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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Student Carrie McDougal, left, holds on to Simon the Office Cat at the Meadowbrook Veterinary Clinic as Vet Assistant Cheryl Toutant clips it's claws. McDougal has been volunteering at the clinic and is considering a career as a veterinarian.

Site found for planned ice arena

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

A few more forward strokes have been made in the plan to build a two-rink, 84,000-square-foot skating arena in Novi, but don't anticipate hitting the ice this fall.

Monday, after a ten-month site search, the Novi City Council agreed to enter into a purchase agreement for a 15-acre site near the southeast corner of Novi and Ten Mile roads. Novi will pay $232,000 for the land, considerably less than $60,000 per acre going rate for industrially-zoned land, City Manager Ed Kriewall said.

"It sounds awfully inexpensive, but as part of the deal, we have to build a road to get back to it," he added.

"The real advantage of the situation is we're going to be adjacent to The Sports Club. It will give us a recreational complex."

The city must build a $668,000 street running from Novi Road into the remainder of the 71-acre vacant property, owned by Dan Weiss and Novi-Ten Associates.

The road will be built this summer, Kriewall said, then work will proceed as quickly as possible on the $6.5 million arena.

"We are going to go as fast as we can. I don't think we can make it by fall, but you never know," he added.

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Glenn Healey, managing owner of The Sports Club of West Bloomfield, is expected to sign a purchase agreement this week on adjacent acreage, Kriewall said. The land is zoned for light industrial, which permits recreational facilities.

On his portion, Healey aims to build a 130,000-square-foot facility similar to the West Bloomfield club, with swimming pools, tennis courts and fitness and martial arts programs.

"I'm sure all the hockey people and ice skating people will be

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Making the world a better place

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

Some Novi High School students think they've found one solution to making the world a better place.

"Help out if anybody needs help," said Emily McGuckin, a junior at Novi High. "I think people need to start helping. A lot of people are selfish and all they want is money."

Sophomore Lindsey Root agrees.

"If not every single person is helping then there aren't enough people in this world helping," she explained.

The students, along with 74 of their peers, are examples of that theory, consistently giving of their time to local organizations.

The students are part of Novi High's Community Volunteer Service program, or CVS. The program, coordinated by teacher Barb Clift, matches students with community organizations that need a little extra help.

The companies or organizations get additional "manpower" and the students get experience. It's a win-win situation according to Clift and the students.

"It's nice because you're getting to work with different experiences and learn from them too," said Christina St. Clair, a sophomore who works with the Living Science Foundation. She helps the organization to present programs to children using live animals.

"When you can enjoy what you do, it makes for a good learning experience," she explained.

"Plus if you're interested in a field you can test it out. And if

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Weather leaves area ice dangerous

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

Don't skate on thin ice.

Anxious ice hockey players and ice fishers would be wise to play it safe and wait to lace up.

The Oakland County Sheriff's Department is warning residents not to go out on the ice, too soon, because recent weather has been so irregular.

"With the freeze coming up again people will think the ice is safe and venture out and be in trouble," said Deputy Don Todd of the Marine Safety Division.

"We do not recommend going out on the ice yet, it's not safe. There hasn't been enough cold weather to make it safe," he said.

Recent weather trends have gone from freezing to warm within a day, making current ice conditions unreliable. The ice that had developed in a previous cold spell is now honeycombed and unsafe, he explained.

Temperatures should be below freezing (zero degrees) for at least four or five days, according to Todd. The ice should be five inches thick for ice skating and ice fishing and at least eight inches thick for snowmobiling. The correct way to check for safe ice is to take an ice spud and drill several holes for measurement. When checking the ice, people should work in pairs, with one person wearing a rope and a life preserver and someone holding the rope from shore.

Should someone fall through the ice, it's important to take quick, but safe, action.

"Hypothermia can set in within five minutes of going through the ice," said Todd.

Someone should call 9-1-1 and find a ladder or a rope to extend or throw to the victim to pull them to safety, while staying on safe ground themselves.

Todd said the department has had to field only one call so far this season. A man on Pine Lake in West Bloomfield fell through the ice but was luckily spotted by a homeowner nearby. The fire department completed a rescue and the man was rushed to the hospital with a mild case of hypothermia.

"We've been very lucky so far," he said.

Session to cover site plan process

Maybe some developer proposes to build a grocery store or a new subdivision near your neighborhood and you've got questions about the process.

Or maybe you're just curious about all that jargon you hear the Novi Planning Commissioners spouting. Now is the time to learn the lingo.

Members of the public are invited to attend a free Site Plan Review Workshop on Monday, Jan. 13 from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Hosted by the planning commission, the goal is to demystify the sometimes complex series of steps.

The workshop, originally prepared by local consultants Birchler Arroyo Associates for the Michigan Society of Planning Officials, is being held to help the commissioners brush up on their skills.

The "who, what, where, when and why?" of reviews and how the planning commission comes in, will be explained.

Topics to be covered include the city's authority in site plan review, how to read a site plan, design principles and other fine points.

The session is the first of four on planning issues, all open to the public, at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road.

Capote works to attract high tech

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

A city cannot live on homes alone.

Sure to be another year of home building and retail expansions, the City of Novi Planning Department and the Economic Development Corporation are looking to drum up some business of another sort in 1997.

"I am here to help ensure the economic vitality of the community and balance of the community to ensure we'll have all we need at build-out to support our city services," said Greg Capote, senior staff planner responsible for Novi's Economic Retention, Attraction and Expansion Program.

Capote said he and the EDC are looking to bring more high tech and other business and industry to the city to create a diverse tax base. With a tax base beyond the existing large retail and residential base, taxes could be kept lower and more services provided, he explained.

Unfortunately, not all residents recognize the need for more than just homes and shopping, he said.

"People say 'Oh! Economic development? We have a lot of economic development' ... But it's not the right kind," explained Capote.

He said the city should welcome more business development and understand it has benefits for residents.

"The NIMBY (not in my backyard) consciousness cannot blind us to the needs of the future," he said.

The need is to broaden the city's horizons.

For instance the retail center of Novi at I-96 and Novi Road is a

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Novi City Planner Greg Capote is concerned with bringing high-tech manufacturing to Novi.

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Community Calendar

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Thursday, January 9

City Council and Parks meeting

The Novi City Council and the Parks and Recreation Commission will hold a joint meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center. On the agenda are the parks master plan, a community pool and a golf course feasibility study.

Novi Schools

The Novi Board of Education will meet in regular session in the Educational Services Building at 7:30 p.m.

Monday, January 13

Party planning

Novi High School parents are invited to attend a meeting to help plan for the senior all-night party scheduled for June 8, 1997. The meeting will be held at the high school in room 149 from 7-8 p.m. For more information call Debbie Bechtel at 349-3318 or Patti Kearney at 348-6411.

Site Plan Review Workshop

The public is invited to join the Novi Planning Commission from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. for a free session on the details of the city's site plan review process. It's at the Novi Civic Center.

City Council

The Novi City Council will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the council chambers of the Novi Civic Center.

Health tests

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

Library Board

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

American Business Women's Assoc.

The American Business Women's Association meets at the Doubletree Hotel (formerly Sheraton Oaks) in Novi. Social hour starts at 6:30 p.m. Dinner is at 7 p.m. and the business meeting follows immediately thereafter. For reservations call Rita Eagleton at (810) 960-8300 daytime or (810) 624-0282 evening, membership information call Bettie Johnson (810) 960-9559.

Vietnam Veterans of America

The Vietnam Veterans of American will hold a general meeting at 7:30 p.m. at 9318 Newburgh Rd., between Joy Road and Ann Arbor Trail. All veterans on active duty between January 1, 1959 and May 7, 1975, regardless of duty station, are eligible. For additional information, call Don Dignan at 446-4903 or 525-0157.

TOPS

Take Off Pounds Sensibly for all ages meets at 7 p.m. at the Novi Meadows Clubhouse on Napier Road. For more information, call after 6 p.m. (810) 344-2167.

Tuesday, January 14

Civil Air Patrol

The Sixgate Composite Squadron, Civil Air Patrol, meets at Novi Middle School, 25299 Taft Rd., from 7-9:30 p.m. Adults and youths who have finished the sixth grade are welcome. For additional information, call 349-2669.

Beautification Commission

The Beautification Commission meets in the Novi Civic Center at 7:15 p.m. Audience participation is welcome. For more information, contact Ernie Aruffo at 348-9136.

CHADD

Children and Adults with Attention Deficit Disorders of South Western Oakland County, serving the Novi school district, will hold a support group meeting at the Meadowbrook Congregational Church, 21355 Meadowbrook Rd., between Eight Mile and Nine Mile roads. Registration begins at 6:45 p.m. and the meeting at 7 p.m. Parents, educators and health care professionals are welcome. There is a $5 donation for non-members. For information, call the hotline at 486-2876.

Band rehearsal

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

Camera Club

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

Chess Club

The Novi Chess Club will meet from 7-10 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center. There is no charge to attend and all players are welcome. For more information, call Tim Sawmiller, 344-1269 evenings after 6 p.m.

Wednesday, January 15

Planning Commission

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

Business Network International

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

Obituaries

KAREN A. (KEYSER) KOKKO

Karen A. (Keyser) Kokko, age 50, of Novi, formerly of Livonia, died Dec. 28, 1996. She was born May 1, 1946, in Detroit.

Mrs. Kokko was a graduate of Berkley High School. She was a 1968 graduate of Wayne State University where she was a member of Sigma Kappa sorority. Mrs. Kokko had been employed as a computer technician at Seligman & Associates Inc. of Southfield. She also taught school in Southfield for 5 1/2 years. Her interests included making gifts, knitting, and crafts.

She is survived by her husband of 28 years, Norman; sons, Kurt and Kristopher; daughter, Karolyn; parents, Donald and Anne Keyser; and sisters, Arlene and Darlene.

Services were held on Friday, Jan. 3 at Emmanuel Lutheran Church. Rev. Walter Dickenson officiated at the service. Interment was private.

Arrangements were made by Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington.

Memorials to the Leukemia Society of America, 21617 Harper Ave., St. Clair Shores, MI 48080 would be appreciated.

STEPHEN FUSIK

Stephen Fusik, age 84, of Novi died Jan. 3 at Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills. He was born July 27, 1912, in Vienna, Austria.

Before retiring, Mr. Fusik was a senior designer in the automotive industry. He was a veteran, and a member of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

Surviving Mr. Fusik are his wife, Erma; daughter, Janice C. Busscher; son, Stephen F.; brother, Frank; sister, Josephine Kozykosi; and grandchildren, Brenda and Brian.

Services were held on Tuesday, Jan. 7, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Farmington Hills, with Rev. Jonathan K. Bomgren officiating. Interment Owas in Glen Eden Cemetery, Livonia.

Arrangements were made by Thayer-Rock Funeral Home in Farmington.

Memorial contributions to Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 35300 W. Eight Mile Road, Farmington Hills, MI 48335 would be appreciated.

EMILIE (MACHA) NEWHOUSER

Emilie (Macha) Newhouser, age 99, of Novi died Dec. 31, 1996, at West Bloomfield Care Center. She was born Jan. 24, 1897, in Czechoslovakia.

Mrs. Newhouser moved to Novi from Detroit in 1972. She was a homemaker and a member of the Novi Seniors. She was an avid baseball fan and proud mother of Harold "Hal" Newhouser of the Detroit Tigers, who was inducted into baseball's Hall of Fame in 1992. In her earlier years, she enjoyed cooking, bowling, and gymnastics.

Surviving Mrs. Newhouser are: sons, Richard (Louise) of Novi and Harold (Beryl) of Bloomfield Hills; four grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 58 years, Theodore; and brothers and sisters.

Services were held on Saturday, Jan. 4, at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, with Pastor Brad Gee of Hope Lutheran Church of Farmington Hills officiating.

Memorial contributions to the American Heart Association, P.O. Box 721129, Berkley, MI 48072 or Karmanos Cancer Institute, 18831 W. Twelve Mile Road, Lathrup Village, MI 48076 would be appreciated.

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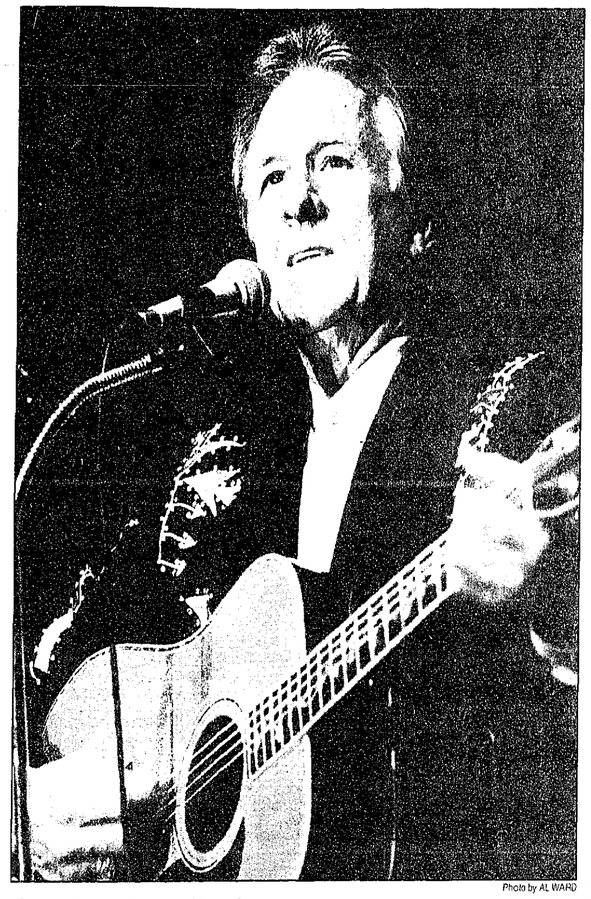

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Country Music Review

Tommy Cash, brother of the legendary Johnny Cash, strums the guitar during the Novi Police Officer's Association Country Music Review, Sunday afternoon. Held at the Novi High School auditorium, the event generated funds for a Novi High School scholarship and for special needs of the department. Association President Officer John Nelson said the event was successful and estimated attendance to be near the 200 mark.

Futuring to set pace for city

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

The future is yours.

Really. That's the message of the city's Novi 20/20 Futuring Steering Committee, which is inviting everybody to get involved in the creation of a vision statement for the community at two upcoming sessions.

The final result is expected to set the pace for Novi for the next 25 years.

"It's a great opportunity to put your fingerprint on the future of our city," said Craig DeRoche, chair of the steering committee.

"There have been times when large groups of residents are critical of city government and the direction it recommends on issues. This is the time for those citizens, like myself, to come forward and offer positive ideas for the Novi they would like to see develop as it continues to grow."

The dates are Thursday, Jan. 30 from 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. and Saturday, Feb. 1 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Speaker of the Michigan Senate Majority Leader Dick Posthumus, R-Alto, is expected to speak at the Jan. 30 session.

Novi's futuring began in fall 1995, with the creation of the steering committee of city staffers, elected officials and residents. It's now ready to add a cast of at least 100, ideally participants from all sectors of the city and all walks of life.

The process is expected to last two years. But the first task is coming up with a mission statement, then breaking it all down into topics designated by residents. Subgroups will address issues such as transportation, the environment, local lifestyle and development.

DeRoche has sent flyers to all the local churches, schools and homeowners' groups, encouraging involvement.

Novi Planning Aide Larry Frey, the facilitator for the project, will present Novi 20/20 at the Novi School Board meeting tonight.

"One of the things I'm excited about is it's wide open. Any citizen can participate. The format is going to be constructive. Anybody can have a suggestion," DeRoche said.

What seems to concern residents most is not one particular zoning issue, DeRoche said, but how it will impact their day-to-day living. Futuring will get citizens a chance to zoom in on what kind of city they want to call home.

"When you see disgruntled citizens at a council meeting, they're talking about quality of life ... 'We want to be known as a safe community, we want to be known as a community that has parks or we don't'," he said.

"It'll allow future planning commissions, future city councils to know that we want certain things to be considered."

On the steering committee along with DeRoche and Frey are Ruth Ann Jirasek, who serves as secretary, Diana Canup, Jonathan Brateman, Nancy Cragle, Novi Schools Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum Rita Traynor, Mayor Pro Tem Hugh Crawford, City Manager Ed Kriewall, Assistant City Manager Craig Klaver, Public Relations Director Lou Martin, Community Development Director Jim Wahl and Traffic Consultant Rod Arroyo.

For information, call the Novi Community Development Department at 347-0475.

Sinai merge has little effect here

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

Sinai Hospital officials aren't saying what if any impact the recent merger between Sinai and the Detroit Medical Center will have on Sinai's plans to bring a major medical park to Novi this year.

They are saying it will be up to the DMC to determine the fate of the park.

"At this point in time the closing of the deal is not until the end of January and until we reach that point we can't respond," said Rose Hirsch, spokesperson for Sinai. "After that point there are many issues that are going to be addressed ... I'm sure the park will be one of them."

City of Novi planners said they had not been alerted to any change of plans because of the merger.

Detroit Medical Center and Sinai Hospital announced last month Sinai will join DMC to become one organization. Financial pressures for Sinai prompted the merger which now says it can be a stronger, more effective organization.

According to DMC officials, there should be no impact on the DMC outpatient center functioning just down the road from the proposed Sinai site.

"DMC is an outpatient facility we've had for a number of years and we plan to continue that. In fact, a rehabilitation center is planned to open in late 1997 adjacent to that and that's not going to be changed," said Shari Cohen, spokesperson for DMC.

The DMC will provide funds for a new foundation association with the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Detroit, which will provide programs for the health and benefit of the entire metropolitan community, including the local Jewish community.

Sinai Hospital plans to open a major health care complex at the southeast corner of Meadowbrook and Twelve Mile roads in 1997.

The first phase of Sinai Park is proposed to serve ambulatory, outpatients with a 60,000-square-foot diagnostic and treatment center housing an urgent care center and a women's health center, as well as a treatment facility for inflammatory bowel disease. The women's treatment would include breast cancer detection and maternal/fetal services. In addition, this phase includes 40,000 square feet of doctors' offices.

Phase three is to be a short-stay 200-bed hospital facility for 24- to 72-hour stays, but is dependent on changes at the Michigan Department of Health that would allow for the hospital and the granting of Sinai's Certificate of Need. The certificate is required by the state for medical facilities providing overnight stays but has not been requested as of yet, according to Hirsch.

Just down Twelve Mile Road, Providence has long sought its own Certificate of Need for the Grand River Avenue/Beck Road medical center to operate as a full scale hospital.

Sinai officials said one reason the Novi site was chosen is its easy access to M-5, leading into the freeway system and to Twelve Mile Road. The center is anticipated to service communities within a seven-to-ten-mile radius of Novi.

RRRASOC to recycle old Christmas cards

Holiday cards send warm wishes ... but they usually end up in the garbage.

The Resource Recovery and Recycling Authority of Southwest Oakland County is trying to change that.

RRRASOC will be accepting the fronts of greeting cards for reuse and giving the first 500 participants a coupon for a white pine tree seedling on the following days: Every business day through Jan. 31, 9:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.; Saturday, Jan. 11, 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

"Our 'Tree-for-Cards' exchange program is an opportunity for residents to think twice before throwing something in the garbage," said Mike Csapo, RRRASOC general manager. "There are many ways to reduce the amount of garbage going to the curb and this is one of them."

The fronts of the cards will be sent to both St. Jude's Ranch in Boulder City, Nev., and the Keith Bovenschen School in Warren. The fronts of the cards will be attached to new backs and recycled into new greeting cards.

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Man hits mailbox, flees the scene

A 26-year-old Novi man was arrested for leaving the scene of an accident, operating under the influence and possession of marijuana after he ran into a Taft Road resident's mailbox and then drove off to a nearby gas station, Jan. 1.

According to witnesses, the man drove into the mailbox at about 5 p.m. New Year's Day, got out of the 1997 Pontiac and stood alone next to the damage. Witnesses said it appeared he had been drinking. He got back into the car and drove away, police said.

Officers found the man at a nearby gas station. he claimed three other people were in the car with him and he wasn't driving. The others fled after the crash, he said, but he would not identify to police who they were.

He then admitted to police he was the driver, according to the report. Police said he was visibly drunk, staggering and being very emotional. Police searched the car and found a baggie with 5.5 grams of marijuana in a duffel bag in the trunk.

The man was taken to the police station where he refused a breath test. Police obtained a warrant to draw blood and drove the man to Providence Hospital. He had an expired Michigan driver's license but a valid Pennsylvania license. He lives in Novi with his parents, police said.

SNOWMAN DISAPPEARS

Novi police are looking for the culprit who kidnapped Frosty the Snowman from a Cidermill front lawn Dec. 30.

Police described the kidnap victim as "white, four-foot-six-inches-tall, plastic, with a corncob pipe and a button nose and two eyes made out of coal. Name: Frosty."

There are no suspects at this time.

BIG BOY MAULED

Management at the Big Boy restaurant on Haggerty and Eight Mile roads reported someone pushed over the Big Boy statue and broke its arm, costing $5,000 worth of damage, the night of Jan. 5. There are no suspects.

Police News

ROBBED

The uninvited guest who broke into a 44-year-old man's Woodstone apartment, Jan. 3, took only $15 in change but left some traces behind for police.

According to report, entry was gained from the large sliding window to the apartment, while the man was at work. A pry-mark was found on the frame of the window.

Police said the suspect might have been spooked and not finished the job because they found two radio speakers and a radio half-enclosed in a pillowcase near the window.

Police recovered footprints inside the home and out in the mud. Officers also noted a small puddle of an unknown substance on the victim's bed sheets in his bedroom.

RED LIGHT RUNNER

Ignoring a red light cost a 39-year-old Novi man a ticket for possession of marijuana, Jan. 2, after police found a marijuana cigarette on the Ford van's dashboard.

Police stopped the man at 4:30 p.m. after watching him run the red light. Approaching the car officers saw the cigarette and rolling papers in plain view. Police said they found a baggie of marijuana in the pocket of his coat and could smell it in the van.

The man told police he had smoked in the van the previous day. The vehicle was impounded and the man was released on $60 bond.

PERSONAL SHOPPERS

A 19-year-old Waterford woman and a 20-year-old Walled Lake woman were arrested for retail fraud, Jan. 3, after loss prevention officers saw the women leave the store without paying for items they had put on the in the fitting rooms.

According to the report, both women were seen selecting clothing items from the store and taking them into the fitting rooms. However, when they exited the rooms, they carried no items and none were left behind. Officers followed the women out to the parking lot and stopped them for questioning. They admitted to wearing the items underneath their clothes. They were released on $50 bond each.

AFTER WORK DRINKS

A 49-year-old Novi man was arrested for having open intoxicants in a motor vehicle, Jan. 3, after officers on patrol saw him get into his car with a bottle in a paper bag.

Police said they stopped the man on suspicion at 4:30 p.m. after watching him attempt to hide the bag from their sight in front of a Novi party store. Police said he went into the store and returned to his car and left. They stopped his pick-up truck and saw a 12-pack of Budweiser in the bed, unopened, but smelled alcohol within the vehicle. He showed police the bag with the bottle and said he began drinking the beer a half hour earlier after leaving work in Commerce. He showed a .02 percent blood alcohol level on a breath test, below the legal limit.

CRAFTY BURGLAR

A very determined burglar invested a lot of energy into breaking into a home on Owenton sometime between Dec. 29 and Dec. 31.

The unknown suspect climbed a ladder to reach the roof and enter through a hole in the roof, then went into the attic and down into the house, according to the police report. The alarm system was cut so as to disable it.

The homeowners were on a European vacation and a cousin arrived to check on the home when he noticed the garage door open and interior door ajar.

Police said a telescope, VCR, answering machine, motorcycle clothing and tools were taken from the home.

Police noted the home had been burglarized during the summer.

GIRL FOLLOWED

A 10-year-old Novi girl told police a man in a black van called her to come closer to the vehicle, Dec. 8, but she instead ran home.

According to the report, the girl was walking home from a friend's house when the van pulled near her on Onaway Drive. She described the suspect as approximately 20-years-old, with a goatee and black hair.

Citizens with information about the above incidents are urged to call 348-7100.

Novi Briefs

Correction

In a police blotter item headlined "Parking enforcement" in the Dec. 26, 1996 issue of *The Novi News*, it was incorrectly reported that a Hudson's employee had been grabbed by the throat by another employee in the parking lot. According to the Novi police report, the woman was grabbed by the arm.

Reporting in

While campaign committee reports for the November election were due Dec. 5, one local political action group qualified for a filing waiver.

Citizens for a Better Novi, which put up signs urging a yes vote on the local road bond issue, didn't spend or receive more than $1,000. Former mayor Matt Quinn served as treasurer of the group.

Of parks, golf and a pool

The Novi City Council and the Parks and Recreation Commission will get together tonight at 7:30 p.m. to discuss a golf course feasibility study. The parks master plan, the status of the Landing site and the proposal for a community pool will also be discussed. The meeting is at the Novi Civic Center.

Be a part of it

Novi Schools and students will host the Second Annual Novi Educational Technology Fair, Saturday, Feb. 1 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

All members of the community are invited to attend the event at the Instructional Technology Center on Taft Road north of Ten Mile Road.

The fair features student work completed with the aid of the massive technology system. Highlights include software demonstrations, hands-on opportunities and time to go on Internet cyberhunts. Students and teachers will be on hand to to demonstrate and help out guests.

For further information, please contact the Novi Community School District at (810) 449-1200.

Openness watch

The Novi City Council held a closed executive session Monday at 7:30 p.m. to discuss police union negotiations and the purchase of land, including acreage for an ice arena.

The council then reconvened in a public session to announced that a purchase agreement had been reached for the ice arena site at Ten Mile and Novi roads.

Novi flexed muscles to get Nancy Cassis elected

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

"Team Novi" really flexed its muscles in the 38th District state representative election in November.

While the district now represented by State Rep. Nancy Cassis covers eight west Oakland municipalities – Novi, Novi Township, a portion of Northville, South Lyon, Lyon Township, Milford Village, Milford Township and Wixom – close to half of her campaign was financed by some 67 Novi residents and individuals who conduct business in town. Somewhat more than half was funded by 62 out-of-town political action committees.

Cassis raised $52,664 in cash contributions alone and spent $45,165. As of Dec. 5, when she filed her last candidate committee report with the Michigan Department of State, her campaign committee was in debt $22,400.

From beyond the boundaries of Novi, 25 individuals contributed less than $2,600 to her campaign – only eight of them from other cities and townships within the 38th District.

From assorted political action committees, most based in Lansing, approximately $26,000 filtered in to the Cassis campaign. The rest came out of Novi pockets.

Her opponent, Democrat Gary Johnson of Milford, raised $2,810 and spent $2,391. He received $2,300 from political action-type committees and unions.

38th House District:

Rep. Nancy Cassis, R-Novi. Treasurer was Janet Thibideau of Novi. Money came from Zoe Kerns of West Bloomfield, $400; Linda Lemke of South Lyon, $75; Joseph Galvin of Bloomfield Hills, $100; Brian Fannon of Novi, $100; J.R. Atiyeh of Novi, $200; Michael Damas of Toledo, $200; Kathleen McLallen of Novi, $50; Thomas Woodruff of Walled Lake, $75; David Fried, law offices in Bingham Farms, $200; Dennis Watson, law offices in Bingham Farms, $200; Adorno Plichta of Milford, $100; Peter Hoadley of Novi, $125; Mark Guidobono of Cambridge Development, Northville, $350; Richard Clark of Novi, $195; Eda Weddington of Novi, $280; Robert Langan of West Bloomfield, $75; Larry Michael Czekaj of Novi, $75; Loretta Shaefler of Novi, $50; L. Steven Weiner of Edward C. Levy Company of Detroit, $175; and Katherine Anne Karaisz of Novi, $250.

Also, Cherie Cook of Novi, $100; Linda Dettore of Novi, $75; John Llewellyn of Fremont, $60; Mal Dunaskiss of Lake Orion, $100; John Nicols of Northville, $30; Maurice Cunningham of Southampton, New York, $25; Todd Smith, Realtor at Novi Expo Center, $500; Maura Pat Starrs, office manager of Novi Expo Center, $500; Carol Elfring of Novi, $55; Carol Bauer of Novi, $50; Steven Meyers of Novi, $200; Robert Daley of Novi, $100; Agnes Dorchy of Novi, $150; Abe Karim of Saline, $300; Dennis Powers of Highland, $75; Geraldine Stipp of Novi, $50; Robert Cummings of Novi, $250; Richard Herbel of Novi, $350; Sylvia Tobin of Novi, $50 and Thelma Marcus of Novi, $25.

In addition, RoseMarie Ward of Novi, $100; James Evenhuis of Novi, $50; Lee Holland of Northville, $200; Frank Brock, Jr. of Lathrup Village, $50; Michigan Education Association Political Action Committee of East Lansing, $5,000; Michigan Optometric PAC of Lansing, $60; Associated Builders & Contractors of Michigan PAC of Lansing, $60; Michigan State Firefighters Union PAC, $60; Michigan Association of School Psychologists PAC of Haslett, $160; Friends of Western Michigan, of Kalamazoo, $120; Michigan Trial Lawyers Association Justice PAC of Lansing, $240; Michigan Opthalmological Society PAC of Lansing, $100; and Michigan McDonald's Operators of Lansing, $100.

Also, Friends of Ferris Administrative Account, of Big Rapids, $60; Michigan Association of Insurance Agents PAC of Lansing, $300; DMHA-PAC (Dennis Muchmore) of Lansing, $500; Consumers Power Company Employees for Better Government-State of Jackson, $240; Michigan Bankers Association, MI Bank PAC, of Lansing, $1,5000; Health Care Association of Michigan PAC of Lansing, $500; Michigan Chiropractic Council PAC of Ann Arbor, $60; Michigan Nurses Association PAC of Okemos, $550; Bowling Centers of Michigan PAC of Lathrup, $60; Chrysler Political Support Committee of Auburn Hills, $120; Cliffs MI Political Action Committee of Ishpeming, $100; United Cemeteries of Michigan of Rochester Hills, $180; Health Maintenance Organization HMO-PAC of Lansing, $60; Friends of CMU of Mount Pleasant, $120; and Ford Motor Company Civic Action Fund of Dearborn, $120.

Furthermore, from the Michigan Grocers Association Food PAC of Michigan, of Lansing, $60; the Michigan Residential Care Association PAC of Livonia, $120; the GM-Civic Involvement Program of Detroit, $100; the Michigan Optometric PAC of Lansing, $200; Michigan Insurance Federation PAC of Lansing, $500; Team Ameritech PAC of Washington, D.C., $550; Michigan Beer and Wine Wholesalers Associated State PAC of Lansing, $2,966; NBD Good Citizenship Committee of Detroit, $200; Greater Detroit Chamber of Commerce of Detroit, $500; Republican Women's Business Professional Forum of Birmingham, $100; Health Political Action Committee, Michigan Health and Hospital Association of Lansing, $200; Ann Newton of Novi, $50; and Terry Garcia of Novi, $25.

Additionally, Rosemary Herrington of Farmington Hills, $150; Kathy Jo Greenleaf of Wixom, $40; Elizabeth Bonaventura of Novi, $40; Bill Briggs of Novi, $40; Jerry Surles of Plymouth, $40; Ed Kenyan of Plymouth, $40; Carol Smith of Novi, $40; Salem Samaan of Plymouth, $40; Jean Nichols of Novi, $40; Hayat Barakat of Bethesda, Maryland, $100; Michigan Consolidated Gas Company State PAC of Detroit, $250; Wayne Disposal, INC. PAC of Ypsilanti, $200; Republican Women of West Oakland of Livonia, $100; Ladbroke Racing PAC 2000 of Livonia, $400; County Road Association of Michigan Rural & Urban Streets & Highways of Lansing, $200; Michigan Manufactured Housing RV & Campground PAC of Okemos, $850; Linda Munasian of Farmington Hills, $150; David Spencer of Clarkston, $25; Ann Theile of Novi, $50 Edmond Swad of Northville, $300; Gwen Havelka of Novi, $25; Sami Poota of Orchard Lake, $350; and Cynthia White of Novi, $25.

Also, Lynn Koran of Novi, $50; Warren Joez of Novi, $100; Nancy Moore of Novi, $80; Mark Barsaulian of Novi, $40; Theresa Law of South Lyon, $40; Berneda Hassinger of South Lyon, $40; Peter Cignac of Novi, $40; Ruth O'Rear of Novi, $140; Donna Yaeger of Novi, $40; Ruth Elrod of Novi, $40; Peggy Hayman of Novi, $40; Robert Taub of Novi, $50; Hugh Crawford of Novi, $100; Constance Mallett of Novi, $60; Colleen Gorman Klann of Novi, $89; Kay Schmid of Novi, $100; Sara Pope of Novi, $100; GTE State PAC of Muskegon, $300; Telephone Association of Michigan PAC of Lansing, $200; Realtors PAC of Michigan of Lansing, $1,000; George Cunningham of Manorville, New York, $25; Thomas Storey of Novi, $50; Michigan Doctors PAC of East Lansing, $300; and Retail PAC of Lansing, $200.

In addition, Fund for Michigan's Future of Midland, $100; Mark Churella of Novi, $250; Robert Churella of Novi, $250; John Hoelscher of Farmington Hills, $50; AT & T PAC-Michigan of Lansing, $900; Michigan Restaurant Association PAC of Lansing, $250; Jewish Agency PAC of Bloomfield Hills, $500; Troopers PAC of Lansing, $300; Michigan Police Legislative Coalition PAC of Lansing, $200; Mortgage Bankers Association of Michigan PAC of Southfield, $400; Michigan House PAC of Lansing, $200; Associated General Contractors PAC of Southfield, $400; Fred Bononi of Novi; John Calandro of Novi, $25; Michigan Distributors & Vendors Association of Lansing, $100; Conrad Kalitta of Ypsilanti, $250; and Detroit Auto Dealers PAC of Troy, $1,000.

Moreover, James Harrington of Novi, $300; Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Michigan PAC of Detroit, $300; Preston Murray of Ann Arbor, $25; Mark Murray of Ypsilanti, $25; Novi Educational Association MEANEA of Madison Heights, $1,000; and Association of Underground Contractors Political Liaison Committee of Bloomfield Hills, $1,000.

Donations of items other than food to Cassis included: Janet Thibideau of Novi, $38, food for fund raiser; Ruth Hamilton of Novi, $125 in food for fund raiser and $125 in computer and printing work; Melissa O'Rear of Novi, $40 for food; Ann Walling of Milford, $60 in food; Pauline Berry of Novi, $98 in food and party supplies; Morey Gergis of Vintage Wine Shoppe of Novi, $385 in food and beverages; James Chen of Farmington Hills, $166 in food for swearing-in ceremony; Kim Capello of Novi, $78 for home-prepared food and Victor Cassis of Novi, $4,546 in phone bills and $50 for a 24-hour liquor license for a fundraiser.

Big-ticket expenditures for Cassis included $31,100 in brochures and consulting work to MRG of Lansing and $1,021 to I.M.P. Printing of Walled Lake for flyers.

DEMOCRAT GARY JOHNSON: Treasurer was his wife, Suellen Johnson.

Johnson received contributions totaling $2,810 in cash donations and $224 of an in-kind contribution of address labels form the 11th Congressional District Democratic Committee of Farmington Hills.

He spent $2,391.

Donations came from Suellen Johnson of Milford, $185; Joseph Johnson of Milford, $60; Carl Kern, $25; 11th District Congressional District Committee of Farmington Hills, $1,500; Michael Shpiece of Farmington Hills, $15; Arthur Valenti of Novi, $15; Michigan Teamsters Joint Council Number 43 of Detroit, $100; National Rifle Association-Political Victory Fund of Fairfax, Virginia, $200; Jacob Hurwitz of Farmington Hills, $20; Iron Workers Local Union No. 25 of Novi, $500.

Among his biggest bills were $400 for post card stamps, $375 for advertising in *The Milford Times* and $275 for printed post cards. Johnson also paid a late filing fee of $50 to the state.

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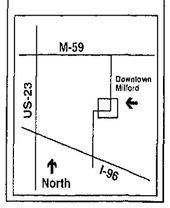

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Student volunteers make a difference

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you don't like it, at least you know," said Carrie McDougal, who works at the Meadowbrook Veterinary Clinic.

McDougal does various odds and ends, cleaning and feeding the animals, working with customers, completing office work, follows the doctor around, and even sits in on surgery.

Sophomore Ryan Rettmann said it's working with professionals that makes the experience special.

"Normally I deal with my friends but when I go to volunteer, it's all adults. It helps me enrich my communication skills and get used to responsibility and know the other generations," he said. Rettmann would like to pursue a medical career and said he's learned a lot about what goes on behind the scenes while working in the sterilization unit of Botsford Hospital.

Senior Kayla Graham said she can use her experience as a library aid for the future. "Now I have experience to get a job with a library in college," she said. "I used to think library work was easy."

Clift said all the students now have great references to show on their resumes, but the students understand it's not only to their benefit to spend the time volunteering.

"Lots of the positions the volunteers hold, without them companies would have to pay employees to do them, so it saves them money and gives us experience," said Rettmann.

"Without having to pay employees they get to focus more on the programs," said St. Clair. She cleans cages and prepares food for the animals, like making salads. "There are animals that get rats but I just deal with lettuce," she laughed.

"Employers like how you're interested in learning. That you want to be there," said McDougal, the vet assistant.

Besides the employers gaining a benefit, the students provide an invaluable service to the "customers."

Lindsey Root gives hospital patients support and attention necessary to get well. She helps with the discharge procedure at Botsford Hospital in Farmington.

"Some people are happy to go home but some are just grouchy. They're afraid to go home because they'll be alone but in the hospital they knew they were taken care of," she explained. She also provides a sympathetic ear and a resource for questions about procedures.

Root said she's spent time in a hospital before and understands it can be a scary experience. "I feel I can relate to them because I've been in their situation. That's why I do it because I've been there," she said.

Senior Steve Chang, who works with ESL families learning to speak English in Novi, agrees. "I was once an ESL student so I can relate to their situation and frustrations," he explained. "But I can understand there are rewards too."

Sophomore Yuta Ito shares that experience. He works with young 5th grade students each week to help them learn English and complete their work. He said they appreciate his help and his friendship. He's someone they can talk to about their day and their hobbies.

Conversation is an important service the students can provide at no cost.

Junior John Mione works at Whitehall convalescent home after school, providing the aged with someone to talk to.

"I know they're lonely during the day I hope I can cheer them up and get them more active mentally and physically," he said. "It helps me develop my social skills and I get to work with different types of people.... One of the people there was the first woman to go to Lawrence Tech."

Mione also feels he's giving back a service his own family used. His grandparents lived in a nursing home so he understands the need for visitors.

Many of the students find the time to volunteer in between school, homework, clubs and sports, paying jobs and family time. They say even if they can spare two to four hours a week, it's enough to make a difference.

"I'd encourage other students to do it. A lot do it for National Honor Society (admission requirements) but this is a lot better than just doing little bits of service hours," said Rettmann.

But the students don't believe in making volunteerism a requirement for graduation."It stops being volunteering when you require mandatory service," said Root.

VOLUNTEERS

Community Volunteer Service at Novi High School

- The number of students who picked up a CVS application so far this year: 107.
- The number of students who returned completed applications and placed in assignment: 76.
- Of the volunteers 17 are males, 59 are females, 15 are freshman, 37 are sophomores, 19 are juniors and six are seniors.
- Where the volunteers spend their time:

Middle School tutoring	23
Botsford Hospital	16
Meadows tutoring and teaching assistants	6
High school library	5
Public Library	3
Parks and Rec	5
Motorsports Hall of Fame	5
Whitehall Center	4
Athletic Trainer Assistant	5
Maybury State Park	3
Daycare assistant	4
Meadowbrook Vet Clinic	2
Living Science Foundation	2
Faith Community Church	1
Farmington FICA office	1
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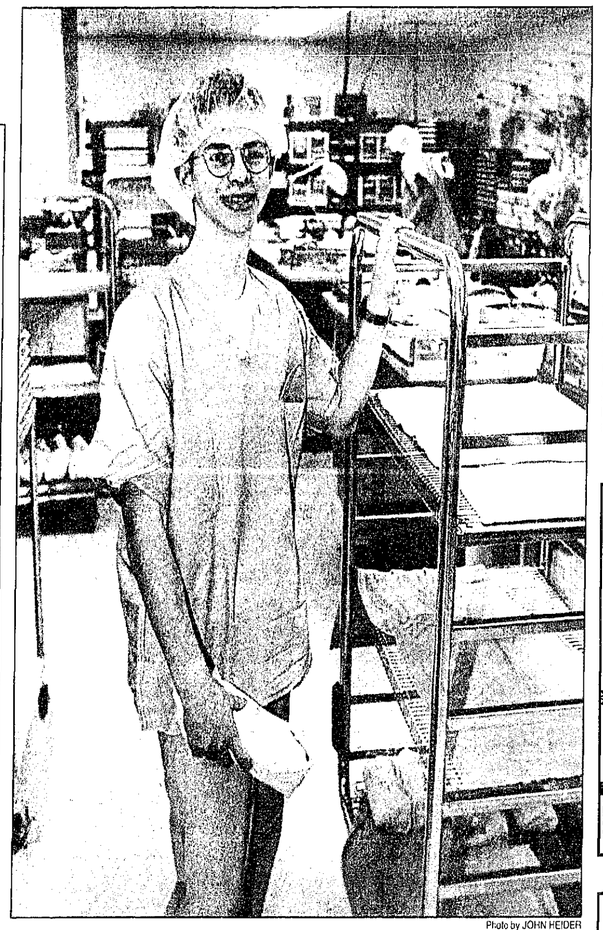

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Ryan Rettman volunteers at Botsford Hospital in the hospital's central services area. Rettman said his volunteer work may lead him to consider a future in the medical profession.

Novi center begins taking donations

The American Red Cross Novi Blood Donor Center located at 41160 Ten Mile Road, east of Meadowbrook Road, will be open for voluntary blood donations on Monday from 1-7 p.m.; Friday from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Saturday from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Voluntary blood donation is important to our community blood supply. Every ten seconds someone in southeastern Michigan needs blood. Accident victims, children and adults affected by diseases like cancer, leukemia and sickle cell anemia rely on blood transfusions as a lifesaving treatment. Call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE to schedule an appointment at the Novi Donor Center. A blood donation can help save four lives.

City selects site for new ice arena

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happy," said City Council Member Kathy Mutch.

The ice arena will be placed towards the rear of the land, to avoid a nearby creek, explained Mutch.

Plenty of land remains for other development on the property, but Kriewall said he didn't know what might be going in.

Designs for the arena call for two National Hockey League regulation-sized skating rinks, exercise rooms, a restaurant, locker rooms and showers, and a community room.

Originally, the goal was to have the ice arena built by fall 1996.

Novi, the private firm Center Ice Management Inc. and the city council-appointed Community Clubs of Novi are all partners in the non-profit venture. The complex will be financed through the sale of tax-exempt revenue bonds.

Under the terms of the contract, the property would be leased from Novi, but the entire complex would revert to the city once the 20-year lease is up.

The purchase agreement gives the city time to have soil borings and other environmental testing done on the land.

Novi considered as many as 11 other sites for the rinks. Nixed was an earlier plan to build the facility into a hillside on city park land north of Twelve Mile Road.

Among the advantages of the Ten Mile Road site listed by Kriewall are that it is convenient to the city's population center, has access to utilities, and the zoning is correct.

Kriewall said he was always opposed to building the arena on the Twelve Mile Road park.

"The ice arena is an industrial-looking building. I really feel strongly that whether a golf course goes in there or the area remains natural, I didn't want to see an industrial-looking building there," he added.

For about three years, Novi has explored the idea of building an ice rink.

If Novi rents the land for the project, payments would start at $50,000 a year and increase based on the Consumer Price Index.

Under the terms of a 1995 contract, both the City of Novi and the private developer Center Ice Management will make $100,000 loans each to the project, to cover pre-development costs. Once revenue bonds are sold, the agreements calls for both parties to be reimbursed, at 7 percent interest.

Profits are expected to be $300,000 per year.

Center Ice Management will manage the Novi arena for three to five years.

Students collect cans for science excursion

Cooke Middle School sixth graders will be traveling through Northville and Novi neighborhoods Saturday, Jan. 11, collecting bottles and cans as part of a fund-raising event.

The funds generated from the effort will be used to finance the Earth Shuttle program for the sixth graders. Under the program, Cooke sixth graders will travel to Florida next March for a series of science-based excursions. The students will go to EPCOT Center, Universal studios and Busch Gardens, among other places.

Returnable bottles or cans can be left on the front porch for the students to pick up. Only neighborhoods affiliated with Cooke will be included in the drive. Cooke is located on Taft between Eight and Nine Mile roads.

Collections will begin at 9 a.m. Jan. 11.

For more information, call Mary Berger at 349-5526.

Club will offer many fee options

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

If the Sports Club of West Bloomfield opens a Novi branch at Ten Mile Road, the goal will be to appeal to as many people as possible with a variety of membership opportunities, owner Glenn Healey said.

Healey said the goal was not just to offer an exclusive club, but lure in other users (through daily rates and possible community education programs.

As a member interested in just the tennis program, expect an initiation fee of $100 and a monthly fee ranging from $20 for seniors and individuals to $43 for families.

A fitness membership, which includes access to tennis courts and programs at member rates – plus free racquetball – comes with an initiation fee of $300 for one year or $100 per year if you join for three years. Monthly fitness rates range from $75 per month for individuals to $140 for families and include lap privileges at the pool.

Also available are summer swim club memberships, which bear an initiation cost of $250 and summer memberships running from $200 for an individual to $400 for a family with one child and an additional $50 per child. Fitness and tennis members can get discounts on the summer swim club rates.

While the adults are working out, children can be dropped off at the Kid's Center for $2.10 per hour for one child to $4.20 per hour for four youngsters.

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A public hearing can be requested by any property owner of a structure located within 300 feet of the boundary of the property being considered for temporary use permit.

This request will be considered at 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 15, 1997 at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 West Ten Mile Road. All written comments should be directed to the City of Novi Building Official and must be received prior to January 15, 1997.

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(1-9/16/23-97 NR, NN) TONNI BARTHOLOMEW, CITY CLERK

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TUP 97-002

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Jasman Construction is requesting a Temporary Use Permit to allow the placement of a storage/office trailer at the "Main Street" project job site, located on the south side of Grand River Avenue, east of Novi Road, from January 2, 1997 through March 2, 1997. A Temporary Use Permit may be granted for a period of not longer than six months.

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by Dennis E. Engerer, P.T.

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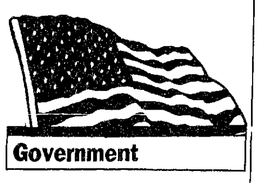
As We See It

Novi had good year, but trouble may be creeping in



Overall, 1996 was pretty good to the city of Novi. Progress was made on a number of fronts - such as passage of another bond issue to pay for road improvements and increased emphasis on attracting high technology industry - all aimed at developing a quality community.

Let's face it, Novi is right in the way of the metropolitan area's development push. It's going to develop one way or another. The main question for Novi is how it will develop. It can be a quality community, one that sustains itself and its residents with a quality of life, or it can be like so many other build-and-abandon suburban communities. We of course prefer the former.

And the past year showed progress in the right direction in several areas.

Unfortunately, we also see warning signs that the city could be headed for trouble. And those signs are all coming from Novi's mayor and city council. Unless it makes a commitment to include its residents in its decisions on matters of public policy, and deals with them in an open and honest way, 1997 could prove to be a very nasty step back. Considering that we are headed into an election in the fall in which five seats on council will be up, the result could show up then.

ECONOMY AND DEVELOPMENT

Things couldn't look better for the city on this front. Novi's economy is booming. Houses are going up at an incredible rate. Expect the numbers to show Novi again among the fastest growing communities in the state.

Novi got its Main Street project underway. The infrastructure is in place. The residential component of this downtown-like area is well under way. Even the signs proclaiming the area as Main Street are up. All we need now are some buildings. But we are confident they'll come soon.

The city increased its emphasis on attracting high technology and light industrial to town. A year ago, the warning bells were ringing that the city's development was too oriented toward residential and commercial. Light industrial is needed balance the tax base. And the city now has staff assigned to do exactly that.

Progress was made at getting more water to Novi. Mains from the city of Detroit are nearly complete and we expect city water will be flowing and the water tap moratorium will come off in the coming year.

The extension to M-5 was started this summer, which should help the city's economy and development while diverting traffic off Novi roads.

Development pressure won't ease up in 1997. We can only urge that the city stick to its Master Plan and not let developers talk the city into more intense kinds of developments. That's the key to keeping Novi headed in the right direction.

PROJECTS

The city too is trying to develop its facilities to meet the demand for services. As mentioned, the road program was passed last year, as was the fire department bond, but not new money for a police department building upgrade. The city has salvaged its sports club proposal, despite opposition to the first location, by finding a new site. And that hopefully will get the city the pool it has been after. It's also been making progress toward the construction of an ice arena.

But the problem is that city council seems hell bent on avoiding public input. For example, this paper called for a hearing to coordinate the bond issues it would put on the ballot last fall. Council did every thing it could to avoid it. Now council wants a golf course. And again, its pushing forward with plans even when there seems to be strong community opposition to the plan.

Council has its own agenda on these projects and it seem determined to follow it. What it will find, we believe is that residents won't stand for it.

A look back, a look ahead

Michael Malott

The turn of the year is always a good time to sit back and see where we have been, to try to look into the future and see if we can determine where we should be heading.

We all do it personally. We should do it as a community too. To that end, of course I always try to do a "what's happened, what's ahead" editorials in the beginning of each new year. And I start by looking at last year's editorial making suggestions of where the city should head.

It was a pleasant surprise to find the city had "one upped" me this past year. Last year, *The Novi News* suggested the city should "Hire a lobbyist full time. Odd suggestion? We don't think so. Novi has in the past hired a lobbyist to represent its view to the state. And the events of the past year show the degree of vigilance needed to deal with the bureaucracy in Lansing ..."

Novi didn't do that. Instead it went out and got one of its own elected to the state House of Representatives. While it is important to make sure your point of view is expressed to the people who make the decisions, it is even better for the city to have one of its own making those decisions. What better way than to have someone in the state Legislature.

I'm talking of course about the election of Nancy Cassis to the 38th State House seat. A year ago, we could not have known it would be up for election without an incumbent. In November of 1995, then Senator David Honigman ran for reelection, and he assured the public that his frequent illnesses would not pose a problem. But by March he had to resign because of them. That meant Bill Bullard ran and got himself promoted to Honigman's old senate seat. And that left the way open for Cassis to move from the city council to the state Legislature.

Now I have been saying for a while that Novi has come of age politically. And what I took as my indicators of that was that state politicians, such as Gov. John Engler, were beginning to pay attention to the city. But the election of Cassis is really a positive turn of events. And if the city is smart, and if Cassis is smart, they'll make good use of it.

So far, the indications are that they are doing it, and do it rather well. Cassis' reviews from the state level are so far all very positive. She's working well with her colleagues there. She has reportedly gotten several city residents considered for appointments to state level posts. City residents and officials joined hands to get her elected to the position, letting old disagreements drop to support her. And city residents and officials seem unabashed at talking to her about what Novi needs.

Novi residents can continue that by increasing getting involved in state and regional affairs. They can do it through involvement at the county, with regional level governments, and at the state.

And they should. Because the best way to assure that Novi becomes the kind of community it can be is to create a climate that encourages stable, quality, balanced communities. That might sound like it would be everyone's goal, but there are pressures elsewhere in the state and in the region that have competing interests with Novi.

The formula for a successful Novi has always been that large numbers of people get involved in their community. That will only be furthered if they also get involved at the state and regional level.

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In Focus

By John Heider

Hands

Walking hand in hand back to their car after a visit to the living farm at Maybury State Park are Agnes, Silas and Iiek Trybula on a recent January morning

No study without support

Tonight, the Novi City Council will be meeting with the Parks and Recreation Commission. The council will be asked to okay issuing a request for proposals for a Comprehensive Golf Course Market Feasibility and Financial Study for the 500-acre North Novi Park.

Just say no.

If the city goes ahead, which it probably will, they'll seek bids from consultants experienced in preparing golf course market and feasibility studies. The research will be, according to the city's document "comprehensive" and include a financial analysis.

To quote directly form the city's own document, "the construction of a 18-hole golf facility, measuring 5,300 to 6,300 yards is intended. Property to maintain a clubhouse and other appropriate amenities. Pricing philosophy is to target the fee structure in the low to medium range."

The argument in favor of the study is that this is just pure research and information-gathering, to provide a better database needed to for the city council to reach a final decision. It's premature to say the city is actually proceeding with the golf course plan ... blah, blah, blah.

If Novi were bound and determined to proceed with the greens, the city could save a little money by borrowing a similar study conducted by Oakland County for the nearby Lyon Oaks Park.

But when so many Novi residents have already said they want a nature park on *their land*, it seems that the money to hire a consultant, most likely in the five-digit range, could be used better elsewhere, like shifting it towards building picnic structures at the North Novi Park.

Before the city does a feasibility study, council should be asked to show what evidence there is that the community wants a golf course. *The Novi News'* own reader poll offered strong evidence that the vast majority of Novi residents vehemently oppose the construction of a golf course. Let the city show its evidence that there is stronger support in the community than that ... if it has any evidence.

Why squander any tax dollars to ponder the feasibility of a project only a few people seem to want?

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This could be many things

Wendy P. Mitzel

This column could be about anything. But I can't really think of anything so maybe I'll try a lot of nothing.

This could be a column about the state of affairs as we know it.

But I'm not sure what that is.

This could be a column about the future.

But my crystal ball is foggy.

This could be a column on nothingness.

A lot of things are about nothing. Take, for instance, pop. Pop is full of nothing ... well nothing good anyway. It's one of those empty calorie foods.

This could be a column on the value of a good book.

But what rates a good book anyway. Is Moby Dick necessarily better than a trashy but well-written romance? I know which one holds my attention longer.

This could be a column about things breaking.

My VCR broke the other day. My tire was losing air (breaking down) unbeknownst to me the other day until Assistant Superintendent of Novi Schools Jim Koster pulled up next to me rolled his window down and pointed at it. (By the way thanks!)

This could be a column about the meaning of family.

Although by witness of the reports at the Novi police station, everyone has had enough family for the meantime.

This could be a column about milestones.

I made it through one year with the same job, finally. I got a dog, a house, a mortgage ... well, I got more responsibility.

This could be a column about partnership.

The Novi News and Novi Middle School will once again work together in the Partnerships for Education program and produce a newspaper-type project.

This could be a column about time.

More specifically not having enough of it. Too many stories ... so little time.

Looks like my time's run out and this column is due and anyway this column is about wishing everyone a Happy 1997 filled with lots of possibilities (and anythings)!

Wendy Pierman Mitzel could be a staff writer for The Novi News and The Northville Record.

Success too carries its price

Phil Power

First thing I did after returning from a family vacation to Grand Cayman Island was - surprise! - look through the newspapers to see what I had missed while away.

Not much, it turns out, except for a lot of fairly self-congratulatory stuff in the Detroit papers about how Detroit is on the way back by becoming an entertainment and gambling destination, thanks to the new stadiums for the Lions and Tigers and the passage of the ballot proposal authorizing casino gambling.

One article gushed about how Detroit, with the upgraded Metropolitan Airport as a major gateway to the Far East, could become a Mecca for wealthy Asian gamblers. Detroit casino task force chair Jim Nicholson was quoted to the effect that Asians "love to gamble, and they gamble big ... You want to compete for them."

Another raised questions about how the state's new Gaming Control Board, appointed on Dec. 20 by Gov. John Engler, could possibly set up rules for licensing and fair play within the 60 days allowed by the ballot proposal. The initiative also limits the fee the state may charge casinos to only $50,000 for a licensing investigation, a process that has cost other states in excess of $100,000.

Certainly, it's essential to figure out how to keep to a minimum the organized (and not so organized) criminals who tend to flock to the endless streams of cash that come with casino gambling operations.

But my experience on Grand Cayman sensitized me to an equally serious, though more distant, problem: The seductive and destructive qualities of very great success run riot.

If people who have been going to Cayman for years are to be believed, the island was a paradise 20 years ago: a wonderful beach; seven miles of pink sand; great weather; beautiful, clear seas; an old city, Georgetown, with fine old buildings; no taxes - literally none; a laid-back style of living.

Not surprisingly, all this attracted a lot of tourists. Big hotel chains - Holiday Inn, Hyatt, Westin - built enormous structures along Seven Mile Beach. Developers began to tout the virtues of buying/building/investing in Cayman - which drove up enormously the price of land.

Lastly, the cruise ship industry discovered Cayman. While we were there, three new great white ships moored each day in the Georgetown harbor, disgorging 6,000 people onto an island with less than 30,000 total population.

Predictable result: Congestion. High prices. Infestation of trinket-guzzling tourists, not in the least interested in the qualities that made Cayman attractive in the first place.

Long term outlook: Grim. My distinct impression is that Cayman is in grave danger of being overwhelmed - ruined? - by its own success, thereby losing its own special soul. Atlantic City and Miami Beach come quickly to mind as cautionary examples.

Now what does this have to do with gambling in Detroit?

Just this: No city, no economy, no agriculture, no tourist destination can long survive if it does not maintain a sense of balance, of diversity, of recognition of the factors that made it desirable in the first place. A city whose foundation is based on gambling and professional sports stadiums is a city with no solid base.

Certainly Detroit is by no means out of the woods. And I hope, like many others, that new stadiums and gambling casinos will help. But what will eventually secure the future of the city is not only the glittering promise of get-rich-quick gambling, but the ways this stimulates the balanced development of the city in such a way as to attract industry, jobs, young people with children.

Based on what I saw in Cayman, relying solely on the glitter of gambling isn't the right way to do it.

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

Make cable TV a new year resolution

Mary Linda Calderone

The new year is here. It's time to make those new year's resolutions. Heed this advice and you'll be glad you did.

Don't just view TV, do TV. If you live, work, own property or a business, attend an educational institution or are affiliated with an organization in Farmington Hills, Farmington, or Novi - you have access to INFO TV-12, a cable television channel. You can produce your own non profit commercial-free television programs. There is no charge for use of the facilities or equipment.

Attend an orientation workshop at the SWOCC/INFO TV-12 studio and find out what it's all about. Orientation workshops are coming up on Tuesday, Jan. 28, Wednesday, Feb. 26, and Thursday, March 27, from 7 to 9 p.m. In this one-night session, we'll convince you what a great community resource you have at your fingertips.

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Mary Linda Calderone is the Community Outreach Coordinator for the Southwestern Oakland Cable Commission. The next SWOCC meeting is Tuesday, Feb. 11, at 4:30 p.m. at Farmington City Hall. The next CAC meeting is Tuesday, Jan. 14, at 7 p.m. at SWOCC.

Paying more fewer connections

Tim Richard

My colleagues, my mayor, the state and the courts are beating up on Ameritech, the Chicago-based telephone company.

For decades, southeastern Michigan was in one area code, 313. In 1994, Ameritech split about half the area into the 810 code. This year, both codes will be split again, and we'll have four codes: 313, 734, 248 and 810.

A thinking company would have split the codes along city or county lines. Not Ameritech. One city, Livonia, will have three area codes. Livingston County, with a population not much larger than Livonia's, also will have three area codes. The new 248 area code will cover 95 percent of Oakland County but also pick up slivers and chunks of five other counties.

It's dumb, and many local folks are sore at the Chicagoans.

My own wrath has a different source. More codes are needed because customers are being conned into doing many more things by telephone. We have kids' phones, beepers, car phones, computers and that greatest of evils, voice mail.

We dial more and more calls but complete fewer and fewer. In the olden times of the 1980s, if you couldn't get through to someone you'd get a busy signal, or a receptionist would take a message and tell you if your friend was out of the country or just out to lunch.

With voice mail, you get a costly game called "telephone tag." I thought it was bad when it took me seven calls to reach a lawyer about a court decision. Then a radio colleague said he exchanged 24 calls, by actual count, before he could complete one interview.

Ameritech made money on his 23 incomplete calls.

Look at your own Ameritech bill and count the number of nearby toll calls that lasted one minute or less. Those are probably incompletes, where you reached only an answering machine, a beeper or a computer that wouldn't let you inside. In December, 47 percent of my calls went to voice mail or an unreceptive computer. Ameritech made money on 100 percent of them.

Ameritech has a scam few customers understand. When you make a credit card call, Ameritech imposes a surcharge of 65 cents - even if you call from the drug store booth a mile from home.

The state Public Service Commission regulates the surcharge under the Michigan Telecommunications Act (MTA), a law largely written by Ameritech's lobbyists. Without PSC authorization, Ameritech offered a promotional discount - 55 cents for a local credit card call. (Some deal!)

So the PSC in 1995 fined Ameritech $62,000 and issued a cease-and-desist order. Ameritech appealed, but the state Court of Appeals upheld the fine on a 3-0 vote. (Case 187278, decided Dec. 3, 1996.)

In a 1996 amendment to the MTA that few legislators understood when they voted on it, Michigan tried to bring competition to the phone business by letting local and long-distance companies enter each other's markets.

Ameritech has fought the entry of other companies, however, by asking the PSC to delay "dialing parity" (so you wouldn't have to dial 10-288 to have a nearby long-distance call billed to competitor AT&T). PSC not only turned down Ameritech but ordered it to pay a 55 percent discount on carrier access charges if it failed to implement dialing parity on schedule (action of Oct. 7).

An "outraged" Attorney General Frank Kelley accused Ameritech of "rubbing salt into the wounds of its competition" by making people dial the extra five digits, then advertising how easy its own access is. He's intervening in a suit against Ameritech.

Ameritech's attempt to get into the long-distance trough is being resisted by AT&T and MCI. They say Ameritech doesn't have real local competition. Said PSC spokesman Ronan Patterson: "Is there actual real competition? Not a lot. Can you and I go get alternative local service? Not today in most places."

AT&T and MCI accuse Ameritech of "stonewalling" the PSC by challenging its authority in federal court, which tossed out Ameritech's suit (newsletter of November 1996).

Try to find that in your Ameritech bill.

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

Capote wants to attract high tech

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large tax-base but also uses a lot of city services, such as police, to keep it safe for shoppers from all over the metro area, said Capote.

Instead of bringing in more retail and commercial business, he and the EDC are looking to bring in high tech corporations and other industrial business which provide high paying jobs, a high tax base and low need for city services.

However, before Capote can really get running with his plans, he is looking to the City Council for support for the EDC, made up of local residents and business owners.

Although the EDC has been around since 1979, it hasn't reached it's potential, Capote believes.

"I don't think the EDC has had the support from Council or had staff support to get these things done," said Capote.

If he and the EDC can get the green light from City Council this year, the EDC can tap major utility companies to fund a survey of existing businesses within the city. The companies pay for city surveys such as these all over the state in order to help keep business and their own customers in their communities. The footwork would be accomplished by the EDC.

"We've got a great opportunity with intelligent people willing to donate their time to be a power force to interview the community to help us gather information," said Capote.

With the information, Capote can determine what keeps business in Novi, why some companies leave, and what types of corporations should be locating in the city. Then he can target companies and get out valuable information about the city and development procedures.

He said he has a gut feeling about how much business and industry resides within the city, but needs the study to make solid determinations.

"But I don't want to get bogged down with studying something to death," said Capote.

Already, Capote has created a web page with the help of Detroit Edison. The page shows overhead photos of various pieces of land within the city available for business development.

Capote has also connected with Oakland County land planners and other regional government entities to get the word out that Novi is a good place to do business and is working on a brochure publicizing the city.

One of Capote's biggest tasks is changing the city's image in regard to development. Novi has strict requirements that must be met to build in the city. However, a lack of communication sometimes makes it difficult to understand what those requirements are.

"We do not have a good image ... We're seen as being very difficult to work with," said Capote.

"There are some big companies, Fortune 500 companies, that have looked at Novi and gone elsewhere ... given the city's reputation on the street," said Capote.

Large companies can't afford to come to the city with a project and have their name tossed about in the public eye, said Capote. "That's why you're not seeing any high tech firms coming to Novi," he said. However, retailers can financially afford to risk more because the economics work, said Capote.

But sometimes it's the people within the city that spread the negative reputation about Novi, said Capote. Which is why he's meeting with various business to spread the good word.

"I'm not in favor of relaxing our standards. If you want quality you've got to pay for it," said Capote. He said, however, that the communication about requirements must be better served for companies coming into the area.

"We have to make it much less painful for them ... by simply communicating the information," said Capote. "If you follow the site plan requirements you'll get what you want," he added.

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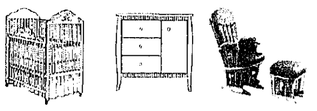

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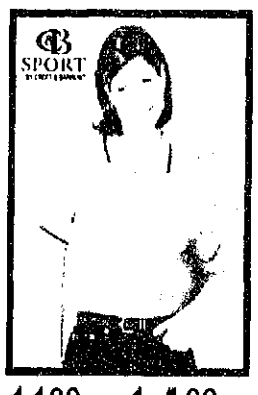

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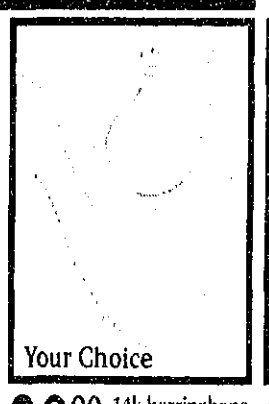

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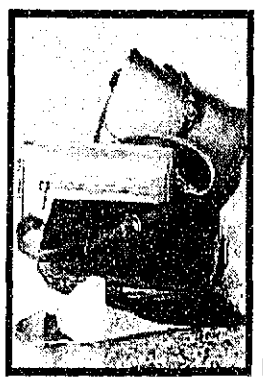

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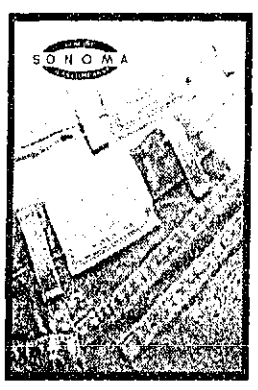

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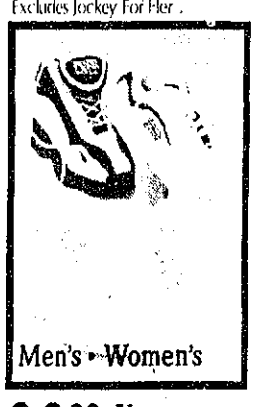

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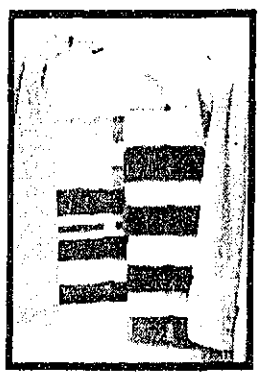

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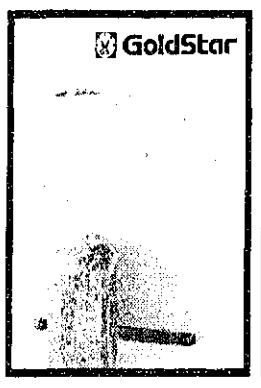

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Pete Kobylarer found the hill at Novi Woods Elementary School great for snowboarding.

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Teri Barnes and daughter Kylie,enjoy a toboggan ride at Hines Park.

Put on those hats and mittens. Activities abound in Michigan's winter wonderland.

Time to get out the snow equipment – and we're not talking shovels and snow blowers this time.

Although it may not seem like it this week, it is the season some Michiganians wait for all year long – winter.

Toboggans, sleds, ice skates, skis and snowboards are the equipment of choice for many who enjoy the crisp air and outdoor exercise winter sports offer.

Snowboarding is on the rise and many Michigan ski areas have increased the number of runs available. But locally, Kensington Metropark does not allow snowboarding and Maybury State Park's mostly wooded acreage precludes the sport that is crossing all generational lines.

Sledding is not allowed in Northville on streets or where no trespassing signs are posted.

Popular sledding hills in Northville are located at Amerman Elementary School, 867 N. Center Street, and on "Beer Hill" one-half mile from the city on both sides of Hines Drive in the Cass Benton area.

Although there are parking restrictions for those who head south on Sheldon to the top of the hill for sledding, there are other areas to park.

In Novi, there are hills at Orchard Hills Elementary School, 41900 Quince Road, and at Novi Woods Elementary School, 25195 Taft Road.

Before packing up the gear to go to any of the following areas, it's always advisable to call ahead for weather conditions.

Ella Mae Power Park

Ice skating will be plentiful on the pond at Ella Mae Power Park, located just behind the Novi Civic Center at 45175 West Ten Mile Road. Sledding is also possible and, as with the open ice skating, it is an "at your own risk" activity because the area is unsupervised. Call the Novi Parks and Recreation hot line at (810) 347-0473 for daily ice conditions.

Brookfarm Park

Ice skating is available, weather permitting, at Brookfarm Park, adjacent to Village Oaks Elementary School off Ten Mile Road between Meadowbrook and Haggerty. Skating is an at-your-own-risk activity because the area is unsupervised. Call the Novi Parks and Recreation hot line at (810) 347-0473 for daily ice conditions.

Ford Field Ice Rink

A rink may be available for ice skating at the field in downtown Northville, weather permitting. Skating is at-your-own-risk although it will be supervised by volunteers during the hours it's open.

Ice conditions will be available by calling the Northville Parks and Recreation recording at 349-0203. There will also be signs indicating whether the rink is open.

Maybury State Park

Cross country trails are open from 8 a.m. until dusk seven days a week at Maybury State Park. Rentals are available from the concession stand from noon until 5 p.m. weekdays, and 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. weekends.

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Volunteer

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Linda Walker volunteers with an AIDS outreach ministry.

Patients thankful for Walker's help

By CAROL WORKENS
Staff Writer

Linda Walker will be among the volunteers passing out ribbons and the brochure "Love Bears All Things" to those attending services at Northville United Methodist Church on Jan. 19. The worship focus will be "Human Relations."

Among the areas the congregation will be asked to remember and pray for on Human Relations Sunday are those individuals with AIDS, an area in which Walker has been doing volunteer work for three years after learning a friend had tested HIV positive.

One of the main projects the Northville resident coordinates is the Easter basket project at the church. She is the liaison between AIDS Partnership Michigan and the volunteers at the church who collect baskets which are delivered through the partnership's buddy system to AIDS patients. Buddies also help the patients with grocery shopping and other errands.

Last year, the congregation filled 80 Easter baskets with items such as toiletries, hand lotion, Easter candy, fruit boxes, herbal tea, books and cookies for AIDS patients.

Helping with the Easter basket project last year were Jeff and Debbie Lightfoot, Karen McLaughlin, James Smiley, Jackie Webb, David Law, Chris Schwartz, Janet Davis, Lori Lewis, Dick and Marion Ozbun, Anita Hackman, Barbara Wilson, Lou Gregory, Oliver Collins and Karen Tepera.

"Whatever we can do to respond in a compassionate way I think is very gratifying," said Walker, a school counselor in Detroit.

The church receives the names of patients and usually a family or congregation member will take

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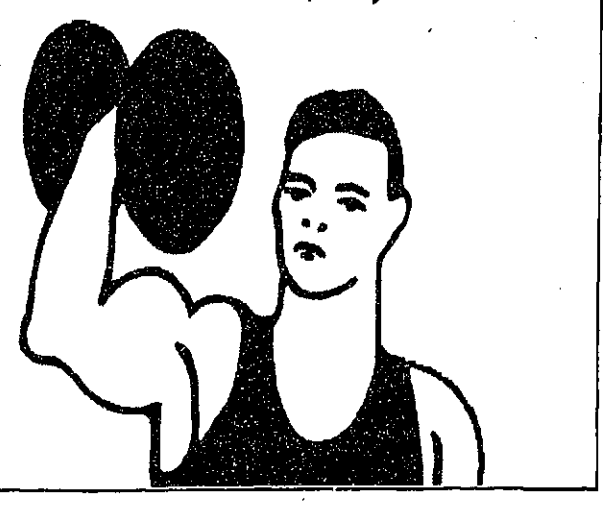
It's A Fact

WELL-EQUIPPED

City of Novi police officers will be keeping fit in 1997 with new fitness equipment, including a treadmill, Smith machine, Olympic weight plates, weight machine and a flat incline bench. Total cost: $11,980.



New neighbors are welcome at club's meeting

By JEANNE CLARKE
Special Writer

The general meeting of the Novi Newcomers and Neighbors will be held Thursday, Jan. 16, at 7 p.m. in the Civic Center. Special guest speaker Elaine Horowitz, Providence Hospital, will present a program entitled "Issues in Women's Health."

Horowitz, community health educator from Providence, will cover topics such as how to communicate with your physician, osteoporosis, heart disease and women's breast cancer. Everyone attending is encouraged to bring questions from health to pregnancy to life stages. Horowitz has a bachelor's degree in sociology, bachelor's in nursing, and is certified in Inpatient Obstetrical Nursing.

Anyone who is new in the area or who has never had the opportunity to become acquainted with the club and its goals, is encouraged to contact either Diane Burck, president, at 344-1147 or Robbi LeRoy, vice president of membership, at 380-9244. The club has a saying, "There are no strangers here, just friends who have never met."

Some of the upcoming events include a couples night out at "Joey's Comedy Club" in Livonia. Members along with friends are encouraged to make reservations. More details will be available at the general meeting along with information on the wide variety of activities available to members.

Some activities of interest include babysitting co-op; bowling leagues on Tuesday mornings or couples on Saturday evenings, both at the Novi Bowl; Bridge for couples, also a daytime group; Bunko both daytime and evening; evening cafe craft corner, Euchre for couples; men's night out; out-to-lunch group; morning coffee with kids; and many more.

Current membership of 191 includes eight new members.

Novi Highlights

MICHIGAN SMOCKERS

The annual holiday meeting and potluck was held at the home of Pat Cousins with everyone bringing something for "Show and Share," and gift exchange.

Tina Knebel, president, announced that Lois Nelson was the recipient of the Nancy Smith Award. Smith was one of the original members and past president of the Michigan Smockers. This award honors a member who contributes a great deal to the current guild. As the recipient, Lois Nelson's dues will be paid for one year.

In addition, new board officers were announced: Lois Nelson, president; Nancy Young, first vice president (Programs AM); Nancy Harbin, first vice president (Programs PM); Carol Laske, second vice president (Membership); Janet Rost, secretary; Bunny Fortier, treasurer; Pat Cousins, librarian; Pat Huxton, hospitality; Sue Ackman, publicity; Peggy Peterson, historian; Janet Rost and past president Tina Knebel, newsletter.

As this year's service project, the Smockers donated 53 stuffed fabric dolls to the Johns Hopkins Pediatric ward. The dolls are made of skin-tone fabric so that the children can decorate them with markers to represent themselves. The dolls go through medical treatment with their new owners and when the child is released from the hospital, the doll goes home, too.

The Smockers meet twice a month: the evening meeting is scheduled for the first Monday of the month; the morning meeting is held on the third Thursday of the month.

In January, the group will be working with Lois Nelson on a smocked lingerie bag. In February, meetings will be held on Feb. 3 and 20.

NOVI COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Registration started this week for all new classes for both children and adults. Information is available in the new winter/spring brochure which has been distributed throughout the Novi area. If you did not receive one, contact the Community Education office at 449-1206.

Registrations can be accepted on a walk-in basis, by mail, phone, or fax. Senior citizens age 60 and older who are retired residents of Novi qualify for discounted class fees as listed in the brochure. Others may be free if a minimum number of students are enrolled. Registrations accepted or postmarked by Jan. 10 will receive an "early bird" discount of $2.

Something new is being added this time – a senior citizen computer questionnaire, and you don't need a computer to answer the questions. The Community Education program would like to find out how much interest there would be regarding computers and various programs.

Classes will start in January for adults and children. Among those offered are: arts and crafts, physical activities, dance and music, computers, enrichment classes, financial programs, etc. The brochure also includes information on Novi Adult Education for those wishing high school completion and English, a second language. Also included will be schedules for public swimming and swimming lessons at the Novi High School pool.

Class information about fitness and wellness, cross country skiing, curling, inline skating, Yoga and Tai Chi is also included in the brochure.

BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION

The commission will meet on Tuesday, Jan. 14, at 7:15 p.m. Visitors are encouraged to attend especially if you would like to "think spring." The commission will be continuing its work on a series of plans for the Novi area this year. One of which is the perennial exchange set for Saturday, May 31, from 9 a.m.-noon. Last year, the exchange was held at the Novi Civic Center with residents bringing their plants and exchanging them with their neighbors and friends.

The beautiful one-half mile project will be located along Ten Mile Road from Taft Road east to the police department. There will be additional maple trees, shrubs and flowers planted at the Novi Civic Center.

Other plans include looking for groups to help beautify the entrances and roadways of the two city cemeteries. The committee also plans to search for a plot of land in the area for Novi residents to use in planting their own personal gardens.

A joint project, involving Novi service clubs, includes a plan to tastefully design and landscape signs identifying the gateways to Novi. Also in the making is a plan to have a civic garden site for individuals and groups to plant and compete for the "Best Garden of Novi" award.

The commission is looking for three additional individuals to fill expired positions. Current commission members are: Katherine Cosentino, chairman; Pamela Superfisky, vice chairman; Barbara Greenberg, secretary; Elmor Holland, Gretchen Pugsley, and Ernie Arutio.

Novi Highlights is written by Jeanne Clarke. Should you wish to contact her with information for this column, call 624-0173.

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Worship Service 7:30 - 8:00 pm
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Church School 10 a.m.
348-7757
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Minister of Music: Ray Ferguson

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Home of Hi Christian School Grade 2-12
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Worship, 11:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
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349-3477 349-3647

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Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.
Boys Brigade 7 p.m., Pioneer Girls 7 p.m.
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

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Volunteers make baskets for patients

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a name and provide the items for the basket. Members are also encouraged to keep the recipient of their basket in their prayers until Easter.

The church's Sunday School children make Easter cards which are included with each basket.

"We've gotten some wonderful letters of thanks from people who have received the baskets in the past and we have shared them with the congregation," Walker said.

As one client of AIDS Partnership Michigan wrote in a letter to Walker, "It may seem small, but that single act of kindness makes me know that good people do care. That knowledge makes me want to live on for as long as God allows."

Besides the buddy program, AIDS Partnership Michigan also distributes meals and offers education programs and support groups. The AIDS hotline number is (800) 872-AIDS.

"This is an area that isn't supported very much," Walker said. "It certainly isn't a glamourous project and it isn't always easy to get people interested in it.

"It is something people would rather avoid, and the need (for volunteers) is great because I think not only are people who are challenged with this illness facing a possible terminal illness, there is a stigma involved about how they contracted the illness which adds to the burden."

At present there is a need for volunteers to deliver meals to the home of AIDS patients.

To volunteer or for information, call AIDS Partnership Michigan in Ferndale at (810) 547-3783.

Church Notes

OUR LADY OF VICTORY CHURCH, 770 Thayer Boulevard in Northville, is offering a seminar for all women who wish to grow in God's love and enhance their spiritual, personal and family lives.

The 13-week course will be held on Tuesdays from 9 until 11:30 a.m. beginning Jan. 14. Babysitting will be provided. Tuition is $30 and includes a workbook. Tuition is $15 for alumnae. To register, call Carole Jean Stockhausen at 349-2833.

Some of the topics to be discussed during the seminar are "Beginning Creative Change," "Clearing Offenses," "Truth About Lies," "Even Christian Homes can be Dysfunctional," "From Doormat to Dignity," "Gaining Dignity," "Why Do We Want to be in Control?" and "Living Through Hard Times with Your Children." For details, call the church at 349-2621.

New Sunday Worship Service times at FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE, 777 West Eight Mile Road in Northville, take place at 8, 9:15 and 11 a.m. For information call 349-1144.

Connie Moore from Hegira Prevention (*How to Talk So Kids Will Listen and Listen So Kids Will Talk*) will be presenting "True Colors" beginning Jan. 16. This class is designed to figure out your personality style and how different "colors" have different motives, purposes, aims, values, drives, impulses and weaknesses and will teach you how to succeed with those "of a different color." You will learn skills that can be applied to your children, spouse, work colleagues and others.

If you are interested in attending, call Pam Zientar at (810) 347-3442 by Tuesday, Jan. 14. Babysitting services will be available.

Singles

SINGLE PLACE, an adult ministry for single people, meets at 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. The topic is "Prayer."

On Wednesday, Jan. 15, Single Place presents "Overcoming the Barriers to Intimacy" with speaker Kent Adams, Ph.D., or an open forum on "Dealing with Difficult People" with speaker Sandy Baumann.

A Divorce Recovery Workshop begins on Jan. 9 from 7:30 until 9:30 p.m. Among the topics during the seven-week workshop will be networking, stages of grief, legal aspects of divorce, and helping children through divorce. The cost is $30.

A Children and Divorce Workshop for children ages 5 through 12 with Kathy Sparks, M.A., and Vickie Dwelley, M.A., begins Jan. 9 for six weeks. The cost is $30 or $45 for a family.

"Managing Conflict in Intimate Relationships" will be the topic at a workshop to be held on Jan. 9, 16 and 23 at 7:30 p.m. The speaker will be Ronald J. Papa, M.A., L.L.P.

The pre-registration cost is $26, $29 at the door.

Sports events for the month include bowling and volleyball on Jan. 17 and 31. Bowling is at Novi Bowl, 21700 Novi Road. The cost is $6 plus shoes. Volleyball is held at the Northville Recreation Center, 303 W. Main Street. The cost is $4.

A six week country couples, flow and mixers dance class led by Jeff Groff begins Jan. 16 at 7:30 p.m. The cost is $24 in advance and $28 at the door. It is recommended that you bring a partner.

For details on any of the programs call 349-0911.

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Northville resident Dave Dekker will take the model of the Ford exhibit at the North American International Auto Show at Cobo Hall on the road to Chicago's McCormick Place.

Designers nurture Auto Show exhibits

By CAROL WORKENS
Staff Writer

"From the office area to the shop, hundreds of people are involved in the production of the display."

-Robert McIntire
Lead Project Designer
Lincoln-Mercury Exhibit

Tens of thousands of man hours are invested in each of the 40 exhibits at the North American International Auto Show, which opens to the public on Saturday, Jan. 11.

Two residents who have put in their share of long days are Novi's Robert McIntire and Northville's Dave Dekker.

McIntire, a lead project designer with Exhibit Works in Livonia, was primarily responsible for the design of the 22,680 square foot Lincoln-Mercury exhibit this year.

"We like to think of it as a team effort," McIntire said. "From the office area to the shop, hundreds of people are involved in the production of the display."

For the first time, the automotive client wanted Exhibit Works to create two unique areas in one space.

"The goal, from a marketing point of view, was to try to separate the two brands," said McIntire, a 1982 graduate of Northville High School, who lives in Novi with his wife, Karen, and their two children, Claire and Scott.

"The premise for the whole design was to give each its own space and feeling."

To accomplish this, the display was designed with two major walls in one space. Separating the two walls, one of which is dedicated to Lincoln, the other to Mercury, is a commons area - a neutral ground.

The mood on the Lincoln side of the exhibit is warm and rich, in keeping with Lincoln's first sports utility vehicle, the Navigator. A cool, bright techno ambiance was created with lighting and materials on the Mercury side to emphasize the sporty, active lifestyles this vehicle represents.

Behind the scenes, 55,000 man hours went into designing and setting up the exhibit, and after the show closes on Jan. 20 to tearing down the exhibit, too.

Work on this year's Lincoln-Mercury design began about a year and a half ago.

"The client knew what the marketing end was and didn't want to be rushed," McIntire said. "The luxury of that much time is nice, but it is not always the case."

Keeping costs and manpower hours to a minimum is a goal on the Ford exhibit as well as the Lincoln-Mercury display.

One way to keep costs down is to design exhibits with a life cycle.

Visitors to the Ford exhibit will see a sleek new European-style round 40-foot diameter double deck exhibit, but in actuality only about 30 to 35 percent of the properties used are new. The rest are refurbished.

"We have shifted the focus to the brand marketing of vehicles," said Dekker, vice president of design and an account executive at Exhibit Works for the Ford exhibit. "There is a lot to see and talk about in the vehicles themselves beyond the technology."

The Ford exhibit will have big, bold photo murals of faces from across the country accompanying each of the new Ford Brand Groupings - Expressive, Tough, Family, Youth and Sport groups. The Brand Groups is a marketing concept that speaks to a specific marketing segment, then develops vehicles to meet the group's needs rather than developing the vehicle and trying to find the market that wants it.

"The idea is that visitors to the Ford booth will gravitate toward the grouping that most appeals to them," said Dekker.

Concepts for this year's Ford exhibit were proposed in the spring and fabrication started in the fall. The combined labor force of carpenters, painters, electricians and graphic artists on the 33,441 square foot exhibit put in a total of 21,000 hours.

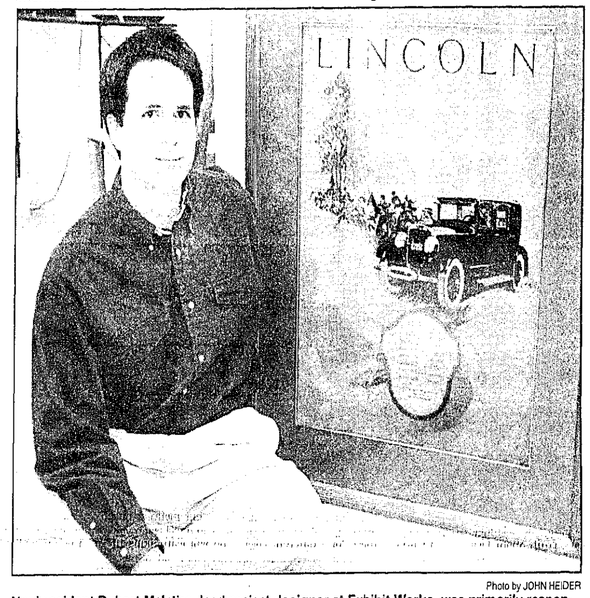
"It is a team effort," said Dekker, who has lived in Northville with his wife, Dawn, and their daughter, Amanda, for five years. "We couldn't start to do it without the support from team members like Jeff Paterson, who is the lead designer.

"I'm responsible for every aspect of the account," Dekker added. "I need to be there. Even though there are lots of other people out there doing an excellent job, I'm the guy who's there coordinating."

Both Dekker and McIntire visit other shows worldwide including those in Geneva, Paris and Frankfurt.

"I am enjoying that aspect of it," Dekker said. "I incorporate those things into the Detroit show.

"If you want to see a display that will knock your socks off that is where you go," McIntire said of the show in Germany. "It is very important to see what other people are doing around the world."



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Novi resident Robert McIntire, lead project designer at Exhibit Works, was primarily responsible for this year's Lincoln Mercury exhibit at the North American International Auto Show.

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Cobo Center in Detroit

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Lucky guess pays off

Winners of Brickscape Home Garden Showplace's Fifth Annual Christmas Light Contest were awarded their prizes by the Northville store's owner, Joe DiRado (second from right) recently. Northville residents Bryan Waser-Showalter (from left) won the first prize of $150 with a guess of 24,280 lights and Cyndy Morin with daughters Caroline and Audrey won the $100 second prize. Novi resident Carolyn Stollstimo took home the $50 third prize. For the 400 entrants who guessed wrong, the number of lights on the 50 foot walnut "Christmas Tree" at the store this year was 24,250.

Activities are close to home in Michigan's winter wonderland

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There is an area in the middle of the trail which has been groomed for ski skating.

There are no extra trail fees if you bring your own skis.

In the warming shelter there is a fireplace and a concession stand which sells snacks, hot chocolate and other refreshments.

Entrance for cross country skiing is off Eight Mile Road just west of Beck.

If you're planning on renting skis, call the concession stand at 348-1190 to make sure it is open.

If something a little slower paced is more to your liking, Maybury has plenty of hiking trails. The entrance for the hiking trails is through either the Eight Mile Road entrance or off Beck Road. Hours for hiking are the same as the park hours, 8 a.m. until dark.

To gain admission into Maybury State Park for any of the activities, you need to purchase either a $4 one-day or a $20 yearly Michigan State Park sticker.

For details, call (810) 349-8390.

WILCOX LAKE

Located at Wilcox and Hines Drive, ice skating ponds are open during daylight hours, weather permitting. There is a warming shelter, fire pit and concession.

For details, call 313-261-1990.

WATERFORD OAKS

"The Fridge," a 1,000-foot refrigerated toboggan run, is open December until mid-March, conditions permitting. There is a lodge which has a viewing area, fireplace, concessions and restrooms. Toboggans are provided.

There is a $2 off coupon in the 1997 Winter Northville Parks and Rec Brochure.

Two lighted, natural ice skating rinks are also available, weather permitting, and open to the public free of charge. One rink is for recreation skating, the other is for hockey only. Skaters must provide their own equipment.

For details, call 810-858-0906.

KENSINGTON PARK

Winter sports at Kensington State Park include cross country skiing on groomed trails, sledding, tobogganing, ice fishing and ice skating. No snowboarding is allowed in the park.

The interpretive centers have programs that go year round and both the nature and farm centers are open.

Ski rental is available at Kensington at $2.50 for boots and $1.50 for poles. A half day or four hour rental Monday through Friday is $5 for half a day and on weekends it is $6.50. If you are planning on renting skis, call first. Kensington does not rent skis unless there is at least six inches of snow on the ground.

Admission to the park requires a permit, which is $3 on the weekends and $2 on weekdays. Wednesday is free admission day. Annual permits are $15, $8 for seniors citizens.

Skiing is available from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. seven days a week, weather permitting.

For weather conditions or more information, call Kensington at (810) 685-1561 or 1-800-477-2757.

LAKESHORE PARK

There are two ungroomed, marked cross country ski trails at the back of Lakeshore Park where there is also an area for parking.

The intermediate Avalanche Trail, which is marked with blue arrows, is 2.7 miles in length. It goes through open field areas and is 60 percent wooded.

The beginner Sherwood Trail is designated with a green marker and is one mile of open space.

Both trails begin and end in Lakeshore Park but go through North-Novi Park (old Tree Farm). Park hours are 8 a.m. until 6 p.m. seven days a week.

A map is posted at the beginning of the trails and there is also a mailbox with maps you can take with you on the trails.

All parking at the south end of Lakeshore Park, 601 South Lake Drive.

MT. BRIGHTON

There are 26 ski runs, seven chair lifts, 10 rope tows and, for snowboarders, a half pipe run and a terrain park.

Snowboarders are welcome anywhere on the property. Snowmaking capabilities have been improved this year.

Mt. Brighton was voted the No. 1 snowboard area in the state by the Automobile Club of Michigan's *Michigan Living* magazine last year.

Rentals include both snowboards and skis are are $17 for skis and $34 for snowboards for four hours. Lift tickets are $18 Monday through Friday, and $23 on Saturday and Sunday per session. Sessions run from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. and 3-10:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. and 3-11 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

Mt. Brighton is located west on I-96 off exit 145, one mile from the freeway. There is a lounge and concessions.

For more information, call (810) 229-9581.

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Restaurant Poll

Which restaurants in the Northville/Novi area are the most popular? Help find out by filling out this ballot.

The Rules:

- Only restaurants in **Northville and Novi** are eligible to be mentioned on your ballot. Each ballot must include your name, address and telephone number. Ballots without this information will not be included in the results.
- Only ballots clipped from the newspaper will be accepted. Photocopied ballots will not be counted. This restriction is designed to help avoid ballot-box stuffing. (HomeTown employees and their families are not eligible for the free dinner.)
- Restaurants found to be distributing ballots will be disqualified.

Mail the completed entry form by **Jan. 31** to: Northville Record/Novi News restaurant poll, 104 W. Main, Northville, MI 48167.

If you prefer, restaurant poll entry forms may be dropped off at the newspaper office.

When all the ballots are in, we will compile the results and publish them in the Feb. 20 issues of The Northville Record and The Novi News. The results of the Best Chef and Best Waitperson categories will be published on Feb. 27.

In case you misplace this edition of the newspaper, entry forms will also be published in subsequent issues.

One ballot will be selected at random and the winner will receive dinner for two at his or her favorite Northville or Novi restaurant.

The Categories:

Best Overall Restaurant _____

Best Inexpensive Restaurant _____

Best Breakfast Restaurant _____

Best Waitperson _____

Best Chef _____

Best Sandwiches _____

Best Desserts _____

Best Coffee _____

Best Salad _____

Best Pizza _____

Best Burgers _____

Best Seafood _____

Best Ethnic Food _____

Best Fast Food _____

Best Soups _____

Best Steak _____

Best Gathering Place _____

Comments _____

PLEASE NOTE: The following name and address blank must be filled out. Ballots without this information will be discarded.

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Spousal abuse will be topic at the next AAUW meeting

On Tuesday, Jan. 14, members of the Northville-Novi American Association of University Woman will hear Aileen Barker discuss spousal abuse. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m. at Thornton Creek Elementary School which is on Nine Mile Road between Beck and Taft.

Barker will also discuss the First Step shelter in Canton where she has been the program coordinator for six years.

AAUW meetings are open to all. Membership in the organization is limited to those holding baccalaureate degrees from accredited institutions and currently enrolled students. The evening begins with a social period followed by a short business meeting and then the evening's presentation.

For more information, call Diane Rockall, program vice president, at (810) 349-9005. For membership information, call Kathleen Polich at (810) 344-9656.

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Public radio hosts perform at Raven

The creator, producer and host of Detroit public radio's *Blues From the Lowlands*, Robert Jones, will perform at the Raven Gallery and Acoustic Cafe on Jan. 11 along with Detroit's "voice of folk music" Matt Watroba.

Jones is a self-taught musician who developed a love of traditional blues in his teens. He began playing professionally when he was in his mid-twenties.

He has opened for or played with a variety of well known acts such as Bonnie Raitt, Dr. John, and Taj Mahal.

As a teacher, Jones has conducted programs and workshops on blues at Kalamazoo College, The Detroit Institute of Arts and at a variety of public schools in Michigan.

The producer and host of "Folks Like Us" on Detroit public radio station WDET-FM, Watroba has come in contact with every aspect of folk music and culture. He has performed and conducted workshops and assemblies all over Michigan and other parts of the Midwest.

He has shared the stage with Arlo Guthrie, Tom Chapin, Tom Paxton, Christine Lavin and Donovan.

The Raven is located at 145 N. Center Street in downtown Northville.

For ticket information or reservations, call 349-9420.

Submitted photo

Matt Watroba and Robert Jones play the Raven on Jan. 11.

Entertainment listing

Submit items for the entertainment listings to The Northville Record/Novi News, *104 W. Main, Northville, MI 48167; or fax to 349-1050.*

AUDITIONS

MARQUIS THEATRE: Auditions for boys and girls ages 8 to 18 for the spring musical *Pooh Visits Storyland* will be held on Jan. 11 from 5-8 p.m. at the theater, 135 E. Main Street in Northville.

Young performers are asked to recite a poem (it does not have to be memorized) of not more than two minutes long. They must also sing a song within in their vocal range and provide their own sheet music.

An accompanist will be provided.

Three casts of children will be selected for the show.

Children who are cast will miss five to six days of school, some of which may be half days.

For further information call the theater at (810) 349-8110.

AUTHENTIC BRITISH BRASS BAND: The Motor City Brass Band is conducting interviews for cornet and percussion players. Founded in 1996, North America's newest brass band's first full season with performances through the holidays will culminate with a championship competition in Red Wing, Minn.

For more information, call founder John Aren at (313) 531-7389.

SPECIAL EVENTS

NEW ORCHESTRA: The Novi Arts Council is exploring the possibility of forming a community orchestra.

Interested people should call Melissa O'Rear at (810) 347-0400.

PERFORMER'S SHOWCASE: The public is invited to attend the Performer's Showcase performances 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 additional information, contact the Novi Arts Council, 347-0400.

CARRIAGE RIDES: Northville Carriage Co. offers carriage rides throughout the year and packages for holidays and special occasions. For more information or reservations, call Northville Carriage Co. at 380-3961.

THEATER

TIMBERS SEAFOOD GRILLE: Timbers, the home of Bananas Comedy Club, is located at 40380 Grand River west of Haggerty Road in Novi.

For ticket information, call (313) 724-1300.

MARQUIS THEATRE: Performances of the classic *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs* will take place Saturdays and Sundays through Jan. 26. All shows start at 2:30 p.m.

The Marquis Theatre is located at 135 E. Main Street in Northville.

For additional information or to make a reservations, call 349-8110.

MUSIC

THE RAVEN GALLERY & ACOUSTIC CAFE: The Raven will present open mike night on Wednesdays, all acoustic music, string instruments, horns and some jazz on Friday and Saturday evenings and a variety of entertainment brunches on Sundays.

Upcoming performances include Brad Hodge on Jan. 9; Charlie Latimer and Dean Rutledge on Jan. 10; Robert Jones and Matt Watroba on Jan. 11; Chris Buhalis on Jan. 16; Five Guys Named Moe on Jan. 17 and Blackthorn on Jan. 18.

The Raven is located at 145 N. Center Street in downtown Northville. For ticket information or reservations, call 349-9420.

GENITTI'S HOLE-IN-THE-WALL: Genitti's is located at 108 E. Main Street in Northville.

For more information or to make a reservation, call (810) 349-0522.

MR. B's FARM: Tim Flaherty hosts a Blues Jam every Tuesday from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m.

Mr. B's Farm is located at Novi Road north of Ten Mile.

For more information call 349-7038.

OXFORD INN: Entertainment is offered on weekends. Level Six performs on Friday and Saturday evenings.

Oxford Inn is located at 43317 Grand River in Novi.

For more information, call (810) 305-5856.

COUNTRY EPICURE RESTAURANT: Freshly redecorated in bright, happy colors, the restaurant offers two non-smoking dining rooms and a smoking dining/lounge area.

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

For more information, call (810) 349-7770.

LIBRARY SPORTS PUB AND GRILL: The Library Sports Pub and Grill is located at 42100 Grand River Avenue in Novi.

For details, call 349-9110.

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

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday performances take place from 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 details, call 305-8629.

BRADY'S FOOD & SPIRITS: 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, and 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 details, 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-Centre in downtown Northville.

Call 344-0220 for details.

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 more information, call (810) 624-9607.

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 midi bass and rhythms.

Call 455-0445 for more information.

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

The Sports Edition is home to Intrigue and other high-powered hits groups every weekend. A cover charge begins at 8 p.m.

STARTING GATE: The Starting Gate Saloon offers live music every Friday and Saturday night from 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.

The Starting Gate is located at 135 N. Center St. in downtown Northville.

SUNSET GRILL: Every Tuesday from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m. the Sunset Grill has an open blues jam. Rock 'n' roll is featured on Saturdays during the summer from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m.

The Sunset Grill is located on the corner of Thirteen Mile and Novi roads. For details, call (810) 624-8475.

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

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

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

The Enrico Caruso Society performs live opera from 7 to 10 p.m. every Wednesday and strolling musicians David and Francesco entertain diners on the accordion, mandolin and guitar from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. Thursdays.

ART

GATE VI GALLERY: Gate VI Gallery is located in the Novi Civic Center.

Local artists interested in exhibiting at the Civic Center should call (810) 347-0400.

Exhibits are in the atrium of the Civic Center for viewing during the hours that the Civic Center is open.

ART SOURCE: Art Source is located at 126 MainCentre in Northville.

Holiday hours are Monday through Friday 10 a.m. until 8 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. and Sunday noon until 4 p.m.

For more information, call (810) 348-1213.

D&M ART STUDIO: The studio features a variety of artists working and/or exhibiting pieces including watercolors, acrylics, pottery and black and white prints.

The gallery is located at 43450 Grand River in Novi. Hours are 11 a.m. until 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday and Sunday noon until 4 p.m.

For more information, call 380-7059.

DANCING EYE GALLERY: The gallery is located at 150 N. Center Street, Suite A, behind Tuscan Cafe in Northville. Hours are Tuesday through Thursday 11 a.m. until 7 p.m.; Friday from 11 a.m. until 10 p.m.; Saturday from 11 a.m. until 6 p.m.; and Sunday noon to 4 p.m. Closed on Monday.

For more information, call (810) 449-7086.

ATRIUM GALLERY: The gallery currently features artist Laura Mostaghel and 50 contemporary jewelers showing earrings, necklaces, pendants, pins, rings and bracelets using sterling silver, bronze, copper, dichroic glass, semi-precious stones and porcelain.

Atrium Gallery is located at 109 N. Center in downtown Northville.

Holiday hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. until 5 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.

Gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays; 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays, and by appointment.

For more information, call 474-8306.

PAINTER'S PLACE: Owned by Caroline Dunphy the gallery is located at 140 N. Center Street in downtown Northville.

Gallery hours are Tuesday through Thursday from noon until 4 p.m. or by appointment.

Call 348-9544 for more information.

NEARBY

ICE SCULPTURE: The 15th Annual Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular will be held Jan. 15 through Jan. 20 in downtown Plymouth.

Featured ice carvers will be The World Champion team of Ted Wakar from Canton and Jim Bur Jr. from Eastpointe, as well as carvers from across the United States, Norway and Canada.

Other events include the children's "Fantasyland," entitled "A Walk with the Animals," a 24-hour light show, the *Plymouth Observer's* Gingerbread House Display, The Visions of Christmas exhibit at the Plymouth Historical Museum and the professional, amateur and student ice carving competitions.

Carvings will be on display in Kellogg Park and on selected thoroughfares of downtown Plymouth.

The event is free.

A complete listing of daily events and directions to the festival are available by calling (313) 459-6969 or by visiting the site on the World Wide Web at http:oeonline.com/plymouthice.

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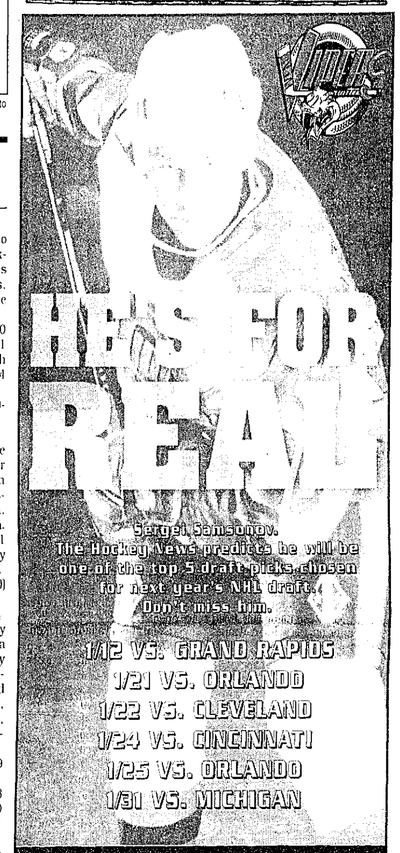

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SWF, 35, non-denominational, personable, enjoys time with her kids, music, sporting events, crocheting, seeks easygoing SM, who loves life & laughter. Ad#.9169

LOVES COUNTRY MUSIC
Humorous SWF, 25, Catholic, enjoys bowling, singing, camping, winter sports, seeks loving, caring, sincere, fun SM. Ad#.3867

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Lutheran SWF, 50, good-humored, delightful, hobbies include bowling, travel, country music, dancing, animals, seeks down-to-earth, open-minded SM. Ad#.5050

LOVES CHILDREN
Catholic SW mom, 21, sincere, fun-loving, honest, student, enjoys movies, reading, sewing, dining out, time with daughter, seeks honest, sincere, fun SM. Ad#.4440

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LOVES PEOPLE
SWF, 28, tall, blond, blue eyes, outgoing, enjoys movies, plays, dining out, the outdoors, seeks honest, easygoing, romantic, SM, 5'11"+. Ad#.2324

LIKES TO LISTEN
SWF, 26, Catholic, blonde hair, blue eyes, honest, caring, fun, likes camping, animals, the outdoors, seeks caring, romantic, fun-loving SM. Ad#.1616

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Spontaneous, humorous SWF, 53, likes having a good time, enjoys cards, dancing, reading, seeks honest, easygoing SM. Ad#.2065

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RELAXED
SWF, 43, Methodist, enjoys Christian social activities, sailing, golf, swimming, seeking easygoing SM, to 5'11", with a Ph.D. Ad#.4085

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Protestant SWF, 45, caring, honest, sincere, attends Christian activities, enjoys camping, fishing, walks, seeks warm, sincere, honest SM. Ad#.1951

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SWF, 50, likes crafts, ceramics, country music, sports, animals, seeks sharing, humorous, honest, open-minded SM. Ad#.9166

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SWF, 50, good listener, likes travel, lotteries, Bingo, country music, seeks honest, outgoing, drug free SCM. Ad#.4578

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Outgoing SW mom, 21, enjoys taking care of her child, hunting, fishing, movies, dining out, seeks honest, open, easygoing SM. Ad#.7475

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OPEN-MINDED
Independent, spontaneous, enthusiastic SWF, 53, enjoys golf, boating, dining out, walks, cards, seeks happy, humorous SM who likes children. Ad#.4301

HELPFUL
SWF, 18, charismatic, outgoing, talkative, likes horses, poetry, the Lord, seeks believer, long haired, compatible SM. Ad#.5214

ENJOYS LIFE
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SWM, 32, 6'4", 250lbs., likes outdoors, fishing, canoeing, reading books, movies, weekend getaways, seeking SF, for dating, maybe more. Ad#.6741

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'Mars Attacks,' but reviewer asks 'Why?'

MARS ATTACKS
BY VANESSA MENGUSER
MILFORD

With the hottest cast in America, awesome special effects, and quite a bit of advertising, Tim Burton's new film was sure to be a success. But as "Mars Attacks," the little green Martians do not deliver the laughter expected.

The story takes place in modern times. Although the President (Jack Nicholson) and his staff expect their extraterrestrial visitors to be peaceful, they soon learn otherwise. The entire movie, these little green men terrorize earth. The point of this mischief is never quite made clear, although you get the feeling that they are just doing it for fun.

I thought this movie had no point. Unless you get a kick out of seeing one senseless murder after another, I would not suggest seeing "Mars Attacks."

President James Dale (Jack Nicholson) finds himself under the gun after the alluring Martian Girl (Lisa Marie) reveals her true, big-brained identity in "Mars Attacks," a Warner Bros. release.

MICHAEL
BY JUDY SKOLARUS
NORTHVILLE

Michael is a "down to earth" sort of angel, worldly and fun loving in many ways, yet ever mindful of his purpose here on earth, to bring happiness to others in need of love and laughter in their mundane lives.

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The story line is simple, the plot is missing, but Michael is a must see this season, if only for the kid in all of us.

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Spikers bitten by Lions in conference opener

By SCOTT DANIEL
Sports Editor

Winter break should've lasted an extra day for the Wildcat volleyball team.

Unfortunately, it didn't and Novi High was thrashed by South Lyon on the road in two games. Unforced errors and poor communication plagued the Wildcats in their first Kensington Valley Conference match of the season.

"We made a lot of errors," Novi coach Julie Fisette said. "A lot of mental errors."

She added that the Lions were simply hungrier than her squad.

"South Lyon wanted it bad and it showed," Fisette said.

Novi will try to even its conference record tonight with a home match against Hartland.

Monday night's match started off poorly for the Wildcats and didn't improve much.

South Lyon jumped to a 9-0 lead within a few minutes. Most of the points were scored on Wildcat miscues – hits into the net, out of bounds or bumping into the net.

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> JULIE FISETTE
> Novi High volleyball coach

Fisette called timeout when the Lions went up 6-0. But the home team continued to take advantage of poor play by the Wildcats.

Novi finally got on the scoreboard off Lindsay Drury's serve. Jessica Roemer, whose performance was one of the few bright spots of the evening, made a nice hit to score the point.

The Wildcats then started to show signs of life. Points were scored off of Roemer and Emily Waller's serves to make it 10-4.

Down 11-4, Novi rallied for three more points. With Sarah McGinnen serving, South Lyon made two straight errors by hitting wildly.

Katie Copp, who struggled most of the night, made a nice hit for a kill cut the deficit to 11-7. But that's as close as Novi could get.

South Lyon ended up winning the game 15-9.

"They got the momentum on us early and it just snowballed," Fisette said.

The Wildcats fell in the same hole in game two. South Lyon went up 6-2 with the Wildcats again making many hitting errors.

The Lions went on to quickly close the game 15-4 and win the match.

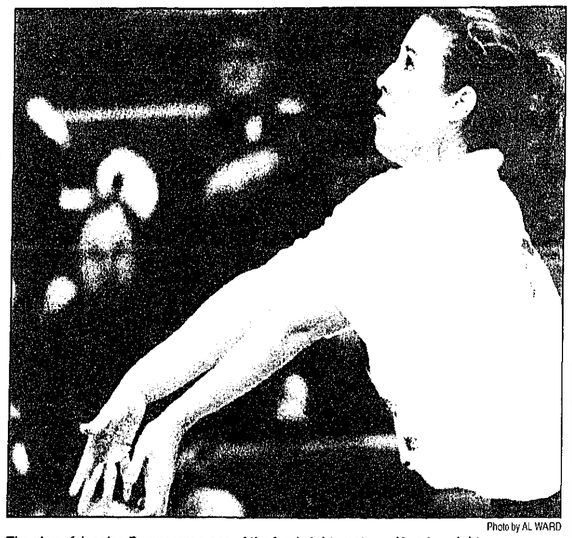

Photo by AL WARD

The play of Jessica Roemer was one of the few bright spots on Monday night.

Grapplers take 4th at Salem tourney

By SCOTT DANIEL
Sports Editor

The Wildcat wrestling team rung in the new year Saturday by taking fourth place at the Plymouth Salem Invitational.

Lenny Christoff, Taka Watanabe and Skip Becker all won championships in their weight classes. According to co-coach Brad Huss, the tournament attracts some of the best teams in the state.

"This tournament is tougher than Oakland County," he commented. "They only invite good teams."

Rochester Adams won the tournament by a wide margin with 247 points. Last year's state champion Holt was second at 193.5. Portage Central third at 175.5 and Novi was fourth at 168.5 points.

While the Wildcats aren't yet rated in the state's top 10, Huss said showings like Saturday's will bring his team the respect it deserves.

"I think people are starting to recognize that we're for real," he added.

Novi will get back into action Saturday at the Berkley Invitational.

As for the Salem tournament, Dan Jilg got Novi on the right track by taking fourth place at 103 pounds. The freshman wrestled for third place but lost.

Ryan Reider took sixth at 130 pounds. He posted a 2-3 overall record and lost by a pin in the battle for fifth place to Mark Lazo of Rochester Adams.

Christoff usually wrestles at

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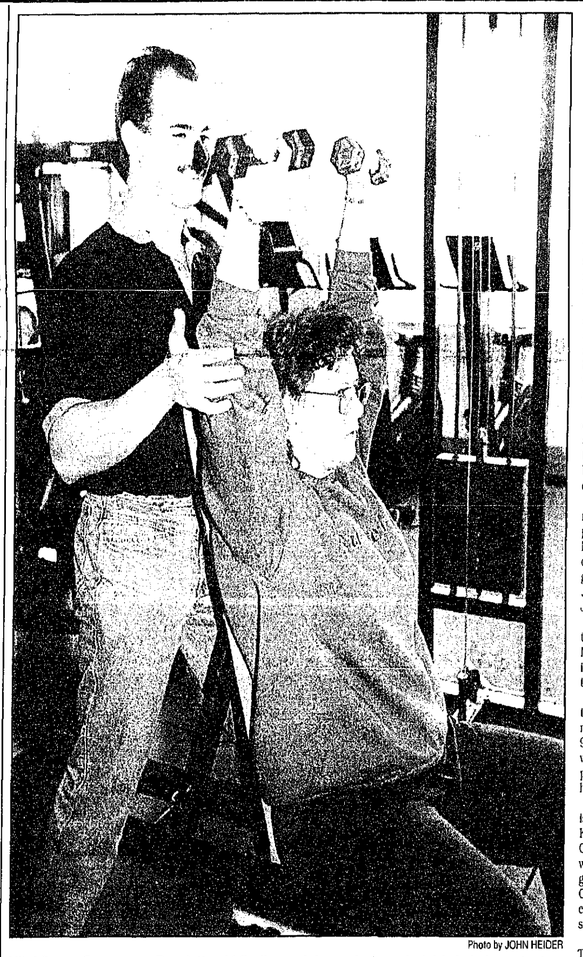

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Vital Power Gym owner Dan Jett said finding a club you feel comfortable in is important.

Consistency vital in reaching fitness, health resolutions

By SCOTT DANIEL
Sports Editor

With the new year just more than a week old many people are still trying to live up to their latest resolution to lose weight and exercise more.

But as the months go by, many of those same folks will fall into old habits of poor diet and sporadic work outs. The question is, how can you keep your resolution without driving yourself crazy or starving?

According to local health experts, the key is moderation and realistic goals. Water Wheel Health Club President Chris Klebba said people are often overzealous in the beginning.

"They create a program that's not balanced enough to become part of their regular life," said the Northville business owner. "They do too much, too quick and they get burned out."

Vital Power Gym owner Dan Jett agreed.

"A lot of people want to start off the year on the right foot," the Novi gym owner said. "They have ideas and goals. Some are realistic, some are not."

Klebba said health clubs tend to have dramatic increases in membership during the first 30 to 90 days of a new year. People want to shed the five or seven pounds they put on during the holidays.

"About 80 percent of business is done in the first quarter," said Klebba, a veteran of the industry. Of those new members about half will stick with a work out program for an extended period. Careful planning can help new exercisers stay motivated, Klebba said.

First is to set realistic goals. That includes how many times per week you work out, how long each session is and what exercises are to be done.

Working out seven days a week isn't realistic for most folks. Klebba said people can stay in shape in a lot less time.

"I recommend three times a week minimum and four to five times maximum for 45 minutes," he added. "It's the consistency that makes it right. I'd rather have someone here consistently three or four times a week than seven and get burned out in a month."

Northville resident Judy Beyersdorf is following his advice.

She's taking advantage of a Christmas gift of a membership to work out. Beyersdorf said she has been coming to the gym three or four days per week.

"I wanted to get back in shape after having had surgery," she said.

Exercise is part of a healthier lifestyle for Beyersdorf. She's dropped about 30 pounds in the last four months.

"I've got about six more to go," she said Friday as she walked on a treadmill at the Water Wheel. "I do aerobics at home when I can't get here."

Being more active has made a big difference in her life.

"I feel better than I've felt in years," Beyersdorf said.

Northville resident Phyllis Schaap is just getting started.

"I made the resolution to drop my weight," she said. "I want to feel better. I thought if I could drop some weight I'd have more energy and feel better."

Schaap is trying to be realistic in her approach.

"I'm going to have to start slow-

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Newhouser led active, independent life

There are very few people you meet once in life that make a lasting impression.

Scott Daniel

Emilie Newhouser was that kind of person.

I interviewed her in the summer of 1992 shortly before her youngest son, Hal, was inducted to the National Baseball Hall of Fame. A Novi resident, Emilie was getting ready to make the trek to New York for the ceremonies.

I wasn't quite sure what to expect before I arrived at her small condominium. After all, the lady was 95-years-old.

Emilie Newhouser was as sharp as a tack. Her condo was immaculate, her garden was well-tended and she spoke with more eloquence than women half her age.

I discovered that she was involved in a variety of activities. Bingo, sewing, gardening and running around with the Novi seniors' group kept her young.

According to Hal, who stared with the Detroit Tigers in the 1940s and 50s, that was the way she liked it.

"She did a lot of things at her age that surprised everybody," said Hal. "She took up bowling at 75 and won trophies. She started golfing when she was 80. She use to play nine holes and would shoot about 100."

Emilie Newhouser died New Year's Eve. She was 99-years-old. In just a few short weeks, she would've been 100.

"We had a big party planned," said Hal. "Family was going to come in from around the country."

Emilie lived in Novi from 1972 until her death. She was on her own after her husband, Theodore, passed away in 1981.

"She wanted to live by herself," Hal said. "She was very independent."

Newhouser was able to remain self-sufficient until the last couple of years. She broke her hip a couple of years ago salting her patio in the middle of winter. Her health spiraled down afterwards.

While she couldn't get around like she use to after the accident, Emilie retained her love for baseball.

That fondness started with her elder son, Richard. After his career was cut short by a beanball incident she began to follow Hal.

Newhouser came up to Detroit in 1939 from the minor leagues and pitched one game. When spring came around a few months later, Emilie went to Florida with Hal for his first camp with the Tigers.

After Newhouser became established with Detroit, teammates would come over for some of Emilie's home cooking.

"The boys would come over to play cards," she said in 1992. "I use to bake cookies for them."

And of course she loved to watch Hal pitch. She told me she nearly wore a groove in Tiger stadium's stands by pacing back and forth while her boy was on the mound.

"I use to wish they would play eighth and ninth innings first," she said.

Emilie continued to follow baseball even after Hal retired in the 1950s. He said she would have Richard cancel her cable TV service in the winter and renew it in the summer so she could watch the games.

"She was an avid fan," the hall of fame pitcher said.

Hal gave his mother credit for at least part of his makeup as a pitcher. He said he wouldn't let a relief pitcher finish the games he started.

Whether it was gardening, sewing or work at her church in Novi, Emilie always took care of her own business.

"She didn't get something started," Hal said, "and not finish it."

File photo

Emilie Newhouser, seen here in 1992, loved baseball.

Sports Shorts

Members of the Novi Wildcats' soccer team.

U9 Wildcats

The Novi Wildcats, an U9 indoor soccer team, won the first session at Farmington with an 8-0 record. Team members include: Kelli Corless, Lauren Perlin, Libby Quincey, Robby Reilly, Sarah Schmitt, A.W. Stanek, Marc Cherrobelli, Bud McCourt, Justin Davis, Lauren Marchioni, Jessica Barndt, Mary Rudzinski, William Burkhardt, Sarah Comai, Jenna Kuhn, Mike Longo and Chris Estes.

Soccer Champs

Sting '86 representing Northville in the WSSL under 11 Select Soccer League, won the fall outdoor league title by posting a 5-2-1 record this season. Anchored by an imposing defense, the team shut out five of its eight opponents and gave up only three goals all season.

In the first session of indoor soccer, the Sting '86 team stepped up to the U12 Division at the Canton Soccer Dome and won the division posting a 9-0 record.

Team members, which includes boys from Novi, were: Brett Bezak, Andrew Bishop, Chris Broe, Nick Carnacchi, Nick Cornell, Tim Dalton, Adam Grant, Jason Karmolinski, Jackson Knoll, Jakob Leftwich, Kevin Sanker, Jerod Schell, Lew Tripp and Danny Waterstradt. The team was coached by Cary Tripp, Fred Grant and Frank Bezak.

Jaguars

The Novi Jaguar U16 Premier girls soccer team recently won their division at Total Soccer in Southfield. The team was honored at half-time at a Rockers soccer game on Jan. 2. Members of the team are: Nicole Angelocci, Jenny Bagdady, Katie Bailey, Sarah Clark, Jenny Corless, Sarah Corless, Rebecca Doigan, Traci Frank, Kristyn Hoag, Michelle Jewell, Stephanie Manza, Sarah Marchioni, Patty Moloney, Angie Pantaleo, Meghan Trombley and Danielle Wasik. The team is coached by Wendy DuVall-Angelocci and Robin Hoag.

Cougars

The Novi Cougars, an U11 team, finished in a three-way tie for first with a 7-1 record in the indoor soccer league at Southfield. Team members included: Chelsea Atiyeh, Jessica Barndt, Nicole Barndt, Kathryn Cumming, Erin Doan, Melissa Dobbyn, Danielle Fennelly, Christina Hagan, Lauren Marchioni, Keavy Nenninger, Maureen Pawlak, Stacey Pasquerelli, Sarah Schmitt and Jordan Wroby.

Michigan Outlaws

The Michigan Outlaws, an 18-year-old and under travel softball team, has openings for the coming 1997 season. For further information, call (810) 293-2039 or (810) 887-5295.

Make fitness goals realistic for success

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ly," she said.

Klebba said its important for new exercisers to make small goals at first. Feeling that progress is being made is important.

"After the newness wears off what keeps people coming back is results," he said. "You've got to make it fun."

Jett, who owns gyms in Novi and South Lyon, said new exercisers need to feel comfortable with their work out environment.

"They should make sure they feel comfortable with the club," he commented. "Don't join the first club you go into. Make sure you feel comfortable with the people at the club."

Jett recommends trying out a club for a week or two before joining. Talking to current members during that test run can also give you a better feel for what the gym is like, he added.

A good facility, Jett said, will have professional staff that can help people design the program that's right for them. Like Klebba, he recommends an even keel when tackling exercise for the first time.

"Over the long haul," said Jett, "consistency will give you better results without the burnout.

"It should be a change in lifestyle for the person. It should be considered investing time in yourself."

Don't be afraid to mix up your workout routine, either. Aerobics, other sports and different kinds of resistance exercise can keep it fun.

Vida eyes college soccer after NHS

By SCOTT DANIEL
Sports Editor

Sam Vida is more than a year away from graduating from Northville High.

But already, the Mustang soccer star is preparing for college both in the classroom and on the field. Last month, for example, the junior had a chance to compete in a tournament designed for scouting by top university programs.

"It was all for exposure for us," said Vida, who lives in Novi. "For us to get recruited."

In his three seasons at Northville, he has shown enough skills and talent to warrant that kind of attention. Vida was one of the Mustangs' leading scorers as a midfielder last fall.

"I think I'm better at defense," said Sam, who grew up worshiping Pele, the soccer equivalent of Babe Ruth. "But I like to participate in the attack. That's more fun for me."

The 16-year-old came to Northville while he was in elementary school as a result of a job transfer to his farther, Bruce.

Since then he's played at just about every level of soccer, from parks and recreation to the Olympic Development program. It was his dad who got him started in the sport.

"He taught me everything he knew," Sam added. "He taught me how to dribble."

It didn't take long for Vida's talent to come out as a youngster. He was one of the best players on his parks and rec team, the Rowdies.

He played forward, midfield, pretty much anywhere he was needed. Vida remembers playing in the Northville Cup and losing.

Vida went on to play premier soccer by the time he was 12. A few years later he was playing for Michigan's Olympic Development Program.

"It inspired me to work on my game," Vida said of the program.

ODP features the state's 16 best players at each age level. The team practices then travels around the country to play other states.

Wrestlers fourth at Salem invite, will compete at Berkley tourney

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130 pounds but bumped up to 135 for the tournament. He got off to a quick start by pinning Dave Mason of Westland John Glenn in 4:37.

He then stopped Charles Jaeger of Farmington with a 2-0 decision. In the quarterfinals, Christoff edged Devin Lambert of Holt 3-2.

Co-coach Tom Fritz said Christoff got the lead and then simply wouldn't allow Lamber to comeback.

"He wrestled intelligently," said Fritz. "He gets a lead and keeps it. I think he understands the game better."

In the finals, Christoff beat Rochester Adams' Rick Phillips 7-5.

"The score was indicative of the matches," Fritz said. "He controlled those kids."

Nick Simon finished third at 140 pounds. He split his first two matches then crushed Joe Curbu of Belleville 17-0 in round three.

Simon then took decisions over Rob Knight of Rochester Adams and Jason Schubert of Portage Central to take third place.

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> TOM FRITZ
> Novi High co-wrestling coach

"I think Nick did a great job," Fritz said.

Watanabe was voted the tournament's most outstanding wrestler. The senior won his third title this season by pinning his first three opponents then decisioning Ryan Ruddy of Fenton 6-3 in the final.

Fritz said Watanabe was facing tough competition. A pair of state champions and four state placers were in his weight class.

"It was by far the toughest weight class in the tournament," said Fritz.

Skip Becker remained undefeated on the season by winning the 160-pound division. Becker drew the second seed in the tournament while Trenton Kevin Scott was No. 1.

They met in the final and had a terrific match. Becker led early in third period by a 7-4 score.

But Scott came back and went up 8-7 late. Becker got a two-point take down with 17 seconds left to take a hard-fought 9-8 win.

At 189 pounds, Nate Plecha was sixth. He went 2-2 on the day.

John Talbot posted the same mark to take sixth at 215 pounds. Brett Faulkner closed Novi's day by taking sixth at heavyweight.

"He's got potential," said Fritz. "I like the looks of him."

Fritz, who has coached for more than a decade at the school, is happy with his team's progress.

"It's a real nice team," he commented. "We've blended young and old together and its worked well."

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Think of New Year's resolutions as commitment to lifestyle changes

Now that all the partying is over, the champagne is drunk, the food has digested and you kissed everyone you didn't know, you wake up to those New Year's resolutions. Those same resolutions that you forgot Jan. 2, 1996.

Somehow let's make this year different - after all, attitude is everything. You need to put into perspective those resolutions to lose weight, quit smoking and exercise more.

Instead of thinking only of the outcome of finally fitting into that size six or benching 250 pounds during the next week, think of your resolutions as a commitment to lifestyle changes that will not only make you look better, but feel better, reduce anxiety and reduce serious health risks that will keep you living longer and healthier.

Diet is more than just a four-letter word. You need to remember that there are no instant cures for obesity or being overweight. However, miracles can happen with consistency and common sense. A truly low-fat diet is one that contains no more than 35 grams of total fat per day. This includes saturated as well as unsaturated fats - so it pays to read labels.

For weight loss to occur you also need to remember to add the amount of calories that you take in per serving. Labels only include the amount of calories or fat grams per serving and in most cases it's rounded out to the nearest ounce, so add up your servings.

There are a lot of foods on the market that make great substitutes for fat and taste good. It is important when trying to lose weight that you consume no less than 1,200 calories per day. Once you fall below 1,200 calories you actually burn muscle for calories.

When eating the proper portion of carbohydrates, protein and fat, you will actually burn fat more efficiently. The good news is that you can buy these foods in any supermarket and you do not need to pay for special or preprocessed foods that are found in many diet programs at huge costs. I advise you to see your doctor to prescribe the amount of calories you need to achieve weight loss.

Remember, there are many cookbooks you could borrow from your local library for delicious recipes. Most importantly, most low-fat diets can fit anyone's lifestyle and should be followed by the whole family, so get the family involved. Not only does it teach children to eat better, it also prevents heart disease and many cancers.

Exercise does not have to cost money, cause distress, be inconvenient or disruptive. Exercise just has to be done. "Just do it" is more than a slogan, it's a possibility.

Aerobic exercise by definition is any activity to raise your heart rate. Optimally you need to raise your heart within 65-85 percent of your maximal heart rate. You can calculate your maximum heart rate by subtracting your age from 200. It is important to maintain that heart rate for 25 minutes.

Remember it takes about 10-15 minutes to raise your rate to that level. That means you need to set aside 30-45 minutes four to five times a week for cardiovascular conditioning and to accelerate weight loss. The maximum weight loss should be about 1-2 pounds per week. This allows the body to adjust to the metabolic and weight changes safely. Also, slow weight loss through lifestyle changes ensures that this change can be maintained throughout your life.

Once you are down to your desired weight you only need to exercise three times per week to maintain your weight and cardiovascular conditioning. Remember to maintain a safe calorie intake and low-fat nutrition that never needs to change unless you start competing athletically. It can happen.

Lastly, you need to think about getting rid of the nasty habits such as smoking and drinking too much alcohol. What's too much? Any amount of tobacco is too much. Once you smoke over 50 pack years - that's how many packs you smoke per day times how many years you've been smoking - you put yourself at high-risk for cancer and lung disease. Any smoking can put you at risk for prostate, breast and colon cancers, and worsen arterial circulation. So don't quit quitting. There are many products on the market to help, and free support classes are available. You only need to call the American Cancer Society for information. See your physician before using any anti-smoking aids.

The most successful quitters are the ones who are highly motivated to quit regardless of what method, if any, is used. Remember to eat properly and exercise and you will not gain weight once you quit. Good luck.

Too much alcohol is any amount that gets you in trouble. Even if you only drink with your friends and never alone, or only on the weekends, or only beer or wine. If you ever fought, were pulled over, missed work or had any disruptions in your daily living then you need to think about quitting.

A recent study showed that when doctors asked patients about involvement in car accidents, fights, multiple traumas or legal problems, those with high positive response rates had abused alcohol.

The important message of all this is to put your life in order. If you find yourself in situations such as assaults, driving under the influence or family discord ask yourself if the alcohol has some role. If the answer is yes then get some help. It's free and accessible. See your health care provider to make sure there are no physical problems. Alcoholism is a disease and is treatable.

Remember that the good thing about the new year is that you have the whole year to make some changes and improve your life. Set realistic goals and get moving. Good luck and happy new year.

This article was written by Denge A. Ward, M.D., medical director, University of Michigan Plymouth Health Center, Plymouth.

Health Notes

Providence offers course in nutrition

Providence Hospital Medical Centers will be offering a course in nutrition starting Jan. 13. Classes will focus on preparation, food sampling and behavior modification for weight management. Classes will be held at Providence Park in Novi in conference room B. Call 1-800-968-5995 to register.

Bloodmobile

The American Red Cross bloodmobiles will be open to the Novi community during January at the following locations:

- Liberty Mutual Insurance Co., Jan. 9, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 26200 Town Center Drive, No. 200-Lobby. For appointments call (517) 545-7712.
- Holy Family Catholic Church, Jan. 14, from 2:30-8:30 p.m. at 24505 Meadowbrook Road-Family Center. Call (810) 349-8847 for appointments.
- DMC Health Care Centers, Jan. 16, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 41935 W. Twelve Mile-Auditorium. Call (313) 523-6961 for appointments.

Expectant Parents

The Oakland County Health Division will offer a series of six expectant parent classes beginning on Wednesday, Jan. 15, at Oakland County Health Division, 27725 Greenfield Road in Southfield.

Classes will be held in the evenings from 7 to 9 p.m. and will be taught by public health nurses. There is a $25 charge for attending the series of classes, and you are asked to preregister as enrollment is limited.

Topics will include maternal physical changes, good nutrition, growth and development of the fetus and the baby, labor and delivery, infant care and parenting.

The Health Division advises that you enroll as early in your pregnancy as possible.

To register by Jan. 9, call 424-7042.

Blood Pressure Checks

Providence Medical Center-Providence Park is pleased to announce the offering of free blood pressure checks Monday-Friday, 9-11 a.m.

Area residents are invited to visit Providence Medical Center-Providence Park, located at 47601 Grand River Ave., to obtain this free service. Screening will take place in Providence's Emergency Care Center located within the center.

For further information, contact (810) 380-4225.

Cholesterol screenings

Total cholesterol screening is conducted by the fingerstick method from 1-4 p.m. on the third Monday of each month at the Botsford Center for Health Improvement-Health Development Network, 39750 Grand River Ave., Novi. There is a $5 fee. For more information, call (810) 477-6100.

Well Child Clinic

Oakland County Health Division's Child Health Conferences provide free ongoing well care for children from birth to school entry. Families who do not have an HMO or Medicaid may be eligible. Clinics are held at 14 locations throughout Oakland County.

Services include: Heights and weights; head to toe physical examination; immunizations; vision, hearing and lab testing; growth and developmental screening; and counseling with referrals to physicians and area resources as needed.

Appointment is required. For more information, call: North Oakland, 858-1311 or 858-4001; South Oakland, 424-7066 or 424-7067.

Health Fest

Take better care of yourself. Schoolcraft College is sponsoring Health Yourself-1997 on Wednesday, Jan. 22, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the college's Waterman Center. Admission is free. Some screening tests require a fee.

Several area health organizations will have displays and testing available to provide information on health issues. The United Health Organization will provide Health-O-Rama screening, including blood pressure, height and weight, cholesterol kits ($10), 22-profile blood screening ($22), and prostate specific antigen screening ($25).

Flexibility and strength testing and blood pressure screening will be offered by the Botsford Center for Health Improvement. Schoolcraft College's physical education department will provide free body fat composition screening. The college's culinary arts students will provide free tastings of heart-smart cooking. Town and Country Eyecare will provide free vision acuity screening and UV testing. Anew Therapeutic Massage will give free mini-massages and information on massage therapy.

For more information, contact Schoolcraft College's Health Service at (313) 462-4400, Ext. 5050.

Cholesterol Screening

St. Mary's Hospital will hold a blood pressure and cholesterol screening on Thursday, Feb. 13, from 5:30 to 8 p.m. in Pavilion conference room B. The blood pressure measurement is free while the cholesterol screening is $15 per person. The cholesterol screening includes measurement of HDL - the good cholesterol. To make an appointment, call (313) 655-2922 or call toll free at 1-800-494-1650.

Impotence

On Jan. 14, Botsford Hospital will offer a program designed to help impotent men. Staff urologist Steven Roth hosts this free event at 7 p.m. in the hospital's conference room 2-B. For more information, call (810) 477-6100.

Mind/Body Connection

Botsford Hospital will hold a course on the Mind/Body connection starting Jan. 16. The first session of a two-part series will help individuals create peace on the inside regardless of what's happening on the outside. The program is from 7 to 9 p.m. and preregistration is required by Jan. 13. Call (810) 477-6100 for more information.

Diabetes support group

An educational support group with both evening and daytime classes are available at 7 p.m. on Jan. 21. The program is free at Botsford Health Development Network in Novi. Call (810)477-6100 for more information.

Healthy Cooking

Chef Larry Janes will present a program on healthy cooking Jan. 23 at Botsford Hospital's Health Development Network on 39750 Grand River in Novi. Call (810) 477-6100 for more information.

Caregiving skills

The Huron Valley Hospital, 1601 E. Commerce Road in Commerce, is offering several seminars and programs.

The hospital will host a free monthly series entitled "Perfecting Your Caregiving Skills" on Thursdays, beginning Jan. 23, from 7-8 p.m. The focus of this program is to provide information that will increase the caregiver's skills for taking care of an immobile person.

Certified Enterostomal Nurse Carol Dailey, RN, BSN, CETN, will discuss how to maintain healthy skin and prevent pressure sores as well as how to exercise muscles. Also learn about nutrition in relation to wound healing and the psychological impact of being bed or chair bound.

Dates for the series are Thursdays, Jan. 23, Feb. 27, March 27 and April 24, from 7-8 p.m. at Huron Valley Hospital. There is no charge.

To register or for more information, call toll-free, 1-888-362-2500 by Jan. 22.

Eye surgery

An eye surgery seminar will take place on Tuesday, Jan. 28 from 7-8 p.m. at Hurron Valley Hospital in the conference center.

Ophthalmologist Robert T. Clark, M.D., will provide information on the latest techniques available to improve your vision. Radial keratotomy, Automated Lamellar Keratoplasty and Photo-refractive Keratectomy, performed with the excimer laser, will be discussed.

Participants should bring their current prescription or glasses and questions to this free seminar.

To preregister or for more information, call 1-888-362-2500 by Jan. 27.

A healthy baby

The Marian Women's Center at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia will offer a free lecture, "Having a Healthy Baby: Chance or Choice?" on Tuesday, Jan. 14, from 7 to 9 p.m. in the St. Mary Hospital auditorium. James Brown III M.D., obstetrician/gynecologist, will present the lecture.

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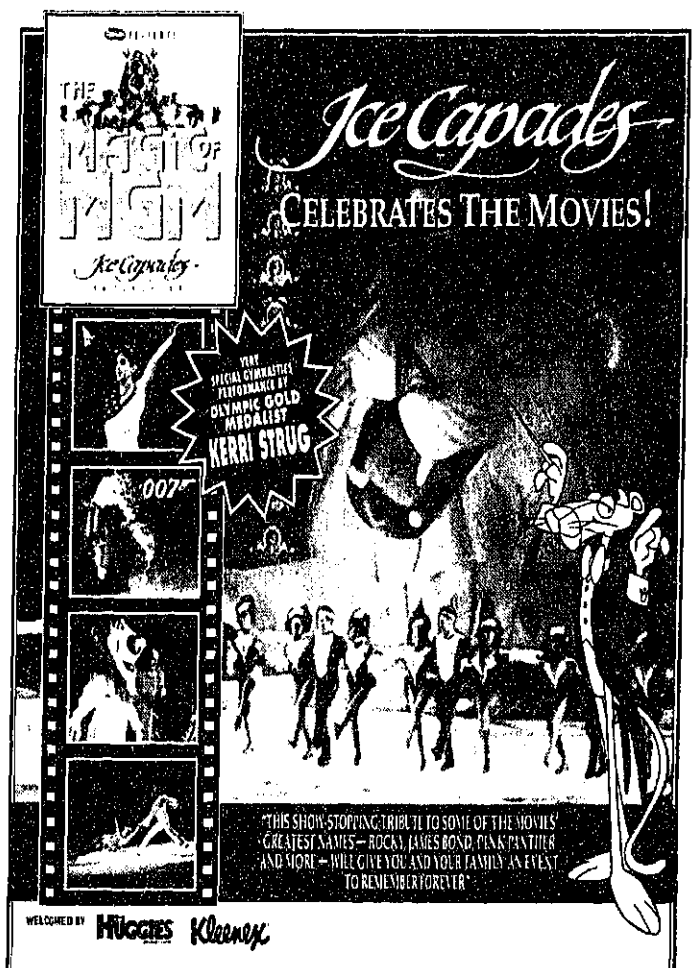

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