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## Arena on ice while city seeks details

By JAN JEFFRES  
Staff Writer

A two-year-old proposal to build an ice arena here is frozen until January.

Novi City Council members in a joint meeting with the Parks and Recreation Commission said Monday they didn't yet have enough details to make a decision about entering into a joint public sector/private sector development agreement with Center Ice Management Inc. The council began pondering the contract in

September.

"When it comes down to putting the pen to the paper, there's still some hesitation as to where the risk is," Mayor Kathleen McLallen said.

Meanwhile, City Manager Ed Kriewall said that research has been underway about an alternative way to finance the \$6.5 million, two-rink complex, through a voter-approved general obligation bond which would assess taxpayers millage if the arena's revenues

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### NOVI MEAP SCORES

#### SATISFACTORY READING

| GRADES | 1995 | 1994 | 1993 | 1992 |
|--------|------|------|------|------|
| 4th    | 77.7 | 62.3 | 66.6 | 59.6 |
| 7th    | 59.6 | 45.9 | 61.5 | 42.3 |

#### SATISFACTORY MATH

| GRADES | 1995 | 1994 | 1993 | 1992 |
|--------|------|------|------|------|
| 4th    | 87.5 | 83.4 | 78.4 | 63.8 |
| 7th    | 78.0 | 65.2 | 72.2 | 52.6 |

## Schools recover on MEAP tallies

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL  
Staff Writer

This year, Novi schools played catch-up with the Michigan Educational Assessment Program scores ... and won.

After dropping substantially last year, Novi students scored higher in all test subjects this year, and even topped scores from 1993.

Students in the fourth and sev-

enth grades took the math and reading tests in October.

Results show fourth graders improved 24 percent this year in the reading category with 77.7 percent of students rating satisfactory. That's a better rating than the 1993 score of 66.6 percent.

Novi fourth graders scored an 87.5 percent satisfactory on the

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### 'Previously loved bears'

Elsie Schulz, 77, was thrilled to receive a 'slightly loved bear' from Abigail Saari, a member of Quest and Novi Youth Assistance. The groups took more than 135 bears to Novi Charter House Saturday to give to residents

there. Youth Assistance and the Novi Chamber of Commerce joined forces to collect the cuddly critters to give to seniors to brighten the holiday season. Men received baseball caps during the Christmas event.

## Students celebrate the holiday

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL  
Staff Writer

'Twas the week before Christmas and all through the schools, teachers put together lessons real cool.

Students warbled carols and put on Christmas plays. But still they were learning each and every day.

Teachers say holiday activities not only help to get in the spirit of the season but gives them the opportunity to teach students about culture and goodwill.

Kindergarten teachers, Mari- anne Boschma and Sharon DeWitt, at Orchard Hills this year opted to teach kids to develop a good habit for Christmas.

Rather than bringing in gifts for



Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

Orchard Hills first graders (from left) Jackie Kaske, Kelsi Oikowski and Nick Tsangaris sing "I'm gettin' nuttin' for Christmas" in a sing-along Friday.

## Robber spotted on return to bank

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL  
Staff Writer

Determined to nab the man suspected of two bank robberies in Novi, police had a plan.

"The week of Thanksgiving we figured he was about due again because it had been about two weeks. So we watched the bank Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday morning because he hits in the morning," explained Det. Frank Barabas of the Novi Police.

However, the robber pulled a surprise. He didn't appear until 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, just after police gave up surveillance for the day.

But he didn't rob the bank this time, just entered and left.

"We figure he was casing the joint and he would probably be back on Friday," said

Barabas.

Instead the man robbed a Comerica Bank in Ferndale and traded in a stolen Ford Thunderbird for a Grand Cherokee left running outside a store near Farmington Road and Eight Mile. Farmington Hills Police chased him into Detroit where they lost him.

But not to worry. They knew he would be back. "They always return to the scene of the crime," said Barabas.

On Nov. 28, Livonia Police chased and captured the man after he robbed the Michigan National Bank at Wayne and Ann Arbor Trail.

According to Livonia Police, they located the man leaving the bank and gave chase. The man then rear-ended a semi, jumped out of the car and ran. Officers fired one shot which did not strike him. But he stopped running.

Novi's Det. Barabas said 24-year-old Gregory Berry Jr., of Detroit, confessed to four bank robberies, two 7 Eleven robberies and five auto thefts.

Berry will be charged in Federal Court for the bank robberies, which are federal crimes.

Barabas said federal authorities indicated "(Berry) doesn't have a dope problem. He was just trying to pay some bills."

He said Berry got away with almost \$5,000 in the two Novi bank robberies.

Berry hit the Comerica in Novi on Oct. 26 and Nov. 7. Both times he walked into the bank, showed the same teller a note asking for the money, flashed a gun at her and then left with the money in stolen cars.

## Church services set for Christmas

Churches in the area have planned special services and events to celebrate Christmas and the New Year.

The following is a list of area churches and the days and times of their services:

**CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY**, 24505 Meadowbrook Road in Novi, will have Christmas Eve Masses at 4, 6 and 10 p.m. The Junior Choristers will perform just prior to the 6 p.m. Mass at 5:50 p.m. The Music and Choir will perform at 11:30 p.m.

Christmas Day Masses will be at 8:45 and 10:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.

Masses will be at 5 p.m. on New Year's Eve and at 9 a.m. on New Year's Day.

For more information, call the church at 349-8847.

On Christmas Eve, the **FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE**, 200 E. Main in Northville, will have an 11 a.m. service with the Choir Cantata; a 5 p.m. Children's Pageant, 7 p.m.

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### CLASSIFIED EARLY DEADLINES

CHRISTMAS &  
NEW YEAR'S

Thursday, December 21 and December 28, at 3:30 p.m. - Deadline for HomeTown Connection, Monday Service Directory, Wednesday Service Directory, Shoppers Service Directory, Pinckney, Hartland, Fowlerville Shopping Guides for issues of Monday, December 25 & January 1 and Wednesday/Thursday, December 27-28 and January 3-4.

Friday, December 22 and 29 at 3:30 p.m. - Deadline for Monday Greensheet, South Lyon Shopper and Wednesday/Thursday Greensheet for issues of Monday, December 25 and January 1 and Wed., Thurs., December 27-28 and January 3-4.



## 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 21

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

### Friday, December 22

**Christmas Holiday**  
City offices are closed.

### Saturday, December 23

**Christmas Holiday**  
The public library is closed.

### Monday, December 25

**Christmas Day**  
City offices and the public library are closed. Have a very Merry Christmas.

### Tuesday, December 26

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

### F.E.M.A.L.E.

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 869-1018.

### 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 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.

### 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 Sawmillier, 344-4269 evenings after 6 p.m.

### Wednesday, December 27

### Lions Club

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

### Seniors business

The Novi Senior Social Club will meet at 1 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center for its regular monthly business meeting.

### 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 4-11 Education Center, Twelve Mile at Meadowbrook Road. For chapter information or an invitation to one of the meetings, please call 642-7725.

### Thursday, December 28

### Optimist Club

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

### Friday, December 29

### New Year's Holiday

City offices are closed.

### Saturday, December 30

### New Year's Holiday

The public library is closed.

### Sunday, December 31

### New Year's Eve

The public library is closed.

### Monday, January 1

### New Year's Day

City offices and the public library are closed. Have a happy New Year.

### Tuesday, January 2

### Seniors meeting

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

### Menopause Support Group

Providence Medical Center's Conference Center, 47601 Grand River Ave., hosts a monthly menopause support group from 7:30-9 p.m. for women with concerns about menopause. Call 380-4115 for more information.

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## Novi cop selected for Olympic security

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL  
Staff Writer

Novi Police Officer Diane MacGregor always wanted to go to the Olympics.

"I was always looking up the most obscure sports to see if I could qualify," she explained. "I was just never had the time or the energy to practice kayaking or archery."

MacGregor never gave up the dream though. And now she is going to the Olympics doing what she is probably best qualified for: providing security for the games.

MacGregor was recently chosen from 6,000 applicants to be one of 1,000 security officers at the Olympic games held in Atlanta this summer.

She will spend the month of July in the city. And although she only receives room and board, she said what she'll get in return is worth more than money.

"I'm hoping I'll be part of the security that rings the fields so I can see a lot of different people and just experience everything," she explained.

The security force is made up of retired or current law enforcement officers from around the world.

"You're going to have the world stage there," MacGregor added. "It's a once in a lifetime experience."

MacGregor first learned of the opportunity in 1994 at a women's police conference in Pittsburgh and filled out the preliminary application. In June she received a second application and in November she found out she was chosen.

It didn't take long for everyone else to find out she was chosen either. "I've started a list of souvenirs everyone wants, but they have to give me the money ahead of time," she said.

Preparing for the trip is exciting, she said. MacGregor offered to take classes in Spanish and sign language to distinguish herself

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Office Diane MacGregor

from the other officers and be chosen for the job.

"Everyone goes up to security to ask them how to get somewhere," she explained. And with the games being an international event, the more she knows the better.

MacGregor and an assigned roommate will live near the Olympic Village and have uniforms provided for them. MacGregor is hoping she will come back with some nice Nike clothes. Nike is a sponsor of the games.

She said the officers will work various shifts and have time for fun. "If we are put up next to the Olympic Village I could go nuts," she laughed. "I'm also a pin collector so this is right up my alley."

MacGregor was given the green light by the department and will most likely take a combination of vacation pay and time off without pay during July.

"I'm really excited for her," said Chief Douglas Shaeffer. "Even though she's going in an off-duty manner there is no doubt she will carry the honor of the Novi Police Department with her. It's a great opportunity for her to meet people from other police departments from throughout the nation. She will learn a lot and bring that experience back to us."

So, while the rest of Novi is dealing with the snow and the cold, MacGregor is thinking thoughts of sunny and warm Atlanta in July.

"I always thought I could do something like this and now I am," she said.



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Novi officer Diane MacGregor will be working as a security officer at the 96 summer Olympics, chosen from 6,000 applicants.

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## Dissatisfied customer turns robber

A man returning brake fluid to ACO Hardware on Ten Mile reportedly turned into an armed robber the night of Dec. 5.

Police said the white male — in his early 40s, about 5-foot-10-inches to 6-feet tall with dark, unkempt hair and wearing work clothes — bought a container of brake fluid only to return it a few moments later.

After illegally filling out a return slip, the man tried to push the female cashier away from the register as it opened. She slammed the drawer shut and yelled for help as the man ran out the door and fled in a 1994 Cadillac. He escaped without getting any money.

Police said the Farmington and Northville Police indicated they've had similar attempted robberies in their communities by a man of similar description using a similar method of operation.

### CAR BREAK-INS

Two residents of the Solomon Apartments parked in the wrong spot the night of Dec. 9.

According to police both residents found their cars broken into. One man with a 95 purple Geo Prism discovered his \$529 Sony CD changer missing from the trunk of his car.

A car parked one spot over was also broken into however the thieves tried but couldn't pry the speakers and the stereo from the car. Only cassette tapes were found missing from the 1992

## Police News

### Green Toyota Terrel

Police said in both instances the suspects punched in the door locks to gain entrance.

### ATTEMPTED TIRE THEFT

A man seen jumping the wall at the Mary Feldman Chevrolet dealership on the morning of Dec. 9 told police he needed to steal some tires to sell in order to afford his car payment.

A Novi officer responded to a report that a man — wearing black jeans, shirt, gloves, boots and a leather jacket — hopped the wall. On arriving, the officer said he followed the footprints left in the snow beginning at a lone white mini-van parked in the Fountain Park apartments.

The tracks led to a new Chevy Blazer where the officer found evidence of attempted larceny.

The officer stopped the man as he tried to leave the apartment complex in the mini van and found a box matching a jack left at the scene. The man did not have the tires with him although police believe he may have been taking the van closer to retrieve the tires.

But according to the man, he didn't finish the job because he became "nervous and lost interest."

Police said he was booked, jailed and released pending a warrant.

### MINORS IN POSSESSION

Police issued a citation to appear in court to an 18-year-old Novi man for illegally possessing alcohol.

Police came across the man and a friend as they sat in a blue Ford Probe on Cranbrook, Dec. 9 at about midnight. Officers noticed a beer can in the back of the car at which time the minor confessed to having more in the trunk.

### MISSING PURSE

Thieves got away with a black 1994 Chevy Blazer and a purse containing \$80 cash and several credit cards and a cellular phone the night of Dec. 10.

According to police the woman was inside the hotel and discovered the missing vehicle at 1 a.m.

### WAITING FOR LEFTOVERS

Police responded to a call for help the night of Dec. 9 but it turned out to be a case of poach preference.

According to police, someone at the Border Cantina restaurant off

Novi Road called police about a dog left inside of a car, but when police arrived the dog was fine and "looked like he enjoyed his stay in the car."

The dog's owners were inside the restaurant eating dinner. Police determined the dog was in no danger.

Perhaps he was just waiting for a doggie bag.

### SCROOGED

A resident living off Heartwood called police to report someone had thrown eggs at his home and cut the string of Christmas lights down from his pine tree.

The incident, which occurred Dec. 10 after 2 a.m., was not the first time the house has been vandalized according to the man. He said it is a continual problem.

### UNSURE SHOPLIFTER

A man arrested for shoplifting in Sears was so nervous about committing the crime he "paced back and forth because he wasn't sure about whether he wanted to do it."

Sears loss prevention officers detained the man Dec. 10 at 5 p.m. after he tried to exit the store without paying for a \$129 portable CD player, according to police.

About an hour later, Sears loss prevention discovered another man trying to leave the store with a pair of work socks.

## Novi Briefs

### Silver Beech sanitary sewer extension

Beck Road at Nine Mile will be under construction for a water main crossing on Wednesday, Dec. 27, weather permitting. If weather does not permit, the operation will take place on Thursday, Dec. 28.

Construction hours will be between 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. with traffic reduced to one lane, which will be maintained with signs and flagmen. For further information, contact the JCK field office at (810) 348-9005 between 7 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

### A mindful can drive

Students from the Odyssey of the Mind team at Novi High School hope to collect enough money to cover the costs of participating in the competition by holding a bottle drive Dec. 27.

The students will be out and about collecting returnable bottles and cans door to door in neighborhoods around the community. Last year expenses for the competition ran about \$600.

Odyssey of the Mind is a team competition involving creativity and skill. Students are given an assignment ahead of time to create a certain object and compete in other categories at the competition.

The regional competition is scheduled for Feb. 24.

### Court case delay

The husband of Mayor Kathy McLallen will have to wait just a little longer to be tried for assault and battery in 52-3 Court in Rochester.

Due to illness, Judge Robert Shipper adjourned the bench trial which was to be held Friday and postponing it indefinitely.

James "Peter" Irwin McLallen III was charged with assault and battery after a May 27 altercation with another Novi man.

Police said McLallen was exiting his private driveway off of Eight Mile when another mini-van appeared on the lane. Matthew Wick, who said he was looking at houses with his wife and two daughters, claimed McLallen jumped out of his van and began pounding on Wick's mini-van. He said, McLallen hit him and pushed Wick back into his van.

McLallen alleges he requested Wick turn around and leave the private drive several times and when Wick didn't obey he simply pushed him back into the mini-van to tell him to go home.

## The Log Book

The following is a list of the emergency runs of the Novi Fire Department for the week ending Dec. 17. Each incident is listed by type, location, time and the engine and squad number which responded to the call.

### TUESDAY, DEC. 12

Injury accident, Novi Road and Ten Mile, 4 p.m., Squad 1.

Medical, 40812 Village Wood, 5:51 p.m., Squad 3.

Medical, 40929 Malott, 7:21 p.m., Squad 3.

Trailer fire, 26231 Ohio, 7:43 p.m., Engines 1 and 4.

### WEDNESDAY, DEC. 13

Medical, 14366 Sleepy Hollow, 7:14 a.m., Squad 2.

Fire alarm, Novi High School, 1:06 p.m., Engines 1 and 3.

Medical, Nine Mile and CSX Railroad, 6:32 p.m., Squad 3.

Medical, 26864 Rorie, 10:10 p.m., Squad 1.

Investigation, 48845 Delmont, 10:36 p.m., Engine 4.

### THURSDAY, DEC. 14

Injury accident, Twelve Mile and CSX Railroad, 8 a.m., Squad 1.

Fire alarm, 43700 Expo Drive, 3:33 p.m., Engines 1 and 2.

Medical, 20608 Woodland Glen, 5:07 p.m., Squad 3.

Medical, 27500 Novi Road, 8:22 p.m., Squad 1.

### FRIDAY, DEC. 15

Stand by, Stonehenge, 8:45 a.m., Response 510.

Medical, 23581 Niran, 9:02 a.m., Squad 3.

Investigation, 24633 Dinsler, 11:58 a.m., Engine 4.

Medical, 41107 Jo Drive, 12:15 p.m., Squad 1.

Fire alarm, Novi Expo Center, 2:25 p.m., Engines 1 and 2.

Wire down, Summit Court, 3:31 p.m., Engine 2.

Medical, 31274 Springlake, 5:52 p.m., Squad 2.

Medical, 2220 Endwell, 6:43 p.m., Squad 2.

Medical, 22788 Cottage, 10:40 p.m., Squad 2.

### SATURDAY, DEC. 16

Fire alarm, 27780 Novi Road, 12:07 a.m., Engines 1 and 2.

Dumpster fire, 22655 Heslip Dr., 3:54 a.m., Engine 3.

Fire alarm, 46011 Nine Mile Road, 7:48 a.m., Engines 1 and 3.

Medical, 43100 Twelve Oaks Center, 7:58 a.m., Squad 1.

### SUNDAY, DEC. 17

Medical, 30900 Jasper Ridge, 2:50 a.m., Squad 2.

Medical, 31140 Wellington, 3:13 a.m., Squad 2.

Medical, 45535 Amherst, 9:05 a.m., Squad 4.

Trailer fire, 1458 Nardeer, 12:56 p.m., Engines 1 and 4.

Medical, 30760 Beck Road, 1:06 p.m., Squad 2.

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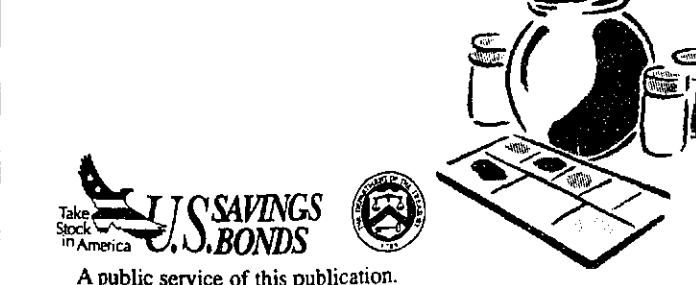
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At left, Tom and Mary Wicke shop Kay-Bee Toys to buy gift "for every child connected to the family." Above, Dave Scheffler tries to pick out the perfect gift for his girlfriend at Victoria's Secret.

Photo by SUE SPILLANE

## Novi shoppers are still looking for that perfect gift

By LINDA HAMILTON  
Special Writer

Whether you're up to your ears in eggnog or wrapped up in ribbon, there's no escaping the fact that the Christmas season is here in full force.

Some people embrace the holiday season wholeheartedly to the point of decorating the racks on their vehicles, while others could sleep right through Valentine's Day. A recent trip to Twelve Oaks Mall discovered an array of shoppers trying to conclude their gift buying and running other holiday errands.

Dressed like one of Santa's miniature elves and sleeping his way through the long Santa Claus line was infant Steven Guido of Farmington Hills. Mom, Paula, said they had been waiting in line for about 45 minutes and that this was Steven's first visit to St. Nick.

Steven woke up just in time to flash a smile he must have been practicing for his special photo with Santa.

Amanda, 7, and Steven, 3, Nicles of Commerce Township were making use out of one of the many benches throughout the mall by jaying down to rest after a busy night of shopping. Mom Katie Nicles was allowed a small corner of that bench to rest her shopper's legs. She said was surprised to find the mall crowded, even though it was a week night.

In fact, the various resting areas in Twelve Oaks were getting a pretty good workout last week. People unaccustomed to the concept of relentless power shopping and its often cutthroat methods were taking a break from the crowds. These dedicated shoppers were mostly men. Rick Leider of Walled Lake readily admitted, after a yawn, that he needs to "keep going and it's hard staying in one spot."

The Champagne family men, also of Walled Lake, had staked a claim in one of the cushioned conversation pits in the mall. Sporting a Santa hat was Randy, shopping for gifts for his wife with help from his two

sons, Eric, 7, and Alex, 3, along with Randy's dad, Harry Champagne. They had a pretty good list of things they had purchased already. Harry looked comfortable in the mall, however. This might be due to the fact that Harry has spent the past eight years in a holiday occupation at Twelve Oaks which requires great listening skills and a special fondness for children.

Jeff Hatfield of Brighton, with his two sons Curtis, 2, and Brad, 6, were patiently waiting for Mrs. Hatfield to make her way back to them. Brad and Curtis had already been to see Santa and were getting their lists ready to mail. Brad's dreaming of a Karate Fighter, while Curtis is waiting for a "choo-choo" or a "Vroom-vroom."

Curtis also did one heck of a Santa Claus imitation with a hearty "Ho Ho Ho."

Of course, children play a major part in Yuletide festivities. The Disney Store and Kay-Bee Toys, trying in vain not to look like tornadoes hit them, were filled with children both young and old. Kaustubh Prabhu, 3, from Northville was so fascinated by a Disney music box that it was hard to tear his big, brown eyes away from it. His current favorite is Peter Pan. Christopher, 5, and Nicholas Oaks, 3, of Belleville were busy making a dent in the mountain of stuffed toys at the back of the Disney store. Grandpa Dave Knight was letting them enjoy and readily admitted that he has none of his Christmas shopping done and will probably be one of those hectic people out on Christmas Eve.

Bob Koltuniak of New Hudson stood in front of shelves of pink boxes at Kay-Bee Toys and was thoughtfully looking at gifts for his niece.

"I'm working off a list and I'm about halfway done," Koltuniak said. Tag teaming it through the toy store were Tom and Mary Wicke of Northville. Tom admitted that this Christmas shopping is going "terribly" and that they'll probably make about four more trips

here. We're shopping for our kids, other kids, godchildren; every child connected to the family."

Sometimes shoppers need to take a break from buying for everyone else. At Sharper Image, Evelyn Cabeza and Armin Ferreira of Wixom looked like they were having a great time. Cabeza had picked up a hand massager and was giggling while she poked Ferreira's back with it when he wasn't looking. They thought that the shopping mall would be less crowded on a week night and are going to bring their kids back to see Santa.

At Victoria's Secret, Dave Scheffler of Southfield was having a hard time deciding on something for his girlfriend. He had already bought another present and was thoughtfully trying to accessorize it. Scheffler was happy to admit that he doesn't have too many people to buy for this year and is just about finished. Ready or not, Christmas will be here in four days.



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From left in foreground, Nick Hersey, Nate Thomas, Marie Elyse Groh and Greg Nicholson perform The Nutcracker at Village Oaks.

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## Prostitution ring busted at motel, outcall massage services are fronts

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL  
Staff Writer

Farmington Hills Police arrested a dozen people over the weekend during a bust of a prostitution ring operating out of the Red Roof Inn at Ten Mile and Grand River.

Three other people were arrested at a home in the Spring Valley Apartments in Farmington Hills.

According to police, the companies involved, Fantasia and Interactive Complete Nude Massage, advertised as nude massage services in local papers.

"But there was more going on than nude massages," said Det. Robert Tidertington.

Police raided the motel Friday night about 9 p.m. and arrested a

combination of prostitutes and "johns." They were issued misdemeanor warrants and will appear in court in January.

None of those arrested were from Novi.

Tidertington said the bust was part of a series of on-going investigations using informants.

## Conservative bills to dump curricula, install prayer stall in state house

By TIM RICHARD  
Staff Writer

Two right-wing education bills stalled last week as the state House of Representatives tripped up Gov. John Engler's agenda. The developments:

• Chairman William Bryant, R-Grosse Pointe, canceled a meeting of the House Education Committee that was scheduled to report out House Bill 639 on "schools of choice."

• "I'm pretty sure he didn't have the votes," said committee member Tom Kelly, D-Wayne.

• The House barely approved a watered-down version of the Senate's revised School Code on a 57-44 vote early Wednesday after a 14-hour session. Significantly, six of the House's most conservative Republicans — including Alan Cropsey of DeWitt and Deborah Whyman of Canton — joined 36 Democrats in voting no.

Supporting the measure, SB 679, were 47 Republicans and 10 Democrats. Nine members missed the session.

Rep. Willis Bullard, R-Milford, whose district includes Novi, voted yes.

Chances are Engler can get many of his pet projects, like expanded public school academies (PSAs) and weaker curriculum rules, restored if the measure goes to a joint House-Senate conference committee.

Opponents of PSAs — also known as "charter schools" — view with alarm the number of private and parochial schools that are getting charter status and state aid despite the Michigan Constitution's ban. Opponents also view weak curriculum standards as a

"The bill removes the core curricula — the only real expectation we've ever had. We have replaced content with prayer."

Rep. Maxine Berman, D-Southfield

favor to private and parochial schools.

Here — subject to change without notice — is what happened on major issues in the House version of SB 679:

• Charter school authorities — Limited. In a blow to Engler, the House removed charter-issuing authority from the State Board of Education after mid-1997 and from a handful of districts without high schools. That was an outright blow to Noah Webster Academy, the fundamentalist school chartered by a K-8 school district in Ionia County whose headmaster is the brother of Rep. Alan Cropsey.

• Charter school caps — In Engler and the Senate wanted to remove the present cap of 75. The House lifted the cap to 85 this year but doesn't remove it entirely until the year 2000. Community colleges may issue charters only within their district boundaries.

An amendment by Rep. James Agee, D-Muskegon, to clamp an even tighter lid on university-issued charters fell two votes short, 54-40. Nevertheless, it was a blow to Central Michigan University, the biggest issuer of charters.

• "Parents rights" — Sharply modified. The House removed permission for parents to videotape and audiotape classroom sessions

and to be present during exams. The Senate version was seen as an open invitation to harass teachers and provide fodder for evangelicals' television shows.

• Mandatory core curriculum — Out. After putting a mandatory core curriculum back into the code, the House dealt a blow to moderate Republicans and Democrats by sticking with the Senate standard — a "model" curriculum.

• Moment of silence — In. After hot debate, the House approved an amendment allowing a moment of silence at the beginning of the school day. The sponsor was freshman Michael Green, a Thumb-area Republican.

"This is nothing more than a sop to the far right wing of the Republican Party," said Rep. Maxine Berman, D-Southfield. "SB 679 requires a moment of silence which in fact will become a prayer in name which minority religions are forced to hear. The bill removes the core curricula — the only real expectation we've ever had. We have replaced content with prayer."

• Endorsed diplomas — In. Charter schools are made subject to state-endorsed diploma provisions. Local schools and charter schools may continue to issue their own.

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## Novi students celebrate Christmas before break

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the teacher, the students were asked to bring in a small monetary donation for an animal charity. Now students are helping to save dogs, cats and other critters by donating to the Humane Society.

"What a nice way for the kids to be helpful doing something they can relate to," said Boschma.

At Village Oaks, second graders learned the art of classical ballet from the director of the Detroit Ballet. They presented the modified Nutcracker "musical" to parents one night last week.

Lisa Erickson, a teacher at Parkview Elementary, said her first grade students learned a little about cooking and entertaining last week at school.

"We made sugar cookies and invited the families into the classroom," she said. "The kids loved it. It was nice for them to feel they were the entertainers and the hosts."

Although Christmas, celebrated

by Christians, is the most prominent holiday, other Novi students celebrate other cultural and religious holidays.

Erickson said teachers have eased up on the "Santa thing" sometimes because some kids just don't celebrate that.

Orchard Hills' Boschma and her paraprofessional, Dawn Howard, said the holidays are a great opportunity to introduce kids to other cultures.

"We have a great National Geographic kit that introduces students to Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, the Chinese New Year and Christmas," said Boschma.

Erickson said her class also explored the various ethnic traditions.

"It's exciting to know kids today have experienced the other cultures and appreciate other people and their beliefs, customs and heritage," said Erickson. The teachers use non-religious symbols to celebrate the holidays.

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## State gets tougher on animal shelters

By TIM RICHARD Staff Writer

A 90-4 yes vote gave no indication of the work state Rep. Gerald Law put into a bill regulating dog pounds and animal shelters.

"Every time I turned around, another group would come forward with its own problem," said Law, R-Plymouth.

"Basically, if you adopt a pet from a licensed shelter, you have to leave a \$25 deposit and promise to get it sterilized," said Law, a dog owner who takes a strong interest in animal legislation.

Many county shelters do it. The Michigan Humane Society requires it. But there's nothing in law to require it. This should cut the number of unwanted and unadoptable dogs and cats. "An estimated 200,000 dogs and cats are euthanized each year, but we don't know how many for sure. This will require them to report it (euthanasia figures) to the Department of Agriculture," Law said.

"The shelter can go to small claims court and get damages to make you conform (have the pet sterilized) and can get the animal back. Twenty-five other states have laws like this."

House Bill 4654 will become law as soon as Gov. John Engler signs it.

The House passed his bill earlier in the year, the Senate passed its version Nov. 9, and the House waited three weeks before concurring in the Senate amendments. All area lawmakers voted yes except Rep. Deborah Whyman, R-Canton.

A complication occurred, said Law, when groups promoting the adoption of certain purebred dogs came forward. The final bill is 10 pages long.

Major provisions:

- Changing Vice Chancellor's James L. Warner's title from head of curriculum and professional development to head of academic and student affairs — "to more accurately reflect the role of the chief academic officer."

- In addition, Warner will supervise institutional research, a duty now overseen by the acting Daniel A. Jaksen, vice chancellor for planning and development. Jaksen intends to retire early in 1996. Jaksen had no recommendation for Jaksen's replacement.

- Upgrading Dr. Edward Callaghan's title to vice chancellor for human resources and communications. He currently is executive director for human resources.

"We've always had a vice president for human resources," said Jaksen, using the pre-1987 title. "We have five unions. It needs to be an executive level position."

Callaghan also was assigned supervision of the College Relations Office, a function that previously had reported directly to the chancellor.

• Promoting Clarence E. Brantley to interim chief business officer and treasurer effective Jan. 1. Brantley has been controller and will replace Helen Kieba-Tolkendorf, who is resigning for family reasons.

Before joining OCC in 1992, Brantley was executive vice president and chief financial officer of Highland Park Community College and vice president of finance at Taylor Engineering in Southfield. He is a Rochester Hills resident.

• Replacing Brantley with an interim controller.

• Redesignating Cheryl Kowal as executive director of workforce development. She currently is director of resource development, a fund-raising job that involves work with the OCC Foundation.

The OCC board has begun work on the search for a new chief executive officer, but is likely to take until mid-1996 to advertise, screen and interview.

Supporting Jaksen's organization plan were board chair Douglas Wakefield of Southfield, vice chair Judith Wiser of West Bloomfield, Carol L. Crew and Sandra Ritter of Waterford. Missing the meeting due to illness was Pamela Davis of Madison Heights.

The board will move to a meeting to the Auburn Hills Campus, the site of OCC's industrial programs. A 6:30 p.m. tour of the virtual reality lab will be followed by a 7 p.m. business meeting in the High Tech Center. The Auburn Hills Campus is at 2600 Featherstone, north of M-59 and east of I-75.

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## OCC head proposes reorganization

By TIM RICHARD Staff Writer

Interim Chancellor Anthony Jaksen persuaded the Oakland Community College board to approve his reorganization plan for top administrators despite some trustees' reluctance to make permanent changes now.

"There are so many vacant positions. Things weren't getting done," said Jaksen, who came out of retirement a month ago to head the college where he was a financial officer 26 years.

By a vote of 4-2, the board approved:

- Changing Vice Chancellor's James L. Warner's title from head of curriculum and professional development to head of academic and student affairs — "to more accurately reflect the role of the chief academic officer."

- In addition, Warner will supervise institutional research, a duty now overseen by the acting Daniel A. Jaksen, vice chancellor for planning and development. Jaksen intends to retire early in 1996. Jaksen had no recommendation for Jaksen's replacement.

- Upgrading Dr. Edward Callaghan's title to vice chancellor for human resources and communications. He currently is executive director for human resources.

"We've always had a vice president for human resources," said Jaksen, using the pre-1987 title. "We have five unions. It needs to be an executive level position."

Callaghan also was assigned supervision of the College Relations Office, a function that previously had reported directly to the chancellor.

• Promoting Clarence E. Brantley to interim chief business officer and treasurer effective Jan. 1. Brantley has been controller and will replace Helen Kieba-Tolkendorf, who is resigning for family reasons.

Before joining OCC in 1992, Brantley was executive vice president and chief financial officer of Highland Park Community College and vice president of finance at Taylor Engineering in Southfield. He is a Rochester Hills resident.

• Replacing Brantley with an interim controller.

• Redesignating Cheryl Kowal as executive director of workforce development. She currently is director of resource development, a fund-raising job that involves work with the OCC Foundation.

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asset and vehicle inventory control.

- Eliminating the post of manager of environmental health and safety. Eugene Lapko is resigning the position effective Feb. 29.

Jaksen said the shuffle will save OCC a net of \$34,000.

Voting against the changes were trustees Anne Scott of Royal Oak and Janice Simmons of Pontiac. They had been loyal to the previous chancellor, Dr. Patsy Calkins, who was ousted in mid-October on a 5-2 vote.

"I think they should be acting or interim appointments," said Scott.

"Why the rush?" asked Simmons. "The new chancellor might want his or her own people. I don't think OCC was such a shambles."

Replied Jaksen: "I've been at this school 26 years. I don't consider myself a newcomer. The new chancellor might not be able to recommend changes for a year or a year and a half."

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## HEALTH NOTE

by Dennis E. Engerer, P.T.

RUNNING UP AGAINST KNEE INJURY

Because of its complex structure and the great forces thrust upon it, the knee is particularly susceptible to injury. This largest joint in the body functions as a hinge, lever, and shock absorber and plays an instrumental role in the act of standing, walking, climbing, and kicking. It is no wonder, then, that one out of every four sports injuries involves the knee, the most common of which is runner's knee.

This overuse syndrome is characterized by dull, aching pain in the area of the kneecap that is most noticeable when descending stairs or hills. The problem can be addressed at its source by strengthening the quadriceps. Muscle weakness otherwise contributes to improper tracking of the kneecap and runner's knee. Strengthening exercises are recommended.

While the majority of people who run do it to stay fit, it must be emphasized that running is an athletic event. Therefore, it is important to already be fit in order to run regularly without injury or undue physical stress. If you are injured, keep in mind that Northville Physical Therapy & Rehabilitation Inc. offers individualized treatment programs that focus on returning patients to their highest level of function. For more information about our program, call 349-3816 or see us at 332 E. Main Street, Suite A.

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For more information, call the church at 349-2621.

On Christmas Eve, THE MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, 21355 Meadowbrook Road in Novi, will have Worship and Church School at 10 a.m., 5:30 p.m. Children's and Youth Chorus, 6 p.m. Christmas Pagan Service, 8 p.m. Chancel Choir, and 9 p.m. Christmas Eve Service.

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FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE, 777 West Eight Mile Road, will have Christmas Eve Worship Services at 9 and 11 a.m., the Family Worship Service at 5 p.m., the Festive Christmas Celebration at 8 p.m. and the Communion Service at 11 p.m. Candle lighting will be at all three services. Nursery care will be available at the 5 and 8 p.m. services.

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METROPOLITAN SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH, 15855 Haggerty Road in Northville, will have regular service on Saturday, Dec. 23 at 11 a.m.

For more information, call the church at 420-3131.

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## Novi shows improvement on MEAP after one-year dip

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Novi rated satisfactory on the reading test, but even that's up 30 percent from the 1994 score of 45.1.

Scores of satisfactory on the math test increased, too, from 65.2 last year to 78 this year.

According to Rita Traynor, assistant superintendent for instruction, as teaching strategies have been applied in terms of the assessment expectations, there seems to be a steady increase in learning and performance by students.

She said teachers in each building are required to formulate new goals and methods for increasing scores each year.

Changes in instructional methods also play a part.

"We think we've been looking at that over the years and its beginning to pay off," said Traynor.

Traynor said when comparing scores from year to year and district to district, it's important to remember the group of students varies each time.

She said although district's shy away from using the scores as a comparison between districts and students, schools can't avoid the fact that the MEAP has become a "descriptor" for the community.

She said it's just as important to

acknowledge the low scores on the test have fallen this year, which puts more students falling in the moderate range.

Individually, all four elementary schools' scores increased from last year. At Parkview Elementary the number of fourth graders scoring satisfactory on the reading test jumped from 57.8 percent last year to 87.3 this year. That's a whopping 51 percent increase.

The MEAP tests students on basic math, reading and science skills such as comprehension and application of those skills.

The state department of education has

made what they call sweeping changes in the tests for all but the fourth and seventh grade tests.

Students will see a revamped test next year, the state plans, and test time will take place in the spring.

Students in the fifth and eighth grades will take the newly revised writing and science tests in the spring.

The new high school proficiency test, which replaced the upper grade MEAP, will be given to eleventh graders in the spring.

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The board offered its own suggestion that would add flexibility for two students per class for a four-year trial period to eliminate the need for more teachers. For example, academic class maximums would be raised to 30 students per class.

An understanding would have to be reached between the school board and teachers as class sizes are set in the union contract.

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## Library Notes

### Book talk

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### Holiday closings

The library will be closed on Saturday, Dec. 23; Sunday, Dec. 24; and Monday, Dec. 25, for Christmas; and Saturday, Dec. 30; Sunday, Dec. 31; and Monday, Jan. 1 for New Year's. The library will also be closed Monday, Jan. 15, for Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

## Plans for ice arena cool while council seeks the detail

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proved insufficient. This is how the City of Farmington Hills financed its new Eight Mile Road ice arena.

"It appears they could pay for the debt and pay for the operation of the rink without levying any tax millage," Kriewall said.

"For various reasons, political and otherwise, the city council and the parks and recreation commission chose to pursue the private partnership."

However, sometime in the not-so-distant future Novi voters will likely be asked to approve a community swimming pool, a new road bond millage and an increased police and fire millage, Kriewall added.

Council members agreed to stay the original course for now, opting to look once again at the contract with Center Ice Management, after it has been fine tuned.

"The Parks and Recreation Commission were under the impression that this was the way. Only within the last couple weeks we became aware of the idea of going back to the general obligation bond

approval. We think public/private is the least risk to the city and the fastest way to go," Parks and Recreation Commission Chair Robert Pfeiffer said.

The biggest concern for council members and Assistant City Attorney Dennis Watson was what would happen to the 15 acres of city land the arena will stand on, should the business fail. A Twelve Mile Road site is proposed for the rink. The land would be leased from the city for 20 years.

To build the ice arena, \$6.5 million in revenue bonds would be sold.

Not acceptable to the council was the possibility, raised by Watson, that the bondholders could take possession of the city's 15 acres if the revenues are insufficient to repay the bonds. They asked that the contract be changed so that the purchasers of the bonds would only have recourse to the rental payments on the land.

Residents are already lining up to sit on the anywhere from eight to 23-member board of Community Clubs of Novi, Parks and Recreation Director Davis said. Ice Center Inc. will be able to appoint one board member, the rest will be named by the city council.

Davis said the goal is to have the ice arena up and running by September 1996, but the timetable is now getting tight. If the council goes ahead with the agreement, the facility might not open until June 1997.

"We're getting very concerned about the high risk of failure but looking at the property, we're not looking at a high risk of failure. Farmington Hills turns a profit. If a city can do it, private management can do it better," Robert Shaw, a parks and recreation commissioner, told the council.

Council Member Nancy Cassin

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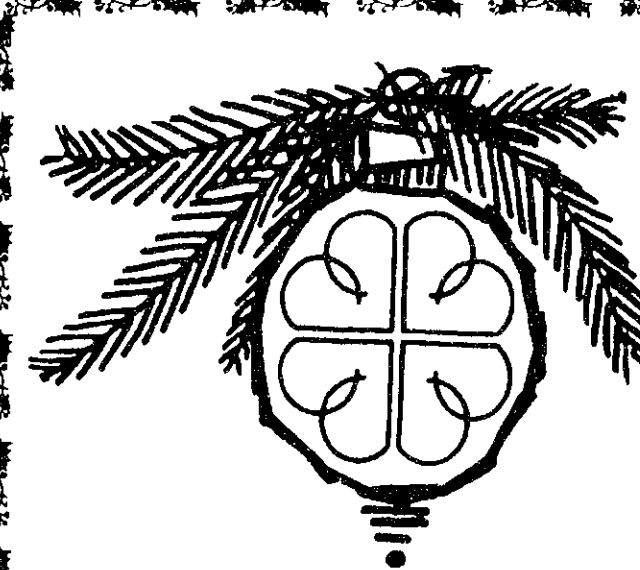
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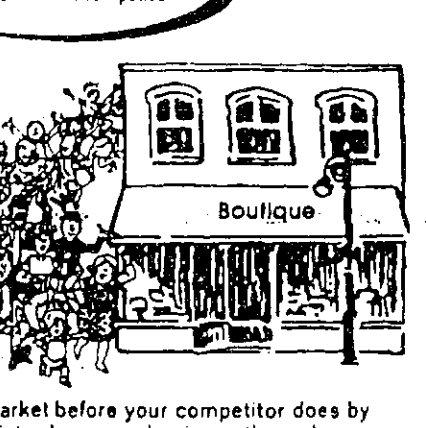
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## As We See It

Novi needs to coordinate  
its proposals for new taxes

As Novi moves into 1996, there are a number of proposals on the horizon that could cost taxpayers money.

This past week, the City Council met with the Parks and Recreation Commission to discuss plans for the construction of an ice arena. And while the proposal up until now has been to develop it through a joint private/public sector partnership with Center Ice Management, the idea of a general obligation bond is now surfacing.

Neither necessarily equates to new taxes, but under the general obligation bond proposal, there could be a tax eventually if the ice arena experiences financial difficulty. With the partnership, a business failure by the arena would not result in a tax hike.

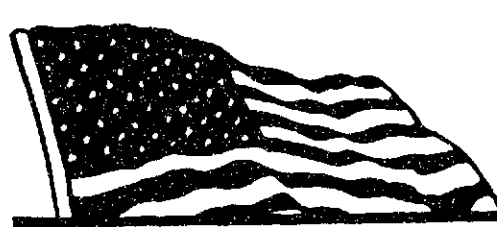
City Manager Ed Kriewall pointed out the possibility of the general obligation bond question — which would require voter approval at the ballot box — in a meeting Monday. The vote and the bond issue would allow for the construction of a \$6.5 million two-rink arena which would permanently be Novi's to own.

The problem is that this bond is raised at a time when there are numerous other proposals in the hopper likely to be brought before voters in the future for funding. Even the chance of having to pay taxes on the ice arena should be considered in light of all the other tax demands likely to confront voters.

For example, committee members are closing in on their efforts to sell a community pool, or Aquatic Center, to the city and the public. An ice arena may be able to be self-supporting, but it seems to us likely a pool/aquatic center will have to be tax supported.

And then there is all the land the city has purchased (through voter approved bonding) which now needs to be developed and utilized. For the most part, the parks department is trying to design a program that would be self-supporting. In part, that's where the concept of a golf course on the old Tree Farm land comes from. But it is not clear whether the parks can be fully utilized without some additional tax money.

And then there are non-parks questions. The Police and Fire Needs Committee is working to assess what those departments will need in the way of support to meet the demands of a



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rapidly growing community. Although it is not clear at this point how much new millage the committee would be asking for, it is almost certain it will recommend some amount of increase.

Then there's the roads. Novi has just finished with its bond project upgrading a dozen roads in the city. And that has certainly proved to be a more effective way of getting the money needed to do road work than trying to obtain it from the county, state or federal road agencies.

But with that program concluding, it has already been proposed that a second road bond question will likely have to be put on the ballot sometime in 1996.

With all this confronting the taxpayer in the coming year, we believe the city should begin a process of coordinating all these projects. Hearings should be held to give the public a chance to consider all the proposals and attempt to prioritize them. All the projects should be laid out before voters, so they can see what needs to be done and pick the ones they believe are most important.

As it is, the city has approached all these projects on a piecemeal basis. Michigan's economy is certainly looking good for 1996. Unemployment here is the lowest in the nation. The anticipated recession of 1995 was averted. And of course Novi and Oakland County are riding the crest of the state's economic wave.

That may be attractive to government officials who believe this is a good time to start trying to pass tax questions. But they will be in for a big surprise if they hit up voters too often. Taxpayers' pocketbooks are limited. And if Novi intends to dip into them any further than it already is, it should make sure it has its priorities in order so that the most important questions are the first to go before voters.

Otherwise, taxpayers are likely to get very testy with them indeed.

## Enough versus too much

The Novi Planning Commission is currently going through much the same process the City Council is, trying to decide how much information it really needs to put in its minutes.

Last week, commissioners voted 4-4 on a motion to make the minutes longer. That vote killed the motion. But there is also little agreement about just how short the minutes should be made.

Some would like the minutes to record just the motions and their votes. Others would prefer the minutes give a description of the debate that occurred in the meeting. And how detailed that description could or should be could go on forever, ranging from a simple synopsis to paraphrasing comments made by individuals to going back to the near-verbatim minutes written in the past.

Another issue is whether the tapes used to record the meetings for later transcription into minutes should be retained or reused.

We've already said on this page that the longer version of minutes, of the style kept by the City Council in the

past, is just too much. It makes it overwhelming for people to read. Reducing the description of the discussion should allow readers to get a good idea of how the meeting went without having to spend hours reading.

But we find the stripped-style of minutes — motions and votes only — to be a little too stripped.

A description of the debate gives readers an additional insight into the legislative intent behind the vote. That is very much the idea behind the extensive records kept in the federal government's Congressional Record. (Of course, the congressional record is a verbatim account in many cases, which we believe would be excessive for the city.)

Still, legislative intent is a key to helping residents, enforcement officials and the courts sort out what was meant by a particular policy decision.

As for the question of keeping tapes, that decision may have already been made for the city. The State Open Meetings Act says that if meetings are taped, those tapes must be retained for at least one year.

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## A time of shopping intrigue

Michael  
Malott

Novi's Twelve Oak's Mall was thick with intrigue Sunday. It was real clock-and-dagger stuff, a scene right out of "Spies, Guys."

As I walked about the shopping center, I was fully aware of my every move being observed. I knew that my "watcher" would make a full report on my whereabouts before I could even get home and get my coat off. And I knew the opposition would persistently debrief this observer for every last detail of my movements by the end of the day.

I used what tactics I could, my best "fieldcraft." I ducked in and out of stores where I had no business. I checked frequently over my shoulder. I doubled back, and doubled back again.

But I also knew my only real hope of keeping my secrets was to "turn" the agent following my every move, to bring him over to my side.

My "tail" wasn't hard to spot. He was the little guy holding my hand, the one who kept asking me if I would take him to the potty.

So I set about my task. "Charlie," I said to my 4-year-old, "what are you going to tell Mom when she asks you what we got her for Christmas?"

Dana — the love of my life and my dear sweet wife — is relentless ... no, ruthless ... in her efforts to uncover the secrets held beneath the Christmas tree long before she has to unwrap them. I guess that's just her idea of fun. I have long since concluded that figuring what her gifts are ahead of time is more important to her than the gifts themselves. In any case, she will stop at nothing to learn the contents of her packages.

When I first started dating Dana I thought it odd how many hints she wanted about gifts I was giving her. Inevitably, she'd figure it out long before the appointed day of giving.

Once we got married and I no longer had to cooperate, I stopped answering her interrogations. As a

result, my success rate at counter-espionage improved, if only slightly. Then came the kids. And I realize now that we only had them so they could serve as double-agents.

At age 4, Samantha couldn't keep a secret to save her soul. I'd coach her for hours that the point of going shopping was to surprise Mom with gifts on Christmas day, so she shouldn't tell Mom anything about what we got at the store. Nonetheless, when we'd get home, one question was all it took to get Sam to spill the beans. And she spilled them all.

So this past Sunday when I announced I was going shopping, Dana said, "Why don't you take one of the kids? I can't handle all three by myself. Why don't you take Charlie?" I knew the game was afoot. I also knew I didn't have much time, so I spent the entire trip teaching him how to give nothing more than the equivalent of his name, rank and serial number.

When we got home, Mom was in the kitchen baking Christmas cookies. And sure enough, I didn't even have my coat off when the questioning began.

"Where'd you go, Charlie?" "Did you see anything you liked?" "What did you buy?"

"You'll have to wait until Christmas to find out," Charlie answered dutifully each and every time. But she kept working on him.

"What'd you get for Mom?" "What'd you look at?" "What'd you see?" "Did you see any toys you liked for yourself, Charlie?" "What would you like for dinner?" Charlie held up.

"Well, maybe you'll have to wait until Christmas to eat some of these cookies," Mom finally said with a dead serious look on her face. As I told you, she can be ruthless, but even I hadn't anticipated it would go this far. To a 4-year-old, this had to be as bad as bamboo shoots under the fingernails.

"You'll have to wait until Christmas to find out," he finally said.

I breathed a heavy sigh of relief. He'd held out and our secrets were safe. For his bravery, I awarded him a distinguished service medal ... and a cookie.

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

## Moments

By Bryan Mitchell



A Novi firefighter is surrounded by smoke at a truck fire this week.

## Smoke out

## Not test but motive that counts

Bob  
Jackson

the student's test scores.

Instead, Rezmierski began our conversation in worried tones, and you would have thought by his demeanor, the district's test scores had gone through the floor.

It didn't take me long to learn why. "Of course I'm elated with this year's results, but you have to keep in mind that these results represent a very small snapshot in time," Rezmierski said. "We should be looking at these results and asking ourselves the question, are we challenging students to learn on an ongoing basis?"

In short, the district's top administrator is worried that today's society may be focused on the wrong goals in regards to proficiency testing. He explained that instead of looking at MEAP testing from a comparative point of view, society needs to use the test as a "learning tool" for students and

educators.

"It's more important to me, as an educator, to look beyond the scores and ask the question — what have we done for the kids that took the test three years ago? Did we improve the curriculum? Did we improve the learning environment?" he said. "The other question is, have we learned anything as educators that will help students in the future?"

I think Rezmierski's right on the mark. Tests are impersonal, their numbers can be manipulated to suit any particular need or whim. I also believe, however, that if used properly, proficiency testing could be an important tool for educators to ensure they continue to improve the delivery of public education.

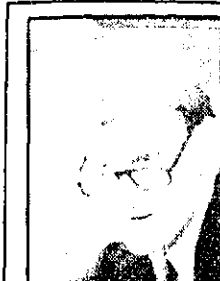
It's not the test that's in question, it's the motivation.

In today's society those test results could determine the success or failure of a school district and could translate into the growth of a community, the placement of business and industry, or the determination of school funding.

Until the importance of MEAP results returns it's focus on students, the test will never be the educational tool it was meant to be. Northville's test results should be applauded, to be sure, but teachers and administrators should use the scores to continue to improve the quality of learning in our schools.

Bob Jackson is a staff writer for The Novi News and The Northville Record.

## Testing gradually improves schools

Phil  
Power

Now comes Randy Bos, superintendent of Montabella Community Schools, who wants to convert all five schools in his tiny (1,500 students) mid-Michigan district into charter schools.

"This would force the school district to take the responsibility that it should have and add some accountability to what we're doing here," said Bos, who plans to submit his proposal to the school board in January.

Pardon me, but up to now I had thought that local school boards and superintendents were supposed to take responsibility and accountability for what kids learn without having to convert their public school districts into charter schools. Or am I missing something?

Charter schools are an experiment in school reform that authorizes independent schools to receive the same amount of per-pupil funding that is provided regular public schools in the region. There are now about 40 such schools operations in Michigan, with another 20 or so authorized to open next year.

The theory is that chartering some independent schools would break the monopoly on K-12 education now held by

public schools, provoke experimentation and provide parents with greater school choice. I'm afraid the fact is that lots of folks who are hot for charter schools want little more than to get our tax dollars to pay for private schooling for their kids.

That's why the year-end educational squabble in Lansing between the Senate (very conservative, very ideological) and the House (more moderate, more narrowly divided) was so important.

The folks in the Senate were hell-bent to take off all restrictions on the number of schools to be chartered. The House eventually watered down most of the radical Senate notions.

I think allowing uncontrolled numbers of charter schools poses two enormous problems:

- Financial oversight. Remember, the per-pupil grant paid to charter schools comes from public tax dollars. But boards of charter schools are privately appointed rather than publicly elected. How do you get public oversight of the expenditure of public funds?

- Educational standards. With a lot of kids attending a bunch of independent charter schools, how do you know that each kid is getting an education that's up to standard? The Senate was adamant in wanting to do away with the mandated statewide curriculum, and so Michigan is now one of only three states in the nation with no minimum standards for what our kids are supposed to learn in school.

It's ironic that the scores for this year's round of MEAP (Michigan Educational Assessment Program) tests were released last week. In general, they showed that most school districts have improved in reading and math over the past few years as teachers began to adjust their classes to meet the demands of public testing.

We regularly publish the local MEAP test results, school building by school building, in this newspaper. Nothing we do gets a bigger response from our readers, and this kind of intense interest translates — surprise — into pressure for school improvement.

Next year, the MEAP will be augmented with a battery of tough new tests, including an entirely new proficiency test for 11th graders. This test, designed to assess what kids really learn before they leave school, will, in turn, drive the system of state-endorsed diplomas.

So the process — testing what kids learn, publishing those results in local newspapers like this one and letting pressure to improve work its way on teachers and school officials — gradually is improving our schools.

Isn't that the kind of responsibility and accountability we've been expecting from the public schools all along?

Phil Power is chairman of the company that owns this newspaper. His Touch-Tone voice mail number is (313) 953-2047 ext. 1880.

## Discrepancy in Schmid's statements

To Robert Schmid, Novi City Council member:  
Re: Transfer of Liquor License to Mr. B's, Council meeting of Dec. 11.

I attended the council meeting of Dec. 11 at which time the transfer of a Class C liquor license with beer and wine takeout, from Frigate's Inn to Mr. B's, was on the agenda.

During the council discussion, Mr. Schmid, you spoke of your concerns. You said that you were "very concerned," and you were "amazed that half the north-end wasn't here again this week." Fortunately, I was in the audience!

You spoke of your concern that the area in question was an "already heavily congested area." You spoke of traffic and parking problems, also.

Quite frankly, I'm confused.

Your thoughts on this issue were commendable, yet on Dec. 4 you voted in support of giving our city's last available liquor license to Mr. (Ted) Andris, that he may proceed to build a 250-seat

## Letters

bar/restaurant directly next to this existing business. This, in blatant disregard of the same problems you mentioned as your reasons for voting against this transfer.

In fact, you spoke of supporting changing our city ordinance on behalf of that same developer. Well, which is it? Is it okay for some to add new problems to the picture while existing businesses are pushed aside? Is it okay that a 70-seat neighborhood pub in this "heavily congested area" be a problem for you while a new 250-seat bar, proposing to bring "tourists" (tourism: as stated in Mr. Andris' liquor license application) to this same area, is not?

I know that the transfer was approved and it should have been. The majority of people in this area purchased our homes being aware of the existing business. After all,

it's been a bar since the '30s. That same majority of people, however, never expected this city to add to that "already heavily congested area" with an additional 250-seat business which proposes to increase and deceleration lanes on East Lake Drive, as well as the ones on Fourteen Mile.

Perhaps you think this is trivial. I can assure you it isn't to me. I live on this street. My neighbors and I, just like you, Mr. Schmid, are very concerned with proposed projects which will directly affect our everyday lives as well as our property values.

I hope, Mr. Schmid, you take the time to call me in an attempt to explain this discrepancy. I look forward to that call and can assure you my mind will be open to the idea you may wish to try. Thank you in advance for

your prompt attention to this matter.

Ruth Hamilton

Co-op offers  
thanks to Vic's

To the editor:  
What is Christmas all about? Christmas is about giving and that is exactly what Vic's World Class Market of Novi did! They knew Northville Co-op Preschool was working with a limited budget for their holiday party and were kind enough to supply them with a generous amount of delicious food.

But more than that — they made the day a very special one for all the preschool children and their families. Thank you very much, Vic's. You can be sure the Northville Co-op Preschool will be giving you the business!

Sue Martz, Publicity  
Northville Co-op Preschool

## It's news when law is used right

Tim  
Richard

occurring in Montabella district, midst the potato farms of Edmore in Montcalm County.

Why unusual? Because this is what charters were intended to be — specialized schools within a public school system. Michigan has been misusing the concept, issuing charters to private and sectarian schools so that they can slip around the state constitution's prohibition of vouchers and parochialism.

In a paper called "Charter Schools Laws across the United States" and published by Michigan State University's Institute for Public Policy and Social Research, Sandra Vergari and Dr. Michael Mintrom assign credit to Ray Budde, a professor of social administration, with bringing forth the charter idea in 1988 in (of all things) an educators' journal. They add:

"The charter schools idea was advanced by Albert Shanker, president of the American Federation of Teachers, in a 1988 appearance before the National Press Club. Shanker argued that charter schools would increase [P] choice within the public schools system [P] without undermining it." (Italics added.)

It was the second time Pincetree ran afoul of the authorities. The state fire marshal shut down its operation in Cooley Plaza of Baldwin Township.

So what will Pincetree Academy do now? First, said administrator Elizabeth Baldwin, "We are going temporarily to home

schooling while we're working on getting another building." She and staff members will travel to students' homes, though not every day, to teach parents how to work with the materials.

Second, the administrator is shopping around between universities to see if one will grant it charter school status in order to get state aid. So what we're most likely to get is yet another private school in line for a government handout.

Week after week, the list of charter abuse stories grows: Noah Webster, Academy of Detroit, Trivalley and a church's dummy corporation in Muskegon, and now Pincetree.

It's as if John Engler and pals had their fingers crossed on Jan. 1, 1995, when they took an oath of office that began: "I do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the constitution of this state ..." They ignore the plain language of the Michigan Constitution:

"No public monies or property shall be appropriated or paid or any public credit utilized, by the legislature or any other political subdivision or agency of the state directly or indirectly to aid or maintain any private, denominational or other non-public, pre-elementary, elementary or secondary school."

The rhetoric about choice, competition, parental control, non-traditional programs, and educational diversity is window dressing. The name of the charter game is tax money for private and sectarian schools.

Tim Richard reports on the local implications of state and regional events.

## Traffic to be heavy over holidays

Good news: Christmas and New Year's fall on Monday this year, giving folks an extended weekend off.

But, holiday motorists need to use extra caution because the longer holiday period will prompt an increase in traffic volume, according to AAA Michigan.

"Last year, there were 39 highway fatalities recorded statewide during the Christmas/New Year's holiday period, the second highest number in the last decade," said AAA Michigan Community Safety

Services Manager Jerry Basch. "To reduce these high numbers this year, motorists should use extra caution, buckle up, follow designated driver rules when needed and adjust for weather conditions."

"Alcohol was involved in nearly half of the holiday highway fatalities last year, compared to about 30 percent alcohol involvement in crashes that occur during non-holiday periods," Basch said. "And of the 32 victims with safety belts available, 22 were not wearing

them."

Michiganians will be among the record 37.6 million Americans — 3 percent more than 1994 — who plan to travel, according to National AAA.

AAA estimates 29.8 million will travel by automobile, light truck or recreational vehicle, up 3 percent from 1994. Travel by air, train or bus is expected to increase 4 percent to 7.8 million.

Michigan motorists will pay an average \$1.079 per gallon for self-service unleaded gasoline

statewide this holiday, up about two cents per gallon from last year. For those traveling by car this holiday, Basch advises vehicles should be checked by a certified mechanic prior to long trips to avoid possible breakdowns. Travelers should plan extra time to get to holiday destinations, keep safety belts buckled and never drink and drive.

Holiday travelers should be prepared for the unexpected by carrying a "winter survival kit" in the trunk.

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5:00 p.m. Family Pageant  
8:00 p.m. - Festive Service  
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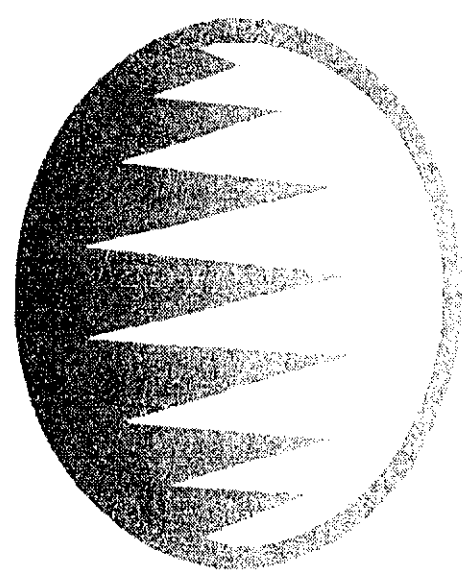
CITY OF NOVI  
NOTICE OF CHANGE IN PRECINCT LOCATIONS  
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE of the new precinct boundary changes which will be in effect beginning with the March 17, 1996 Presidential Preference Primary Election. Please note that there have been changes in all precincts and polling locations. A new voter registration card will be mailed to each registered voter. Please note the date and your new precinct.

The following are the new precinct boundaries and polling locations.

| PRECINCT | BOUNDARY                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | POLLING LOCATION                                                |
|----------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1        | East side of Meadowbrook from Eight Mile to Nine Mile; South side of Nine Mile from Novi to Hagerty; West side of Hagerty from Nine Mile to Eight Mile; North side of Eight Mile from Hagerty to Meadowbrook.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Good Shepherd Lutheran Church<br>41425 Nine Mile Road           |
| 2        | East side of Novi from Eight Mile to Nine Mile; South side of Nine Mile from Novi to Meadowbrook; West side of Meadowbrook from Nine Mile to Eight Mile; North side of Eight Mile from Meadowbrook to Novi.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Meadowbrook Congregational Church<br>21355 Meadowbrook          |
| 3        | East side of Meadowbrook from Nine Mile to Village Lake; South side of Village Lake from Village Wood from Meadowbrook to Hagerty; West side of Hagerty from Village Wood to Nine Mile; North side of Nine Mile from Hagerty to Meadowbrook.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Village Oaks Elementary School<br>21333 Willowbrook Drive       |
| 4        | East side of Meadowbrook from Village Lake to Ten Mile; South side of Ten Mile from Meadowbrook to Hagerty; West side of Hagerty from Ten Mile to Village Wood; North side of Village Wood from Village Lake from Hagerty to Meadowbrook.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | First United Methodist Church<br>41671 Ten Mile Road            |
| 5        | East side of Novi from nine mile to Ten Mile; South side of Ten Mile from Novi Road to Meadowbrook; West side of Meadowbrook from Ten Mile to Nine Mile; North side of Nine Mile from Meadowbrook to Novi.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Orchard Hills Elementary School<br>41900 Quince                 |
| 6        | East side of Novi from Ten Mile to Grand River; South side of Grand River from Novi to Hagerty; West side of Hagerty from Grand River to Ten Mile; North side of Ten Mile from Hagerty to Novi.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Holy Family Catholic Church<br>24505 Meadowbrook Road           |
| 7        | East side of Novi from Grand River to Thirteen Mile; South side of Thirteen Mile from Novi to Hagerty; West side of Hagerty from Thirteen Mile to Grand River; North side of Grand River from Hagerty to Novi.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Five Starin Number 1<br>42975 Grand River Avenue                |
| 8        | East side of Decker from Thirteen Mile to Fourteen Mile; South side of Fourteen Mile from Decker to Hagerty; West side of Hagerty from Fourteen Mile to Thirteen Mile; North side of Thirteen Mile from Hagerty to Decker.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Hickory Woods Elementary School<br>30655 Decker Road            |
| 9        | East side of Decker from End of City Limits (Near to Ponderosa Trail) to Ponderosa Trail; South side of Ponderosa Trail from Decker to West Road; West side of West Road from Ponderosa Trail to City Limits (Near to Black Road).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Novi Village by the Lake<br>4182 West Road                      |
| 10       | City Limits from Twelve Mile to West Road; South side of West Road from City Limits to Ponderosa Trail (City Limits); Ponderosa Trail (City Limits) from West Road to Walnut Lake; Along Walnut Lake from Ponderosa Trail (City Limits) to Fourteen Mile; South side of Fourteen Mile from Walnut Lake to Decker; West side of Decker from Fourteen Mile to Thirteen Mile; North side of Thirteen Mile from Decker to Novi; West side of Novi from Thirteen Mile to Ten Mile; North side of Twelve mile to Novi to City Limits (Near to Black Road). | Bedford Apartments - Club House<br>31100 Deckerbrook            |
| 11       | East side of Taff from Ten Mile to Twelve Mile; South side of Twelve mile from Taff to Novi; West side of Novi from Twelve Mile to Ten Mile; North side of Ten Mile from Novi to Taff.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Novi Christian School<br>43201 Eleves Mile Road                 |
| 12       | East side of Decker from Ten Mile to Twelve Mile; South side of Twelve mile from Decker to Taff; West side of Taff from Twelve Mile to Ten Mile; North side of Ten Mile from Taff to Decker.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Novi Middle School<br>52929 Taff Road                           |
| 13       | East side of Decker from Nine Mile to Ten Mile; South side of Ten Mile from Decker to Taff; West side of Taff from Ten Mile to Nine Mile; North side of Nine Mile from Taff to Decker.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Fishin' Presbyterian Church<br>41400 West Ten Mile Road         |
| 14       | East side of Decker from City Limits (Near to Stratford) to Nine Mile; South side of Nine Mile from Decker to Novi; West side of Novi from Nine Mile to City Limits (Near to Oakway Drive); City Limits from Novi to Decker.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Novi High School<br>20802 Taff Road                             |
| 15       | East side of Taff from Nine Mile to Ten Mile; South side of Ten Mile from Taff to Novi; West side of Novi from Ten Mile to Nine Mile; North side of Nine Mile from Novi to Taff.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Novi Civic Center<br>43175 West Ten Mile Road                   |
| 16       | East side of Napier from Eight Mile to Ten Mile; South side of Ten Mile from Napier to Decker; West side of Decker from Ten Mile to Eight Mile; North side of Eight Mile from Decker to Napier.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Thornbrook Creek Elementary School<br>46180 West Nine Mile Road |
| 17       | East side of Napier from Ten Mile to Twelve Mile; South side of Twelve mile from Napier to Decker; West side of Decker from Twelve Mile to Ten Mile; North of Ten Mile from Decker to Napier.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Church of the Holy Cross<br>46209 West Nine Mile Road           |



*From all the good boys and girls at HomeTown Newspapers...*



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Matt Bach  
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THURSDAY  
December 21,  
1995

## Dear Santa...

If there is a trend in what kids want for Christmas, Santa is the guy who knows.

After Santa had a chance to consider all letters he'd received from children who had dropped off their wish lists at the Northville Post Office and at Twelve Oaks Mall, he forwarded them to *The Northville Record* and *The Novi News*.

Whether written in crayon, pencil or ink, the most frequently requested presents this year were Doodle Bear, Barbies and accessories, CDs, video games, clothes, sports equipment and pets.

Dropping down a notch on the list this year were Power Rangers and Dr. Dreadful.

Price is no object for some who requested big ticket items, like televisions, computers and printers.

Covering all bases was one young lady who sent Santa her list the old fashioned way, she mailed it, along with a back up copy via fax machine.

Many children asked about the health of Mrs. Claus, the reindeer and the elves.

The popular snacks children are leaving out for Santa is still cookies and milk and for the reindeer, carrots. One youngster will be leaving candy canes for Santa to take back for each of the elves.

Letters to Santa from the young, and a few from the young at heart, included:

Dear Santa,

I hope you have a good trip around the world. Make a nice good present for Bobby from me. We will

have two trees.

One in my room and one in the family room. Merry Christmas  
XXXXXXXXXXXX  
Jennifer Dorsch

Dear Santa,

Please give me a super soaker, GI Joes, Winny Pooh bear.

Thank you.

Nicholas Hoyt

P.S. My name is the same as yours.

Dear Santa,

Please bring me all the horse stuff you can stuff in your bag!

Love,

Kerri Bivins

Dear Santa,

I want everything listed - hockey net, ice hockey skates, roller blades and CD. I was a good boy, and I hope you had a good year. I would also like clothes - pajamas and animal slippers. A movie and some things for school.

Sincerely,

Joseph Lunn

P.S. I also need a miracle to carry around.

Dear Santa,

I want lots of stuff. Even though I've been bad. That's O.K. I'll fax you my list.

Jennifer Davies

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I want: Addy's school dress, two mini stockings for my two A.G. dolls, Sega, nintendo games, two or three ornaments for my room tree, that H2O stuff, my own little mailbox, a few games and I do not care what ones I get, like chutes and ladders. And on a separate piece of paper I want your signature, please and thank you for the four early Christmas presents.

Love,

Jenny Rudolph

Dear Santa,

I want Jason (my boyfriend) to come back soon safe from North Carolina!

Love,

Sarah

P.S. I love you Santa!

Dear Santa,

I love you. I've been very good! Please bring me a suit of armor.

Andrew Hazen

Dear Santa,

I have been good this year, well pretty good. I would like a Doodle Bear for Christmas. How are things going up at the North Pole? My brother just turned to read and write. I'm in 3rd grade.

Your Friend,

Jessica Noel Markstrom

Dear Santa,

I would love a remote control red truck. Thank you.

Love,

Andrew Phillips

P.S. Please don't forget Matt, my big brother.

Dear Santa,

This is Jeremy Brodsky, my favorite reindeer is still Comet. I don't really know what I want I'd prefer a surprise I know you know what I want. Say hi to Comet for me. And do you like chocolate chip cookies because it's either that or sugar cookies I hope you like it. I've been good almost all year.

From,

Jeremy Brodsky

Dear Santa,

I would like some Army men and Air Jordan shoes. How are you doing? I am doing fine. Oh! I would also like a pair of ice hockey skates too. I am excited about Christmas! I will leave you cookies and milk.

From,

J.D. Gerblich

Dear Santa,

I would like a legs and train set and telescope even computer games snowboard.

Chad Cunningham

Dear Santa,

Dress, earrings, boots.

Holly Lazarus

Dear Santa,

Hey there old pal! My name is Alan I've always been a big fan of yours. I've been a super guy this year, and hope you had a good year too. If it's not too much trouble this year, I'd like a lot of money (I don't have much left), some CDs and books, a new Tigers hat, some corduroy pants, and good seats for the Pistons game on the 26th. If you can't get it all, that's ok. As always, I'll leave out some cookies and milk for you and the reindeer, and give my best wishes to the lovely Mrs. Claus and the Elves! Looking forward to seeing you soon!

Alan Stevens

Dear Santa,

I want a pole table and I want to go out salobating with you.

James Alan Payne

Dear Santa,

I hope you can give the bike, if you can't give it it is okay.

Love,

Amy Minielly

Dear Santa,

How are you I am fine I want a new bike for Christmas and I want to be really happy for Christmas don't make me cry alot. I love Ted Sparks boy.

Love,

Surabhi Rohatgi

Dear Santa,

I would like you to please bring me these things. Felisty American girl exs. Baby Born those things are what I really really want. If there are anything other things you would like to bring me with that stuff I don't care what you bring me.

Lauren Knurek

Dear Santa,

I want a skateboard, a Yoshi's Island video game, a Lego castle, some Magic cards, and if you can a Sony Playstation.

Jamie Dalton

Dear Santa,

I want a bear and a bear shirt and a Lenny Gymnist and a dollhouse please. Thank you.

Love,

Rachel Otis

Dear Santa,

This is Kelli. Merry Christmas Santa. I want lots of friends and toys.

Kelli Timar

P.S. My big sister wrote this because I'm only 1 1/2.

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I would like a birth stone ring. My birthday is February. I would like a camera for Christmas. I would like a pet for Christmas it can be any kind of pet except for a snake. I would like some beads and box. I would like a soccer ball. I would like a pair of ice skates. I would like some stickers games casper the movie. I would like a telephone. TV. Thank you.

Kristi Timar

Dear Santa,

Gargoyles, Batman, hockey, pads, blocker, trapper, hockey game, hockey puck.

Ayanti Mau

Dear Santa,

How are your reindeer doing? What kind of cookies do you want? I've been a good boy this year. I want a Legs set, a model Dino, 15 hot wheels jets, Dr. Dreadful stuff, a maxamizer.

Your Pal,

Thomas Riegel

Dear Santa,

I hope you have a nice trip with all your reindeer. I want football cards, baseball cards, a Sega game called Toy Story, a really good football, football bear (The Lions), a helmet phone, a T.V., a race car Sega game, that is what I want for Christmas. I hope this year will be a great Christmas for me, my mom, my dad, and my sister. Have a great Christmas. And add to my list a dog.

Love,

Brandon Cigna

Dear Santa,

Here is my list. My size Barbie, rocking reindeer, baby bag that has everything a baby will need, dollar cash register scan cards and fed, my own wood desk, sewing kit with directions, a real puppy, a work case that has a flip phone, office working kit, Toy Story video game, a kitten that purrs.

Brittany Cigna

Dear Santa,

Hi, It's Kerri. I want a camera for Christmas, a pet like a bunny, hamster or any kind of bird. I also want some jewelry like rings and pierced earrings. My birthday is in April so my birthstone is the diamond. Bye. Hope you have a good Christmas. See ya. Merry Christmas.

Kerri Timar

P.S. Hope it is not cold.

Dear Santa,

I want a Chris Osgood jersey and Herman Moore jersey and a Biakubutuka jersey and a Lego castle and if you can a Sony playstation and if you can I want Grant Hill shoes.

Chris Dalton

Dear Santa,

I want a new baby sister! Thanks. Also games.

Trevor Patterson

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I would like ... Phantom of the Opera full soundtrack original cast please. Bodyshop stuff. Limited tops. Gap jeans. American girl stuff. New swimsuit (racing tight). New nylon black or purple. Straight A's on my report card. Thanks. Merry Christmas! Give the reindeer a kiss please.

Love,

Alison Stewart

Dear Santa,

I want moonshoes, hermit crabs, Barbie phone, two front teeth and surprises. Merry Christmas.

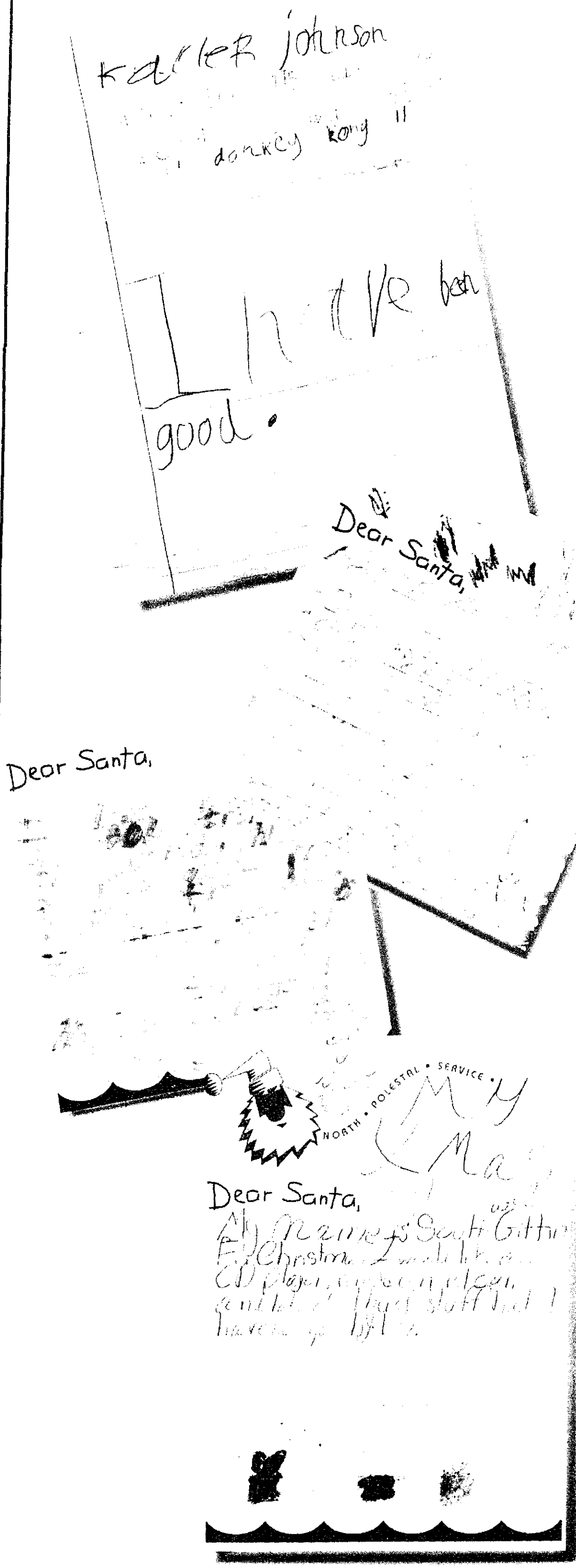
Love,

Katie Stewart

Dear Santa,

I would like a spelling bee practice makes perfect, and a surprise.

Caitlin





# Christmas is a busy time for church groups

By JEANNE CLARKE  
Special Writer

The holidays have been a busy time at the First Baptist Church. There were many in attendance from various ministries of the church and Novi Christian School, including home-school families and day care, at the annual harvest dinner. Invitations were sent to those who formerly attended the church as this was the "kick-off" event to start the celebration of the church's 150 years in operation in the Novi area.

The program included both staff and children from the school and also a professional barber shop quartet called "Today's Line Up," led by Don Bonhwagner. The ladies Fellowship Circle held their annual cookie exchange with extras being made for use in the basket ministry and for shut-ins. The choir is busy with plans to attend the program "Glory of Christmas" at Temple Baptist Church in Redford. They also attended the "Messiah" by George Frederick Handel in Ann Arbor. Just recently, they were caroling at both Whitehall nursing homes and for several shut-ins, bringing with them carols and good cheer. The choir just presented their Christmas cantata "Sing of the Wonder" by Ted Wilson, written by Janet McMahon-Wilson and Dale Matthews. The choir was directed by Charlene Chase and accompanied by Carol Richards. Instrumental selections were also presented. Kevin Talbot on the guitar, and Valerie Jackson on flute. The Christmas tree in the lobby

is decorated with baby items, bibs, shoes, socks, etc., and will be given to Another Way Pregnancy Center.

Other upcoming programs include a presentation by Kelle Donovan, missionary to Russia; candlelight service on Dec. 24; and New Year's Eve service on Dec. 31.

## NOVI AMERICAN LEGION

Under the leadership of Post Commander Ed Sysma, Post No. 19 in cooperation with Post No. 147 and Rebecca Yarbrough in the Novi/Northville Coalition, have completed their drive "Toys for Tots." The unwrapped toys were brought in to be distributed among the needy children in Novi/Northville and surrounding areas.

The Auxiliary once again did a great job in the selection of toys and gifts for Veterans' Hospital. The ladies were asked to furnish 300 gifts this year with Evelyn Sale doing the purchasing. These were taken to the hospital and placed in a gift-shop setting. Novi ladies Carolyn Pohlman, Doris Peterson, Evelyn Sale and Audrey Blackburn with their carvers, and the ladies of the church, all helped to wrap the gifts. They were then gift wrapped and mailed free-of-charge to the veterans' families. This program starts back in November and final shopping by the veterans is done the first weekend in December. Time is allowed for gifts to be received by Christmas.

The ladies also participated in the Veterans Alliance Christmas

## Novi Highlights

party held at the Expo Center along with members of the Post, the AMVETS and the Marine Corps League. The evening included pot luck supper, cards, games and caroling as well as a "bring one take one" gift exchange. Also a raffle with items donated by members was held.

Other recent activities included a visit from Mayor Kathleen McEllen regarding the need for a Veterans Memorial Building. This building would not only house the Legion but would provide a place for the potential membership of 3,200 Veterans in the Novi area. The Legion also reported a successful Veterans Day breakfast which was held on Nov. 11 at the Novi Methodist Church.

## NOVI GIRL SCOUTS

Novi Woods troops held a special program called "Hands Around the World" with nine troops and 110 girls participating. Each troop chose a country such as Sweden, France, Germany, Russia, England, Mexico and some from the Far East. They learned a craft from that country and also information

giving. The drive brings in over 37 percent of the total disbursements for the Lions for the year.

In the bread, coffee cakes, etc., first place went to Jerri Sunisio, one of the organizers; second place was the cinnamon tree by Troop No. 2367, Novi Woods; and third place by Kate Pawlowski, first grader from Parkview.

In the cookies and candy, first place was Kate Siskonen, second grader from Parkview; second place to Jacqueline Sabourin of Novi Meadows; and third place to Ashley Harshorne, fourth grader from Novi Woods.

Cookie sale begins Tuesday, Jan. 2 under the direction of Sally Collins. Wednesday, Jan. 17 is the next reader's meeting.

## NOVI LIONS CLUB

The Novi Lions would like to wish everyone season's greetings and a big thank you to all those who purchased a candy cane during the sale or supported it in any way. The sale was the best ever, a total of \$12,589 was raised.

Lion Jim Burnett who co-chaired the event with Lion Mary Giebel, would like to thank Giebel for all his help. Also thanks to the 37 workers who sold the canes over the weekends before Thanks-

## Singles

**SINGLE PLACE**, an adult ministry for single people, meets at the First Presbyterian Church of Northville Sunday at 9:45 a.m. for a Sunday morning gathering, followed by a worship service at 11 a.m. and brunch at Northville Crossing at 12:30 p.m.

On Dec. 29, Jan. 12 and 26 from 9 to 10:30 a.m., the group will meet for Volleyball at the Northville Rec. Center, 303 W. Main Street. The cost is \$4.

A Divorce Recovery Workshop will begin on Jan. 11 and run through Feb. 22 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. in the Library Lounge of the church. The cost is \$30. Scholarships are available. See Jim Russell for information.

Topics to be discussed include Networking, Stages of Grief, Legal Aspects of Divorce, Helping Children through Divorce, Church and Divorce, Passage of Divorce and Relationships Old and New.

Single Place presents "Light and Lively Cabaret Style with Cecilia Lee" at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 27 in Ball Fellowship Hall. Cost is \$4.

Reservations for a New Year's Eve party at Getz's of Northville, which includes cold cuts, hors d'oeuvre and sandwiches, is Dec. 30. Cost is \$20 prior to Dec. 29 and \$23 afterwards.

Bowling evenings will be Jan. 5 and 19 at 8:30 p.m. at the Novi Bowl on Novi Road between Eight and Nine Mile roads.

For further information about any of the Single Place programs or to register, call 349-0911.

**HOLY FAMILY SINGLES** is a group for separated, divorced, widowed or never-been-married persons. For more information, call the Church of the Holy Family, 349-8847.

All St. James singles are welcome to join a new activities group. **ST. JAMES SINGLES**. For more information, call the church at 347-7778. Send Singles information to The Northville Record and The Novi News, 104 W. Main St., Northville, MI 48167.



Photo by SUE SPILLANE

## Welcome to the club

The Northville Woman's Club welcomed new members (front row from left) Sonja Lane, Nancy Longo, Katie Berry, Shirley Hartley, Jane Spence, Marianne Thelen, Carol Sassaman, Lois Curi, Karen Olsen, Doty Crain, Betty Allen, Geraldine Mills, Kathy Leo, Sue Stiles and Lonna Lemmon.

at the Dec. 15 meeting held at the Northville First Presbyterian Church. Sponsors are from left, Sue Smith, Diane Rockall, Lois Curi, Karen Olsen, Doty Crain, Betty Allen, Geraldine Mills, Kathy Leo, Sue Stiles and Lonna Lemmon.

# Photographer earns recognition for his work



Photo by HAL GOULD

By CAROL WORKENS  
Staff Writer

Lying in the muck and wading into chest deep water has its rewards.

Ask Dennis Blaisdell, a professional nature photographer of Novi.

Blaisdell has been selected to be the Sterling Heights Cultural Commission Artist of the Month for December. Select works will be displayed throughout the month of December in the Sterling Heights City Hall at 40555 Ulster Road. The display area is open from 8:30 a.m. until 9 p.m. weekdays.

Blaisdell's selection comes after the Sterling Heights Cultural Commission viewed exhibitors' works during the city's 1995 Summer Fest. An exhibitor in the show for the second year, Blaisdell was chosen to be the December Artist of the Month.

"The entire Warren and Sterling Heights area has a love of wildlife and they are really appreciative of wildlife because they haven't got it," he said.

Blaisdell was 8 years old when he made a pin-hole camera, similar to those used in the 1800s and began developing his own prints. Using a cardboard box, he made a pin hole through the front of the box which acted like a lens, and put a piece of negative paper in the back.

He set up a darkroom underneath the stairs of his parent's house with the necessary tools to develop those prints.

Blaisdell's love of photography continued. In 1969 when he was drafted and later stationed in Germany for two years, he captured

on film local scenes from an American's perspective.

"I shot street type scenes in Germany, old men sleeping on park benches, architectural photography, men replacing stones in a cobblestone street and scenic photography," Blaisdell said.

Blaisdell has since specialized in nature and wildlife photography.

"Michigan has an abundance of wildlife, the more we know and understand about it, the longer it will be preserved," he said.

"Capturing wildlife on film is not always easy. It requires a lot of patience."

"I can sit in a blind for eight hours and not get one shot off," he said. "I enjoy being out with nature so it's not a problem."

"There are other times when you get that special shot and the adrenaline flows."

Blaisdell will wade out in water chest high to photograph ducks. To shoot a blue heron, he had to get up at 4 a.m. and sit in the muck all day before he snapped the perfect shot.

"You can't be afraid to get wet and dirty," he said.

Another important consideration when shooting animals is to read up and understand the animal habitats and how they react, according to Blaisdell.

"You have to be able to relate to the animal and understand what the animal could do," he said. "You don't want to disturb or stress the animals. You want to do everything you can to not upset them. Birds will abandon the nest if you get close."

"You can't let your own greed-

ness get in the way," he said. "You have to respect nature."

In 1987, Dennis met his future wife, Fern. Fern knew all the birds. Dennis had collected butterflies, hunted and fished since he was a child.

Together their love of the wildlife and nature cemented a partnership of love and mutual desire to record the magic moments in nature and his studio, Nature's Feeling Images was born.

"By having the photographs in your home, you are reminded about the animals," he said.

Specializing in original custom prints, Dennis sells his work at 12 to 15 fine art shows each year throughout Michigan and through select nature stores. His studio also specializes in custom framing.

Subjects include loons, eagles, songbirds, deer, wolves and others. Whenever possible, the pictures are taken right here in Michigan.

"You have to be able to be able to extract from that two dimensional picture the essence of the animal," he said.

On the back of each picture, Blaisdell writes a short story about the animal.

"I'm kind of a purist," he said. "What you see is what you get, you shouldn't use a flash or filters."

Blaisdell's future plans include shooting big horn sheep, bison, Canadian lynx, bobcats and penguins.

"I could photograph for the rest of my life and not get everything I want," he said. "Here is an opportunity to express yourself with something that is really declining."

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Pastor: Daniel Cave (616) 474-0554

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6 Mile & Meadowbrook  
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Pastor: Dan Boudreau, Pastor: 348-0000  
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Wed. 7:30 a.m. Bible Study

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**NORTHVILLE CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY**  
4125 So. Main Road  
Northville 48167  
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Minister: Rev. E. Neil Hunt  
Minister of Music: Ray Ferguson

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Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m.  
Pastor: James J. Ciolek, Pastor: 347-7778

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The Northville Woman's Club enjoyed barber shop quartet harmony when the Spirit of Detroit Sweet Adelines performed "In the Christmas Spirit" at the group's Dec. 15 meeting.

## Group enjoys perfect harmony

Eighteen members of Spirit of Detroit Sweet Adelines performed "In the Christmas Spirit" for the Northville Woman's Club at the group's Dec. 15 meeting which was held in Ball Fellowship Hall of Northville's First Presbyterian Church.

Spirit of Detroit is a chorus of 95 women who are members of Sweet Adelines International. They are dedicated to education and performance of four-part barbershop harmony. There are 30,000 Sweet Adelines in 660 choruses in 12 countries around the world.

Spirit of Detroit is always looking for women who are interested in singing. Reading music is not a requirement. Rehearsals are on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. at the VFW Post at 1-96 and Inkster Road in Redford Township. Interested singers are welcome to attend the weekly rehearsals.

Chairperson of the day was Nancy Naszradi.

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### AUDITIONS

**YOUTH PHILHARMONIC:** The Livonia Youth Philharmonic will hold auditions for string, brass, woodwind and percussion for all four levels of the orchestra for youths ages 8 to 18 by appointment in December. Call Terrie Weeder at 422-5603 for an appointment.

**NEW HORIZON COMMUNITY CHURCH:** The church is looking for actors and actresses to occasionally participate in Sunday morning dramas and skits based on topical issues.

Scripts are provided and minimal rehearsal time is needed. All creative input is welcome. A local community church featuring a contemporary format, the church meets at the Novi Town Center General Cinema Theaters in Novi.

Those interested should call Ann Marie Frey, (810) 348-3563.

### SPECIAL EVENTS

**BRIDAL SHOW:** A Winter Bridal Show will be held at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 7, 1996 at Sheraton Oaks Inn, 27000 Sheraton Drive in Novi. Among those featuring fashions will be Elizabeth's Bridal Manor of Northville. The latest in bridal gowns, bridesmaid dresses, tuxedos, as well as information and advice on planning a successful wedding will be available.

Tickets are \$6 in advance or \$7 at the door. For details, call (810) 790-5500.

**PERFORMER'S SHOWCASE:** The public is invited to attend the Performer's Showcase performances which are held prior to select city council meetings in the Novi Civic Center at 7:30 p.m. on occasion, performances may be taped by Time Warner 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 details, contact the arts council, 347-4000.

### THEATER

**MARQUIS THEATRE:** The Frank L. Baum classic tale of the adventures of Dorothy, the Scare-

crow, Tin Man and the Cowardly Lion as they follow the yellow brick road to the Land of Oz in *The Wizard of Oz* continues on Saturdays and Sundays through Jan. 14.

During Christmas break, performances will be held Tuesday through Friday, Dec. 26-29. All performances are at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$6.50. Children must be 3 1/2 years of age.

The Marquis Theatre is located at 135 E. Main Street in downtown Northville. For details, call (810) 349-8110.

**GENITTI'S:** Santa's coming to Genitti's for lunch on Dec. 23. After lunch, children will go into the theater to be entertained by singing elves and holiday characters.

"Genitti's Holiday Office Party" continues through Dec. 31. It's Christmas Eve at the Genco World Headquarters and time for the annual office party. The white collar crazies must try to keep their tempers, passions and alcohol down before they kill each other while trying to discover who "Fanny Photocopy" really is before the boss fires them all.

Lunchon theater "Mistletoe Madness" is available Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. in December.

Reservations are available weekly and every weekend. Genitti's "Hole-in-the-Wall" and restaurant is located in downtown Northville at 108 E. Main St., just east of Center Street.

Call (810) 349-0522 for reservations.

**MUSIC**

**COUNTRY EPICURE RESTAURANT:** December entertainment offered in the lounge with full bar and dinner menu with no cover charge from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. on Friday and Saturday evenings will be Wilbert Peagler's Jazz Trio, featuring vocalists Sandra Bomar.

Country Epicure Restaurant is located at 42050 Grand River in Novi.

For more information, call (810) 347-7770.

**CICERO'S ITALIAN RESTAURANTE & BAR:** Cicero's Italian Ristorante & Bar is located on Novi Road just north of Ten Mile. Reservations are suggested on the weekends.

For more information or reservations, call (810) 380-0011.

**TUSCAN CAFE:** Tuscan Cafe presents light jazz music on Friday and Saturday evenings.

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday performances are 8:30 to 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday performances are from 9 p.m. to midnight.

Tuscan Cafe is located at 150 Center Street in Northville. For more information, call 305-8629.

Playing favorites from jazz greats will be Herbie Ross every Tuesday and Reggie Braxton every Wednesday.

Live entertainment is offered from 7:30 to 11 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. on Friday and Saturday.

Brady's Food & Spirits is located at 38123 West Ten Mile Road, in the Holiday Inn, Farmington Hills. For more information, call (810) 478-7780.

**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.

The cafe is located at 110 Main Center in downtown Northville. Call 344-0220 for additional information.

**FRIGATES INN:** Frigates offers live music every Tuesday at 8 p.m. featuring 2XL Band. The Sunset Blues Band will host the Wednesday Blues Jam from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. All musicians are welcome.

Dance with The Globe at 9 p.m. Fridays, and Saturdays. Frigates Inn is located at the corner of Fourteen Mile and East Lake Drive in Novi.

For details, call (810) 624-9607.

**MR. B'S FARM:** Mr. B's Farm is located at Novi Road north of Ten Mile. For details call 349-7038.

**MORE JAZZ:** Outback Cappuccino Bar, 370 S. Main St. in 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 details.

**SPORTS EDITION:** Every weekend guests can enjoy live entertainment at the Sports Edition Bar, located inside the Novi Hilton Hotel at 21111 Haggerty Road.

The Sports Edition is home to Intigue 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.

### ART

**ATRIUM GALLERY:** Atrium Gallery is featuring the art works by Charles Almone, a Northville resident and long-time professor of film and acting at the Center for Creative Studies. His exhibit are wall panels which are used as backdrops for his puppet film *Flying High*. The panels depict World War I French town buildings and can be used as unique and decorative wall hangings. The show continues through January.

Atrium Gallery is located at 109 N. Center in downtown Northville. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, and noon to 4 p.m. on Sunday.

For more information, call (810) 349-4131.

**BACKDOOR GALLERY:** Farmington's Backdoor Gallery on 37220 Eight Mile Road specializes in unusual art dolls. The gallery is in the home of co-owner Kathy Landers. She and the other owner, Kathleen Bricker, are both artists.

Hours are 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Thursdays and Fridays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays, and by appointment, Call 474-8305.

**PAINTER'S PLACE:** A display of Northville's Christmas calendar over the years is featured in the window of Painter's Place, Studio & Gallery of Caroline Dunphy, 140 N. Center Street in Northville.

The cards feature various views of Northville's historic buildings on Main Street and in the historic village, Mill Race.

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### BRIGHTON AREA

SW, mom, 31, 2 children, 4, from Florida, enjoys sports, watching football, and all sports. Seeking SM, 21-30, who is fun, outgoing, and has a good sense of humor. Ad# 3204

### FAMILY-ORIENTED GUY

SWF, 30, 5'8", 200lbs, brown hair, blue eyes, enjoys reading, traveling, shopping, looking for SM, similar interests, marriage-minded. Ad# 3204

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DW, 42, 5'2", 125lbs, enjoys Music/Country music, dancing, cooking, traveling, movies, seeking SM, 21-30, with similar interests, for possible relationship. Ad# 1629

### WHAT ABOUT YOU?

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### IS THIS YOUR?

DW, 25, 5'9", 120lbs, brown hair, blue eyes, mom of two, enjoys family activities, hockey, movies, dancing, seeking secure, attractive, masculine, SM, who shares interests, for possible relationship. Ad# 1970

### LOOKING FOR LONG-TERM

SWF, 64, 5'7", weight practitioner, enjoys going places, walks, travel, animals, outdoors, watching sports, live entertainment, seeks active SM, 40-70, 5'7", husky build, with similar interests. Ad# 3917

### TALKING THE NIGHT AWAY

WWF, 55, 5'4", loves animals, dancing, long walks, parties, water sports, could be in front of a fireplace, seeking honest, secure, committed SM, for possible relationship. Ad# 7958

### FAMILY ORIENTED

SWF, 50, 5'4", 130lbs, red hair, green eyes, honest, sense of humor, loves dancing, music, traveling, animals, seeking SM, similar qualities. Ad# 6392

### COMPANIONSHIP WANTED

SWF, 40, 5'7", 150lbs, blonde hair, blue eyes, enjoys music, movies, dancing, cooking, travel, hiking, swimming, tennis, golf, and all sports. Seeking SM, 21-30, who is fun, outgoing, and has a good sense of humor. Ad# 3204

### TALK TO HER

SWF, 20, 5'7", attractive, not overweight, likes movies, pool, book stores, music, theater, singing, card games, seeking SM, to spend time together. Ad# 1974

### FRIENDS FIRST

SWF, 20, 5'7", 150lbs, N/S, occasional drinker, enjoys music, clubs, dancing, bowling, snowmobiling, pool, romantic evenings, seeks SM, 21-29, for friendship, possible relationship later on. Ad# 7813

### FINANCIALLY INDEPENDENT

SWF, 20, 5'7", 130lbs, enjoys dancing, quiet times, fishing, coffee shops and good conversations, occasionally seeks fun, honest, energetic SM, with love for life, to build a friendship, possible relationship. Ad# 7293

### GOOD MORALS

DW, 48, 5'3", 115lbs, smoker wanting to quit, non-drinker South Lyon area, easygoing, understanding, caring, good-humored, seeks tall, attractive, not overweight SM, 40-50s, for possible relationship. Ad# 8445

### IF THINGS WORK OUT...

SWF, 20, 5'5", dark hair/eyes, enjoys fishing, long walks, pool, playing basketball, gardening, occasional, seeks SM, 21-30, who is fun, outgoing, and has a good sense of humor. Ad# 3204

### INTO ALTERNATIVE MUSIC

SWF, 18, 5'9", blonde hair, green eyes, enjoys car racing, pool, hockey, animals, seeking caring SM, 18-23, adventurous, for friendship or relationship. Ad# 1372

### NEEDS A DADDY

DW, 21, mother of two, sincere, serious, seeking serious, good-looking SM, for a serious committed family. Ad# 5467

### HILL

SWF, 25, 5'6", blonde hair, green eyes, likes clubs, travel, cooking, concerts, playing pool, sports, having a good time, seeks SM, for friendship, maybe more. Ad# 9453

## SEEKING A PAL

SWF, 35, attractive, honest, affectionate, active, likes nature, church, music, concerts, hiking, swimming, tennis, golf, and all sports. Seeking SM, 21-30, who is fun, outgoing, and has a good sense of humor. Ad# 8443

## MOM OF ONE

SWF, 18, enjoys car racing, movies, romantic dinners, music, dancing, seeking SM with sense of humor, for friendship, possible relationship. Ad# 1614

## NOTHING SERIOUS

SWF, 29, enjoys car racing, playing music, running in the snow, playing in the water, seeking SM, 21-30, who is fun, outgoing, and has a good sense of humor. Ad# 3204

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## LOOKING FOR LOVE

SWF, 47, attractive, enjoys movies, dining out, cooking at home, seeks honest, faithful SM, to enjoy life together. Ad# 4774

## FANTASTIC PERSONALITY

SWF, 40, health care worker, likes to dance, art, country, seeking SM, for companionship. Ad# 1334

## A GOOD LISTENER

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## LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU

SWF, 18, 5'9", green eyes, likes animals, pool, meeting new people, rock music, going out, seeking SM, 18-23, for dating. Ad# 7777

## MANY INTERESTS TO SHARE

SWF, 20, 5'8", 200lbs, brown hair, blue eyes, enjoys reading, traveling, shopping, looking for SM, similar interests, marriage-minded. Ad# 3204

## RETURN ALL CALLS

DW, mom of two, 21, 5'2", 160lbs, very attractive, enjoys movies, kids, dancing, romantic evenings at home, seeks SM, 21-30, who is fun, outgoing, and has a good sense of humor. Ad# 3204

## GOOD OUTLOOK ON LIFE

SWF, 18, 5'9", N/S, non-drinker, enjoys music, movies, dancing, cooking, travel, hiking, swimming, tennis, golf, and all sports. Seeking SM, 21-30, who is fun, outgoing, and has a good sense of humor. Ad# 3204

## AWAITING YOUR CALL

DW, 65, energetic, outgoing, honest, enjoys dancing, romantic evenings, travel, seeks sincere SM, 55-65, N/S, drug-free, social drinkers only, for possible relationship. Ad# 1920

## LET'S GET TOGETHER

SWF, 30, 5'5", enjoys honest, personal growth, learning, spirituality, nature, walks, hiking, reading, talks, wood burning, stoves, oil lamps, seeks SM, to share interests and possible relationship. Ad# 2245

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## NEW TO HOWELL/BRIGHTON

SWF, mom of two, 21, 5'2", 160lbs, long blonde hair, seeks attractive SM, who enjoys kids, romance, dancing, movies, for possible relationship. Ad# 2444

## INTERESTED? CALL!

SWF, 40, enjoys reading, writing poetry, contemporary Christian music, concerts, walks in the park, seeks kind, sweet, understanding SM, for honest, possible relationship. Ad# 4685

## VERY PETITE

SWF, 20, 5'4", 120lbs, enjoys nature, movies, quiet times at home, concerts, music, seeks honest, sincere SM, who knows how to treat a lady, right, for friendship, possible relationship. Ad# 2233

## WORKING COLLEGE STUDENT

SWF, 23, N/S, intelligent, enjoys sports, shows, quiet walks/talks, going out with friends, seeks honest, caring, mature SM, to share interests, for possible relationship. Ad# 3857

## BE MY FRIEND!

SWF, 50, 5'9", reddish brown hair, blue eyes, fit, seeks SM, to share friendship and life's experiences together. Ad# 6666

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DW, mom, 40, 5'2", average figure, spontaneous, creative, affectionate, enjoys boating, roller skating, wino shopping, snuggling, bowling, seeks SM, for fun, companionship, maybe more. Ad# 4685

## FRIENDS FIRST

SWF, 48, 5'4", weight-proportioned, blonde hair, blue eyes, seeks strong SM, for friendship, dating, and possible relationship. Ad# 3332

## NEW TO THE AREA

SWF, 35, tall, thin, honest, outgoing, sometimes a homebody, enjoys music, seeks SM, to hang out and share activities, possibly develop a relationship. Ad# 1426

## LEAVE ME A MESSAGE

SWF, 35, 5'10", 120lb, professional, new to the area, enjoys watching and being a part in the theatre, gardening, seeks SM, to share interests and possible relationship. Ad# 6169

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SWF, 18, 5'9", 130lbs, has many past relationships, enjoys concerts, club parties, quiet nights alone, seeks SM, 18-24, similar interests, who knows how to treat a woman right. Ad# 2222

## DOESN'T LIKE COOKING

SWF, 36, tall, voluptuous, no kids, enjoys sports, U of M football, music, seeks tall, outgoing SM, 28-38, similar interests, possible relationship. Ad# 2610

## PRE-MED STUDENT

SWF, 19, 5'8", 160lbs, loves to laugh, enjoys rugby, biking, rollerblading, walks, seeks SM, to share laughter and fun times, possible relationship. Ad# 1024

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SWF, 43, 5'4", medium build, enjoys bowling, quiet times at home, much more, seeking honest, caring SM, similar interests, who wants to feel special. Ad# 3465

## SHARING LIFE'S DREAMS

SWF, 29, professional, enjoys rollerblading, volleyball, basketball, tennis, traveling, dining out, seeking motivated, very easy-going SM, to share interests, possible relationship. Ad# 3579

## VERY PETITE LADY

DW, 40, big blue eyes, blonde hair, professional, enjoys outdoors, theatre, dining out, plays, seeking positive SM, kind, sensitive, nurturing, good listener & conversationalist, with God first in his life. Ad# 1920

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## Rec Briefs

### Spring Clean-Up Sale

Last year, over 30 households participated in this event. Mark your calendar for Jan. 20. Whether you want to get rid of some "junk" or buy some "treasures," this is a sale you don't want to miss. Look for more information in the 1996 Spring brochure.

### 'The Fridge'

Let's all go sledding over winter break. (Target age group, 5th-8th grade.) Join Novi Parks and Recreation for this afternoon of fun. The trip price includes entry ticket, transportation and chaperones. Adult to child ratio is 1-7.

The date is Thursday, Feb. 15, 1996. The bus leaves the Novi Civic Center at 3:30 p.m. and arrives at "The Fridge" at 4:15 p.m. Depart "The Fridge" at 9 p.m. and return to the Novi Civic Center at 9:30 p.m.

There is a limit of 38 individuals at a fee of \$14 (\$16.80 for non-residents).

Registration deadline: Wednesday, Feb. 7, 1996, at 5 p.m. (or when limit is reached).

### Youth Classes

Drawing and Painting for Youth (Ages 5-8). Saturday, 10 a.m.-noon. Feb. 3-March 23 (8 weeks) \$75; materials fee: \$10.

### Senior Adults classes

Stretch and Strength Training for Seniors with low-impact exercise, a fun fitness to "big band" music will be held on Fridays, 9:30 a.m.; Jan. 19-March 8 (8 weeks); \$16 resident, \$19.20 non-resident. Drop-in Fee: \$3 per person.

### 'Swinging Seniors'

For further information call Harry Brown at (810) 348-0986 or Clare Wilson (810) 349-0250.

### Clogging

The Beginners I class should wear flat shoes, preferably with leather-like soles.

Mondays-Evenings (all ages). Workshop and Review - 6:30-7:30 p.m. Cost: \$2 per person (drop-in).

Lesson/Review/Open Dance - 7:30-10 p.m. Cost: \$3 per person (drop-in).

Wednesdays-Daytime (age 50 plus or if you're close). Performance Practice Lesson and Open Dance - 12:30-3:30 p.m. Cost: \$3 per person (drop-in).

Wednesdays-Evening (ages 8 plus). Beginners I - starts Jan. 3 (8 weeks) - 7-8 p.m.

Cost: \$20 resident (or \$24 non-resident) or a \$3 drop-in fee per night.

Drop-In - Easy Level Lesson and Open Dance - 8-10 p.m. Cost: \$3 per person (drop-in).

Fridays-Daytime. Beginners II - starts Jan. 12 (10 weeks) - Noon-1 p.m. Cost: \$20 resident (\$24 non-resident).

Intermediate: 1-2 p.m. Cost: \$1.50 per person (drop-in).

Open Dance: 2-3:30 p.m. Cost: \$1.50 per person (drop-in).

None of the above classes will be held on days when the Novi Civic Center is closed.

### Fitness Factory

Winter Session: (Week of) Jan. 8-March 16 (10 weeks). No classes Jan. 15, 20, Feb. 19.

M/T/W/Th/F: 9-10 a.m., Lo-Impact.

M/W/F: 10:15-11:15 a.m., Step.

M/W: 6-7 p.m., Hi/Low Impact.

T/Th: 10:15-11:15 a.m., Body Sculpting.

Saturday: 8-9 a.m., Step.

## Cagers whip Lions 58-36

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their guards," Schluter said.

"We put a ton of pressure on their guards."

Even if his team didn't make the steal, the coach said he wanted to disrupt South Lyon's offense.

"We wanted to take them out of their offense," Schluter said.

Balanced scoring helped Novi take the lead. No player scored more than four points in the frame, in fact. Novi continued to dominate in the second and led 30-14 by halftime. About the only thing South Lyon had going for it in the first half was Mike Arden.

The 6-foot-7 center scored 10 of the Novi 14 first half points. He finished with a game high 22.

Schluter said his team was in command despite Arden's efforts.

"After the first quarter," he said, "they never got the lead under 10."

South Lyon tried to fight back in the second half by pressing Novi. But the Lions failed to give the Wildcats a dose of their own medicine.

"It wasn't effective," Schluter said.

Forward Tim Davis paced Novi in the third with six points. Kyle Kearney came off the bench with four points.

Schluter went to his bench in the fourth quarter. Novi responded by outscoring the visitors 16-9.

"It was a good game for us," Schluter said. "Everyone got to play." Davis finished with 12 points. Chad Dicken added 10 and Elliot Edmunds added eight. Kearney and Pat Lyskawa each had nine.

Novi won 58-36.

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Senior point guard Brian Cody sprained an ankle against South Lyon Friday.

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## Health Matters

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Ken Boike and Kim Nemeth make sure their newborn son, Colton, stays warm at Providence's New Life Center.

## New Life Center offers parents options

In years past, it has been traditional for women to go to their nearby hospital, deliver their babies, and remain for four to seven days of postpartum care. Nowadays, women have a number of birthing options. Some choose the traditional hospital labor-delivery-recovery (LDR) programs; while others prefer a more home-like setting with less pharmacological intervention, shorter hospital stays and more one-on-one care. Whatever you choose, there is no right or wrong selection. It's what works best for you and your newborn baby!

Most importantly, however, is prenatal care. No matter what birthing option you choose, health care professionals agree that good prenatal care is essential to increase a woman's chances of delivering a healthy baby. It involves proper diet, exercise and nutrition.

One birthing program which includes extensive prenatal information and classes is located at the New Life Center at Providence Medical Center-Providence Park in Novi. For more than a year now, Providence's New Life Center has been offering obstetrical services for low-risk mothers who physicians deliver at Providence's New Life Center. Women labor, deliver, recover and have their postpartum care all in the same room and safely return home 24 hours after delivery. And should it be needed, complete surgical services are also available for Cesarean deliveries.

A unique part of Providence's program is the emphasis on prenatal education and mandatory post-birth visits by a home care nurse and follow-up telephone calls from New Life Center staff which accompany every birth experience.

At Providence Park, according to Cynthia McLeod, manager of Maternal and Infant Services at Providence Park, "the prenatal classes and follow-up home care visits, allow for both a healthy experience prior to delivery as well as after. The home visits, conducted by experienced registered obstetrical nurses, continue to reinforce the educational information given in the prenatal classes so mother and baby remain healthy."

If you would like more information on the New Life Center at Providence Park, prenatal classes or just have a question you would like answered, please call the New Life Center at Providence Park. The toll free number is 1-800-806-BABY. Providence Medical Center-Providence Park is located at the corner of Beck road and Grand River.

## Stop making excuses - begin exercising



Thomas Schwenk

Here are a few of the reasons patients have given to Dr. Thomas L. Schwenk of the University of Michigan Medical Center for not exercising:

- "Exercise makes the hair on my legs grow and it hurts" it was never clear whether the hair or the exercise hurt.
- "I might not have enough energy left over for sex."
- "I have only so many heart beats and I don't want to waste them on exercise."
- "I can't exercise because I'm out of shape."

For these reasons and many others, the attitude of many people about exercise is best summed up by the well-known phrase (often attributed to Mark Twain): "Whenever I get the urge to exercise, I lie down until it passes."

The number of adults who exercise regularly at a moderate intensity for at least 30 minutes two to three days per week has declined to less than 20 percent. Exercise is one of the very few public health indicators that has worsened during the past decade. Many other lifestyle and public health parameters have improved, such as smoking, dietary fat intake, cancer screening and access to prenatal care.

Why has this massive public health effort to encourage exercise failed? Its failure is certainly not for a lack of facts and information. The benefits of regular exercise are many and strong. Regular exercise has been associated with a decrease in the risk of:

- heart disease and hypertension
- sudden cardiac death
- mortality from all causes, including breast cancer and colon cancer
- minor respiratory infections
- osteoporosis
- falls and fractures in the elderly
- depression

Apparently all of these very real and carefully measured reductions in health risk and enhanced health status are not very persuasive to most people. We seem to have a situation in which scientists, physicians and public health educators - many of whom themselves are personally committed to exercise - have tried to use facts like a club to promote exercise to people who steadfastly refuse. In fact, it sometimes seems like the harder we promote exercise, the less people do it.

The facts that we use as weapons are the theoretical and often-distant benefits of doing something many people just simply do not want to do. We have made exercise into a negative, punitive, no-pain-no-gain activity, much like castor oil - its value is supposed to increase in direct proportion to its distastefulness.

So, as the media herald a continuing stream of research announcements proclaiming yet more medical benefits of exercise, here's a different approach to consider: even a little exercise can improve your everyday life. You can find benefits that are more immediate with

exercise that is less complicated, more accessible, less embarrassing and less costly.

Walking at the mall, taking the stairs, doing a little gardening or strolling at lunch all can contribute to making for a better day. Even when done in small amounts and at low intensity, exercise can be beneficial. Exercise can enhance your self-esteem and physical appearance.

If you exercise, you will sleep better. It can improve your sex life. Exercise can help you relax, manage stress and improve your mood. If you exercise, you can eat more. If you exercise, you will have more energy for work. When parents exercise, their children are more likely to exercise, eat better, watch less TV and be less overweight.

The current image of exercise is often one of work, pain, suffering, sweat, facial grimaces, fatigue, lycra tights, stop watches and finishing lines. A better, not to mention more accurate, vision is one of energy, satisfaction, competence, self-esteem, a glow in your cheeks and a smile on your face.

Do something you like, do it as often as you can, and do it because it feels good, not because someone like me tells you it's good for you.

Thomas L. Schwenk, M.D., is a professor and chair of the Department of Family Practice at the University of Michigan Medical Center. This column is coordinated by the Office of Planning and Marketing at the University of Michigan Medical Center.

series of eight classes provides information on self care and successful management of diabetes.

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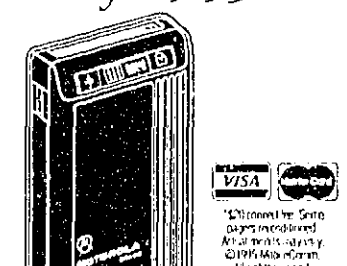
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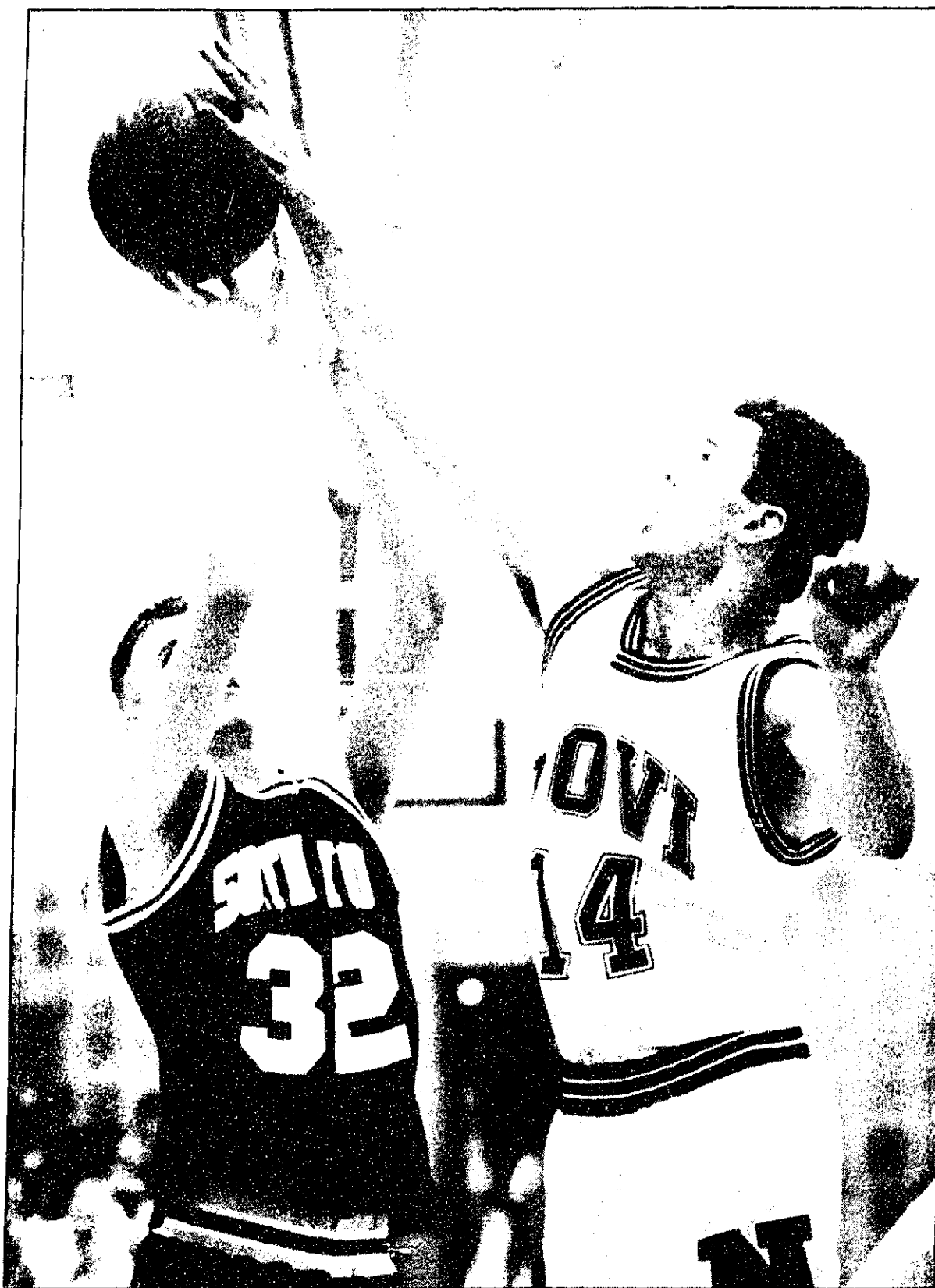
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Chad Dicken and Novi got the best of South Lyon Friday night.

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## Brighton features talents of super sophomore Hensen

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winter and won the KVC as well as a district title.

Gone from that team are Jason Klein, Derrick Dixon, and Bryan Funke. The three were the statistical leaders in almost every category.

Senior Jason Olthoff (6-1) is a returning starter who was a streaky scorer for Howell last season.

"He is a real hot outside shooter," Howell coach Bill Simmons said.

Junior George King (6-4) is another returning starter who will provide inside help. King averaged five rebounds per game as a sophomore.

Senior Nate Blakeslee (6-1) played well off the bench last season and lends quickness and a nice outside shooting touch to the team.

Senior Joe Portera (6-2) is back as a forward.

"He goes to the basket real well," said Simmons.

Senior Kris Pennell (5-10) is an excellent defensive player who returns at guard.

Senior Kevin Burke (6-1) also returns and at 210 pounds will provide some muscle underneath the basket.

"He's a banger down low," Simmons said. "He's a strong rebounder type guy."

Ten newcomers, all juniors, have been added to the mix. Andrew Ratke (6-4) is a good post defender while Mike Soehl (6-1) is tough inside. Ken Pilalja will back up at point guard and Scott Boss is a strong, aggressive player who will play guard. Jason MacCarrell (6-1) is a fast player who goes to the basket well.

"We've got some speed," Simmons said.

Rounding out the squad are forward James Tomaszewski (6-1), swing player Keith Kraegel (6-1), guard Matt Schonfeld (6-0) and forward Andy Gray (6-3).

Howell's interior defense and rebounding are a concern for Simmons.

"We're not real strong around the basket," Simmons said. "We have a lot of kids that do a lot of things real well. We have a balanced team."

Simmons said that Novi should be the team to beat in the KVC.

"I think the league will be tough

from top to bottom," Simmons said. "I hope we can contend. If we get pushed around too much, we could be struggling."

### SOUTH LYON

The times and the seasons they are a changin' at South Lyon High School.

Enter new boys varsity coach Ron Shanks — no stranger to the Lions' arena.

Shanks has coached the girls hoop squad for the past 14 seasons and he brings his disciplined style and steady hand to the SL boys team — a unit that has seen four coaches in a five-year span.

Last year's coach, Tim Turner, stepped down after one year at the helm of the team. Shanks took over the reins of the program last spring and he plans on remaining as the boys bench boss for quite some time.

With a young team this winter, however, Shanks may find a few bumps in the road in his first go-around, but he promises that this year's bunch will certainly work hard and provide some exciting moments for area fans.

The Lions came on late last year and finished third in the conference before finishing as district runner-ups in the playoffs.

The biggest problem Shanks may face early this year is finding a way to blend some of the football players into his team's lineup. Three of the Lions' top players this season are coming right off the Silverdome floor onto the SL hardwood this week. Senior forward Cory Sargent is the team's leading returner, and he along with junior guard Lance Siegwald and senior forward/center Brian Spencer will all try to make the transition from the gridiron to hoops this week.

"It may be a little tough but at least I know they're physically in shape because of football," Shanks said. "But as far as basketball skills they may be a little bit behind."

Shanks said he knows from watching most of the players in summer camps exactly what each man can do, but he said there will be some tough adjustments in the days leading up to the opener next Tuesday against Northville.

Besides Sargent, who came on at the end of last season playing on the wing, SL returns four other players who saw significant action

in '94. Junior Kris LaMontagne was a backup guard last year and Shanks will look to him to run the team. LaMontagne is a talented athlete who just needs some experience at the point, according to the coach.

Junior Steve White could start at either big forward or center for the Lions after an impressive campaign as a sophomore coming off the bench last year. Seniors Jeremy Meier and Brent Cook also saw backup roles last year at guard and they look to fit right into the regular rotation this season.

Another player who could figure into Shanks plans is junior Mike Arden. At 6-foot-6, Arden is the tallest player on the team and even though he didn't see much time on varsity last year, Shanks thinks he has the ability to play in the middle for SL.

Two junior varsity players from last season — juniors Dominick Cogo and Mike Cashen could also vie for backup roles along with junior guards Chad Richardson and Mike Kluck.

Shanks said he's spent most of his early workout sessions with the team working on defense. The Lions mostly played zone last year, but Shanks wants them to learn to play man-to-man this year, a transition that hasn't been easy on the players.

### BRIGHTON

The Bulldogs feature a high scoring offense and the KVC's biggest player in 6-10 Billy Anguish.

In a game with Northville Friday, Brighton scored 100 points, but lost. Bill Krips leads the offense from his shooting guard position.

Up front, Drew Hensen is a forward to watch. The sophomore, who's also a standout in football and baseball, scored 31 points in that game with Northville last week. Hensen does it all for the Bulldogs, leads the fast break, is a good defender, scores and block shots.

Speaking of blocked shots, Anguish is sure to be among the league leaders. He's inexperienced and prone to foul trouble, but can swat away shots with the best of them when he's on the court.

This report was compiled by staff writers Cal Hodson and Merrill Cain.

## Grapplers 12th at county

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lost to the eventual champ, Jeremy Lafferty of Clarkston, in round three.

Becker came back to win two more matches by decision to finish third.

"He's not a pinner," Huss said and added that it takes a finely

conditioned wrestler to keep going the distance. "That's a tough kid."

Jeff O'Sullivan went 1-2 at 171 pounds. His win came in the second round with a 13-5 decision over Jeff Lawrence.

At 189, Shawn Bruner went 3-2. He fell 9-8 in overtime to Steve Monroe of North Farmington in the first round then beat Ben Raupp of

Holly by a pin.

Bruner got two more wins by stopping Steve Monroe 2-1 and pinning Amir Scissor. Waterford Mott's Doug Smith pinned him in round five and kept him from placing. John Talbot split four matches at 215 pounds. He lost in the first round then garnered a pin and a decision in the next two rounds.

## Watanabe champion at 135 pounds

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"He was tall and lanky," said Watanabe. "He knew what to do."

Morgan had an advantage going into the match. The Vikings are coach by Mark McBride's father.

"His dad warned (Morgan) about my head lock," said Watanabe. "He told him to stay away."

Watanabe prevailed 5-4. Huss said he didn't wrestle smart in the match.

"He just didn't wrestle his style at all," Huss commented.

Watanabe didn't have any trou-

ble in his final two matches. He pinned Dave Snyder of Walled Lake Western then pinned Ben Phillips of Clawson for the title.

"That was my easiest match," Watanabe said.

The Wildcat grappler has improved over sophomore year.

"I think I've improved a lot because of coach (Tom) Fritz, Huss and my dad," Watanabe said.

"He's better all the way around," Huss said. "He's more experienced."

The coach added that Watan-

abe's experience in the martial arts has helped him.

"It's helped him with his balance and body position," Huss said. "Some kids don't even know when they're in trouble. Taka understands when's in trouble and when he's not in trouble. He doesn't panic when he's in trouble."

Watanabe is hoping to do well in state competition this year and next. He would like to carry his mat career on to college as well.

"That's all I want to do," he said, "is get a scholarship."

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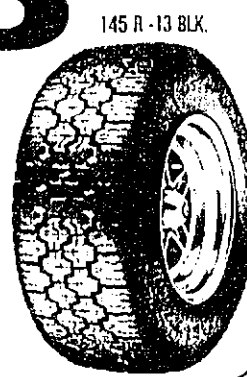
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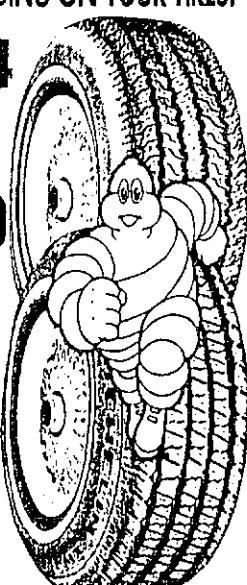


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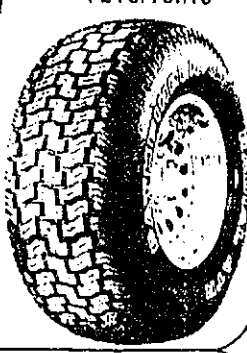
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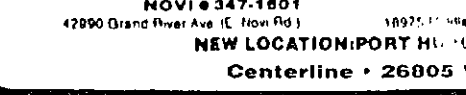
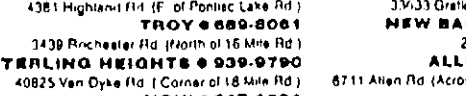
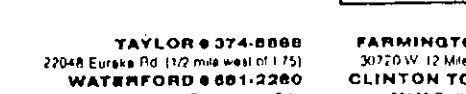
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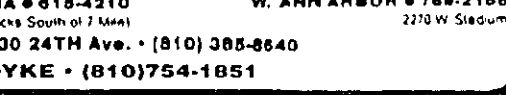
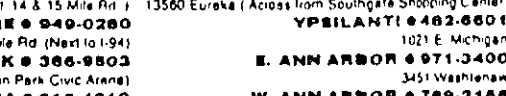
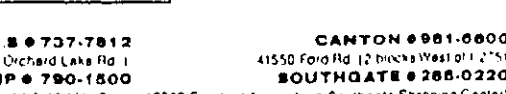
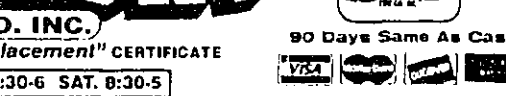
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