ACCESSORIES FOR ALL!

10-PIECE DRILL BIT SET

462

- Precision forged high speed steel for metal, wood and plastic

7-1/4 INCH 20 TOOTH SAW BLADE

\$6

- 7-1/4 INCH 40 TOOTH
- 9-INCH 60 TOOTH

12-PIECE SABRE SAW SET

551

25-FOOT OUTDOOR CORD

346

- For outdoor or indoor use, from standard to hard service.

6-PIECE ROUTER SET

1750

- Hardened, tempered high speed steel bits with long lasting edges

MULTI-OUTLET STRIP

773

- 6 outlet, circuit breaker protected
- Lighted rocker switch

Makita DRILLS FOR EVERYBODY!

1/2-INCH HEAVY DUTY DRILL

\$94

- Variable speed
- 1-3/8" capacity in wood, 1/2" in steel
- 550 rpm with double gear reduction
- Ball and needle bearing construction

3/8-INCH HEAVY DUTY DRILL

\$68

- Reversible 3.0 amp motor for industrial use
- Double reduction gearing
- Ball bearing construction for long life

CORDLESS DRIVER DRILL KIT WITH TOOL CASE

\$108

- 2-speed gear selection, 400 rpm or 1100 rpm for driving or drilling

TOOLS MAKE GREAT GIFTS!

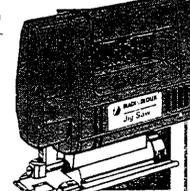
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M-47 SERIES™ VARIABLE SPEED JIG SAW

OUR LOW PRICE \$26

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YOUR FINAL COST \$21



- Calibrated shoe tilts to 45° either direction; lock position at 0°, includes built-in storage area.

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- Two speeds let you pick the speed to suit the job.
- Reversible for backing out screws and jammed drill bits.

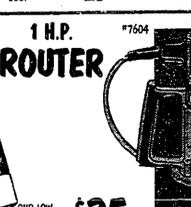


1 H.P. ROUTER

OUR LOW PRICE \$35

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- 5 amp, 30,000 RPM motor.
- Motor switch is shut off when router is rested on its top.

9-INCH POWER MITER SAW

\$120



- 2 H.P. ball and sleeve bearing motor.
- Gear driven blade.
- Table rotates with cutting blade.
- Included 9" combination blade and blade wrench.

BLACK & DECKER ACCESSORIES!

7-1/4 INCH COMBINATION SAW BLADE

286 EACH

- Includes 6 wood cutting, 3 metal cutting and 1 plaster cutting blade.
- Chart on back gives proper blade.

SELECT-A-BLADE JIG SAW BLADE ASSORTMENT

544

- Includes 6 wood cutting, 3 metal cutting and 1 plaster cutting blade.
- Chart on back gives proper blade.

3-PIECE ROUTER BIT SET

836

- Three of the most popular bits.
- Storage case included.

10-PIECE NUTDRIVER AND SCREWDRIVER SET

884

- Power-driving assortment of popular-sized nut-driver and screwdriver bits.

shop-vac

5 GALLON

\$34

- Vacuums wet or dry, indoor or outdoor.
- Includes 6' x 1-1/4" hose, 1-1/4" extension wand, 10" wet/dry nozzle with squeegee insert.
- 4-wheel dolly.

10 GALLON

\$59

- Vacuums wet or dry, indoor or outdoor
- Includes 6' x 1-1/4" hose, 1-1/4" extension wand.
- Wet/dry nozzle with squeegee insert.
- 4-wheel dolly.

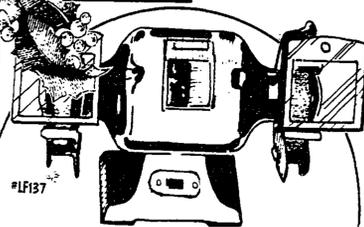
16 GALLON

\$69

- High performance motor for more power.
- Automatic shut-off when full, side inlet for mobility.
- Converts to blower, snap-on caster system.
- Includes 2-1/2" x 6' hose, two 2-1/2" extension wands, and 6" utility nozzle.



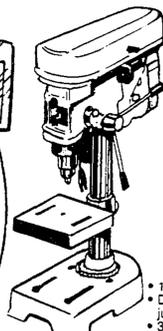
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HEAVY-DUTY BENCH GRINDER

\$29

- Bell-shaped housing covers 6" grinding wheels
- Made with durable ball-bearing construction
- Includes plastic eye-shields for protection



5-SPEED TABLE MODEL DRILL PRESS

\$69

- 1/5 HP, 115 volt, UL listed
- Depth gauge and adjustable work platform
- 3-spoke handle feed, 2" throat depth
- 1/2 inch chuck with self-ejecting chuck key
- 3 wire electrical cord and lock equipment



QUALITY CUTTER'S EDGE II

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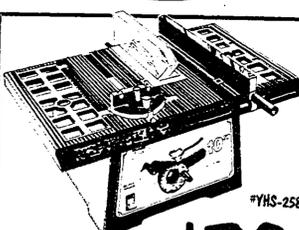
- All purpose cutting guide—over 8 ft. long
- Ideal for ripping paneling or plywood, trimming doors, scoring wallboard, cutting glass, tile, etc.



ADJUSTABLE HEIGHT WORK SUPPORT

1482

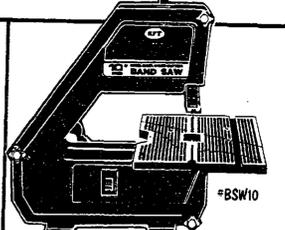
- Acts like a third hand to help support long or larger workpieces
- Sturdy steel construction with plastic rollers
- Adjustable height with quick-lock knob
- Easy to assemble



10-INCH BENCH TABLE SAW

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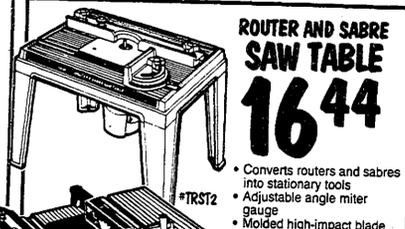
- Heavy duty 10" saw
- Cuts to a maximum depth of 3-1/8"
- 2-1/2 HP motor
- Portable



10-INCH BAND SAW

\$89

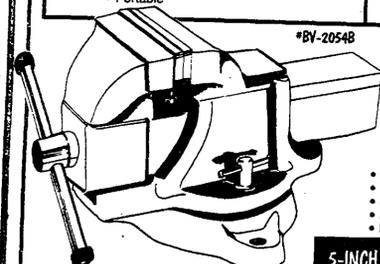
- Direct drive, 1/5 HP maintenance-free motor
- Table tilts 0°-45° for bevel cut
- Die-cast table measures 11-1/2" x 11-1/2"



ROUTER AND SABRE SAW TABLE

1644

- Converts routers and sabres into stationary tools
- Adjustable angle miter gauge
- Molded high-impact blade guard



4-INCH INDUSTRIAL BENCH VISE

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- Chrome plated steel handle
- Extra heavy-duty slide beam
- 360° swivel base with positive lock design
- Rugged cast iron body with built-in pipe jaws
- Large anvil surface for shaping and forming

5-INCH \$18 6-INCH \$23



SAW TABLE

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- Gives your circular saw the accuracy of a bench model
- Accommodates most routers and sabre saws

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TOP QUALITY—SUPER PRICE



16"x8-1/2" UTILITY BOX

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- Includes handy compartment tray
- Sturdy plastic construction

11-1/2-INCH UTILITY BOX..... 169



13-1/2 INCH TOOL BOX

686

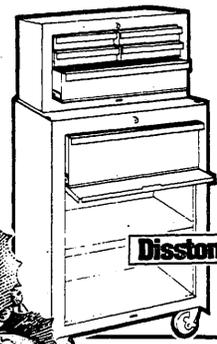
- Red baked-on enamel finish, seamless steel construction
- One hinged tray with three compartments
- Lockable plated latch
- 13 1/2" x 6 1/2" x 4 1/4"



19-INCH PROFESSIONAL STEEL ROOF BOX WITH TRAY

1193

- Black enamel lift out tote tray
- Large plated handle
- Lockable, plated latch
- Color - black enamel



COMBINATION WORK CENTER CABINET AND TOOL CHEST

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- Five chest drawers for complete organization and storage
- Easy access lower drawer accommodates large, bulky items
- Locking system with padlock provision provides maximum security



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- One number on face of tool indicates all angle cuts
- Can also be used as a quick and easy saw guide for angle cuts



6-PIECE THRIFTY™ SCREWDRIVER SET

367

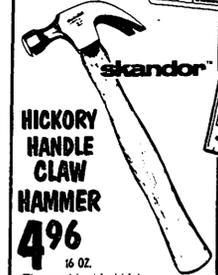
- Includes free belt
- Conveniently carries your most popular tools and nails
- Built to last - constructed of quality genuine leather



HANDYMAN'S HOLSTER

946

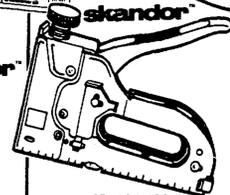
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HICKORY HANDLE CLAW HAMMER

496

- Thoroughly dried hickory handle for strength and comfort
- Fiberglass claw hammer



HEAVY DUTY STAPLE GUN

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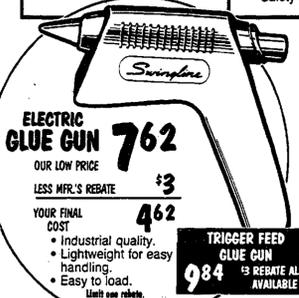
- Variable power control
- All steel construction
- Safety handle lock



STUDSENSOR II

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- Locates exact center of studs, joists and firebreaks by sensing changes in the wall density
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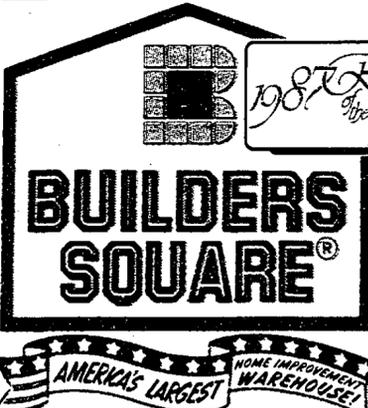
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- Industrial quality
- Lightweight for easy handling
- Easy to load

STANLEY 12-PIECE SOCKET SET

1850

- 3/8" drive, flipdrive ratchet
- 3" extension
- 5/8" spark plug socket
- Molded case



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- Features chain brake/hand guard for extra safety.



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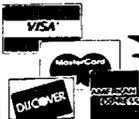
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