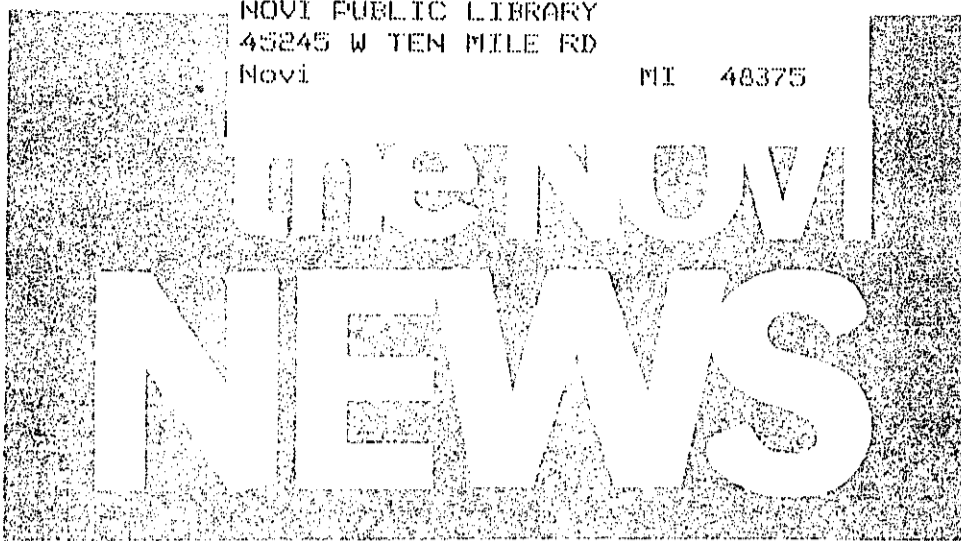


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City talks of annexing township

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Does the City of Novi aim to gobble up tiny Novi Township? Novi City Manager Ed Kriewall recently suggested to the city council that this might be a good idea.

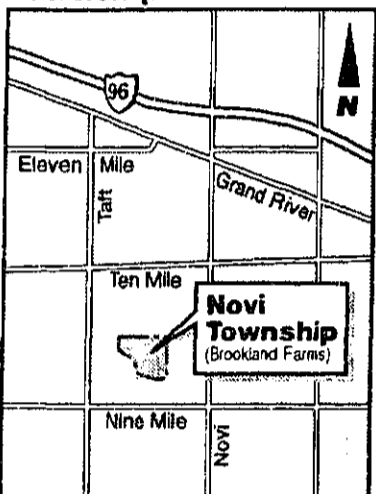
Novi Township, possibly the smallest in Michigan, consists of 50 homes in Brookland Farms subdivision at Nine Mile and Novi roads. When most of Novi became a city in 1969, the township opted out. Based "on a gentleman's agreement," Kriewall explained, the city's not made any land grabs.

Novi Township likes it that way. Township Supervisor Ray Schovers said.

Monday, the Novi City Council didn't toss around the word "annexation." But the majority did give Kriewall the go ahead to "open up dialogue" with the township on "the future township and city relationship," including sewer and water service.

Kriewall wrote in a Dec. 8 memo to the council that "it is probably time to discuss having Novi Township annexed to the City of Novi." He explained there could be a future township interest in connecting to city water and sewer lines, adding that "I

City proposes township annexation



Map by JUANITA LITTLE

believe that council should withhold this service until there can be a discussion over the possibility of annexation."

"I was not aware of it. Obviously, it will upset us very much. We are not interested in it," Schovers said. "We're in Northville schools, we have a Northville mailing address. If anything we feel more like Northville than anything else."

What spurred it all was the

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Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

Winter fun

Heavy snows, especially in amounts of six to eight inches, can be a headache for adults. But kids know how to make the best of it. Above, Morgan Collier, 5, joined in the sled-

ding last week in Lake shore Park when Novi, along with the rest of southeast Michigan, got hit with heavy snow.

Novi voters reject bond issue 2-to-1

By SHARON CONDRON
Staff Writer

Novi Schools' \$33 million bond proposal suffered a 2-to-1 defeat at the polls Tuesday.

"It's so overwhelming," said Board of Education President Craig Foreback, about the defeat. "It wasn't about buildings and curriculum. It was about money. People just don't want to pay any more taxes."

School district residents sent a resounding no vote on the proposal which sought to build a new middle school and renovate two other existing schools. More than \$23.1 million would have been used to construct the new school. The balance, \$9.9 million was intended to fund renovations at Novi Middle and Novi Meadows schools.

The final tally was 1,493 no votes to 773 yes votes. Of the 2,266 residents who voted, 34 percent voted yes, 66 percent said no. Tuesday's turnout represented 13.5 percent of the 16,672 registered school district voters. More than four percent of those registered voters voted yes.

Ninety-nine votes came from absentee ballots, 18 in favor, 81 opposed.

Foreback blamed voters' anti-tax sentiment for Tuesday's defeat. He said he doubted there was anything school officials could have done to get the issue passed, including separating the two-part proposal into two questions. Nor did he think opposition to moving the fourth graders out of the elementary and into the renovated schools was a driving force in the defeat.

"I don't think the fourth grade issue sunk this one," he said. "I think it's all about anti-tax. It's a continued mood from the November election. People in work places are being told to do more with less and I think now they are telling the schools to do the same."

Voter turnout at the polls was

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Main Street project gets city go ahead

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

With one major road block lifted, Main Street inched closer to reality Monday.

With the threat of recall over their heads, the Novi City Council agreed to unleash their lawyers to draft the contract for a land swap for the ring road and the special assessment district needed to build it. Despite earlier threats that he would withdraw his support because Main Street will include 250 apartments, rather than for-purchase housing, Council Member Robert Schmid backed the concept.

"I no longer have the confidence in this developer I once did," Schmid said, adding that he was saying yes "only because I think in the long term this project will benefit the City of Novi."

At the request of developer James Chen of Evergreen III, the council agreed to pull out the proviso, slapped on the \$50 million project in September, that the housing be for purchase only.

The wording of Doug Erwin's recall petition was rejected for the third time Tuesday. Moments later, he filed the fourth version. The story appears on page 17A.

Evergreen III withdrew its original proposal based on this action, then returned last night and asked the council to reconsider.

With Schmid's vote, Main Street appears to have the five votes it will need in the near future when the contract, to include a trade-off of city land fronting on Novi Road for the Main Street right-of-way through the developers' land, is returned to the council for approval. Council Members Tim Pope and Carol Mason remained opposed to any city contributions to Main Street.

The Farmington Hills-based

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Council gives MetroVision its terms

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Some Novi residents are being denied their constitutional right to "the pursuit of happiness," if happiness is channel surfing through cable television.

In areas where homes are not packed in close, cable television was not extended when MetroVision came to town a dozen years ago. Now, as negotiations continue on the re-franchising of the service, the Novi City Council wants to see that this doesn't happen again.

Monday, the council also passed on the first reading of an ordinance which would require MetroVision to maintain a certain standard of service or blow the whistle on itself if it didn't. A 1992 federal law permits local authorities to monitor a cable company's customer service, including how speedily repair employees are dispatched to a home.

"This is a local regulation of a monopoly,"

explained Caren Collins, director of the Southwest Cable Commission of Oakland County (SWOCC).

Novi, Farmington and Farmington Hills are members of SWOCC. Council Member Tim Pope earlier asked the city attorneys to investigate if Novi could back out of the MetroVision franchise agreement it holds with Farmington and Farmington Hills. His original intention, he explained, was to ask the council to draft a letter to the two neighboring cities threatening Novi's intent to pull out, as "a bargaining chip."

Novi can withdraw, City Attorney David Fried found, but must deliver notice as of Jan. 1, for an effective date of June 30. And the withdrawal can't be repealed.

"The density issues is a make or break issue for Novi... Novi Township is an example. They were told they would have to pay to put the cable in," Pope explained.

"My concern is that council representatives from Farmington Hills and Farmington are fully aware that this is a crucial issue to our residents. They are built out."

Mayor Pro Tem Hugh Crawford, who represents Novi on SWOCC, said the member cities are aware of local concerns.

"That will be virtually a top priority in entering negotiations. It will not be lost in the shuffle. Had we attempted to 'secede from the nation' it would have been very counterproductive. I do not think it's advisable to go it on our own. I don't think we'd have the leverage you'd think we might have if we'd gone it alone," Crawford told Pope.

Pope explained that he wasn't suggesting that Novi enter into its own cable agreement, he just wanted to get the attention of its municipal partners.

A Summit Drive resident has already writ-

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MEAP scores fall in Novi Schools

By Sharon Condron
Staff Writer

Students in the Novi Community School District are going to have to hit the books harder if they want to improve their reading scores on the Michigan Educational Assessment Program test next year.

According to the state test results, reading scores fell at least 4.3 percent over last year's test results. District wide, 62.3 percent of the district fourth graders passed both the story and information portions of the reading test. Less than half, or 45.9 percent, of the seventh grade class passed the two-part reading test as did 57.2 percent of the sopho-

NOVI COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT MEAP SCORES						
MATH						
GRADE	1994 SCORE	1993 SCORE	1992 SCORE	1991 SCORE	1990 SCORE	1989 SCORE
4	83.4	78.4	63.8	63.0	96.8*	-
7	65.2	72.2	52.6	52.4	90.1*	-
10	53.1	47.8	33.2	37.3	84.8*	-
READING						
4	62.3	66.6	59.6	56.8	54.1	58.5**
7	45.9	61.5	42.3	36.8	47.8	48.7**
10	57.2	61.5	53.3	56.3	58.8	44.6**
SCIENCE						
5	82.2	81.8	84.5	80.1	74.5	80.2†
8	80.1	74.2	69.4	71.9	67.6	73.4†
11	63.6	64.9	64.4	60.6	61.0	58.1†

* Former Basic Skills Test in math.

** First year of new reading test format (five year comparison)

† First year of new science test format (five year comparison)

Scores are percent of students who received "satisfactory" (i.e. scored 300 or above on each of the reading sections)

more class.

This year's fourth and tenth graders' reading scores dropped

4.3 percent over those taken by last year's classes. What is more alarming is that

today's seventh graders' reading scores plummeted 15.6 percent

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Community Calendar

To get your organization's activities, regular meetings or special events listed in the Community Calendar, send information to Community Calendar, The Novi News, 104 W. Main Street, Northville, MI 48167.

Thursday, December 15

Optimist Club: The Novi Optimist Club meets at 7:30 a.m. at the Novi Civic Center.

Chamber Christmas Party: The Novi Chamber of Commerce is holding its annual Christmas party at the Novi Expo Center beginning at 4 p.m. Hors d'oeuvres will be served and a cash bar will be available. Donations will be accepted to cover costs.

Sunday, December 18

Christmas Concert: The Novi Concert Band will hold a Christmas concert and sing-along at 2 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center on Ten Mile Road. Jack Kopnick will conduct. Refreshments will be served and admission is free.

Bereavement Support: You are invited to join a Bereavement Support Group in the Novi Civic Center from 7:30-9 p.m. to remember someone who has died during the past year. Rev. Dr. Doug Vernon of the United Methodist Church of Northville will be having a brief candle light ceremony at 8 p.m. For further information please call Dr. Michael Meyer at 348-1800.

Monday, December 19

Cholesterol Screening: Total cholesterol screening by finger-stick method, will be offered 1-4 p.m., at the Botsford Center for Health Improvement-Health Development Network, 39750 Grand River Ave. Cost is \$5 fee. For more information call 477-6100.

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.

TOPS: Take Off Pounds Sensibly for all ages meets at 7 p.m. at Novi Meadows School, Room 6. For more information, call 348-9691.

Motor City Speak Easy Toastmasters: The Motor City Speak Easy Toastmasters Club meets from 7-9 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 777 W. Eight Mile. For more information call Tom Lahiff at 348-6019 (evenings). Visitors are welcome.

Tuesday, December 20

Chamber Luncheon: The Novi Chamber of Commerce holds for its monthly membership meeting at noon at the Hotel Baromette, 27790 Novi Rd. The program will be Holiday Music performed by the Novi High School Choir. Lunch cost is \$14. For further information call 349-3743.

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.

Chess Club: The Novi Chess Club will meet from 7-10 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center. There is no charge to attend and all players are welcome. For more information, call Tim Sawmiller, 344-9833 evenings after 6 p.m.

Wednesday, December 21

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

Business Network International: The Farmington Hills chapter of The Business Network International, made up of members from 10 neighboring communities, meets at 7 a.m. at the Tollgate 4-H Education Center, Twelve Mile at Meadowbrook Road. For chapter information or an invitation to one of the meetings, please call 642-7725.

Thursday, December 22

Optimist Club: The Novi Optimist Club meets at 7:30 a.m. at the Novi Civic Center.

Friday, December 23

Christmas Holiday: The City of Novi offices and the Recycling Center are closed.

Saturday, December 24

Christmas Eve: The City of Novi offices, the Recycling Center and the Novi Public Library are closed.

Sunday, December 25

Christmas Day: The City of Novi offices, the Recycling Center and the Novi Public Library are closed.

Monday, December 26

Christmas Holidays: The City of Novi offices, the Recycling Center and the Novi Public Library are closed.

Tuesday, December 27

Youth Assistance: Novi Youth Assistance board will meet at 7 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center.

FEMALE: The Novi area chapter of F.E.M.A.L.E. (Formerly Employed Mothers at the Leading Edge) meets at 7:30 p.m. at Providence Medical Center, 47601 Grand River. For more information, please call 889-3018.

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.

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Council will not let Carol Mason vote on Tri-Mount issues

By JAN JEFFREES
Staff Writer

Most Novi City Council members do not want their colleague Carol Mason to vote on matters relating to Tri-Mount Homes, which is owned by her business partner, Mark Dembs.

But it's unclear yet what the conclusion of this protracted debate will be.

Mason is not a partner or owner in Tri-Mount and says she "absolutely" feels she should cast her vote on issues relating to the firm. Dembs is a partner in Carol Mason-Red Carpet Keim Realty.

Earlier, City Attorney David Fried drafted a legal opinion concluding that Mason did violate the city's conflict of interest guidelines. Mason asked that the city forward the matter to the Michigan Attorney General's office, which recently declined to rule on a local issue.

Monday, four out of seven city council members voted to remove any items relating to Tri-Mount from the list of warrants paid out by the city and vote on them separately. They agreed to give Mason a blanket abstention on the issue. This was the procedure followed when Matt Quinn was mayor. His law firm served as Novi's prosecuting attorneys.

"I personally don't think there's a conflict of interest. That is not the issue. The issue is procedure," Mayor Pro Tem Hugh Crawford said.

But Mason, as well as Council Members Rob Mitzel and Bob

Schmid, didn't agree to the resolution. And without a unanimous vote, the city charter does not permit her to abstain.

"Mr. Quinn did have a conflict of interest. I have no conflict with Tri-Mount. I receive no money, no consideration. I do not want it pulled off. It's not the same as Mr. Quinn's situation," Mason said.

Assistant Attorney General Stanley Steinborn noted in his communication with the city that Mason did not violate state statutes on ethics, because she has no financial interest in any business which holds a contract with the City of Novi.

"The attorney general's office has said I do not have a conflict. I have never agreed with Mr. Fried's opinion. Does the attorney general's opinion supersede Mr. Fried's? Mason asked.

It doesn't, Assistant City Attorney Dennis Watson said. "Our opinion was not on a state law. It applied to our local statutes of conduct."

Mayor Kathleen McLallen asked Watson to help solve the dilemma.

"This council does not seem to be able to come to any conclusion that is agreeable to that party. We seem to be totally divided on this issue and can not get a consensus," she said.

While Watson said he couldn't come up with a solution "off the cuff," he said he may rewrite the May 1993 legal opinion.

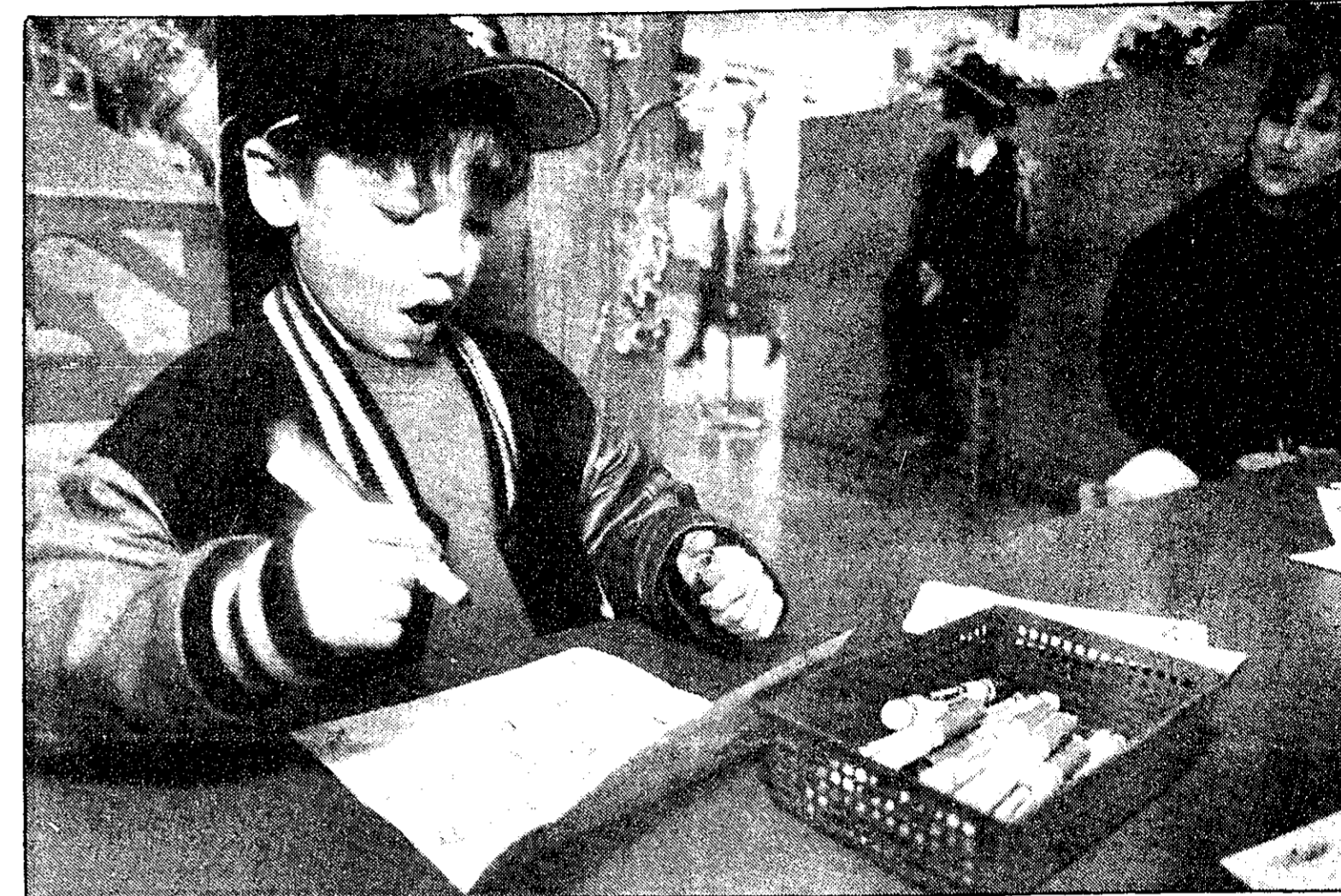


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A letter to Santa

Johnny Pinchera, 6, pens a letter to Santa Claus, asking for "Technozoids" and a new Domino Rally, to be sent through the Twelve Oaks Mall "North Polestar System." As children put their letters in the mailbox there, it whizzes and whirs and they can watch their letter being whisked off to Santa. The magical mailbox is only a part of the activities at the mall for the holiday season.

Laser light shows are scheduled for 7 and 8 p.m. Monday-Saturday through Dec. 23. Of course, Santa himself is on hand to visit with the children. His chair is located in the Crystal Forest, which includes 136 stuffed animals made by an Ann Arbor artist.

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Presents stolen in home break-in

Christmas came early for someone but not the owners of a home which was broken into and robbed on Dec. 5.

The unidentified thief or thieves broke into the rear door of the home on Nine Mile, north of Novi Road, and stole thousands of dollars worth of wrapped Christmas presents, electronics, jewelry and at least \$300 in change from inside. Several shotguns, handguns, a pistol and more than one box of ammunition were also taken from the home.

The thief or thieves attempted to steal a microwave but it was left behind at the door entrance.

Police have no leads in the case although there were fingerprints left at the scene.

ASSAULT AND BATTERY: A Wixom was allegedly beaten by a former high school classmate in the Frigate's Inn parking lot on Dec. 1. The man and his friend were in the lot talking with a friend when the pair said the suspect approached the victim, hit him three times in the face and then

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pushed him to the ground. The suspect then allegedly kicked the victim several times before he fled the scene.

The victim was taken to the Walled Lake Police Department. Officers from Novi went there to take the report. The man's nose and mouth were both swollen and bleeding when police arrived at the station.

After telling his story to police, the man was taken to Providence Hospital in Novi. He and his friend however told police the victim had attended high school with the suspect, but neither knew the attacker's name.

WARRANT ARREST: A 21-year-old Novi man was arrested for possession of marijuana after police stopped the car he was riding in for defective equipment on Dec. 6. Police allegedly found two grams of pot in the man's sock after off-

icers asked the man and the driver of the car if there was any contraband in the car.

The driver told police he had nothing on him, but said his passenger had some marijuana in his pocket or socks.

A pat down search of the passenger netted police two grams of marijuana. The passenger didn't have any identification but when police ran a computer check of the man's name, they found two outstanding warrants. One of the warrants was out of Livonia for providing false information to police.

He was arrested and taken back to the police station. His father posted \$200 in bond and he was released with citations for possession and not wearing a seatbelt.

The driver was released at the scene with a ticket for defective equipment and a warning for defective equipment.

SUSPICIOUS PERSON: Police arrested a man on two outstanding warrants at Twelve Oaks Mall after an unidentified woman said he acted suspiciously toward her in Hudson's on Dec. 6.

The woman told police the man walked up to her in Hudson's and asked her if she was alone. She didn't respond to the man but went right to police stationed outside the department store.

As she was telling officers her story, the man drove past the woman and the officers. He then parked his car and walked into Hudson's.

When police approached the man, he fled into the mall. Once apprehended, officers noticed the man was wearing a tether from a felony conviction in sixth circuit court this past summer.

A computer check of the man's identity revealed the man was wanted in two other cities for open intoxicants in a motor vehicle and for failing to display an operators license.

He was arrested, posted the \$174 bond and was released.

Novi Briefs

Getting serious: Novi City Council members continued to thrash out Monday the rules for their own behavior but the discussion was so late and promised to be so prolonged that they postponed it until an untelevised Saturday session in January.

"People are watching us who don't understand this, who think it's silly that it's being discussed. It's a very serious matter... take it away from the view of people who would think it's not constructive," he said. The draft, prepared by a rules committee, is essentially a codification of existing regulations with some new additions, he explained.

Northern rezoning: A proposal to rezone 11.5 acres in Commerce Township from single family residential to multiple housing will be the topic of a Dec. 19 Oakland County Coordinating Zoning Committee meeting. The area in question is on the north side of Fourteen Mile Road, west of Welch Road and is near the Maples of Novi.

The committee will review the proposed rezoning, including its impact on the Novi border. Comments on the rezoning can be made by calling Oakland County's Department of Community and Economic Development at (810) 452-2186.

If you wish to write a letter, address it to JoAnn Browning, Zoning Coordinator, Oakland County Department of Community and Economic Development, Executive Office Building, 1200 N. Telegraph Road, Dept. 411, Pontiac, MI, 48341.

Attention, ski bums: The City of Novi Homeowners Association has a deal for you. They've formed a Novi ski club and for \$12 a person, you can slalom your way around Mt. Brighton and take free lessons, too.

Association President Ruth Ann Jirasek says at least 20 people need to sign up for the Tuesday night sessions; she's already got 17. You don't have to be a member of the homeowners group to join in, either.

"Isn't that a great price? They came up with the most enticing plan. I'm going to go and take lessons," Jirasek said.

The weekly rate must be paid by each Friday, to enable you to ski each Tuesday. Ski rental is \$10 per person.

The program is for both adults and children. Jirasek says a car pool is already starting.

Lessons are advised for those who are new to the slopes. Mt. Brighton offers seven levels of free lessons.

"They want you to be able to stand and get out of people's way," Jirasek explained.

For more information and to sign up, call Jirasek at 471-5468.

Staying warm is topic of seniors center program

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A representative of Consumer Power will be on hand at the Novi Civic Center on Dec. 14 to present the scoop on "How To Effectively Reduce Your Heating Cost."

The 6 p.m. program is the second in a series of free monthly educational sessions for senior adults offered by the Waterford-based service organization, which is targeting Novi as its first focus for outreach. Along with advice, the evening will include refreshments, entertainment and door prizes.

Lifetime Seniors is also distributing that evening copies of its list of 100 or so businesses which offer discounts to seniors.

The new organization seeks to provide seniors with programs and services through a network of business and community sponsors, dedicated to the enrichment of senior living. Its goal is to accomplish this through educa-

tional programs, monthly newsletters, the free business guide and other special events.

Local seniors are invited to join in on the fun and meet their counterparts from Oakland and Wayne counties. The Novi Civic Center is at 45175 W. Ten Mile Road.

For further information, call Sherry Kaars at (810) 738-1000.

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The Log Book

The following is a complete list of the emergency runs of the Novi Fire Department for the last week. Each incident is listed by type, location, time and the engine and station number which responded to the call.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 5
Medical, 20871 Glenhaven Circle, 3:43 a.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 38639 Nesrus, 1:09 p.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 45782 West Rd., 3:12 p.m., Squad 2.
Service, 45175 Ten Mile Rd., 6:34 p.m., Engine 3.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6
Medical, 42019 Ubertre, 8:38 a.m., Squad 2.
Injury accident, Ten Mile at Haggerty Rd., 12:05 p.m., Squad 1.
Smoke investigation, 23828 Harvest, 4:25 p.m., Engines 1 and 3.
Injury accident, Twelve Mile at Novi Rd., 5:37 p.m., Squad 1.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7

Medical, 45575 Timberlane, 1:37 a.m., Squad 2.
Fire alarm, 42445 Ten Mile Rd., 4:59 a.m., Engines 1 and 3.
Medical, 41720 Ten Mile Rd., 10:50 a.m., Squad 1.
Injury accident, 1-96 West of Novi, 1:30 p.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 45182 West Rd., 4:24 p.m., Squad 2.
Medical, 21013 Woodland Glen, 7:05 p.m., Squad 3.
Injury accident, 1-96 Ramp at Novi Rd., 10:43 p.m., Squad 1.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8
Medical, 24360 Novi Rd., 8:55 a.m., Squad 1.
Fuel spill, Novi at West Oaks Dr., 9:46 a.m., Engine 1.
Medical, 42198 Roscommon, 12:14 p.m., Squad 3.
Injury accident, 1-96 at 1-696, 1:07 p.m., Squad 1.
Injury accident, Ten Mile at Novi Rd., 3:17 p.m., Squad 1.
Injury accident, Ten Mile at Haggerty, 8:32 p.m., Squad 1.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9
Medical, 44700 Grand River, 12:59 a.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 39746 Villagewood, 2:26 a.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 45182 West Rd., 10:13 a.m., Squad 2.
Medical, 45241 Yorkshire, 1:48 p.m., Squad 1.
Investigation, 40309 Franklin Hill, 2:57 p.m., Engine 3.
Injury accident, Beck Rd. at 1-96, 3:12 p.m., Squad 1.
Investigation, 42875 Grand River, 4:50 p.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 23782 Cranbrook, 9:31 p.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 24025 Hartwood, 9:40 p.m., Squad 4.
Medical, 40123 Buckingham, 10:59 p.m., Squad 3.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10
Medical, 39584 Blakeston, 6:07 a.m., Squad 1.
Fire investigation, 26245 Novi Rd., 10:41 a.m., Engine 1.
Medical, 45045 Pontiac Trail, 12:55 p.m., Squad 2.

Injury accident, Twelve Mile at Beck Rd., 1:02 p.m., Engine 507.
Medical, 23581 Nitan, 1:10 p.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 30976 Springlake, 1:47 p.m., Squad 2.
Medical, 1-96 at 1-275, 11:21 p.m., Squad 1.
Injury accident, Haggerty at Hills Tech., 11:49 p.m., Squad 1.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11
Medical, 40389 Guilford, 7:27 a.m., Squad 3.
Injury accident, Twelve Oaks and Green Lot, 2:41 p.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 45125 Ten Mile Rd., 5:21 p.m., Squad 3.
Car fire, 26401 Novi Rd., 7:20 p.m., Engine 1.
Wire down, 23293 W. LeBost, 9:23 p.m., Engine 3.
Transformer fire, Meadowbrook-Chatman, 9:25 p.m., Engine 1.

City wants Beck ramps improved

By JIM JEFFRES Staff Writer

Trying to enter the freeway or even driving through the area where Beck Road jumps across Twelve Mile Road might be described as a death-defying feat by some motorists.

Novi's already put together a political action committee which is lobbying the state to get the Beck/1-96 interchange rebuilt. The Michigan Department of Public Transportation is expected to go public in 60 days with preliminary design work for a new interchange.

Now, Council Member Bob Mittel is calling for a city resolution asking that the job be done "ASAP."

"Things can be done. And things can be done fast if people set their mind to it," he said Monday.

The issue is expected to be on the council's Dec. 19 agenda.

Council Member Joseph Toth had his own suggestion, that Novi spearhead a letterwriting campaign to Lansing and persuade neighboring communities such as Wixom and South Lyon to join in.

Providence Hospital, Wixom and MDT are already meeting monthly in a political action committee. City Manager Edward Kriewall said, Representatives from Twelve Oaks Mall, West Oaks Shopping Center and other local businesses have joined in, aiming to pressure the state and federal government to come across with the funds.

"I think we're doing all we can do to push this in the right direction," Kriewall said. "We have been working pretty hard on this."

MDOT is currently looking into possible U.S. government grants. It's also possible that the local business community might set up an authority to prepay for purchasing the needed right-of-way, with the understanding that they would be reimbursed when the feds fork over the funds.

"As leaders of the community, I'd like us to do our part. I know it's idealistic, but I feel it can't hurt," Mittel said.

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Outgoing senator gets a sendoff

By JIAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

State Senator Jack Faxon is retiring after 33 years in Lansing and local officials didn't want to see him go without a proper thank you.

Thanks in Novi means a proclamation from Mayor Kathleen McLellan and plenty of Christmas cookies at a reception Monday.

It also means a speech from Faxon, who pointed out that with term limitations in place, he's one of the last state elected officials to rack up all those years.

"This is a real outstanding gentleman and a real role model for all the young people," McLellan said.

Faxon started out his career as a state representative in 1961, graduating to the state senate in 1970. A former Detroit school teacher, he's been one of the few Democrats to represent the northwest suburbs on any level.

During his career, legislation sponsored by Faxon includes the creation of the Michigan Council of the Arts and Michigan's Clean Air Act.

"It took me years to get people

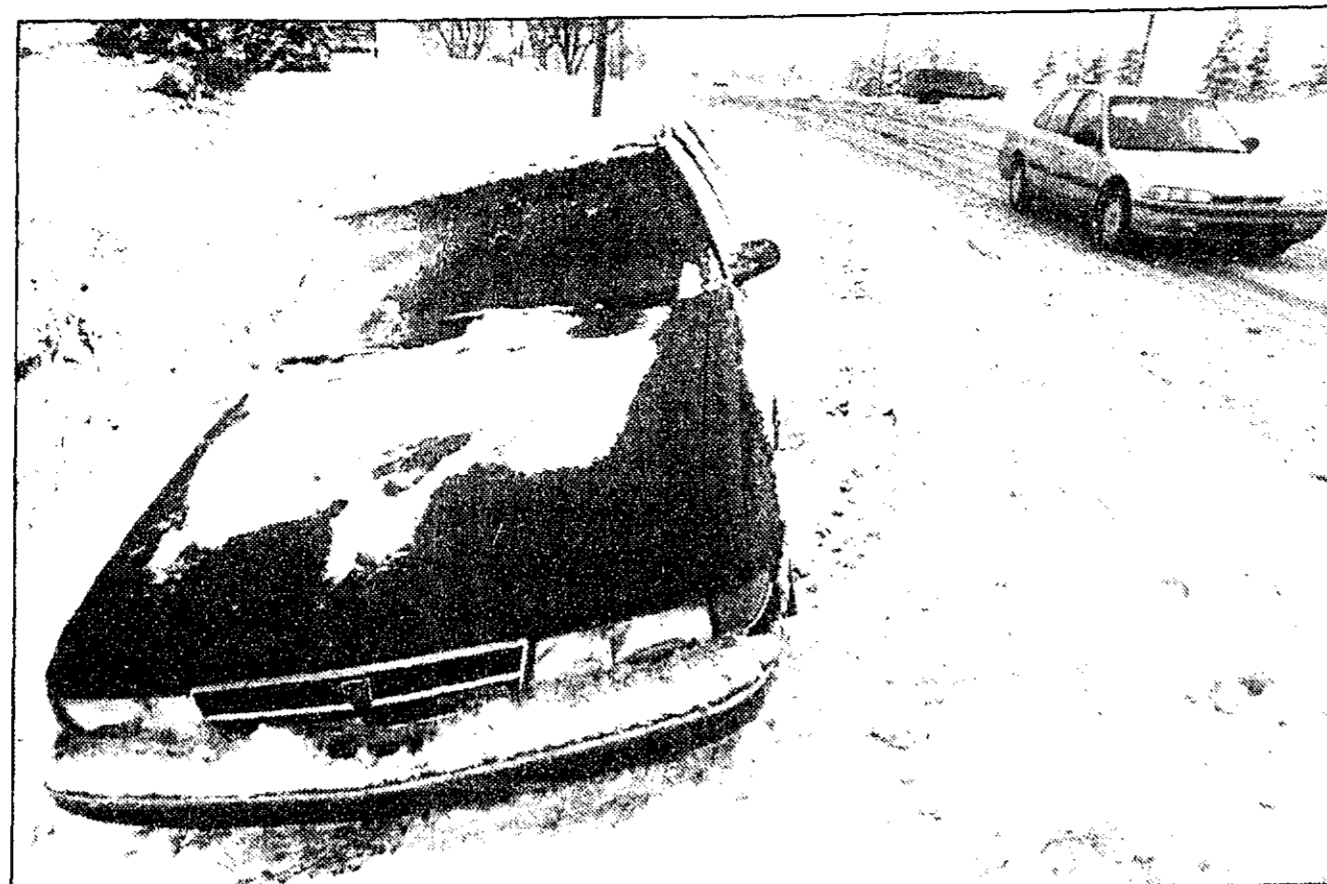
interested in the effects of smoking on health. It takes a long time to build up the knowledge, the seniority and the ability to push through legislation that makes an impact," Faxon said, adding that he's concerned about how term limitations will impact Michigan's future.

State Representative Willis Bullard, R-Milford, presented Faxon with a state resolution signed by the governor.

"Jack Faxon is about as far removed from the stereotypical politician as you can imagine, yet he has done the job" and "has been very visible in Novi and all his district," Bullard noted.

With redistricting, Novi will now be served by State Senator David Honigman, R West Bloomfield.

"You may not see as much as your new senator as you saw of your old senator because I made a point to come to Novi. It's been wonderful being the senator from out here. Don't forget me. You can consider me emeritus," Faxon said.



Slipper business

While the kids were sledding, so were the drivers. Heavy snowfall, six to eight inches in the Novi area, tangled traffic last Wednesday and made for slow going on local roads. This car hit the ditch on Meadowbrook Road north of Eleven Mile, but dozens of cars met a similar fate all across the region.

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Suit filed to build Best Buy, Office Max on Haggerty

By SHARON CONDRON
Staff Writer

They didn't get the response they wanted from the Novi Planning Commission, so Eight-Haggerty II is suing the city.

On Oct. 5 the planning commission denied the developer's request for a special land use permit to build a three-story, 129,690-square-foot retail center and restaurant on 14 acres of land between Chilli's Restaurant and the Novi Hilton.

The retail center and restaurant were proposed to be built in two buildings.

Best Buy, Office Max and a discount linen retailer were expected to be the tenants of the proposed retail center. The developer did not name the restaurant but did say the establishment would be a sit-down eatery, similar to Chilli's.

The request was denied 7-2. Commis-

sioners feared the development would generate more traffic than M-5, Haggerty and Eight Mile roads could handle in that area.

Developers disagree.

The developer filed suit against the city and its planning commission on Oct. 26. The city's traffic engineer, told commissioners the eve of the denial he anticipates the development could generate as much as 51 percent more traffic on Haggerty Road. The recently opened M-5 or Haggerty Connector may only result in a 28 percent reduction in Haggerty Road traffic, Arroyo said.

It made little sense to commissioners that night to compound traffic congestion in the area when little relief is in sight.

There are other contentions in the suit that allege the city's zoning ordinance is contrary to two provisions in the state statute governing local zoning regulations.

The first is that city standards for special land use permit are not clearly spelled out and not adequately set forth in the city's zoning ordinance.

Secondly, Watson said, the plaintiffs are arguing that the planning commission doesn't and shouldn't be exercising legislative powers in approving and denying special land use permits. The plaintiffs, represented in their case by the legal firm of Honigman, Miller, Schwartz and Colin, contend the state statute bestows that power to the city council not the planning commission.

Watson disagrees. He said the commission has the discretion to decide which permits it will act on or pass onto to council for action.

"Not all special land use permits go to the city council," Watson said.

Watson said a third count in the suit alleges that the commission acted improperly and beyond its authority in denying the permit. The suit says the commission took legislative liberties it isn't given under the state zoning enabling act.

Watson said that isn't true. Planning commissioners have the right in some cases to approve or deny special land use permits without the approval of city council, he said. Action by the commission, Watson said, is within the purview of the panel.

The suit also alleges that the city's ordinance violates the state's zoning enabling act because the requirements for special land use, they contend, are not clearly spelled out.

Watson said he doesn't anticipate court action on the Eight Mile-Haggerty II complaint in the near future because developers aren't seeking an immediate injunction.

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Lobbyist to go after state grants

By JAN JEFFERS Staff Writer

Novi needs a "third gun" in Lansing to shoot for grants, especially for road funding near the Novi Expo Center, according to City Manager Edward Krewall.

"In our experience of how political processes work in terms of grant funding it appears we need to be more aggressive in terms of the utilization of a lobbyist," he told the Novi City Council on Oct. 17.

"It's done by other communities. We are becoming a major player in the area, with our commercial areas and our burgeoning residential areas. Traffic is going to be one of our major dilemmas in the years ahead."

Novi has retained lobbyists in the past, most recently when it was fighting to bring the new 52-District Court here.

This time around, the city could seek financial contributions from the business and development communities to help pay for the lobbyist. The city is currently looking into three different firms suggested by State Rep. Bill Bulward (D)-Milford.

"As a mayor, I've found my biggest challenge is lack of time, being unable to be in all places at once. Anything the city can do

to have a representative at the funding sources to constantly let Novi's needs be known is going to help us in the long run," Mayor Kathleen McLaughlin agreed.

"Novi's outgoing tax dollars are not met by incoming dollars."

A key priority would be road grants. Since the paving Nine Mile Road between Beck and Taft roads, traffic there has "doubled and tripled," Krewall said. Residential development further to the west, as in Lyon Township, is bringing more homebound drivers through Novi.

"These people have to travel through our community. They're using some of our major corridors. They're trying to get home at night," he said.

Competition for state funding could get fierce, Krewall predicted, citing Mike Hitch's bid for money for a baseball stadium. Novi currently has "a golden opportunity" to work with the Oakland County Development Department in putting together applications for federal monies, Krewall added.

Projects Novi could push for also include a parking deck in the Grand River/Novi Road area and a pedestrian crossway over Novi Road near Interstate 96.

State officers to get pay raise

The State Officers Compensation Commission has made its determinations on salary and expense allowances for elected state officials for 1995 and 1996.

The seven-member commission decided on cost of living increases of 3 percent in 1995 and 3 percent in 1996 for the lieutenant governor, Supreme Court justices and legislators, and a 4 percent increase each year for the governor.

The commission decided to keep expense allowances and supplemental salaries at 1994 rates.

Salaries determined by the SOCC will be effective on Jan. 1, 1995, and Jan. 1, 1996, unless rejected by a two-thirds vote of both houses of the Legislature before Feb. 1, 1995.

The officials' salaries and expense allowances are as follows:

- Governor - \$116,506, with a \$30,000 expense allowance for 1995; \$121,156 with a \$30,000 expense allowance for 1996.
- Lieutenant Governor - \$86,844 with a \$9,000 expense allowance for 1995; \$89,450 with a \$9,000 expense allowance for 1996.
- Supreme Court Justice - \$115,299 with no expense allowance for 1995; \$118,758 with no expense allowance for 1996.
- Legislator - \$49,155 with an \$8,325 expense allowance for 1995; \$50,629 with an \$8,325 expense allowance for 1996.

"In view of the strong economy, the revenue available to fund an increase, the 2 percent increase

realized by most state classified employees this year and possible 3 percent they will receive next year, the commission felt that a pattern of continuous compensation adjustments to maintain salaries at current levels in relation to changing economic conditions would be appropriate," Commission chairman Don Barden said.

"In addition, it was felt that the responsibilities of the governor's office should be recognized considering the salaries for other important government officials."

The 1994 State Officers Compensation Commission held public hearings in Detroit, Gaylord and Lansing. Four public meetings were also held. The commission heard testimony from an economist, various members of the Legislature, the Chief Justice of the Michigan Supreme Court, and experts regarding legislative benefits and the accomplishments of the House and Senate during the past two years.

Members of the commission participating in this year's process

were: Nancy Crandall, Mayor of the City of Norton Shores, former legislator and state agency director; Julia Darlow, Detroit attorney; Henry G. Fuhs Jr., Grand Rapids pharmacist; Ronald Gossett of Twin Lake, a retired banker; William Hampton of Farmington Hills, an attorney and former legislator; Mary Lukens, An Arbor business research consultant and Chairman of the SOCC; Don Barden of Detroit, former Detroit City Council member and President and CEO of Barden Communications Inc.

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Justices take up issue of funding

By TIM RICHARD Staff Writer

Chief Justice Michael Cavanaugh has promised legislators that three model plans for straightening out the funding of Michigan's complex court system will be developed.

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Knollenberg named to House appropriations

U.S. Representative Joe Knollenberg, R-Bloomfield Township, has been appointed to the House Appropriations Committee for coming session of Congress.

The selection of Knollenberg to the Appropriations Committee was made last week by the Republican Steering and Policy Committee. The House Appropriations Committee, which has jurisdiction over all federal government spending, is considered a premier assignment as it is likely to be the focal point of Republican efforts to reduce the size of the government in the next Congress.

"Being selected to the Appropriations Committee is a great honor for me personally and for the citizens of the 11th congressional district," Knollenberg said. "My constituents sent me to Washington to make fundamental change in the way the federal government spends their hard-earned tax dollars and that is exactly what this committee assignment will allow me to do."

The House Appropriations Committee, which is made up of 13 sub-committees with specific jurisdiction over various areas of federal spending, is expected to take up a revision bill early in the coming session. Sub-committee assignments have not been made yet, but are expected to be completed soon.

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Two make citizen's arrest of juvenile

By SHARON CONDRON
Staff Writer

Two homeowners on the north end of town took the law into their own hands when they busted the person who allegedly stole two radar detectors and a hand-held pager from their cars on Dec. 9.

The East Lake Drive residents called police to their homes after each learned their fuzzi busters had been stolen from inside their unlocked, parked cars overnight. Both vehicles were parked in the homeowners' driveways, one was in the garage, according to the police report.

The morning after the alleged theft, the two victims awoke and discovered the items missing from their cars. A 36-year-old woman told police she parked her car behind her home and left it unlocked for the evening.

When she got inside the car the next morning she told police her detector was gone.

Down the street, a neighbor said he parked his 1993 Chevy Blazer inside his garage and went inside for the evening. The next day he discovered his front door was ajar and the detector and pager was missing.

Novi Police Officer Lou Bighiarci responded and filed both reports. A few hours later, the officer was dispatched back to a home on East Lake Drive. He was told that the residents had made a citizens arrest when they found the suspect in his home with their stolen merchandise.

The man was arrested and handed over to Novi Police. He is being held on charges that he was receiving and concealing stolen goods.

Trend is away from local funding

By TIM RICHARD
Staff Writer

Michigan's 1994 school finance reform was part of a broader national trend away from local state funding, a University of Michigan economist says.

The trend is away from the property tax to anything and everything else," added Paul Courant, U-M professor, at an annual seminar on quantitative economics recently.

"It was especially interesting because there is an enormously strong tradition of local finance and local decision in Michigan," he added.

"As an economist, I believe he who pays the piper calls the tune," he added.

Proposal A, a constitutional amendment and a package of legislative bills, drastically cut locally levied property taxes for school operators from a statewide average of 34 mills to six mills on residences and 24 on non-residential property.

Voters replaced the \$7 billion in

lost revenue with a two-cent increase to six cents in the sales tax, a tripling of the cigarette tax to 75 cents a pack and other non-income taxes.

Effects of the massive school finance reform, Courant said, were:

- A "small potatoes" change toward regressivity in the overall tax package. The sales tax will be less stable as a revenue source than the property tax used to be.
- A hefty revenue increase for poorer school districts which will be brought up to \$5,000 per pupil.
- Little change for districts spending \$5,500 to \$6,500 per pupil.
- Downward pressure on districts — largely in the southern Oakland suburbs — spending more than \$6,500 per pupil. They must vote local tax increases — if they wish to preserve their spending differentials.
- Little help for Detroit schools.

State treasurer Douglas Roberts noted the reform of operations funding didn't stop Detroit voters from approving a \$1.5 billion capital improvement bond issue on Nov. 8.

Asked if the massive effort to equalize per-pupil funding will result in equalizing of student outcomes, Courant said the answer is "very unclear" because little correlation has been found between high spending and high student outcomes.

Courant, a Princeton University Ph.D. who has lived 10 years in Michigan, called the new "charter" school system "a wild card" in its impact on schooling but of little significance fiscally.

Charter schools may appear cheaper, he said, "because they can hire teachers without a whole lot of security. They're not cream-skimming, but they do have students with high motivation and strong parental input."

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Novi's Heintz takes over reigns of Englers inaugural

By TIM RICHARD
Staff Writer

As she promised, Susan Heintz will keep the inaugural for Gov. John Engler's second term "low key" and in one place — Lansing.

The inaugural ball will take place the evening of Jan. 1 in the Lansing Center. Some 3,000 celebrants are paying \$100 apiece.

Adam Cardinal Maida, archbishop of Detroit, will be the celebrant at the inaugural mass at 9 a.m. Monday, Jan. 2, in St. Mary's Catholic Cathedral in Lansing. It's open to the public.

The celebration will have a brunch at 9:30 a.m. on the first floor of the Capitol.

The inaugural ceremony itself Monday, Dec. 19.

Those who still want to donate can bring toys to the ceremony Monday night or leave them ahead of time at Timberlane-Lumber, Marty Feldman Chevrolet, The Little Gym, the Novi Expo Center and One Cut Above in Walled Lake. The toys this year are being distributed through Northville Novi Civic Center, Fish, Holy Family Church and local Jaycees.

Afterwards, the Englers and the Binsfelds will greet the public in a receiving line in the governor's Capitol office until 4 p.m. The 1991 ceremonies were held in the cramped hallways of the State Library and Museum because of renovation work in the Capitol. Heintz said it will be the first

chance for many state residents to examine the Capitol since it was refurbished to its 1878 glory.

A "citizens' celebration" from 6 to 9 p.m. will take place at the Lansing Center. Some 4,000 invited guests will attend this "grass roots" event with a to-be-announced major entertainment act.

Heintz, a former Northville Township official, Wayne County commissioner and head of the governor's southeastern Michigan office for the last four years, is Engler's choice to be the next state Republican Party chair. She'll face delegates at a Feb. 2-3 convention in Detroit.

Marines wrap up toy drive

"We had wanted to fill a semi-truck (with toys), but it looks like we won't have to because all the toys will be distributed locally. They won't even have to be taken away," said Rebecca Yarbrough, coordinator of the Novi-Northville Coalition for the U.S. Marine Corp Reserve Toys for Tots drive.

The drive will wrap up for the holiday season at the American Legion post, No. 147, in Northville with a celebration at 7:30 p.m.

Obituaries

DELOS W. WOODARD
DeLos W. Woodard of Novi Township died Sunday, Nov. 27 at his home. He was 78.

Mr. Woodard was born March 28, 1916, in Detroit to George and Matilda Lauterwasser Woodard.

Mr. Woodard was a retired industrial engineer from Burroughs and Unisys, and had been a resident of Northville since 1963. He was also an active member of the First United Methodist Church of Northville.

Survivors include his wife, Julia Rose (Svetopatric) Woodard; daughters Carolyn Wojtowicz of Farmington Hills and Bonnie Nelson of West Bloomfield; his son David Woodard of Bloomfield Hills; a brother James L. Woodard of California; seven grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Services were held Thursday, Dec. 1, at the First United Methodist Church, Northville. Dr. Douglas W. Veroneo officiated. Arrangements were made by Casterline Funeral Home.

The family would appreciate memorials to the church.

AMANDA E. CLARK
Amanda E. "Dolly" Clark of Novi died Tuesday, Dec. 6. She was 84.

Mrs. Clark, beloved wife of the late Hubert, is survived by her son William (Arline) Clark, her brother, William W. Jordan, seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her daughter Leona (Holland) Natzel.

Mrs. Clark was also a life member of the Eastern Star Composite Lodge.

Services were held Friday, Dec. 9 at Lynch & Sons Funeral home in Walled Lake.

CORA C. LEEDS
Cora Clea Leeds of Novi died Nov. 12, 1994. She was 78.

Mrs. Leeds was born in Shelbyville, Ill., Sept. 7, 1916, to John and Eva May (Wells) Elliott. She moved to the area after living in Garden City.

Mrs. Leeds was affiliated with the First United Methodist Church of Northville, the Women's Society and the Northville Newcomers.

She is survived by a son, Jack Leeds of Novi, a brother, Andrew Leeds, and by sisters Ruth Blount of California, Ruby Wilkerson of Arizona and Faye Sanner of Illinois.

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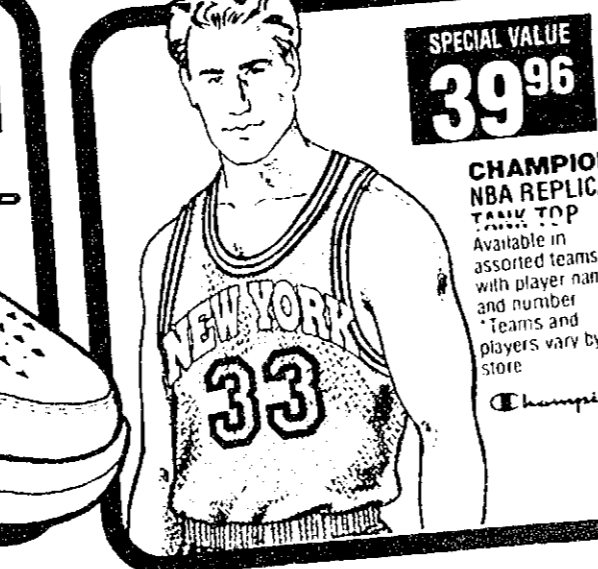

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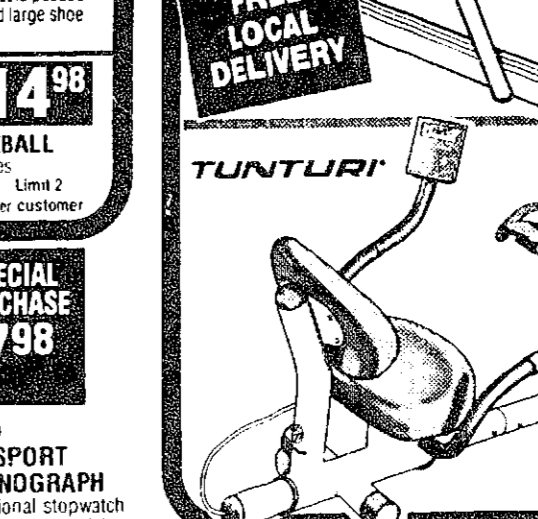
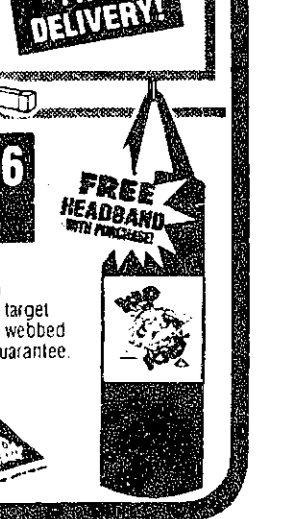
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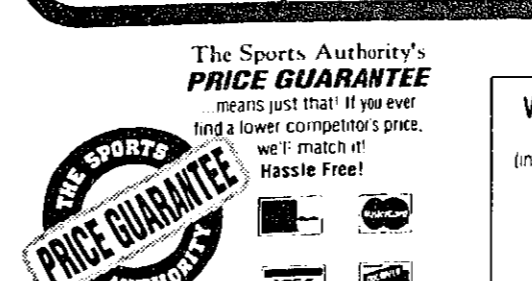
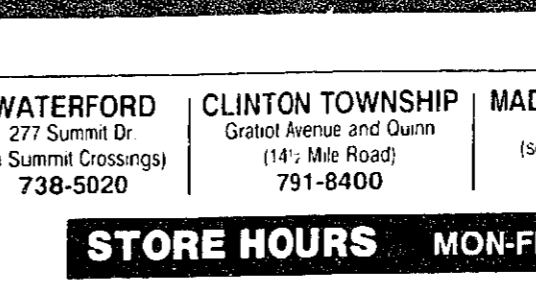
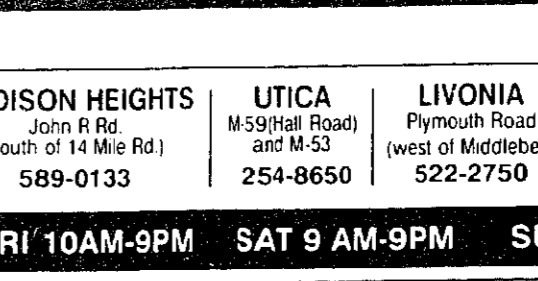

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A real sticking point

RN Evelyn Reinke jabs Marlene Hosington with a flu shot at the Novi Civic Center. This winter's injection offered protection against three strains of influenza expected to make the rounds this year, the Texas, Panama and Shangdong flus. Everyone

with chronic health problems like heart, lung or kidney disease; diabetes; chronic anemia or severe asthma is advised to roll up their sleeves and get shots before the onset of flu season every year. So are healthy individuals over age 65.

Health Notes

Diabetes Education: Providence Hospital offers both group and individual diabetes education programs that can benefit either newly diagnosed patients or those who have been living with the disease for some time.

For the convenience of the patients, the Hospital's Diabetes Care program is now offered at three sites. The first site is located at the Providence Medical Building in Southfield. The second site, called "Fridays at the Park," is offered at the Providence Medical Center-Providence Park in Novi, and the third site is at Providence Medical Center-Livonia. The Southfield program is offered Monday through Wednesday from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., the Novi program is offered on four consecutive Fridays from 8 p.m. to 3 p.m., and the Livonia program is offered on six consecutive Monday evenings from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

In addition to the group sessions, individual diabetes care instructions with a nurse and/or dietitian are also available for women with gestational diabetes, for insulin administration and blood glucose monitoring, for dietary counseling or for our diabetes-related diagnoses. Appointments are available at the Southfield location and at several of Providence's suburban medical centers.

The cost of the programs is covered by Medicare, Medicaid and a number of insurance programs. For further information about enrollment, charges and payment options, or to schedule an appointment for either the group programs or the one-to-one sessions, please call (810) 424-3903.

St. Mary Hospital: St. Mary Hospital is offering the following special events:

• **Stress Management course** - The kids have the flu, you have shopping to do, the car's in the shop, and you're about to drop. Stress is part of our daily lives no matter what we do. Since it's impossible to avoid all stress, the challenge is to learn how to deal with it effectively. St. Mary Hospital in Livonia will offer a Systematic Stress Management course beginning Jan. 16.

The four-week course meets Mondays from 7 to 9 p.m. The cost is \$60 per person or \$90 per couple. Registration is required by Jan. 9. To register, call (313) 591-2922.

• **Infant Care** - How long should babies sleep? What is the normal temperature for babies? Should babies sleep on their tummies or their backs? Learn about caring for newborns at St. Mary Hospital's new Infant Care Class. The two-session class will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. on Jan. 12 and 19 in the Pavilion Conference Room near the Levon Road entrance.

Registration is requested by Jan. 9 for the Jan. 12 class and by Jan. 16 for the Jan. 19 class. For more information or to register, call (313) 591-3314.

Principals disappointed with MEAP scores

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Over last year's seventh grade scores. Moreover, the same group's scores fell 10.9 percent over the scores they achieved on the test in 1991 when they took it as fourth graders. On the flip side, today's tenth graders showed a 20.4 percent increase in their own scores from when they took the test as seventh graders three years ago.

Math scores showed a similar trend. Fourth and seventh graders scores dropped five and seven percent over last year's scores. Tenth graders scores, however, jumped 5.3 percent over sophomores tested in 1993.

Fifth and eighth grade science scores increased 0.4 and 5.9 percent over last year's scores from the same grades. Today's seventh graders science scores however fell 1.3 percent over last year's class.

School officials and elementary building principals were discouraged with the results of the reading scores because most said they made changes to their reading curriculum to reflect changes made in the reading test years ago. In the early 1990s, building principals said the state exam started testing for basic reading skills and comprehension. Since then the test has been administered in two parts: a basic skills or story portion and a comprehension skills test known as the information portion of the test.

The district wide scores indicate the percentage of students who scored satisfactorily on both parts of the test, said Rita Traynor, assistant superintendent of instruction.

But a closer look at the individual schools' scores, indicate Novi students are doing well on the story test but having problems on the information portion.

That's discouraging for building principals who have adopted new reading programs to improve stu-

dents' comprehension test scores. "We didn't make any changes this year," said Orchard Hills principal Paul LePae. "But the last couple of years we have been teaching more informative type passages. That's why we were disappointed that the scores were down this year."

Fourth graders at Orchard Hills, like their district counterparts, performed well on the story portion of the test in comparison to their scores on the information test, 90.9 versus 63.2. At Novi Woods, 85.1 percent of the fourth graders passed the story test, 68.1

did well on the information part. At Village Oaks, 86.5 percent of students passed the story test, 67.7 percent passed the information test. Parkview students scored an 81.9 on the story test, 60.2 on the information quiz.

"It's a measure. And it's helpful," LePae said about the annual state-mandated exam for public schools. "But it's disappointing because we have spent a good deal of time working with students on informative passages, comprehension and highlighting things." Village Oaks Reading teacher Charlotte Schotte cautioned par-

ents and critics to look beyond the face value of the test and into all of the factors that go into before rendering a judgment on students' performances or the district's curriculum. She said comparing 1994 scores to 1993 scores sets a dangerous precedent and an unfair comparison because different groups of students are being tested each year.

The topic or test selection of the information portion of the test is also a stumbling block to students' success on the test.

This year's selection was conservative, a topic Schotte says few

fourth graders have an interest in or know a lot about.

"Give them something they are interested in and something they know more about and they'll ace it then," she said.

Schotte said she introduced a new reading series to students last year that should have better prepared them for the MEAP test.

Novi Woods Principal Jackie Lawrence said she and her staff will have already started to look for the glitches.

"We'd like our scores to be higher," she said. "But we have regrouped and are analyzing the

test and will begin to restructure our program."

Building principals agree that there is room for improvement but Village Oaks principal David Brown cautions getting hooked on numbers and test scores.

"We are a society that tends to be geared toward 100 percent," he said. "... Sixty percent is very good. Some school districts would be very happy to get a sixty percent. We don't expect our kids to get 100 percent. That's abnormal and unreal. But we are doing the best we can and hoping we don't take kids down in the process."

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Airborne

Bobby Mogolis, 9, got a little air sledding down the hill in Lakeshore Park last week after a snow storm dumped six to eight inches on the Novi area Wednesday. Kids had quite a day.

The wet snow left by the storm may have made driving difficult and snow shoveling tough but it was perfect for sledding, making snowmen and packing snowballs.

Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

Main Street gets the nod from Novi's council

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Evergreen III has already invested big bucks in Main Street, a city-initiated project and needs to move ahead, Chen explained.

Timing, Timing, Timing. In the past six months the interest rate has gone up. Eighteen months ago, it was four to five percent. Now it's nine and a half percent," he added.

If all goes as planned, next to be built will be the sports tavern retail complex east of Vic's World Class Market on Grand River Avenue. Also to be completed in 1995 are two or three Main Street buildings to the west of Vic's. Chen said he is now negotiating with "potential users" who hope to be open for business by next fall.

However, due to the delays, a theater group interested in coming in has backed out. The entire midtown is expected to be built in five years.

In their packets, the council had a memo from City Manager Edward Kriewall urging their support. "The only way we can accomplish our community goal is to be a partner in this project... Are we going to be world class in the Town Center or shall we finish this project with another ho hum commercial building?"

Council Member Joe Toth said he drove around Vic's World Class Market Saturday and was impressed with what he saw.

"That building is setting a pattern and tone for that particular area. That building is well-constructed," Toth said throwing his support behind Main Street.

Chen earlier expressed his regrets to Schmidt: "I feel very terrible there was a miscommunication on the project as to what we can or cannot do. I feel very bad about it. Bob From Day One has been our

big support."

Evergreen III sold off some of the 55 acres at the southeast corner of Grand River and Novi Road to Singh Development Company, which aims to build the rental townhouses. Schmid accused both Chen and the real estate firm Thompson Brown of misleading the city.

"It's a project I probably supported heavier than most until the developer saw fit to maximize profits at the expense of Novi. The broker and real estate people are trying to maximize profits, not being upfront, not being honest," Schmid said.

The council member said in September that he feels residences which are owned by the house-holders will provide a more stable and attractive environment for Main Street.

The contract now under preparation will make way for the public support of the private development. Highlights are likely to include:

- A \$1 per year lease by Evergreen III of land near Fire Station One. The developers will then build a municipal parking lot there.

- A special assessment district for the \$1.6 million ring road and \$1.4 million worth of amenities such as sidewalks and park benches.

- An exchange of \$645,000 worth of city land on Novi Road for the \$666,000 Main Street road right-of-way through Evergreen III's land.

- A special assessment district for \$316,000 worth of water and sewer lines.

Future Main Street property owners would be taxed to pay back the special assessment district.

Council wants more from cable

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ten the council, asking that the fight to bring cable to that area.

"I think this is an almost non-negotiable item. Years ago, it made sense to because we had a lot of open spaces but now it's a matter of a mile or so," Council Member Robert Schmidt said.

The council will need to give its final approval to the new ordinance, which has already been enacted in Farmington and Farmington Hills.

Assistant City Attorney Dennis Watson said that the regulation would require MetroVision to report any failure to meet the standards to the three cities, some-

thing which is not in the current contract.

Farmington Council Member William Hartsock, who chairs SWOCC, said the quality of customer service has become a more crucial issue over the past two years, as cable television technology has changed.

"It's up to you as council members and the commission to make sure they are serving our customers properly," Hartsock said.

Among the requirements are that the cable company maintain a local toll-free telephone number for subscribers and that the line be in

operation 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The firm is permitted to use an answering machine during certain hours.

It requires the cable company to

have a repair staff on call 24 hours a day. MetroVision must file its certification of compliance or non-compliance during the year 1994 with Novi on Jan. 31.

**CITY OF NOVI
NOTICE OF ADOPTION
ORDINANCE NO. 94-123.05**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Novi City Council has adopted Ordinance No. 94-123.05, an Ordinance to amend Section 31-65 of the Novi Code of Ordinances to amend the requirements for decorative street name signs.

The provisions of this Ordinance shall become effective fifteen (15) days after its adoption. The Ordinance was adopted on December 12, 1994 and the effective date is December 27, 1994. A complete copy of the Ordinance is available for public use and inspection at the office of the City Clerk.

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Recall rejected, Erwin files again

By JAN JEFFRES Staff Writer

Try, try again is beginning to be a way of life for Doug Erwin, who for the fourth time submitted to Oakland County a proposed petition to recall five Novi City Council members.

Minutes earlier, the language of his third proposed petition was rejected for lack of clarity Tuesday by the Oakland County Board of Election Commissioners.

"We lost. We are getting closer," Erwin said, adding that for the first time the board opened up and talked about the issue.

The bounced petition read: "For voting yes on any and all matters relating to Main Street."

Erwin immediately reworded that and turned in a new draft. "For this person who has voted yes on all matters pertaining to Main Street as it has been proposed since February 1994."

The Board of Election Commissioners will render a decision on this latest verbiage at 9 a.m. on Dec. 23.

Erwin explained that the election commissioners indicated that he had to specify whether or not the five targeted council members. "Mayor Kathleen McLallen, Mayor Pro Tem Hugh Crawford, Rob Mizel, Robert Schmid and Joseph Toth" — voted on the issue during their tenure of office. Main Street's history extends back to city plans formulated in the 1980s.

What Erwin objects to is any contribution of city land or money to the project, which has been undertaken by developers Evergreen III.

Mayor Pro Tem Hugh Crawford and planning commissioner Kim Capelle were at the session at the Oakland County courthouse in Pontiac. An attorney for Mayor Kathleen McLallen was not present.

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At the Novi City Council meeting Monday, Erwin was there when the five voted to let the city attorneys draft a contract between Evergreen III and the City of Novi.

"I think it's pretty interesting that they had this meeting before Christmas, when interest in this project is at an all-time low. Everybody's thinking about their families," he said.

Erwin is the owner of Erwin Farms, a produce store on Novi Road. A petition circulated earlier at his business was signed by over 300 residents, who said they were opposed to city subsidies to Main Street.

When the council agreed to let Vic Ventimiglia, of Vic's World Class Market, build the first portion of Main Street over less than an acre of city land, Erwin began his campaign to oust the five.

Time to annex township?

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request of Karen Robideau, a Brookland Farms resident, to tap into the city's sewer system. Her home backs up to the city sub Mysisic Forest. The council ruled letting one person onto the city lines.

"Normally, we don't recommend it. There's some very major issues here we need to talk about," Kriewall said.

Township residents have septic systems and individual wells. If the city permits one home to connect into the sewer system, it would shift that burden onto members of the existing special assessment district. Kriewall predicted, as well as provide the city with a possible maintenance problem.

Council Member Carol Mason agreed, pointing out that Brookland Farms is "a very old sub."

"If you give it to one person in the township it will end up having to extend and extend and extend. We would end up having to give it to the rest," she said.

The council resolution suggests that the township might want to support this decision. The costs of an engineering study to look into the township's potential water and sewer needs.

Council Member Tim Pope didn't support this decision.

"We need to reach across helpful political boundaries to help solve a neighbor's problem. Novi Township is Novi Township. I think we should cooperate with them. I don't necessarily like the

direction we could go with this," he said.

If the township provides the city with sewer and water, Schovers said, that would make annexation of the community easier. "There are a few lots that don't perk in Brookland Farms, he added, but most residents are satisfied with their wells and septic systems.

About 200 people live in the little municipality. The township has its own elected board, but leases the right to use Novi fire protection and the public libraries of five neighboring cities. They also contract for their own snow removal.

"During the last snow, our roads were perfectly clean. You go and try to get out of the residential area and the snow is piled six inches high," Schovers said.

Voters reject Novi schools bond issue proposal 2-to-1

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steady throughout the day, said James Koster, assistant superintendent of operations. Koster said more residents came to the polls this year than they did for the \$31.9 million bond proposal that passed two years ago.

Surprise was the ward Superintendent Emmett Lippe used to describe his reaction to the vote. "I was surprised at the margin of people who didn't support the bond issue," he said. "We thought it was a sensible solution to solve the facilities issue for the short and long term."

Board of Education Vice President Ray Byers had no comment when first asked quizzed about the outcome Tuesday. But when asked if he thought the outcome would have been different if the proposals had been separated, Byers had more to say.

"I think it is the mood of the taxpayers," he said. "I don't think it would have made a bit of difference if the issues were separated. I think given the mood of the people in the State of Michigan any millage would have been defeated."

Byers said Tuesday's defeat puts any future millage requests in jeopardy, even those needed for the district's operational expenses. Byers is referring to the district's hold harmless millage renewal for general operating expenses. Last June, voters approved an 18-mill levy against non-homestead properties. In the same election, voters rejected a two-mill enhancement.

Both proposals may be back on the 1995 ballot but the district must pass the hold harmless millage, which is about 5.49 mills, to keep schools open.

Byers said those mills will be up for renewal at some point next

year. Whether school officials ask voters for the two-mill enhancement remains to be seen.

But the vice president of the school board fears the anti-tax mood that has plagued district voters in the last two tax elections may spoil the schools' operational election.

"I'm seriously concerned about the renewal we have to pass in 1995 now," he said. "If that fails we will have to close."

Both Foreback and Lippe said they will wait until the dust clears to see what the district will do next.

"It will be a real challenge for us as a school district and collectively as a community to determine the future direction we take to make sure we have room for all the students," Lippe said.

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 10:00 a.m.—Travels with Kay: Italy
 10:30 a.m.—Women on the Move: Andra Rush
 11:00 a.m.—Coffee and Conversation: Live Fat Tips
 11:30 a.m.—(con't)
 12:00 p.m.—F.H. Police Journal
 12:30 p.m.—Dollars and Sense with J.R.
 1:00 p.m.—Seniors on the Move: The Last Goodbye
 1:30 p.m.—The Word of Life: Verron Alger II
 2:00 p.m.—Mountain Ski Series
 2:30 p.m.—Maple Elementary
 3:00 p.m.—(con't)
 3:30 p.m.—(con't)
 4:00 p.m.—Cash Talks: Novi Fire Station
 4:30 p.m.—(con't)
 5:00 p.m.—Air Johnson's Holiday Ballet
 5:30 p.m.—(con't)
 6:00 p.m.—(con't)
 6:30 p.m.—Bagels and Talk with Tracy and Phil
 7:00 p.m.—Multicultural/Multiracial Community Council: Rabbi Shervin Wine
 7:30 p.m.—(con't)
 8:00 p.m.—Adventures with Pirate Pete
 8:30 p.m.—Scrabble
 9:00 p.m.—Farmingington Public

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20
 10:00 a.m.—Senior Adult Exercise
 10:30 a.m.—(con't)
 11:00 a.m.—Summit University
 11:30 a.m.—(con't)
 12:00 p.m.—Adventures with Pirate Pete
 12:30 p.m.—Senior Messenger
 1:00 p.m.—(con't)
 1:30 p.m.—Praise, Praise, Praise
 2:00 p.m.—Salon Glamour and Etiquette with Gloria: Soft & Smooth Ethnic Hair Styles
 2:30 p.m.—(con't)
 3:00 p.m.—Novi Talkin' History: Frazer Slamen and Lee C. BeGole
 3:30 p.m.—(con't)
 4:00 p.m.—Farmingington Musicale: To God Be The Glory
 4:30 p.m.—(con't)
 5:00 p.m.—Crime Watch
 5:30 p.m.—Living with Your Addictions
 6:00 p.m.—Seniors on the Move: The Last Goodbye
 6:30 p.m.—Business and Residential News
 7:00 p.m.—Cash Talks: Breakthrough to the Angel Within
 7:30 p.m.—Viewpoint
 8:00 p.m.—Salon Glamour and Etiquette with Gloria: Soft & Smooth Ethnic Hair Styles
 8:30 p.m.—(con't)
 9:00 p.m.—Let's Talk with Ben Marks

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21
 10:00 a.m.—Capitol Report
 10:30 a.m.—Madonna Magazine
 11:30 a.m.—Amvets
 12:00 p.m.—The Way, the Truth and the Life
 12:30 p.m.—That's Italian
 1:00 p.m.—Rising Tide
 1:30 p.m.—(con't)
 2:00 p.m.—Farmingington Hills Volunteers
 2:30 p.m.—(con't)
 3:00 p.m.—Mountain Ski Series
 3:30 p.m.—(con't)
 4:00 p.m.—Crisis in the Modern
 4:30 p.m.—(con't)
 5:00 p.m.—Senior Spotlight: Hearing Impaired Services
 5:30 p.m.—Groove Session
 6:00 p.m.—Senior Messenger
 6:30 p.m.—(con't)
 7:00 p.m.—The Word of Life: Verron Alger
 7:30 p.m.—A Culinary Adventure: Roman Terrace II
 8:00 p.m.—My Vote Counts
 8:30 p.m.—Lansing Connection
 9:00 p.m.—Speakers Row
 9:30 p.m.—(con't)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22
 10:30 a.m.—Senior Adult Exercise
 11:00 a.m.—Snowboard
 11:30 a.m.—Bagels and Talk with Tracy and Phil
 12:00 p.m.—Cash Talks: Breakthrough to the Angels Within
 12:30 p.m.—Life Matters
 1:00 p.m.—Farmingington Hills Beautification Awards
 1:30 p.m.—(con't)
 2:00 p.m.—My Vote Counts
 2:30 p.m.—Marvo the Magician: Fire Safety
 3:00 p.m.—Business and Residential News
 3:30 p.m.—Viewpoint
 4:00 p.m.—Law Talk: IRS
 4:30 p.m.—(con't)
 5:00 p.m.—Shaarey Zedek Productions
 5:30 p.m.—(con't)
 6:00 p.m.—Mountain Ski Series: Powder 8
 6:30 p.m.—Novi News Week
 7:00 p.m.—Crisis in the Modern
 7:30 p.m.—(con't)
 8:00 p.m.—Good Health: Exercise
 8:30 p.m.—John Akouri Live: Christmas Eve Renaissance Special
 9:00 p.m.—(con't)
 9:30 p.m.—(con't)

OCC launching its second tax campaign

By TIM RICHARD Staff Writer

For the second time, George Mosher is embarking on a major county wide tax campaign for Oakland Community College, this time with an asset he lacked in 1991.

"Thirty years ago we had no friends," said the Birmingham attorney who was a founding board member of OCC in the 1960s and '70s. In 1995, OCC will have seen a total of 300,000 students in its classrooms, and 118,000 still live in Oakland County.

"We're going to get out our friends to vote and let the rest go," Mosher told trustees over a light dinner recently. The mail, telephone and speech campaign aimed at getting students, former students, families and friends of students to vote by March 16.

"Nearly everyone in the county has had some contacts with this college. They've had a favorable experience. I've had (campaign) volunteers contact me which is a little unusual when you're trying to raise taxes," he said.

Mosher is part of the board of trustees voted 7-0 to place a one-mill property tax increase on the ballot. The date was a day earlier than previous discussions had indicated. All registered voters in the OCC district will be eligible to vote.

"Raising taxes is something I've always been against," Mosher said. "But the college needs additional millage, and the college has earned it. It's not hard for me to enter on this campaign with vigor."

"I was pleased to see Wayne County Community College get its mill through (a renewal in the last election)," he said.

In the 1960s and '70s, voters gave OCC one mill to operate, and the board was able to levy an additional 0.7 mill for construction bonds.

Today the operating millage has shrunk to 0.68 mill under the constitutional mill limit and the construction bonds have long been paid off. Since no new campuses or buildings are planned, the new request is for all-purpose millage.

Specifically, said OCC Chancellor Patsy Fulton, the new money will go for equipment, maintenance, expansion of technology programs, beefing up of scholarship funds and, especially, computers.

Twenty years ago, state aid was nearly 41 percent of OCC's budget; this year it is 24 percent. Property taxes were 37 percent then and 36 percent now. The shrinking of state aid has been replaced by a heavier reliance on student tuition and fees — 21 percent 20 years ago, 38 percent this year.

Trustee Sandra Ritter of Waterford said she opposed the millage idea last June but changed her mind because "I got the information I needed — clear, concise and to the point. I can agree we certainly need the millage."

Volunteers for the campaign may contact Mosher at (810) 540-4400 or Fulton's at (810) 540-1504.

PTO News

Novi Meadows: The Novi branch of Michigan Bank of Detroit (MBD) and Novi Meadows School have become partners in a venture but the investments aren't financial loans or other capital resources — they are time and shared expertise.

Bank personnel and Meadows staff met in early November for a breakfast meeting to kick off the reading incentive program. "Reading: You Can Bank On It!" In the following weeks, each classroom team at Novi Meadows was assigned a bank representative who will work with them throughout the program.

The kids are to keep track of the minutes they spend reading, and then deposit them periodically into their accounts. Each student had to fill out and sign a signature card and obtain the signatures of two adults who can verify their minutes. Each class has a designated "teller" who is responsible for collecting each student's deposit slips and entering them into a ledger.

MBD helped to prepare the materials for the program — check register forms and checks for each child, as well as deposit slips, account statements and special stamps for student tellers to use. Then each team representative from the bank came to the school and explained to the classes how to fill out the check registers, write their checks and keep the balance on their accounts. Bank facilitators will continue to visit the classes about once a month to monitor students' progress and show them how to apply interest to their accounts.

Students can spend their accumulated minutes to purchase various incentives such as pencils, rulers, bookmarks and erasers, which are supplied by the Meadows PTO. Students who wish to save their minutes will be able to purchase books or special silver dollars from the bank later in the program.

In return, bank representatives were able to use the Novi Meadows video film equipment in the production of a video about applying for a home mortgage. More than 125 interested students filled out applications to join the video production team and fifty-five were chosen for the first phase of the project. They were present during the rehearsals, and helped out on pre- and post-production activities, under the guidance of PTO22, a multi-media production group from Brighton.

The Meadows staff has been pleased with the interest shown and time investment by all the bank representatives. "We plan to continue to develop this relationship," says Bridget Dean, one of the coordinators of the program at Meadows. "The bank representatives have been so generous with their time and ideas, and the kids are learning some important skills."

MBD Branch Manager Tim O'Neil sees value in the partnership for the bank as well. "This program recognizes the children's reading effort by introducing concepts that will teach the value of saving and banking through NBD."

And the partnership continues to grow. You may see artwork by Novi Meadows students displayed at NBD in the weeks to come. Meadows' teachers plan to invite guest speakers from the bank to discuss with students how skills they learned in school have impacted their careers.

— Cindy Morphet
 Novi Meadows PTO



Snow might not cause school to close even though it will snow things down.

Schools plan for old man winter

If old man winter decides to show his blustery face this season, Novi Community School District parents should tune into WWJ or WWJR to hear whether schools will close because of inclement weather.

Superintendent Emmett Lippe said Wednesday the district had been fortunate so far to not have had to deal with school closings before the holiday break, but he said school officials are ready and waiting for winter's chill.

In the event of a school closing, district officials will notify both radio stations and local television stations as soon as possible.

"We try to let people know as early as possible if school will close," he said. "We try to react as fast as we can."

That means a team of school employees are out in the wee hours of the mornings checking the roads for snow and icy conditions. Crews keep school administrators well informed of road conditions before the district's bus fleet is dispatched, Lippe said.

The superintendent is the one who makes the decision to close schools based on the recommendations of those checking the roads in the district. Novi works closely with neighboring school districts and State Police before a decision to close schools is made.

The superintendent said the decision isn't made in haste when students' safety is at risk. The State of Michigan makes provisions for three school days a year. Beyond that, any other days off for bad weather are tacked onto the end of the school year.

For those days when weather conditions are questionable, parents are encouraged to dress children warm and expect delays in bus routes.

"We go a lot slower on those days," Lippe said. "Parents can count on delayed buses because of road conditions and safety concerns."



Novi Middle School students braved sub zero temperatures to trot around the track in the third annual Turkey Trot. This year more than 400 students participated in the annual fun run at the middle school on Nov. 23.

Meadows' concert strikes chord with fifth and sixth grade students

Novi Meadows instrumental and vocal music students presented a joint concert on Nov. 16 in the Puerst Auditorium at Novi High School. Under the direction of Kim Tice, sixth grade band students opened the evening with "Orchestration for Band." Throughout the program, instrumentalists were featured by section. The cornet, trombone, baritone, flute, alto, saxophone and oboe sections performed many selections from the popular Disney movie "The Lion King" including "Just Can't Wait to Be King," "The Circle of Life," and "Hakuna Matata." The sixth grade band added variety to the program with a dynamic selection entitled "Russians Sailors Dance." A full-band favorite with beautiful melody performed by this ensemble was "Can You Feel the Love Tonight?" The band portion of the program concluded with the quick beat of "Actium," another favorite.

The 120 sixth grade students in the instrumental band program will perform several times this year.

Vocal students continued the theme in their portion of the evening's portion. They entitled their presentation "Life in the Wild," and shared the Lion King story from the perspective of Meadows students who had lived the adventure first-hand through a safari expedition to Africa. The program featured several narrators playing the students themselves: P.J. Calandico, Mark Avenius, Christy Cumbo, Ranjan Radhahoman, Todd Wasik, Katherine Superfisky, Matt Harsha-Strong, Michael Livermore, Valerie Caroselli, Anna Bahns, Dan Luft and David Shugerman.

Others played the roles of parent chaperones: Brame Heppner, Jennifer Zimmerman and Nick Salabay. Meadows teachers Lauren Angesti and Julie Wuerth also had active roles.

The safari guide, Novi Meadows principal Dr. Timothy Falls, was played by Ryan Miller. Jeremy Goodman gave an excellent interpretation of the role of Scar, as did Phil Niehaus to the role of Mufasa and Anthony Coratti to the voice of Simba.

In addition to the student actors, the program featured vocal soloists and ensembles. Mark Ringevski, a fifth grader, performed the vocal solos from "Just Can't Wait to Be King." FRENCH HORN: Katie Weber, Matthew Hopson, Tristan LaChance.

TROMBONE: Hiroshi Tanaka, Beth Goodard, Angela Doolin, Jaclyn Pawlak, Scott Lloyd, Jeff Gdowski.

BARTONE: Melissa Garman.

PERCUSSION: Eric Adams, Lindsay Anan, Eric Cook, Matt Daley, Shane Kidd, Jason Kohring, Elizabeth Kurtz, Jason Meyers, Matt Oebach.

Sixth grade Vocal Music Members: Lauren Angesti, Mark Avenius, Greg Aytes, JD Beaubien, Jim Benton, Mike Booth, Courtney Bowdell, Katrina Budlong, Ed Budlong, Nate Byrwa, FJ Calandro, Valerie Caroselli, James Christensen, Ryan Churella, Melissa Clark, Jason Cole, Ashley Cooley, Anthony Coratti, Christi Cumbo, Melissa Davis, Adam DeBlasi, Steven Deeb, Chris Delahanty, Kim DePello, Nicole Deters, Dana Dawidkowski, Brian Everline, Justin Fischer, Richard Fortham, Sean Foren, Peter Foster, Jamie Fukui, Jeremy Goodman, Sean Gregory, Anna Habash, Dan Henry, Breanne Heppner, Dan Hernandez, Dianna Holmboe, Steven Hoskins, Russ Hughes, Amanda Jagodka, Matt Jarvis, Ryan Joseph, Pam Karatiz, Sarkis Katschmanian, Kim Kelly, Robert Kerr, La Kouchary, Kathryn Koralsky, Andy Kraemer, Nick Lang, Jeremy Laver-Wilson, Brett LeBlanc, Kerri Liss, Michael Livermore, Dan Luft, Brandon Litkaas, Nick Marks, Jeremy McCracken, Jamie McFarland, Billy McGowan, Erin Mellem, Aaron Melton, Lisa Mercier, Derek Michaelson, Ryan Miller, Willie Morris, Joe Morrison, Lindsay Mutch, Dustin Nestle, Philip Niehaus, Justin Parker, Plesh Patel, Michelle Pelloni, Kelley Phelps, Teresa Pizzorri, Matt Polyn, Jaimee Reamer, Jessica Rosen, Abigail Saari, AnnMarie Salo, Lisa Selis, Jill Simon, Bryan Squires, Charlie Staab, Nick Tillagay, Jim Tennant, Betsy Thelen-Sean Thompson, Kim Thompson, Chris Toloff, Danielle Vanhook, Donnie VanSickle, Bryan Vigna, Eric Wall, Lindsay Wall, Jessica Wheeler, Jackie Willer, Lauren Wisely, Julie Wuerth, Kathy Zakaria, Jennifer Zimmerman.

Fifth grade vocal music members: John Alos, Ashley Arthur, Kendall Bair, Audrey Belter, Robert Bray, Jessica Brislin, Lindsey Broadwell, Danielle Bunge, Andi Capanola, Kathryn Chimoniak, Erin Chupinski, Chelsea Cloud, Kim Coleman, Elizabeth Colston, Megan Crissman, James Dalton, Lizzie Dean, Aric Dedeker, Kelly DeNeen, Nicole Doss, Jeffrey Dunwell, Julian Eberhart, Hiomtus-Endo, Katie Evlian, Jessica Ferris, Mike Fairberry, Tia Fletcher, Tyson Frantz, Jon Frizges, Paul Georgoff, Laura Goodwin, Jason Gowing, Jessica Hagan, Courtney Harfoot, Thomas Harris, Matthew Harsha-Strong, Michelle Holleran, Erin Holmes, Gregory Hundick, Chad Ision, Bob Jankowski, Danielle Kazauski, Marlee Knedgen, Heather Ko, Mike Kowalski, Hillary Kroll, Anshu Kumar, Krista Kumrov, Adam Luehr, Timothy Liu, James Lunero, Craig Luft, Matt McClelland, Caitlin McMan, Michael Mihizer, Jason Najjar, Jancee Naqvi, Matt Niehaus, Scott Niner, Sven Nyberg, Robert Overfield, Jesse Paldan, Stephanie Palmarchuk, Dan Path, Jason Poremba, Kevin Potocki, Michelle Purnessville, Ranjan Radhahoman, Jacob Ray, Stephanie Reagan, Corey Reiter, Timothy Rice, Mark Ringevski, Kellie Sadler, Sarah Schey, Rebecca Shubert, David Shugerman, Karrie Smith, Lindsey Sorrentino, Katherine Superfisky, Steven Szalony, Bradley Torbeck, Chris Tindall, Blair Tyler, Christine Vigna, Caprice Wagner, Josh Wainner, Jeremy Wallis, Katherine Ward, Todd Wasik, Sarah Wilson, Joe Wisniewski, James Wolter, Taku Yamamoto, Matthew Zientar, Eric Zorza.

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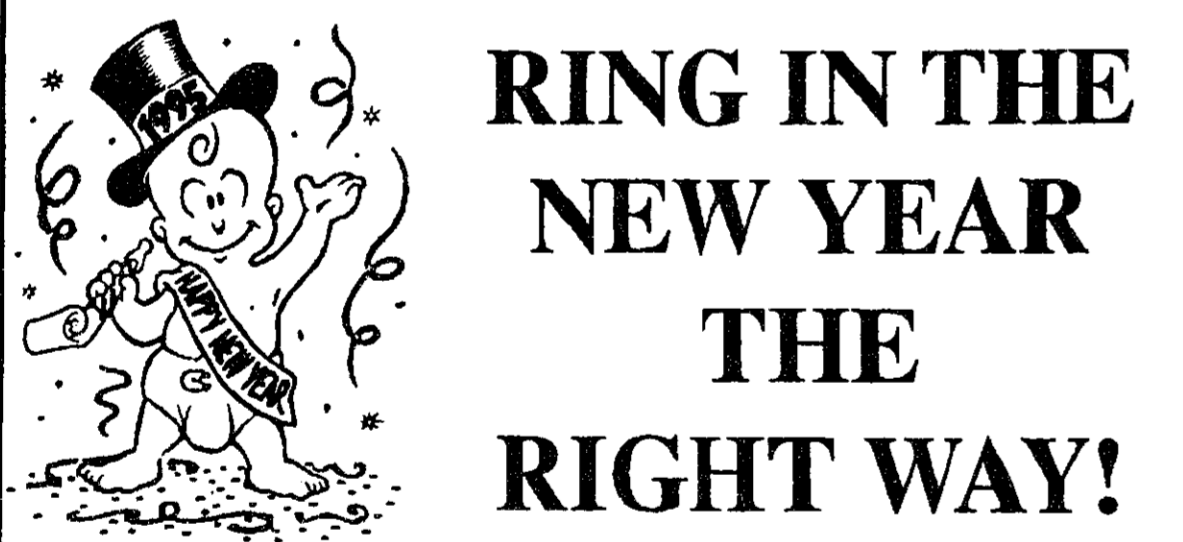
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As We See It

We see Detroit interest as opportunity for Novi

Turn about is fair play, as they say. Or to put it another way, paybacks are hell ain't they?

The suburbs have been stealing from the City of Detroit for so long that it almost came as a shock when it was revealed recently that the city has turned a covetous eye toward one of Novi's more prized institutions, the Motorsports Museum and Hall of Fame.

Bob McCabe, vice president for community and civic affairs for the ITT Automotive Detroit Grand Prix, said last week that as a part of new Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer's plans that city is looking to upgrade Belle Isle. Among the improvements it is considering is the addition of a motorsports hall of fame. It makes sense, considering the city has moved its now famous Grand Prix race to the island park.

The city's pretty impressed with the museum now located in the Novi Expo Center, so it has apparently initiated discussions aimed at enticing the museum to move to Belle Isle. If the museum declines, he said, Detroit will probably launch its own.

Novi officials were quick to react. City Manager Ed Kriewald and former Matt Quinn have put together an ad hoc committee to develop strategies for getting the museum to stay and say they'll be out looking for the support of local businesses.

The museum and hall of fame has been a tremendous asset for the City of Novi. It has brought a good deal of attention to the city during past Grand Prixes of course, because of its hall of fame inductions held just prior to the race. And that of course has added to the city's visibility. The museum is an attraction to the city, which is increasing developing to be an area with a regional draw.

But it is not just a matter of prestige for the city, the museum has brought cold hard cash to town. It was primarily the motorsports museum that interested the state government enough to issue the grants for roadwork surrounding the Expo Center.

It really ought not come as a surprise that Detroit is interested in the museum. Success has a way of attracting attention.

But before this turns into a Detroit versus Novi battle, before the two sides get entrenched in the positions of fighting for museum, and before the museum is forced to choose between its home town ties and Grand Prix affiliations, we'd suggest everyone start looking at the opportunities here.

Think of the Detroit Institute of Arts. It has greatly expanded its operations here

The Oakland agenda

Ninety-nine percent of American mayors and county chiefs would love to have Oakland County's "problems" — an almost trivial unemployment rate, the lion's share of the entire state's business growth, great natural beauty and livability.

Yet if Oakland's quality of life is to remain superior, its leaders must diligently mind the store and maintain their problem-solving, non-ideological attitude toward the world of change.

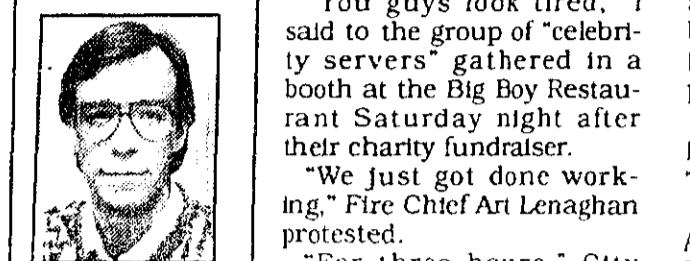
Here are the spots that in our view merit most attention:

PUBLIC TRANSIT: Many jobs, particularly in restaurants and retail, are going begging because those who want to claw their way up the ladder can't get to them. A regional bus system — not just one for Detroit and another for the suburbs — is more in order today than 30 years ago.

CRIME CONTROL: To most people, it's the number one issue, and they're willing to pay for it. There are indications Oakland needs another jail; the abuse of lakes by speedboats and jet skiers tells us there's a need for more marine patrolling.

ROADS: They're so bad that many drivers are getting used to them. This newspaper, however, renews its appeal for a ton of new money to repair, resurface, widen and bridge county roads. The Oakland County Road Commission says 64 percent of paved roads are in poor to

A new respect for servers



Michael Malott

"You guys look tired," I said to the group of "celebrity servers" gathered in a booth at the Big Boy Restaurant Saturday night after their charity fundraiser.

"We just got done working," Fire Chief Art Lenaghan protested.

"For three hours," City Councilman Hugh Crawford complained.

"Without a break," Police Chief Doug Shaeffer griped.

"That doesn't sound too strenuous I know, but the fact is it was pretty exhausting."

City Public Information Director Cindy Stewart had put together the "Celebrity Server Night" with the Big Boy restaurant on Novi Road, which involved 14 local personalities who waited on tables — in a manner of speaking — to benefit the Novi Emergency Food Program and needy area families.

Actually, we were assigned to work with Big Boy's regular waitresses. In reality, they still did most of the work while we fumbled around trying to figure out what to do next.

For my part, I pretty much ended up following waitress Kelly Finch around all night and doing the few things I could figure out, like pouring water and making salads. Before the evening was over she started referring to me as her "little elf." I know she

and Supervisor Jim Kolodnyski were just trying to be polite when they offered me a permanent job. (Phil Jerome says he can't match your pay and perks so, Jim, I'll be giving you a call soon.)

The pace Finch and the other employees of Big Boy kept that night was pretty amazing. We "celebrities" had a hard time just trying to keep up.

Among the waitresses who helped us "stars" were Angie Maatta, Debra North, Jo Biedel, Amy Payer, Danielle Davol and Brenda Stewart. Jenny Murphy and Debbie Garchow worked with Mayor Kathy McLaughlin at the cash register. And managers Rose Danlovich, Kelly Hill, Walter Reed, Russ Veldman and Fran Esper kept all us "celebs" from falling all over each other.

Maatta handed me a note at the end of the evening, saying she wondered if it could be put in the newspaper: "We here at Novi Big Boy would like to say, Merry Christmas in every way. We have Santa and his helpers helping with glee. We'd like to thank them all for joining our Big Boy family."

We did well, breaking the \$500 mark in tips alone, and that was before Big Boy kicked in a portion of its day's sales.

"Is this the start of new career for you?" I asked celebrity server Tim Pope.

"A new career? No. A new respect? Yes," he said.

Michael Malott is the Managing Editor of The Novi News and The Northville Record.

Moments

By Bryan Mitchell



Hines Park in Northville under a blanket of snow last Wednesday morning.

Winter wonderland

It's been two months now since I took over as the writer for the Living sections of *The Novi News* and *The Northville Record*. I remember the first two weeks as a blur.

I now know that the Northville Women's Club and the Northville Mother's Club are two different organizations and the Northville Town Hall Series has nothing to do with either. But it was overwhelming at first. Especially when one woman called on behalf of two of the groups on two separate occasions and I thought she was talking about the same group.

Or the time I showed up at the Holiday Inn for the Northville Women's Club meeting on a Friday when I should have been at the Meadowbrook Country Club for the Women's Club meeting and it was the Town Hall Series which wasn't until Monday at the Holiday Inn. Right day, wrong place, right group or is it right day, wrong place, wrong group? I successfully made it to each place on the right day and met the right groups of women. Thank goodness they were in the right place at the right time on the right day. I'm glad they knew where they were supposed to be.

People that live in Northville may think of their city as a small town where everybody knows each other. I'm beginning to see the truth in that. Novi is much bigger and the difference between the two cities is apparent. But for an outsider to come in and learn everyone's name and face, it takes a while.

As I was writing this column, I had just finished

the part where I mention the positive feedback I had received so far, and how much I appreciated you calling, when unbeknownst to me, on the other line, my editor was getting an e-mail on my behalf. The honeymoon's over as cheerful as my behalf. The honeymoon's over as cheerful as my behalf. The honeymoon's over as cheerful as my behalf.

Get ready for change at the state



Tim Richard

For decades, the twin bastions of Michigan Republicanism have been Birmingham and Grand Rapids. They supplied the big donations, the leadership and the short list of gubernatorial appointees.

Republicans on Nov. 8 won control of the state House of Representatives, 56-54. When the new GOP caucus met in November, however, the Grand Rapids area took over. Speaker Paul Hillegonds is from Holland. The new majority floor leader is Ken Sikkena of Grand Rapids. He succeeds another Grand Rapids lawmaker.

The GOP caucus will be chaired by Walt DeLange of Kentwood; his district borders Hillegonds'. Caucus vice-chair will be Harold Voorhees of Wyoming; his district borders DeLange's.

Mid-Michigan was able to pick up two posts — John Fitzgerald of Grand Ledge, speaker pro tem; Dan Gustafson of Williamston as one assistant majority floor leader. The other assistant majority floor leader is newcomer William Byl (of guess where) Grand Rapids.

The only metro Detroit suburban rep to get a title was Penny Crissman, of Rochester — an associate speaker pro tem. She will get to preside when there is almost nothing of importance on the calendar. The other associate speaker pro tem is Jessie Dalman of Holland — a neighbor of Hillegonds' and Voorhees'.

Veteran Republican lawmakers like

Munsell of Howell, Bullard of Milford, Dolan of Farmington Hills, Bankes of Redford and Law of Plymouth — forget it.

There's a new Court of Appeals district in southwestern Michigan stretching all the way to Ann Arbor and Livingston County — one-fourth of the state. It elected four new judges — all from Grand Rapids. Poor Daniel Burress, the Livingston County judge, didn't have a chance.

Readers of this column won't be surprised. There has been noisy leadership from the Grand Rapids area in the effort to get uniform state funding for courts instead of favoritism for Detroit and Wayne County courts. Sure, a dozen counties or communities are involved in that lawsuit, but the political fire is in Grand Rapids' belly.

The fire may have started with the arts funding issue in the late '70s. The Grand Rapids group sees a funnel of money cascading out of Lansing's exchequer along I-495 to the Detroit Art Institute, the Detroit Symphony (with its heavily-paid, highly-unionized membership), and a host of other organizations, some worthy, many not.

Gov. John Engler, a central Michigan farm product rather than a Grand Rapids type, blurted that debate by (1) slashing arts funding and (2) reducing the number of line items in the general fund budget and putting more authority into his new arts funding commission. My friends in arts groups squealed, but professional budget makers knew Engler was 95 percent correct.

Grand Rapids bristles under its undeserved reputation as being "Dutch" and dull. In truth, it has many fine cultural institutions, including a symphony

orchestra and museum. The *Grand Rapids Press'* arts calendar is as full of concerts and artistic events, for its population, as the papers in metro Detroit.

Those who think, like the late union leader Gus Scholle, that there's nothing but tree stumps west of US-23 and north of M-59 need to look again.

Now, is the Grand Rapids takeover so bad? Maybe not, for two reasons:

First, there's little spare change to fight over. Public schools, prisons and judges are soaking up every loose penny in the general fund.

Second, GOP chiefs like Engler, Senate majority leader Dick Posthumus and Hillegonds abhor the way Democrats ran the House the last 28 years — like a union bargaining session, where a group of leaders, the Quadrant, brokered one bill against another in the closing days of the session.

You'll see Hillegonds appoint committees earlier, set up a steadier flow of work, and have a low tolerance for late December marathon sessions. Committee chairs will have more responsibility.

Hillegonds' crew is conservative and anti-abortion, but with one minor exception there's no one from the Religious Right — the gang that wants to use tax money to ram its version of Christianity down the throats of other Christians, Jews, Muslims and Independents.

Get ready for change — maybe even an improvement.

Tim Richard reports on the local implications of state and regional events. His *Touch-Tone* voice mail number is 313-953-2047 Ext. 1851.

Should we ignore 1989 advisory?

To the Editor:

The editor of *The Novi News* questions "one has to wonder what is going through the minds of these council members..." on the issue of senior housing. This council member would like to share with the editor his thoughts.

The proposal by the Senior Housing Committee is to build a government financed, government built, government staffed and a government subsidized senior housing facility. This will be at a time when internationally, nationally and statewide we are electing leaders to solve problems without centralized government control. The cost of this facility will be at least \$7 million and will be financed with revenue bonds. These bonds will obligate the taxpayers to raise their taxes to pay for this building if the subsidized rents set by a government committee do not pay the yearly bonding indebtedness.

The Novi News apparently does not recall, that in 1989 Novi voters of this community

delimited change from the way I felt before. With little experience in dealing with police officers and departments, I was more apt to avoid contact than I will be now.

Lieutenant (Dave) Butler has done an outstanding job putting together and preparing the material for the class. His contribution to this program should be noted not only for his coverage of the essential areas within the criminal justice system, but for the entertaining and interesting way it was presented. I am convinced that if continued in this manner, this program will go on to provide both this community and the police department with the future benefits of increased safety, lower crime rates, greater cooperation and a greater support for the police department by the citizens of Novi.

Thank you for a time well spent.

Denise T. Babinchak

Comments

police for class

To the Editor:

As a resident of the City of Novi and a graduate of the 2nd Lakes Area Police Academy, I'd like to commend (Novi Police Chief Doug Shaeffer) on the excellent program and presentation put together by (his) department.

Not only did I learn a lot about police work and the criminal justice process, I learned much about the problems facing our community. Further, I now feel comfortable coming to and communicating with (the police) department, a

know this council member will only support government built, government run senior housing with the taxpayers permission.

Tim Pope

Letters

we asked "Should the City of Novi pursue the development of senior housing for its residents?" The same voters, just five years ago, were asked, "Would you as a taxpayer be willing to pay additional tax dollars to support senior housing for Novi residents?" The voters said "yes" on a margin of 2,099 to 977. However, when the same voters, just five years ago, were asked, "Would you as a taxpayer be willing to pay additional tax dollars to support senior housing for Novi residents?" The voters said "no" on a margin of 1,591 to 1,354.

Is it unreasonable for a council member to request this issue go to the voters for their approval? Or should we ignore the 1989 advisory vote and say that we in your city government and *The Novi News* know better than the taxpayers of Novi what is best for them? I

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Mary Linda Calderone is the Community Outreach Coordinator for the Southwestern Oakland Cable Commission.

State lawmakers get rid of OEFs

Michigan legislators will end their practice of maintaining "officeholder expense funds" in a year.

The Legislature also passed a "Doug Grace law," prohibiting lawmakers who resign in mid-term from becoming lobbyists during their term of office. It was so dubbed because Grace, R-Troy, left the Senate in spring of 1991 to take a high-paid job as president of the Michigan Insurance Federation.

"None of the freshmen had OEFs," said Rep. Dan Gustafson, R-Williamston, the freshman who sponsored House Bill 4837 to stop them. "Other lawmakers spent

down or closed their OEFs."

Under the bill, which passed the Senate overwhelmingly and is on its way to Gov. John Engler's desk, lawmakers may spend whatever is left, give it to a non-profit group, transfer it to a campaign committee or use it to retire a debt.

The House concurred 98-0 in Senate amendments. All area lawmakers voted yes except the absent Justice Baras, D-Westland, Penny Crissman, R-Rochester, and Richard Young, D-Dearborn Heights.

Senate majority leader Dick Posthumus, R-Flint, backed the "bi-artisan, bicameral, four-bill legislative ethics package that makes the most comprehensive changes to current lobby and campaign finance law in several years."

Besides the Gustafson OEF bill, the package contains:

- SB 1319 which lowers to \$501 the threshold at which lobbyists must report spending on trips and gifts to legislators (effective Jan. 1, 1995).
- HB 4371, which bans all cash honoraria for legislators. It is punishable by a fine of up to \$1,000 or 90 days in jail (effective Jan. 1, 1995).
- HB 4326, which bans resigning lawmakers from becoming lobbyists or lobbying agents during the term of which they were elected (effective Jan. 1, 1995).



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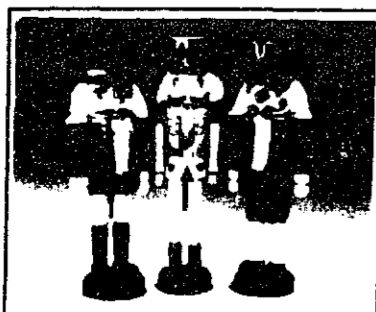
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MORE GIFT IDEAS

By CAROL WORKENS
Staff Writer

Run into a dead end as to what to get your spouse, relative, children, or pet for Christmas?

To fuel the fire of your imagination the following gift list was compiled using absolutely no scientific formula and with complete disregard as to how overdrawn you already are on those charge cards.

Starting at the pet store, give a gift that keeps going and going and going. A safe way to let your hamster go for a walk is the Ham-trac. The little rodent can run around at full steam in a clear ball on a 12-inch by 47-inch oval track. By staying on track, the furry friend won't go tumbling down the stairs - Leisure Time Pet Center in Northville.

Don't Tip the Cows, not just for farmers, this is a game where kids age 6 and up can beat the pants off their parents. Cows are rolled like dice and how they land determines the points earned. Rolling a Holy Cow will net you 50 points if the cow lands on its rear end. A good way to test your family's patience is with tavern puzzles. The steel puzzles, which are so named because they originated in taverns, are sturdy enough to withstand even the most frustrated players - Ultimate Toys & Gifts in Northville.

For the couch potato, consider a massage chair with Shiatsu, rolling and tapping motions for \$2,995. And should the recipient have to leave home with out it, there's the massaging car seat or desk seat which has nine different points of vibration for \$189.95. In case the recipient has a tendency to snore after falling asleep in the massage chair while watching television there's the Snore Control, which straps to the wrist and sends out a vibration that encour-

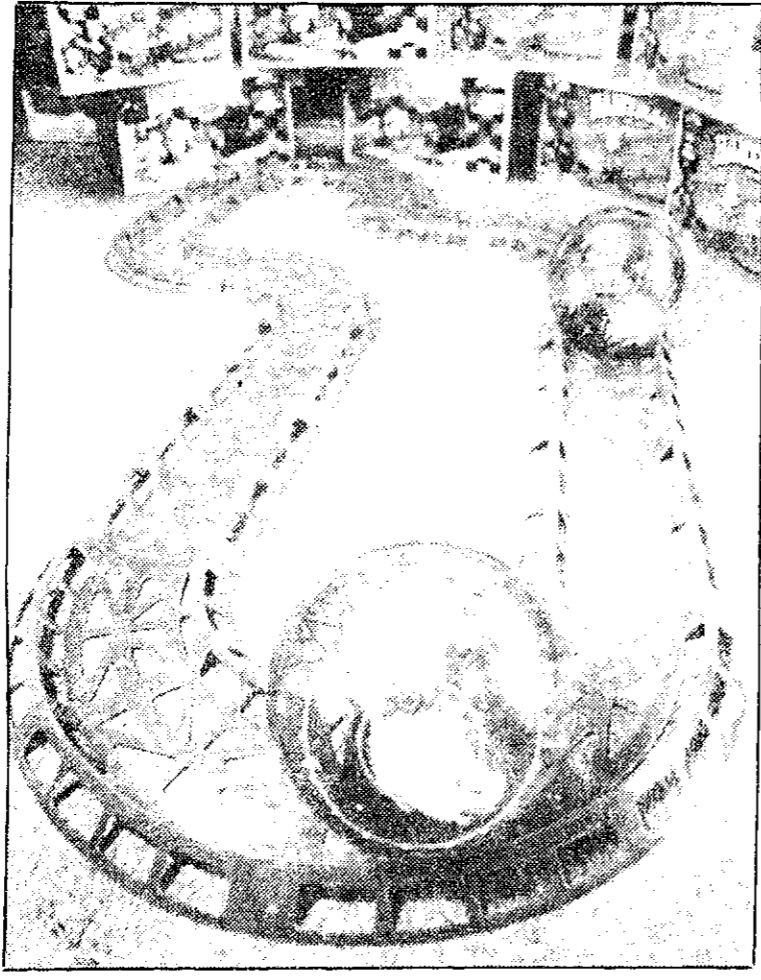


Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

A pet hamster gets a real work out on this track.

ages him to change positions so that he stops snoring, enabling others to hear the television program at only \$59.95.

For the organized person, or those who are going to set a New Year's resolution to get their act together, there's the voice organizer with 1,025 K of memory and voice activated data entry and retrieval for \$229.95 - Sharper Image at Twelve Oaks Mall.

For the miniature house collector on your list, there's the Vintage Village. Seven miniature stained glass architecturally designed structures reminiscent of the Victorian era which are made using the same techniques and materials used to make stained glass lamp shades. Comes with a booklet describing the structure's history and biographies of people who used to live in the village - Michigan Chandelier in Novi.

Have someone on your list who is planning a trip or wants to remember a trip they took? Travel videos highlight cities and landmarks in places in the United States and around the world. The videos include where to stay and what to see and can be combined with the massaging chair and the Snore Control - Suncoast Motion Picture Company at Twelve Oaks Mall.

Cabin bag by Coach - at \$594, this is definitely a carry-on and not something to toss on the con-

veyor belt and leave at the mercy of the baggage handlers. Or a \$360 suede backpack - Coach at Twelve Oaks Mall.

What's Christmas without a gingerbread house. Not your typical gingerbread house, this one sells for \$260. The edible confection weighs 30 pounds and measures 23 by 20 by 24 inches. It's safe to eat for up to a year and is shipped directly from the Los Angeles bakery - Williams Sonoma at Twelve Oaks Mall.

Know someone who's planning a Super Bowl party? Microwave hot plates might come in handy for keeping those Super Bowl casseroles hot. It heats to 300 degrees in three to four minutes and keeps food warm for 30 minutes or more - Kitchen Witch in Northville.

The microwave can also be used to keep your ears warm. There are now removable microwave heating packs which can be heated in the microwave and then slipped inside items such as portable seat pads, ear muffs, and hand warmers - Hudsons.

In jewelry it's tanzanite. Tanzanite is a semi-precious stone which can be set in earrings, pendants and rings ranging in prices from \$200 to \$5,000 or more. Northville Diamond Jewelers and Goldsmith Galleries agree tanzanite is a hot stone this year.

Princess cut diamonds, not that princesses really cut them, but so

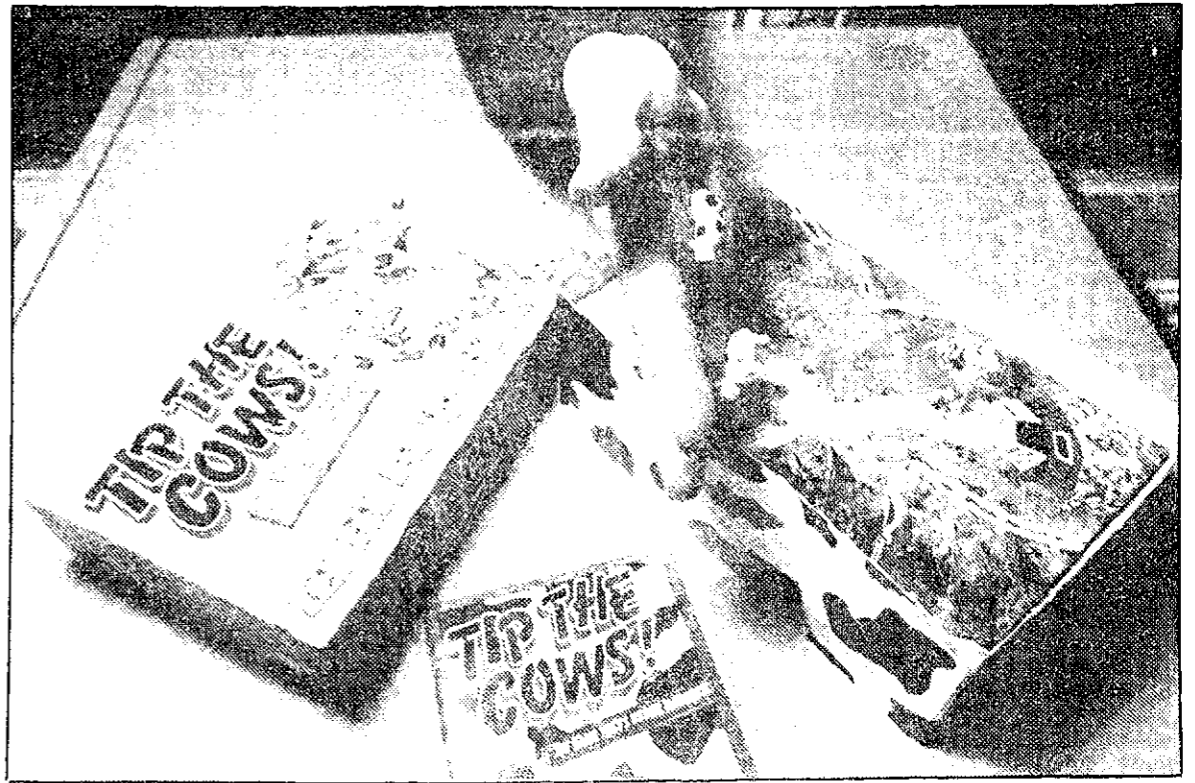


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Trying your hand at Don't Tip the Cows is like rolling the dice.

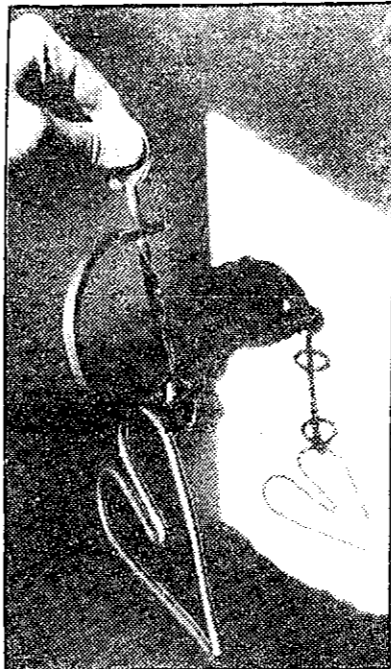


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This puzzle is thought to have originated in a tavern.

named because of the way they fit almost invisibly together keep alive the saying, "Diamonds are a girl's best friend."

Add-A-Link diamond or gem stone bracelets are another hot item this year and start at \$300. For the gift giver with foresight, because additional links can be added for birthdays, special occasions, and anniversaries over the course of several years - Orin Jewelers in Northville.

A day at the spa - or even just half an hour. A de-stresser package for men will run \$190 and includes lunch, body massage, facial, manicure, pedicure, hair



Photo HAL GOULD

Grace Micallef and vintage glass house.

cut and style and scalp treatment. Set aside the whole day for the Royale Treatment for the Body and Soul package which runs \$285 and is the deluxe top of the line package. Gift certificates are available for any combination of

services starting at \$14 - Salone Nadwa & Day Spa in Novi Town Center.

Massage and love oil along with lingerie for men and women from the ultra conservative to the barely nothing - Lover's Lane in Novi.

Volunteer



Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

DONALD VANINGEN

VanIngen finds therapy in flowers

By DOROTHY NASH
Special Writer

Flower landscaping is Donald (Dutch) VanIngen's volunteer activity - first at the Northville Board of Education building on Main Street and now at the First Presbyterian Church on Main.

At the school property, he said, the board bought the plants, and he added some from his own yard.

"I did that for eight years," he said. "This is the first year I haven't."

It was four years ago that the minister at the church said somebody was needed to plant flowers, and knowing that VanIngen liked to garden, he asked him to do it.

And VanIngen's been doing it ever since - buying as many as 20 flats and starting others from seed in his basement - flowers like marigolds and zinnias - and transplanting them to the church property in May.

But planting isn't the end of it. Weeding and watering come with the job, too. He said he figured

the first year he spent 100 hours encouraging the plants. Sometimes watering one to two hours a week, depending on rainfall.

His love of flowers, VanIngen said, comes from his having lived in Holland, Mich., before moving here.

And here in Northville he got into the school district where for 40 years he held several offices - teacher, principal of two elementary schools, and assistant personnel director in the central office.

It was 14 years ago, he said, that, as school principal, he got into gardening. "Being a principal is a lonely job," he said, and so he prescribed gardening for himself.

He bought a quarter of an acre (in the country), and he's been working it ever since, growing vegetables - more than he needs, so he gives much of his produce to neighbors.

The two volunteer flower gardening jobs came along later. "Gardening is good therapy," said "Dutch" VanIngen.

It's A Fact

Dog Licenses

Dog licenses expire in Novi and the City of Northville on Dec. 31. In 1994, there were 400 licensed dogs in the City of Northville and 1,678 in Novi. Pooch permits don't expire in Northville Township until May 31, 1995, when the total is expected to be 560.



Chamber of Commerce looks back on successful year

By JEANNE CLARK
Special Writer

The next general membership meeting of the Novi Chamber of Commerce will be at noon on Tuesday, Dec. 20 at the Hotel Baronette. Reservations must be made by calling the Chamber office at 349-3743 or by fax, 349-4523.

The program will include a shopping spree raffle drawing along with holiday music sung by the Novi High School Choir. One hundred tickets are available for this occasion, so please call in your reservations. The winner of the drawing will receive a \$5,000 shopping spree at Twelve Oaks.

Victor Cassis, chairman of the board, reports that the chamber has acquired 76 new members this year, bringing the total membership to 356. Much credit is given to Pat Webb, who as chairman-elect of the recent membership drive held Nov. 16-18.

Those who have attended the luncheons in the past have had the opportunity of hearing many outstanding speakers. Dr. Emmett Lippe, vice chairman, has been responsible for inviting James Barrett, president of the Michigan Chamber, Bill Bullard, State Representative, representatives of the DIA, and of course, the most

recent appearance of governor John Engler. Plans are being made for another successful event called, "Night to Remember," which will be a Mardi Gras dinner/dance charity auction on Saturday, March 11, 1995 at the Novi Hilton. Monies from this fundraiser will be directed to Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Metropolitan Detroit.

The chamber has had several successful activities this year including: Auction '94, Taste of Novi and the "Country Fest". After hours networking continued with one on Dec. 6 at Jack Cautley Chevrolet in West Bloomfield. Others have been held in Northville, in the lake area and Farmington/Farmington Hills.

Anyone wishing information about membership in the Chamber can call 349-3743 or stop in at the offices located in the Novi Expo Center.

WHITEHALL HOME
December has been a busy time for both residents and adult day care residents. Barb Hildebrandt, activities director, has started a new community program called S.O.S. (Support Our Seniors). Many of those living there are paid for, or assisted by, the state with the major portion going towards

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basic living expenses. Very little remains for extras. They are asking for assistance in helping to provide funds to assist in occasional trips, craft activities, etc. Any help from groups or individuals who wish to come in and furnish craft ideas and/or materials, would be appreciated.

It is suggested to those who wish to participate in the "Pet-A-Pet" program, to bring their animals in for a visit. This is not a drop in program. For more information regarding the necessary shots and insurance, call Ruth Currie at 535-0410. This project is set up for evenings only.

Recently, 26 of the residents attended the annual Christmas party given by the Novi Rotary Club and received holiday gifts, supplied by the local K mart stores. The Country Epicure restaurant, in addition to their monthly birthday party, will be presenting its Christmas goodies to the residents as well. Several churches - Hope Lutheran of Farmington, Our Lady of Sorrows of Northville and, most recently, the Faith Presbyterian Church - have visited and assisted in the

various programs at Whitehall. The staff recently held its own exchange of gifts and Christmas party at Kim's Gardens. Staff is also now planning a birthday party for the residents. For more information about the S.O.S. program, call 474-3442.

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH
Advent activities this year at Hope Lutheran Church have already started with a potluck supper and decorating of the Hope Family Tree, the emphasis this year being Christmas conversations. Last Wednesday, the emphasis was on special foods prepared to celebrate Christmas. Each one attending was asked to bring a favorite Christmas treat to share with others after the service. The next one will be emphasizing parish and family customs; the fourth Vesper will be Dec. 21, at which time church members are asked to bring a Christmas card expressing the message of joy and peace of the holiday season.

A Christmas Eve Candlelight Service will be held on Sat., Dec. 24 with special music provided by the vocal and instrumental choirs. Open holiday hours for the

library are: Friday, Dec. 23, and Friday, Dec. 30. It will be closed on Dec. 24, 25, 26, 31, Jan. 1 and Jan. 2, 1995. The winter hours are Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., and open on Sundays from 1 p.m.-5 p.m. If you have any questions, please call 349-0720.

Registration for the January-February sessions of "Story Hours" will be open until Thursday, Dec. 29. Registration is done by a lottery format because there are so many children involved in this program.

Four and 5-year-olds may register for the "On My Own" programs. The two and 3-year-olds may register for the "Two of Us" program which requires participation of the caregiver with the toddler. Priority will be given to Novi residents who have not been in a previous story hour class.

The showcases are from children who are sharing their collections: Hockey Memorabilia by Ryan Bunn, and Power Rangers by John Wisely.

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Second grader makes cranes for Festival of Trees benefit



Asami Ojima made 40 origami cranes to decorate the Christmas tree she donated to the Festival of Trees benefit.

Nine-year-old Asami Ojima, a third grader at Orchard Hills Elementary School in Novi, was the youngest participant in the Festival of Trees program at Cobo Hall this past Thanksgiving. Ojima decorated a miniature Christmas tree with over 40 origami cranes and donated it to the Festival of Trees benefit. The folding of these precise little birds took many hours. The proceeds from the sale of Ojima's origami tree along with other decorated trees and wreaths benefits Children's Hospital in Detroit.

Asami, her younger brother and sister and her parents are here from Yokusaka, Japan and have been in this country for less than six months. They hope to be here for five years.

Church

THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY, 24505 Meadowbrook Road in Novi, will host a blood drive Monday, Dec. 19, from 2 to 9 p.m. Contact Mary Lee Suchyta at 349-8847 for an appointment.

During the month of December, the Community Clothes Closet will only be open on Dec. 19 from 8:30 a.m. to noon.

Masses for Christmas Eve will be at 4 and 6 p.m. and midnight and on Christmas Day at 8:45 and 10:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.; Feast of the Holy Family, Dec. 30 at 9 a.m.; New Year's Eve at 5 p.m.; and New Year's Day at 7:30, 8:45, 10:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.

NEW HORIZON COMMUNITY CHURCH, Novi Town Center General Cinema Theaters, is currently presenting the series Finding the Presence of God in the 90's. The worship service on Sunday is at 10 a.m. For additional information, call the church office at (810) 305-8700.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 777 West Eight Mile Road, is taking reservations for the annual University of Michigan Recreation Center Lock-In on Friday, Jan. 13, at 8:30 p.m. The event is sponsored by the United Methodist District and is open to all youth in grades 7 through 12. The cost is \$10 per person. The deadline for reservations is Jan. 4. Call the church at 349-1144.

The recent Silent Auction and Spaghetti Dinner raised \$3,000. Over 110 meals were served and 120 items were donated by members and area businesses

for the auction. Christmas Eve services will be held at 5, 8 and 11 p.m.

SPIRIT OF CHRIST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH, 40700 West Ten Mile Road, will join in Caroling to Seniors and Shut-ins on Sunday, Dec. 18 at 5 p.m., returning to the church afterward for refreshments and fellowship.

Holiday services are Christmas Eve, 5:30 and 11 p.m.; Christmas Day, 10 a.m.; New Year's Eve, 5:30 p.m.; New Year's Day 10 a.m. For more information, call the church office at 477-6296.

NOVI UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 41671 West Ten Mile Road, will have Christmas Eve family worship with carols, music, scripture, story and candle-light ceremony at 7 p.m. On Christmas Day, church school will be at 9:15 a.m., and worship will be at 10:30 a.m.

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS, 46200 West Ten Mile Road in Novi, Christmas Eve services will be at 5:30 and 9 p.m., and on Christmas Day at 8 a.m.

ST. JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH, 16325 Ten Mile Road, will have Masses on Christmas Eve at 4 and 6:30 p.m.; Christmas Day at 9:30 and 11:30 a.m.; New Year's Eve at 5 p.m., and New Year's Day at 8:30 and 11:30 a.m. For more information, call the church office at 347-7778.

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Engagements



Sharon Lane/Michael Leavitt

Mr. and Mrs. James Lane of Novi announce the engagement of their daughter, Sharon Renee, to Michael Joseph Leavitt. He is the son of Joann Leavitt on Camden Ct., and Martin Leavitt on Longridge, both of Northville. The bride-elect is a 1984 graduate of Northville High School and a 1989 graduate of Michigan State University with a degree in Restaurant Management.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

For information regarding rates for church listings call The Northville Record or Novi News 349-1700

WALLED LAKE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH 299 Walled Lake Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Pastor: Daniel Cove	FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE 2001 Main St., Northville Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Pastor: Thomas A. Schaeffer
ST. JOHN LUTHERAN FARMINGTON HILLS 23225 Gall Road Worship 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Church Office 477-6296	SPIRIT OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH - E.L.C.A. 40700 W. 10 Mile (W. of Hooperty) Sat. 5:30 p.m., Sun. 8:30 a.m. Church Office 477-6296
GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH 9 Mile & Meadowbrook Sunday Worship 8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Pastor: Daniel Cove	OUR LADY OF VICTORY CATHOLIC CHURCH 730 Thayer Sunday 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m. Pastor: Thomas A. Schaeffer
FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST SCIENTIST 1100 W. Ann Arbor Hill Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m. Wednesday Meeting, 7:30 p.m.	FIRST APOSTOLIC LUTHERAN CHURCH 20325 Holland Road Sunday Worship 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Pastor: Daniel Cove
NORTHVILLE CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY 40300 Main St. Sunday Worship 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Pastor: Daniel Cove	ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN MISSOURI SYNOD High & Elm Street, Northville Church 305-3160 Pastor: Daniel Cove
NOVI UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 41711 W. Ten Mile - Meadowbrook Sunday Worship at 10:30 a.m. Pastor: Daniel Cove	FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE 1100 W. Ann Arbor Hill Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m. Pastor: Daniel Cove
MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH 21545 Meadowbrook Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m. Pastor: Daniel Cove	ORCHARD HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH, SBC 23445 Orchard Hills Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m. Pastor: Daniel Cove
CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS EPISCOPAL 10410 Westland Sunday 10:30 a.m. Pastor: Daniel Cove	FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH NOVI 40300 Main St. Sunday 10:30 a.m. Pastor: Daniel Cove
WARD EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 17411 Farmington Sunday 10:30 a.m. Pastor: Daniel Cove	NEW HORIZON COMMUNITY CHURCH Novi Town Center Sunday 10:30 a.m. Pastor: Daniel Cove
ST. JAMES ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH 16325 Ten Mile Sunday 10:30 a.m. Pastor: Daniel Cove	FAITH COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NOVI 44000 W. 10 Mile Sunday 10:30 a.m. Pastor: Daniel Cove
CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY 24505 Meadowbrook Sunday 10:30 a.m. Pastor: Daniel Cove	FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE 21711 W. 10 Mile Sunday 10:30 a.m. Pastor: Daniel Cove
VICTORY LUTHERAN CHURCH (MISSOURI SYNOD) NOVI MEADOWS SCHOOL 21240 Meadowbrook Sunday 10:30 a.m. Pastor: Daniel Cove	FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE 21240 Meadowbrook Sunday 10:30 a.m. Pastor: Daniel Cove

Novi Concert Band hosts a Christmas sing-along

What better way to get into the Christmas spirit than by attending a Christmas Concert and Sing-along and better yet, it's free.

Come sing-along as Jack Kopnick conducts the Novi Concert Band for the Christmas Concert and Sing-along at the Novi Civic Center on Sunday, Dec. 18, at 2 p.m. Admission is free, song sheets are provided and refreshments will be served.

The Novi Civic Center is located at 45175 West Ten Mile Road. The 40-piece Novi Concert Band, including professional and semi-professional musicians, will play

selections of the Suite from Messiah, "A Christmas Portrait," "Jingle Bells Forever," "Sleigh Ride" and "Do You Hear What I Hear."

The Four Seasons Brass Quintet has compiled a selection of three Christmas songs which they will perform. Lyrics will be available for both types of sing-alongs included in this year's concert. The "pop" sing-along will include "Santa Claus is Coming to Town," "Silver Bells," "Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer" and "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas."

The more traditional carol sing-along will include "Hark the Herald Angels Sing," "O Come All Ye Faithful," "Deck the Halls," "Silent Night," "The First Noel," "Joy to the World" and "We Wish You a Merry Christmas."

Kopnick has been the music director of the Novi Concert Band since May 1992. He is retired from the Allen Park Public Schools where he taught Music and English for over 30 years.

The Novi Concert Band was formed 12 years ago under the auspices of the City of Novi Parks and Recreation Department but originated almost 20 years ago.



Jack Kopnick to conduct sing-along in Novi

Christian Singles Network is now available

The Novi News and HomeTown Newspapers are proud to announce the arrival of the Christian Singles Network, a service for people of common faith seeking partners with similar values and beliefs.

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confidential message. The person who placed the ad can then listen to the responses, select the ones he or she wants to contact and follow up on them.

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Wild Orchid lead members from right Tommy D and Connie Vee, with alternating bass guitarist and drummer Paul Bendersky and Marvin Conrad.

Playin' the blues

Wild Orchid appears live every Saturday at the Sunset Grill. Connie Vee and Tommy D are the mainstays of the Texas style rock 'n' blues band with alternating bass guitarists and drummers.

Tommy D has written the originals and instrumentals for the band which Connie Vee belts out in a sultry no-nonsense performance. Although the pair formed Wild Orchid in 1991, Tommy D is a product of the Detroit hide-out circuit.

For the Holiday Party planned on Dec. 17, the bass guitarist will be Dan (The Man) Emmond, with Craig Davis on drums.

The Sunset Grill is located at the corner of Novi and Thirteen Mile roads.

Entertainment listing

Submit items for the entertainment listings to The Novi News, 104 W. Main, Northville, MI 48167. Fax to 313-1050.

AUDITIONS

NEW HORIZON: The church is looking for actors and actresses to occasionally participate in Sunday morning dramas and skits. Dramas and skits are based on topical issues. Scripts are provided and minimal rehearsal time is needed. All creative input is welcome. A local contemporary church featuring a contemporary format, the church meets at Novi Town Center General Cinema Theaters in Novi. Those interested should call Ann Marie Hey, (810) 348-3563.

NOVI THEATRE: Auditions for The Miracle Worker will be held Jan. 17 at 7 p.m. for children age 13 and up. Call Linda Wickert at (810) 347-0408 for more information. Auditions for E. B. White's *The Adventures of Stewart Little* will be Feb. 7 at 4 p.m. for children age 8 to 11 years old. Performances will be May 5, 6 and 7. Performances of *The Miracle Worker* will be staged Feb. 3 and 4.

SPECIAL EVENTS

CLASSIC CARRIAGE OF NORTHVILLE: Narrated tours in a horse drawn carriage are offered on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. A limited number of special tours will be offered on Christmas Eve which will include hot chocolate and Christmas candy. Call 380-3961 for more information and reservations.

PERFORMER'S SHOWCASE: The Novi Arts Council wishes to showcase the talents of area performers. Performances will be held in the atrium of the Novi Civic Center prior to selected city council meetings. On occasion, performances may be taped by MetroVision and cablecast to residents. Musicians, actors, poets, dancers, etc., are invited to submit application forms and audition tapes, if available, to the Novi Arts Council. For further information, contact the arts council, 347-0400.

OAKLAND COLLEGE: The 100-voice Oakland Community College Chorus, conducted by OCC faculty member G. Kevin Dewey, will perform selections from Handel's *Messiah* and John Rutter's *Gloria* on Monday, Dec. 19, at 8 p.m. at Our Lady of Sorrows church in Farmington. The chorus will be accompanied by a live orchestra. Featured also will be the Renaissance Voices, a women's ensemble, and the Wags 'n' Rogues, a male/brass quartet. Our Lady of Sorrows is located at 23615 Power Road at Shiawassee in Farmington. Tickets are \$5 at the door. Call (810) 471-7795 for more information.

THEATER

MARQUIS: A musical adaptation of *Beauty and the Beast* will come to life on the Marquis stage on Saturday, Dec. 17, 31, at 2:30 p.m.; and Sunday, Dec. 18 at 2:30 p.m. Special holiday break performances are scheduled for Monday through Friday, Dec. 26 through 30, at 2:30 p.m. All tickets are \$7. For general ticket information, group rates, birthdays and for teachers to arrange for special per-

formance times and rate, call (810) 349-8110. The Marquis Theatre is a professional theater located at 135 E. Main Street in downtown Northville.

HOME SWEET HOME: A dinner theater program will continue with scheduled Saturday performances at the 1920s-era Novi mansion which now houses Home Sweet Home restaurant. The murder mystery and a tenderloin and salmon dinner are \$25.95 per person.

Diners are given clues - and sometimes speaking roles in the action - to help them figure out who dunnit. Prizes are given out to the best guessers. Home Sweet Home is located at 43180 Nine Mile Road just east of Novi Road. Also, comedy night returns on Thursdays with 8 p.m. shows. For information and reservations, call 347-0095.

GENITTI'S: Christmas Capers will be the dinner performance from now until Dec. 30, with a special New Year's Eve performance. The show revolves around Christmas Eve 1959 and WGEN preparing for its annual live Christmas Eve special. An announcement is made just before the show that the whole staff has been fired. The show must go on, however. Songs and situations as they put together a live television show eventually tell the real meaning of Christmas.

Genitti's Children's Theatre will present *Santa is Missing!* on Dec. 17 and 18 at 11:30 a.m. *Santa is Missing!* revolves around the search for Kris Kringle, who just days before Christmas disappears because he thinks kids don't believe in him anymore because he isn't cool. Once found by his loyal elves, he decides to hype up his image. The message learned through songs and humor is that being yourself is the best thing of all.

Admission to the performance and dinner is by reservation only. Call (810) 349-0522 for reservations. Genitti's "Hole-in-the-Wall" restaurant is located in downtown Northville at 108 E. Main St., just east of Center Street.

MUSIC

CAFFE BRAVO: Caffe Bravo features the talents of many artists performing everything from classical guitar, jazz and blues to contemporary and folk music every Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Upcoming performances are: Dec. 16, 8:30 to 11 p.m., singer/guitarist Greg Carson; Dec. 17, 10 a.m. to 12, folk singers/guitarists Leslie and Jason; 3 to 5 p.m. classical guitarist Carol Smallwood; and singer/guitarist Hugh Duncean; 8:30 to 11 p.m. Dec. 18, 1 to 3 p.m.; classical guitar, Carol Smallwood, and 3 to 5 p.m. folk singer/guitarist Greg Carson. The cafe is located at 110 Main Centre in downtown Northville. For information, call 344-0220 for additional information.

FRIGATES INN: Dance with The Globe from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Wednesdays through Saturdays at Frigates Inn, 1103 East Lake Drive, Novi.

MORE JAZZ: Outback Cappuccino Bar, 370 S. Main St., Plymouth, presents live jazz from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesdays featuring the

work of jazz artists Gary Cooper of Northville and Terrence Lester of Southfield. Cooper is a versatile musician, playing flute, trumpet, sax and flugelhorn while Lester plays keyboards with midl bass and rhythms. Call 455-0445 for more information.

MR. B'S FARM: Mr. B's Farm, on Novi Road north of Ten Mile, presents live music: all work with no cover charge. Sunday is a "Strings 'N' Things Jam" from 9 p.m. to midnight every week. Local artists get together for impromptu jams. Music starts at 9 p.m. For more information call 349-7038.

RIFLES: Fridays and Saturdays at 10 p.m. Rifles of Northville becomes a live rhythm and blues cafe. Rifles is located at 18730 Northville Road. For information, call 348-3490.

SHERATON OAKS: It's live entertainment on Thursday, Friday and Saturday at Ell & Henry's. Taylor Made will perform live Top 40 entertainment from 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. on Thursdays and Fridays and R.S.V.P. with Pine Spells will perform on Saturdays through Dec. 31. A New Year's Eve package includes a three course meal with choice of four entrees, live entertainment, dancing, and party favors.

The Superbowl Sunday party on Jan. 29 includes a play-by-play commentary by Eli Zaret and Denny McLean, a hearty football buffet, two 16 ounces beers and giveaways. Tickets are \$20. The hotel is at 27000 Sheraton Drive in Novi, across from Twelve Oaks Mall. For information and reservations, call 348-5000.

SPORTS EDITION: Every weekend guests can enjoy live entertainment at the Sports Edition Bar, located inside the Novi Hilton Hotel, 21111 Haggerty Road, Novi. The Sports Edition is home to intrigue and other high-powered hits groups every weekend. A cover charge begins at 8 p.m.

STARTING GATE: The Starting Gate Saloon offers live music every Friday and Saturday night from 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. The Starting Gate is located at 135 N. Center St. in downtown Northville.

SUNSET GRILL: The Grill hosts a blues "jam" every Tuesday, by the Sunset Blues Band, beginning at 9 p.m. The grill is located on the corner of Thirteen Mile and Novi roads. For more information, call (810) 624-8475.

TOO CHEZ: Too Chez, located across from Twelve Oaks Mall, Novi, offers live jazz entertainment from 6 to 10 p.m. Mondays and 7 to 11 p.m. on Fridays.

JAZZ NIGHT: DePalma's Dining and Cocktails, 31735 Plymouth Road, Livonia, is offering live entertainment. Larry Nozero and Friends perform intimate jazz from 8 to 11 p.m. on Mondays.

Ron DePalma plays jazz piano from 7 to 11 p.m. every Tuesday featuring a vast array of guest performers. Guest singers are welcome.

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Movies

'Richie Rich' makes jump to big screen

As sole heir to the \$70 billion Rich fortune, Master Richie is born into a world of unimaginable luxury. He has everything a boy could want ... everything that money can buy.

Instead of a backyard jungle gym, he has his own roller coaster; his personal baseball coach is none other than Reggie Jackson; and he can head upstairs to his very own McDonald's after he's had his fill of pate and caviar.

In the process, Richie discovers that the true value of friendship far outweighs one's personal net worth.

The Richie Rich character comes from Harvey Comics which was founded in 1939 in New York City by brothers Alfred, Leon and Robert Harvey. During the 1930s, Harvey became one of the hottest comic book publishers in the country. The 10-and-under set had made "Richie Rich" one of their most-read comics, even out-selling "Superman" and "Batman."

Producer John Davis admits that he had been a big fan of Richie Rich. "Richie was an adventure, almost like a miniature Phineas Fogg," said Davis. "He was sympathetic because he had this incredible cross of wealth to bear but was always trying to do good. He was a moralistic vision hero for us kids. Plus, he always had such great toys ... fantastic toys like a little James Bond."

Chosen to play the title role was Macaulay Culkin. "You can't open the comic book and not think of Macaulay," said Davis. "He's the right age, has the right look and possesses the sensibilities of the richest kid in the world."

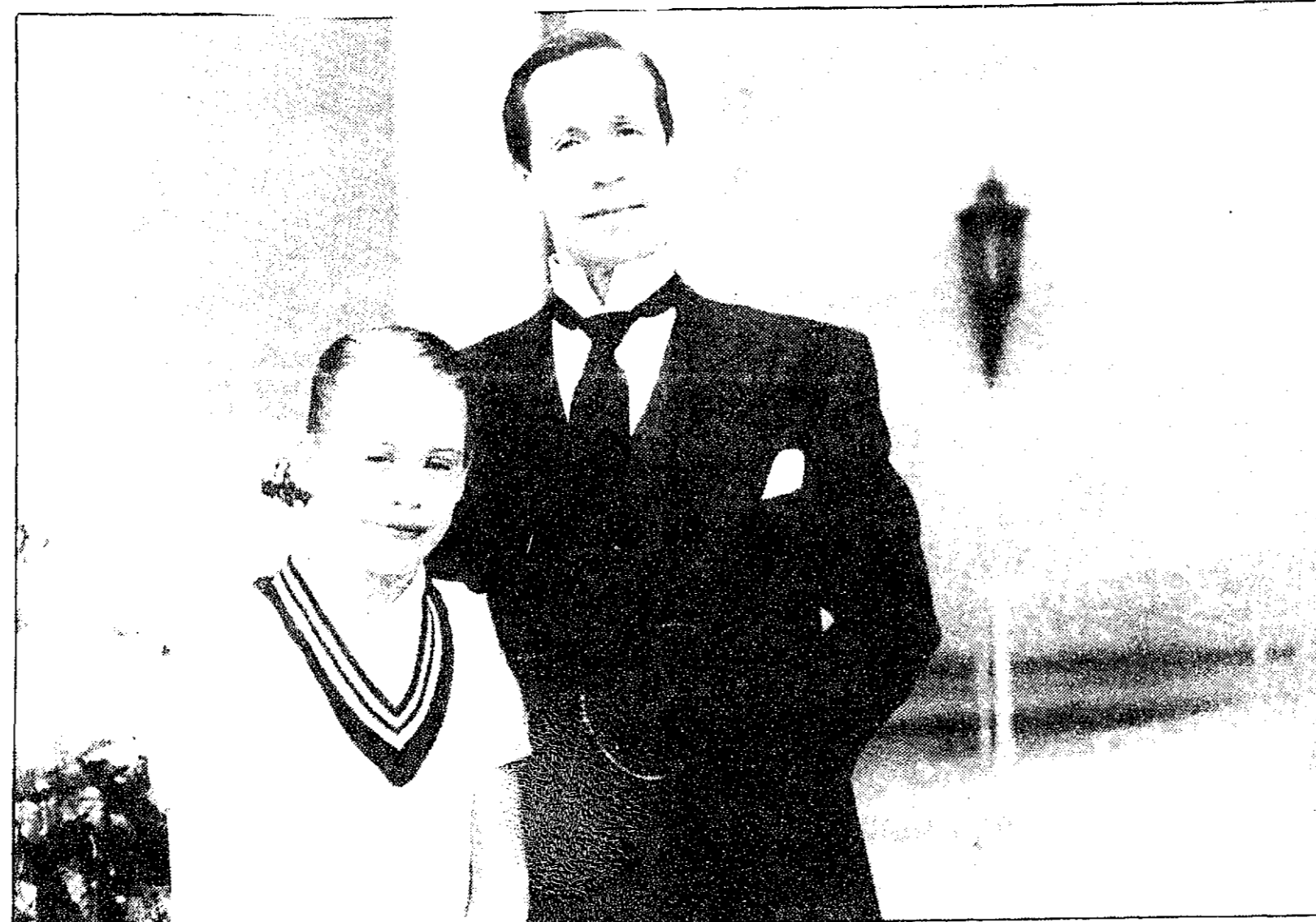
With Culkin on board, the film-

makers turned their attention to casting the rest of the film. John Larroquette, Edward Herrmann, Christine Ebersole, British stage actress Jonathan Hyde, Michael McShane and veteran character actor Chelsea Ross were chosen to star opposite the "Home Alone" star. In addition to their respective talents, all the actors had one other common trait that made them right for their roles — their physical size. At 5'10", Christine Ebersole, who plays Richie's rather regal mother Regina, is the shortest of the co-stars, but she still stands 13 inches taller than Culkin. Larroquette, Herrmann,

Hyde, McShane and Ross are all 6' or taller.

"It was a somewhat obvious choice to cast the adults in Richie's world with larger than life actors," commented Ferrer, the director. "If you look at the comic book, everyone seemed huge compared to little Richie — his mother, his father, the servants, the bad guys. It all helped to reinforce the notion of a little kid in a very big world."

John Larroquette's villain, Laurence Van Dough, is a combination of many of the comic-book scoundrels who had tried to separate the Riches from their riches



Macaulay Culkin and Jonathan Cadbury star in 'Richie Rich,' the new Warner Bros. comedy based on the 'Richie Rich' comic strip.

over the years. Larroquette describes the money-hungry Van Dough as a "cross between Barney Fife and Richard Nixon. His ambition far exceeds his ability and his greed far exceeds his concern for other human beings," he said. "Money to Van Dough is more important than anything in the world — more important than loyalty, integrity or any kind of self-worth. Pretty straightforward, wouldn't you say?"

Not according to Richie's personal valet, Herbert Cadbury, as played by British stage actor Jonathan Hyde. "Van Dough is a rotten scoundrel meanie," said Hyde. "He's a pinched person, classless, and he behaves in an absolutely appalling manner during the film. Of course, Master Richie comes up trumps in the final analysis."

Hyde said he was attracted to the script "for its complete wackiness," but also was enticed by the relationship between Richie and Cadbury.

"The one thing Richie's money can't buy is friends," said Hyde. "Cadbury serves as his only real friend until Master Richie discovers the real value of friendship for himself."

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Freddy's back in new 'Nightmare,' but it's not as scary

WES CRAVEN'S NEW NIGHTMARE
By Heather Wadowski Northville

Freddy's back! And this time he means business. There's no script for the cast to go by because this is real life ...

Ases Craven's new 'Nightmare' isn't as terrifying as the first six "Nightmare on Elm Streets," but it's still suspenseful.

Unfortunately, it's also confusing. "New Nightmare" keeps switching from the characters they played to their real life characters. And if you haven't seen "Nightmares 1 to 6, you will be lost. My advice: Rent 1-6, then see "New Nightmare." Otherwise, it will be a waste of your money.

"Wes Craven's New Nightmare" stars Heather Lanencamp as herself and Nancy, Robert England as himself and Freddy Krueger and Wes Craven as himself. The all-star cast works hard to keep the movie rolling, but at times even they can't pull it off.

"Wes Craven's New Nightmare" gets three and one-half stars out of five. If you're in the mood to see a horror flick with not too much

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By Elaine Binstock Novi

This is cult classic science fiction. A huge unidentified flying object reported by radar, causes panic around the world. It descends on D.C. and is met with hostility, fear and violence.

A male, mortal-like alien eventually emerges from the spaceship and is immediately blasted with bullets by the defending troops, announcing from within the foaming spaceship a towering robot who disintegrates their weapons with his powerful laser.

The spacecraft, suffering wounds that will kill a human being, awakens totally healed the following morning. This stirs interest among scientists, who are

absorbed by Klatu (Michael Rennie). They discover he's come to earth in good will, requesting that earth's countries agree to share with him regarding the planet's future, whose existence, he cautions, is at stake!

Klatu declares earth's advances in science and war-like behavior a threat to other planets and demands all regions on earth attend this critical symposium, or face a similar obliteration to what

they witnessed yesterday.

Klatu understands and accepts a straightforward explanation that earth's countries may choose themselves enemies, will likely refuse to assemble and offers a dramatic, not destructive, demonstration to illustrate the magnitude of his planet's force of power. Thus, ... "The Day the Earth Stood Still."

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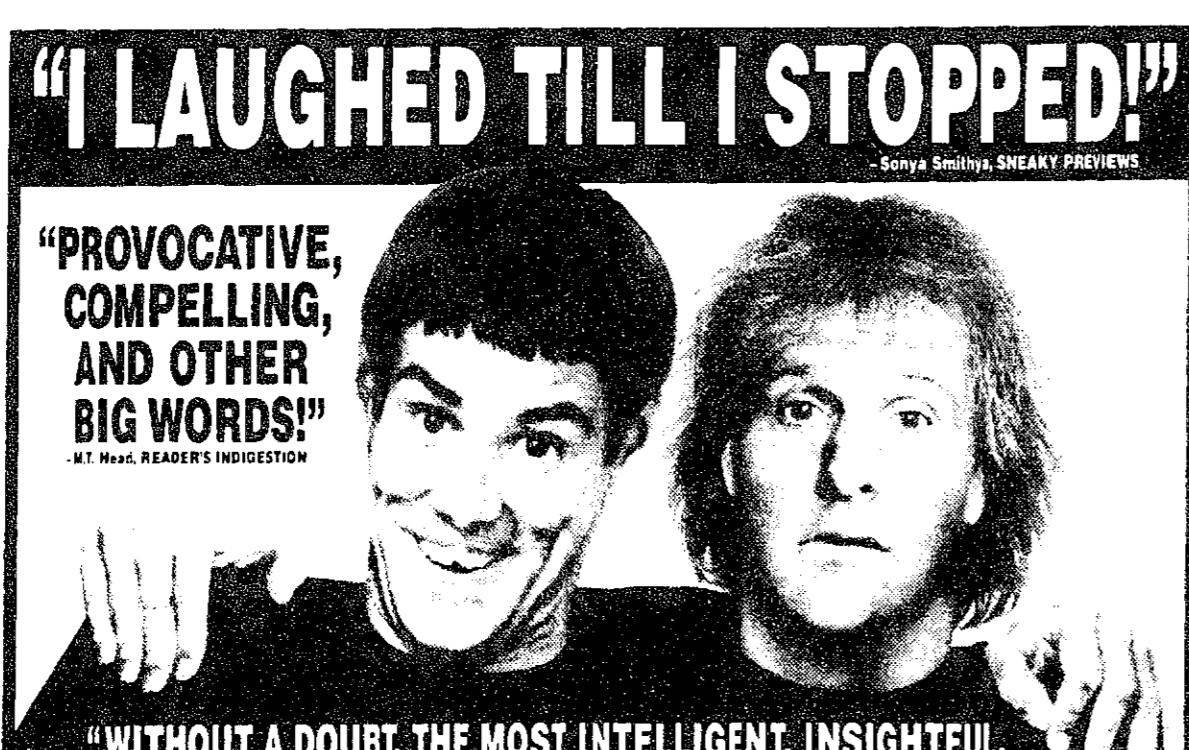
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Spikers open season at SL tournament

By SCOTT DANIEL Sports Editor

The Wildcat volleyball team got its season rolling Saturday at the South Lyon Invitational with mixed results.

Novi High failed to advance from pool play in the 18-school tournament. But, at times, Julie Fisetto's squad showed flashes of top-notch volleyball.

"We played excellent," the coach said in referring to Novi's match with Saginaw Heritage. "We only missed two serves."

Fisetto was encouraged by her team's start. Even more encouraging, she said, is the talent at the junior varsity level waiting to come up.

"We've got a good future," Fisetto commented. "I think we're just getting stronger and stronger."

As for Saturday's tournament, the Wildcats started and finished strong but had difficulties in between.

Schools were divided into four-team pools. Each pool team played each other twice. The top squads from each pool then advanced to championship play.

Novi wound up 2-4 on the day. In game one against Saginaw Heritage, the Wildcats had everything clicking. Fisetto said besides excellent serving, her team was hitting very accurately and setting well to win 15-11.

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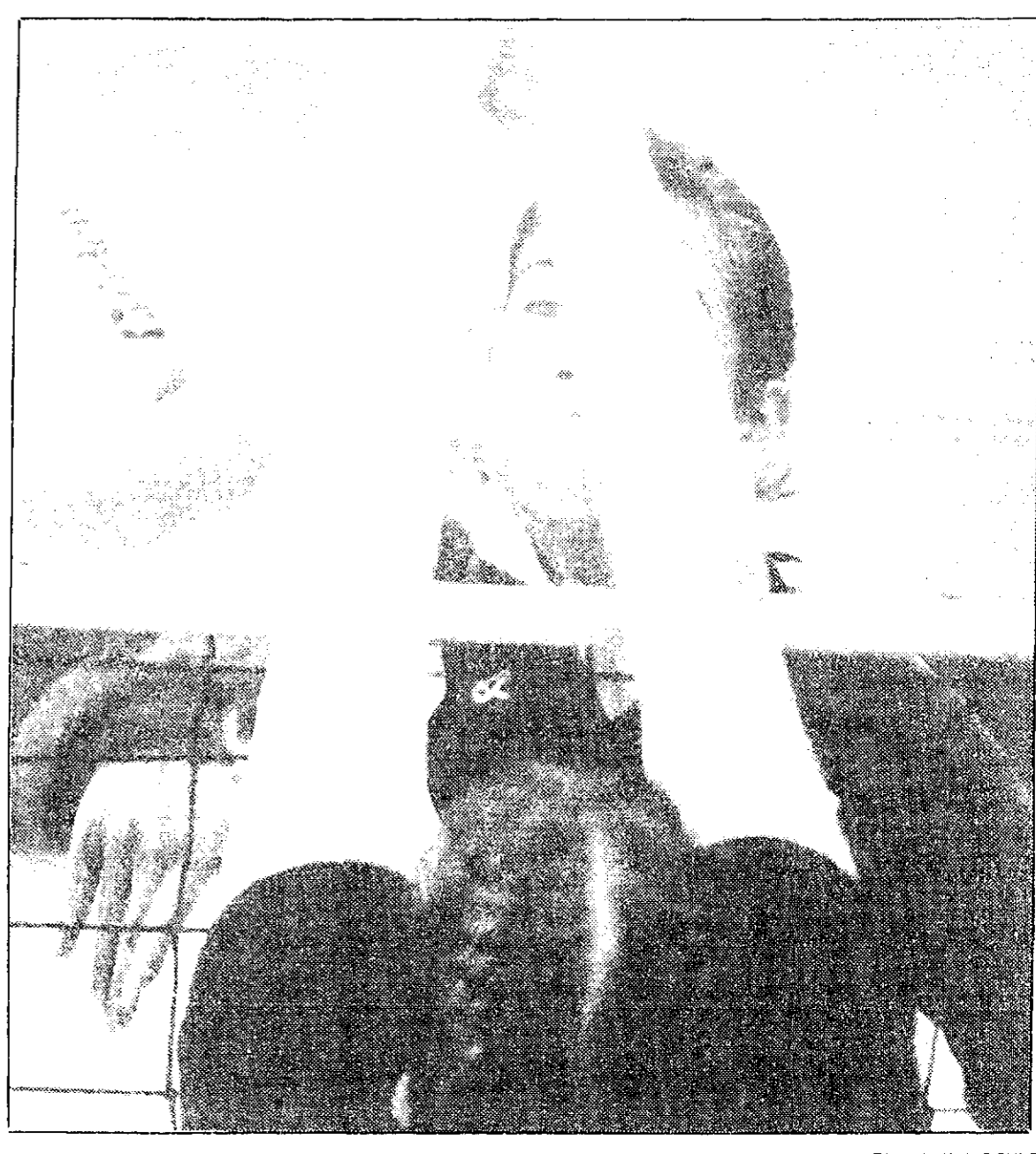
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Cagers fall to Western 51-37

By SCOTT DANIEL Sports Editor

As first weeks go, the Wildcat basketball team could've had a better one.

First, Novi drops its opener 51-37 to Walled Lake Western on the road Dec. 6. Two days later senior guard Jason Fannon tears ligaments in his wrist. Then, to top it off, Friday's road game with Hartland is snowed out.

Relax, folks, things will get better.

But, for now, we've stuck talking about the bad news. So let's hurry up and get it done.

According to coach Paul Schluter, the Wildcats were just ice-cold against Western. He added that his team shot just 31 percent from the field.

"We were getting great shots," Schluter said. "Lay ups, wide open jumpers. We just couldn't hit anything."

"We beat ourselves." Novi helped Walled Lake end a dubious streak. The Warriors went 0-21 in the 1993-94 season. "I told the kids they were improved," said Schluter. "They were up and played really well."

McBride stars in Novi Round Robin wrestling tourney

By SCOTT DANIEL Sports Editor

Mark McBride was perfect Saturday. The senior 172-pounder went 5-0 with four pins at the Novi high-hosted wrestling tournament.

Coach Brad Huss said McBride was nearly flawless in his matches.

"You can't wrestle better than Mark did," he commented. "I thought he should've been voted most

valuable wrestler."

Romulus Will Daniels, who also won all of his matches, won that honor. As for McBride, Huss said Saturday's performance turned a corner. He's now a force to be reckoned with in the state.

"He made that jump in believing he can win," Huss said.

The rest of the Wildcats, though, didn't fare as well. Novi won just one of five matches at the round

Robin.

Lake Orion was the tournament champion at 5-0. Walled Lake Central went 4-1 for second.

"There were some really good teams," said Huss. "It was a tough tournament. No question about it."

After the first week of the season, Novi stands at 2-5 overall.

The Cats opened Saturday's tournament with a 42-27 loss to Walled Lake Central.

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Milford's Bob Kofahl was voted the KVC's top player a year ago.

KVC Preview

Howell, Milford teams to beat in league basketball race, according to coaches

The torch has been passed from girls' to boys' basketball and the guys are ready to blaze a few trails. With many Kensington Valley Conference schools sporting new coaches and most of the players getting their first varsity experience, it will take some time for the teams to come together.

To help you get a better handle on how the race will shake out this winter, The Novi News takes a look at all of the KVC squads in the following article.

BRIGHTON
Mike Griest is moving up from his position last year as the JV coach to take the varsity reins. Last year, the Bulldogs were Kensington Valley Conference co-champions with Milford. It was Brighton's first league title in 15 years.

Unfortunately, four of last year's starters graduated, leaving only Jim Ettig (6-2). Ettig has been on the varsity for three years and plays everywhere for the Bulldogs.

"He's our best defender," Griest said. "He's the catalyst for us offensively and defensively."

Also back for the Bulldogs is senior Dave Clothier (6-3). Clothier is an inside player who also has good range on his shot.

Senior Wayne McCarty (6-2) will switch between guard and forward. He is an exceptional leader who will be counted on more for his defense.

Junior Bill Anguish (6-8) is the tallest player in the KVC and could be a force in the middle.

"He's developing some good post moves," Griest said. "He is learning how to use his size as an advantage."

Junior Bill Krips will give the Bulldogs a potent three-point threat and junior Andy Mouser will see time at the point guard.

Junior Steve Dunbar and senior Kevin Ackroyd should also figure in to the rotation.

Other first year varsity players are juniors Chris Coleman, Brock Duchsoltz, Andy Ritter and Todd Schmidt.

South Lyon
The Lions have a new head coach in Tim Turner, the former mentor at Warren De La Salle. With a raw group of returning seniors, hard-working juniors and eager sophomores, he was hoping to get a lot accomplished during pre-season workouts. But that hasn't happened.

"We're a little behind where I'd like to be at this point because we just haven't been able to get as much done in practice," Turner said.

South Lyon returns six players from last year's team that made it all the way to the final 16 in the state playoffs.

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Novi High Pom-Pon members (front row) Andrea Fischer, Margie Householder, Kelly Harfoot, (back row) Jessica Perreca, Andrea Jarvis and Tracy Bishop made the all-star team.

Pom-Pon team starts season

The Novi High School varsity pom-pom team had a successful start to their 1994-95 season. At the recently held Mid-American Pom-Pon Dance Competition the Novi squad took first place in the prop competition. In this competition each team is required to use multiple props throughout their performance.

In taking first, the team received 108.75 out of a possible 110 points. According to coach Julie Hobbs, this was an exceptionally high score for any competition—especially for the first time out.

The coach added that she was very proud of how hard the team has been working to prepare for the season.

Novi returns 18 members from last year's state champion team and a strong group of nine new members, said Hobbs.

The pom-pom team will enter a number of competitions throughout the season culminating in the state championship on Feb. 26 at Saginaw Valley State University. The team also performs during the

Howell, Milford favored in KVC race

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T h a t height will be nurtured by Tom Harris, who is the JV coach after coaching for many years at Milford.

Hardard opened Tuesday at Linden and Friday they will play Novt at home.

HOWELL

Bill Simmons is a new coach, but then again he isn't. After coaching Howell's JV program for nearly 20 years, he went to Fowlerville to be the head coach last season. This year, he's back at Howell, as the varsity leader.

Simmons inherits a team that was third in the KVC last season.

Leading the Highlanders will be senior Jason Klein (6-1). Klein has started for Howell since his sophomore year and will play guard and forward.

Ideas is an intense competitor, good shooter and great defender who will be counted on if the Highlanders are to go far.

Derrick Dixon (6-0) is an outstanding ball-handler and shooter who is very quick. Dixon started last year and will probably run the point for most of the year.

Senior Bryan Funke (6-5) will try to fill the big shoes left by graduated Dane Sexton. Funke did a good job filling in for Sexton last season and should step into his own.

Bryan is a leaper, good shooter and very quick," Simmons said.

Junior Nate Blakeslee (6-1) is an intelligent player who runs well and shoots well.

Senior Ryan Schefke (6-0) will be counted on for his outstanding defense.

Senior Ryan Graves (5-9) and junior Jason Olshoff (6-3) will see time at guard, while senior Chad Austin (6-4) plays backup at center.

Junior Joe Porter (6-1) is an excellent offensive player who can spark Howell off the bench.

Other players moving up to the varsity are juniors Chris Penzell (5-10), Kevin Burke (6-1), Brian King (5-10) and Scott Hable (6-0).

Howell started their season Tuesday at Okemos and will host South Lyon on Friday.

MILFORD

Last year's KVC player of the year, Bob Kofahl, is back for his senior season at Milford and hopes to lead the Redskins to the title.

"It's no secret," coach Don Palmer said, "we'll go as far as he's gonna take us."

Kofahl, a 6-5 shooting guard, poses so many match-up problems most teams just don't know what to do with him. He's able to post up and shoot over most other guards, and he'll take bigger players off the dribble with ease.

To top it off, Kofahl's a great three-point shooter. He canned 47 triples last year to go along with 15.6 points, 5.4 assists and 2.3 assists.

MHS finished 19-4 last year, going Brighton for the KVC title and winning a district title in

the state tournament. As good as Kofahl is, he'll need help.

Senior forward Case Lancaster will be a main contributor. The 6-3 player averaged 8.4 points and can shoot the three-pointer.

Jon Booms is expected to be another key factor. Palmer said he can score from 15 feet and in from the basket.

A couple of talented young sophomores will round out the starting five for Milford.

Nick Demester will play point guard and is noted for his slashing style. Chad Chwalak will get the nod at small forward. He led the Redskins JV in scoring a year ago.

Treavor Phillips will be a key reserve. He'll play shooting guard and has three-point range.

Others to watch for are: Randy Jeffrey, 6-7 Duke Nickolas and Case Crechelli.

Palmer said it's too early to tell how good the Redskins might be this season, but he knows Kofahl, Lancaster and Booms will produce. It's the play of the young sophomores that will be the x-factor.

"This club has the potential to be good," Palmer said. "But we have to have some other kids step up. We have veterans that can play and young kids that have the talent to be good, now we just have to see if we can put it all together."

Staff writers Merrill Cain and Col Hodson compiled this report.

McBride stars in Novi wrestling tourney

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sioned Thad Chmielewski 6-2 at 142 pounds.

Skip Becker, at 160, notched a decision victory as well. He beat Evan McDonald 6-1.

At 172, McBride pinned Jason Rowinski in 1:27. James Ott, a 151-pounder, pinned Ryan McCall in 1:55.

McBride got Nov's other win by

ipping a state qualifier from a year ago, Jim Morris, 7-6. James Probyn won by void at 215.

The Wildcats got on the winning track in the third round by whipping Oxford 54-21.

Going over to the match up by winning his 106-pound match. He pinned Aaron Kurtis in 2:43.

At 112, Adam Sundberg was a

winner over Quinn Minard at 1:45. Nick Simon pinned Chris Davidson in 1:26 at 126 pounds.

Lesperance won yet another match. He pinned 142-pounder Rob Misner in 1:48.

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By CINDY STEWART
Special Writer



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Now Christmas is only 10 days away and everyone's rushing around finishing their last minute shopping, baking and Christmas card. Sometimes with all the hustle and bustle, it's nice to sit in front of a blazing fire with a cup of hot cocoa and relax. While you're doing this relaxing, why not turn on the TV and tune into Channel 12, Novi's own Cable station and watch some of the great Novi programs.

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High school sports are featured on *Novi News Week*.

Head West and gave them a complete makeover. Stay tuned when the program airs and find out who it was! I'll give you a hint... one works at the Novi Civic Center, one works in the video field and one received a crown at a Nov High football game.

In October, we had Psychic Janet Lee on the show with a live studio audience. She did dream interpretations and had fun answering questions from the audience. And this fall, we talked with Weight Watcher founder Fannie Mark and a nutritionist about healthy eating.

It's a fun and entertaining show so be sure and catch *Coffee & Conversation* every Monday morning at 11 a.m. and every other Wednesday evening at 8 p.m.

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Laparoscopy important in abdominal cases



William Hurd

Laparoscopy is a technique for evaluating and treating conditions inside the abdominal cavity. In the last few years, the range of conditions diagnosed and treated laparoscopically has increased dramatically. Women should be aware of the laparoscopic options available to them when undergoing gynecological procedures.

Laparoscopy, often referred to as "Band-Aid surgery" or "minimally invasive surgery" is performed by inserting a laparoscope into the abdominal cavity directly below the navel. The organs inside the abdomen can then be seen using a video camera. This technique is widely accepted for removing the gallbladder without a large incision.

Although gynecologists have been using diagnostic laparoscopy to look for problems in the pelvis for almost 20 years, this technique has been used only recently to treat gynecological conditions.

Laparoscopy can treat both infertility-related and non-sterility-related procedures. Common infertility-related procedures include removing endometriosis from the pelvic surface

and removing scar tissue from the tubes and ovaries. After the laparoscope is placed in the proper position, three or four other smaller incisions are made so that instruments also may be placed in the cavity. The abnormal tissue (endometriosis or scar tissue) is then removed or destroyed using a laser or other ultrasonically powered instruments. Pregnancy rates following a laparoscopic procedure are the same as with open surgery, but with a reduced recovery period.

Non-sterility-related gynecological procedures include removal of endometriosis or scar tissue for pain control, ovarian or ovarian cysts and tubal procedures. Other procedures include using the laparoscope to perform a vaginal hysterectomy. Except for hysterectomy, these procedures are similar to the infertility procedures in that they can all be performed through very small incisions and replace major open abdominal surgery. Laparoscopy is the most appropriate way to treat endometriosis, scar tissue and ectopic pregnancies in most cases.

Laparoscopy removal of ovarian cysts is somewhat more controversial because these may be cancerous and it is uncertain if fluid leakage from the ovarian cyst increases the risk or spread of the cancer. Thus, it is important that premenopausal women with large ovarian cysts since they are at an especially high risk for ovarian cancer.

A less controversial use is for the removal of normal-appearing ovaries in high risk women. This simple technique is being used primarily in women with a strong family history of ovarian cancer. All of these procedures were once performed exclusively by open surgery. With the newer techniques, patients can have the procedure performed, be discharged the same day and be back to full activity within three days.

Laparoscopy is being a common procedure for assisting with a vaginal hysterectomy. Although it avoids abdominal hysterectomy, it may involve the same or more discomfort as a traditional vaginal hysterectomy. For this reason, a vaginal hysterectomy is the procedure of choice. The risk of this procedure compared to an abdominal or vaginal hysterectomy is yet to be established. For this reason, laparoscopic assistance for hysterectomy has not yet become a standard approach.

Although laparoscopic surgery can be performed with minimal incisions, its usefulness has yet to be appreciated. However, for anyone who is undergoing gynecological surgery, the advantages or disadvantages of laparoscopy should be discussed with your gynecologist prior to surgery.

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Snow shoveling deaths are common



Barry Franklin

One cold winter night, my department chairman, then near 60, cleared his driveway of snow. After 45 minutes, he returned to the warmth of his home and told his wife he didn't feel well. She suggested he go upstairs to the bedroom to rest. He did. A short time later, she found him dead.

Coroner's conclusion: a massive heart attack.

A freakish occurrence? Might he have died anyway that evening?

I don't think so. The association between snow shoveling and heart attacks is probably no coincidence. Unfortunately, reports of snow shoveling deaths are common.

Pushing, lifting, turning, throwing shovels of snow - these are extremely strenuous. It takes 10 minutes to shovel a minute, you're expending as much energy as if you were playing a match of singles tennis. Shoveling wet, heavy snow requires the energy equivalent of running nine miles per hour.

For the person who is out of shape and unaccustomed to vigorous physical activity, these levels of energy expenditure may require Herculean efforts. Snow shoveling does more than tire you. It places huge demands on your heart in five different ways: the strain of upper body exercise, prolonged standing with little leg movement, isometric exertion, breath holding and the inhalation of cold and moist air.

Your heart responds to these demands with a disproportionate pumping rate and blood pressure, requiring more blood and oxygen. At the same time, breathing cold air may trigger a heart's spasm or temporary narrowing of the heart's own blood vessels. Among people with known or latent heart disease, these effects may lead to a lack of oxygen supply to the heart muscle, chest pain or potentially dangerous heart rhythm disturbances.

Who is the person at risk? Someone who is over 45, inactive, smokes, has elevated blood cholesterol, is overweight or has high blood pressure or a heart condition.

If you have one or more of these characteristics, hire someone to do your snow shoveling, or buy a snow blower, preferably with an electric starter.

However, if you must shovel the old-fashion-

ed way:

- Pace yourself. Take frequent breaks.
- Use your legs, as well as your arms, in lifting the snow. Bend your knees slightly when pushing or lifting snow.
- Lift small loads more often, using a short shovel with a small scoop.
- Wear a cold weather breathing mask or scarf to avoid inhaling cold air or exposing your face and neck.
- Avoid big meals, alcohol and tobacco before and after shoveling.
- Try not to shovel when it's windy. The windchill factor may be much lower than your thermometer indicates.
- Wear several layers of clothing rather than one heavy layer. This allows you to take off or put on clothing as you work.
- Dressing too warmly can cause overheating and strain your cardiovascular system. And remember to wear a hat.
- Hire a teenager, and not one with a snow-blower.

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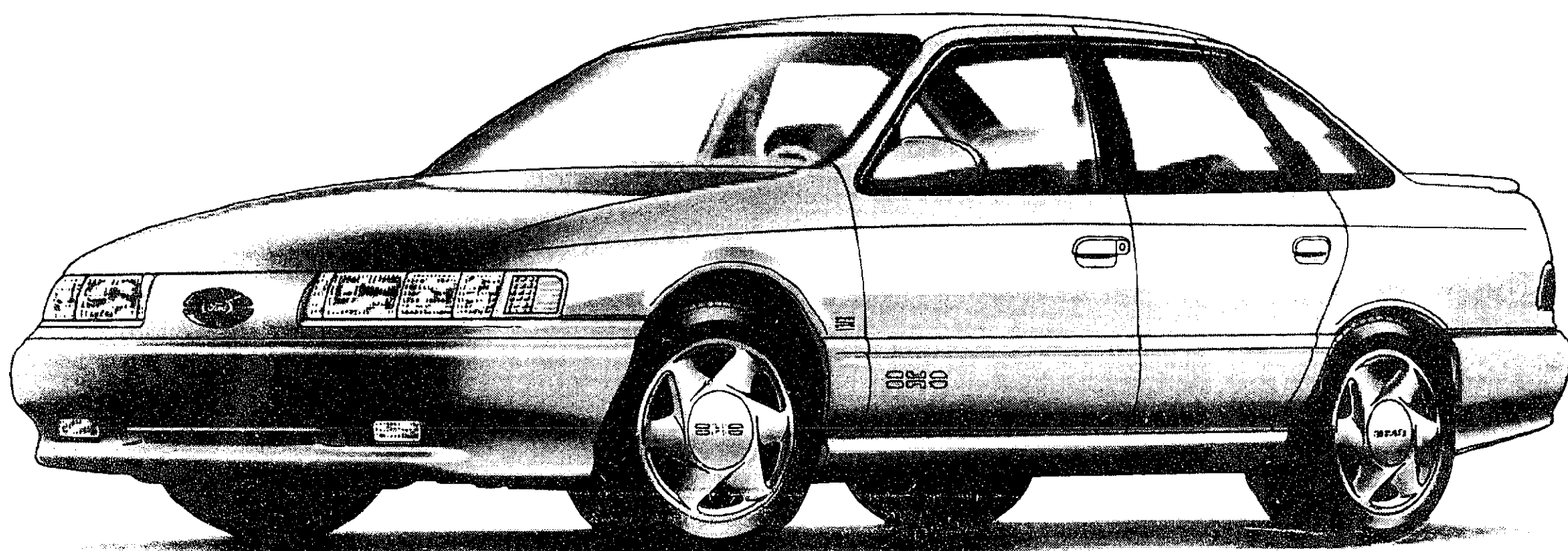
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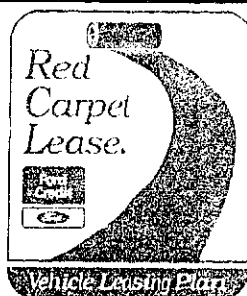


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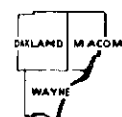
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