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We are the champions

Novi Fire Station No. 3 nabbed first place in the city's annual fire department inspections. Novi Mayor Matthew Quinn here meets the members of station No. 3 during his inspection visit. Quinn and fellow city council members were invited to inspect

the stations and see what current conditions and needs are. Station No. 3 won first place, taking the position he showing the most improvement in department. Novi Fire Station No. 4 had previously been a perennial winner.

Angry calls worry city employees

By CRISTINA FERRIER
Staff Writer

Employees in Novi City Hall say they have been receiving frightening phone calls from a local man who's unhappy about development.

City Planning Director Jim Wahl called Novi Police Dec. 10 about the calls, which police say various city employees in different departments have been fielding.

One city employee told Novi officers Paul Kiesling and Lou Bigliardi that the man's calls ramble from one subject to the next, never making sense. She said he sometimes asks, "Have you ever shot a 6-year-old in the back?"

In addition, the man reportedly makes comments about having a "house full of guns" and tells employees that if city hall "doesn't start doing things right, (he's) coming down there."

Kiesling and Bigliardi reported they went to the suspect's home "to inquire about what his troubles were with the city" and to tell him his calls are inappropriate and illegal.

"He apparently is very displeased with the direction the city is taking," Kiesling said. "He apparently dislikes progress and prefers open land like it used to be in this area."

The officers reportedly told the man that calling city hall to voice his complaints is well within his rights, but making comments about shooting 6-year-olds and having a house full of guns is "very inappropriate and could get him into trouble."

Kiesling said they asked him about the guns, but he was evasive in his answers and instead "rambled" about expressways, Livonia, Canton, Northville and other topics.

Finally, Bigliardi reportedly asked the man to

show him his guns because he was "sort of a collector and just wanted to see them."

At that point, the man pulled out a .41 caliber Ruger handgun. They asked him about other guns and he said he had some shotguns and muzzleloaders but they were locked up and he wouldn't tell them where they were.

Bigliardi then told the man he was going to confiscate the Ruger for safekeeping and that, in a few days, he could come into the police station and talk to Chief Doug Shaeffer about getting it back.

The man reportedly did not argue about the officers taking the gun. Instead, he told them that calling city hall and scaring the employees "got his questions answered."

Kiesling and Bigliardi advised him to find a "better and more polite way" of asking questions.

Police investigate fatal accident

By CRISTINA FERRIER
Staff Writer

Novi police are still investigating a traffic accident last Tuesday night that resulted in the death of a 21-year-old tow truck driver.

James Domin of Farmington Hills was killed as he was loading a damaged car from a previous accident on Twelve Mile just west of Donelson Drive onto his tow truck. Domin was employed by Keford Collision.

According to Novi Police Officer Ken Meier, Domin had finished hooking up the damaged vehicle to his truck and was standing behind it when Highland resident Dawn Bauer, 18, struck him from behind. Bauer was heading westbound on Twelve Mile in a 1986 Mazda.

Domin was dead on arrival at Botsford Hospital. He was struck shortly after 11:30 p.m. Police reported that road conditions were wet and the road itself was unlit. Bauer told police she did not see Domin.

"She says she didn't even know she hit him until later," Meier said. According to police reports, Domin was standing on the edge of the westbound traffic lane.

There was no alcohol involved in the accident. Police do not know at this point whether charges of any type will be filed against Bauer, and will not until the investigation is complete.

Novi Police Chief Doug Shaeffer said preliminary reports indicate there was no need for windshield wipers and no other easy explanation for Bauer not seeing Domin.

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Parked on the shoulder are	
4 vehicles (2 police cars, 1 truck	
and 1 damaged vehicle) All	
Emergency vehicles have their	
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on the edge of the W/B	
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Police released the report for Tuesday night's fatal accident.

Meier said Domin was just finishing up at the scene and would have left minutes later.

Meier said police were not directing traffic at the scene, but all of the vehicles involved were off the road. Patrol cars with emergency lights flashing were parked in front of and behind the accident scene, and emergency lights were also flashing on the tow truck.

Shaeffer said police do not normally direct traffic when the accident has been cleared off the road.

"It's hard for you or I to second guess what happened," Shaeffer said. "There were tons of flashing lights. All of the cars were off the road. I just don't know."

After Domin was struck, police used flares to close off Twelve Mile.

Tom Keford of Keford Collision said Domin had been working for them only about a month, but was making a good impression.

"He was a very responsible person, and just your average kid," he said. "He didn't have any drinking

or drug problems. He was a very good worker, a 'take-charge' kind of guy who was interested in keeping the trucks maintained."

Funeral services for Domin were held Saturday, Dec. 19 at Griffin Funeral Home in Westland. He is survived by his fiancée, Deidra Lynn Dorman; his parents Frank and Deborah Domin; sisters Denise Reddy and Amanda Dorman; brother Timothy Dorman and grandparents Donald and Joyce Dorman, Audrey Jacobs and Ernell Bennett.

City examines whether cable met contract

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Concerns raised by Council Member Tim Pope that MetroVision Inc. has not lived up to its contract, reinforced by letters from Novi's city attorneys, have led the Southwest Oakland Cable Commission (SWOCC) to seek a report on extras the cable company has provided in exchange for not complying precisely with the letter of the franchise agreement.

"I think it's some kind of a living document. There's some tradeoffs that were made along the way and some understandings," said City Manager Edward Kriewall, a member of the commission, adding that he is satisfied with the level of service.

SWOCC Executive Director Lark Samoulis was asked to research the issue and report back in 60 days.

MetroVision still seeks an early renegotiation of their contract and in a letter to SWOCC points out that the firm has exceeded the terms by providing, among other things, free training programs for residents and \$900,000 in cable equipment to three member communities.

The contract calls for the company to activate a shadow cable to offer 62 channels, adding to those already on the primary cable to create a total of 113 channels. The company contends that the shadow cable is both technologically obsolete and too deteriorated to be cost-effectively used.

The contract also calls for inter-

"I feel very strongly that the MetroVision comment that construction companies, particularly in Novi, have cut the shadow cable and that it has not been maintained, is really an argument of their corporate neglect. They have an obligation to maintain that."

Tim Pope
Council Member

active television, a product for which consumer demand is not there, MetroVision staff say.

Novi, Farmington and Farmington Hills banded together and signed the cable contract in 1982. The cable commission is empowered to monitor the service provided by MetroVision, a private company.

In September, the firm approached the three city councils to seek approval for an early renegotiation and extension of the contract which expires in 1997. Novi chose to delay action on the request.

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Imaging system to be added at center

By RANDY COBLE
Staff Writer

Question: how do you spell "advanced diagnostic process?"

Answer: "M-R-I."

And it's may set up shop at Providence Hospital.

The Novi Planning Commission gave its approval to the site plan for a temporary addition to the Beck Road/Grand River Avenue hospital. The vote was unanimous at the commission's Dec. 16 meeting. The matter now moves to the Novi City Council, which has the final say.

The addition will house a magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) machine.

MRI is a relatively new medical technology used for detecting physical abnormalities far smaller than could be "seen" by conventional technology such as X-raying.

"It's like the difference you'd find between a Brownie and a Nikon 35mm camera," said project manager Kurt Burwinkle, representing Providence before the commission. "That's how much better the resolution of the picture is."

The device will greatly improve diagnostic services at the hospital.

the official said. MRI can detect problems at a much earlier stage, thus allowing treatment to begin sooner.

Providence asked for and received approval to build a temporary structure to house a portable trailer that will bring the MRI to the Beck Road site three days a week.

The reason hospital officials don't install it in the main building, Burwinkle said, is that they must jump through various state of Michigan regulatory hoops.

The hospital is in the midst of gaining state approval for a permanent installation on the site now; the temporary module will stand for up to two years.

The module will be located on the south edge of the current hospital facility. An MRI unit is currently located in a portable trailer at the hospital's Ten Mile and Haggerty site, Burwinkle said.

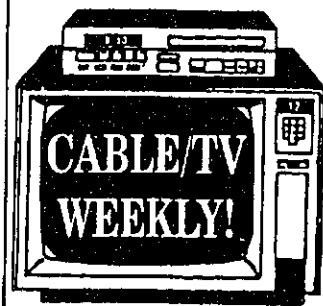
The trailer's dock and a ramp to the module will take the place of two of the complex's 758 current parking spaces, said Planning Consultant Brandon Rogers.

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Community Calendar

Today, December 23

Lions Club: The Novi Lions Club will meet at Kim's Gardens at 6:30 p.m. for dinner followed by a meeting.

Thursday, December 24

Christmas Eve: City offices and the public library will be closed.

Friday, December 25

Christmas Day: City offices and the public library will be closed.

Thursday, December 31

New Year's Eve: City offices and the public library will be closed.

Friday, January 1

New Year's Day: City offices and the public library will be closed.

Monday, January 4

Village Oaks PTO (VOICE): The will meet 7:30 p.m. in the Village Oaks School Library on Willowbrook Road.

Tuesday, January 5

Seniors meeting: The Novi Center Seniors will hold their general meeting at 11 a.m. in the Community Center of the Novi Civic Center.

Board of Appeals: The Novi Board of Appeals will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center.

Band rehearsal: The Novi Concert Band rehearses at 7:30 p.m. in the band room at Novi High School. For more information on the group, call manager Warren Ledger at 348-2955.

Wednesday, January 6

Good Morning, Novi: The Novi Chamber of Commerce breakfast series presents Gary C. Ankers, The Fishman Group Attorneys Representing Management, who will speak on Protecting Your Business From Lawsuits at 7:30 a.m. at the Country Epicure Restaurant. Admission is \$10 for members, \$15 for non-members.

Thursday, January 7

Novi schools: The Novi schools Board of Education will meet in regular session in the Educational Services Building.

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

Athletic Boosters: The Novi High School Athletic Boosters Club will hold its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. in room 107 of the high school.

Planning Commission: The Novi Planning Commission will meet in regular session at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Novi Civic Center.

Monday, January 11

City Council: The Novi City Council will meet at 8 p.m. in the council chambers of the Novi Civic Center.

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

Health tests: Community EMS will sponsor blood pressure testing and cholesterol testing in the Novi Civic Center from 7:30-9 p.m. in conjunction with the Novi City Council meeting.

Tuesday, January 12

Living Trusts Seminar: John C. Redford, attorney, will conduct a seminar regarding the use of living trusts as estate planning tools. The seminar will be held from 8:30-8 p.m. in Room 135 of the Crystal Glen Office Center located behind the Novi Hilton Hotel. Admission is free but seating is limited. Call 348-5797 to register.

Band rehearsal: The Novi Concert Band rehearses at 7:30 p.m. in the band room at Novi High School. For more information on the group, call manager Warren Ledger at 348-2955.

Camera Club: The Novi Camera Club meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center. For more information, call Hugh Crawford at 349-5079.

Wednesday, January 13

Lions Club: The Novi Lions Club will meet at Kim's Gardens at 6:30

p.m. for dinner followed by a meeting.

Seniors potluck: The Novi Senior Citizens will gather at noon in the Novi Civic Center for their monthly potluck luncheon.

SPARK: The Society for the Preservation of American Racing Knowledge, the all-volunteer support organization for the Motorsports Hall of Fame of America, meets at 7 p.m. at the Novi Expo Center. The meeting is open to anyone interested in supporting the Hall of Fame and Museum.

Thursday, January 14

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

Monday, January 21

Arts Council: The Novi Arts Council Executive Board will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center.

City Council: The Novi City Council is scheduled to meet in regular session at 8 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Novi Civic Center.

Health tests: Community EMS will sponsor blood pressure testing and cholesterol testing in the Novi Civic Center from 7:30-9 p.m. in conjunction with the Novi City Council meeting.

Tuesday, January 22

Garden Club: The Novi Garden Club will meet at 1 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center.

Band rehearsal: The Novi Concert Band rehearses at 7:30 p.m. in the band room at Novi High School. For more information on the group, call manager Warren Ledger at 348-2955.

Wednesday, January 23

Planning Commission: The Novi Planning Commission will meet in regular session in the Council Chambers of the Novi Civic Center.

Players rehearsal: The Novi Players, a community theater group, rehearse from 8 to 10 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center.

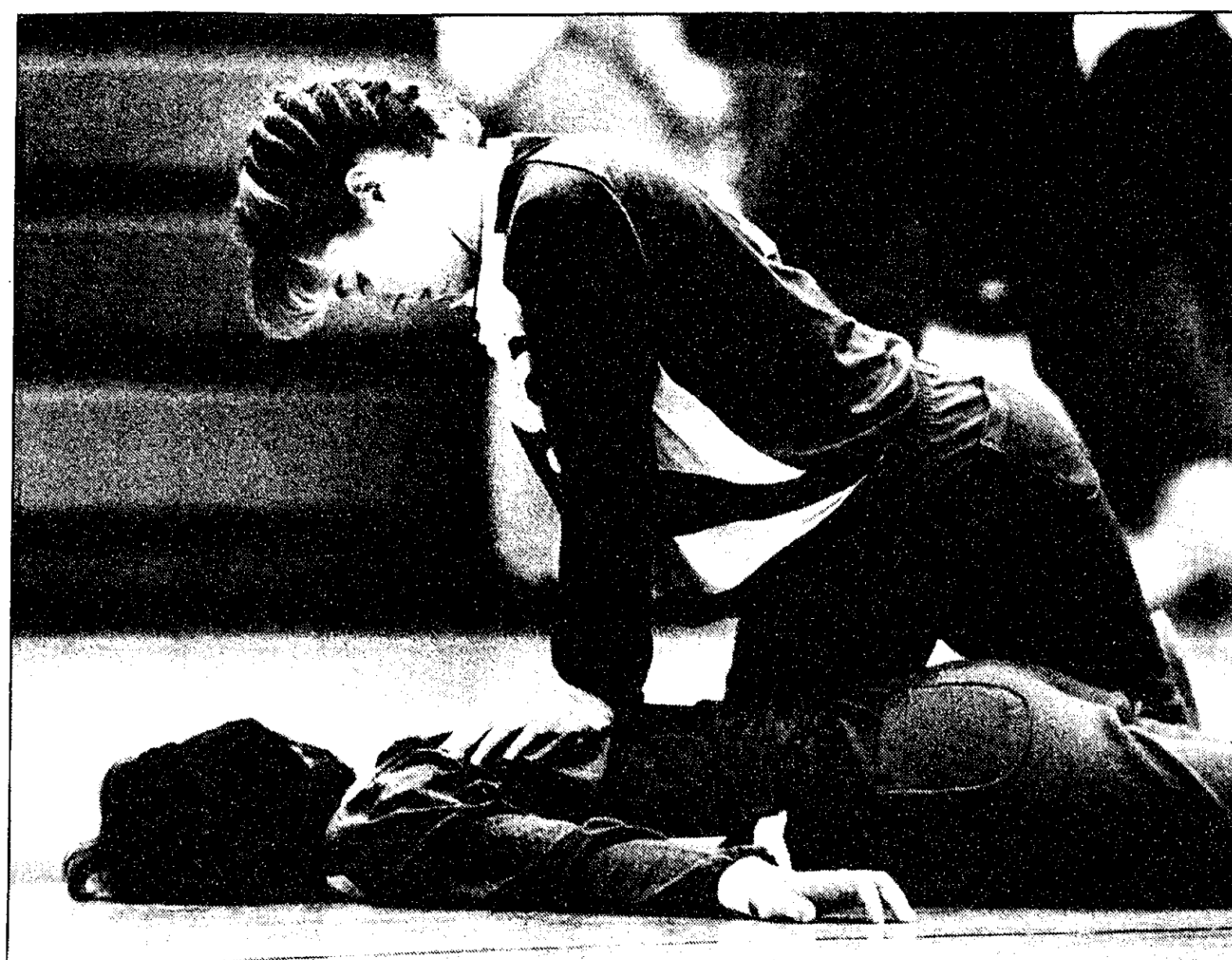


Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

You're very tense

Novi High School volleyball team member Alexis Johnson gives a pre-game back rub to a teammate. And apparently, the relaxation helped. The Wildcats beat Northville in two games on Thursday (Dec. 17). For the full story, see page B3.

Temporary building approved

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The module itself will be about 1,100 square feet. The plan calls for a new driveway for the trailer to be laid to the site.

Patients undergoing MRI, however, will continue to enter the hospital through its existing entrances before being taken for the scan.

Burwinkle said that hospital officials

plan to install a permanent niche where the portable MRI trailer can dock as soon as state agencies grant the necessary permits. That could take from one to two years, he added.

Under city ordinance, a temporary use permit for such a project can have a life of up to two years in an underdeveloped portion of the city like the Beck/Grand River area.

A small wrinkle was the module's

facade. Ordinance language states that in an OS-2 district like the one in which Providence is located, only 75 percent of the facing of the module can be flat metal sheeting. If the sheeting varies in coloration or pattern, 100 percent is acceptable.

The architectural firm designing the module, Albert Kahn and Associates of Detroit, agreed to use metal sheeting that will blend in with the hospital's general appearance.

Another change in the site plan was the deletion of a proposed helicopter landing pad.

The site plan received the recommendation of the city's various planning consultants. Commissioners themselves approved the plan on a 7-0; Secretary Timothy Gilberg was not present and nine-year member Judith Johnson resigned the morning of the meeting.

Committee set to implement study of northern end

By RANDY COBLE
Staff Writer

Two members of the Novi Planning Commission will go above and beyond the call of duty in the coming months — they've volunteered to serve on two new city committees.

The Novi City Council at its Dec. 7 meeting passed resolutions to form a committee to offer ideas on what it should do with a city-owned parcel at 13 Mile and Novi Roads, and a second body to follow up on the recommendations of the Walled Lake Sector Study committee.

Commissioner Richard Clark will represent the commission on the lake property study committee; Commissioner Lodi Richards will do the same for the sector study implementation committee.

The lake property committee will be a relatively short duration, "said Director of Planning James Wahl, "probably about six months."

The sector study committee "will be a much more involved assignment," continued Wahl. "There's a much larger area of responsibility, and the committee is expected to run at least two years."

Novi owns property at the intersection of Thirteen Mile and Novi Roads, on the shore of Walled Lake. The council's committee appointees will review the plans and recommendations of a county committee that studied the area, and solicit local input. Members will eventually make recommendations on possible future uses for the site.

The body Wahl said, is the follow-up to the original sector study com-

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Jim Wahl

Director of Planning

mittee's report, issued this fall. The new group will develop recommendations on how to implement the findings of the original committee.

The Walled Lake Sector Study looked at a number of issues concerning the area of the lake that lies in Novi, including such matters as traffic and improper drainage.

"Excellent," said Chairperson Kathleen Molinar when the two members offered to join the committees. "I love volunteers."

Both groups will begin meeting in January.

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George W. Kuhn, Drain Commissioner for the County of Oakland, Michigan, acting for and on behalf of the Seeley Drain Drainage District, has received a request to add approximately 98 acres to the headwaters of the drainage district. Flow from approximately 280 acres that was originally included within the Seeley Drainage District, but was diverted out of the district in 1973, will also be redirected back into the district. Drainage flow from the total of 378 acres will outlet into the headwaters of the Seeley Drainage District from a new 100 acre lake. The new lake will receive drainage flows from the 378 acres, as well as discharge water from the South Commerce Township Tertiary Treatment Plant. The service area of the plant includes areas within and outside the designated Seeley Drain Drainage District.

The Seeley Drain Drainage District at present contains approximately 2,176 acres. There is capacity in the existing Seeley Drain to serve the lands to be added without detriment to or diminution of the drainage service provided.

Proceedings have been undertaken according to the provisions of Section 433, Chapter 18 of Act No. 40, the Michigan Drain Code of 1956, as amended, to enlarge the Seeley Drain Drainage District.

Now, therefore, notice is hereby given that it is the intention of the Seeley Drain Drainage District to enter into an agreement providing for the addition of the following described lands to the Seeley Drain Drainage District:

EXPANSION OF THE SEELEY DRAINAGE DISTRICT

A PART OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 36 AND THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 36 OF T-2-N, R-8-E, COMMERCIAL TOWNSHIP, OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS: BEGINNING AT THE EAST 1/2 CORNER OF SAID SECTION 36; SAID POINT ALSO BEING THE WEST 1/2 CORNER OF SAID SECTION 36; THENCE S. 00° 15' 58" W., 1,700.70 FEET ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID SECTION 36; SAID LINE ALSO BEING THE WEST LINE OF SAID SECTION 36; THENCE S. 89° 33' 14" E., 998.97 FEET; THENCE S. 00° 15' 58" W., 340.70 FEET TO A POINT ON THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 36; THENCE N. 89° 33' 14" W., 454.92 FEET ALONG SAID SECTION LINE (FOURTEEN MILE ROAD); THENCE N. 00° 28' 04" E., 208.25 FEET; THENCE N. 89° 33' 14" W., 208.85 FEET; THENCE S. 00° 28' 04" W., 208.25 FEET TO A POINT ON THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 36; THENCE N. 89° 33' 14" W., 335.20 FEET ALONG SAID SECTION (FOURTEEN MILE ROAD) TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 36; SAID POINT ALSO BEING THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 36; THENCE N. 00° 15' 58" E., 683.00 FEET ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID SECTION 36; SAID LINE ALSO BEING THE WEST LINE OF SAID SECTION 36; THENCE N. 89° 02' 52" W., 1,119.53 FEET; THENCE S. 89° 30' 20" E., 626.47 FEET; THENCE N. 89° 30' 20" W., 217.87 FEET; THENCE S. 00° 35' 04" W., 60.00 FEET TO A POINT ON THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 36; THENCE N. 89° 50' 20" W., 272.58 FEET ALONG SAID SECTION LINE (FOURTEEN MILE ROAD); THENCE N. 00° 08' 05" E., 150.00 FEET; THENCE S. 89° 50' 20" E., 182.75 FEET; THENCE N. 00° 08' 05" E., 182.75 FEET; THENCE N. 45° 09' 05" E., 158.00 FEET; THENCE S. 44° 51' 55" E., 96.00 FEET; THENCE N. 89° 48' 30" E., 280.00 FEET; THENCE N. 00° 11' 30" E., 280.00 FEET; THENCE N. 56° 37' 31" E., 654.45 FEET TO A POINT ON THE EAST-WEST 1/2 LINE OF SAID SECTION 36; THENCE S. 88° 52' 18" E., 171.22 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING AND CONTAINING 93.40 ACRES.

This notice is given by order of George W. Kuhn, Drain Commissioner for the County of Oakland, Michigan. (12-21-92 NK)

Have a Safe and Happy Holiday Season!

Items missing from apartment

A resident on Mansion in the Pavilion apartment complex reported Dec. 10 that someone stole an answering machine and a brass kaledoscope from her home.

The resident told police she suspects an acquaintance who had been in her apartment earlier in the day, and left with her. The suspect was in the parking lot cleaning snow off his vehicle and reportedly asked the woman where she was going and what time she would be back.

She said she returned about 20 minutes later and saw the suspect's vehicle still in the parking lot. She went inside and found him still in her apartment. A cleaning woman had let him inside.

She told police the suspect appeared surprised when she returned, and said his car wouldn't start. He then went out to the parking lot, managed to start the car, and left.

After he left, she discovered the items were missing.

DISORDERLY: Novi police arrested a Southfield Christian High School student at Twelve Oaks Mall Dec. 11 for being drunk and disorderly in public.

Police reported the teenage male was outside of Hudson's in a public location where many people were walking past.

The student was reportedly shouting a steady stream of profanity at mall security officers.

SUICIDE THREAT: Novi police responded to a call about a man sitting on the 196 overpass Dec. 9.

The 32-year-old man, who police

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described as "despondent," was persuaded to come down from the wall. Traffic under the overpass was diverted for approximately 15 minutes.

LARCENY: Two light fixtures were reported stolen from the Novi Town Center parking lot Dec. 14.

The lights, which were on a pole near Border's Book Shop, were 400-watt high-pressure sodium fixtures valued at \$538.

THREATS: A Novi teenager told police Dec. 14 that the father of her best friend has been calling and harassing her.

She said the caller has bullied her into providing information about his daughter and what she is doing. She told police she seems to think she is his daughter as well, and orders her over the phone. On Dec. 14, he called and told her she had "better" meet with him "or else."

Police stopped the suspect, who said he "loves her like a daughter."

VANDALISM: Novi police were called to Novi High School Dec. 11 after a student reportedly punched a fire extinguisher cabinet and bent the door frame.

School officials told police the student had just been suspended from school and punched the cabinet as he was leaving.

too often during construction throughout the communities to be used.

MetroVision General Manager Robert McCann said that the main cable has been severed 573 known times since 1987.

The active cable can be monitored for efficiency but because the shadow cable has remained dormant and does not carry any signals, it's condition cannot be tested, he explained.

"I feel very strongly that the Metro-Vision comment that construction companies, particularly in Novi, have cut the shadow cable and that it has not been maintained, is really an argument of their corporate neglect. They have an obligation to maintain that," Pope said.

The city council is awaiting a response from City Attorney David Fried on a request to define the difference between premium and basic service channels.

This month, MetroVision introduced a package of new offerings, The Cartoon Network, The Sci-Fi Channel, Comedy Central and FLX.

Customers must pay \$3.95 per month for the four. But a consumer who already buys a premium channel such as HBO can get them for \$1.95 per month. All but FLX are free to a two premium channel purchaser.

Farmington has already agreed to consider overhauling the cable contract.

Pope questions, however, Metro-Vision's reasons why the shadow cable has not been put into action. Company representatives contend that the shadow cable has been cut

at all times. Most stands have reservoirs for this purpose.

■ 2. Place your tree in a location that is away from fireplaces, heaters or other sources of flame.

■ 3. Use heat vent deflectors to force hot air away from your tree. Hot air will dry your tree prematurely and make it more susceptible to fire.

■ 4. Check light strands for open sockets and cracked or frayed cords. If any of these light conditions exist, replace the lights.

■ 5. Do not overload your electrical outlets with too many lights. This can cause an electrical arc, leading to an outlet fire.

■ 6. Be sure that all decorative lighting is turned off whenever you leave your home.

■ 7. Never use lit candles on or near your tree.

■ 8. If you burn candles in your house, keep them in sight at all times. Extinguish the flame when you leave the room.

■ 9. Be aware of children and pets playing near your tree. The tree could be knocked over, resulting in injury, fire or other damage.

■ 10. Check tree needles to make sure they are not dry or brittle. If they are, or if needles are falling, remove the tree from your home.

Remember, awareness and precaution are the best ways to prevent an accidental home fire. These tips simply provide a basic guideline to help you create a safer environment for your family during the holiday season. If you have an artificial tree, please follow the manufacturer's safety guidelines.

Where would Hansel and Gretel be without the forest?

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As We See It

Be sensitive to the grumbling over SEVs

Novi school district residents may have fumed a bit last week as they read that property valuations in the city could rise by nearly 10 percent in 1993.

Why would that cause the fraying of tempers? Well, obviously because on the same day the figures were released, district voters were approving in a special election a \$31.9 million bond issue for school building additions, renovations and new technology.

The issue, according to the predictions, will cost the \$150,000 district homeowner about \$56 a year for two years, a figure which is expected to drop each year over the remaining 23 years of the 25-year bond.

Now, a one-year assessment freeze put in place by the state Legislature is heading for a new year's thaw, and Novi homeowners learn that their property valuations will go up. Although everyone was expecting the thaw to be coming, since the Legislature had given no indication it would extend the freeze to another year, what voters did not know was just how much the increase this year would turn out to be.

City of Novi Assessor James Klausmeyer said that the average property valuation will increase between eight and nine percent for residential homeowners. Some put the number at about 7.5 percent.

Assessment increases aren't popular at anytime, of course, particularly in Novi which saw the SEV hikes in the Walled Lake area the last time around in the double digits — some more than 34 percent.

Before we all grind our teeth down to nubs over this wonderful holiday season gift from Lansing, it's wise to consider a few points.

First, a rise in the SEV is not in and of itself a tax increase, thanks to the provisions of the Headlee Amendment to the state Constitution and the Truth in Taxation act adopted by the state legislature. To take the increases, the school board will have to hold a Truth in Taxation hearing and, if an increase were to exceed Headlee limitations, would have to hold another election.

Second, with Novi growing like it is, more and more property owners will pay taxes on those higher assessments, measurably reducing the burden on the individual taxpayer. Rising SEV is one indicator of the economic growth of this community.

But most important to taxpayers in Novi, an SEV hike does not necessarily equate to higher tax payments to cover the bond the school district just passed. Remember that the bond approval gives the district the authority to levy a debt millage at the rate needed to cover the

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bond payments. Higher assessments mean a lower debt millage would be needed to cover those same bond payments.

It's also important to note that the \$31.9 million from the bond sale by law can't be used for any other purpose than the renovations, expansions and technology purchases outlined before the election.

As a matter of fact, it might be worthwhile for the school district to see if the general operations millage could be lowered, reducing the charge to the individual taxpayer for school taxes.

The issue here may be one of timing. The board of education likely considered that holding the election after the expected announcement of a rise in SEVs wouldn't be a huge selling point for the bond.

Some proponents of the bond hike might call that good timing. Others however are feeling a bit manipulated. More likely, however, it's frustration. Taxpayers are fed up with paying more, even for projects that in themselves are good ones. You can only go to the well so often.

So what are the lessons here? The successful bond vote means that district taxpayers are willing to spend the money necessary to keep Novi schools ahead of the pack. The frustration many homeowners are expressing over the SEV rate rise is a signal that taxpayers won't go along with wasting money.

Taxpayers want district officials to spend tax money, bond and otherwise, frugally. There always exists areas where cuts can be made or a cheaper way found to do something.

So as the school district goes through the coming year, not only in dealing with the bond issue, but in dealing with the district's overall operations budget, we'd urge the administrators and board members to look for whatever savings they can make and return what they can to the taxpayers. We'd the district to keep a sharp eye out for cost savings possibilities in order to pare back, even if spending and taxing less than what voters have allowed.

Voters have shown a willingness to support the school district. We expect a return of the favor wherever possible. The school district should show a similar support of the taxpayers.

Celebrate an X-rated Xmas



Phil Jerome

WARNING: The following column may be considered off-color. Anyone offended by discussion of underwear should cease reading immediately.

There were just four of us in our aerobics class last week when Georgeann popped the question.

"Does anybody have any ideas about what to get the man who has everything for Christmas?"

I smiled a cryptic smile and let her know I had the perfect solution. "There is one thing that I'm pretty sure almost any man would like a lot," I said.

"The trick is to buy something for yourself that he will like," I continued. "The trick is to go out to Victoria's Secret or someplace like that and buy a fetching little piece of lace for yourself, then give it to him as a gift."

"I can't think of a man who wouldn't appreciate a gift like that."

"Ooooh, that's a good idea," said one of the other ladies in the class. "How do you do it?"

"You just put the gift under the tree with his name on it, and then, after he's opened it, you tell him you're going to model it for him."

That, anyway, seemed to me like the logical way to present the gift, but my suggestion apparently sparked the imagination of some of the other ladies, who proceeded to embark on alternative methods for presenting the gift.

"You know what you could do?" said one. "You could be wearing it underneath your bathrobe, and then you could tell him you have another gift for him and sort of stand up and take off your bathrobe."

"Or what about if you wrap the empty box and put it under the tree. Then when he unwraps it, he'll find the empty Victoria's Secret box and ask what happened to the present. That's when you stand up and open your bathrobe."

"Or maybe what you could do," suggested another, "is after he opens the empty box, you tell him he has to go find what's inside. And you could be wearing it the whole time."

"This is beginning to give me some ideas about what to buy for stocking stuffers," said the first lady. "Have you ever seen those little bottles of body paint? Those would make good stocking stuffers, and they could be a lot of fun."

At this point in the conversation we had completed our warm-ups and moved on to the weight room where we were doing the rest of our workout. I can't tell you that I was not involved in the conversation, but for the most part it is my recollection that I provided the original idea and the others joined in on the elaboration.

And, quite frankly, I was feeling pretty good about it, too.

What I was thinking was that if any of these ladies followed through on the suggestion with half as much enthusiasm as they were demonstrating in class, there were going to be several very happy men on Christmas morning — all of whom owed me a big vote of gratitude.

That's what was going through my head when I suddenly realized that Georgeann, the lady who had prompted the discussion with her question about what to get the man who has everything, had not been an active participant in the brainstorming session.

"What's the matter, Georgeann?" I asked. "Don't you think it's a good idea?"

"Oh, it's a great idea," she said sadly. "Just one problem. The guy I was talking about is my father."

In passing

By Hal Gould



Grand finale

Friends and family join Northville students on stage at the end of a recent concert

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

We welcome your ideas, as do your neighbors. That's why we offer this space on a weekly basis for opinions in your own words. We will help by editing for clarity. To assure authenticity, we ask that you sign your letter and provide a contact phone number.

The writer's name may be withheld from publication if the writer fears bodily harm, severe persecution, or the loss of his or her job. The writer requesting anonymity must explain his or her circumstances.

Submit letters for consideration by 4 P.M. Monday for that Thursday's paper.

Submit letters to: Editor, The Novi News, 104 W. Main, Northville, MI 48167.

Novi already has personality



Rick Byrne

We ran a front page story in The Novi News last week about how the city was once again tossing around ideas on how to create a downtown.

It seems the city fathers (and mothers) think Novi is suffering from an identity crisis, and that a downtown business district would solve it. They make a pretty good argument, too. They look to the south and see Northville, a city which seems to have cornered the market on what I call "the Q word" (I don't even like saying "quaint" any more). Novi, they lament, needs personality.

I beg to differ. I think Novi has lots of personality. A friend and I made a tradition of planning twice a year scavenger hunt/road rallies when we shared an apartment in Ann Arbor. Now that he's living in Ypsilanti and I'm in Novi, he's trying to talk me into reviving the tradition for a point-to-point rally this spring. Start at his place, and end at mine for a big bash.

(I see right through this. He just doesn't want to clean up — before or after the party.)

But I think we could find enough intriguing landmarks and destinations to run one right here in Novi. Here's a partial list of what I have in mind. I'll just tell you what it is. You try to figure out where it is, and I'll give you the answers on Thursday.

■ The Bob Evans Restaurant. This place shouldn't be as hard to find as it is. You can spot it if you're looking for it.

But thanks to Novi's sign ordinance, figuring out how to get in is like finding the tomb of Tutankhamun. To get full credit for your answer you have to know how to get in.

■ The Corvo Iron Works. Okay, it's not much to look at. But it's in a really quirky location. It's not what I'd call one of the city's zoning successes. If you can find this place, you really do get around Novi.

■ The old Novi railroad depot. Bet you didn't know Novi used to have a regular railroad stop. That was back when Novi actually had a "downtown." To get full credit, you can't just point the station out. You have to figure out how to get to it.

■ The Totem Pole. Technically it's not in Novi, but if you stand in Novi, you can see it across the street.

■ Novi's motocross track. Novi oldtimers might remember this one pretty easily, but newcomers probably couldn't even tell you what it was if they were standing in it. It's choked with weeds now, but all the hills and curves and whoop-de-dos are still there.

■ The Novi Special. No, not the real one. To see that, you'd need a couple of keys because right now it's in a locked trailer inside the Expo Center. No, I'm talking about the larger-than-life-size painting of one.

■ The Cocktail Glass. High degree of difficulty here. Again, it's larger than life size. Thousands of people a day probably drive right past it each day and don't even see it. My guess is that it's there as a result of some mischievous Public Works employees, who perhaps had downed a few themselves before making the crude line drawing.

Rick Byrne is Copy Editor of The Novi News.

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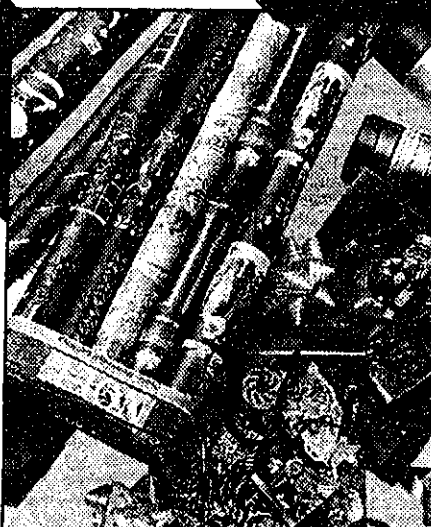
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Lois Thieleke/Home Economist

Don't give in to holiday food temptations

Defend yourself, fruitcake on one side, egg nog on the other, festive treats of the seasons everywhere, you have to be strong!

Holidays present something of a dilemma for health conscious people. Special occasions deserve special foods but holiday foods are notorious for being laden with calories and fat. Somewhere between Thanksgiving and New Year's the average person gains about 6 pounds. Then comes the struggle to diet and exercise back down to size. The best idea is to stick to a regular exercise program during the holidays, hold down the calories and learn what foods to eat rather than eating what you shouldn't.

Turkey makes an excellent low-fat, low-calorie meat. To keep the calories low, remove the skin, that cuts calories by about 20 percent. Don't stuff the turkey, as the bread absorbs the fat from the bird, and elevate the bird on a roasting rack so it doesn't sit in the fat. Baste with wine, fruit juice or clear broth rather than the drippings.

If you consume 2,000 calories a day, you should eat no more than 66 grams of fat to keep to the 30 percent daily recommendation. To find the percentage of calories derived from fat, multiply the grams of fat by 9, then divide by the total calories and then multiply by 100 to get the percentage. Some food labels do the arithmetic for you, or clip this out so you can do nutritional analysis of a recipe in a magazine or book quickly.

When making a fruitcake, or other baked sweets, use dried fruit instead of candied fruit. Skip the egg yolk when you can, as it accounts for 60 of an egg's 77 calories. When sauteing, instead of butter, use a non-stick skillet spray that is either made from vegetable or olive oil.

Instead of candied sweet potatoes, bake sweet potatoes and you can save over 100 calories. After baking, mash them with orange juice and garnish with orange slices or pineapple. Baked acorn squash will add only 69 calories per one-half cup, if you don't want to use sweet potatoes. Homemade turkey gravy contains about 71 calories per fourth cup while dry mix turkey gravy is only 22 calories per fourth cup.

If you have a sweet tooth but need to limit sugar and fat in your diet (they contribute to high blood cholesterol as well as extra pounds), here are a few suggestions. Fruit flavored sorbet and fruity ices contain no fat compared to 50 to 75 percent of the fat calories in ice cream. Many fresh fruits satisfy a sweet tooth with no added fat. A bread and jam treat has only a trace of fat. For a lower fat pie crust, use crushed graham crackers moistened with fruit juices and then baked.

Bolster your energy during the holiday rush in the mall. Good low-fat snack choices would be soft pretzels, plain popcorn, low-fat frozen yogurt cones, low-fat milk shakes, bagels or dried fruit. A vegetable pizza, a plain baked potato, grilled chicken sandwich (no sauce and no breading) are also quick and easy pick up for those shopping days.

Look for low-fat recipes for egg nog and limit the amount of alcohol. (No "raw-egg" egg nog for food safety reasons!)

Make small switches to reduce fat, calories and cholesterol while still satisfying your holiday appetite. Substitute a plain bagel for a croissant to save 35 calories; one tablespoon evaporated skim milk whipped can be used instead of whipping cream to save 32 calories; one ounce of roasted chestnuts instead of one ounce oil roasted peanuts to save 96 calories; one ounce of thin pretzels substituted for one ounce potato chips saves 40 calories; and one tablespoon bottled salsa substituted for one tablespoon sour cream dip saves 20 calories.

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A Crystallized Idea

Schoolcraft ice-carvers taking shape

By RICK BYRNE
Copy Editor

Something was different here.

Traditional chef's hats and coats had been traded in for wool caps and ski jackets. The tools of choice were not whisks and measuring cups, but electric chain saws and steel chisels.

The occasion was what one participant called a "road trip," for students in Chef Dan Hugel's ice-carving class from Schoolcraft College. About a dozen culinary students braved plummeting temperatures to fashion and assemble a crystalline work of art on the front lawn of Rocky's of Northville on Seven Mile Road.

This is actually the first of two such public displays, Hugel said. The students will also take part in next month's Plymouth Ice Festival, which draws ice-carving professionals from around the Midwest.

The activity Thursday created a rather peculiar scene at Rocky's. In the background a generator clattered away while floodlights illuminated the scene. The grinding of chainsaws, the intense activity and the boisterous laughter of the students appeared in stark contrast to the sedate diners who oohed and aahed from just behind the windows of the restaurant.

The students measured blocks, marked their cuts, and chipped away with saws and chisels. Then gingerly they piled the various pieces in place, using slush like filler putty to fill the gaps.

Onlookers were left with the impression that what was going on here was as much carpentry as it was art.

As with any carpentry job, planning is important. One student demonstrated so by pulling out the blueprints for the team project. They revealed two platforms on a table, supported by columns and topped with a huge, six-piece fan.

Beside the table were an angel perched atop a smaller platform. On the other side, another platform with "Merry Christmas" artfully carved into it.

Hugel, a certified master chef, is an old hand at ice carving. His designs have been the centerpiece for food displays in national and international competition; competition which has put more silverware in his trophy case than he has in his utensil drawer.

True to the mission of the American Culinary Federation, though, he places a high value on passing along the benefit of his knowledge and experience to students. He jokes with the gathered scholars as he demonstrates some scroll cuts with a v-shaped chisel.

Tools in this trade don't come cheaply, he points out. The best are imported from Japan.

Chris Sokolowski, under Hugel's ice-carving tutelage for the second year, has started his own ice-carving business on the side. Opening up a camouflage-painted former hunting bow case, he reveals about a dozen chisels, picks and other cutting tools, each with a sheath to protect carefully honed cutting edges.

"I've only got about \$1,000 worth of equipment," he says, suggesting that this is a small figure among artisans of his kind. "This is just part of it, the ones I use most often."

Taking the cover off one flat-bladed tool, he says, "That one there cost \$55 alone."

The tools look fairly benign, much like stainless steel barbecue tools. Appearances are deceiving, however. The handles are heavy wood, and the blades are razor sharp. Just brushing bare skin against one could draw blood.

"You could do skin grafts with these things," Hugel says.

"The colder the ice is and the sharper your blade, the better it is for carving," said Hugel. "When it gets warmer or you use a dull blade, you get what we call scaling. It turns white and chips, and it's just no good for carving."

Some tools are improvised. In the process of handling and carving the ice blocks, their surface can become pitted and opaque. To smoothe the surface and restore the crystal-clear character of the ice, students used an ordinary household steam iron — a sort of impromptu mini-Zamboni.

Ice, believe it or not, does not come cheaply either, though you get a lot for your money. Twelve blocks of ice were carved at Rocky's. Each cost \$45 and all together they weighed in at around five tons.



Photos by BRYAN MITCHELL

Above, an angel takes shape at Rocky's Thursday night. Below, John Merucci applies some finishing touches.



Chef Mary Brady

Simple Christmas meal tops off holiday zeal



Well, all the excitement is almost over. In just a few short days Christmas of 1992 will be a no other memory.

I always start off December dreading the hustle and bustle of the season but by the time Dec. 23 rolls around I'm finally in the spirit. Much of the joyfulness is due to holiday gatherings in the restaurant. Families and friends meeting to exchange gifts and wishes of happiness, joy

abounds.

Everyone is excited about what presents they've purchased and who is cooking what for dinner. Tom and I are the official hosts for Christmas Eve. This will be the first time in over a year that we have entertained. I'm going to take my own advice and keep it simple. White bean chili, a big casserole of scalloped potatoes and lovely assorted greens topped with thinly sliced marinated, grilled steak. A kind of off-the-wall menu, but I cook what is requested.

This is a night to relax and enjoy each other's company, not to be in the kitchen. Several appetizers and Christmas cookies will finish off the meal. In honor of the occasion I even purchased a new fake tree. With Grandmother Smith's ornaments

and my nephew Alfred's help, it looks pretty good. The real tree was Tom's project and is on our second level balcony where we can enjoy it from the inside. Rosie, our wonderful feline, has a bad habit of eating plants so an inside tree is out of the question.

A few treasured decorations are dotted around the house to keep the spirit alive through out. Even though last minute shopping is eminent, our zeal will not wane.

All the Christmas cards we've received have been splendid. The lovely messages to us and the staff are greatly appreciated. We'd like to reciprocate with a few of our own. Noreen, Poltorak, of lovely Northville, has been with us from the beginning. She wishes you a "Merry Christmas and

happy, healthy new year". And continues, "It has been a true pleasure this year and I look forward to many more."

Karen Hyland, a veteran of Southfield and Detroit's Brady's is appreciative of the fact we are open to trying new things. "Thanks for the input and willingness to acknowledge the varied selections that we work hard to put together." "Your viewpoints have really helped to mold a restaurant and bar that is truly the way you want it."

Terry Wayne, my "space cadet" from Southfield Brady's, hadn't waitressed in 12 years when she moved back from California with a small baby and decided to give up a retail career and start with us again. "My comeback has been like riding

a bike. You never forget. Thanks for making the transition easy. I've made many great friends and wish all the happiness of the season to our great clientele."

Tom Brady, Jr. wants you to know that we make his "six day a week job seem like four." (I had the tape recorder on for that!)

And finally, Tamara Haas says it best. "It is like family. I know most of my guests by name. It is nice to see familiar faces again and again. This isn't work — it is fun. I wish everyone a very, very happy holiday and new year."

Tom and I couldn't say it much better. Happiness, health and prosperity to all. We look forward to spending many, many more holidays with you. XXOO

The Refrigerator Door

CHRISTMAS EVE, NEW YEAR'S EVE DINNERS: Marco's Italian Restaurant, 32758 Grand River Ave. in Farmington Hills is hosting a special Christmas Eve Dinner. The six-course, fixed price meal will feature everything from spiced rum eggnog to oven-roasted chestnuts. Seating is by reservation only, from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Price per person is \$26.95. Children under 12, \$12.95.

Marco's New Year's Eve celebration on December 31 will feature the standard dinner menu at the 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. seatings. The late seating at 9:30 p.m. will be a six-course dinner, dancing and champagne at midnight. Cost for the late seating is \$38, which does not include beverages, tax and gratuity.

For information or reservations, call 477-7777.

NEW YEAR'S CELEBRATION: Diamond Jim Brady's will celebrate its second New Year's in Novi with a special New Year's Eve dinner package. The \$60-per-couple package includes two movie vouchers (which need not be used that night), and dinner includes an appetizer, salads, entrees and desserts, as well as a glass of house wine or champagne. Call 380-8460 for reservations and information.

KITCHEN GLAMOR CLASSES: Novi's Kitchen Glamor store hosts a series of drop-in classes Tuesdays at 1 and 7 p.m. during the next several weeks. The fee for most of the classes is \$3.

With all of the classes, recipes are provided free, and there will be small portion tasting. Everyone is welcome.

Kitchen Glamor is located in the Novi Town Center. Call 380-8600 for more information.

LES AUTEURS SCHOOL OF COOKING: The Les Auteurs School of Cooking featuring Schoolcraft College instructor Master Chef Jeff Gabriel will host several classes during the month of December. All classes are Tuesday evenings from 6-8 p.m. at Les Saisons restaurant in Royal Oak. Dec. 29, New Year's Eve Gourmet Personal Pizzas. For more information and registration, call (313) 545-3400.

Stir-frying keeps lamb tender

Stir-fry remains as one of the most popular cooking techniques currently being used. This method was considered just a trendy fad when introduced to this country several years ago. But as more and more information about foods and health were discovered, it also became a healthy style of cooking and eating.

The traditional meats used for this type of cooking have been lean and tender. What better choice for your stir-fry than fresh American lamb. Lamb, by its very nature, is tender so almost any lamb cut can be used. This type of cooking takes very little actual cooking time so once you prepare your lamb and vegetables, it only takes a few minutes before it is time to call the crew for dinner.

It is best to stir-fry lamb at a medium high heat as it cooks so quickly and has little internal marbling. This keeps it tender and juicy. Remember when preparing the lamb and vegetables to keep the pieces uniform in shape so they cook evenly. Choices of cuts for your stir-fry could be a shoulder chop, sirloin steak or center leg steak.

The easiest way to cut the lamb for your stir-fry is to place the cut in the freezer for a short while. Trim all fat before cooking.

The Mandarin Lamb with Oriental Noodles is a sweet and sour sauce which combines the sweetness of mandarin oranges with the crunch and flavor of carrots, squash, red pepper and celery.

The recipe even includes the noodles and eliminates the extra cooking time needed for steamed rice or noodles. Egg rolls from your freezer case, a mixed green salad and steaming pot of tea are the perfect accompaniment to this sweet, but tangy lamb recipe from the American Lamb Council.

MANDARIN LAMB WITH ORIENTAL NOODLES

1 tablespoon cooking oil
2 cloves garlic, minced
1 pound boneless American lamb, leg or shoulder
1 (3 ounce) package Oriental noodles with flavor packet
1 cup water

1 small zucchini or yellow squash, cut in half and bias-sliced
1 carrot, thinly bias-sliced
1/2 medium red pepper, cut in 1/4 inch strips
2 stalks celery, thinly bias-sliced
1/2 cup ready to use sweet and sour sauce
1/4 cup mandarin orange slices, drained
1/4 cup coarsely chopped almonds or peanuts (optional)

Slice lamb in 1/4-inch strips and set aside. Heat oil and garlic to medium high heat in large skillet or wok. Add lamb and stir-fry until lamb is no longer pink. Remove from skillet and set aside.

Break up dry noodles and place noodles, 1 cup water, flavor packet and vegetables in skillet. Bring to a boil, reduce heat and cover. Simmer 3 to 5 minutes until vegetables are crisp tender. Stir in lamb strips, sweet and sour sauce and oranges. Heat through. Top with nuts if desired.

Consider food ideas for hostess gifts

"When you are invited to a holiday party the question of what to bring often arises," said Sylvia Treiman, home economist for the Oakland County Cooperative Extension Service. "Gifts you make yourself are very special, and show how much you care."

Creating unique gift items is fun, challenging and relatively inexpensive to do. A little planning and keep-

ing your eyes open to cute packaging ideas is the key. Start early by purchasing notions and wrapping materials on sale right after the holidays for next year.

Here are a few ideas to get you started:

Bake small loaves of apple breads — wrap a red school box for a teacher's gift.

Home-canned salsa and chips —

put in a terra cotta pot for a "Mexican Fiesta."

Dried soup mix in a soup mug or new pretty soup kettle and ladle for the cold winter ahead.

A variety of flavored popcorns (chocolate coated popcorn, caramel corn or chili seasoned) inside a big popcorn ball.

To receive a copy of "Gifts From

Your Kitchen," a handy recipe booklet to help you, send \$1.50 to cover handling to the Cooperative Extension Service, 1200 N. Telegraph Road, Dept. 416, Pontiac, MI 48341-0416.

For more help or answers to other food and nutrition questions, call the Food and Nutrition Hotline, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Watch fat during your feast

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You can cut the fat without having to focus on the "nos" all the time. If it's a favorite, once a year, special food, that is laden with fat and calories, eat less of it and eat it less often.

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Have a safe holiday meal

"Busy holiday times with all the extra food preparation tasks may put you at risk of a food poisoning incident," cautions Sylvia Treiman, home economist for the Oakland County Cooperative Extension Service, Food and Nutrition Hotline. "We get many questions this time of year on ways to save time on entertaining and food preparation. It's great to save time," said Treiman, "however, some time savers become risky food safety practices."

The basics of food safety cannot be ignored. Always follow these basic rules.

Keep hot foods hot and cold foods cold. Do not leave food out more than two hours at room temperature. Keep everything in the kitchen clean.

Do not partially cook foods—or interrupt cooking time. Do not pre-stuff a turkey the night before.

Here are some time saving tips: Preplan and make foods ahead of time and freeze or refrigerate them appropriately. Pre-cut or chop vegetables and refrigerate in plastic bags or ice water. Microwave a smaller turkey — watch temperature until it reaches 180 degrees F. for safety.

Use oven cooking bags for turkey or large roasts to save about 30-60 minutes.

Cut your cooking time in half by cooking two, 10 pound birds instead of one large one. This cuts time from 6 1/2 hours to 3 1/4 hours.



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Baseline victory Wildcats dump Northville spikers

By SCOTT DANIEL
Sports Editor

Kate MacKenzie and Kristin Kenny led the Wildcat volleyball team to an easy two-game victory over Baseline rival Northville Thursday night at home.

Novi dominated the Mustangs winning by 15-3 and 15-5. MacKenzie and Kenny scored numerous points for the Cats with a combination of powerful serving, hitting and well placed tips over the net.

According to Novi coach Amy Wagner, communication was the key to victory.

"They were working well as a team tonight," she said. "I think they were more aggressive (than Northville)." The win improved Novi's record to 4-2.

Northville was minus its two top players, senior Jenny Lower and Val Bassin, because of their commitments. Mustang coach Laura Melvin said it tough to compete without the duo.

"It really hurt without them," she said. "We missed their hitting. They

are our offense."

Northville's lack of offense became apparent in game one.

The Mustangs tallied the first point of the match on a block by Laura White. But Novi roared back to go on a 13-1 run.

MacKenzie got the Wildcats rolling with her bullet-like serves. The senior scored an ace to give Novi a 2-1 lead, which it never relinquished.

Novi led 7-1 before the Mustangs could score again. Renee Androsian nailed a perfect shot down the left side line to cut the lead to six. But Northville could come no closer.

Christine Edwards served for five points and MacKenzie closed it out to give the Cats their 15-3 triumph. It didn't get much better in game two for Northville.

The Mustangs jumped out to a 2-0 lead behind the serving of Christy Green. Novi quickly tied the score on a textbook play that saw Alexs Johnson take a return from the back row, pass it to Beth Vanderhoof who then set up an easy kill shot for Kenny.

Wagner said it was such passing and movement by her team that led

to the two game sweep of the Mustangs.

"They were really getting to the net," she said.

Novi's serve was broken after the tying point, but the Mustangs failed to take advantage.

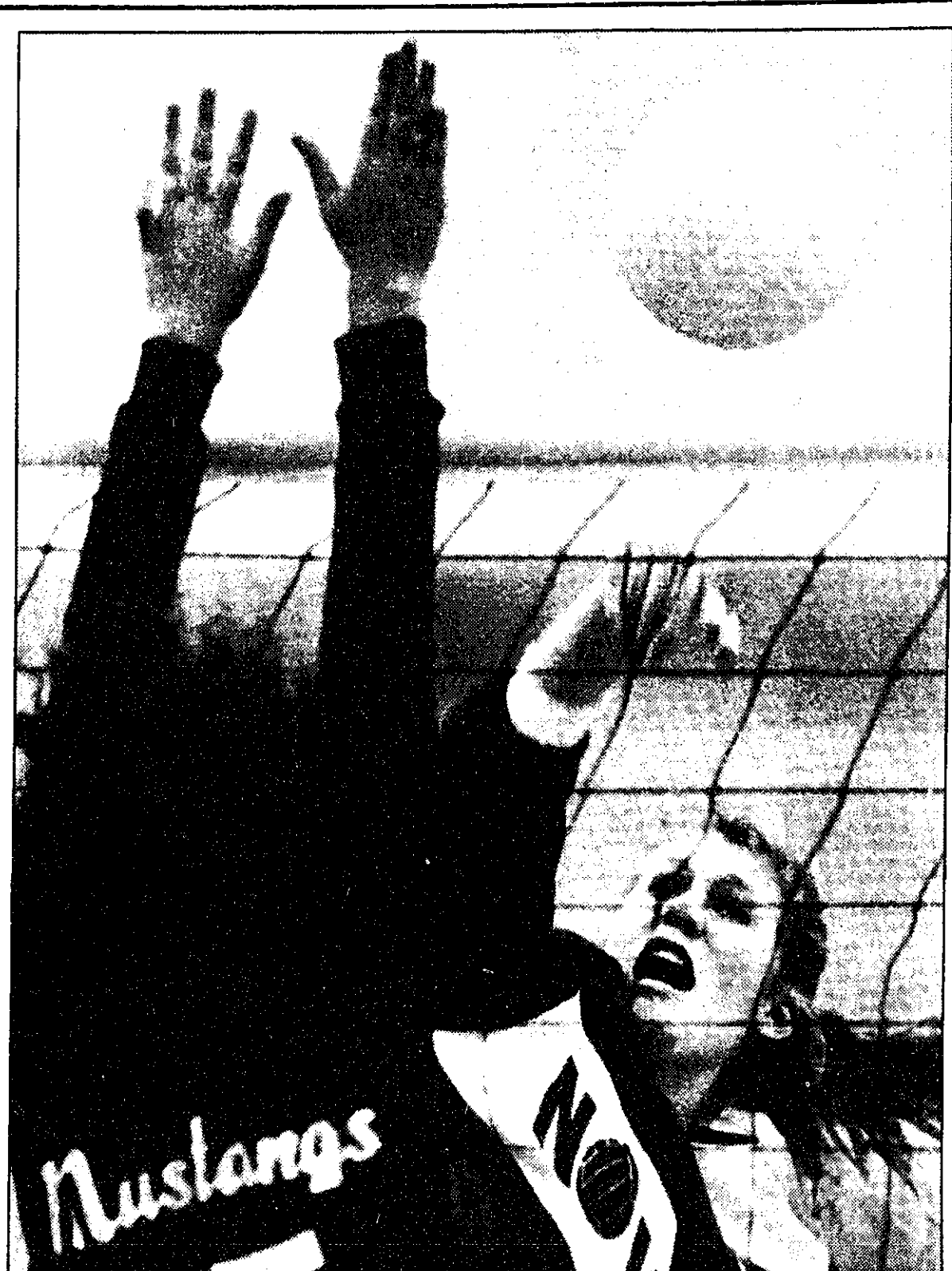
Becky Oppat came on to serve for the Wildcats and nearly closed the match. Novi ran off 12 straight points, including a pair of Oppat aces.

Communication seemed to break down for Northville during the streak. Several times, Mustangs players bumped into each other going for the ball.

The visitors did manage a small comeback. Trailing 14-2, Northville scored three times on a point by Angie Snyder and two Novi miscues.

Kenny closed the match by first breaking the Mustangs' serve and then connecting on an unreturnable shot over the net. Wagner said her team did what it took to win, whether it was hard hitting or soft, placement shots.

"If hard hitting doesn't work," she said, "we try to find the holes."



Kristin Kenny spikes a shot past a Northville player Thursday night.

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Be an Organ Donor. Organ Donation labels are available at any Secretary of State office. For information about donating your kidneys and other organs for transplantation, contact the Organ Procurement Agency of Michigan, (800) 482-4881.

A public service message from this publication and the Organ Procurement Agency

Don't get picked up after a holiday party.



Don't drink and drive.

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE
BOTSFORD GENERAL HOSPITAL
BOTSFORD CONTINUING HEALTH CENTER

097 Wanted To Rent

SINGLE male, non smoking, desires to rent in Brighton area. Clean, house or duplex. Reasonable only. Have dog. (616)468-7518 leave message, will return phone call.

100 Arts & Crafts

DEPT. 56, 1991 Retired pieces. Dickens, X-Mas. After 7PM. (313)625-4528.

101 Antiques

ANTIQUE sleigh, good cond. \$1,295. Serious buyers only. (313)975-1554.

POST Civil War sofa and chair, \$700/best. (517)548-4005 days, (313)750-6196 even.

103 Garage, Moving, Rummage Sales

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ALL GARAGE, RUMMAGE & MOVING SALES PLACED UNDER THIS COLUMN MUST BE PREPAID AND START WITH THE CITY WHERE THE SALE IS TO BE HELD.

FREE GARAGE SALE KITS

ASK ABOUT YOURS WHEN YOU PLACE YOUR GARAGE SALE AD IN THE GREEN SHEET. THESE KITS CAN BE OBTAINED AT YOUR LOCAL NEWSPAPER OFFICE.

HIGHLAND Moving Sale. Oak tr. set, queen size, mirror/bookcase/headboard, 5 drawer dresser, \$375. White Westinghouse washer, \$90. Sofa and loveseat, beige neutral, \$250. Fridge/Freezer 17cu ft. refrigerator, white, \$150. (313)989-3255.

104 Household Goods

1989 WHIRLPOOL electric range, almond. Exc. cond. \$200. (517)548-6551.

ANTIQUE oak desk, \$70. Dropleaf table, \$65. Excellent. (313)437-5438.

BLONDE Ashwood bedroom set. Queen size waterbed, headboard, dresser, 2 night stands, armoire, mirror. \$1400/best. (313)474-3454.

ENTERTAINMENT center, w/ glass door enclosure, \$90. Electric Hammond organ w/ bench, \$80. Whirlpool dishwasher, quiet, \$150. (517)851-4842 after 6pm near Fowlerville.

FREE estimates. TV and VCR repair. Low rates. (517)546-6176.

FRIGIDAIRE stackable washer/dryer, 1 yr. old. \$500. (313)363-6399.

JUST opened: Highland Mattress & Drapery. Twin mattress set, from \$129. 5 piece Drapery, was \$499, now \$249. Rockers & gliders. Solid oak chairs, were \$119, now \$55. Oak chairs, from \$38. (313)889-3446.

QUEEN Walnut waterbed. New peach peddled sofa, 6 drawers. Exc. cond. \$250. (517)546-2616.

UPRIGHT freezer, works good, \$75. (313)437-8514.

106 Musical Instruments

1921 SMALL Eskey grand piano, rose cabinet, \$1,500 or best offer. (313)227-4964.

ALTO saxophone Bundy II. Good cond. \$450/best. (517)548-4459.

CLARINET, King. Excellent condition. Best offer. (313)449-2655.

JUST in time for Christmas. Sterling silver Gernsheider still, appraised at \$275, will sell for \$200. (313)486-0609 after 6pm.

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Seasons Greetings

107 Miscellaneous

31 ENCYCLOPEDIA Americana, 32 volumes, & additional educational books. \$699. (313)878-3778.

BARRELS, plastic, 55 gal. clean, good for grain, rats, trash, recyclable, etc. (517)223-7966.

FORD Ranger tail gate, complete assembly, \$100. New wheel-chair, \$400. Compact truck tool box, \$50. 10hp. lawn tractor, \$300. Queen size bedroom outfit, \$500. Woman's fur coat, size 8, \$200. Early American blue upholstered love seat, \$50. (517)223-3069.

108 Wanted

WANTED: Queen size bookcase headboard. Projection screen. Good cond. (313)229-2847.

109 Computers

AMSTRAD, IBM compatible, 640K, battery backed up Ram, color monitor. 2 (5 1/4) floppy discs, mouse. Serial, parallel ports. 3.5 disk expansion slots. Software: MS DOS 3.2, Gen 2.0 (non based user), Basic 2.0, IBM 1.2, IBM Filing Assistant. Computer & printer stand included. \$500 negotiable. (313)437-2210.

APPLE IIe-Mono, 2nd drive, printer, software, books, LCD screen, \$475. (313)348-4181.

IBM compatible computer, RGB color monitor, Dell Matrix printer, 3 yrs. old., like new. \$500. (313)227-2059.

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110 Sporting Goods

MARCY EM-1, weight machine and D.P. Rowing Machine. Both Exc. cond. \$150. (517)548-6551.

OAKLEY Thermomolecular protection Sims USA 1610 blade ATV snow board, very new, used couple times. \$250 or best offer. (313)878-0097.

WE buy, sell & sharpen now & used ice skates. Wards Hardware, Hamburg, (313)231-2131.

111 Farm Products

CORN for sale. (517)223-9004. Dried shelled corn, \$4/wh. Dried ground corn, \$3/wh.

HOLIDAY fruit baskets. Northern Spy, & other good apples. Fresh pressed cider, deer food apples. We ship apples UPS. Warners Orchard & Cider Mill. 5870 Old US-23, Brighton. (313)229-6504

FRUIT Baskets and gift boxes for the Holidays. Large selection of wooden wicker baskets and gift boxes. Spices Orchards, Phone orders welcome. Free cider and donuts while you shop. (313)632-7892. Open daily 9am-6pm. US-23, N. of Brighton, Clyde Rd. exit.

113 Electronics

BOXED Genesis set. 2 controllers, 3 great games, \$26. 19in color TV, \$50. (517)546-9121.

NINTENDO w/gun & glove, 11 games, \$100. (313)949-5029.

115 Christmas Trees

CHRISTMAS TREES YOU CHOOSE AND CUT NOEL TREE COMPANY. Premium quality scotch and white pine, blue and white spruce. Open Sat. & Sun. 10-6pm. M-36 and Arnold Rd. 6 miles W. of Pinckney. Machine cleaning and wrapping available. \$5 off with ad. (313)522-3991.

116 Wood Stoves

WOOD Stove Appalachian, zero clearance, 15" flue. Cost \$2500. Like new, \$1500. (517)546-9240, days. (313)231-9504, evenings.

117 Firewood

ALL hardwood. Split & seasoned 1 yr. \$45 per facecord. 4x8x16. (517)223-3885.

SEASONED firewood, mixed hardwoods. \$55 a facecord delivered. 4x8x16. (313)349-5234.

SEASONED oak. \$35/face, unsplit. \$45 split. Free deliveries with 5 or more cords. 4x8x14-18. (517)634-5263.

118 Building Materials

Year End Clearance on odd lot kitchen & vanity cabinets & tops. EW Kitchen Distributors, 29750 Anthony Dr., Wixom. (313)659-1300.

OAK flooring, 2 1/4 inch, #2, red or white, \$1.39 per sq. ft. 2 1/4 inch hard maple, \$1.96. Select grade ash, \$2.15. Wide oak flooring, \$1.75. 1-800-522-8878.

STEEL BUILDINGS year end factory closeouts: 30x50, 40x60, 50x100, some seconds available. Must sell by 12/31. David (313)741-1773.

119 Lawn, Garden Snow Equipment

OTHER SERVICES AND PRODUCTS CAN BE FOUND IN OUR BUSINESS DIRECTORY CLASSIFICATIONS.

SMALL air-cooled engine repair class at Brighton High School. 15 weeks starting Mon. Jan. 11, 6pm-10pm. (313)229-1419.

123 Commercial/Industrial Equipment

OLD fashion Surpex machine, complete set up. \$700. (313)437-0630.

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HILLSIDE Kennels. Top quality, German Shepherd puppies. Also, other female and stud service available. (517)223-9863.

150 Breeders Directory

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154 Pet Supplies

SOGAL salt mix, \$12.50. 55gal mini reef w/skimmer, \$145. Marine fish. (313)349-8204.

156 Farm Animals

HORSES & CATTLE WANTED Top dollar paid. All grades needed. Can take down or clipped cows. (517)223-2446.

161 Day Care, Babysitting

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168 Office/Clerical

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT for very active Purchasing/Operations/Import Department. Requirements: well-organized, working knowledge of Word Perfect, excellent follow-up skills. Office and Data Processing skills a plus. Please submit resume in confidence to: P.O. Box 170, Howell, MI 48843, ATTN: Sue.

ADMINISTRATIVE office person to run office for up & coming wholesale distributor, must be computer literate, good phone voice, good time management skills, mature, full time. (313)437-0270.

MILFORD based company seeking Administrative Clerk/Secretary to work 20hrs/wk. \$5hr. Send resume to: P.O. Box 81, New Hudson MI 48165-0081.

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REGISTERED Nurse, management position available in rapidly expanding long term care facility as a unit manager. Prefer 1 year experience in long term care. Send resume to: Medbridge of Howell, 1333 W. Grand River, Howell, MI. 48843 or call (517)548-1900.

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CLEANING person, full time position available for energetic self-starter. \$5.75 per hour plus medical, dental, optical & life insurance. Apply in person at Hunt Club Apts., 4685 Hunt Club Dr., Ypsilanti or call (313)572-0155.

CNC Machining Center Operator. Some programming, some setup. Send resume to: POB 297, Brighton, MI 48116.

CNC machinist/programmer. 3yr. experience, NW location, IMS. Box 142, New Hudson, MI 48165. (313)532-8900.

DEPENDABLE men and women needed for spray painting and light packaging. Day shift only. For immediate interview, wage and benefit information, apply in person between 8am-3:30pm at 30517 Beck, Wixom. (313)669-0077.

DIRECT Care Staff, men & women over 18, flexible hours, good benefits. Call (313)624-0548, (313)669-4516, (313)360-2592, between 10am-2pm.

DIRECT care staff needed for group homes located in Farmington Hills & Northville. Experience not necessary, will train. For more info, call Barb in Farmington Hills, (313)477-6851; or Pat in Northville, (313)348-3843.

DISPATCHER needed to answer phones, dispatch wrecks & oil trucks. Mon-Fri. 8am-3pm. Experienced only. Apply at: 775 N. Second St. Brighton. See Esther, no phone calls please.

DRIVER, CDL, A&T experience, maximum 3 points. (313)227-9211.

ELECTRICAL component manufacturer needs person w/strong machine operation background. Call (313)227-5254.

ELECTRICAL journeyman or highly skilled apprentice w/3 yrs. plus experience, residential and commercial. (313)229-9406.

EXPERIENCED auto detailer/washer. (313)227-0990.

GENERAL Labor, first second shifts. Brighton/Wixom area. (313)227-9211.

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